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Shock Troops of the Lord in Java

By Clem A. Deschamp

FROM time to time in the history of Java this island has changed hands. There are lingering traces of the various masters in the features, habits and religion of the Malay people. The Arab has long since lost place as far as rulership is concerned, but is almost worshiped in the religion, which is Islam (Mohamadan, in Dutch). The Spanish, French, Dutch, English, and Dutch again, each in turn "possessed" Java, but the most momentous invasion is that of the "shock troops" of the Lord's army which have recently entered this colony.

Every contending faction of Devil religion has been practiced on the Malay people; however, they seem to prefer Mohammedanism to accepting the western or modern one. No, there is nothing doing; they will not be 'Christianized'. "Organized religion" has built hospitals, schools, churches and given better jobs to "Christian" Malays, but still they will not "bite". There are one or two settlements under missionary control, but ridiculously small, considering the 62,000,000 Malays in the Dutch East Indies.

For the missionaries the Chinese are a better proposition, both financially and from appearance, but comparatively few, in view of the 2,000,000 of them in Java. These industrious people have settled down and are increasing rapidly both naturally and by immigration. These people have a good treaty with the Dutch authorities, enabling them to retain their national customs and exempting the children born in Java from rendering military service (to the Dutch).

With about 500,000 Dutch, next come German, English, French, and American, and some of every other nationality under the sun.

Java is frequently referred to as the "Garden of the East", and although this is often exaggerated there is some justification for the claim. The country's being volcanic, mountainous, well watered and tropical is conducive, in the extreme, to luxuriant growth. Consequently every available square inch of land is cultivated, commercially. Rice is the premier crop; then sugar, tea, and rubber, respectively. Java rice is good; therefore much of it is exported because it commands better prices overseas, and cheaper rice is imported to feed the workers who grew the good; and so we learn to love one another.

In passing through from town to town one has to travel high up in the mountains, where the most magnificent scenery is found. A thousand streams and cascades fringed with tropical vegetation are to be seen from the beautiful highways. These also have columns of decorative trees (the natural forests in most parts having long since disappeared). Numerous gorges are crossed on well constructed bridges, providing sights which bring tourists from every part of the world.

With the passing of the forest, so passed wild life, yet in the south, the less settled districts, tiger-cats, crocodiles and monkeys are to be found. Two of Jehovah's witnesses saw a colony of monkeys that must have numbered many hundreds. They swarmed up the trees at our approach (for we got out of the car to pay them our respects); the very trees seemed to grow monkeys. Authorities warn against this procedure. As there are many small rivers and cultivation cannot be carried on at their immediate banks, this provides space for foliage for live stock and bigger growth, which dispels any chance of the landscape's being bare.

Java was one of the last places to feel the "sorrows" that would cause "men's hearts to fail them for fear", etc., but now, with no outlet for sugar, tea and rubber, and myriads of unemployed (among Europeans as well as Malays) they are asking the cause and remedy. One brother placed about 3,000 books in Batavia (the capital) in five months, while battling with heat, two languages (Dutch and Malay), and social conditions so different from that of Aus-

tralia. With two brothers as reenforcements during the next five months the total was 15,000 books and booklets; that is ten months from the first attack. In harmony with Jehovah's witnesses in the earth we believe that 'this is the day that the Lord has made' to vindicate His name; therefore we are not surprised at the reception of the literature.

Of course, this galled the clergy, and the "flocks" have been warned against this 'terrible literature', but still the work has just begun and 'the half has not been told'. There are stirring times ahead. We are working with only three books and nine booklets, so we still have *Prophecy, Light* and *Vindication* to place. There are four workers here and two in Singapore, all from Australia. Many are interested and there is strong indication that a study class would be appreciated if we could speak the language. Jehovah knows those that are His, and He will raise up those that will serve Him in this colony, shortly.

The manager of the Australian branch of the Society is putting out a feeler about radio, and possibly within the next two months we shall be broadcasting here the Kingdom message. This will be in English at first, as that is fairly well known. Workers use printed testimony cards.

The native does the work here, and does it well. He can be found as engineer, engine-driver, guard, electrician, telegrapher, etc., down to the humblest occupation. The ranks of the police are made up of Malay, and likewise the military. Indo-Europeans have equal standing with the European in all ranks, both civil and military.

The low standard of living of the Malay and Chinese point to the necessity of the speedy establishment of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the arrogance of the masters will not be broken until Armageddon. A large number of these were doing very humble work until they came here, and now they are "ladies and gentlemen" with many servants; and it goes to their head. In the midst of these conditions the Kingdom work goes grandly on. We can all look forward to the time when our brown brothers and sisters may join in with us in singing the praises of our great Jehovah God.

How to Open a Book

By an Expert Bookbinder

HOLD the book with its back on a smooth or covered table; let the front board down, then the other, holding the leaves in one hand while you open a few leaves at the back, then a few at the front, and so on, alternately opening back and front, gently pressing open the sections till you reach the center of the volume. Do this two or three times and you will obtain the best results. Open the volume violently or carelessly in any one place and you will likely break the back and cause a start in the leaves. Never force the back of the book.

Caution: Do not force the flat opening of a book by holding the leaves firmly in both hands, as this will surely break the back and ruin the binding.

Newly bound books: These often require several months to become thoroughly seasoned. If placed in a bookcase, they should be held firmly by books on either side; if on a table or stand, they should be kept under other volumes. Care should be taken not to expose them unduly to strong artificial heat.

Fine Witness for Truth in Washington

OFFICIAL Washington was recently presented with copies of Judge Rutherford's book *Government,* to the extent of some 25,000 copies. Subsequently President Hoover, addressing the American Bar Association, said, "The people's interests have been betrayed by false prophets of a millennium promised through seductive but unworkable theories of government." It is to be hoped that there is no connection between these two items, for it would surely be too bad, for President Hoover, if he jumped to the conclusion that even Jehovah God could not provide a better government than that which America has had for the last four years.

The Earliest Inhabitants of Terra Firma — The Birds

***In Three Parts* — Part III**

The Ostrich, the Champion Runner

The ostrich is the largest, strongest and fleetest of the flightless birds. The males reach a height of eight feet, weigh 300 pounds, and can run up to twenty-seven miles per hour. Contrary to general belief, the ostrich never buries its head in the sand. It has an exceptionally keen eye; and when it discerns a foe at a distance it lies down, in which position at a distance it may be easily mistaken for an ant hill. Its object in lying down is to get measurably out of sight.

When an ostrich settles itself to run, it holds its head lower than usual and a little forward, with a deep loop in the neck. The neck vibrates sinuously; but the head remains steady, thus enabling the bird, even at top speed, to look around with unshaken glance in any direction. The wings are held loosely just free of the plunging thigh. There is no attempt to hold them extended or to derive any assistance from them as organs of flight.

The ostrich in full flight covers twenty-five feet at a stride and can rarely be overtaken on horseback even when hunted in relays. The ostrich believes in plural marriage, family parties consisting of one male and several females. The male sometimes eats the eggs, which certainly seems to show that his morals are, to say the least, questionable. His sidewise kick has been known to kill a horse.

There are ostrich farms in South Africa, at Phoenix, Ariz., Pasadena and Los Angeles, Calif., Jacksonville, Fla., Hot Springs, Ark., and in Oregon. At present there are 1,500 ostriches in captivity on these farms. Each bird yields about $50 worth of feathers per year.

The New Zealand ostrich, now extinct, had a height of twelve feet.

The Owl — The Bird of Paradise

The owl is a bird of prey, and quite a savage one at that. A pair of barn owls is considered better than a cat to rid the premises of rats and mice. They also eat rabbits, woodchucks, squirrels, chipmunks, and gophers. Not long ago the city of Conneaut, Ohio, had a plague of owls. They were not content merely to roost in the trees and salute the pedestrians with their "whoo, whoo", but in several instances flew from their perches and attacked persons passing below, probably mistaking them for other animals. They have been known to attack hunters. At Turner, Maine, a horned owl more than three feet in length picked up a 50-pound calf and flew over a stone wall with it.

The foot of the owl has a unique feature in the outer toe, which may be directed forward, outward or completely backward at will. The eyes, owing to their form, rotate but slightly in their sockets, which accounts for the owl's habit of following with the head any object at which its gaze is directed. Their prey is usually seized by one foot, then borne away and torn in pieces. Undigested portions are ejected in pellets from the mouth. The voices are singular; some hoot, some whistle, and some laugh.

Owls are of all sizes; the pygmy owl of the Rocky mountain region is not much larger than an English sparrow. The owl is a useful bird. It is true that he sometimes has his feathered friends on the lunch counter, but he does a much larger business with rats and mice, disposing of hundreds of them every year.

The bird of paradise, a native of New Guinea, has the misfortune of looking too beautiful. The bird has such beautiful plumes, and they are so brilliantly colored, that the milliners of the whole world are after him. Some of the varieties are the great emerald, the lesser emerald, the red, the king, the superb, and the magnificent. The beautiful plumage is confined to the adult males, nature's method of preserving the species. The males have a peculiar way of causing waves to go over their bodies, thus showing off their plumage. One of these males, at the height of his beauty display, was observed at the New York Zoo to hang head downward and go through various contortions, all to attract the admiration of the crowds.

Parrot, the Most Intelligent Bird

The parrot is considered the most intelligent among the birds. Of the 500-odd species the best talker is the red-tailed gray parrot of Africa; next is the yellow-headed one of Mexico. Either of these can be taught fifty or more words. They are quite affectionate, but changeable and quick-tempered. In Paris a parrot is alleged to have given the police the name of his master, causing the latter's arrest and conviction as a thief.

A parrot can be trained into a good-dispositioned and companionable bird, if care is taken with its diet and language. It is susceptible to

drafts. A parrot can inflict a very severe wound. The older birds, when captured wild, often break the fingers of their captors and sometimes almost sever them. A parrot can be trained to do the work of a watchdog and will fearlessly attack any intruder.

There is a communal parrot; each nest is occupied by several pairs, each in its own separate compartment. There are love-bird parrots, which seem to spend most of their time loving one another. They are most unhappy apart. When one dies, its mate usually survives it only a short time.

The cockatoo is a sort of walking or flying palm-leaf fan. This particular kind of parrot is surmounted by a crest of long and pointed pink or yellow feathers, with their tips directed forward, which can be erected and expanded like a fan, or depressed, at the pleasure of the bird.

The Pittsburgh *Press* tells the shameful tale that at Nice, where in winter the idle from all over the world walk on the Promenade des Anglais, men sell tiny birds like parrots, beautifully colored, wonderfully tame. These birds sit on a little stick held in one's fingers, and never fly away. A woman discovered that the entire taming process consists in putting out the poor creatures' eyes. Seeing nothing, they fear everything, and especially to lose their hold on that little stick. Would you think that any man could be so mean?

Peacock—Pelican—Pheasant

The peacock, most beautiful and vainest of all the birds, has been a garden ornament from the days of Solomon, when, as the Scriptures tell us, "the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Huram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks." Oddly enough, though the bird comes from Ceylon, which is on the equator, it can stand very considerable cold.

The albatross (more properly called the pelican), with a wing expanse of twelve feet, is the largest of the web-footed birds. Sometimes flocks of fifteen or twenty of these follow ships from San Francisco for thousands of miles.

Study of the pelican has disclosed that it is a friend of man. It eats no fish that are useful for human food, but it does eat fish that frequently go in great schools into the nets and sometimes tangle the nets so that they have to be cut to get the fish out.

Pelicans can be spoiled. For years the fishermen off Santa Monica, Calif., fed their surplus fish to pelicans. The time came when fish became scarce and the feeding of the pelicans stopped. The surprising result was that the birds almost starved to death, because they did not know how to go out and fish for a living as other pelicans do. The brown pelican is the official bird of Louisiana.

A wealthy Florida yachtsman, some years ago, had 200 pelicans shot, so that a certain small part of the skin and feathers might be taken to make a down robe for his wife. Can you imagine anybody except some spoiled beneficiary of Big Business to be as mean as that?

The pheasants all came from Asia, named after the river Phasis, which discharges into the Black sea. This bird is now being bred in America in the hope that it will keep down the Japanese beetle. $11,000 was distributed among New York state school boys and girls for rearing for the state 11,076 pheasants. The state supplied the eggs.

Hens will raise and mother pheasants, but the pheasant, when he grows up, will kill a rooster, if the rooster starts anything. Pheasants are very valuable in keeping down insect life; the only reason they sometimes attack melons, tomatoes or berries is to slake their thirst.

The Pigeon Family

The dove or pigeon is the opposite of the crow, so much so that the Lord made choice of this beautiful, innocent, gentle creature to represent the holy spirit. It was the dove that was sent forth from the ark, the dove that was acceptable as a burnt offering, the dove that was honored in the writings of David and Solomon, and the dove that rested upon the Lord at the time of His baptism. The dove is so affectionate that if placed in a sick room it will manifest such sympathy for the ailing person as to cause its own death.

The pigeon family numbers several hundred species. One of these, the passenger pigeon, which within a few years existed in the United States by the million, is now supposed to be nearly or quite extinct. Only a generation ago a flock of these birds would fall upon a wheat field and devastate it in a few minutes. The front birds dropped at the first sight of food, the others settling beyond them in regular or-

der, the last birds settling farthest forward. In a few minutes the first birds would be again at the front and thus the entire flock, revolving like a cylinder, cleaned the field of all it possessed.

Another well known member of the pigeon family is the homing pigeon. In Europe, and to some extent in America, the releasing of homing pigeons at a distance is a popular sport. Of five thousand pigeons released at Washington in September, 1921, the first to arrive home at a distance of 204 miles consumed six hours on the trip, or about thirty-four miles per hour. In a short flight a homing pigeon will sometimes fly at a speed of eighty miles an hour.

How the homing pigeon finds its way back to its nest is something nobody can explain. For that matter, how does any bird find its way back to its nest? A homing pigeon has been known to fly 7,200 miles, from France to Indo-China. Flights of 3,000 miles have often been made. In at least one instance the Atlantic ocean was flown in such a flight.

In Japan, baseball reports are carried to the newspaper offices by carrier pigeons. The American Army Signal Corps has trained pigeons to fly at night, the distance being increased very slightly with each flight, but the flight made later in the day.

Carrier pigeons have such inhabitiveness that if their loft is moved too far they will roost on the spot where the loft used to stand. Attempts have been made to use the birds in various criminal ventures, but the police have met with considerable success in following their flights with spyglasses, so it is a dangerous game. They have been used by rum runners to communicate with their shore bases.

The British take great interest in pigeon racing, sometimes racing 1,000,000 young pigeons in a month. In the year 1930 the number carried by English railways was more than 15,000,000, and at times there were as many as twenty pigeon trains running in one day. A carrier pigeon's speed is 1,200 yards a minute in calm weather, but may rise to 2,000 yards a minute in a favorable gale.

Once a year, at Astoria, N. Y., thousands of pigeons are "thrown up for grabs". This is an annual event of pigeon fanciers. Each sportsman brings a basket of birds. They are all released simultaneously, the idea being to have the pigeons wing home and take several strangers along. Prizes go to those whose birds bring home the most strangers.

Platypus—Plover—Quail—Quetzal

The platypus is the strangest thing there is. It has the feet of a bird, the tail of a beaver, the body of a mole, the teeth of a pig, the ear of a snake, and the bill of a duck. The young are hatched from eggs, but the mother suckles her young. It is not a bird, but seems to have some features common to bird anatomy. A bird, to be a bird, must have feathers.

The golden plover is the prince of travelers among birds. In the spring he comes overland from South America by way of the Mississippi valley and lands at length in Nova Scotia; but when fall comes he disdains to return by the way he came and sets sail direct from Nova Scotia to the coasts of South America, a distance of 2,400 miles. How he can do this year after year without losing his way is stated by Sir Alfred Newton to be the greatest mystery that the whole animal kingdom presents. The suggestion has been made that the golden plover is sensibly affected by the lines of magnetic force and is thus a living compass.

Of the plover family is the crocodile's dentist, the Egyptian plover. When the crocodile leaves the water he holds his mouth open, facing the breeze. At such times the plover goes into his mouth, picking the leeches and other parasites from his teeth, lips and gums. This dental operation occurs once a year.

Perhaps you know the quail under the name of partridge or the call-name of Bob-white. This busy and cheerful little fellow is one of the early risers. In midsummer he is telling his little story as early as 2:30 a. m. The quail is California's state bird.

The quetzal of San Salvador is claimed by some to be the most magnificent bird in the world. It lives in the mountain peaks. It has a plumage of golden green and carmine colors, with long airy tail coverts which spray out two feet beyond the tail.

Reprehensible Robin Redbreast

Lord Grey, in an address on bird life, at Edinburgh, says that the famous robin redbreast of England, though it has a pleasant face, is most quarrelsome, and that its private life is a disgrace. It boldly resents the intrusion into its private domains of even its own kind, not hesi-

tating to resort to fratricide to gain its point. And they are jealous, too.

Perhaps at this point we ought to commiserate our British friends, by admitting that our own robin redbreast is not the same bird that Lord Grey exposed. Let them swallow their chagrin while we express the hope that the handsome American thrush which we call by the name robin is every way a better-behaved bird!

The first point we have to make is that the American bird is a model mother. In a forest fire she will die a martyr to mother-love rather than desert her little ones. But we quickly cover this statement with the shamed admission that this beautiful bird is killed by the thousands in various parts of the South, where it is used for food. Robins have even been sold in the markets of Philadelphia.

The robin is the state bird of Michigan, Wisconsin and Virginia. It is a sociable bird. It has been known to build its nest inside a house; the owner let the window stay open night and day until the little family had left the premises. It can make a home in a watering-can or a kettle.

In Emporia, Kansas, a mother robin made her nest in a turntable in the Santa Fe roundhouse and pretty nearly upset the railway system, the workmen were so careful not to disturb her. She seemed distressed when the big engines came too close, and when the turntable was turned, but she had no business to rent a flat in such a location.

Albino robins have been seen. One was almost 100-percent platinum shade. Robins sometimes stay around all winter. In the spring they laugh when they see the man coming with his spade or hoe or plough, for well they know the juicy, luscious earthworms that need only slight preparation to make an exquisite meal. Robins detest and abhor drouths because worms are then scarce and hard to get.

Roc—Sandpiper—Secretary-Bird—Skylark

The roc, or rook, is believed to have been at least fifteen feet high, and, like the moa, probably became extinct within historic times. The shell of one of its eggs was discovered; it was a shell with a two-gallon capacity. One of the leg bones was five feet long. This is the bird that, according to his tale, made things so interesting for Sinbad the Sailor.

The sandpiper, or snipe, in his attitude towards the female of the species, much resembles that of the Sunday morning circus-barker taking his usual stand behind the meat-block, just before he airs his ignorance to the congregation. As he struts and crosses in front of the female his esophagus is inflated like that of a pouter pigeon. In his own eyes he is a very important person. He summers in British America and winters in Patagonia. This bird, sometimes called the yellowlegs, is said to be the greatest air traveler among birds. Is it lese majesty to call a dominie a yellowleg?

The secretary-bird has a bunch of feathers growing on each side of its head which suggests a bunch of quill pens stuck behind a clerk's ear. It is famous as a snake-killer, the snake being put out of business by a kick, followed, if necessary, by repeated knocks with the knobbed wings. These birds are frequently tamed and kept about South African barnyards as vermin-destroyers.

The skylark is famous wherever English is spoken or read, for its flight song, which is begun in early spring and continued all summer. The lark ascends more nearly perpendicularly than any other bird. When it first rises from the earth its notes are feeble and interrupted; as it ascends, however, in a series of upward springs, they gradually swell to their full tone, and, long after the bird has reached a height where it is lost to the eye, it still continues to charm the ear with its melody. In winter they assemble in vast flocks, grow very fat, and, in the Mediterranean region, are taken in great numbers for the table.

Sparrows and Sparrow Stories

The most abundant birds in the United States are the English sparrows. These were brought into the United States in 1851 and liberated in the parks of Boston and New York. Being a stranger, and therefore without any natural enemies, the sparrow throve so remarkably as to threaten America's own song birds with destruction. Today there are millions of these little fellows in all parts of the United States; but the crows and blackbirds have discovered that the sparrows make good eating, and are now giving them undivided attention, with the result that it looks bad for the English sparrow. This little bird averages to eat about a hundred insects a day. There are about 500 varieties of sparrows.

The song sparrow stays with us the year round, but in the northern states they are more

plentiful in summer than in winter. They sing in every month in the year, but most persistently and sweetly during the breeding season. Given a little sunshine they start their joyous outbursts even in midwinter. The sparrow is of special interest to the child of God, on account of Jesus' statement that 'not a sparrow falls to the ground without your heavenly Father's knowledge'. If God finds pleasure in the praise from a little sparrow, He may also find it in the praise from a little man or woman. And all humans are little in His sight.

Tree sparrows are common around New York city all winter long. The sparrow is quite a late riser, beginning his song in midsummer at about 5:00 a. m.

A good joke is published on the Soviet government. A public official whose name is the same as the Russian name for "sparrow" sent a formal message to a city telling them to "keep ready". He signed it with his name. The serial number of the message was 13,530. The city to which it was sent misunderstood the message to mean "Keep ready 13,530 sparrows". In desperation they tried to collect the required number and actually gathered in 2,000 of the little birds before the true meaning of the dispatch was made clear. The town was merely to "keep ready" to do whatever might be necessary to win the Soviet program.

The London *Daily Herald* contains the following story about a sparrow:

Whilst at my work in a railway signal box at Burnley, Lancs., I happened to have occasion to go out of the box, and I saw a hedge-sparrow apparently feeding another one. I paused for a few moments, and the sparrow flew away, and then I saw that the remaining one had been injured, presumably by a goods train which had recently passed. You can imagine my amazement, when, after a minute or so, the sparrow which had previously flown away returned, bringing more food to the injured one. After a few minutes the injured bird tried to hop away, and eventually managed, after much resting (and with the other, which I took to be its mate, constantly hopping attendance upon it) to get to the hedge side. I came to the conclusion that it was in much more capable, if not more sympathetic, hands than mine, and proceeded towards the water well, marveling at the lesson which these little sparrows could teach to mankind.

One of our contributors, Susan E. Clark, gives us a somewhat similar story:

One day the family noticed a young chipping sparrow following a female English sparrow about; and fearing that the older bird might turn and fight the little one, they watched them. To their surprise they saw the young bird hop on the back of the other, which made no objection; and soon the English sparrow began picking up the crumbs about the door and feeding the little chippie. This was amazing enough, but later it was observed that the whole brood of chippies was about, which the parents were feeding, while the English sparrow was helping them. One was found to be a cripple, and was watched over by the house people for several days to save it from prowling cats. The English sparrow gave special attention to the little invalid; and finally the parents left him entirely to the care of the nursemaid, and devoted themselves to feeding their healthy offspring. The faithful nurse watched and fed her charge for several days, until one night a drenching rain proved too much for the frail birdling on the ground, and in the morning it was found dead. The family buried it, and soon the English sparrow came to the spot with food in her mouth for her charge. Not finding him, she continued to come at intervals for several days, and waited around mournfully with food in her bill. But the parents of the little one never appeared to look for him.

Starlings and Storks

The starling is a bad actor. He thinks nothing of plucking wool from the back of a sheep to line his nest, and we know where he cleaned fifty goldfish out of a pool as slick as any cashier ever took a bank's assets for a plunge in the market, or as any bank president ever cleaned the small stockholders out of a big enterprise. Starlings visit the nests of bluebirds and purple martins, suck the eggs, destroy the young birds, and give the parents much anxiety.

The starling was first introduced into America in 1890. In Europe it is much appreciated on account of its activity in keeping down insect pests. When given a crust of bread, the starling first soaks it in water, to make it more palatable.

Washington and Baltimore have both tried to get rid of their starlings with shotguns, smokepots, Roman candles, and even the fire department's hose streams, all to no avail. When they get into a neighborhood they are there to stay. Sometimes a flock of starlings will raid a cherry tree and pick every cherry in a day.

Storks, as is well known, are wont to build their nests on roofs or in chimneys; though they have been known to build them on the ground. A wag in Grimsby, England, recently perched a stuffed stork on his roof, and for

many days had the neighbors trying in vain to coax it to come down for food.

The Nile valley has a variety of stork, called the shoebill, which is unable to turn its head without turning the eyeball in such a way that only the white is visible. The effect is so surprising that it has been known to scare children into tears.

This particular bird will catch in his beak, one after another, a half dozen or more biscuits, as they are thrown to him; but he is not fond of biscuits, and after his great lower beak is full he solemnly gives the benefactor a reproachful look, turns all the contents out on the ground, shows the white of his eyes, and stalks off with an air of hauteur that is enough to break up a congregation.

Swallows and Swallow Stories

There are about one hundred species of swallows. The North American tree swallow is one of the first to move northward in the spring, and is frequently forced to retreat before a belated snowstorm or a cold snap. This has led to the saying, "One swallow does not make a summer."

Last year winter came unusually early in central Europe, and millions of swallows were caught away from their usual winter homes in the lower Balkans. The Viennese took a real interest in their plight and sent to Venice several airplane loads, 25,000 birds to a plane; and 35,000 more were sent in specially heated railroad cars.

The birds liked the ride, but they did not like the looks of Venice, so they straightway flew over the Adriatic sea, back to their old winter nesting grounds in the Balkans. A case is on record where a swallow flew from Antwerp to Compiegne, a distance of 140 miles, in 68 minutes.

One of the metropolitan papers contains the following:

"An army of invading chimney swallows ranging from 7,000 to 10,000 in number will follow their leader down or up a chimney," Dr. F. M. Chatman said yesterday. "This proves that the bird story from Kingston, N. Y., was not a fish story." . . . Frank V. Rice, a shipbuilder, and his wife were the victims of the surprise party.

'When we returned home Tuesday evening the room was filled with birds. The walls were black with the soot from their wings. Some were perched asleep on the mantel; others had crawled into cream pitchers; still others were flying around and around the room. We opened the windows and the doors; we tried to chase them back up the chimney and down to the cellar; but all in vain. They believed that they had found a nesting place for the summer, I guess; for several already had found some thread and string and were weaving these into nests in corners of the ceilings. Finding we could not chase them out, we started action. Chairs, brooms, sticks and anything else we could get were used in saving what was left of the inside of our home.' Last night Mr. Rice was still counting the dead, which filled two cider barrels and two coal shovels. He estimates that there are 5,000 dead and 5,000 escaped.

While we are about it we give another bird story, this one from the New York *Times*.

Paris.—Long voyages of migrating birds are well known, yet it is not always easy to obtain tangible evidence of their journeys, and bird-lovers will be interested in the story from Alsace about a swallow's water travels and sojourn. Last fall a resident of Ostheim captured a swallow nestling in a gable and released it, with the following message on parchment attached: "During the summer of 1921 I lived with ———, at Ostheim. He would be glad to learn where I passed the winter when I return." The bird now returns to its Alsatian home, bearing the following inscription: "Have been staying with a shoemaker, Joseph Bady, on the island of Martinique, who salutes my present host."

Tanager—Tegwane—Thrasher—Thrush

What a beautiful thing is the scarlet tanager or firebird! The mature male is a rich scarlet, except his wings and tail, which are pure black. The song is loud, vigorous and merry, and is heard later in summer than that of most other birds.

The tegwane, of South Africa, is really not a stork, but is sometimes called the hammerhead stork. Of only about the size of a raven, it builds a nest twelve feet in circumference, horizontally and vertically, and so strong that a man may walk back and forth across it without doing damage. On account of its apparently mean and glittering eye, the Zulus regard the tegwanes as bewitched and will not go near their nests.

The thrasher, one of the most pleasing of American migratory birds, is well known to every country boy and has a highly varied song, fairly rivaling in performance that of the mocking-bird itself. The brown thrasher is the state bird of Georgia.

The thrush, as we have admitted, is the proper name of the American robin. It is also the true name of the English robin redbreast, the English blackbird, the nightingale and the hedge sparrow. The wood thrush is the official bird of the District of Columbia.

The nightingale is considered the most beautiful singer of all birds. As its name implies, its song comes in the night. It is not the song of a ladybird, as most of the poets have it, but is the song of joy of the male at having finished his migratory flight from far-off southern climes.

The nightingale does its singing from April 15 to June 15, and is at it night and day, entertaining his mate during the period of incubation. Birds trapped after the mating season are said to languish and die.

Begbie, a temperamental British nightingale, periodically sings to the whole world over the British broadcasting and allied networks. Begbie will not sing until his ambition has been stirred by a couple of phonograph records, and then nothing will drive him from his place at the microphone.

Stormcock—Titmouse—Turkey

The stormcock is a British name for a large thrush, also called the mistle-thrush, on account of its unusual fondness for mistletoe berries. The stormcock has a habit we all might well follow: its song is as fine and as happy on rainy days as on sunny ones.

No bird is more universally loved and enjoyed than the black-capped titmouse known everywhere as the chickadee or pewee. The last names are due to the notes so often heard in their calls. This bird is very active. It can be easily attracted to any spot where food is provided, and, if unmolested by cats or otherwise, will become very familiar. The chickadee, as the down-East Yankee loves to call it, is the state bird of Maine. It is one of the late risers, not beginning its midsummer song until about 5:00 a. m.

The American wild turkey is one of the cleverest of all the birds. Her nest is hidden with supreme cunning. When she leaves it for a time she covers her eggs with leaves, slips noiselessly out, and then crosses and recrosses her tracks again and again until no animal could possibly follow the scent.

When an enemy is in sight the mother hen pretends that she is crippled. Frantically she keeps up a fluttering and flopping by which she is seemingly barely able to keep out of the clutches of the pursuer. The whole object is to lead the enemy away from the vicinity of the nest.

The youngsters, from the moment they are born, know enough to keep still the moment the mother hen gives them a warning "put". They may be clucking and gobbling and having all kinds of fun, but the moment the mother utters that sound they are silent as death.

The brush turkey of Australia amasses a heap of several tons of leaves, apparently for the heat produced, for leaves heat like a hotbed.

Vireo—Vulture—Warbler

There are twelve species of vireos in North America. The red-eyed vireo, which is best known, is strictly a bird of the woods and is noted for its quarrelsomeness, activity, and the energy with which on the hottest days it continues to search for its food and to attend strictly to the business of singing its little song.

Nature is good to the vulture. He is endowed with such acute powers of smell and vision that he can locate the dinner table forty miles away. He does valuable work in keeping the fields and woods clear of carrion. In the southern states the vulture goes by the name of buzzard.

In Havana the vultures have been so plentiful and annoying about the new capitol that the gilded dome is charged with electricity, and now every time a vulture (buzzard) bumps into it there is a puff of smoke, a flash of blue flame, and no more vulture.

The East Indian warbler, commonly called the tailor bird, is just what its common name implies. It sews a dead leaf to a living one or so joins two neighboring leaves together as to form a kind of hanging pouch the lower part of which contains the nest. Actual cotton threads or twisted vegetable fibers are used as thread, the bill serving for a needle in puncturing holes in the leaves and drawing the thread through.

A certain writer, describing the warbler family, says:

> The warblers have we always with us, all in their own good time; they come out of the South, pass on, return and are away again; their appearance and withdrawal scarcely less than a mystery; many stay with us all summer long, and some brave the winters in our midst. Some of these slight creatures, guided by unerring instinct, travel true to the meridian in the hours of darkness, slipping past "like a thief in the night", stopping at daybreak from their lofty flights

to rest and recruit for the next stage of the journey. Others pass more leisurely from tree to tree, in a ceaseless tide of migration, gleaning as they go; the hardier males, in full song and plumage, lead the way for the weaker females and yearlings. With tireless industry do the warblers befriend the human race; their unconscious zeal plays due part in the nice adjustment of nature's forces, helping to bring about that balance of vegetable and insect life without which agriculture would be in vain. They visit the orchard when the apple and pear, the peach, plum and cherry are in bloom, seeming to revel carelessly amid the sweet-scented and deliciously tinted blossoms, but never faltering in their good work. They peer into the crevices of the bark, scrutinize each leaf, and explore the very heart of the buds, to detect, drag forth and destroy these tiny creatures, singly insignificant, collectively a scourge, which prey upon the hopes of the fruit-grower, and which, if undisturbed, would bring his care to naught. Some warblers flit incessantly in the terminal foliage of the tallest trees; others hug close to the scored trunks and gnarled boughs of the forest kings; some peep from the thicket, the coppice, the impenetrable mantle of shrubbery that decks tiny water courses, playing hide-and-seek with all comers; others, more humble still, descend to the ground, where they glide with pretty mincing steps and affected turning of the head this way and that, their delicate flesh-tinted feet just stirring the layer of withered leaves with which a past season carpeted the ground. We seek warblers everywhere in their season; we shall find them a continual surprise.

Water-Ouzel—Weaver Bird—Whidah

The water-ouzel, or dipper, has the power of seeking its food, which consists almost exclusively of snails and water insects, not only by diving, but by partly swimming and partly walking with fluttering wings along the bottom in search of its prey. It can remain under the water two or three minutes at a time if it so desires.

It will propel itself by its wings upstream against a current so strong a man could not keep his footing in it. It occasionally makes its nest back of a waterfall. In winter these little gray birds swim or fly under thin ice from one air hole to another. When these little fellows come to the surface the water rolls from their feathers and they are perfectly dry.

The weaver birds of Africa construct an umbrella-like roof, under which from 800 to 1,000 nests have been found. In all such cases fibers are the materials employed. In some cases the birds of a pair take positions on opposite sides of the structure and the fibers are passed through and through from one to the other.

The nests are generally suspended at the extremities of branches, and over water, so as to afford security against snakes and monkeys.

One type of weaver bird even inserts thorns in the nest as a protection against marauders. A Philippine species builds flask-shaped nests of fine roots suspended mouth downward by long ropes of similar construction.

Polygamy is customary with some birds. One of these natural polygamists is the beautiful long-tailed whidah of Africa. He gathers to himself about six females, which he watches over with as much care as does any sultan over his harem. The grackle is also a polygamist.

Whippoorwill—Woodcock—Woodpecker—Wren

The whippoorwill tells his name many times in the course of a night, always with the accent on the last syllable, but is usually quiet by midnight. He never moves about in the daytime, and therefore his appearance is quite unknown by many who are very familiar with his song.

The woodcock has his busiest hours just after sunset and just before dawn, his principal food being earthworms. He often visits city lawns on moonlit nights. The female woodcock is very solicitous about her young, sometimes bearing them one at a time from a supposed danger to a place of safety.

Woodpeckers, of which there are 300 species, are found everywhere except in Australia and Madagascar. A grub is located in a dry tree, either by listening or by inspecting. Straightway the woodpecker drills a hole until the grub is uncovered. A long sticky tongue finishes the job. The woodpecker is considered so valuable as a timber preserver that stringent laws for its protection are common in the West.

The woodpecker is a most industrious bird. One morning, a Sunday morning at that, one of them evidently heard a worm under the slate roof, and the way he hammered on that roof, at 4:30 a.m., trying to break his way through the slate, was almost enough to wake the dead. And even though stoned, he came back again and again.

The woodpecker makes his own nest by a hole which he drills first horizontally and then vertically downward. There are about 350 species of woodpeckers. One of these the Negroes call by the opprobrious name of "shirt-tail bird". That is all just because, innocently, he has white upper tail covers and a white rump. Why blame a bird for something he can't help?

One of those industrious woodpeckers can do something no darky could do, no matter how good his intentions. He will eat three thousand ants at one sitting, and enjoy them! The woodpecker is distinguished by forty different names. In Alabama it is called the flicker, and is the state bird.

In August, 1932, in the sovereign state of Pennsylvania, Mrs. Anna Chess, a mother who had a large family to provide for, went hunting and shot a woodpecker. It happens to be a bird protected by the laws of the state, and some great (?) and good (?) and wise (?) judge sent her to prison for twenty days. No doubt the woodpecker that was killed was a valuable citizen; he was certainly as much so as such a judge.

And last, but not least, we have the busy little wren. A lover of bird life, writing of interesting happenings in the neighborhood, says:

Another neighbor acts like a thief in his own woodshed, for a pair of wrens have nested in the woodstack. He creeps in stealthily, moves slowly, is careful where he takes his wood, does not enter frequently, and makes most of the moments when the bird is away. When necessity demands that he use his own shed, he is scolded vociferously by a midget in feathers whom he could hide in his fist. The situation is absurd but honorable, for the host will not upset a guest who is reposing in his trust!

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"O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is *full* of thy riches."—Psalm 104:24.

The Loaves and Fishes of 1932

(Reprinted from the Los Angeles *Record*)

JESUS said unto them: They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat.

But the Welfare Workers stepped forward and the Executive Secretaries advanced, saying: First there must be a survey and charts must be made and the names of the multitude listed.

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So the Welfare Workers and the Executive Secretaries went among the multitude with pencils and paper and adding machines and typewriters, listing them and questioning about their names and ages and previous conditions of servitude.

And when this was done, it was dark, and the Welfare Workers and the Secretaries withdrew to their offices and covered many sheets of paper with figures and reports.

And when they had finished, about three weeks later, the figures and reports were taken to the printer, and printed on glossy and expensive paper; and the reports were distributed throughout the cities with an "appeal" for help, aid and assistance, partly to feed the multitude but in great measure to pay the salaries of the Welfare Workers and the Secretaries.

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So a great drive was organized in the cities, while the multitude waited and the loaves and fishes grew stale and unpalatable.

Among the Welfare Workers and the Executive Secretaries there were many noon luncheons and pep meetings and great enthusiasm, and they were filled with food and cheer while the collectors went out among the people, coercing and threatening them to fill the quota.

And for many days the drive continued, the poor giving of their substance and the rich giving little, until the quota was raised and the money deposited in the bank.

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Then was a new supply of loaves and fishes purchased, and conveyed to the multitude by the shore of the lake. But upon the multitude there lay a great silence, and the people moved not.

Then the Executive Secretaries and the Welfare Workers looked upon the silent multitude and said: They are dead, but no blame attaches to us. Everything has been done in order, with graphs and charts and splendid surveys showing the percentage of those under 16, and the percentage of those suffering from malnutrition. All is well and the surveys shall be filed away.

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But upon the shore of the lake stood the solitary figure of a sad-eyed man, a humble carpenter's son, stretching out His arms toward the sunshine above and speaking not. . .

The German Crisis *By J. Lowell Bito (New Jersey)*

THE seething controversy that today storms the governmental structure of Germany may be largely attributed to the rapid growth and increasing influence of ardent Fascism. This militant faction, strengthened by the inability of the government to alleviate unemployment hardships, has won tremendous acclaim through promises of ameliorating the lot of the discontented citizenry. So successful has been this form of propaganda that, at the general elections in September, 1930, Fascist representation in the Reichstag increased from 12 to 107. This made the Nazis (Fascists) the second most powerful faction in German politics. The Nazis then found themselves in a position to influence political maneuvers, and they lost no opportunity in encouraging legislation that fostered their principles; while they fervently and vehemently decried all measures of importance only to other factions. Such deliberate methods in time created a marked spirit of antagonism; and the friction between the factions rapidly developed into bitter and envenomed controversy. It is beneath the furore of this controversy that today the government is staggering in a manner so precarious.

A Republic in the Making

A full comprehension of the German crisis necessitates the consideration of these facts: Germany is adjusting herself to a government that is peculiar to the oligarchic system under which she has labored for centuries. During this period of transition there is, of course, no such soundness of policies and stability of administration as is found in a government firmly entrenched. There is, of necessity, a constant alteration for improvement and still further betterment: a meticulous attempt to substitute one reform for another, and thus to replace each glaring deficiency by measures supposedly more adequate. During the birth of our government, as in the infancy of all democracies, there was pursued a similar trend towards improvement. In our country, for example, the drastic alterations to which the "Articles of Confederation" were subjected finally led to the establishment of our present constitution. But under the "Articles" was there a scintilla of that efficiency which now characterizes our government? Did the members of the Union then possess that cohesiveness which now binds us together in endearing fraternity? Germany, like our colonies, is undergoing changes that are invariably necessary to a government still in its infancy.

Ever since the inception of the new German constitution, these governmental vicissitudes caused a skeptic minority of the German people to stigmatize their government as irresolute and vacillating. This group interpreted governmental adjustments as the precarious shiftings of a staggering power. They viewed their government with much the same anticipation as they would a versatile funambulist. However, their views, founded on so strained a hypothesis, lacked conviction, and hence its scope embraced only a small group of adherents.

The Inception of Hitlerism

But of late the distress caused by the current economic maladjustment not only has incited in this sect a more dangerous degree of agitation, but also has provided them with better material for propaganda. They are now enabled to impregnate their arguments with more substantial reasoning and less metaphysical speculation. The result is that their ranks are increasing; and contumacy is beginning to show its brazen front. Thus there is being created a national psychosis of malignant unrest: a psychosis composed of so desperate a feeling of insecurity, so small a vestige of fidelity, that the slightest provocation is liable to cause an ebullition of anarchism.

Cognizant of these circumstances, the German administration sagaciously contrives to maintain its commanding position. Unfortunately, it is now not only confronted by problems that are inherent to a new government, but also harassed by demonstrations of dissatisfaction. These demonstrations are the display of an irate emotion, a spontaneous reaction to a governmental maneuver. During the early ages of civilization the slowness in communication made impossible the present gravity of these displays: time elapsed before the citizens learned of governmental activities; more time elapsed before their feelings were registered at the executive seats; and during the intervening period riled emotions had subsided without any result. But today each parliamentary decree is simultaneously read in every German community. Almost instantaneously there follows a mobilization of forces disheartened by it. On the other hand, the advocates, with equal rapidity, ally themselves in forceful opposition. The result is an

embittered conflict between the elements of satisfaction and discontent, the very clash between Euphrosyne and Niobe. Consequently the government's attention is diverted from urgent routine work and is given to devise compensatory measures.

Old Obsequiousness All Gone

In the interim the German imbroglio rapidly multiplies in its intricacies and complexities. There is no longer even a vestige of that obsequiousness which the Germans endured under the Hohenzollerns. Unrestrained emotions, pernicious plotting, and overt acts of violence are creating a turbulence of grave potentialities. A turbulence in which policies of conservatism and liberality, labor and aristocracy, religion and persecution, are all equally embroiled. One group praises what the other condemns; a third sect encourages certain measures, while its adversaries croak only reprehension. All factions offer variant plans for supplying the nation's exigencies, but each is lost in the riotous clamor for attention. Such chaotic conditions have, to varying degrees, characterized all governments while passing through a similar period of metamorphosis. Macaulay, in his "Essay on Milton", depicts the English Restoration which, with the exception of a few episodic details, is quite similar to the German crisis. Indeed, it is in just this sort of raging caldron in which were molded the foundations of the most puissant democracies.

Against this panorama of national turbulence there looms forth the menacing promontory of the National Socialist movement. It seems incredulous that a political party so insignificant in its origin, so heterodox in its policies, can, in the space of a few years, develop into proportions that overshadow the structure of a national government. Yet Adolf Hitler and his national socialist party (the Nazis) have accomplished this rare feat. It is such a momentous accomplishment that the factors contributing to its success are of exceptional interest.

A Racket, Pure and Simple

Hitlerism is neither a renovation of a forgotten principle nor is it a newly formulated panacea. It is simply a doctrine of government in which there is an incongruous fusion of radical ideas and unrestrained fancies: ideas that wholly separate themselves from reality; and fancies that infer a degree of mental derangement. Quite naturally, therefore, Hitlerism does not find its greatest appeal in the merit of its basic principles. This fact becomes the more obvious when it is remembered that Hitler vehemently exhorted his doctrine during a period of some years, and yet he received, not enthusiasm, but yawning apathy. In fact, it is highly probable that were he to have preached *ad infinitum* he would never have excited interest, so heterodox were his ideas, and so puerile his fancies.

Sensible of the fruitlessness of his gospel, Hitler, a few years ago, resolved to fuse his emasculate principles with theories more virile and potent. Hence there followed a revision in which essentials of Hitlerism were crudely amalgamated with orthodox methods of government. Such a combination of radicalism and orthodoxy, however, could not fail to breed in Hitlerism the most preposterous contradictions: contradictions in which Hitler extols the virtues of radical autocracy, while attempting to admire the blessings of popular democracy. He, in one sentence, speaks of establishing an autocratic Germany of economic self-sufficiency; and, in another sentence, he speaks of promoting international benevolence through reciprocal trade. Hitler's latest speeches abound in these glaring contradictions. In the main, these miserable errors are caused by a militation between Hitler's idealistic philosophy and his attempt to interpret those ideals in the form of stark realism. Obviously this sort of dissertation has little persuasive value; but it serves to arouse curiosity and thereby stimulate some public interest.

Base and Ignoble Appeals

In fact, throughout the embryonic and mature stages of Hitlerism, there is clearly discernible this fervid attempt at attracting interest, and gaining sympathy. So governed are the Hitlerites by this passion that their every expression rings with self-eulogy and supplication for support. Ruled by such despotic zeal, the Nazis naturally employ, in their oratory, arguments that tend more to stir the emotions rather than to demonstrate the inadequacy of the present administration. For instance, the Nazis delight in depicting the government as a tottering man struggling beneath unjustifiable pecuniary impositions; a man blanching with fear when asked to repudiate those impositions. They repeatedly portray the Germans as a prostrate people unable even to feed their families; and then, in phrases approaching scurrility, they paint the

government as a stealthy thief robbing the purses of the citizens in order to amass sums with which to pay "tribute" in the form of reparations. The Nazis lack no art in fashioning similar imageries to illustrate such supposedly governmental iniquities as the stagnation in German industry, the government's agreement to "unilateral" treaties, and even the tariffs immuring German trade; all these imageries are deftly designed to incite a deadly antipathy against the administration.

It has been evinced by local elections, held since the revision of Hitler's doctrine, that hordes of humanity are swayed by these miserable reasonings and emotional portraitures. These polling triumphs quickly raised Hitlerism from obscurity to a plane of petty significance. It is highly probable that normally this would have been the *ne plus ultra* of national socialism. However, at this juncture Germany was seized in the octoputal grasp of the world-wide economic panic. The pernicious effect of this catastrophe, although dangerously undermining German institutions, nevertheless greatly served to facilitate the further development of National Socialism. Since this factor contributed so greatly toward the growth of Hitlerism, a few paragraphs relevant to this phase of the subject are here unquestionably fitting.

Vast Additions to Lower Classes

Prior to the recent economic depression social Germany was experiencing a mutation of such proportions that its magnitude is unique in the annals of the country's history. Intensive and prodigous mechanization projects were steadily eliminating the need for manual labor. Hence the proletariat, in order to maintain sustenance, were compelled to adopt vocations hitherto performed by higher social classes. On the other hand, the large corporation mergers and powerful banking combines were making competition too strenuous for independent merchants and financiers. Consequently, the private business organizations were gradually disintegrating, and their members, now minus their lucrative income, were being absorbed by the lower social strata. Thus there was being effected a steady integration of social classes into the bourgeois group; and the more scrupulosity exercised in perfecting mechanical efficiency and furthering monopolistic enterprises, the more intense this integration became.

What conditions the culmination of such a social fusion will create is as yet a conjectural conclusion. However, it may be seen from the following that the present status of this social trend is of sufficient moment to influence the formation of national party policies. It may be seen further that the aptitude of Hitlerism for the demands of the new social formation is, in a large measure, the attraction of the national socialist movement.

The White-Collar Slaves

At the time that Germany first felt the undulation of the current financial upheaval her rapidly increasing white-collar employees' class numbered approximately 3,400,000 members; of this group about one-third were women. The salaries of these office employees are somewhat lower than those received by menial and laboring classes. The male office employees are paid on an average $63.57 per month, while females receive on an average only $37.38 a month. Added to this, a youth is paid only one-half to one-third the amount received by his elder. This practice naturally encourages firms to discharge employees as soon as they have reached the age of forty-five and to fill the vacancies with employees of the younger generation. It becomes at once obvious that such low salaries, such discrepancy between the value of male and female work, such inane and insipient treatment of old employees could not fail to arouse a feeling of animosity in the breasts of the disparaged Germans. This smoldering animosity naturally grew in proportion to the increasing duress of the economic panic. Thus with the further aggravation of conditions by the maladjustments of recent years the accursed plight of this class of people became unbearable. Hence they looked for succor, not to the established organizations which have so sadly failed them, but to the budding Nazi movement and its numerous promises of immediate and effective relief.

Hitlerism, therefore, finds its most spontaneous advocacy among this class of people. Three millions of this group are so destitute that they can scarcely maintain the living standards of the lowly proletariat. However, under the increasing strain of economic conditions, there is less grumbling about social degradation, and proportionately more brooding over future earning power deprivation. These people have little interest in those theories that propose to allevi-

ate their burden by adjustments through international trade agreements. Their speech, their thoughts, their very acts are all expressive of the undivided interest with which they view their domestic problem and its possible future. Not being fully sensible of the exotic influences upon their industries, they naturally lay all the blame for the present hardships upon the shoulders of their administrators, and christen them in the light of perfidious malefactors. Thus the jeopardy of their social prestige, the sharp diminution in their earning power, the miserable prospects of future betterment, all they charge to the impotency of the existing regime. Hence it is not astonishing that it is this class of people who should reverence most profoundly the man, Hitler, who offers to change the order of things; and that this class should most fervidly extol the virtues of a doctrine bulging with plans of remedial significance.

The University Students

Another ardent group among the proponents of Hitlerism is the faction composed of German university students. These young men are, of course, least inured to the buffets of present economic trends. No amount of inculcating, however, could have so vividly impressed them with life's struggles as the chaotic panorama that now meets their gaze from every side. They watch with saddening eyes the dolorous faces of some thirty thousand recent graduates who are desperately still seeking employment. They realize with a shudder that in a year or two the ranks of these graduates will be swelled by another hundred thousand. These are indeed crushing prospects for a set of young men who are fired with zeal and ambition to arrive at honors in this world of opportunity. Their spirits are more deeply veiled in melancholy when they behold their beloved parents vainly striving against dastardly fate, exerting all efforts till exhaustion, and then swooning in the fetid effluvium of despair. No filial heart could witness the unfolding of this tragic drama and yet not swell in bitter protest. It cannot be expected that these students would support the government under which such abominable conditions are existing. They, however, are sufficiently familiar with governments to realize the absurdity of the policies advocated by the extreme Left. The other parties in Germany, in the eyes of these students, too closely resemble the present government. Hence they espouse the cause of the national socialist movement, the movement that promises them the best future.

The "Sturmabteilungen"

It is these university students who form the nucleus of Hitler's military organization the *Sturmabteilungen*. Among the Hitlerites, there is much importance attached to this military unit. It is intended not only to protect the members of the national socialist movement, but also to serve as an adequate substitute for the former national army. A considerable portion of the sturmabteilungen is made up of young men from the labor classes. Although a large percentage of German laborers are under the influence of the Left, nevertheless these young men have associated themselves with Hitler because they believe Socialism is more likely to gain control of the government than the Left faction. The sturmabteilungen, however, is not as important and powerful as Nazi zealots would have it believed. It is not sufficiently well organized or equipped to be of any immediate danger to the government. But the psychological effect that this military unit creates among the Nazis is undeniably of great value to Hitlerism. It leads the Nazis to overestimate the strength and importance of their party; it lends them an air of superiority; it instills into them a sense of security. But aside from this psychological effect, the sturmabteilungen is of no more worry to German authorities than organized gunmen are to Chicago police.

Probably there is nothing so indicative of primitive consciousness in the entire Nazi program as the anti-Jewish sentiment it so passionately advocates. Racial prejudices and religious creeds for hundreds of centuries have formed the fulcrum on which was balanced the destiny of nations. Civilization has been extremely slow in realizing the insipience of such prejudices. The Occident, of course, has made the greatest progress in minimizing the importance of religious and racial differences. However, when such contemptible sentiment arises in a modern country like Germany, it serves as the very mockery of human progress.

Appeals to Anti-Semitism

The Nazis assert that if the five hundred thousand Jews were evicted from Germany there would immediately be thousands of vacancies in German business enterprises that could promptly be filled by "genuine German

stock". They argue that commanding positions in German industry are held by Jews whose motives are grounded wholly in selfish interests. But if these positions, they continue, were occupied by "true-blooded Germans as the Nazis", then not only would the *sons* of the fatherland be employed, but the country would be the better under the unselfish cooperation received from patriotic industries. Probably it is too strained an assumption for Hitlerites to consider themselves better German citizens and patriots than Jews. It should be borne in mind that Hitler himself is of Austrian extraction. But if this arrogant assumption is not granted, then Hitler himself is at a loss to justify his anti-Jewish feeling. Indeed, enmities aroused by racial and religious differences are always founded on grounds the most yielding and scornworthy. And especially should such sentiment be spurned with ineffable contempt when it parades itself under the alias of patriotism.

Although this reprehensible sentiment is shared in varying degrees by all of the adherents of the Nazi program—soldiers, shopkeepers, widows, students, lawyers, petty financiers, tradesmen, etc.—it is not prompted by an inveterate antipathy, but is rather the excrescence of desperate competition. The strongest tenet of the Nazi program is its plan for providing employment; and thus they believe that by evicting the Jews from the country they would ease the competition between Germans for employment. Therefore, if Negroes were as numerous and progressive in Germany as the Jews, then the Hitlerites would direct their shafts against the negroid race. Hence it becomes at once obvious that competition for employment has reached such a tension in Germany that men bitterly envy each other because they have the fortune of being employed; and the people of the nation have lost all decorum and decency in the impassioned struggle for the survival of the fittest. Every class, every human, feverishly clamors for anything that promises work.

The Clamor for Jobs

The furore of this clamor for relief was undoubtedly most manifested during the elections last summer. Gregarious humanity flocked to the polls, and registered their votes for the party that promised them the most effective relief. The Nazis gained enough votes to seat 229 of their members in the Reichstag. Then followed a period of gruesome conflict between the factions. Riots were common occurrences; embittered brawls were daily events. Men snarled at men; factions lampooned factions; and lethal weapons glittered in their concealment beneath coats and jackets. Monstrous oaths rent the air as though from Dante's hell ascending; and children screaming fled in blanching horror. Maimed, wounded, and dead were daily found upon the streets. Women, children, and mendicants feared to venture forth from their homes. And yet this was only a struggle between factions; but it more closely resembled hostile war. It was a struggle in which supremacy was attained by annihilating the opposition; so despicable a conflict in a country under democratic rule. It is these dire scenes and militant acts that at times shroud Democracy in deepest sorrow.

Influence of Von Hindenburg

Amidst this turmoil and confusion there stands preeminent a silent hero who is deserving of more attention than is generally given him. Without a doubt this man, Paul von Hindenburg, has been the very tie that bound together the disintegrating structure of the German government. He has accomplished this task without any ostentation, without any flamboyant legislation, without any mark of super-intellectual leadership, but with a subtleness that justly stamps his feat with the highest merit. On his shoulders has rested a responsibility that would have humbled a lesser man. About him were strewn such technical problems that it required the utmost shrewdness and diplomacy to properly adjudicate them. Hindenburg faced the task and proved equal to the occasion. He performed his herculean work with such reticence that the brilliancy of his acts was pilloried before the world, while he remained hidden in obscurity. This is the mark of true devotion; this, the stamp of noblest patriotism.

Hindenburg is least happy when he is garbed in the robe of a politician. He sadly lacks that quality of barter and compromise which is the essential characteristic of an accomplished politician. He has definite ideas and a dogged determination to materialize them. In every one of his dictates, in every one of his acts, there is a precision that betrays his militaristic makeup. His subtleness is the shrewdness of a soldier; his diplomacy, the tactful yielding of a maneuvering general.

Germany Under Military Rule

During the elections last summer he viewed the conflict between the Nazis and Communists with an apathy typical of a meditative general. He realized that were he to interpose his authority it would only aggravate the situation. But when street brawls became too common, he felt that the time had come when definite action need be taken. Immediately he clapped on Germany a form of tyrannical militarism. In spite of the drasticity of such a decree, it would have been impossible to devise another measure equally effective under the circumstances. However, the resulting expressions of dissatisfaction by the masses bore such a menacing tone that the government seemed seriously endangered. The administration contrived to appease the situation by offering to Hitler the post of chancellor. Since this position was offered to him on condition that his policies be in conformity to the principles of the German constitution, and that he would refrain from militaristic coercion, Hitler flatly refused the office. However, although Hindenburg abandoned his tyrannical rule, he had succeeded in vividly impressing the radicals with the tremendous power at the command of the German government.

Hindenburg, like Ulysses S. Grant, is not as distinguished in the role of a president as he was in the uniform of a general. Hindenburg, however, has made a better president than Grant, because the demands of modern Germany are such as to require the guidance of a general rather than a politician. Hindenburg has had the assistance of a fervid love that the people bear for him. He is still the idol, the patriot, the hope of the German masses. Because of this intense emotion of idolatrous veneration, the people have tolerated much of his dictatorial and militaristic methods. It is these very methods, however, that were not only of value to Germany, but also of indispensable merit in the crowning glory of his presidential career. If the country were in need of a subtle diplomat, a litigious politician, then Hindenburg would have failed as miserably as Grant. But the country needed a firm ruler, a man of decided policies and action, an elevating inspiration, and these qualities of Hindenburg have caused him to be held in esteem by many of the German people.

The annals of social history are replete with epic movements that resemble the turmoil of the German crisis. Invariably the aggravation of these movements is in proportion to the slowness of relief extended. It is therefore a logical conclusion that the power of radicalism in Germany will decrease in proportion to the increase in employment and prosperity. However, if the return of normal times is delayed until radicalism is firmly rooted, then the country will undergo an evolution of titanic proportions.

Poisoning of Our Fruit Supply

By Dr. Walter Siegmeister (N. Y.)

FEW people are aware of the extent to which our fruit and vegetable supply is being poisoned through the use of arsenic insecticides. Arsenic is an extremely poisonous substance which is harmful even in small amounts. In the year 1900 alone, six thousand people were poisoned by beer containing small amounts of arsenic. Last year, in California, six people were poisoned by eating mustard greens sprayed with lead arsenate. Last August a four-year-old girl died from eating sprayed fruit.

At the present time most of our fruit supply, especially that produced in the western states, and a large part of our vegetable supply are sprayed with lead arsenate to protect them against the coddling moth and other insect pests. Many fruits are sprayed several times during the season, and the arsenic is absorbed both by the leaves and by the fruit. Washing fruits does not remove the arsenic they contain, not only on their surface, but also beneath.

In 1925 England threatened discontinuation of fruit imports from America, due to the contamination of the fruit with arsenic. This led the federal Food and Drug Administration in 1927 to declare that while apples intended for export should not bear a residue of more than 1/100 of a grain of arsenic trioxide per pound, apples intended for domestic consumption would be permitted to carry two and one-half times the "safe" limit of arsenic.

Investigations revealed the existence of arsenic in the following foods: peas, carrots, apples, mushrooms, pears, rice, beef, veal, mackerel,

eggs, potatoes, cauliflower, spinach, white beans, cabbage, lettuce, dried peas, dried fruits. Cocoa and baking powder also contain arsenic.

Arsenic is not the only poisonous substance present in fruits and vegetables through the use of insecticides. Lead, the other constituent of lead-arsenic spray, is certainly far more dangerous, for lead is a cumulative poison which is stored within the body and becomes dangerous to the point of disaster when enough of the metal has collected. Lendrich, testing American apples, found that of forty-five samples examined not a single one was free from arsenic or lead, and there was sixty times as much lead as arsenic on some of the apples. Tests of four apples and pears purchased in New York city in August, 1932, showed appreciable amounts of lead on each apple.

If spray residue on fruits and vegetables were the only source of lead, it would not be so bad, but the body is constantly storing this cumulative poison from many sources, the most important of which is from water which has flowed through lead pipes. Speaking of the injurious effects of minute quantities of lead and arsenic, Dr. A. J. Carlson, of the Hull Physiological Laboratory of the University of Chicago, said:

> Speaking as a physiologist interested in public health, I should say that the question is not how much of the poison may be ingested without producing acute or obvious chronic symptoms, but how completely can man be safeguarded against even traces of the poison. There is no question in my mind that even in less than the so-called "toxic doses" lead and arsenic have deleterious effects on cell protoplasm, effects that are expressed in lowered resistance to disease, lessened efficiency, and shortened life.

Myers and Throne found arsenic present in the bodies of all subjects tested, though they admit that it serves no physiological purpose. Arsenic was found to have an irritating effect on the involuntary nervous system, producing peripheral neuritis, nervous twitching of the eyes, and various skin diseases. After a careful search, they found arsenic to be present in potatoes, canned tomatoes, peaches, pears, grapes, lettuce, celery, tomatoes, cabbage and apples. Cocoa, candy, baking powder, some baby foods, beer, wine, and cider were also found to contain arsenic. Myers and Throne claim that arsenic is toxic even in infinitesimal amounts, and that many neurological conditions may be traced to this cause.

Yerin claims that all the marketed orchard fruits in the United States have been poisoned by sprays containing arsenic. Those known to be commonly poisoned are apples, plums, peaches, pears and grapes. Among the vegetables, the following are known to be poisoned: cabbage, lettuce, celery, endive, spinach, cucumbers, Irish potatoes, beets, and asparagus. The following foods have been found to be contaminated with arsenate of lead: peaches, pears, plums, all berries, tomatoes, Irish potatoes, asparagus, cabbage, lettuce, beets, celery, cucumbers, spinach, and radishes.

In many states the laws are such as to make it almost compulsory upon the fruit-grower and market gardener to spray whatever he would market; and in several states it is rigidly compulsory for the grower of tree fruits to spray all his products. Orchards are sprayed four or five times a year.

Yerin claims that the arsenic spray applied to the plant or tree is readily absorbed by the leaves, circulating throughout all parts of the plant, and is carried to the fruits where the plant juices concentrate. He says:

> In medieval times the watering of garden vegetables with poison solutions was secretly and effectively practiced for the removal of undesirable opponents and enemies.
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> Present clinical experience covering years and thousands of cases shows that the plants do absorb sufficient of the spray poisons to bring about definite sicknesses in a wholesale degree, and oftentimes with a speedy death, and frequently followed with complications that bring about death at a later time.

The New York *Evening Graphic* for November 12, 1914, records a case of nine men poisoned by cider made from apples containing arsenic. Concerning this case, Dr. Yerin remarks:

> The arsenate of lead found in the cider is found in varying degrees in all ciders of all fruits that have been sprayed with the arsenate of lead solution, which is the common solution used in spraying fruit trees. The writer has known many deaths caused directly by eating sprayed fruits, as well as by drinking the juices of sprayed fruits. In some instances, the eating of but one or two sprayed apples has caused deaths within an hour or two.
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> All sprays are in very definite degrees absorbed by all fruits upon which they are applied. Paris green dusted on potato tops at night is found in very definite amounts in the potatoes in the morning, as proved by extensive experiments.

Sprays always impair health and very frequently produce definite disease; and deaths attributed to acute indigestion are always due to eating of sprayed fruits or vegetables; besides, many deaths that are attributed to ptomaine poisoning and other causes are due to this reason.

Apples are most heavily sprayed and contain the largest amount of arsenic. The writer would therefore caution all readers against eating apples purchased in the market. The same applies to pears, peaches, plums, and apricots. Much safer than all these foods are muskmelons, which are much less likely to be sprayed. Muskmelons supply the body with the purest water, and have a decidedly alkaline reaction, far exceeding that of any fruits or berries.

The Radio Witness Work

BROOKLYN, N. Y. The latter part of November, speaking in Havana and Mexico City, over hook-ups of Spanish stations, Judge Rutherford was, on several occasions, heard at Bethel as plainly as if speaking in Brooklyn itself. Members of his staff also repeated his addresses to the Cubans and Mexicans in the Spanish tongue.

Orange, N. J. "I am a man of 40 years and have been a member of the Catholic faith all of that time. About three months ago I had a radio installed in my home. Previous to that time I could not afford to have a radio, as I am a very poor man. One day I happened to tune in and get the WATCHTOWER. One of Jehovah's witnesses was giving a Bible lecture. I had never heard the Word of God explained like that before. 'Surely,' I said to myself, 'those people know the Word of God.' Since that time I have heard your voice, and never before have I heard God's Word of truth explained as you have explained it. Any intelligent person who hears your voice cannot help but be convinced. Surely you are not asking anyone to believe in any man-made doctrines. If the Bible is God's holy Word, why should people be asked to believe anything different, such as the immortality of the soul, the trinity, hell torment and purgatory? Those certainly are contrary to Scripture. I don't profess to be a Bible scholar, and have very little education, but I do know the truth when I hear it. I have read your book *Deliverance*. In that you have shown up the hypocrisy of the clergy. They indeed have become worldly. Jehovah's witnesses are the only people in the world today who are telling the truth to the people.

"I am continually being persecuted by my wife for listening in on your WATCHTOWER programs. I have four children. All are going to the parochial high school. They are familiar with the precepts of the church, but are absolutely ignorant of the Bible. They, too, are opposed to me. It is a fact that anybody who dares tell the truth to the people will be persecuted on the earth. With the aid of your books I intend to learn more about God's Word, and if it is ever possible I would be glad to meet you in person. I never knew a man who is so fearless as you are in telling the truth to the people." J. F.

Indianapolis, Ind. "Reading your address in *The Golden Age* of July 26, 1932, I want to say I wish we had more people in the United States that have the nerve to speak the truth to the American government and public like yourself. Will you kindly send me a copy of the next issue? I am one of the many millions that are out of employment. I am only twenty-five years old, broken down from many operations, and, having no home, had to come to a county home as a last resort." W. H. W.

Kingston, B. W. I. "I have realized the seriousness of the times and have taken my stand on Jehovah's side. I attend the lectures and pass the messages I have received to hungry souls, who are very glad to hear the glad tidings of 'deliverance'. The ministers here fail to tell their flocks the Scriptural meaning of the distress of nations. All they say is, "Trust the Lord for better times," and oppress the people more for money. Several of them try to oppose their flocks' reading your books. Since Mr. George Young gave a very interesting lecture, they are annoyed. His message stung several of them, also the principal of their flock. 'Big Business' say that things will continue as they were.

"Jehovah's witnesses here are very earnest. They go about the city distributing books, as well as the country parts, sometimes meeting with great opposition.

"Several persons who do not profess anything ask my opinion as to what is the meaning of these 'hard times'. I told them that Satan is the cause, for he uses 'big business' to stow away the money and use labor-saving machinery, oppress the poor and rob them of their wages. The ministers here are now appealing to their starving flock to give God (themselves) the widow's mite. They have never spoken one word about Paul's laboring with his own hands to feed the poor saints. I think this is a wonderful subject for you to tackle, whenever Jehovah wills.

"I had been a 'prisoner in the prison house' for a long time, but the Lord in His own mysterious way started to open my eyes, by pointing out the hypocritical actions and oppressions of these hirelings. I remained at home for three years, and since last year I received the glad tidings joyfully. I am present every Friday night to hear the wonderful news, also Sunday, unless prevented by sickness or rain. Am satisfied and am now rejoicing and experiencing His goodness to me every day. Every night I ask Him to protect His organization against Satan, also to reveal more light to you and protect you, His mouthpiece. I subscribe for *The Watchtower,* also." E. L. H.

Cleveland, Ohio. "I am 40 years of age, Bohemian, 22 years in this country. Earning my living by cooking in private families, and what I have seen in the wealthy homes is not fit for print. The so-called 'society' openly deny God. When the radio station announces the Watchtower, they will shut it off or switch to some other station. The real Christian has no chance whatever. The society clubs consisting of the ladies belonging to the social register and blue book 400 usually gather at meetings, and anything that does not suit them, or anyone who crosses their path or who is not to their liking—well, it is too bad for that one. I will give you a sample. During the prosperity Mrs. J—— S—— called a meeting together and made a speech as follows: 'My dear ladies: We have come to such a time that we cannot tell our own beautiful daughters from the dirty scrubs that work in our kitchens. They are dressed just as good as our daughters. Now something's got to be done.' This was at the Cleveland Hotel Statler. I got it from a friend of the girl who waited on the so-called 'ladies' that day of the speech. It was a luncheon. The strong end of the speech was: 'They've got to be put in their places,' meaning the servants. Everything they cook up in these clubs their husbands usually agree to. For they have no more spunk to say *No* than Adam had." A. F.

Bellevue, Ohio. "I want to thank you for your kindness in mailing at my request the sample copies of *The Golden Age* containing your lecture of June 26. I only wish I had a radio of my own. I would get every talk possible that would come from you. I try to induce people to tune in on your lectures, as I know you sure know how to tell them what they need. May God protect you in your fearlessness in telling the people what is what, and what *should* be and what *not.*" M. A. B.

Bloomfield, N. J. "Every one of your books is in our home and we have regular calls from one of [Jehovah's witnesses] as soon as a new message comes from press, and we welcome the message with great pleasure. We also enjoy your radio lectures and tell our friends of them. I have been able to talk WBBR to my mother, who is in the Odd Fellows Home at Trenton, and she informs me that your station is now tuned in every Sunday morning, and she writes me a number of the old folks have become greatly interested and have asked her about the books. I have just mailed a dozen or more pamphlets and will see that they get an entire set of books after the pamphlets wake them up.

"I am a veteran of the Spanish and World wars and am well cured of war. I know better now. After my return from France I had little belief in anything, but about ten years ago I heard WBBR on the radio and learned the truth. Prior to then I looked with fear on the prediction of the end of the world. Since listening to your message I know what the promise of the Kingdom means and would now welcome the end of the world, which means the end of Satan's rule. Our best wishes to you and your coworkers, that you may have the health and strength to continue to bring comfort and enlightenment to the people who are now suffering from Satan's dying efforts to lead them away from God." R. S.

Trade with Canada

EXPORTS to Canada in 1932 were only one-third what they were in 1921; while imports in 1932 from the country to the north of us were only 40 percent of what they were in 1921.

European Conferences 100% Failures

JOHN MOODY, head of the Financial Rating Firm, is on record as saying that he has carefully followed all the conferences which have succeeded the World War, and that they are 100-percent failures.

Nome to Patagonia by Air

WITH the exception of a short hop across British territory, Pan-American Airways now has an all-air line from Nome, Alaska, to Patagonia, having recently purchased the air lines in Alaska.

Burlington Gave Away a Branch Line

THE Burlington road has given away a 185-mile branch which it could not operate profitably, and a Denver lawyer will operate it with light automobiles instead of engines and cars. He hopes to make it pay.

White Rhino Can't Be Caught

THE white rhinoceros is the only animal that, threatened with captivity, will commit suicide, rather than be taken prisoner. At first sight of a human the rhino will charge, and will keep on charging at the nearest things within range until it has killed itself.

No Germs at Nova Zembla

ABOUT 100 people make their homes on the island of Nova Zembla, in the Arctic ocean north of Russia. In this climate fresh meat may be left in the open air for eight months without showing the slightest trace of putrefaction, from October to May inclusive.

Roseville's New Tax Rate

FROM the Roseville (Calif.) *Tribune and Register* we quote:

Roseville's new tax rate is now the lowest in the history of the city, and is probably the lowest of any city in the state. All of which may be credited to the handsome profits shown every year by the city-owned electric light and power system. In order to make possible the new low rate, $32,500 will be transferred from the electric light fund to aid in financing other departments of the city.

Barter Between Germany and Egypt

GERMAN cotton importers have carried through a deal with the Egyptian government by which $2,000,000 worth of German fertilizers have been exchanged for Egyptian cotton. It is expected that this trade will lead to further barters.

Value of a Kiss

IN SALINAS, California, a young garbage collector, 32 years of age, stole a kiss from a girl of 19 and has been sentenced to prison from one to fourteen years. It was a real offense, but it seems like a savage sentence. And California judges are like that. Look at Mooney.

Syracuse's Humane Mayor

MAYOR ROLLAND B. MARVIN, of Syracuse, N. Y., has decided that unemployed and financially harassed property owners of that city will be permitted to work out their unpaid taxes on city projects. It is believed that thereby some hundreds of families may be spared the colossal disaster of losing their homes.

Emigrating from the United States

DURING the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, the alien emigration from the United States exceeded the alien immigration to this country by 67,719. This is the first time in the history of the United States that such a thing has happened. Only 35,576 permanent immigrants were admitted during the year.

New York Central Stock

ON AUGUST 30, 1929, New York Central stock sold on the New York Stock Exchange for 256½, and on June 2, 1932, it went at 8¾. In other words, more than 96 percent of the higher "value" vanished into thin air. Many other railroad and other stocks are almost as hard hit.

A Homeless, Nameless, Penniless, Jobless Man

IN DETROIT a poor Italian, homeless, penniless and jobless, found a purse containing $3 and walked eight miles on tired feet and with an empty stomach so that he might return it to its owner, also poor and needy. We let this man stay nameless, but so long as there are men in this world that will do a thing like that it heartens every lover of God's kingdom, the hope of the world.

Not a Dissenting Vote in Mexico

WHEN the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico voted that the papal legate should be expelled from the country there was not a dissenting vote. Though Archbishop Flores was born in Mexico, he was expelled on the ground that he had forfeited his citizenship by representing a foreign power.

Twelve States Disfranchise Poverty

IN THE states of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, citizens, no matter what their other qualifications may be, cannot vote unless they can meet certain property requirements. In Maine any person who receives public relief forfeits his vote.

Big Banks Not Suffering

THE twenty largest banks and trust companies of New York made nearly $70,000,000 net profits in the first six months of 1932. Seven of the twenty banks are making more profits in 1932 than they did in 1931. Having control of the sinews of credit they are able to buy at bargain prices anything that has in it the possibilities of making money.

Reformed Church All in One Day

AT ITS general synod, at Asbury Park, the Reformed church, all in one day, voted No on a resolution that conscientious objectors should be granted American citizenship, and then urged that the church back the disarmament conference "with all the passionate zeal that goes with heroic adventure". If you can beat that for hypocrisy and inconsistency, you will have to go some.

Alas Poor Ananias!

SOME months ago a beer line half a mile long was discovered in Pittston, Pa. The beer was made in one place and bottled in another. Now elaborate beer pipe lines have been found built inside an eighteen-inch sewer in Lancaster, Pa., and in a new system being constructed there. The odd thing about it is that nobody seems to know where the pipes start or where they end, and the contractor who is building the new sewer denies all knowledge of the new pipe line already built into the sections he has finished.

Changes in the Railways

WITH less than 8 percent of the world's area, the United States has 32 percent of its railway mileage. Use of locomotives has dropped from 65,000 to 55,000, but the power of each locomotive has increased 20 percent. Passenger cars have fallen off from 55,040 to 51,750, freight cars from 2,348,000 to 2,200,000. But since 1911 the capacity of freight cars has increased 32 percent. Passengers carried last year were only half those carried in 1920.

Recovering the Egypt's Treasures

NOT only is the Italian ship Artiglio II raising the gold bullion from the Egypt at the greatest depths at which divers have ever successfully worked (some 400 feet), but in order to get at the bullion it has been necessary to cut through the steel deckplates for six decks below the bridge, and then cut through the walls of the bullion room itself, in itself a veritable fortress. About $1,000,000 of the $5,000,000 aboard the ship has already been recovered.

Too Many Priests in Vera Cruz

A YEAR ago the Mexican state of Vera Cruz passed a law limiting the number of priests in the state to one for each 100,000 people. Finding that this number is more than can be profitably employed for the good of the people, a new law has just been passed declaring that all priests have lost their citizenship and asking the government to put to useful social and educational purposes the buildings, the property of the government, heretofore used by the priests for their peculiar line of business.

Bergenfield Persecutors Rebuked

THE so-called "authorities" that have made such an exhibition of themselves at Bergenfield, N. J., by attempting to prevent the spread of the truth in that locality have been rebuked by the Supreme Court of the state of New Jersey. Justice Charles W. Parker ruled that the law which was invoked to deprive Christian men and women of their just rights and liberties was in reality made against tramps. He criticized the lower court's interpretation, saying: "If the reading suggested is adopted, any citizen taking a walk in the park or the street and declining to submit to interrogation by an inquisitive policeman is liable to prosecution as a disorderly person."

Public Ownership in Hamilton, Ohio

THE Kentucky *Post* says: "Since Hamilton built its city-owned plant, four years ago, a clear profit of $1,023,297 has been made. As income pays for the building of the plant and provides a fund for replacement, surplus can be absorbed by lowering the rates consumers have to pay for their electricity. The Hamilton electric power plant today is a shining example of successful and profitable public operation of a public utility."

"What He Is I Am"

C. W. CORLEY, author of "Korley's Kolumn", in the Athens (Texas) *Daily Review*, says in his letter of May 23: "The most sensible talk that I have heard is the talk made by Dr. J. F. Rutherford. I don't know what he calls himself. If he is a Methodist, I am; if he is a Baptist, I am. It makes no difference what he calls himself; that is just what I am, or that is just what I would like to be. We need more men like Dr. Rutherford."

Bishop Noll and the Depression

JOHN F. NOLL, D.D., bishop of the Fort Wayne diocese of the Roman Catholic church, is almost certain that the depression "may be an act of Providence", but we are certain it is not. It is all a part of "the *beginning* of sorrows", the great time of trouble inaugurated in the earth when Satan was cast out of heaven. The thing that will *end* it is an act of Providence, and no mistake, for God Almighty will soon end earth's troubles at Armageddon by putting an end to the trouble-makers themselves, including the biggest trouble-maker of all, Satan the Devil.

Why Wheat Is Low

THE principal industrial nations of the world are the United States (the eastern part), Scotland, England, France, Spain (northern), Italy (northern), Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Netherlands, Denmark, Norway (southern), and Sweden (southern). Into these lands must go all the surplus wheat of the world, but they now have protective tariffs and are trying to raise as much of their own food as is possible. Meantime, wheat production has greatly increased in all other parts of the world, and as a result a vast wheat surplus is piling up which cannot be marketed. The effort to dispose of this surplus at any price is what has depressed the world's wheat market.

Air Mails at Chicago

SIXTY percent of all the nation's air mail is handled at the post office at the Chicago Municipal Airport, now considered the busiest airport in the world. From Chicago by air it is 2½ hours to Detroit, 2¾ hours to Cleveland, 3½ hours to Minneapolis, 4 hours to Kansas City, 4½ hours to Omaha, 4¾ hours to Buffalo, 6½ hours to New York, 9 hours to Dallas, 11½ hours to Denver, 15¼ hours to Salt Lake City, 22 hours to Los Angeles and San Francisco, and 25 hours to Portland and Seattle.

Daniel Willard Agrees

ANSWERING the question, "Can the American government endure?" Judge Rutherford said No, and gave the reasons why it could not and will not. A few weeks later Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, said: "No government can endure with 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 of its citizens out of employment, with no money to take care of themselves and their families." And we merely add that that is the number now estimated to be out of work in the United States.

Sixty-one Weeks of Hiccoughing

MRS. ED. PRICE, Russellville, Arkansas, is recovering after sixty-one weeks of almost constant hiccoughing. In the interval she has been under the care of twelve physicians, lost seventy pounds in weight, and became paralyzed on one side. The doctors gave her 1,500 hypodermics, spinal punctures and intravenous shots, all to no effect. She was expected to die, when a chiropractor began treating her. She is now slowly improving; the paralysis is leaving, she sleeps soundly, and expects a full recovery.

Chicago World's Fair Coming Along

THE buildings and grounds of the international exposition, to be held at Chicago in 1933, are now a busy place. In the month of October 97,481 persons paid the admission fee of 10c which one must have to enter the grounds while the work of construction is under way. From June 1 to November 1 the paid admissions were over 550,000. One of the transportation exhibits at the World's Fair will be the "Louis McLane" stage coach which operated between the Missouri river and Salt Lake City in 1855, only five years after the first stage coach line to Salt Lake City was established.

New Hampshire Discussing Burial Rights

TILTON, N. H., is discussing the question of the right of the head of a destitute family to bury a dead child on his own property, without embalming the body. Most certainly, in these desperate times, something must be done to reduce the cost of burials for the poor. In the Bahamas, when there is a death, the bereaved family suffers no burial expense. The village burial association takes full charge of the interment, providing the plain coffin and digging the grave.

Work for a Thousand Men

IN PITTSBURGH or vicinity recently newspaper reports had it that in a given plant one thousand men would be put to work. What actually happened was that for forty consecutive days twenty-five different men were given one day of work apiece. We regret that the exact location of the plant was not ascertained at the time the item was mentioned, but as it was narrated by more than one person it may have been true. If so, what a shameful thing! Would appreciate the facts on this item.

Mr. Dawes and the Needy

THIS winter, when the 11,000,000 persons that are out of work, and their families, are rejoicing in the total sum of $350,000,000 set aside by the government for their relief, they can also rejoice in the generous loan of $80,000,000 to Mr. Dawes' bank in Chicago, but they will probably wonder, some of them, just why it is that Mr. Dawes seems, to some people who have government money to distribute, of about as much importance as one-fourth of all the vast multitude that will be in need this winter.

Kept Chicken Overnight in Aluminum

IN GALENA, Mo., in the family of Richard Crabtree, some chicken was kept overnight in an aluminum pan. Two of Mr. Crabtree's children, a boy of one and another boy of four years of age, died, and were buried in the same grave. Of course the authorities are investigating, and of course they 'do not know what caused the death of these children', but every reader of *The Golden Age* knows, and doesn't it seem just too bad that these murders should be allowed to go on, all because those who should have the interests of the people at heart are afraid of the aluminum trust?

McFadden Recommends the Federal Reserve

CONGRESSMAN LOUIS T. MCFADDEN, of Pennsylvania, gives the Federal Reserve system the following recommendation. He says: "The depredations and iniquities of the Federal Reserve banks have cost this country enough money to pay the national debt several times over. This evil institution has impoverished and ruined the people, has bankrupted itself and has practically bankrupted the government. It has done this through evasions of the law which officials countenanced and condoned, and through the corrupt practices of the moneyed vultures who control it." Seems as if he had not left much out.

Culkin and Merrill in Wrong

POLITICS is a dirty business at best, but we cannot imagine what has brought so low Francis D. Culkin (for Congress) and Melvin Merrill (for sheriff) in Jefferson county, New York. These men have had the humiliation of being recommended by thirty-nine ministers of Jefferson county, in a political advertisement which gives the names of the ministers. In going from door to door with Judge Rutherford's books, our experience with ministers is that they are the least civil, the least generous, the least kind, and the most uncivil, most rude and most unkind persons we meet. We cannot help but feel sorry for Culkin and Merrill, if they are fairly decent men, that their good names should have been thus dragged in the dust. But that is what they get for being in politics.

Pennsylvania Public Service Commission

W. D. B. AINEY, of the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission, in a period of five years, in which his salary was $10,500 a year, banked more than $185,000. The man who preceded him on the Commission, Mr. Benn, deposited $650,000 in Philadelphia banks in a time in which his total salary was only $100,000. In view of all this, who shall say that the Pennsylvania Public Service Commission is not a good thing? Not for the people; oh no, we don't mean that; but for men like Ainey and Benn. The Pittsburgh Utilities and Philadelphia Rapid Transit were very kind to Mr. Ainey and Mr. Benn. And it makes you love these Public Utilities, when you see how lovely they can be to the hard-worked servants of the people, and how eager they are to help in little ways as Mr. Benn was helped.

Need of Better Homes and Better People

DR. EDITH ELMER WOOD, housing expert, declares that one-third of America's families live in 9,000,000 homes that are unfit for human habitation and cost in crime, sickness and premature death a toll of fifteen billion dollars a year. A Federal judge claims that the annual bill for crime in the United States is thirteen billion dollars. Of course we cannot charge all the crimes in the country to those that live in poor homes, for the very greatest criminals are the great financiers that make the poor homes necessary, but there is no doubt that poor homes do encourage crime.

Bethlehem Steel's Comical Joke

APPARENTLY not referring to the millions distributed in bonus to himself and others, E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Company, in a printed message to his employees on the advisability of lower taxes, makes this comical statement: "We have a right to expect public officials to be as conscientious, efficient and economical in administering governmental affairs as our stockholders expect us to be in administering the affairs of our corporation." The stenographer who wrote that must have had to turn her head to keep from laughing in the face of the man who dictated it.

"I Believe He Will Come"

NOT realizing that he was voicing the world's need for the Messiah, now actually here and setting up His kingdom, a writer in the New York *Times* says:

> We are fed up with greed, dishonesty, get-rich-quick schemes, bankers with no sense of responsibility, business efficiency as a national ideal, pussyfooting, dodging issues like prohibition, members of Congress with their ears to the ground instead of their eyes on the nation's welfare and all the rest of what we have been getting. When an honest man, with a vision and a man's courage, swings into our ken, a mighty shout will go up for him from all parts of the nation, but no politician seems to realize it. He may not be right in all his ideas, any more than Bryan was, but, if he will stand firmly on his own feet, say what he thinks, denounce all the self-seeking and falsity and dodging and meanness and cowardice, he need not be afraid of lacking votes. He will get them by the million. One of these days, in spite of everything, I believe he will come.

It is our duty to say to this man that no such man as he looks for will ever come. No human leader will ever bring order out of this chaos. But Christ will do it, and He only, and it is He, and none other, that "will come".

Shrinkage in Ten Stocks

IN THE year 1929, on a certain day in July, the average of prices of ten leading stocks on the Stock Exchange was $199.45 per share. On May 13, 1932, the average of prices of the same ten stocks was $9.55 per share, or about 4.8 percent. The names of the companies are New York Central Railroad Co., American Machine and Foundry, Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., J. I. Case Threshing Machine, United Aircraft Corporation, Radio Corporation of America, Trans-America Corporation, Anaconda Copper and Smelting, Goodrich Rubber, and International Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Some of the Recent Losses

SOME of the recent losses in the United States are set forth as follows:

Bursting of stock market bubble	$35,000,000,000
Shrinkage in farm land values	22,000,000,000
Diminution in buying power (annual)	10,000,000,000
Shrinkage in farm crop values	3,965,000,000
Deficit	3,788,000,000
Increase in public debt	3,302,000,000
Decrease in exports	2,817,000,000
Decrease in national income	1,911,000,000
Liabilities, commercial failures	1,887,000,000
Increase in national expenditures	1,274,000,000
Liabilities, national bank failures	750,000,000
Total	$86,694,000,000

Chicago's New Post Office

CHICAGO'S new post office, one of the greatest buildings in the world, has been purposely built without any space for a boiler or power plant. By purchasing the current at the schedule rates, instead of making its own current, the government will lose from $80,000 to $115,000 a year, and by purchasing steam, instead of having its own heating plant, there will be an additional loss of $110,000 to $120,000 a year. It is estimated that a power and heating installation for the building would cost not to exceed $650,000, and the savings in operation would pay for the plant in less than three and a half years. But look at all the chance for graft that would be lost.

JEHOVAH created all things for the praise of His own name. (Rev. 4:11) Had all creatures remained in harmony with Jehovah the purpose of His works would be realized even now by praises to the Most High. Due to the fact of rebellion, however, the enemy has turned many creatures away from the Great Benefactor and the objective of creation has been hid and grossly misunderstood. A time must come when all who desire shall know and love Jehovah, His name will be vindicated, and the objective of creation will be realized by the unending songs of praise to the Creator. That objective could not be realized under the unrighteous reign of the enemy, but awaits the vindication of Jehovah's name in His righteous kingdom.

Knowing the purpose of His works and the intimate relationship of the kingdom of God to the accomplishment of that purpose, Jehovah caused the psalmist to write, "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations." (Ps. 145: 10-13) Millions of creatures have not known Jehovah heretofore, and it has been impossible for such creatures to worship the true God. When the creature comes to a realization of who Jehovah is and of his relationship to his Benefactor, at that time, and not before, does he become wise. No creature can be wise who does not know the purpose of existence; he is wise, indeed, who bends all his powers to the praise of Jehovah.

We can now understand why there is so much discontent, disappointment and sorrow in the world today; and, furthermore, we can now understand why even some who vowed to do God's will, becoming restless, have been turned aside by the wily enemy and forsake the path of righteousness. These conditions are caused either by not realizing the purpose of creation or because, having once learned the real work to be done, many have been led by the enemy into side lanes and the doing of those things which are foreign to the real work that God would have His people do at this time. There may be many apparently worthwhile enterprises in the world, a show of public benefit may allure many to take a slight departure from the right course, or the temporary gratification of personal pleasures may draw one into the paths of temptation. One cannot pursue a course pleasing to the Lord and chase the butterflies of one's own fancy. The question is not what may temporarily please creatures or even benefit them. The real issue is, What is pleasing to the Lord? He who understands and appreciates the Creator's purpose must also persist in following a course consistent therewith.

If one realizes the purpose of all creation to be to praise and magnify the great God and persists in following a course consistent therewith he cannot go wrong. It is what Jehovah wishes done, not what we wish done, that is the all-important thing. Right in this connection, while considering the proper thing to be done we cannot let even our good intentions be a safe guide in a course of action. Undoubtedly the path to destruction is paved with the glittering stones of good intentions. You will recall how Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark when the oxen stumbled. Uzza's intentions so far as he wished to keep the ark on the cart may have been good, but he was disobeying the command of the Lord because he was not a Levite. (1 Chron. 13:9, 10; 15:2) On account of his disobedience the Lord smote him to death. The Kingdom work now demands that we obey the Lord's commandments, and only as we do His bidding are we doing those things that are praiseworthy.

Of course there is much suffering in the world today because the people do not realize the purpose of all creation. The temporary spurt of selfish activity only leads to disappointment when one discovers that his hopes are blasted and his efforts have been in vain. The real reason for so much discontent is that man is not doing what he was created to do. It is only as one knows and zealously does the things for which he was designed that he can be truly happy. What would the Lord have me do? How can I praise and honor my Maker? These are questions of paramount importance.

At this time there are numerous creatures on earth, also there are creatures invisible to man, who do not appreciate that Jehovah is the true God; and without faith and love for the great Creator it is impossible either to please Him or to serve Him. We see, therefore, the great necessity for the vindication of the name of Je-

hovah at the outset of the Kingdom arrangement. Those who love the Lord earnestly desire that His name be vindicated. The vindication of Jehovah's name comes at a time of judgment and the manifestation of the great power of the Almighty. When the people of earth appreciate the righteous judgments of the Lord and learn of His goodness, then they will praise Him forever. In Isaiah 26:8,9 we read, "Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; *the desire of our soul is to thy name,* and to the remembrance of thee. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness."

There are numerous creatures visible and invisible who have rebelled against the Most High. These enemies must be put to death in the early part of the Kingdom in order that God's judgments may be accomplished and in order that the obedient creatures may be untrammeled in their service and praise of Jehovah. This is accomplished at a time when the name of Jehovah is brought to the fore. Speaking words of encouragement and assurance the witnesses of Jehovah now on earth say, "Through thee will we push down our enemies; through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever." (Ps. 44:5-8) Those who have already felt and appreciated the power of God in their behalf realize the weakness of the arm of flesh. They praise God for His goodness, and this they do because it is right that they should worship the Lord and do Him homage in grateful recognition of His many favors.

The Creator is the source of all power, and He will abundantly manifest that power in the coming battle of Armageddon in vindication of His name. His wondrous works at that time will cause all to tremble, and those who love Him will give Him thanks because of His judgments and the righteous execution thereof. "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare. The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved." (Ps. 75:1,3) The righteous do not fear the coming wrath against the Devil's organization, but rather pray for it. When the present unrighteous organization is dissolved, a new and righteous kingdom will have sway in all the earth; the creatures will come to a recognition of things as they should be, and the hearts and hands of all the obedient will rejoice in the works of their Maker.

In this time of trouble and uncertainty that is upon all nations of the earth the best thing for all to do is to call upon the name of the Lord; He is the only one on whom to rely and His organization will provide protection in this time of distress. As Jehovah manifests His power and His strange act in vindication of His name, the people of the nations who will survive (and there are millions of people of good will toward Jehovah's witnesses) will worship before the true God and glorify His name. This, indeed, will be a time of great joy among all creatures and will make the heart of Jehovah glad. There will be a new start in earth's affairs, a new day in which the human family will prosper in those things which are pleasing to the Lord, and the creatures will realize the purpose of existence in the everlasting praises of Jehovah. "Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me. Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works. All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name. For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone."—Ps. 86:6-10.

Having noted a number of scriptures which clearly point out to us that Jehovah's name will be vindicated at the very outset of the new kingdom, we can now appreciate the fact that when the people know the Most High they will praise Him by their words and actions. When He has put down the enemy by His field marshal, Christ Jesus, and manifested His indisputable supremacy the people will praise His greatness and majesty. So impressive will be the display of His power and His mighty acts in the battle at Armageddon that these will never be forgotten; one generation (Jehovah's witnesses) shall tell the memories of Jehovah's acts to the other generation (God's faithful prophets and witnesses before Christ) who will be awakened from the graves. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearch-

able. One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honour of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness." (Ps. 145:3-7) The people will be overjoyed in the goodness and blessing of Jehovah, because He will treat them in a manner different from what they have experienced under the hand of the cruel enemy. The joy which the people will have in their hearts will overflow in the praises which will ever be upon their lips to the honor of the Most High.

After man was created and placed in the garden of Eden the law was given to him, the keeping of which would have insured the favor of God and His blessing. On account of disobedience the people have been overreached by the enemy and have been blinded as to what the law of God really is. In the Kingdom this veil which has been cast over all nations will be lifted, and the people will see what is pleasing to God and will do it. As the inhabitants sing the praises of God they will receive of His blessing and be given bouyant health, and the righteous Nation will secure their welfare. "That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth."—Ps. 67:2-4.

Jehovah has made the earth for man, and has so constructed the materials thereof to supply the common necessities to sustain human life. During the reign of evil selfish men have obtained possession of the mines and oil wells of the earth, and have exploited the people with these necessities of life. The wheat, corn and other grains have passed from producer to consumer by way of restrictive tariffs to support the idle rich. The giant skyscrapers in our large cities and which represent the hard-earned dollars of millions of people have really been reared upon the backs of the laboring masses. The ponderous systems of governments with their many useless bureaus, politicians and grafters have really been playing into the hands of the privileged few and have resulted in the undoing of the people. Things will be reversed under the kingdom of the Creator. At that time the earth will yield abundantly and the hand of the profiteer will be thwarted. The people will rejoice in the provisions of their Benefactor. "Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him."—Ps. 67:5-7.

It is the purpose of Jehovah that all His works should praise Him. This includes both animate and inanimate works of His creation. Undoubtedly, as one appreciates the wonders of creation with the wisdom which the Lord has provided, such objects will arouse admiration for the Creator. Heretofore, under the reign of Satan, the people have been kept from an understanding of the truth, and also from appreciating the fact that the wonderful things by which we are surrounded in the heavens and here on earth are products of the Almighty. It has been the object of Satan to keep the people away from Jehovah. However, inasmuch as it is the purpose of God that all His works shall reflect glory and praise to Him, a time must come when the people will know Jehovah and appreciate His works. There is, therefore, much to learn in the wonders of creation which science falsely so called either has not disclosed or has so twisted as to give an entirely wrong impression of the Creator.

Studying the glory of the heavens and the laws by which the stars and planets are held together and interlace with such precision and regularity, one is astounded at the wisdom and power of the Creator. One will also marvel at how the Creator uses the mighty deep, fire, hail, snow, vapor and the stormy wind to fulfill His word. These things Jehovah makes and uses in a manner strange and perplexing to man. They do not function by mere chance, but will certainly be used marvelously to accomplish the will of their Maker and Governor. The whole of the 148th Psalm gives us a picture of the marvels of creation doing honor to Jehovah, who made the heavens and the earth.

"Praise ye Jehovah. Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens: praise him in the heights. Praise ye him, all his angels: praise ye him, all his hosts. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that be above the

heavens. Let them praise the name of Jehovah: for he commanded, and they were created. He hath also established them for ever and ever: he hath made a decree which shall not pass. Praise Jehovah from the earth, ye dragons, and all deeps: fire, and hail; snow, and vapours; stormy wind fulfilling his word: mountains, and all hills; fruitful trees, and all cedars: beasts, and all cattle; creeping things, and flying fowl: kings of the earth, and all people; princes, and all judges of the earth: both young men, and maidens; old men, and children: let them praise the name of Jehovah: for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints, even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye Jehovah."

Cows Are the Happiest

IN A SERMON on happiness the Rev. Dr. William J. Thompson of Drew University, dedicating the new Methodist Episcopal Metropolitan Temple, at Seventh avenue and Thirteenth street, said that it is a duty to be happy and that unhappiness is a sin. And then he raised the question whether the 23,000,000 cows in the United States are not more happy than the same number of people; and we have to say that they are, because they don't have to listen to a lot of sermons on happiness that are pure bunk from beginning to end. Happiness in the Lord does not mean happiness in the flesh; often it means the very reverse. But why try to tell that to the cows?

Huge Bridges at San Francisco

NOT only does San Francisco plan to span the Golden Gate by a bridge which will be one of the wonders of the world, but it is also expecting to run a bridge straight across San Francisco Bay to Oakland. These enterprises, which will cost some $75,000,000, will employ approximately 6,000 men for three and a half years.

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Africa—A Continent in the Making

In Four Parts — Part 1

MORE than one-fifth of the land surface of the world, but only one-twelfth of its population, lies in the head-shaped continent south and west of the Mediterranean and Red seas and the Indian ocean. From Cape Blanco in Tunisia to Cape Agulhas in Cape Colony is nearly five thousand miles, almost straight south. From Cape Verde in Senegal, at the back of the head, to Cape Guardafui in Italian Somaliland, at the turned-up tip of the nose, is about 4,600 miles almost straight east. The eye of this imaginary head would be about Khartoum, the capital of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan; the mouth at Zanzibar; the border of the Red sea would be its forehead; the ear would be in the Cameroon mountains, at the great bend, near the mouth of the Niger river, on the west coast.

In this article we hope to get better acquainted with this vast continent, associated with the earliest history of the race, and yet until recently one of the least known portions of the earth. The continent of Africa is 11,262,000 square miles, with islands of 239,000 more. Readers will find more enjoyment and profit in the study by having at hand a map of Africa.

In a general way we hope to go around the head from the mouth at Zanzibar east through Tanganyika and Kenya to Somaliland; north through Abyssinia, Eritrea and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan to Egypt, just recently discussed in these columns; west through Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Rio de Oro to Senegal; then will come the west coast countries, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ivory Coast, Gold Coast, Nigeria, French Equatorial Africa, and the Belgian Congo; and finally all the rest of Africa commonly called South Africa, and constituting the key to the whole continent.

On South Africa, as we shall consider it, we hope to have something to say about the Portuguese states of Angola, on the west, and Mozambique, on the east, and all the British states that lie between and to the south, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Bechuana Land, Southwest Africa, and the Union of South Africa, made up of Cape Colony, Orange Free State, Natal and the Transvaal.

It seems hard to believe it, but the island of Madagascar, off the east coast, is larger than New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois put together. The United States is a big country, but the continent of Africa is nearly four times as large. The area of the Sahara desert alone is two-thirds that of the United States, or about the same as the whole of Europe outside of Russia.

Why It Has Remained a Dark Continent

Peculiar conditions have conspired to make Africa a country difficult of penetration. Its northern edge is one of the oldest inhabited countries of the world, but between that and all the rest of the country is the impenetrable Sahara. The ascent of the Nile was hindered by cataracts and by the sudd that chokes the stream just north of the equator.

The coast line is almost unbroken around the entire continent, so that there are few natural harbors. The coast regions are fever-smitten. In the interior are wild animals and, till recently, and even yet in some places, cannibals. Cut off from the rest of the world by mountains, seas and deserts, and burdened by the weight of his dark color, the black man has been left to himself, except as the whites saw fit to raid his country and take him into slavery. These raids were made by sea, mostly.

Escarpment mountains run nearly around the whole of Africa. These, like mighty battlements, shut off the interior and make the rivers largely useless for the purposes of navigation. Diverse languages have been a barrier. Native indolence, demonized medicine men, absence of roads, impenetrable jungles, all these have held the conti-

nent back from contact with the whites, and from progress.

The advent of the white man has brought the black man many sorrows, but it has brought him some good things too. French and British administrators have put an end to the intertribal wars that at various times have decimated parts of the Dark Continent.

Mohammedanism has been a curse to the blacks and has spread far into the interior; and it spreads far more rapidly than the perversion of truth which has come in the name of Christianity. The medicine man is still supreme in Africa. His intelligence may be measured from the fact that one of them ground up a phonograph record and gave it to a man who could not talk. The man got well! We have heard of persons who were vaccinated and did not get smallpox thereafter!

Natural Ability of the Blacks

On subjects with which they are familiar, it is generally admitted that there are no better reasoners than the black men. When following the trail of game they read accurately every break in the branches, every mark in the earth, every twist in the grass, every rustling of the leaves. They can even tell the kind of prey they are tracking, its height, and sometimes its sex.

By means of relays of wooden gongs the blacks in central Africa quickly send complicated information hundreds of miles. How it is done the white man cannot even understand; yet it is done. From time immemorial in certain districts the natives have been accustomed to working iron, making their own knives, bush hooks, hoes, and tomahawks.

Every new white man is at once given a name which describes him perfectly, accentuating his peculiarities. The white man's machines are named appropriately, to describe the sounds they emit or the work they do. The African is nothing if not original.

The natives of Africa are, generally speaking, the most peaceful, most trustful, and best tempered people to be found anywhere. This would be apparent from the fact that there never has been an invasion of other lands by an uprising of blacks; nor has the black race in America ever given any serious trouble. It has had trouble, plenty of it, but the fault has generally not been of its making.

As elsewhere, the blacks do the hardest kind of work efficiently and uncomplainingly. In caravans a group of four Negroes carry their own baggage, one traveler's baggage and the traveler himself, and make fourteen to eighteen miles a day. Porters on the mail routes carry fifty pounds of mail and travel twenty-five miles per day, sometimes for as long as twenty-four days in one direction. They are so faithful that in a journey of 600 miles they are seldom more than an hour behind schedule time, and generally less than half that. They make better time in the rainy season, when they can travel without the sandals which are needed in hot weather.

Happy and Childlike Dispositions

Those who have been much in contact with the blacks in their homeland describe them as having happy and childlike dispositions, as, indeed, is the case here in America. However, here they are only one in ten of the population, while in Africa the blacks outnumber the whites fifty to one. They do not brood over their grievances; they are not oppressed with discontent. They are admittedly much easier to govern than the Hindus.

If his master has beams or planks around the place the native will chop them up for firewood because they chop more easily than logs; the fact that they are valuable and expensive does not enter his mind.

The black man will submit to photographing his home and everything he has. Today a white man is safe almost anywhere in Africa, and will be treated with courtesy and kindness and be supplied with food. Even when hundreds of miles from a white face, he can count on a friendly smile and a salute when he meets a native or a group.

As in America (and in America it is not limited to the blacks), the Africans are inordinately vain, so much so that the world's recognized market for second-hand uniforms, dress suits, etc. is in that region. A pair of trousers makes all the difference in the world in the estimate a man holds of himself in Africa, and in the estimate that others have of him. Put a pair of trousers on one who has never before worn them, and he at once becomes insufferably arrogant.

There are tribes in Africa where the women paint as badly as they do in New York city. This may seem incredible to one who has ridden in a New York subway.

The African natives, in some places, devote much attention to their hair and teeth, as others

do elsewhere. Styles vary. Some of these natives stain their teeth blue, yellow, and purple, leaving a white tooth here and there. Others file their teeth in patterns. The style of coloring or filing shows at a glance to what tribe one belongs.

In some tribes the hair is plaited and wrapped with grass and clay so as to make the strands stick out "like quills upon a fretful porcupine". Rings and bones inserted in the lips, nose, ears and cheeks make a belle look as badly as some New York women look when they have put on overmuch paint; i. e., when they have painted not wisely but too well.

Missions have not worked out for the African's betterment. Taught by the mission schools some of the elements of the white man's trades, the native breaks away from the school and obtains work in a railroad gang or in a mine, only to learn in a short time all that is worst in life. His habits become corrupted, his reliability and trustfulness disappear, and it is literally true that he becomes twofold more the child of *gehenna* than he was in the first place.

He gets other things than liquor from the white man that ruin his body and mind, and in many ways, where he is brought in close contact with the white, his childlike wonderment gradually changes into contempt as he sees the inconsistencies and selfishness that mark his white cousin's course.

Animal Life

As might be expected in a country which has such a large area of rich soil, Africa has an excess of wild animals. Formerly there were many elephants, but their numbers have been reduced on account of slaughter to obtain ivory.

The story that the elephants have a 'graveyard' to which the old ones go when they can no longer care for themselves is widely believed all over Africa and Asia, but is probably not true. The aged elephants stumble and fall and die from injuries, and in a trice the jackals, hyenas, leopards, lions, vultures, hawks and eagles pick the bones, and the natives gather the ivories and do not report their find.

There are still plenty of lions, too many, indeed, in some districts, where they have become man-eaters. The lions soon learn that with a few cuffs of their powerful paws they can break down the walls of a native hut and get a good meal without the trouble of looking for one elsewhere. They have even been said to board a moving train and enter a sleeping-car without obtaining reservations in advance, and, moreover, to do the very impolite thing of jumping out of a window with a passenger by the head.

On an East African railroad a lion recently boarded the train and chased a soldier through one car and into another, ignoring several other passengers en route. Luckily, the soldier delayed him long enough by slamming doors in his face that he was able to get his gun. The first shot finished him.

Occasionally there is a plague of man-eating lions in a district. In one area two lions devoured thirty-four natives. On one of these occasions they dragged a night watchman off the veranda of a white man's home. The so-called 'spotted foot' lions, i. e., those that have spots on the bottom portion of the legs, are considered the most dangerous type.

A lion kills only when hungry. At other times he may pass through a herd of other animals without touching one. The old lions are usually killed by jackals, when their teeth fail and they no longer have the strength to hunt. Lions, even in their prime, are often killed by crocodiles.

The Dreaded Crocodile

The crocodile is one of the most dreaded of all the wild animals. He has two teeth that grow upward through his nose, and when he gets those two teeth through anything in the way of meat it is good-bye to that meat. He commonly grabs his prey by the nose, stuns it by a blow of his tail, and drags it back to the river, where he drowns it; then he dives to the underwater entrance to his cave, and climbs upward into his dining room and enjoys himself. If the meat is partly decayed he gets a bigger kick out of it than if it is fresh.

There are districts where packs of wild dogs run at large. When they go through a territory they clean it of every living thing. Leopards and white men kill just for the lust of killing. Of the two, the men are the worse. They cripple animals and leave them to wander off and suffer from terrible wounds; they pitfall them and allow them to struggle for hours; they trap them by the leg or the neck; they chase them with dogs; they use fire to drive them; they catch them in nets; they spear them; they arrange guns which fire when bait is pulled; they throw chunks of poisoned meat where it will be eaten; they shoot poisoned arrows; they poison drinking water.

Antelopes will not run at sight of a lion, but they do run in terror at the sight of the worst of all killers, man. Efforts are now being made in Tanganyika district to prevent hunting by motor car, as it is rapidly robbing the entire territory of its wild life. The days of big game are numbered. The lion, the giraffe, the hippopotamus and the great snakes are being exterminated, slowly but surely. Fallen man loves to break the everlasting covenant.

Why the Continent Is Alive at Night

All writers on Africa agree that the continent is asleep by day and alive by night. Nothing moves in the blistering heat of midday; but at midnight, if one takes a large electric searchlight and goes out of camp pairs of eyes will glow and fade in every direction. There will be jackals, servals (bush cats), spring hares, genets, mongooses, antelopes, leopards, lions, cheetahs, wild dogs and hyenas where in daylight nothing more was in sight than a wart hog or a flock of guinea fowl.

The dew falls early in the evening. That makes the grass sweeter and fresher, and so the grass-eaters graze mainly at night. The lions know this, and follow and hunt them then, because it is far easier to catch and kill a moving, feeding animal than one that is lying down and on the alert. A lion kills about sixty antelopes a year. His frame is large, and it takes considerable food to keep it going.

Some forty years ago a disease called rinderpest swept through central Africa and decimated the herds of game, especially the buffalo. Old hairless bulls and cows are now sometimes seen, and are known as rinderpest buffalo because they are survivors of the plague.

Leopards, panthers, hyenas, and jackals are found in most parts of Africa. Of antelopes there are fifty varieties. Giraffes are not found elsewhere. The ostrich is a native of the Dark Continent; so also is the serpent-killer called the secretary bird, and the honey-guide, which points out the nests of bees.

The ants in some districts are so savage that the only things safe from destruction are such articles as are packed in metal boxes. A pair of shoes left exposed for one night is riddled by morning. Even the floors of houses are eaten away.

Exploration of the Dark Continent

Pharaoh Necho, the same one that killed King Josiah at the battle of Megiddo, built a canal from the Nile to the Red sea some time between 609 and 595 B.C., and hired Phœnician navigators to circumnavigate the Dark Continent. It took them three years to get around.

A mere matter of two thousand years later, Henry the Navigator, ruler of Portugal, fired by a somewhat similar ambition, sent out several expeditions. In 1486 Bartholomew Diaz doubled the Cape of Good Hope, and eleven years later Vasco de Gama sailed up the east coast as far as Mombasa, the mouth of our imaginary head, and thence across to India.

Up to the middle of the nineteenth century the whole of the interior of Africa was a blank. Penetration, when it finally came, was from the south. In 1802-1806 two Portuguese traders crossed the continent from Angola to Mozambique. Now one can make the same journey entirely by rail.

Livingstone penetrated far up into the interior, and about the time that the first stage coach went through the American desert to the Pacific coast he crossed Africa again, from the mouth of the Congo to the mouth of the Zambezi. It is not so long ago. There are plenty of people still living who can remember when this trip was made, in the late fifties. Stanley's explorations were still more recent.

About forty years ago Britain, France and Germany decided to grab Africa, and many of us can remember when these three burglars got together and decided how they would divide the loot. Since then penetration and civilization have proceeded apace. The World War, with its transfer of German possessions to the British, placed the key of the continent in the hands of England.

London to Cape Town in Four Days

In the year 1898-99 the first complete trip was made between Cape Town and Cairo. It required eighteen months. Eight years ago the regulation time for the trip was fifty-three days. For the past few months the mail planes have been making it regularly in eleven days, recently cut to nine.

But now, November 14-18, 1932, Amy Johnson Mollison hopped from Lympne, England, to Cape Town in 4 days 6 hours and 56 minutes, with only five hours' sleep en route. She flew over France and Algeria, straight across the Sahara desert, and thence down the west coast to her destination, stopping only four times en route.

Africa is being opened up all at once. Planes are flying hither and thither, wireless stations are everywhere, railroads are being pushed forward, bridges are being built, and highways completed on which automobiles rush to and fro, all resulting in the rapid education of the Negro, whether he ever sees the inside of a school or not.

The trip to Victoria Falls on the Zambezi can now be made safely from the east coast, from the west coast, or from Cape Town, all the way by rail. Here a river over a mile wide plunges three times the height of Niagara, with a roar that can be heard nineteen miles.

A thousand miles farther north is the new and elegant city of Elizabethville, in the Congo Free State, where there are good hotels, banks, stores, residences and a generous supply of automobiles. All this has come about since the World War, because a tremendously rich vein of copper lies on the surface of the ground.

Africa has 33,000 miles of railway, with need of many more great lines to give it anything like adequate transportation. Meantime the railways already built are feeling the competition of the automobile. Falling trees constitute one of the dangers of automobile traffic in Africa. Ant hills are another potent source of danger.

The total annual trade with Africa, imports and exports, is around $2,500,000,000 a year.

Beginning at Tanganyika

Beginning at Tanganyika we start our trip around Africa. One of the reasons the World War was fought was to get this territory away from the Germans and under the control of Britain. It is the choicest colony Germany ever had, but lay square across Britain's path from the Cape to Cairo. It is larger than all the territory in the United States lying east of the Mississippi river, west of the Hudson river, and north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers.

It is excellently situated, with the Indian ocean to the east, Lake Nyassa on the south, Lake Victoria Nyanza on the north, and Lake Tanganyika on the west. Before they gave it up at the point of a gun, the Germans had built a railroad through from Zanzibar to Lake Tanganyika, with a branch to Victoria Nyanza.

Lake Tanganyika, 772 miles by rail inland from the Indian ocean, was discovered by Burton and Speke in 1858. It was on the shore of this lake that Stanley found Livingstone in 1871. The lake is over 400 miles long, and 30 miles wide, and is 4,000 feet deep, with its bottom 1,600 feet below sea level. A half dozen steamers ply its waters, which swarm with fish, crocodiles and hippopotamuses. At high water it discharges into the Congo. The rift in the earth's surface which is in evidence at Lake Tanganyika continues northward to and including Palestine, where the Jordan valley is its northern terminus.

Important nickel deposits have recently been discovered in the province. Since the World War the Germans have begun to return to the colony and there are now about 800 of them working as servants on the plantations they once owned.

Ten years ago it was estimated that of the total population of 4,124,438 only 2,447 were Europeans. It is the claim of the British Government that they wish to keep this a black man's country, under white domination. The natives will be permitted to do all the hard work; the whites will make such disposition of the cream as they think best.

The Masai tribe, which inhabits Tanganyika, is of magnificent physique. The young men are taught to encounter lions in mortal combat, armed only with a spear. The old warriors never die natural deaths. At the approach of old age they are banished from the tribe and end their days in the haunts of man-eating beasts. Their language, Swahili, is understood all over East Africa.

The Masai are people to be reckoned with. Their poisoned arrows, dipped in a concoction made of the leaves and branches of a small tree, the *Acocanthera Schimperi*, bring instant death to any creature wounded. They cut out the flesh around the wound, as soon as possible, and throw it away. The remainder is eaten and the blood is drunk. The love of blood as an article of food is common with many African tribes. Some of them go so far as to bleed their cattle and drink the blood hot or mixed with their porridge.

Kenya — British East Africa

If, in this imaginary head we are studying, Tanganyika is to represent the lower lip, then Kenya represents the upper one. It has Abyssinia to the north, Italian Somaliland to the northeast, the Indian ocean to the east, and Uganda to the west, with which latter it is connected by rail. It is of the size of all the territory between North Carolina and Maine, including West Virginia.

The population is well mixed. Eight years ago the total was 2,475,059, including 11,002 Euro-

peans, 24,771 Asiatics, and 9,753 Arabs. Lake Victoria Nyanza, on its southwestern border, is second in size of the fresh water lakes of the world, Lake Superior being the only larger one. It was discovered by Speke in 1858, but he did not recognize it as the source of the Nile, and, in fact, the connection was not definitely traced until nearly fifteen years afterwards. The lake is 3,600 feet above sea level.

The mountains in the vicinity of Victoria Nyanza rise to a height of 19,300 feet. Signs of volcanic activity are still visible. Though directly beneath the equator, the high ground on which the capital, Nairobi, stands makes it a desirable place of residence for Europeans. The climate is a perpetual Indian summer. The city is well built, with stone buildings and wide paved streets wherein automobiles mingle with bicycles and jinrikishas. The bulk of the trade is in the hands of East Indians, of whom there are several thousand in the city.

Kenya has every climate, from that of the tropics to that of the glaciers. Today its jungles are pretty well conquered. The lions have been reduced to stock robbers. The problem of how to keep everything for themselves and still do something for the natives, and at the same time keep the East Indians from becoming too much dissatisfied, engages the best thought of the British rulers. Educational systems, sanitation problems and experiments in government claim their attention.

Old Settlers Want to Run Everything

The old British settlers want to run everything; the Home Office knows that if they do the natives will get nothing, and so a few men in London try to regulate and decide and plan about everything, with the result that there is a stronger and ever stronger insistence upon home rule. Yet the settlers are not capable of independence, for they are outnumbered by the natives, 200 to 1. The settlers never know when they will need troops.

A settler says that to get on with the natives the employer must be just; keep his word; be generous, but not too much so; swiftly punish any wrong; feed the help well; be always ready to listen to their little complaints; know when to crack a joke with the laborers; and never wholly lose his temper. Sounds as if that program would work in the United States.

One upright judge in British East Africa astonished the white population when he sentenced an army captain to three months' imprisonment for flogging a dumb boy over the head, face, and body for an hour. Of course there was a provocation. The boy, with little to occupy his mind, had chased a pig to death, and was chasing another; but that was no excuse for the white man's putting his own mind on an even lower plane.

A man thirty years a settler in Kenya, referring to the relative safety from wild beasts, recently wrote to the New York *Times:* "Unarmed natives and Europeans have traveled for many years and continue to travel through the heart of the game country. Accidents occasionally do occur, but for every instance of injury to man by wild animals there must be at least a thousand fatalities from motor cars. I have yet to learn of any suggestion to abolish motoring."

Doctors in Kenya who set out to vaccinate the inhabitants report that the natives flee into the bush rather than submit to vaccination, which shows that they have more natural common sense than have the whites in New York city.

How the Whites Got the Land

Maybe you wonder how the whites come into possession of land in Kenya. It is very simple. They just take it. Thousands of acres have been taken from property which for centuries has been recognized as communal property belonging to certain tribes, and no compensation whatever was made therefor. Moreover, the Negro who once used the land must now live elsewhere, but he may come and work on the land for some white man. As a result 35 percent of the natives are away from their homes and families and gardens.

A Kenya native who leaves his employer before his term of service has expired can be thrown into jail. In order to trace deserters the government requires all native men and women to be fingerprinted. A Kenya native must carry a pass when outside his reserve, and is not allowed to purchase land outside that reserve. And he may not raise exportable crops.

When you come to think of it, the Negro is reported as getting a pretty rotten deal. His land is taken away, he must go elsewhere to rear his family, he must leave his family for months at a stretch to obtain a means of livelihood, he is fingerprinted and jailed if he leaves his work, and he cannot even buy a home near his work or have a little independent business of his own. Nobody but a kind-hearted Negro would stand

that kind of treatment. Would a Britisher stand it?

While the whites were grabbing lands in Kenya they grabbed a plenty. The average white farm is 7⅛ square miles. The "owners" of these farms are among the richest people in the world, owning among them some three million head of livestock. Some of them have sixty or more laborers on their farms; floggings are common. The principle of forced labor has been introduced in Kenya. Forced labor is slavery. The white man is a bad man; he does not do to others as he would wish to have done to him.

Some years ago a missionary came from Kenya to the Colonial Office in London, urging that the withholding of the franchise from Indians who had settled there was in the interest of the native Africans. The Africans sent a cablegram to London reading as follows:

> We have no faith in Dr. Arthur, and believe that he will harm our cause and favor white settlers. Our troubles emanate from white settlers only. We are afraid to declare our mind here, and fear imprisonment, transportation, or hanging. We request to be afforded an opportunity for representative natives to wait upon the Colonial Office before a decision is taken regarding the fate of our country.

Uganda, at the Head of the Nile

Uganda, at the head of the Nile, is a little larger than the combined areas of New York, Pennsylvania and Delaware. It has Lake Rudolph and Kenya colony to the east, Lake Victoria Nyanza to the south, and Lake Albert Nyanza and the Nile river to the west.

A so-called "Christian" country, it was grabbed by the British in 1894, but is allowed self-government in purely native affairs. Much of the climate is unhealthful, and at one time a whole section was depopulated by sleeping sickness. The Nile and the Congo are connected by a road through the heart of "Darkest Africa."

There is a peculiar native grass, much used by the natives as thatch, which often reaches to a height of twelve feet or over. Big game is plentiful. Iron ore and gold have been found. Uganda has become one of the sources of cotton for the British empire, yielding some 200,000 bales annually. The cotton barons are chiefly natives.

The Buganda natives are very intelligent and of good disposition and will doubtless be readily amenable to the truth when it finally gets to them. All the accessories of civilization are in their possession, automobiles, trucks, bicycles, wireless, good roads, etc.

The capital, Entebbe, is a beautiful little town of bungalows surrounded by well-kept lawns bordering wide streets, shaded from the tropical sun by huge trees. It occupies a peninsula almost surrounded by the blue water of Lake Victoria Nyanza.

Having, in *Golden Age* No. 339, issue of September 14, 1932, discussed at length the great countries of Egypt and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, which lie to the north of Uganda, we do not treat them here, but terminate this part of our story with a little information about

Ethiopia and the Somalilands

The nose of Africa turns up instead of down, and so the countries which go to make it are sometimes called "The Eastern Horn of Africa". The central part of this horn is, of course, Abyssinia, the official name of which is Ethiopia, nominally Christian for fifteen hundred years.

When Africa was carved up between the great powers it was the intention that Italy should have Abyssinia, and the Italians tried to take it but suffered such a defeat at the battle of Adowa, in 1896, that they were glad to stick to the coast, of which the French and British also have portions.

Abyssinia is extremely mountainous and therefore healthful. Sometime it will make a wonderful country. Its greatest present need is adequate roads. A railroad 495 miles in length penetrates from French Somaliland to the capital at Addis Abeba, which latter place was fixed as the capital in 1892. The train runs up to the capital one week and back the next.

Abyssinia proper is of greater area than all that part of the United States east of the states of Indiana and Kentucky. The royal family claims descent from King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. Ethnologists claim that the true Abyssinian type contains no Negro blood whatever and none of the Negro qualities, either mental or physical.

The present ruler is an enlightened man. He is trying to put down slavery, but has a hard job ahead of him, owing to the intractability of the various kings and kinglets, speaking some seventy languages, that rule in various parts of his mountain realm.

The northern part of the Abyssinian coast is called Eritrea. It is in the hands of the Italians,

and is of the size of the state of Pennsylvania. French Somaliland, to the east of Eritrea, is of the size of Connecticut. It was presented to the French as a reward for rescuing one of the Abyssinian rulers from an Arab prison.

British Somaliland, to the east of French Somaliland, was seized in 1898. It is of about the size of the New England states. It was wanted because it controls the Gulf of Aden, at the mouth of the Red sea. The rule is, "If you haven't got what you want, take it."

In the subjugation of Somaliland, the British government in the year 1921 resorted to the bombing of native quarters from airplanes in order to accomplish their ends. It does not seem to us that it is any less murder or any less thievery to subjugate a black man's land than it is a white man's land; and both are alike execrable. In the end "order" was established. Oh yes!

"Order, the hush of brooding slaves.
Peace in the dungeon vaults and graves."

Italian Somaliland, at the tip of the horn, or the tip of the nose, is more than twice the size of Italy itself. A delegation of natives recently made a protest to the League of Nations against the overbearing manners, or lack of them, of the Italians. It seems that a Fascist magistrate decided that trousers may be worn only by white men, and the natives want to know if there is any good reason why these Roman Catholic Christians of the tribes of Macaroni, Vermicelli and Spaghetti can keep a black man from wearing the second-hand pair of pants which is his principal investment, adornment and charm.

(To be continued)

What Science Says About Tobacco

(By H. N. Pringle, in *Twentieth Century Progress*)

WHEN $50,000,000 is expended in one year by a few tobacco trusts in large or colored advertisements to educate the women of America to acquire the habit of smoking and double the tobacco consumption, it is time for a few facts about tobacco. It is pleasing to learn that none resent this false ballyhoo of the greedy trusts more than some dealers in the wholesale tobacco trade. One would infer from some of these cigarette advertisements that a package of fags are far better than cough medicine for a delicate throat; or that cigarette smoking is an undisputed badge of good breeding. Dr. Walter B. Pitkin's book *The Art of Learning* (published in 1931) is in such demand at the Carnegie Library and the Congressional Library that for many weeks I was unable to procure one of the five copies to make the following quotations:

"Proof is at hand that, for the vast majority of men and women, every ounce of tobacco smoked retards and confuses their intellectual work to a degree easily measured in the laboratory. Indeed, it has been so measured, and by highly competent disinterested physicians and psychologists. Probably you have never heard about the researches of the committee of scientists, under the presidency of Dr. Alexander Lambert. Many of the leaders in physiology, neurology, psychology, genetics, economics and social sciences served on that committee. Carefully controlled laboratory tests and statistical surveys were made; and several important monographs published. The two which concern us here are M. V. O'Shea's sizable book entitled *Tobacco and Mental Efficiency* (1923) and a general committee summary of clinical data entitled 'Tobacco and Physical Efficiency' (1927).

"The newspapers and magazines have seen to it that few Americans found a fair chance to learn the findings of these works; for the entire periodical press is terrified at the thought of losing their tobacco advertisements as a result of printing anything even faintly adverse to nicotine." (From pages 127-178) * * * *

"All this explains the striking observation made in many colleges that, as J. R. Earp puts it in his study of English university students, 'although the number of smokers and non-smokers in the college [which he investigated] is practically the same, yet out of 23 students dismissed last year for low scholarship, no less than 21 were smokers. As one ascends the scale of scholarship, the proportion of non-smokers grows steadily greater. And, in general, those who smoke much have lower scholarships than those who smoke little." (From page 129)

Mexico City's Public Utilities

THE water works and other public utilities of the city of Mexico have fallen into the hands of Eastman, Dillon & Company, one of New York city's largest banking houses.

Ottawa to Mexico in 12 Hours

ON OCTOBER 23 James R. Wedell flew from Ottawa to Mexico City in 7 minutes less than 12 hours. The trip between Ottawa and Washington, where a 17-minute stop was made, took just two hours.

Mules Laugh at Tractors

THE mules are laughing at the tractors in the South. Lessened income has made the farmers return to the least expensive method of doing their work, and as the mule is cheaper than the tractor, it is becoming more plentiful.

Two Miles per Minute on Water

ON LOCH LOMOND, in July, Kaye Don, in the motor boat Miss England III, covered a measured mile at the rate of 120.50 miles an hour, the first person in the world ever to travel two miles per minute on water.

Mackerel Run in New York Harbor

IN THE month of August an immense school of mackerel was chased into New York's inner harbor by hungry bluefish. The mackerel were in such quantities that in many places they were caught without any bait at all on the hooks.

Making the Best of a Bad Matter

A DULUTH merchant, somewhat depressed by conditions past, present and future, is reported as advertising: "The world is coming to an end! Pay your bills now! We don't want to look all over hell for you." We did not know the people of Duluth were all so bad.

Father Hogan's Polonaise

ALL anxiety as to what "Father" Hogan was going to get is settled by the following dispatch which appeared in the Central India *Times* of August 24, 1932.

Father Hogan, M.A. (Oxon), director of St. Joseph's College, Allahabad, has been honored by his holiness the pope, Pius XI, with the title of privy chamberlain. This office gives him the right to be addressed as the Right Rev. Monsignor and to wear a purple cassock and silk collar and a sash of the same color and over them a mantallone (a large mantle).

Telaviv's Versatile and Polyglottal Mayor

MEYER DIZENGOFF, founder and builder of Telaviv, Palestine, speaks a dozen European languages and a number of Oriental ones, and is mayor of the city of 50,000 population which he founded. Though he is 72 years of age he takes a horseback ride daily.

The Situation in India

THE Manchester *Guardian* says: "At the moment it is difficult to think of a single political organization in India—for that matter, of a single Indian politician of any eminence—with a good word to say for the British Government or with any faith in its intentions."

Zaro Agha Not So Old

TIMUR AGHA, who says he is 165, claims that Zaro Agha is not so old, being hardly more than 125 years, instead of 156 or 157, as claimed. He says that he remembers when Zaro's folks moved into town, and that he often rocked Zaro to sleep when he was a baby.

Catalonia, a State Within a State

CATALONIA, the four northeastern provinces of Spain, and the greatest industrial district in the Spanish peninsula, is now a separate state within the new state of Spain. It has its own language, Catalan, and will manage all its own affairs except foreign relations.

A Very Mean Editor

THAT was a very mean editor who took two notices of chicken suppers, one in Olivet church, for Thursday, and one in St. James church, also for Thursday, and then in between the two printed a notice that on Tuesday night thieves had broken into the chicken coop of Wencil Prochaska and stolen nine of his chickens.

Where the Easy Money Is

THE New York *Times* publishes a list of 39 companies whose dividends on common stock were as high in 1932 as in 1929. The list includes American Telephone, Brooklyn Union, Consolidated Gas, Louisville Gas and Electric, National Power and Light, Pacific Gas and Electric, Pacific Lighting, and Southern California Edison, and helps one to see why the big men that own utility stocks and also own newspapers never like to see anything in print about public ownership of public utilities.

The Pressure on Beebe's Ball

THE pressure on the metal ball in which Dr. William Beebe descended 2,200 feet in the ocean off the shores of Hamilton, Bermuda, is estimated to have been 4,800 tons. Even at that great depth he saw fishes, some of them navigating in light furnished by themselves.

Farmers' Strike in Illinois

AT AN auction at Somonauk, Illinois, one hundred farmers, friends of the man who was being sold out, went on a buyers' strike, refusing to bid on his livestock, machinery and tools, with the result that he was enabled to retain them.

British Schools Study by Radio

THERE are now about 4,000 British schools where instruction is received by radio in English, foreign languages, history, geography, music, science and natural history. Broadcasting is having the effect of reducing the force of the dialects spoken in England.

Reverend Auty's Words of Wisdom

IN THE Bucks (England) *Free Press,* Reverend G. S. Auty, of High Wycombe, made the surprisingly frank statement that "if all the churches were pulled down and all the parsons shot, it would leave religion free to follow the simple gospel teaching of the New Testament".

Colfax County, Nebraska, Burns Corn

COLFAX county, Nebraska, raises its own fuel, corn on the cob, which it markets at $8 per ton. At this price corn is only two-thirds the price of coal, and will be used to heat the courthouse and sixty-two school buildings during the winter.

"Do the Churches Prevent Crime?"

DR. JOHN R. MINER answers this question in the negative in an article in *The American Mercury,* and gives the facts. Only 46.6 percent of the population of the United States are members of any religious body, yet in 27 penitentiaries and 19 reform schools investigated by Dr. Dunn he found that 71.8 percent of the prisoners were members of some church; and in his work *Religion and Roguery* Frank Steiner claims that 84 percent of the convicts in the penitentiaries of the United States have religious connections.

Splitting the Chemical Elements

DRS. LANGE AND BRASCH, of Germany, have now succeeded in splitting nearly all the elements. Lead has been broken up and found to be a composition of helium and hydrogen. It seems borne out that all elements are combinations with hydrogen. A way may ultimately be found to transmute one metal into another.

French Girl Invents a Mosquito Trap

A FRENCH girl has invented a mosquito trap. The mosquitoes are attracted to an electric light, and sucked down a funnel into a hot blast. In one hour this clever little electrical device lured to their death enough mosquitoes to weigh six pounds; the number was estimated at 3,400,000 dead tormentors.

Fatal Slamming of a Door

IN BUDAPEST, Hungary, a door slamming suddenly behind a man loosened a bullet which for fifteen years had lodged between the skull bones, impinging on his brain. The bullet fell inward and the man died immediately. Physicians had long ago warned him to lead an exceedingly quiet life.

Lost Only 23c per Sheep

L. SELGERSON, Standard, Alberta, Canada, feels quite certain there is a depression. One thing that makes him think it is that he just sold ten sheep for $2.50, but was billed for freight, commissions and other charges amounting to $4.80. His total loss on the ten sheep was $2.30.

Widows of War of 1812

ON JUNE 30, 1931, there were still on the pension rolls eight widows of veterans of the war of 1812. We must assume a drummer boy then of about age 14 marrying at age 72 a girl of, say, 18. Such a girl would now be 80 years of age, and born thirty-eight years after the War of 1812 was all over.

The Santa Cruz Water Plant

THE city of Santa Cruz decided to build a water plant, and did so. Taxpayers took the matter into the courts, which, after four years' litigation, decided that the city could not do what it had done. Meantime, the plant paid for itself, and the city now has, cost free, a profitable water plant which, theoretically, it has 'no right to possess'.

Lobbyists Altogether Too Efficient

IN THE last session of Congress one member received 460 telegrams on a single item of a single bill within one day. Needless to say this is the work of lobbyists, bringing all possible pressure to bear on every man who stands between them and their objective. Actually, it is racketeering in a most reprehensible form.

"London Bridge Is Falling Down"

DUE to the effects of water compression the famous Waterloo London bridge sinks at high tide and rises at low tide. The Bank of England has sunk seven inches in the last sixty-eight years. Since 1885 St. Paul's Cathedral has subsided 2½ inches farther on one side than on the other.

Making Cotton Wool-Like

A BRITISH textile firm, after fourteen years of research, has invented a new process for making cotton and artificial silk much like wool. A synthetic condensation product inside the cotton hair itself renders the cotton virtually creaseless. The process may also be applied to linen.

By Motor Cycle to the South Pole

MAJOR GRAN, a Norwegian aviator, is now practicing the riding of a motor cycle in difficult country in the north of Norway, and hopes to use this method of reaching the south pole some time next year. The machine used is of special design, with an adaptable caterpillar mechanism.

A Thirty-Mile Cloud of Butterflies

IN AUGUST a cloud of orange-tinted painted-lady butterflies thirty miles wide left the Great American Desert near Reno, Nevada, and slowly flew over the Sierra Nevadas into central California in search of better feeding grounds. In places they covered the windshields of automobiles so thickly that traffic was halted.

Stitches in the Iris Itself

A CHILD in Fairfield, Conn., fell from a horse and a sharp stick pierced her eye. A physician, by stitches so small they cannot be seen, joined the severed parts of the iris and the child's sight in the wounded eye has been saved. It is said that this is only the second time such an operation has been successfully performed.

Vancouver's Invasion of Frogs

IN THE month of August the city of Vancouver, B.C., was treated to an invasion of frogs, millions of them, coming up out of the river and traveling eastward in great waves or herds. In some sections they were so thick on the roads as to give the appearance that the road was in motion.

Spain Bars Titles

THE government of Spain has warned all senders of mail into Spain that if they want their letters delivered they must omit all titles of nobility. The president of the board of education of New York city has just been made a "marquis" by the pope, and this title is made hereditary.

Danger in Cosmetics

GEORGE STARR WHITE, M.D., famous Los Angeles physician, states that within a period of sixteen months he came in contact with six young women made totally blind from the use of face cosmetics, and within one year treated two dozen women for face troubles caused by face powders.

Australia's Huge Earthworms

AUSTRALIA has earthworms which sometimes attain to twelve feet in length, and to three-fourths of an inch in diameter. Their eggs are of the size of olives. The progress of these creatures through the ground can be plainly heard as a gurgling or sucking sound, by persons walking on the surface.

Finland's Liquor Administration

AFTER thirteen years of prohibition Finland now has a state liquor administration. The only hours when liquor may be obtained are between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. from Tuesday to Friday inclusive, but exclusive of holidays. Beer sales are 5 percent, wines 15 percent, and hard liquor 80 percent, of the totals.

Alfonso Grabbed $700,000

WHEN Alfonso made his midnight dash out of Spain he took $700,000 with him, and that is 700,000 reasons why he refuses with thanks every invitation to return and settle up his affairs. He left in such a hurry that his wife remained behind in the palace, facing a howling mob that wanted Alfonso's life.

Money Dead Unless Used

IN AN article in the *Pictorial Review* Henry Ford says:

> There is no sense in saving money. You can't save up health or work or happiness to use later, and money, too, is dead unless you use it. I have saved no money. I have spent it. I put it to use immediately in every way that it is possible to make more work.

New York City Items

IN PUBLIC buildings, bridges, subways, parks and other property New York city has more than $5,000,000,000 invested. The city has 150,000 employees, with an annual expenditure of $700,000,000. The city's business gives employment to all the heads of families in a city the size of Pittsburgh.

Voluntary Receiverships

NUMEROUS concerns are now going through voluntary receiverships so as to break their leases and thus get renewals at lower prices than they are now paying. Chain after chain is working this racket, which is as crooked as a corkscrew, but all that is needed is a crooked judge and the thing works fine.

No Miracle Tooth Pastes

DR. F. J. CULLEN, of the Federal Food and Drug Administration, says very truly that tooth pastes and other dentifrices have no magical composition and only one important function: they clean the teeth. "Their ingredients include precipitated chalk, soap, water, baking soda, borax, magnesia, glycerin, alcohol, a sweetening agent, and medicinal oils intended to give the article an attractive color or taste." Dentifrices that contain hydrochloric acid destroy the enamel of the teeth.

A Possible Judgment of the Lord

OUR attention has been drawn to the fact that Don Marquis, one of New York's leading newspapermen and playwrights, was suddenly stricken blind recently while rehearsing the cast of his play "The Dark Hours" based on the last hours of Christ on earth. It seems quite reasonable to us that the Lord is not pleased with the commercializing of such a sacred record as that of our Lord's final sufferings while here, and it may be that one of the holy angels put a stop to Don Marquis' sight and thus to his work.—Acts 13: 6-12.

World Goes over Two Billion Mark

FOR the first time in its history the population has gone over the two billion mark, being now estimated at 2,012,000,800 in the League of Nations year book. Slightly more than one-fourth of these are in Europe, now for the first time estimated to have more than half a billion.

Witchcraft in Finland

IN FINLAND three men and two women have been arrested for mutilating corpses and using the limbs for sorcery. The raids upon a cemetery have been going on for a whole year. Three of the prisoners have confessed that the dismembered limbs were used in witchcraft rites, according to ancient formulas (of demoniac origin).

Two Cows for 13c

IN THE Edmonton *Journal,* July 25, J. W. Featherstone relates that he sent two cows to the stockyards, for which he received $9.73. The charge for trucking them there was $9.50. The check for 23c was sent to the wrong man. It took a 10c telephone call to straighten the matter out. Result: The two cows brought him 13c.

Ohio Has a Coon Farm

OHIO has a coon farm on which it is expected to raise 8,000 to 12,000 baby coons each year. These will be distributed over the eighty-eight counties of the state, as food for the hunters' guns. It does not seem as though this were an enterprise essential to the well-being of the people in general; it looks like class legislation, favoritism to hunters.

Glass Snow Would Depopulate World

GLASS snow, the invention of a man by the name of Canton, would depopulate the world. It is made by forcing molten glass under very high pressure through very small holes into a vacuum chamber. There the particles explode and fall into a cooling mixture, ready to be treated with poisons or bacteria and blown out of the tail of an aeroplane flying over a city at two hundred miles an hour. Nothing could live in the path of this light, feathery glass snow. The edges are so sharp they will cut through anything, and would render any city uninhabitable for months.

Business Men Want a Mussolini

SENATOR ELMER THOMAS, of Oklahoma, who has made an investigation of the matter, reports that from the correspondence he has received he has learned that the only sentiment in America favoring a Mussolini comes from Big Business, the leaders in finance, commerce and industry, and that the spirit of political democracy still lives among the common people.

Rats in St. Paul's Cathedral

RATS are swarming in St. Paul's cathedral, London. They have bitten workmen, devoured their lunches, and on one occasion chased choir boys. Night watchmen have said that the floors swarm with them and that they are exploring every corner of the cathedral, destroying candles, leather and other objects such as would appeal to a rat's appetite.

Over 800 British Ships Idle

ROUGHLY speaking, one-third of British seamen are idle. The ships on which they are usually employed are lying derelict to the number of 839 in inlets and rivers all around the coast. Numerous ships have been broken up. Among the idle craft are 40 motor vessels, considered the latest thing in water transportation.

After the Anacostia Battle

AFTER the Anacostia battle they checked up on the body of William J. Hushka, and found from his fingerprints that he was not a communist or a criminal, but just a soldier with a bullet in his heart. All the others evicted at Anacostia turned out to be just war veterans, including the one who had his ear cut off with a cavalry saber.

The Flying Scotsman

WITH pardonable pride, but not with accuracy, the London *News Chronicle* claims that The Flying Scotsman, which makes the 392¼ miles between London and Edinburgh in 7½ hours, makes the world's longest and fastest non-stop run. The *News Chronicle* does not know of Train 26 on the New York Central, which every night in the year runs from Chicago to Albany, 819 miles, in 14¾ hours. The time of The Flying Scotsman is 52.3 miles per hour, and of the Twentieth Century Limited 55.5 miles per hour, both remarkable achievements.

Television to Australia

IN ENGLAND, in September, Senator Marconi demonstrated that a man can sit at a typewriter, typing a message on a tape, and the letters appear in Australia, letter by letter and word by word, as fast as the words are made. A speed of up to 120 words a minute was attained.

Snake Upsets a Ferry Boat

WHAT a frail hold humanity has on life was illustrated recently in India. A ferry boat, loaded with passengers, was crossing a wide river. Midstream it came near a tree floating in the current. A huge snake jumped from the tree to the boat; the people in terror ran to the opposite side of the boat; it overturned and 100 persons perished.

400,000 in One Grave

THE French have recently dedicated a monument, styled the Ossuary of Douamont, which commemorates the 400,000 French soldiers blown to pieces or burned alive in the German attacks on Verdun. The Germans lost 600,000 in the same locality, which, to all intents and purposes, is really the grave of a million men.

Decline in Perceptive Ability

AS A RESULT of tests of 700 persons, ranging in age from 17 to 90, students at Stanford University have drawn the conclusion that the ability to perceive objects starts to decline at 17 years of age; at the age of 50 a man sees things about him as clearly as he did at fourteen; at age 80 he sees as with the sense of perception of a child of six.

Britain a Nation of Blasphemers

PROFESSOR A. A. BOWMAN, of Glasgow University, is reported as having said to his students:

> We call ourselves a Christian nation. That is a supreme act of blasphemy. No nation can claim that sacred name. Our civilization is organized through and through upon principles that are the very refutation of Christianity. If this were not so, why do we maintain that filthiest of organizations, a secret service? In accepting war we accepted sheer diabolism and we all became devil worshipers. At one time there was a tone of chivalry about war. Now it has become a matter of calling the engineer and the chemist into a butchery and the last vestige of chivalry has gone.

The Kingdom of Samuel Insull

HAWTHORN Farm, the kingdom of Samuel Insull at Libertyville, Ill., comprised 4,300 acres, was surrounded, English style, with high, spiked, iron fences, and contained the only post office in the country operated by the government on a private farm. At its height the farm required the services of sixty-two regular employees. Now it has but five.

Gold Strike in Venezuela

A BIG gold strike is reported in the state of Bolivar, Venezuela. The gold production of this state had been increasing rapidly when a prospector landed on a deposit where he is said to have gathered up 2,000 ounces of nuggets in ten days. That is about 167 pounds, and it seems a little bit too big a story to be true. If he got the tenth part of it it was a big find.

Air Route London to Winnipeg

THE Manchester *Guardian,* which advocates the Greenland route between London and Winnipeg, calls attention to the fact that a straight line between the two cities passes through the middle of southern Greenland. It thinks the time between the two cities not liable to be more than three days, if the route is found to be a practicable one. This remains to be seen.

Hungary's Licensed Beggars

IN HUNGARY beggars are licensed. Contributions to them are made from donation books, the tickets in which cost the purchaser ½c to 3c each. None but the duly licensed beggars may cash these tickets. This gives the authorities a line on how much each beggar is receiving, and helps them to reduce the amount of begging practiced.

Public Utilities Hang On to the Coin

OF ALL businesses on earth one would expect that at this time the public utilities that have been so unmercifully gouging the public would show their interest in their own future welfare by erecting fine large buildings wherever they continue to collect several times what they should for the services they render. They would thus help the unemployment situation; but it is a fact that in 37 states in the past six months their building construction has dropped off 79 percent. The dividends are down but 16 percent in comparison.

Doctor Killed by His Own Prescription

AT MERCEDES, Texas, a doctor prescribed for a woman patient and she fell dead a few minutes after taking his medicine. To prove that the medicine was harmless he took a dose, and he fell dead too. Seems too bad to waste two valuable lives in finding out that his ideas of what would be safe to put into the human stomach were incorrect.

A Dominie Makes Scattering Remarks

AT GROSS, Kansas, Rev. Robert Sears became disturbed by boys outside the church, just as he was getting ready to send around the collection basket. He lost his temper, ran outside, and fired a load of birdshot at the bad actors, wounding four. One of the wounded ones swore out a warrant for his arrest, but at last reports he was a fugitive and still running.

America's Share in the World War

THE World War cost America $51,000,000,000. Suppose Adam had had that pile in front of him and started to throw it away at the rate of $1 a minute. Up to now he would have gotten rid of but one-sixteenth of the pile and would have to keep busy, night and day, without missing a minute, for 90,905 years yet before he would be reduced to the straits most Americans are in now because of it.

Mussolini Turns Prophet

MUSSOLINI has prophesied that he will reign for another thirty years, within the first ten of which all the rest of Europe will turn to Fascism, i.e., government without law, justice or reason. He has promised amnesty to the nearly 1,000 lawyers, professors, doctors, editors and the like who for ten years have suffered on the Lipari islands such indignities as only a Mussolini could prepare for them.

How Bolivia Prepared for War

WHILE the League of Nations was trying to settle the dispute between Bolivia and Paraguay, Bolivia, in two years, bought $15,000,000 worth of arms from pious and peace-loving Great Britain and $5,000,000 worth of arms from pious and peace-loving United States. The arms bought from the United States were paid for with money loaned to Bolivia with the approval of the government that originated the Kellogg Peace Pact.

Hard Times Good for the Health

TAKING the country as a whole, it seems that the people now have more leisure and recreation, they have simpler food, there are more of them living in the country, and immigration is less. All of these things, so Dr. Benjamin Goldberg, health expert, declares, show that hard times are really better for the health of the people than are times of prosperity.

A Million Yards of Medals

THE British war office has recently disposed of a million yards of silk ribbon purchased during the World War, to be used in making strips for holding medals. Now it will be used for men's suspenders and belts. Apparently, when the ribbon was purchased, the buyer for the Government had the idea that every soldier who returned from the front would be worthy of a medal and would sometime get one.

Why Pines Die in Northern Germany

NORTHERN Germany has been trying for years to reforest parts of the land with pine trees, but, for some reason, they do not thrive. It is now found that the presence of a large amount of soluble compounds, and a lack of lime, is the apparent cause of the death of these trees. This information comes to us from the *Rural New Yorker,* in an article by Dr. H. J. Wheeler.

Planes to Cape Town

THE new planes to Cape Town, of which eight are being built, are all monoplanes, with a wing span of 90 feet, built to accommodate seventeen passengers. Seven of the airdromes are 5,000 feet above sea level. It is expected that when these new planes are all in operation the flying time from London to Cape Town will be cut from eleven days to nine. Night flying over this route is still a long way off.

350 Truckloads of Gold

RECENTLY 350 truckloads of gold were moved from the old assay office and the subtreasury, New York, to the new assay office on South street. Each truckload was of the value of $3,000,000. Besides the gold, 411 truckloads of silver were transported from one place to the other, and there will be haulage of platinum and other precious metals, besides all the assay equipment.

League Rapidly Going to Pieces

THE League of Nations is rapidly going to pieces. Except for Danzig and Estonia, all the League's debtors are in default on nearly $300,000,000 of loans, which is an indication that obligations to it are no longer considered binding. Japan, Germany and Italy are all talking of withdrawing from League membership. The League is practically bankrupt, as the members are not paying their dues.

League Has One More Year to Live

THE member nations of the League of Nations are supposed to pay their annual dues at the beginning of September. In 1932, at that time, only nine out of fifty-five members were fully paid to date. Of the $1,320,000 necessary to meet the budget, only $560,000 had been paid, leaving $760,000 owing, plus $680,000 unpaid the previous year. The chairman of the finance board has informed the League council in secret session that one more such year will force the League to close its doors.

Total Cost of Governmental Services

IN 1913 the total cost of all our governmental services was $2,919,000,000; in 1923 it was $9,920,000,000; in 1932 it is at the rate of $15,000,000,000. Out of the $500 which is now paid, directly or indirectly, into the tax funds by the average American family, $150 goes to Washington, $75 to the state, and $275 to the local community. Out of every dollar in a worker's pay envelope 33c goes for taxes; but the worker may not realize it, because it is skillfully concealed in his rent and in everything he buys.

Christians Should Keep Out

A UNITED STATES judge in Kentucky has refused citizenship papers to a man who has been 24 years in this country and has stated to the court that he would gladly do acts of mercy in war, but could not undertake to kill anybody, as he considers all men his brothers. The Kellogg Peace Pact denounced war as a crime, and President Hoover is a Quaker. Under the circumstances, the only kind of citizens wanted in the United States are hypocrites, of which we already have many millions. If a man is a true Christian, he had better keep out. Christ himself would certainly not be admitted if He came by way of Ellis Island, but the Supreme Court is on record as saying this is a Christian country.

Foolish Doctor Hurst

DR. C. C. HURST, Cambridge University, England, in a lecture at Ithaca, N. Y., in August, is alleged to have said that "genetics has accumulated sufficient knowledge in the thirty years of its existence to furnish us with the means for creating a perfect race of men, physically and spiritually, if the peoples of the world only realized it and wanted it". That only shows how little a man need know in order to be a college professor.

Shandro's Cow Cost Him 10c

IN ALBERTA N. A. Shandro had a cow that weighed 1,010 pounds. He shipped it to Edmonton, to market. The freight rate was 50 cents a hundredweight, so it cost $5.05 to get the cow to market. He received a price of 50c per hundredweight for the cow. This was just enough to pay the freight, but he had to pay 10c for a brand, and that is how it is that the cow cost him 10c; which is not much for a 1,010 pound cow, now is it?

What the World War Cost

IT HAS been calculated that the World War cost a sufficient amount of money ($500,000,000,000) to buy a $2,500 home in a five-acre plot, with $1,250 worth of furniture, for each and every family in the United States, Canada, Australia, England, Belgium, France, Germany and Russia, and, in addition, a hospital, university and schools, including the salaries of teachers, nurses, doctors, and professors, for every group of 20,000 inhabitants in those countries.

Protestants in Asia

IN JAPAN, with a population of 65,000,000, there are approximately 160,000 Protestants. There are 1,174 Protestant missionaries and 5,096 Japanese workers.

In India, of some 300,000,000 population, it is estimated that there are 2,000,000 Protestants. In that country there is a force of more than 6,000 foreign missionaries, associated with well over 50,000 Indian workers. Of the 5,049 Protestant missionaries in India, 2,222 are Americans.

In China, out of a population approximating 400,000,000, it is estimated that there are some 400,000 Protestants. China has 6,346 missionaries at work, of whom 3,052 represent boards with headquarters in the United States.

Vaccination Killed Doukhobor Babies

IN PRISON in Vancouver, not for being vegetarians, nor as conscientious objectors to war, though they are both, 500 Doukhobors have been incarcerated for three years for nudity. The doctors vaccinated the babies of these vegetarians, 'to make them healthy,' and several of them died. It seems that their blood was too pure to stand the corruption of the implanted pus. The Doukhobors will not pay fines, and they refuse to attend school.

Disgusting Snake Dance

THE disgusting snake dance of the Hopi Indians was recently held in Arizona. At this dance the dancers each dance with a wriggling rattlesnake in the mouth; the head and tail of the rattler are left swinging, the snake being held by the middle. At the conclusion of the dance the snakes are let go into the desert. A proof that the demons aid the dancers is seen in the fact that they do not suffer from snake bites.

The Suffering Insulls

WHEN the maudlin sympathizers with the Insull crowd pour forth some of their tears for exhibition purposes, the public do not need to entirely close their eyes to the fact that largely because of what the Insulls did to Chicago it now pays a relief total of $2.79 a week for the maintenance of an unemployed man and his wife, but the Insulls still have it soft enough that they can live at a $10-per-day hotel abroad, and even the wife's maid's room costs $2.75 per day.

General Sanjurjo Before the Mike

GENERAL SANJURJO, spokesman and chief actor for the monarchists and the Roman Catholic party in the recent one-day revolt in Spain, got a little glory out of his job, anyway, even if he does have to spend the rest of his life in a fever swamp in Africa. He managed to get on the air at Seville, where he announced that the Spanish government had been overthrown, and gave the names of the new minister of war and chief of the civil guard. At the very time he gave the names of these men they were both in custody. The revolt was put down by the police, without any necessity of calling out the troops. The estates of all the nobility involved have been seized.

Humanity Going to Waste

OF 5,438 men and boys served by the Salvation Army in Atlanta last winter 194 were college-trained and 1,641 had attended high school; of 7,512 served by the Salvation Army in Washington, 258 were college-trained and 2,060 had attended high school. What a pity that these young men who really wish to do something to aid themselves and their fellows have no chance to do so while the Devil's kingdom still has sway!

New York's New Subway

IN THE construction of New York's new subway 12,000 workers were employed daily. The concrete used would build a new highway from New York to Albany. The steel used would build 15 first-class cruisers. The timber in the ties would make a floor one inch thick 100 feet wide and ten miles long. At Columbus Circle a monument weighing 724 tons was picked up, supported, and reset on a new pedestal atop the subway.

Indiana's 43,900 Industrial Gardens

WITH the big steel plant at Gary, and other big Indiana industrial establishments idle much of the time this past summer, the state took up industrial gardening in a large way and 43,900 gardens, in 45 industrial communities, were skillfully cultivated. As a result, relief in Indiana this winter will be largely on a "no work, no eat" basis. Those who worked in the gardens will be glad they did, and almost everybody who had the chance was willing to give close attention to the work.

The Road Tax in Mississippi

MISSISSIPPI has a law that unless road taxes are paid, the delinquent debtor can be fined $5 and costs and put in jail. That is bad enough, but the worst of it is that the money for the road taxes will not be accepted until all the other taxes have been paid, and within the past year one-fourth of all the farms in the state have been offered at sheriff's sale because the poor people who owned them could not pay the taxes on them. It follows, therefore, as a matter of course, that at least one-fourth of the landowners of Mississippi are in danger of being put behind bars. And, to tell the truth, it does not look like a very good law, but has all the appearance of cruelty and harshness to the Negroes.

Sears Roebuck Advertising Gag

SEARS, ROEBUCK & COMPANY have pulled off a clever advertising gag by getting twenty churches to send women to sell on a commission basis, with the understanding that the amounts they earn will be turned over to their respective churches. It has the effect, if nothing else, of widely advertising the big store among the women of twenty congregations, and, as women do most of the family purchasing, it is a long-headed scheme.

Why the Tanks and the Gas?

THE newspapers of Europe are getting considerable satisfaction out of pointing out that before the League of Nations the United States government violently objected to the use of tanks and poison gas in warfare between nations, but when it came to chasing its own war heroes out of their wretched camp at Anacostia it proudly used both. And, naturally, those of us who still dare to think can't help but wonder at it all.

Fifty Errors in Arithmetic (?)

THE rest of us sometimes get an interesting slant on things when somebody at Washington loses his job. Ray O. Hall, assistant chief of the finance division of the Commerce department, was canned, and then explained for the delectation of the world at large that the 1931 balance of payments was erroneous in figures, containing nearly fifty errors in arithmetic running into the hundreds of millions of dollars, was so misleading as to be worse than useless, and facts were sacrificed to political expediency.

An Invitation to Disobey the Law

THE state of Indiana has a law prescribing the number of passengers allowed in different cars. And so, because it really cares nothing for the law, but does want the crowds, so that it can get the money, the South Side Christian church, Kokomo, Indiana, on automobile day, November 6, 1932, put out dodgers offering a prize for the passenger car having the most people in it. The idea was to overcrowd your car, squeeze every last kid into it that could be put in with a shoehorn, and then get a prize for attending a Sunday school where the most important (?) thing they have to teach you is that you must obey the law of the land or you will go to hell.

New York Cutting Expenses

NEW YORK city is cutting expenses. Twenty-five department heads have lost their official cars; the mayor's office alone lost seven cars, including the $18,000 Duesenberg that used to tote Mr. Walker around. No more will the seventy-piece band of the Sanitation department be allowed to play during working hours. The members will have to keep right on sweeping the streets, and they all say that is the end of their public concerts.

Worker Spies in Russia

IN RUSSIA some 300,000 workers are constantly in the employ of the state as spies, in the effort to weed out unsuitable bosses. One of these workers applies to some authority and puts a question regarding some complicated matter. His duty is to see if the question is answered in a suitable manner, or if he is snapped at, or sent away, or the issue is dodged. The official often stays or loses his job on the strength of the report that follows.

Rin Tin Tin Not Missed

RIN TIN TIN, the famous German police dog actor that is said to have earned around $300,000, is dead from old age. But he will not be missed. His son Rin Tin Tin, Jr., has been in training for his father's job for a year, and, it is said, gives promise of being an even better actor than his dad. So goes the world. Nobody is ever missed for more than a few minutes. There is always some other way to do anything that has ever been done, and there is always somebody who knows that way, or how to find it.

Common Sense in Louisiana

GOVERNOR ALLEN, of Louisiana, and the general manager of the Louisiana state penitentiary have served notice on the district attorneys of the state that they see no sense in "sending up" ten colored persons for one year each for stealing one calf worth $5. They say that the state had to pay approximately $1,000 in receiving and discharging expenses alone, to say nothing of other expenses, to take care of these prisoners who should never have been given more than a few days in jail, with little expense to anybody. One wonders, had a group of ten utility magnates stolen that calf, just how long each of them would have had to suffer durance vile.

Papal Honors in New York

PAPAL honors are being freely distributed around New York in these days. George J. Ryan, president of the board of education, has been made a papal "marquis", a title that, it is supposed, will be inherited by his children. The papacy, on record as denouncing American public schools as godless and as sinks of corruption, no doubt feels justified in doing what it has done to Mr. Ryan. But we don't see what Mr. Ryan's children have done to deserve anything of this kind. Why besmirch *them?*

Belgium Invasion Planned by Allies

IN HIS memoirs the late Marshal Joseph Joffre states that for a year before 1912 the British and French armies had planned to invade Belgium in event of a war with Germany, but finally, at a secret meeting, February 26, 1912, Britain decided to allow Germany to first violate Belgium's neutrality, so as to give Britain an excuse for declaring war. It is thus shown, by highest French military authority, that Britain's excuse for entering the World War was one of sheerest hypocrisy.

Whipping Negroes on Government Work (?)

THE National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, after an investigation of work on the Mississippi flood-control projects, declares that levee workers are paid 10 cents an hour and toil 12 hours a day, seven days a week. In one of the Mississippi camps whippings occurred daily, while at one camp two men were whipped for refusing to work at night after working all day. Camp commissary prices were reported as high as five times usual prices.

The Creator of the Angels of Mons

THE writer, Arthur Machen, who created the story of the angels of Mons, has just been awarded a pension of one hundred pounds a year for his success in foisting this fake on the British people. He admits that the story was a fantasy from beginning to end, but during the World War millions of the British people were caused to believe that the holy angels watched over and cooperated with the British troops at Mons and elsewhere. Others have claimed that after the story got well circulated the military authorities flashed pictures on the clouds and thus spread and strengthened the deception started by Mr. Machen.

Moslem Priest Gets in Wrong

AT AZIZIE, Turkey, the Moslem priest got a little too eloquent in his demands for money with which to build a new mosque. The villagers talked it over and concluded that the best way out would be to hang him, which they did. By this means they have saved, for the present, the cost of a new mosque, and will try to get along with the old one. The preaching business is getting to be a hard business.

An Amnesty Without the Amnesia

THE papers have had a lot to say about Mussolini's amnesty, which he widely advertised five years ago. It transpires that there is no amnesty for those that are serving more than five-year terms, and as most of the political prisoners are given longer terms, all that the so-called "amnesty" does for these is to reduce their sentences. Of the political prisoners 491 still remain on the Lipari Islands, despite Mussolini's bombastic pronunciamento that "Italy appears today as the creator and initiator of a new civilization".

Distress in Japan

IN WHOLE districts of Japan there is no money at all and agriculture has been carried on at a loss. In some places there is such a scarcity of food that the people are eking it out with the beancake ordinarily used for cattle food and for fertilizer. The sale of daughters to brothels is heard on all hands. Even the priests are working, cultivating the temple lands. Ecclesiastical robes are appearing in the pawnshops, and in some of the poorest districts the temples have closed entirely. Japanese cloth is selling in India at about one-third the cost of cotton and making.

The Great Fish Caught at Miami

THE great fish caught at Miami was forty-five feet in length, had a tongue forty inches long, and several thousand teeth; its hide was three inches thick and without scales; its liver weighed 1,700 pounds. It took five harpoons and 150 bullets to subdue it, and five days to actually kill it. In its death struggle in the open sea it dragged a lifeboat containing a captain and a sailor 39 hours, before a tug was hitched to it and it was towed 110 miles in to Miami. This fish could have easily swallowed a man, and, indeed, there are several varieties of whales that could do so.

Swedish Prime Minister Caught Fibbing

WHEN Ivar Kreuger wanted legislation he got it in regular Big Business fashion. He sent two checks for 50,000 kroner each to the Swedish prime minister, and got results. Within ten days after his second check showed up, the Kreuger concerns were granted 16,680,000 kroner by the Swedish parliament. When confronted with the second check the Swedish prime minister denied ever having seen it before, but finally admitted he was lying, and his resignation was placed in the hands of the king. And he paid up, too.

Confused Situation in Germany

WITH seventeen political parties in the field, it is hard to get head or tail as to what is going on in Germany, except that the present confusion is due to the injustices of the Versailles treaty, and that, without any possible doubt, Germany intends to rearm unless the League of Nations carries out its oft-repeated promises and disarms, which it will never do. Meantime, the German government is undertaking the physical training of its youth, as an offset to the Hitler or Fascist movement, which now has 38 percent of the voters of Germany behind it and is the largest single political party in the state.

What Billy Sunday Said

WHEN the eighteenth amendment was adopted Billy Sunday said: "The reign of tears is over. The slums will soon be only a memory. We will turn our jails into storehouses and corncribs. Men will walk upright now; women will smile and children will laugh. Hell will be for ever for rent."

More recently he said that if he were God for at least fifteen minutes his first act would be to confine to fire and brimstone all seeking repeal of the eighteenth amendment. Billy, if he had his way, would everlastingly confine in fire and brimstone the man who turned water into wine, and whom the hypocrites of His day denounced as a winebibber.

Billy's intimation that he would like to have the place of God, so that he could give the universe a better management, places him on a par with Lucifer, who also said, "I will be like the Most High." Neither Lucifer nor Billy will ever get what they crave, but Billy might get to be Lucifer's heir-apparent, and that is about what he is.

British Account of the Battle

THE Manchester *Guardian's* account of the "Battle of Anacostia" follows:

Another former soldier, of the name of Eric Carlson, died on Tuesday as a result of wounds received when the police and the United States army men drove the "Bonus Army" out of buildings in Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington. Another man, William Hushka, was killed in the same conflict. A small child whose father is an ex-soldier lies in a Washington hospital dangerously ill as a result of the tear gas thrown by the troops. The soldiers who dispersed the "Bonus Army" from its main encampment at Anacostia, near Washington, used extraordinary and needless brutality. They aroused the veterans, many of whom were accompanied by their wives and children, late at night and forced them to flee immediately from their shelters, which they then burned, destroying much personal property. One child was badly cut with a saber on the knee, and numerous women and children, as well as men, were injured by tear gas thrown while they were doing their best to obey orders and leave the camp. Several thousand persons of both sexes and of all ages hurried off into the night and were given absolutely no shelter.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

THE Westminster Presbyterian church of San Francisco seems to be getting along all right in the particular way in which it is going, and it does not much relish being questioned too closely about the way, either. One of the former pastors objected to the present pastor's assisting girls of eight to twelve years of age to become familiar with the atmosphere of Dreamland Rink.

The trustees got into an argument about it, and one of the new style trustees punched one of the old style trustees three times, as hard as he could hit him. The third time, in order to make sure that the blow would count, Trustee Edward Shotgen took off his coat, so that Trustee Will Barron (who did not at any time resist) should know he meant business.

The new pastor is teaching boys of ten years of age to practice pugilism; he has taken twenty-six of them to see a first-class fight between professionals and has built a prize ring in the church, where they may batter one another up. The board of trustees is now a unit for the methods of the new pastor, and anybody who says anything against them is liable to get something worse than Barron got. The whole church is strong for their father's way of doing things. —John 8:44.

Ohio Methodists Favor Socialism

THE Northeast Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at its session at Wooster, Ohio, in September, went on record for socialism in the following language:

We have organized society around the getting of money and have made wealth the standard by which we have judged success. This dominating urge to gain wealth has led business in the last decade to embark upon such a wild, uncontrolled orgy of production unrelated to consumption needs that our economic system is in a state of collapse. The unprecedented suffering of our day is significant, not only of a situation which cannot be defended morally, but also of one which is economically indefensible. Capitalism as it has operated in our modern world has been weighed and found wanting. The tragedy of the present hour makes imperative a change in our economic system. This system which permits private hands to manipulate for profit the processes which are vital to the well-being of all our people must be set aside or so fundamentally changed that the chief end of our economic activity shall be to meet the needs of all. To achieve this end, our financial and industrial systems must be socialized in both ownership and control and these vast natural resources must be utilized, not for the benefit of the few, but for the many.

A True Child of the Devil

IT WAS a true child of the Devil that recently wrote that Fascism believes neither in the possibility nor in the utility of perpetual peace and that "war alone raises all human energies to the maximum of tension and gives a character and nobility to the peoples that have the courage to face it". Should another World War arise Mussolini will enjoy donning a gas mask and standing in mud knee deep while men of like "character and nobility" a little distance away are trying to cut him in half with machine gun bullets, submerge him in poison gas and burn him up with liquid fire. With rats and corpses as his companions he will, of course, have the courage to face that which he so much admires and of which he has written so grandiloquently. And he won't mind sleeping out in the open, and eating any kind of food, all for the glory of trying to murder somebody else. Admired and petted by Big Business, he is anathema to everybody who has a human heart. He has ability, however. Under his forceful administration Italy has been aiming to increase its wheat production all possible, and in 1932 produced 276,000,000 bushels of wheat, which is 12,000,000 more than ever before in its history.

Nothing Learned from World War

THAT nothing was learned from the World War may be seen from the fact that both Paraguay and Bolivia are members of the League of Nations, but that did not prevent them from going to war with each other. One thousand Paraguayan school children asked to be permitted to go to war with Bolivia. They got that out of the Paraguayan history book, which shows that the school children did that in the war of 1867 against Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina. The real trouble between Paraguay and Bolivia is that oil has been found in The Chaco, which otherwise is an inhospitable swamp.

The Church — The Rock of Ages

THAT is the general title of a full-page advertisement in The Plainview (Texas) *Evening Herald,* paid for by the Coca Cola Bottling Company, the Sinclair Refining Company, and 42 other contributors. It is considered good business. The newspaper makes something out of it; the doctors and others who helped chip in are more or less pleased at the indirect advertising; it gives one of the clergy a chance to spread himself in a grandiloquent sermon on the value of the church; and, finally, each of the eleven churches listed hopes that somebody may come along and put in the contribution box something that otherwise would not be there.

There seems to be something a little bit hazy about the heading. Which church is it that is "the rock of ages", the Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian, Christian Science, Lutheran, Episcopal or Catholic? Each denomination taps itself on the chest and says, "It is I." Is that so? Thought all along it was the eternal God. (Isa. 26:4, *margin*) How easy it is to be fooled!

The sermon in the advertisement says, "The church has one foundation." Which church is it that has the one foundation? and what is it that is the one foundation? Is it John Calvin, Knox, Wesley, Luther, Mrs. Eddy, or Peter, which being 'interpreted' is "the pope"? You know the answer.

Incidentally, we are glad the dope peddlers, horse racers and all-around cussers are back of the advertisement. By their fruits and by their backers ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes from habit-forming soft drinks, or figs from race-track touts?

The Wickersham Report on Mooney

THE suppressed Wickersham report on the Mooney case, which is now finally in the open, shows that there was never any scientific attempt to discover the perpetrators of the crime, but the case was turned over to a private detective. The police merely hunted for evidence to convict the arrested defendants. Identification witnesses were never required to pick the defendants out of a line-up, but were shown the defendants in jails. The press was used most infamously to stir up prejudice against the defendants. Witnesses were coached to give perjured testimony. Arguments to the jury were unfair and intemperate.

Archie Roosevelt in the Limelight

ARCHIBALD B. ROOSEVELT, national secretary of the National Economy League, and son of President Theodore Roosevelt, says that when he and two other men sat down to decide what is the matter with the government they worked themselves into a frenzy over the $928,000,000 annual payments to the veterans, and decided that fully half of it is an unjust expenditure, a legalized racket. He was loudly applauded when he promised that hereafter "when any congressman votes against something of sound economy we expect to have the local chief of the National Economy League in his district know about it and raise hell if he can".

We give Mr. Roosevelt an item upon which his new National Economy League might try its hand. It is claimed that for carrying the mails one year from Baltimore to Hamburg the steamship company with which Mr. Archibald B. Roosevelt is connected was paid by the Government $807,246 for service which would have been rendered by other steamship lines for $28,242. Thus to keep Mr. Roosevelt's line afloat the Government really made him a present of $779,004.

Now we do not know whether Mr. Archibald B. Roosevelt, of the National Economy League, is eager to try to cut down the subsidies paid to the steamship line of Archibald B. Roosevelt operating from Baltimore to Hamburg or not, but anyway here is a job close at home to give first attention to instead of going so far afield. Or maybe Mr. Archibald B. Roosevelt merely desires the soldier boys' allowances pruned down and his own left as is. "Great" men and the sons of "great" men are sometimes like that.

Montagu Norman Says World Is Helpless

MONTAGU NORMAN, governor of the Bank of England, considered one of the world's greatest financiers, says of the financial outlook:

The difficulties are so vast, so unlimited, that I approach the whole subject not only in ignorance, but in humility. It is too great for me. I wonder if anyone in the world can really direct the affairs of the world, or of his own country, with any assurance of the result his action will have. The confused events of the world have brought about a series of events and a general tendency which appear to me presently outside the control of any man, any country, or any government.

That, friends, is just another way of saying what Judge Rutherford has been saying all along, that "the kingdom of Jehovah God is the only possible hope of the world". If Mr. Norman had actually come right out and said that, his words would have done some real good. As it is, they have only done harm. If one does not know the remedy for earth's ills he might better not mention them. But if he does know, then he should lift up his voice to the high heavens, and eventually he will be heard.

"The Buffs' Great Day"

A FRIEND has sent us a copy of *The Kentish Gazette and Canterbury Press* which tells all about "the day of remembrance and laying up of the first battalion colors, August 21, 1932". It is accompanied by a booklet containing ten military pictures, which show respectively the colors leaving the depot mess; the troops entering Canterbury cathedral with the color party drawn up in the background; leaving the cathedral; lined up with the clergy of the cathedral, with their backs to the wall; the major general of the occasion taking the salute of the march past the clergy; the colors and escort entering the cathedral; the parade on depot square; the troops at luncheon, each man with a bottle of wine and a lunch box before him; the worship of the "book of life" (the same being a roster of the dead members of the battalion); and sergeants in full dress who were on duty in the chapel during the service.

The pictures of the clergy with their backs to the wall are interesting. They have the same expressions on their faces as when they receive a *Kingdom* booklet, or when they said, 'Away with Him, and release unto us Barabbas.' They all have black nightgowns reaching down to their big feet; over that a white robe reaching to the knees; and over that what the women call "fascinators", made of some dark material. All together, the whole outfit looks like the breaking up of a hard winter.

When the boys got inside of the cathedral their colonel said to the dean, "These consecrated colors, formerly carried in the service of the king and empire, I now deliver into your hands for safe custody within these walls." Then the dean accepted them and said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth, and believeth in me, shall never die."

Then the preacher for the day arose and said, "Let us remember with thanksgiving, and with all honor before God and men, the men of all ranks of The Buffs who have fallen in the service of our king and country. And let us pray unto God that we may have the grace to direct our lives after their good example: that, this life ended, we may be partakers with them of the glorious resurrection in the life everlasting."

And thus thou seest that if thou dost wish a resurrection thou shalt enlist thyself in the army and kill thy fellow man on request.

Reverend Hunter Scolds the Prisoners

REVEREND W. FALLIS HUNTER, B.D., "jailer" of the West Side M. E. church, of Bridgeton, N. J., plunges into print in the Bridgeton *News* with the following gem:

"I have purposed for some time to sound a note of warning to the public, urging them that they do not permit themselves to be beguiled in the purchase of literature which will disturb their religious thinking. My earnest suggestion to the people of Bridgeton is that if you are in doubt regarding the orthodoxy of any publication, interview your pastor before plunging into literature which will damage your religious convictions."

As New Jersey has some 200 kinds of religious sects, it was awfully good of the pastor to offer to steer their mental ships through the troubled waters, so that they would know just which way to chart their courses.

We will cheer the pastor somewhat. We will tell him something he does not know, and that is that as a result of his kind ministrations to the flock, and of others like him, they are so weak and sick and poor and scrawny, most of them, that they could not receive a robust, full-grown thought on any religious question. What they need is liberty, and air.

Little Rock Doctors After $65,000

LITTLE ROCK doctors have found out how to make $65,000 easy money and they are out for the cash. In a page article in the *Journal of the Arkansas Medical Society* for June, 1932, they say, with perfect plainness of speech, that "the recent school census shows that there are 13,000 children in Little Rock alone between the ages of one and twelve years". Then they say that they have set aside a certain month for diphtheria "immunization". "And, in order that the services of the doctors may be available to all families, a maximum charge during this month of only $5.00 for each complete immunization has been agreed upon." And, we add, that 13,000 times $5 are $65,000, and in these hard times there are many people, even doctors, who would be glad to do almost anything to get hold of $65,000 of other people's money.

Some Items About Arizona

ARIZONA people want us to know that there is still something to their great state. First they tell us that the Grand Canyon, which lies wholly within Arizona, is visited annually by 180,000 people who leave behind them $2,000,000. Then they remind us that their Roosevelt dam, with its three smaller ones, forms a $28,000,000 irrigation development. They don't want us to forget that they have a land of beautiful deserts, pine-clad mountains, crystal-clear trout streams, and wild animals enough to make a vacation interesting at any time of the year.

They have the largest virgin western yellow pine forest in the United States. The annual retail value of their Indian rugs, pottery, basket weaving and silver work is $750,000. There are numerous prehistoric cliff dwellings. There are hundreds of miles of modern highways. There are cattle enough to keep 2,800,750 people continually supplied with beef.

Arizona supplies one-fourth of the world's demand for copper, and one-half that of the United States. Cattle, sheep and livestock bring in $58,000,000 yearly income; and visitors to the state, some $40,000,000. An acre of date palms has produced as high as $20,000 gross revenue annually. Five thousand cars of canteloupes are shipped each year; and one million, seven hundred thousand crates of lettuce. The warm winters, little rain, evergreen feed and close markets make a poultry business of $1,500,000. And that isn't the half of it.

Seattle Company Gets Out from Under *By Fred H. Schreiber*

IN *The Golden Age,* issue No. 341 (October 12, 1932), on page 20, you inserted a "sliver" from Jim Marshall, columnist for the Seattle *Star.* Your comments on this article are in the form of a question. In reply to this question I take the liberty to inform you that there are no tsetse flies in Seattle.

It is unfortunate that the person who forwarded to your office the clipping containing Jim's comments on Judge Rutherford did not take advantage of the opportunity and call on Jim in person, instead of mailing the above-mentioned clipping to the *Golden Age* office.

I also read this same article and followed it up by personally calling on Mr. Marshall. I requested an interview, which was granted. I called his attention to his statement expressing surprise that recently he heard nothing of 'that grand old man'. I informed him that if he tuned in on KJR (Seattle) each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. he would hear something of 'this grand old man'; and that if, however, this hour is too early for a columnist he could tune in on KVI (Tacoma) at 1:45 p.m., or even as late as 4:00 p.m. on KXA (Seattle).

Mr. Marshall expressed his appreciation for calling on him and advising him of the radio program, and expressed an interest in what I said to him. I had the privilege of placing with him the full set of 12 bound books, and 16 booklets.

"He . . . Shall Laugh"

JEHOVAH, the true and living God, has a message of good news for all people. He has commanded that those who fear Him shall now proclaim His name and the glorious majesty of His incoming kingdom, and make known among all His righteous judgments.

To thoughtful persons throughout the world information of value and vital importance is being presented at this time by Jehovah's witnesses. During the past year intense interest has been aroused among many as to the cause of the persecution of these humble men and women, followers of Christ, who at their own expense and personal effort go from door to door, telling the people the good news of God's kingdom, the only hope of the world.

In various communities of New Jersey, particularly Bergenfield, Asbury Park, Westfield; also in Westchester county's first city of White Plains (New York); and in Rockville, Connecticut; in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania; in Hillsborough, California, and in many other places, good men and women while engaged in doing their lawful duty in obedience to the command of Jehovah, and while doing good by bringing comfort to the people now in distress, have been ruthlessly arrested, cursed and abused by officers, and otherwise illtreated and thrown into jail, and some into dungeons.

Fair-minded persons, shocked and stunned by such wrongful acts on the part of public officers, have inquired as to why these harmless men and women are thus persecuted. In response to such inquiry this review is presented here.

Jehovah and His witnesses

The men and women who have been thus persecuted and haled before the rulers of the people are Jehovah's witnesses.

Who is Jehovah?

He is the Most High God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Giver of every thing that is good, and whom every person must know and obey in order to have life.

Nineteen centuries ago, when the babe Jesus was born at Bethlehem in Palestine, Jehovah's angel from heaven announced the event to a group of humble shepherds, saying, 'Behold, I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be unto all people; He who is to be the King of the world is born and He will bring peace on earth and good will toward men.'

Since then those who love God and His righteous government have looked forward to the day of His kingdom and have rejoiced to tell others of its coming.

The time for the Kingdom is now come. How may we know that fact? The prophecies of Jehovah, plainly recorded in His Word, the Bible, set forth unmistakable evidence by which honest persons may know and understand that the time of God's kingdom is here. Read, if you will, the record of Daniel (chapter two, verse forty-four). Also note the words of Jesus recorded at Matthew the twenty-fourth chapter, and Luke twenty-one. To His disciples Jesus said that He would come and that His work as King of kings would begin at the time of greatest distress and perplexity on earth, when men's hearts would be failing them for fear of what they would see approaching, and that at such time wickedness would abound. Every sober-minded person knows that exactly these conditions now prevail all over the earth.

In the prophecy of Psalm one hundred ten, Jehovah foretold the beginning of the reign of His King, saying that His Son would commence to exercise His kingly authority and power in the midst of his enemies.

Concerning this same time, the Lord commanded His witnesses, saying, 'This good news of the Kingdom must now be preached or told to the people as a testimony to them.'

Those who love God and obey His commandments have no alternative. Their life depends upon faithfully carrying out the command of God. They must tell the people the good news of His kingdom, and they must and will do this as Jehovah's witnesses, even at the cost of their lives.

From House to House

How are Jehovah's witnesses to publish this good news of His kingdom? In these momentous days God has brought forward the radio, and by this means some are enabled to hear in the quiet of their own homes a portion of the message concerning the Kingdom as it is broadcast. Many are anxious to learn more. To enable the people to get a better understanding of Jehovah's purpose to vindicate His name by making known His glory and power among all who now dwell upon earth, and in obedience to His commandment and because of their love for God and their desire to help the people, Jehovah's witnesses now go from house to house and offer to the people this message in printed

form. Thus they give the people an opportunity to study and to understand the purposes of God as written in the Bible. In the same way Jesus and the apostles went from house to house teaching the people.—Matt. 10:7-15; Acts 20:20.

To people of good will, Jehovah's witnesses give also the opportunity to share in the work of publishing this good news of the Kingdom by contributing a small sum of money. The cost of producing and delivering the message in printed form is, of course, far in excess of all such amounts received from some of those to whom the printed message is delivered. Voluntary contributions by others who are anxious to have a share in sending out this good news make possible the continuation and enlargement of the work.

Are these men and women engaged in a bookselling scheme for financial gain, or to earn a livelihood? Most assuredly not. They toil in shop or field to earn their bread. They live frugally and then give all the time and money that they can to publish among the people this good news of God's kingdom, pointing to that righteous government as the only hope of the world.

Are these men and women engaged in soliciting donations? No. Are they soliciting contributions of money for themselves or for others? They certainly are not. The sole object of their activity is to make known or to publish among the people the truth concerning the purpose of God as He now has revealed and interpreted the dark sayings of His Book, the Bible. This is not a commercial work. It is not a propaganda movement to get joiners. It is wholly a constructive work for the permanent welfare of the people.

It has been charged that some "profit" personally by the use of 'high-pressure salesmanship' in the distribution of this printed message. Every honest person who has taken a little time to investigate knows that such charge is wholly untrue.

Every one who hears this good news of the kingdom of God and who has a sincere desire to see that righteous government wants to share in spreading this message to others. This is one reason why more than a hundred thirty million of these books have been placed with the people during the past few years. Many in the families so served have been greatly comforted and refreshed by acquiring a knowledge of God's purposes. This is a work of bringing to the people the truth concerning the world-wide government of Jehovah, which is the only hope of relief for the suffering millions.

Chief Enemy

The men and women who love God and righteousness, and who as Jehovah's witnesses are joyfully going from house to house with His message of hope, are the ones that have been abused, arrested and persecuted.

They are being thus wrongfully treated because they are the representatives and servants of Jehovah and His kingdom. The chief enemy and opposer of God and His kingdom is Satan the Devil, who first induced man to sin. Throughout the centuries, by the toleration of Jehovah, Satan has built a mighty organization composed of invisible and visible parts. In the Bible (2 Cor. 4:3, 4) it is written that Satan is the god of this world, the invisible ruler of the nations of earth, and that he makes every effort through his organization to keep the people of earth in ignorance of the truth.—2 Cor. 11:14, 15.

When Jesus was a mere babe, Herod, then ruler of Palestine, attempted to kill Jesus. That ruler was a representative of the Devil. Had Herod been a representative of God he would not have tried to kill God's beloved Son Jesus.

When Jesus became a man and proceeded with the work God gave Him to do among the people of Palestine, the clergy and their immediate associates sought repeatedly to entrap and kill Him. Jesus knew their purpose and spoke to them about it, as written in John chapter eight, verses forty to forty-five: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. . . . Ye do the deeds of your father, . . . the devil, . . . [who] was a murderer from the beginning and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. . . . And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not."

Thus plainly did Jesus speak to those who in His day chose to stand with and serve as the visible agents of Satan the false witness and accuser.

In Jesus' day, the Pharisees and priests were the clergy, who taught for commandments the precepts and traditions of men and ignored the Word of God. Acting with them were the political leaders, like Herod and Pilate; and also the money changers, masters of commerce.

Today the people of all nations are oppressed by the mighty organization of the invisible god

of this world, Satan, as stated in Revelation twelve, verse twelve. The three visible elements of men that presume to exercise authority are the commercial, the political, and the religious, and of these three the commercial is the most powerful. All three elements are controlled now by the invisible ruler, Satan.

But some might still say that surely the clergy today would not be opposed to the proclamation of the truth as contained in the Bible. The facts show, however, that they are the chief opposers, and that the clergy together with the principal ones of their flocks (the avaricious lords of big business and the political leaders without conscience) are now identifying themselves as servants of God's enemy Satan.

As in Jesus' day, so now, the *actions* or *deeds* of these men who attempt to suppress the proclamation of the truth of God's Word mark or identify such as sons and servants of Satan.

Oppression Shall End

Jehovah's witnesses, in obedience to God's commandment written in the second and ninth chapters of Ezekiel and in many other prophecies, are now telling the people the truth as set forth in the Bible. They are telling the people throughout all the world that the kingdoms and governments of earth are oppressive because Satan is the invisible ruler. Never before were the peoples of earth oppressed and deliberately deceived as at this time. Every thoughtful person who today calmly views the actions of the governing groups of any and all nations can willingly admit this.

Jehovah's witnesses are telling the people of the purpose of God, plainly written in His Book, the Bible, that within a short time He will completely destroy Satan's entire organization, including "organized Christianity", and that the righteous rule which shall then proceed under His King, Christ Jesus, is the only hope for the world. Jehovah's witnesses are pointing out the great truth that all obedient ones shall have opportunity then to dwell for ever on earth in peace and happiness and true and permanent prosperity.

In Zephaniah, chapter three, verses eight and nine, it is written: 'Wait ye upon me, saith Jehovah, until the day that I rise up for a witness; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent.'

In the same prophecy, the counsel of the Eternal God to those who love righteousness is written in these words: 'Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Jehovah come upon you, before the day of Jehovah's anger come upon you. Seek ye Jehovah, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of Jehovah's anger.'—Zeph. 2:2, 3.

"Publish . . . Conceal Not"

If the message Jehovah's witnesses are bringing to the people is true, then it is of greatest importance to mankind. If it is false, then it is the duty of the clergymen and others who support them to come boldly forward and plainly tell the people wherein the message is false.

During the past year one of Jehovah's witnesses, Judge Rutherford, challenged the combined clergy of America to select their best man to debate this question by radio. Charged with misrepresenting God and serving Satan the Devil, these clergymen ought either to come forward and prove the falsity of the charge or, failing in that, to cease and desist from holding themselves out as teachers of the Word of God. Jehovah foretold the outcome of such a challenge and the attitude that would be assumed by the clergy, when He caused His prophet Jeremiah to write, at chapter fifty-one, verse thirty: "The mighty men of Babylon [Satan's organization] have forborn to fight, they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed." It is well that all God-fearing persons take note of this fact.

The clergy deny that these truths are contained in the Bible. Furthermore, the clergy deliberately conspire to prevent Jehovah's witnesses from pointing out among the people that these great truths are set forth in the Word of God. The people have a right to know whether this is the truth, and therefore have a right to hear.

Jehovah's witnesses, in obedience to the command of the Most High God, now carry this true message to the people. This they do with ever-increasing joy. This they are glad to do in the face of threats of imprisonment and physical violence. The joy of Jehovah is their strength.

Even in prison, unfortunate ones are greatly comforted by Jehovah's witnesses when they also are behind the bars for a season. To them the words of Jehovah's command, as written in Ezekiel, chapter two, are clear:

'Jehovah said unto me, . . . I send thee . . . to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. *I* do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear (for they are a rebellious house), yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.'

"Why Not Ask Permission?"

When they enter a town or city, why do not Jehovah's witnesses ask "permission" to preach the good news of the kingdom of Jehovah?

There are a number of good reasons. Most important of these is, because the order or command to Jehovah's witnesses to do this work among the peoples of every nation has come not from men, but from the Almighty Creator through His chief executive officer, the King of kings, Christ Jesus.—Ps. 68:11.

Another good reason is, that no thoughtful person would wish for a moment to be in the position of attempting to allow or to prevent that which the Higher Powers, Jehovah and His King, have commanded their willing servants to do.

For a long time, even to this day, faithless men have erroneously taught that every one must be subject to the "powers that be". Kings and other rulers have been falsely taught by the clergy. The clergy have misled the kings, presidents and other political masters to believe that they rule "by divine right" and that they are 'the powers ordained of God'. The Bible plainly declares that the Higher Powers to which every soul shall now be subject and obedient are Jehovah, the living God, and His King, Christ Jesus.

Jehovah's witnesses claim the right to preach the gospel of God's kingdom by carrying that message in printed form from house to house. Such is their God-given right. More than that, it is their God-given duty.

But even the man-made constitution of the United States, and of New Jersey, New York, and other states, specifically and plainly prohibits the law-making and the law-enforcing agencies from enacting or attempting to enforce laws that interfere with the right of any person to perform acts and duties commanded by the Almighty God, the Supreme Authority. Thus, for example, the constitution of New Jersey restricts the conduct of law-making and law-enforcing agents of the state in these words: "No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience."

In some cases written notice of the intention of Jehovah's witnesses to do their work is presented in advance to the public officers, together with a list of the names and addresses of all who take part in the work. No request for "permission" to do their lawful work is made in such cases. They do, however, request that they 'be permitted to do the work without any interference'. In other words, they invite the public officers to take notice that a good work will be performed among the people of the city and that *any interference with the performance of that work* becomes naturally a proper matter for police attention.

The Supreme Law

All the courts recognize that Jehovah's law is higher than man's law. Jesus foretold (Mark 13:9) that in the time of the end, where we now are, His followers would be brought before kings and rulers for His sake, "for a testimony against them [the kings and rulers]." In the Scriptures is foretold also that the time would come when there would be but one law, as stated in Isaiah, chapter two. It follows then that man cannot rightfully pass a law that could prevent the preaching of the gospel or good news of Jehovah's kingdom. Naturally, no town or city, state or other human law-making or law-enforcing agency can require or grant a permit to do a thing which it cannot rightfully prevent.

It is due the people to know that in some communities where Jehovah's witnesses have been most viciously persecuted by the clergy

and their misguided associates among the political leaders these opposers have deliberately taken counsel together to frame ordinances for the very purpose of obstructing the work of Jehovah's witnesses. This is particularly true of Bergenfield, New Jersey. It is admittedly true of Englewood, New Jersey. On behalf of the latter place the boast was made by one of these wicked counselors that 'they would spend all the money in the world to have their ordinance upheld'.

Such conduct is most reprehensible in the sight of Jehovah, the living God, as stated in His Word at Psalm ninety-four. There it is plainly foretold that in this very time, before the vengeance of God is poured out upon such foolish conspirators, they would 'frame mischief by a law' and 'gather themselves together against the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood'; but it is also stated in the same Psalm that Jehovah shall bring upon the conspirators their own lawlessness and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; 'yea, Jehovah our God shall cut them off.'

The time is here, as the Scriptures also show, for Jehovah's witnesses to declare among all people the purpose of the Almighty God. It is written, in Jeremiah, chapter twenty-five: 'Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, Jehovah shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the nations; he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith Jehovah.'

The last seven verses of the twenty-fifth chapter of Jeremiah plainly reveal what every honest person longs to see, namely, that the Almighty Creator Himself will move like a whirlwind against the peoples' oppressors. They shall be positively cornered, with no way to flee or escape. These oppressors, as shown in God's prophecy, are the hypocritical clergy, and the avaricious masters of big business and the politicians without conscience who are the principal members of the flocks of the false shepherds, and who now all work hand in hand behind the scenes, under the supervision and control of their invisible overlord, Satan, "that old serpent" the Devil.

"He . . . Shall Laugh"

The people are now entitled to know the meaning of such prophecies as that which Jehovah caused to be written and which is known commonly as the second Psalm. It begins: 'Why do the nations tumultuously assemble, and the people meditate a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against Jehovah, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.'

Then it is written that the Almighty Creator will laugh at those who attempt to stand in the way of His work: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure."

All of this, as the Psalm shows, is due to be done after Jehovah commands His Son, Christ Jesus, to begin to rule in the midst of His enemies. That time is now here.

For the sober consideration of those individuals who hold positions of leadership among the people, the counsel of the Eternal God is written in the last words of the second Psalm: 'Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve Jehovah with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.'

As human creatures, Jehovah's witnesses are of small importance, but Jehovah and His kingdom are of supreme importance. Jehovah God is sending forth His message of His kingdom by His witnesses now. He who opposes does so at his peril. Those who learn and obey the righteous law of the kingdom of Jehovah will have nothing to fear. Such shall learn more and more of the glory and majesty of Jehovah, the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and of His Son the King of kings. From the rising of the sun unto its going down they will unceasingly praise the Eternal God as they live everlastingly in peace, happiness and prosperity.

To all who desire further information regarding the message Jehovah's witnesses are now carrying to the people, a most interesting booklet will be sent. It describes the various publications explaining the prophecies of the Bible which may now be clearly understood. This booklet, free, is yours for the asking. Address Watch Tower, Brooklyn, New York.

"This Gospel"—In How Many Languages?

IN ANSWER to an inquiry as to the number of languages in which "this gospel of the kingdom" must be preached before the scripture will be fulfilled which says it must be for "a witness to all nations", we answered a correspondent as follows, and presume the reply will be of some general interest to others:

In reply to your favor of October 11. There are about 3,500 languages now spoken in the world, and it is a fact, as stated in your letter, that about one-fourth of these have been reduced to writing and some portion of the Scriptures printed therein. There are districts in Burma and other parts of the world where one may not go more than thirty miles without contact with a new language, different in many respects from the one in use in the region just left.

When our Lord said, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations," it would not seem reasonable to us to understand that He expects the true explanation of the Scriptures, or even the Scriptures themselves, or any part of them, must necessarily be translated into every one of these 3,500 tongues. Even if they were so translated the natives could not read them, and even if they could read, they could not understand them. In some parts of the world, as in sections of Africa, the language of the natives is little more than a succession of clicks. In China a word which is written the same may have as many as eight different pronunciations and each of these eight variously pronounced words has a different meaning.

Even if it were possible to reduce all present languages to writing and to print the Bible and explanations of the Bible in all these languages, and even if all the people could read, and reading, could understand, we would still have to reckon with the fact that hundreds of nations and other languages that once flourished no longer exist. We thus see that our Lord's statement, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" does not mean and could not mean that it would be proclaimed in every language and in every dialect of the present and of the past. What is manifestly meant is that the entire earth has been divided for governmental purposes into some seventy nations and it is God's evident will that this gospel of the Kingdom should be particularly proclaimed to these nations that have thus taken over the earth and its bounties and have assumed to reign in God's name. In many of these nations English is the governing tongue, in others Spanish, and in others French. Thus we finally arrive at the fact that in order to preach the gospel for a witness unto all nations it is necessary only that it be published in about thirty languages, as is now done.

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Anxious to Know Judge Rutherford

"McCOMB, Miss., Nov. 19, 1932.
Editor, The *Times-Picayune:*

"I have always believed your paper worked for the very best interests of all our people. Especially do you uphold our schools and churches and labor to encourage relief for the needy at all times.

"For this reason I was surprised when I saw a big advertisement in your paper telling of a Judge J. F. Rutherford's books and speeches. I am sure he is opposed to Christianity and is working to help destroy it. He calls all churches, preachers and priests 'workers in the Devil's organization'. He predicts the certain and immediate downfall of all our religions and of our government.

"Of course, this must be old-time Russellism, but why do our papers help to put such blighting influences before the public unless there is more to back up such broad statements besides one 'Judge' Rutherford's private opinion as to what is found in the Bible?

"His insults and ugly slurs against Christians of all denominations should not be published that he might sell books. Isn't it time our papers stop featuring such ads? Our country needs encouragement, not direful predictions.

"Don't you think that our churches and schools are vital to our national life and anything or anybody who openly attacks them should be investigated? What sort of life would we have in our cities if our churches and schools should be suddenly destroyed?

"This pessimist Rutherford pretends to be the only person capable of interpreting Scripture, but maybe that is a ruse to put over his campaign against our churches. He knows his statement 'that all Christians are hooked up with big business' is not true. He also knows that the churches are the greatest factor for good and are of divine origin.

"He tries to explain away the fact of the trinity but has made a poor argument of it. I understand that the clergy ignore him. We have thousands of learned, godly men 'pulling' for our country and its needs; then why is such a pessimist as this Rutherford allowed so much publicity?

"In many of his papers he complains of the police in many places arresting his workers, but can he expect any better treatment for his insults to Christians? Please pardon me for this lengthy letter, but I am anxious to know more about this man who is so arrogant in his opinions. Does he give to the poor, the sick, afflicted, old men and women, orphans and the unemployed? Not a cent, so far as can be found out, but our churches give constantly to all of these.

"A. S. W."

An Embarrassing Introduction

We do not know that Reverend S. A. Williams, Osyka, Mississippi, was the writer of the foregoing letter, which appeared in the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* of November 20, 1932, but there are reasons for thinking that he was, and so we have pleasure in introducing everybody all around. Copies of this will go to him and to the *Times-Picayune,* and to Judge Rutherford.

Introductions are sometimes embarrassing. The story is told of a Big Business man of New York city, years ago. He helped a beautiful woman on a street car and contrived to sit beside her and tried to engage her in conversation. Finally he said, "I will give you $20 if you will go with me." She declined to notice him. That evening he was invited to the home of another Big Business man where he was exceedingly desirous of creating a good impression. The first person he was introduced to was the lady he had helped on the car. Confused and embarrassed, he proffered his hand, but the lady said, icily, "I have met the gentleman before."

However, we proceed with the introduction. Mr. Haman, meet Mr. Mordecai. Mr. Williams, meet Judge Rutherford. And while you are about it, Haman, here is the halter, and you can head down the main street, shouting as loudly as you like, "Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the King delighteth to honor." (Esther 6:9) It will give you a better appetite for the feast which is just ahead. Judge Rutherford is in the saddle, and you are on foot, and the laughingstock of the community. You might as well know it now as later.

Best to Be Open and Honest

Surely you believe that the *Times-Picayune* is for the best interests of the people, an up-

holder of schools and churches and an encourager of relief for the needy, and the reason you mentioned it was to encourage them to publish your letter. It was in the nature of a canvass or sales-talk. It hoodwinked the editors of the *Picayune* not at all. They are accustomed to such preambles.

Every piece of bum poetry that was ever patched together was accompanied by a letter to the editor telling him what a great man he was, and what an excellent judge of fine poetry. The poet looks on that as really clever. He does not know that the editor has seen the thing done so many times that he is sick and tired of the whole sham. What, in his heart, he would at all times really prefer is that everybody should tell the truth.

It would have been a lot more of satisfaction to the editors of the *Times-Picayune* if you had come right out and said, "I am a preacher. Judge Rutherford has made us all angry by what he says about our hypocrisies, and I want to see if there is not some way in which we can get together and put up the fight over the radio that this man wants to make. Let's have it out with him, so that the public can see who is right." Then the editors would have had some respect for you; as it is, they can have only contempt.

The Biggest News of the Day

Well, you saw the big advertisement that Judge Rutherford thinks that all the churches, preachers and priests are workers in the Devil's organization. He doesn't *think* it, Haman. He *knows* it. And, besides, the *Times-Picayune* was paid for the advertisement; they are not running the paper for their health. Now stop and think, for a minute. Suppose it is true that you and your friends *are* working for the Devil while pretending to work for God, isn't it a matter of enough importance to be put in an advertisement in a newspaper? Why, really, it deserves to go on the front page as a big news item, the most important news item of the day.

You are sure that he is opposed to Christianity; the scribes and Pharisees were sure that Jesus was opposed to Judaism. The fact of the business is that Christianity and churchianity are as far apart as the east from the west. Jesus of Nazareth and Judge Rutherford have set to their seal that God is true and that His Word is now judging His professed people. There is not the least doubt where the judge stands. His position is well known. The New York *Times*, defender of and apologist for the Devil's organization in its entirety, has made the public admission that he is the "uncompromising foe of Organized Christianity".

It is now up to the much-diversified institutions that claim the title Christianity to prove that they are what they claim to be. If they are of the Devil, as Judge Rutherford claims them to be, it is of great importance to the people that the people get to know the facts.

How Do You Silence a Prophet, Anyway?

"He predicts the certain and immediate downfall of all our religions and of our government." Listen! "There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down." (Matt. 24:2) Would you have had Jesus locked up because He predicted the ruin of the temple? Listen again! "In the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." (Dan. 2:44) Do you know any way that the kingdoms can get together to prevent Almighty God from doing what He has said He will do?

The Truth Is Not an Ism

"Of course, this must be old-time Russellism." It is nothing of the kind. It is the truth, and the truth is not an ism of any sort. Pastor Russell knew much of God's Word and made good use of what he knew. If alive today he would be cooperating with Judge Rutherford in the great work in which he is engaged. He did not have and could not have the truths that are specially due since 1918, but in his day he was as far ahead of the preachers of his time as a modern automobile is ahead of an oxcart.

You wonder if there is anybody backing Judge Rutherford's "private opinion as to what is found in the Bible". You have the evidence. There is hardly a place in "Christendom", or in the world, for that matter, that is not getting his radio talks, and there are more than 130,000,000 copies of his books in circulation. You could see the hand of God in this if you were not stone blind.

You make a bid to the papers to stop running advertisements with which you do not agree. Seems like a good idea. All the publishers all over the United States and the world will have to do is to submit their business to you and you will pass on it, as to whether it should go in or

stay out. Nobody but a preacher could have fathered such an asinine suggestion.

"Speak unto Us Smooth Things, Prophesy Deceits."—Isaiah 30: 10

"Our country needs encouragement, not direful predictions." You bet it needs encouragement, but it has had Mr. Hoover right along now giving it encouragement by the barrel for almost four years. Every time he spoke it was to cheer the starving by telling them conditions were fundamentally sound, there was nothing wrong with the country, and better times were just around the corner.

The people have had plenty of encouragement; Judge Rutherford confines himself to the Scriptures and to the facts, and if you hang on to the halter, Haman, and make yourself at home at the feast later, it won't be long now till you will find out who is right. You want to know the judge? You are going to have a grand opportunity.

Putting the Shells into the Omelet

That was quite clever, putting the churches and schools together, and inquiring if they are not vital to our national life, but we will separate them, just as the government does. The churches are one thing, and the schools quite another and a different thing, and if you ask if the churches are necessary, the answer is that they are not. The proof that they are not is that more than half the people never darken church doors, and there are 40,000 churches that have been abandoned to the rats and mice that are now their only occupants. Jesus never had anything to do with the building of any of these churches, or with any of the churches, but He did have a lot to do with the development of Christianity.

As to your inquiry regarding what sort of life you would have in the cities if the churches should be suddenly destroyed, the answer is that you would get rid of all the hypocrisy at one time, and there would then be a decent chance for the honest of heart to get together and worship God in spirit and in truth. Something like that is evidently in God's mind. When the 213 varieties of churchianity go to smash, the people will have the truth in Judge Rutherford's books, which will then be their joy and comfort.

Paternity of a Famous Doctrine

About this doctrine of the "trinity". There are two reasons for feeling shaky about it. One is that it is nowhere even hinted at in the Scriptures; and the second is that it was fathered by the Roman emperor Constantine in the same year that he murdered his own son.

You "understand that the clergy ignore him". You know mighty well that they do; and you know the reason why, and so do we. But go along, Haman, don't drop your halter; you would better hang on tight, for the feast and the day of reckoning is ahead, and the rope will come in handy.

Sure, you are right! The police in many places have done just what the Devil wanted them to do, and always at the behest of the clergy, his children, and if you had your way you would have every one of Jehovah's witnesses slain so that they could never approach another door with the message of the truth, the message of The Kingdom the Hope of the World.

"God, I Thank Thee that I Am Not as Other Men Are."—Luke 18: 13

As to your boasted gifts to the poor, the sick, the afflicted, the old men and women, the orphans, and the unemployed, who is it that puts up the money? It is the common people, is it not? And if it were not for the billions that have been filched from their pockets in the name of religion, and if the "principal of the flock" had been the Christians they have pretended to be, it is a matter of common knowledge that there would be no poor and no unemployed. And, anyway, how do your clerical friends and you know how many millions of copies of Judge Rutherford's books have been given away to these classes? You don't know, and you never will know, and the reason is the following:

"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly."—Matt. 6: 1-4.

Here's your halter, Haman. Be on your way. You are holding up the whole procession.

P.S. If the clergy of America were really honest and

wanted the people to understand the truth they would pick out some man of national reputation as a preacher and put him up for the radio debate to which they have been challenged. Surely if they are for Jehovah God they could find one man who would meet these requirements. If they cannot, then they should admit that the god whom they serve is too weak to really meet an argument. The people are entitled to the truth, and they are going to get it regardless of the preachers.

A Note to the Virgin Mary

DEAR Mary: We don't like to turn this over to a priest, to be sent to you by way of Vatican City, for there are too many crooks at both ends of the route, and you might not get it. No doubt you are a reader of *The Golden Age*, so we address you direct.

We are just in receipt of a nicely printed four-page folder sent out by Rev. Joseph A. Skelly, C.M., Director, 100 East Price Street, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa., in which he reports you as saying: "I am the Mother of the Poor Souls in Purgatory, for all the sufferings they have deserved are being mitigated every hour more or less by my intercession."

Assuming that Reverend Skelly told the truth, we ask you frankly, Mary, What is the big idea? Why keep this hot oven or steam cooker going so steadily? And if you have any influence at all, why don't you use it once for all to put a stop to this infamous way of doing things? You know that your Son once said, "Whatsoever ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so to them." Would you like to be parboiled in brimstone?

Reverend Skelly intimates that there is a way to get in your good graces if we will pay him 25c a year for anybody, living or dead. But why should we pay the money to *him?* That is the sticker. But hold. There is more to this. If we send 4 members, and don't forget to put in the $1, we get a silver-plated medal. Now, honest, Mary, is that medal silver-plated, or is this just one more line of bunk, of which the world is full to overflowing? If we send $2, $3 or $4, for 8, 12 or 16 members, we get a rosary, paper weight, or pendant.

Mr. Skelly ought to be all right, for we notice he says that he is "Approved by His Eminence Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia, and by His Excellency, the Apostolic Delegate", but we have to call your attention to his statement that "Solomon's Temple was empty of the Living God Who will dwell behind the tabernacle door in our Chapel. There the sacrifice of the Altar will be an infinite one, and God Himself both Priest and Victim". That is plain blasphemy, Mary, as we both know.

Because you were a Jewess you are familiar with 2 Chronicles 7:1, 2, which reads: "Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah had filled the house of Jehovah." And how about any human priest's making the Living God his victim?

Mr. Skelly says, "I shall be quite satisfied with your prayers alone," from which we gather that he does not insist we send him any cash; but the last thing in his advertising matter shows that he would not turn it down. He mentions a list of 123 things that he needs for the chapel, which include altar bells, cruets, missals, crucifixes, altar cards, candlesticks, altar cloths, credence tables, priedieux, sanctuary lamps, stained glass windows, altars and an organ, all footing up to a total of $70,281, which is quite a little wad for these hard times.

A lady who used to be one of Mr. Skelly's flock writes us: "Rackets of this kind are worked frequently and heavily. A chap told me once that it was the best kind of selling and paid well. I don't doubt. Most of the medals are composed of lead. Oh, well, why give the suckers a break?"

The Radio Witness Work

EUNICE, La. "I have been listening in on Judge Rutherford over station WJBO, New Orleans, every Sunday morning and enjoy his talks very much. I get many inspirations for sermons from his wonderful thoughts. I would like very much to receive a copy of *The Golden Age* magazine and also some of your tracts." Rev. L. N. M.

Africa — A Continent in the Making

In Four Parts — Part II

TRAVELING from Egypt westward along the top of the great head which we have imagined Africa to be, we come to the Barbary states, all of which, with the single exception of Tripoli, the least important of the lot, are in the hands of France. Tripoli was grabbed by the Italians in 1912. Prior to that time it was nominally in Turkey's hands.

Taken together, the Barbary states, Tripoli, Tunis, Algeria and Morocco, have an area more than three-fifths of that of the whole United States. The total population is about 13,000,000, of whom 1,000,000 are Europeans. Civilization there dates back thirty-five hundred years.

For centuries these states were a thorn in the side of the rest of the world. They have had an extremely checkered career. When all the rest of the world went Roman Catholic northern Africa remained independent. When the Saracens overran Asia and Africa they put all the Christians to the edge of the sword. Then these countries became solidly Mohammedan.

For three hundred years these lands were in anarchy. Their principal business was piracy. To gain a monopoly of the trade of the Mediterranean, England paid "Barbary" $280,000 a year tribute. A part of this was always demanded in armed vessels, ammunition and naval stores, so that England really furnished these cutthroats with the tools wherewith the piracies on the ships of other nationalities were accomplished.

The time of settlement came when the Algerines captured two United States vessels and 21 men, who, as usual, were reduced to slavery while the question of their ransom was pending. Eleven of these died in slavery, and as a consequence Admiral Decatur raided the whole coast. Coming into Algiers he chanced to find the entire fleet at sea. He gave the high muck-a-muck, called the Dey, three hours to release all captives, of whatsoever nationality, and forswear all future tribute, or he would blow his village off the map. Subsequently he visited Tunis and Tripoli on the same errand and with like results. The next year the British government stopped paying tribute and made a similar trip.

The Berbers a Fine People

The Berbers, after whom the Barbary Coast gets its general name of Barbary, are a fine people, thin, strong, robust, with beautifully formed bodies, and brown complexions. They often have light hair, and sometimes blue eyes. Mohammedans in religion, they are said to be generally straight and honest in their dealings, comparing favorably with the Arabs, and of high intelligence. They are of Semitic stock, remarkably industrious.

The Berbers are to be found along the entire extent of Barbary, 2,600 miles from Egypt to the Atlantic coast, and 140 to 550 miles inland to the Sahara. The soil is fertile but light, and in the dry season, March to September, is so parched as to render walking upon it impracticable. The temperature is generally moderate, seldom descending to the freezing point and seldom becoming sultry.

The religious mix-up in Tripoli is well nigh complete. Moslems have their weekly religious holiday on Friday, Jews on Saturday, and the Italians on Sunday. Shopping may be done on any day of the week, but it is considered an insult to approach a Moslem on Friday, or a Jew on Saturday, with a view to making purchases.

A considerable part of the Barbary Coast, especially Algiers and Morocco, is traversed by the Atlas mountains, which in places rise to 13,000 feet. The streams in these mountains are more or less permanent, but lose themselves in the light soil when they get to lower levels. Collections of water under the sand have been turned to account by the French by means of artesian wells. The general elevation is from 1,500 to 3,000 feet, but there is one large area which is 100 feet below sea level.

The French have made a great city out of Algiers. Its white houses, rising tier upon tier, present a very imposing appearance from the sea. The sea wall and warehouses cost upward of $40,000,000. The ladies wear trousers of white material, stuffed to make them almost as large as barrels. It is said to take a dozen yards of goods to make one of these pairs of trousers.

Radio Penetrates the Sahara

It is the discovery of radio that has really made the Sahara, which lies to the south of the Barbary states, penetrable. Here and there, all through the Sahara, are oases the exact locations of which in bygone years were known only to the Arabs. Now the French and the Italians

know where they are. By wireless, every one of these can keep in touch with governmental headquarters, and, if need be, in an hour, or two or three, any needed assistance can be sent by airplane. The Arab with his "ship of the desert", the camel, is no longer in control.

And besides the radio and the airplane there is the automobile. In recent years some wonderful trips have been made by trucks and even light cars to various parts of the Libyan and Saharan deserts, and these have all helped to break down the former isolation.

You have heard of the Mauritania, and of Morocco, and of the Moors. The names are all of the same origin. The railroad across the Sahara, if it is ever built, will cross at about where Algeria proper ends and Morocco begins. It is the short cut to the Niger river, and the principal caravan route. France is too much interested in arming to the teeth to properly develop her railway transportation systems in Africa.

The French railroad across the Sahara would be only 1,050 miles long, and American railway engineers would not consider its construction a difficult problem. The "Great American Desert" is crisscrossed by railways, and now by airways, in every conceivable direction.

The rainlessness of the Sahara is due to the direction of the winds, which are deprived of their moisture before reaching these lands. But there are in the Sahara elevated plateaus and mountains with more or less permanent streams and habitable valleys in between, and artesian wells have been turned to account in Algeria.

Piracy Not Entirely Suppressed

The so-called "civilized" nations of Europe have not succeeded in entirely suppressing piracy off the African coast, though they have entirely removed it from the Mediterranean sea. Southwest of Morocco is the Spanish state or province of Rio de Oro, a penal settlement, and one of the most inhospitable places on the globe. It was to this settlement that the Spanish nobility were sent after the recently attempted insurrection.

While the Spanish are nominally in control of Rio de Oro, an area larger than New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, yet the district is not completely subjugated. In November, 1932, a fishing vessel off this coast grounded and was attacked by Moorish pirates. Only its radio apparatus prevented the vessel from being captured and its crew slain or held for ransom. An SOS appeal brought two ships to the rescue, one of which was a gunboat. The pirates were glad to beat a retreat.

The next point south, near the western extremity of Africa, is a very important one, because it was via the Senegal river that the French made their entry into the vast territory, larger than the whole of the United States, which go to make up French West Africa and French Equatorial Africa.

Until about fifty years ago the French did as all the other European nations: helped themselves to colonial territory here and there along the coast, with no apparent idea of linking their possessions up into one vast administrative area, but that is what has happened.

The Guinea Coast

Going around the back of the head to the Congo river, at the back of the neck, the countries in their order, with the countries that claim possession, are as follows:

Senegal (French)	Gold Coast (British)
Gambia (British)	Dahomey (French)
Casamanca (French)	Nigeria (British)
Guinea (Portuguese)	Cameroons (French)
Guinea (French)	Rio Muni (Spanish)
Sierra Leone (British)	Gabon (French)
Liberia (Independent)	Kabinda (Portuguese)
Ivory Coast (French)	Congo (Belgian)

At the time of the World War the Germans had Cameroons, and a part of what is now Dahomey but was then called Togoland, making seventeen colonies in all on the Guinea Coast. Back of these coast settlements is one of the richest regions of the world, viewed in the light of natural resources. The French were the first to appreciate the hinterland.

It was about 1885 that French settlers pushing up the Senegal river finally came over the divide into the magnificent region of the French Sudan, to the south and west of Timbuktu, and visions of the present great empire began to take form. Since then, the French have gone around back of all the coast settlements above named, cutting them off from further development, with the result that France now has in Africa a vast country, aside from the Sahara desert, which stretches from Algiers to the Congo river and from Cape Verde almost to the river Nile.

This territory includes much of the valleys of the Senegal, Niger and Congo rivers, as well as the streams that empty into Lake Chad, and

the lake itself. Without a great fanfare of trumpets the French have quietly gone about the pacification and civilization of this great area, and though much remains to be done, much has been done.

In Dahomey the French have 1,800 miles of modern highways on which automobiles flit back and forth. The natives take to them as a duck to water. Like Jehu, they drive furiously. It was in Dahomey that in bygone years the French had to conquer an army of 15,000 Amazons, women trained for warfare, quite as strong as and more ferocious than men. Dahomey was at one time a great center of the slave trade.

Native Groups in French West Africa

In their conquest of the hinterland the French have had to deal with not less than fifty groups. They found some very extensive areas almost deserted, though only needing intelligent cultivation to support vast numbers of people. In other districts there is a dense population.

The Niger river, length 2,500 miles, rises within 175 miles of the Atlantic ocean, not far from the source of the Senegal river, and sweeps around a great semicircle back into the Atlantic. At the top of the immense circle, or rather we should say at the central point of the great arc described by the river's course, in the center of a fertile prairie, lies Timbuktu, destined, in the future, to be a rival of Chicago. Immense and fertile plains and forests stretch away to the east and west and south; and from this territory now come enormous supplies of oils, gums, ivory, and ostrich feathers.

Timbuktu is at the head of navigation of the Niger, and a natural collecting and distributing depot for the products of the region. For generations the Arabs have carried the products northward to Tripoli, across the Sahara, making two round trips per year. Now the French take their goods out by way of the Senegal, or down the Niger through British territory. They have a railway across the Niger-Senegal divide.

If the trans-Saharan railway is ever built, these goods will go direct to Algiers. Planes make the hop across the desert frequently, and no doubt a through line from Britain to South Africa via this route will come soon. The planes usually follow the Greenwich meridian, and meet and leave the Niger at Gao, 200 miles east of Timbuktu; so Gao may finally be the big city.

Palms are to be found all over Africa. The date palm is the special characteristic of the desert, to which it is specially adapted, and in which it forms the principal means of subsistence. The Arabs, who make a living by carrying ivory and other treasures across the desert, carry dates with them as their sole food, counting out just so many to be taken at each meal, and not varying the number. They know in advance, to a certainty, how many meals they have provided for. In the western part of tropical Africa coffee plants thrive so luxuriantly as to form thick woods.

French Discourage Cannibalism

In the vast areas under their control the French have discouraged cannibalism, but it will be some time yet before it is extinct. Slavery is waning. Fetishism is greatly decreased. Some of the secret murder societies have been broken up. Tribal wars are at an end. Polygamy is much decreased. The people are learning to read and write; soon they will be like all the rest of us, but maybe not quite as bad.

The Hausa Negroes of the French Sudan and upper Nigeria are said to have the most beautiful language of the world. It is said that these Negroes themselves are as stately as their language, which is spoken by some 20,000,000 throughout the Sudan and as far as the Mediterranean. As slaves they were prized as of the highest type. They are crossed with Semitic stock and are Mohammedans, mostly.

The Sahara desert is not entirely rainless, though it averages under ten inches a year. The northern part of the Sudan has from ten to twenty inches a year, and this belt stretches clear through from Cape Verde on the Atlantic to Somaliland on the Indian ocean; it is perhaps a hundred miles wide. South of that is a great belt approximately 500 miles wide, the bulk of which is in French hands, which has up to sixty inches of rain a year and will grow anything that can be raised anywhere. The heaviest rains of all, ranging up to and over 120 inches a year, are in the heavy-forested Guinea Coast and Congo regions, much of which also is in French possession.

Why the Guinea Coast is Unhealthful

The reason the Guinea Coast is unhealthful (aside from the intense heat and humidity) is largely that the people there do not know how to live. The natives suffer terribly from constipation; they eat no greens; they know nothing of sanitation; they do not know how to secure

pure drinking water. Is it any wonder they are ill? When sick they go to a medicine man for some magic brew or incantation. We have not heard of any of them as being so superstitious, however, that they think that by having poisons scratched into their arms it will keep them from getting sick.

There are sacred groves where, occasionally, without the knowledge of their white rulers, young men are sacrificed, 'for the good of the tribe,' but we have not heard that any of these benighted savages teach in one breath that God is love, and in the next declare He purposes to roast almost all humanity in the strangling fumes of burning sulphur throughout all eternity for something that somebody else did more than six thousand years ago.

Snake stew is a savory dish on the Guinea Coast. The odd thing about it is that it is said to taste very good indeed.

The breakers on the Guinea Coast are the most dangerous on the continent. There is a constant westerly swell from the Atlantic.

Gambia — Portuguese Guinea — Sierra Leone

All three of these are considered unhealthful, owing to the great heat and humidity. Obviously, the people need a light, thin diet, if they are to keep well. In due time, if they do not have them now, residents in such climates will be taught the real value of oranges, lemons, limes and grapefruit.

Gambia is small, hardly the size of Connecticut. It is a British possession consisting of a strip of land six miles wide on each bank of a navigable stream 250 miles long. Surrounded on all sides by French West Africa it is like a sliver or wedge driven into the French possessions.

Portuguese Guinea is of the size of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. There is an archipelago of islands off the coast. There is still much big game, elephants and hippopotamuses being common.

Sierra Leone is a British possession, and though it looks to be but a speck on the map of Africa it is larger than all of New England outside of Maine. It has magnificent forests; some of the trees, hollowed out by the natives, are converted into canoes capable of containing a hundred men.

On December 31, 1927, 250,000 Negro domestic slaves were given their freedom in Sierra Leone. Slavery is a curious institution. It seems to be almost indigenous to Africa. Every white family has about six servants, or "boys", as they are always called, regardless of age. There is a cook, who does nothing but cooking; a laundry boy who does laundry work, and nothing else; a house boy that elsewhere would be called a butler; a pantry boy, who looks after the food; and a toto or kitchen boy who does all the work. Twenty or thirty dollars a month secures the services of the whole six.

The native chiefs try to imitate the whites, and as they do not have the necessary twenty or thirty dollars a month to pay the help, they make them serve without pay. In Africa it is called slavery. When freed, many of the Sierra Leone slaves refused to leave their old masters.

Liberia, the Great Experiment

It is but natural that Africans and others who know of the riches of Africa, and who realize the adaptability of the black man to its climate, should think of the possibility of repatriating upon its shores the millions of blacks who are now in America and the West Indies; but the experiment in Liberia shows that the thing is impractical.

With the best of motives, Liberia was founded early in the nineteenth century for the purpose of colonizing free blacks from the United States. By 1845 about 4,500 had been sent over, and in 1847 these declared a republic in which the people of the United States have always had the friendliest interest. Only persons of Negro blood may be citizens.

In 1877 there was a determined effort to send additional colonists. A stock company was formed. An old boat was bought; and thousands sold their belongings, with the expectation of going on the initial trip. The boat was legally permitted to carry 206; but when sailing time came, there were a thousand on board. Hundreds were sent ashore in rowboats. The food ran low, and so did the water supply. Twenty-one were buried at sea in ten days. At length Africa was reached, but both natives and newcomers were disappointed, and many of the newcomers died. The boat got back to America and never made another trip.

It is most regrettable that the 20,000 Afro-Americans allowed themselves to be dragged down by the wretched examples set on all sides, particularly their next door neighbor, Sierra Leone. In 1930 a report to the League of Nations showed that slavery is rife throughout

Liberia, even in the families of Afro-Americans.

In the effort to prevent the truth from coming to the light, hundreds of natives were slain and their villages burned, but the truth came out anyway. The president and other high officials resigned, and Liberia is now being run under an advisory council of the League of Nations, the United States cooperating.

The League of Nations has proposed a dictatorship for Liberia, as a result of recommendations made to it by an International Committee which includes representatives of the United States, Great Britain and France. The dictatorship would be financed by the Firestone Rubber Company, which would therefore, in effect, be the real ruler of the country.

Slavery in Liberia took the form of pawning. Men and women were pawned as children, and subsequently repawned, with no hope of redemption remaining. Villages were terrorized and depopulated to recruit forced labor gangs, some of which were shipped to French and Spanish colonies. Forced labor for public works was diverted to officials' private plantations. Liberia, within the past year, has freed its slaves and paid its war debt to Uncle Sam in full.

In 1925, Harvey Firestone, Akron, Ohio, announced that the company of which he is president had purchased 1,000,000 acres in Liberia and would invest $100,000,000 in rubber plantations. By 1929, 30,000 acres had been planted with Sumatra rubber trees and 10,000 Liberians were on the pay roll.

The cost of living in Liberia is so low that the people demand a smaller coin than the cent, which is the present smallest currency unit. It is pointed out that, in buying food daily for her family at the markets (most of which food will not keep, owing to the climate), a native woman frequently needs of different things only quantities which are valued at one-tenth or even one-twentieth of a penny.

One of the most successful colonies anywhere in the realms of the British Empire is the Gold Coast. This country, which is of about the size of Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia and West Virginia, is the cocoa center of the world. The crop is grown entirely by natives, and is of the value of $50,000,000 a year.

The Gold Coast has a new harbor costing over $17,000,000, in the construction of which more than two million tons of granite were used. Five thousand miles of fine roads have been built, of which mileage 3,500 miles were built by the natives. The natives enjoy and freely use the buses, which race from one end of the country to the other.

The natives of the Gold Coast believe that the Devil is so hideous that if he sees himself in a mirror he immediately runs away in terror of his own ugliness. Mirrors are therefore something they much appreciate. If you have plenty of mirrors around your house, if the Devil comes in and gets a look at himself, away he goes before you can say Jack Robinson. These poor Africans cannot imagine a Devil so hideous that he would stand up in a pulpit and warn the people not to read any books that would tell them anything about God's kingdom. The Devil is much worse than they think.

The Gold Coast is really a "gold" coast. Besides cocoa, it has gold and diamond mines, palm oil and mahogany, manganese and rubber, with over 2,000 vessels clearing its ports every year.

The Great State of Nigeria

The great state of Nigeria was very completely described in these columns in our issue of May 15, 1929, which please see. We here merely mention a few items. This country, stretching from the mouth of the Niger river to Lake Chad, on the border of the Sahara, is surrounded on all sides by French possessions, but is in itself as large as all of the United States between the Hudson and Mississippi rivers and north of the Potomac and Ohio.

The trade of Nigeria is monopolized by The Niger Company, which has the exclusive right of importing rum, gunpowder, missionaries and other blessings of civilization, and exporting the products of the country. The missionaries have confirmed the natives in their heathen beliefs that the dead are more alive than ever. Pagan ideas are thus perpetuated.

Negroes in the northern part of Nigeria must still take off their hats in the presence of Europeans. If they do not take them off they are knocked off. Until recently they were compelled to prostrate themselves on the ground as the white passed along.

Lagos, one of the principal ports of Nigeria, was once a great slave mart. As the British gained access to the country, they used one tribe to kill off another, thus saving the British troops. This is a standard, recognized method of the British Empire in gaining control of a land.

White Dominance Not an Unmixed Blessing

Before the advent of the British, parts of Nigeria were better governed than they have been since. The natives, as they have come in contact with European civilization and hypocrisies, have fallen away from previously high standards. This is especially true of northern Nigeria, the Mohammedan rulers of which, the Fulani, crossed into Nigeria from the Nile in the twelfth century.

The native clergy are a nuisance, perpetuating the "Hell" scare, and collecting "dues" from the people on one pretext or another. A church funeral cannot be had unless all one's "dues" are paid, and the native clergy have fostered the idea that without a church funeral there is no salvation. Three-fourths of the people are still pagans; in the north they are largely Mohammedans.

Demonism is rampant. Some of the rites are so secret that if any female by accident chances to observe them, she is put to death. Polygamy is common. Some of the natives believe in reincarnation and have the thought that man is living this life over and over again, being born again in the person of a babe after passing into death at maturity.

Nigeria is in its infancy. It is of vast natural resources. Its tin, lead and iron ore industries are old and valuable. Railroad development has been rapid, because of the mines, the mileage in 1930 being 2,069. Slavery was abolished in 1917. There is a tremendous future ahead of Nigeria. It is on the direct air line from England to Cape Town.

In 1929 Nigeria was treated to a revolt of women. Counted for the first time in a census, they thought they were going to be taxed, as their men had been after they were first counted. They thereupon attacked government offices, looted European traders, and wrecked a bank. Fifty-four of these women were slain in the quelling of the revolt.

In the hill country of Nigeria the villages of the natives are built in a circle, all the huts facing the center. Construction is of mud, with straw thatching for the roof. Herodotus mentions the Niger river, a great stream across the desert, where some young men of the Tripoli coast saw crocodiles and black men.

In the Nupe district of central Nigeria salutations are most elaborate. The local king is saluted as "Lion". The local prime minister is addressed as "Elephant" and "Camel". The people, when they meet, kneel in front of one another and, instead of shaking hands, touch the tips of one another's fingers, returning the hand to the breast as a sign of fidelity and friendship.

Says a writer in the New York *Times:*

> Two men meeting on the road would proceed to salute each other as follows: "How are you?" "I thank God I am well." "Are you up already?" "Yes, thank God." "Did you sleep well?" "Yes, praise the Lord." "How are you?" "I am well." "Is your house well?" "Yes, they are well." "What is the news?" "I have none." "Is your house well?" "We are all well." "Are your children well?" "Yes, thank God." "Your wife well?" "She is well." "Any news?" "None." "Good morning."
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> Then the other party takes the lead and asks the very same questions. It is a common thing for a man to say, over and over again, that he and his wife and children and relations and property are all well, and then when the formal greetings have ended, to begin to relate how his child is sick, his horse dead, his wife left him, his crops a failure, etc. He must go through with the formal salutations first before coming to realities.

French Equatorial Africa

The French feel much elated over their possessions in Africa, especially over French Equatorial Africa, which is a stupendous country, larger than the whole of the United States east of the Mississippi river (with Louisiana and Arkansas thrown in for good measure), and which is known to be laden down with riches of every sort.

Though held tightly in the grasp of the greatest military power in the world, it is so great in area, and so complex in peoples and resources, that it has been hardly more than touched. It was entered and seized by way of the Congo river and its tributary, the Ubangi.

At the big bend in the Ubangi the French started and built a line of forts through to Lake Chad, five of them, and from these, as centers, the whole northern part of this vast area was brought under their control. Telegraph lines were installed to outlying points, and now the wireless, and the result is that what was a generation ago a land of cannibals was recently crossed from the Nile to the Niger by a motor truck engaged in making motion pictures of African wild life.

Paul L. Hoefler, leader of this so-called "Colorado African Expedition", wrote a book entitled *Africa Speaks,* in which he says in one place:

Into this enchanting country I carried a motion picture camera and a typewriter. Before my eyes, the gentle antelope came to drink, immense herds of game pounded over the plains, millions of flamingoes winged over a remote lake, the prehistoric elephant and rhinoceros ambled through the torrid heat, the strange disk-lipped women passed in parade, the little people of the great forest pranced to the rhythm of their drums, the lion stalked his prey, and the ebon warriors with spear and shield met the king of beasts in hand to claw combat.

Cannibalism and Demonology

Yes; there are cannibals in French Equatorial Africa, in some places. And the worst of it is that some of these cannibals are said to be fine fellows to meet. They are very pleasant, but they are fond of meat, and fresh meat is hard to get in the tropics. Some of the tribes buy prisoners of war, holding them in reserve, killing and eating them as they are needed. Others eat only their enemies; others eat only because they wish to assimilate the strength and other good qualities of those that have passed away. It is all very hideous, almost as much so as the diabolical doctrine of eternal torture believed by some savage whites in America and elsewhere.

Like his white brother, the African native has often been deceived by demons. As in America, the black brother in Africa is easily misguided and misled; but for the most part he is an intelligent, simple-hearted, inoffensive man.

A writer in the New York *Times* gives some of the details of the form of demonism called lycanthropy, which the French have been trying to root out of their African possessions. The same occurs occasionally also in territory under the British flag.

When the Negroes of old, overwhelmed by a natural calamity, sought the aid of the wizards, they were told that they must propitiate the angry deities. Tenga, the earth god, demanded a sacrifice. The wizard would go about the countryside, peering into every hut in search of a human offering to the god, while the Negroes quailed in terror. Sometimes he would have the girls and the boys cast lots. The chosen one would then be bound and carried into the woods where, under a sacred tree, he would be killed, his blood being offered to the earth, his body silently devoured while the wizard murmured incantations.

Even today the wizard casts spells over his victims and makes them do his bidding. Selecting a person susceptible to his hypnotic powers, the wizard takes him on a dark night to a spot made mysterious by awe-inspiring legends. He throws over him the hide of a panther, smears his body with odoriferous ointment, makes him drink a magic beverage, stares into his face and says, "Now you are a panther. The people I point out to you shall be antelopes. You will kill them and bring their bodies here."

Such commands are carried out.* Parts of the bodies are then wrapped in leaves and distributed over the district suffering from flood, famine or sickness. Magic formulas are spoken and the human offering is eaten.

Such atrocities have become infrequent because of the influence of Europeans. But on an island off the Guinea Coast I saw a prison settlement containing twenty-four "women panthers". Under the influence of a wizard, they had killed their own children to ward off famine. Only one of these women remembered precisely what had happened. The others replied at the trial simply that the wizard had turned them into panthers and that they could not recall their actions thereafter. These women were sentenced to life imprisonment. The male cannibals are usually shot, going to their death coolly, not understanding in the least why they are thus punished, confident that they have been true to their god and will be rewarded with immortality.

After the World War the French took over the German Cameroons, which comprise one-sixth of what is now French Equatorial Africa. It has a rainfall of 369 inches, or more than thirty feet, a year. In this part, which is four times the size of the state of Pennsylvania, python worship is common, the people believing that the souls of dead people of high rank visit their relatives in the form of snakes.

Sleeping sickness, spread by the tsetse fly, has ravaged portions of French Equatorial Africa and given the French medical fraternity much concern. Another thing that gives the French doctors plenty of concern wherever French soldiers go is what is known in Africa as 'the Frenchman's disease', syphilis.

One whole tribe migrated from the healthful highlands into the notoriously unhealthful lands near the mouth of the Congo, in the hope that they might all die, on account of the ravages of liquor and of this white man's disease in their midst. Instances are of record where these poor natives have walked four hundred miles to a hospital for treatment.

It is believed that the women of the Sara Kyabe tribe, French Equatorial Africa, would be

*The poor creatures thus deprived of their reasoning powers through oppression of the demons, go on all fours, fastening on their hands and feet real leopard's claws or iron imitations of them, so as to leave behind them a spoor like that of a leopard; and when they catch a victim they sever his carotid artery, as leopards do.

the finest looking in all Africa but for the disks, often eight inches in diameter, which are inserted into their lips. The Sara Kyabe women used to fetch the highest prices on the slave market, and to preserve the tribe the elders decided the women must all be disfigured so that they would not be wanted as slaves. The French are putting an end to the barbarous practice. This last season some of these poor things were exhibited at Coney Island, Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A.

Some of the poor natives are so low in superstition that they believe they have descended from the monkeys. In America and Europe we have college professors and doctors of divinity that are just as low. The poor ignorant natives and white college professors notice some points of similarity in the shapes of the physical frames and ignore the vast differences, and have no more sense than to make a D.D. conclusion.

Fernando Po — Spanish Guinea — Kabinda

Fernando Po, an island the size of Rhode Island, twenty miles off the coast, at the big bend in the Gulf of Guinea, has had quite a checkered career. The Portuguese owned it once, the British once, and the Spanish twice. The British abandoned it on account of its unhealthfulness. It is one of the most fertile spots on the African coast. The Spanish have used it as a penal settlement. It has a mountain over 10,000 feet high. Immediately opposite, on the African mainland, rises Cameroon mountain, 13,350 feet high. The ship channel passes between these two high peaks, in plain sight of both.

Spanish Guinea, or Rio Muni, is a Spanish settlement larger than New Jersey, surrounded on all sides by what is now French Equatorial Africa. Spain has given France the right of preemption in case of the sale of any of her African possessions.

Kabinda is a Portuguese settlement, considerably larger than the state of Delaware, located just below French Equatorial Africa and just above

The Congo Free State — Darkest Africa

The world has never had a greater exploratory thrill than it received in 1877 when Henry M. Stanley emerged at the mouth of the Congo river, the only white man to survive the first trip across Africa by this route. With his faithful blacks from the Zanzibar coast, he came 3,750 miles down a river no white man had ever before seen, except at its mouth, and thus charted the route which opened up Darkest Africa, land of cannibals and copper.

The publicity attending the discovery of the Congo led in 1882 to the founding of the Congo Free State, a district as large as all that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi river. Probably a third of the whole is under dense and almost impenetrable forests, but the great river system, aided by railroads around the falls and cataracts, has made possible a marvelously rapid development. It is under Belgian control.

Nothing else did so much for the Congo as the discovery of the Katanga copper belt, 250 miles long by 25 to 50 miles wide, in the very heart of the continent. Railroads reach these mines from the east, the west and the south. To the north there is connection with Lake Tanganyika and the Congo; and from the Congo, at Stanleyville, there is now a motor road to the head of navigation on the Nile. Buses carrying the mails take five days to make the trip. Their route is right through the center of what Stanley described as "Darkest Africa".

It must all seem very strange to the poor heathen cannibals to have their country invaded first by one white man and then, within a generation, to see the white man everywhere, in steamers on the rivers, in railway cars and automobiles on land, and in airplanes overhead, and they find that if they kill and eat one another, as they used to do, the white man sends and gets them and, for some reason which they do not understand, puts them to death.

The Tallest and the Shortest Men

The northeastern Congo region is the home of the tallest, strongest men in the world, the Watussi tribe, whose medium height is six feet, and who often attain to seven feet. It is believed by travelers that these forest giants can outrun and outjump the trained athletes of any other people. Curiously, they live in proximity to the shortest men in the world, the Wambutti pygmies, made famous by H. M. Stanley.

This close relationship of giants and pygmies fairly well illustrates the relationship of blacks and whites to the problem of the development of Africa. It is essentially a black man's country, essentially an indolent man's country, because it contains such a store of easily obtainable food, and because the bulk of the natives are and always will be Africans.

The Wambutti pygmies, or the Ifi, as they are called in their own country, dwell in the Ituri forest, near Lake Tanganyika. They are yellowish brown and seem to be of Semitic rather than Negro stock. The women are comely, and the men, though small, are very muscular. They kill the mighty elephant by creeping up on him while he is sleeping, hamstringing him so that he cannot rise, and finally dispatching him with a myriad of spears. The Ifi do no work; their wants are few and the forest supplies all their needs.

The use of Negro labor in the Katanga mines has shown that the Negroes need more food when they are compelled to do hard work for a living than when they live as they did for ages past.

More than half of the men recruited from some districts for work in the Katanga mines never reach their destination, because of disease or desertion. On reaching his place of "employment", the native, separated from his family, and obliged to live in a compound with large numbers of other men, falls a prey to epidemics. Sleeping sickness has destroyed nine-tenths of the population in some districts. The Europeans have brought the natives syphilis, tuberculosis, dysentery and Spanish influenza, which previously they knew nothing about.

In the Congo, as late as 1926, thousands of men, old ones as well as younger ones, were shipped about by the administrators with ropes around their necks. Sometimes they are sent for a thousand miles. Neither these men nor their families understand the difference between the old-time slavery and the modern "employment". When a labor recruiter for the mines at Katanga comes to a district the natives flee as at the approach of a slave trader.

When "hired", the natives have to work for one year, during which time it is a criminal offense to desert. Imagine the conditions in any home where the father is compelled to work away from home for an entire year, and perhaps at a distance of a thousand miles. In such homes the children are undernourished and the women are a prey to the men that are left behind.

During the Two Rainy Seasons

During the two rainy seasons, October-December and February-May, everything in the Congo region gets wet. There is no keeping the rain out. No rain-proof garments work against the combination of heat and wet. Mails are sometimes undecipherable, because the mists penetrate the mail bags and reduce everything to pulp.

During the rainy season the Congo river carries such vast quantities of soil that its color is a muddy brown. Before the water can be used for washing purposes, it must be treated with permanganate of potassium, which turns it blood color.

As in Australia, the ferns grow to the size of small trees, being often twelve to fifteen feet in height.

In the volcanic region of the Congo, the Parc National Albert, comprising 780 square miles, has been set apart wherein gorillas may bum around to their heart's content. The gorilla is the hobo of the animal world. He travels in groups of two to thirty-five individuals, making a new nest every night. These nests are often forty feet from the ground. Occasionally, a gorilla falls out of bed at night, but is never hurt by the fall, and, as a matter of fact, usually catches a limb when part way down and in a moment swings back up into bed again.

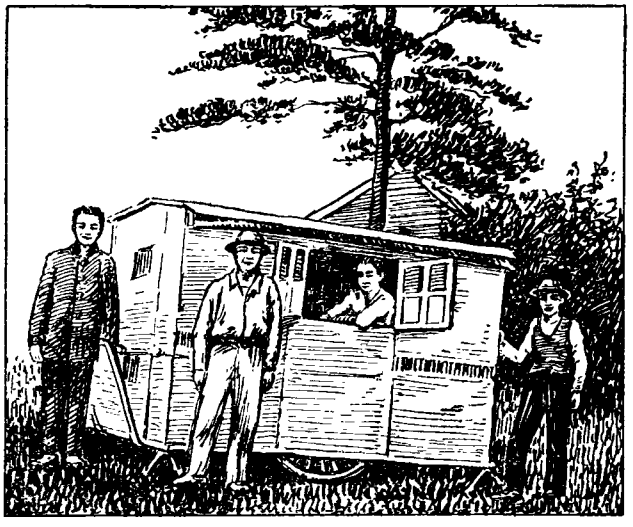
(*To be continued*)

Uses of the Kenya Legislature

WE HAVE sometimes wondered what are the uses of a white legislature in a country that belongs to black men, but now we know. Gold was discovered in a district of Kenya, British East Africa, in a section which was reserved for the blacks. Thereupon the Kenya legislature "passed a law" that will permit the working of this ground by white men and providing for the removal of the natives to other lands. That's simple. If your neighbor has something that you want, what you should do is to "pass a law" ousting him and turning the property over to yourself, your heirs, administrators and assigns. And the more legal words and phrases you have in the law, the better it will look when it comes up in court.

Kingdom "Tanks" in Japan

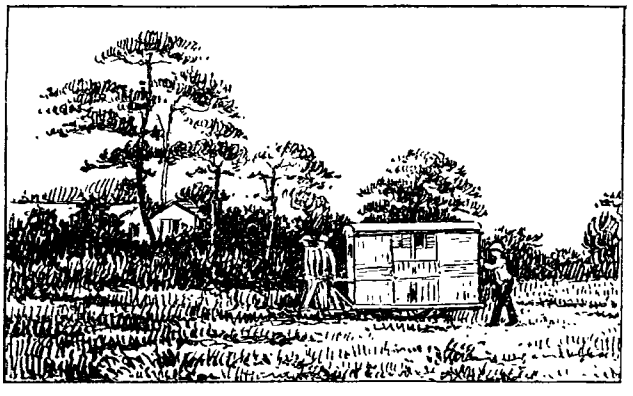
LIKE its predecessors, the International Bible Students Association 1933 *Year Book* is a compendium of up-to-date information regarding the most important work in the world, the



THE SMILING JAPANESE TROOPS

proclamation of God's kingdom, now under way intensively in every corner of the earth, including Japan. Most of the Japanese who receive the truth straightway make obedience to it the object of their lives. They give up all for the privilege of being associated with Jesus in the present work of magnifying God's name in the earth and proclaiming the onrush of Armageddon, which will fully vindicate it.

Readers of the 1933 *Year Book,* therefore, noted with peculiar interest the following unique



ON THE MARCH

paragraph in the report to Judge Rutherford from Tokio:

TANKS: In Japan it is very expensive to have an automobile. The roads in the country district are very bad. At the same time we do not need to have an automobile, because we can reach the next village within an hour. So we decided to build "tanks" without an engine. Three "tanks" will be built, and one of them is nearly completed. Each "tank" has three man power, not horse power, on foot; and is eight feet in length, four feet and one-half in width, and six feet high. In this car three pioneer brethren can sleep, study, eat, cook and meet. Now any remote district can be reached by these tanks. It is built with iron pipes and sheets. Entire cost of each tank is less than $30. All the building of these is done by the brethren.

A later report furnishes photographs of one of the "tanks" completed and in use, with sketches containing additional details. We reproduce some of these herewith. In effect it is a large handcart, mounted on two wheels, with its body underslung so that its base is not more than one foot from the ground. When in motion, two or three do the pulling, while one gets behind and pushes. When at rest, the bulk of the weight is supported by the two wheels, which are centrally located, while the craft is kept in balance by trestles or tripods at each corner.

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The lower deck of the car is given over to storage of books, booklets and tools, and is evidently of carton height. At night a mattress laid atop these cartons, or on a deck above them, makes a full-sized bed for two, but large enough also for a child to sleep between its parents. Two canvas beds, hung from the ceiling, make room for two more, so that, on a pinch, the "tank" makes a place of rest for five persons.

While on the march, the tent, which at night shelters the whole "tank" and the outside kitchen and garage, is rolled up and carried in a rack on the roof. In the garage are kept the bicycles which are the actual instruments of delivery and afford other useful transportation. The heart of the kitchen is an oil burner, attached to the outside of the "tank" on the side opposite the garage. There is a water tank beneath the deck on which the books and tools are carried.

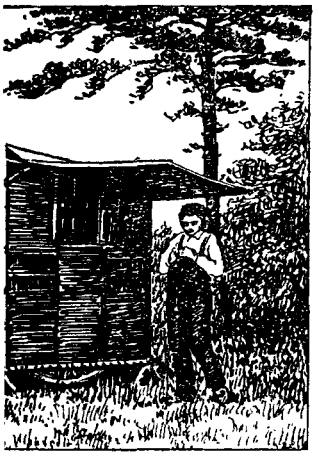
The "tank" is amply ventilated, with single windows at top and bottom in front, double-width windows equipped with blinds, on either

Kingdom "Tanks" in Japan

side, and a full-height door in the rear, with a window in its top. The height inside is sufficient for persons of ordinary stature to stand up. The total space available for sleeping purposes is approximately that of a Pullman section.

Hangings at the entrance insure privacy to the occupants of either berth. It must take good gymnasts to get into the upper berth, but the Japanese are famous for that.

The finest thing about this new-style conveyance, at once apparent from the pictures sent, is the happiness of the workers, their joy in the Lord. A broad smile on every face shows their heart satisfaction at having a share in the Kingdom work.



FACING THE FOE

Because we know it will be enjoyed and appreciated we give the letter to Judge Rutherford which accompanied this information, in just the language in which it was received. If you feel you could improve a little on Nishino's English, maybe he could improve somewhat on your Japanese, so you are quits.

In a footnote Nishino says, "We eat many fishes. Snow is seldom in this place in winter." He also mentioned that the storage space takes four or five cartons of books, and the whole "tank" weighs a ton or more.

Now don't you wish you were a Japanese man or woman just coming to a knowledge of your Kingdom privileges and could get hooked up with one of those "tank" parties? But maybe where you are there are opportunities equally good and not calling for quite as much of the strenuous life. How about it?

Greetings to the name of our King!!

Dear Brother Rutherford:

I think you heard the news from Japanese office staff Brother Akashi already; that is, the Lord gave us three convenient dwelling cargoes built by the hand of our brothers. I send the gladness of service to you from this No. 2 Tank, that witness the name and the word of the Most High, through the Praise Testimony Period at towns and villages near Tokio bay.

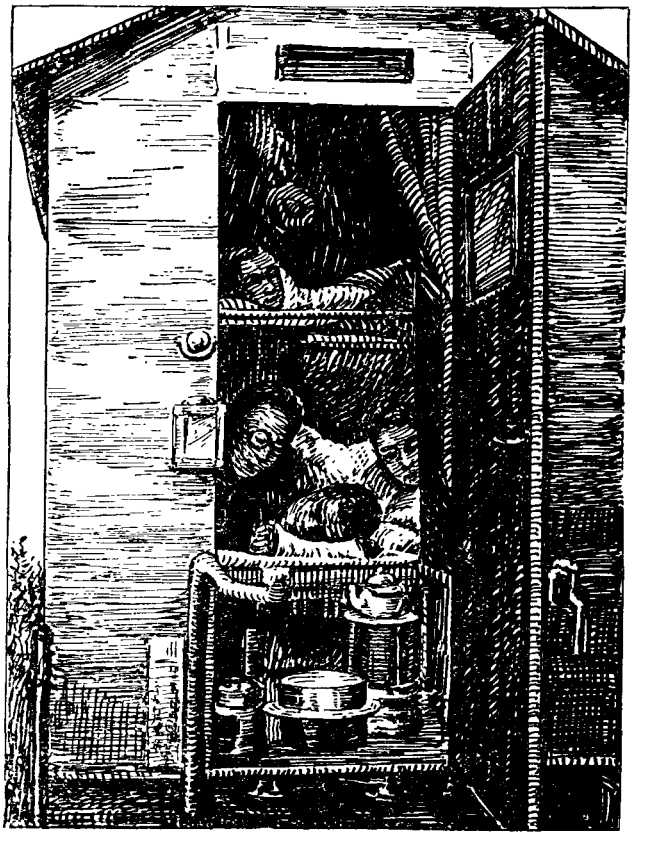
Now the inflation policy of the Saito cabinet is completely unsuccessful; hence Japan-China emergency peoples turning to Nationalist and say the only one living god is our emperor "Mikado".

Many religious preachers guide the ignorants to dark, and make many atheist. In such condition Lord blessed us: 800 booklets, 3 bound books and 280 *Golden Ages* are distributed by hand of No. 2 Tank pioneers (four members), to wit, I and three other brothers. Thus by and by they know the name of true God.

Now we are marching on as Jehovah's witnesses along the Tokio bay to the south proclaiming the message from our King.

Here this place is very important as strategical. Many officers rebuking the Sir Lytton's information and mocking each other the exertion of the League of Nation.

It is very interesting to tell the Kingdom gospel, especially the desirable New Government.



AFTER THE BATTLE

We are now studying the "Jehovah's Executioner" by Brother Akashi reading the new issue *Watchtower,* and it encourage us much, for the final battle of Armageddon is very near, and at hand.

I am waiting and hoping the first coming of you to Japan. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. We send much Christian love to the office and Bethel family.

1932 Always your servant,
Nov. 29 T. NISHINO

Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada

SO STARTLING were the charges against the president and directors of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada by *The Journal of Commerce* of Gardenvale, Quebec, that we reprinted extracts in a recent issue. It was unknown to our Canadian correspondent that at that time the editor of *The Journal of Commerce* was under arrest for criminal libel. The publication in question is printed at one of the suburbs of Montreal and is owned and edited by one, J. J. Harpell, recently sentenced by Chief Justice Greenshields, in the Court of King's Bench at Montreal, to serve three months in jail, bound over to keep the peace for a year or serve a further six months, and was also condemned to pay the costs of the prosecution.

The chief justice characterized Harpell as a dangerous man and declared that he had failed to prove the slightest justification for the publication of such atrocious libels. In fairness to the officers of the Sun Life of Canada we reproduce the remarks of Chief Justice Greenshields when he sentenced Harpell.

Harpell, upon a complaint of Thomas B. Macaulay, you were arrested on a charge of criminal defamatory libel. After investigation before the magistrate, a commitment to this court intervened. The grand jury found a true bill and upon that you were arraigned. You exercised your rights quite properly, and to the fullest extent. You filed a plea of not guilty, which is the general denial of guilt. Then, with or without the permission of the court, it is a matter of indifference, you were permitted to file a special plea, and this is what you said: "What I said concerning the complainant is true, it is true in substance and in fact, it is true in its entirety, and it was in the public interest that I should publish it." And then you proceeded to add pages of plea which I must admit I had some difficulty in understanding, which you called a plea in justification. Whether it was a plea to substantiate the truth of your libel or whether it was allegations in support of the statement that it was in the public interest, it is very difficult to decide. I was and still am of the opinion that at least two-thirds of that plea was absolutely unfounded in law, and since the hearing I am convinced that if the plea had stood as it originally was filed, the result in law at least, if not in fact, must have been absolutely unsound.

Now, the trial took place before twelve of your peers, and probably four days or five were occupied with your defense, and your whole defense naturally went to establish the truth of this libel.

Somewhat startling, somewhat at least to my surprise, you entered the witness box and, without a question from your counsel or any other counsel, you volunteered the statement, and said: "Yes, I said he was a crook. I meant by that that he was a thief; I meant by that that he was a swindler; and he has been a crook, a thief and a swindler for 25 years, and he still is." That is what you said in the box.

It was not particularly attractive, and it was somewhat startling. You absolutely failed in one scintilla of proof in your attempt to prove that the complainant was a crook or a thief, much less a swindler.

Now, I have to pronounce sentence. You were found guilty. The jury recommend you to my clemency, mercy. I never inquire into the motives which actuate a decision of a jury. I never should. And I have not yet solved what seemed to me somewhat strange, upon what grounds they attached this recommendation to mercy; whether it was the manner in which you gave evidence, or consideration of your mental control, I don't know. It is sufficient for me that they did recommend you to mercy, and it will receive due consideration from me. The pronouncement of sentence on convicted persons is often difficult. It is never agreeable, and is sometimes highly disagreeable.

I want you at least to understand this, and it is to the great credit of our English law. Vengeance has disappeared from any consideration in the economy of the criminal law and its administration. I must not and I will not allow the thought of vengeance to enter into any consideration in the pronouncement of my sentence. The old *lex taliois,* an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, has entirely disappeared from our criminal law. The law considers two things in this country, the remedial effect on the prisoner, on the guilty one, and the protection of society.

The man who publishes in his own paper or secures the use of another paper to publish grossly defamatory libels of and concerning his neighbors is a dangerous man; not only does he injure the person defamed, but he is liable to create a disturbance of the peace.

Now, you had no justification, not the slightest justification, for the publication of this atrocious libel against a man who has occupied an honorable position, an honorable and successful business position, in Montreal for well nigh half a century at least.

I have given this matter my deepest consideration. I have spoken longer than I usually do in pronouncing sentence. My experience has been that lectures to prisoners are utterly useless. I have reached the conclusion, to impose sentence of three months in jail. The limit is twelve. I will impose no fine, although I might impose a fine of $200 concurrently with the imprisonment.

Harpell, I want to stop this. I want it to be stopped. And I order you to enter into a bond of recognizance that you will keep the peace for twelve months, and you will enter into that bond during the period of

three months while this sentence runs, and if you fail to enter into that bond to keep the peace and preserve the peace, then there will be and there is an additional sentence of six months in jail.

Now, you understand? You enter your personal guarantee, and you will accompany it by a guarantee of some bondsman for $1,000, that you will keep the peace for one year. And I condemn you to pay the costs of your prosecution. I have no doubt, Mr. Gagnon, that under 1045 or 104 I have that prerogative. I have not imposed any fine, and for that reason I condemn you to the costs of the prosecution.

Deputy Sheriffs, Not Police, at Fault at Pekin

(By Ralph C. Goar, Chief of Police, Pekin, Illinois)

REFERRING to an article appearing in your magazine, issue of December 21, 1932, Volume XIV, No. 346, with reference to the case of one Martin Virant of East Peoria, Illinois, who at the time of his death was a prisoner of the sheriff of this county and lodged in the county jail. Your article states that he was in custody of the city police department and that the third degree methods used by the city police were supposedly responsible for his death.

For your information and the information of the readers of your magazine I wish to state that the above-mentioned Martin Virant was never a prisoner in the City of Pekin jail, nor have I as chief or any of my officers ever had any connection in any way with this case. It was strictly a county case, and every officer who had any connection with the case was a deputy sheriff and not in any way connected with the city police department. I might add that the deputy sheriff accused of the crime was arrested by the chief of this department.

(We are very happy to have the privilege of publishing this correction. We never like to blame anybody unjustly, least of all the man who helped correct a wrong done by someone else.—*Ed.*)

Municipal Ownership of Waterworks

THAT is not the full title of the little book on the subject (price $1), published by the Burns & McDowell Engineering Co., Kansas City. The whole title is "Rates, Revenues and Results of Municipal Ownership of Water Works in the United States", and the ground is well covered.

When you read this little book, you learn for the first time that the Chinese have patiently dug some of their wells to a depth of 1,500 feet, and that there is a well at Cairo which is excavated to a depth of 297 feet in solid rock. You may know that the first steam pump was operated in Philadelphia, and that a great part of the boiler and much of the engine itself was made of wood, but we did not know it. That was in 1800.

The first public water works system in the United States was in Boston, in 1652. Today, of the 94 cities in the United States with over 100,000 population each, the only ones that do not own their own water works systems are the cities of Indianapolis, Birmingham, New Haven, Bridgeport, Scranton, Paterson, Chattanooga, Elizabeth, Wichita, Miami, Peoria, and Gary. The rates to small users in 25 private plants are 59 percent higher than in the 225 plants municipally owned.

It comes as a shock to be told that the largest wholesale or retail business in the world is the municipal water works of New York city. It serves 13,000,000 inhabitants by means of five separate systems, draining an area of almost 1,000 square miles. The forty-three storage and distributing reservoirs have a combined storage capacity of 278,500,000,000 gallons and are connected with 9,108 miles of water mains, enough to lay three complete pipe lines from New York to San Francisco. The system is valued at over $1,000,000,000. New York city has excellent water, most of it brought over 100 miles, and selling at the very low rate of six hundred half-pint glasses for 1c coin of the realm.

The War Debts *By Peter Tod (Glasgow)*

MAY I horn in ever so gently on this sore question of War indebtedness.

Observing your remarks expressed in rather strong language on the baseness of European powers to acknowledge their debts to America, I feel that there is just a possibility of a misunderstanding on this question. For instance, it must not be understood that the working class of Europe borrowed from the working class of America for the purpose of eliminating the working class of Germany and her allies. If, on the other hand, any working class of America or any other country rushed to help the rulers to commit murder in 1914-18, then that is their pigeon.

Unfortunately many of the workers in all countries lent their lives: a loan that was not repaid in full to those that returned maimed for life. Millions never returned. They had paid the penalty of those that live by the sword. Does the loan of mere money compare so favorably with the loan of life that it deserves such a howl as now rises at the threat of being deprived of part of the capital loaned? It must be borne in mind that, at the time of the loan, money was dirt cheap and that after nearly fifteen years of usury the prices of commodities have depreciated to such an extent that the dollar and the pound represent twice as much in purchasing power.

Even Shylock was permitted to get his pound of flesh only on condition that he shed no blood. These usurers are worse than Shylocks in that their usury represents blood. Sin enough that they supported their rulers in the great murder without playing the leech to anæmic people starving in the different countries.

I do not wish to judge, but it does seem that these usurers are merely reaping part of their just reward. Others offered their bodies a living sacrifice to Mammon; these merely lent filthy lucre. Others received a stone if only their name survived. Those ruined for life received little or no consideration from their conscienceless employers. Shall we give more to those that sought to invest for profit in flesh and blood? To urge that we do so is to call for more sacrifice and suffering by those that are innocent as well as those that are guilty.

What is the plot that is now in course of being hatched? It is nothing more nor less than a real righteous war to eradicate the ungodly, antichristian hordes of Russians. Apart from the danger of Bolshevism, which they claim is a deadly enemy to organized Christianity, it is a very wealthy country. It is full of possible cheap labor and rich in minerals and OIL. Magic word, OIL. America is not entirely devoid of interest in oil; neither is Britain. These two sections of "the beast's" anatomy are unable to tackle Russia by themselves. They must enlist the help of other nations.

Unfortunately the other nations are severely hampered by obligations incurred by the last war, so what would be nicer than to forgive them their debts as we hope to be forgiven. It is a bit awkward that America should be the largest creditor, but the rulers consider with slavering chops the rich crop of real wealth that would be theirs, and they prepare to drop the shadow of war credits for the very meaty bone of the Russian continent. First they break the news gently to the American nation with the moratorium, and now they hypocritically weep and howl, because of the defaulters, against whom they will inform the public they are powerless. The public may lose, but the financiers, well, judge ye.

True, Europe is spending more in armaments than would pay her indebtedness. Mr. Hoover is quite right in saying so, but was he really honest in his proposal for a reduction of one-third? You see they were all getting along so splendidly when he dropped this bombshell that it rather upset matters. It has resulted in completely spragging the whole question, in spite of the fact that Britain appeared to go a step further. Once again the question of disarmament will be shelved for the very good reason that it does not suit their purpose, America any more than the European powers. All the peace conferences and Kellogg peace pacts, and as far back as the first conference that ever was, have resulted, not in decrease, but in increase and more efficiency. They meet, it would seem, to agree upon discarding useless weapons.

At the present time, with war already started and their ally Japan nearing the Russian frontier from the Manchurian front, it would be foolish to expect the principal nations to disarm. That is why Britain and America have stood by while Manchuria and Shanghai have been ravaged, and even their own interests damaged. That is why these two nations are filling up ships with explosives and poison gas for the

East to supply their ally, and France and others are also working at high speed in their munition works. Aeroplanes are being sent out and aerodromes are being built by the Japanese near the Soviet border.

The religious section are busy with the creating of blood lust on religious grounds. The 'archbish of Cant' started some time ago in company with some of the conservatives and a Lady Houston to urge Britain to act in the matter of religious persecution. Now 'his oiliness the pope' issues an encyclical urging all the nations to unite against the enemy of God and mankind. The press is also in full cry with impossible stories written by amateur liars. Lausanne was just the beginning of a chapter, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald states. The end of that story will be exceedingly interesting.

Financiers are a peculiar type of creature. They own no nationality, but much land in many countries. With them gold is thicker than blood. They are united for profit and against anything that threatens the safety of profit. They do not hesitate to sacrifice their own flesh and blood, which is no more to them than that of the Chinese or Indian races. They invest their money in these countries because labor is cheap, and the products enter the markets in competition with their own countrymen. America supplied Germany during the war, and so did Britain. The interests of Krupps of Germany and Vickers of England are the same.

Judge Rutherford clearly states that the real rulers of the world are the financiers. Then why blame Europe for defaulting, and so mislead? Blame what may be termed 'American financiers' for leading their own people up the garden during the war, and watch them closest now as they raise the howl of ingratitude. But let their press do what they will. Do not mix the columns of Fact, Hope and Courage with their dope, and propaganda against Russia.

(REPLY)

(As we read your plainly written but kindly criticism of the item on page 592 of *The Golden Age* we realize and regret that this was not properly stated. *Our* government is not the United States government, but Jehovah's government. The matter should have been differently stated and not have left the impression that we contended for the rights of the United States government. What the article meant to say was that the people of this land are smarting terribly under the injustices heaped upon them by Big Business, working in conjunction with the Devil's government in both hemispheres. At the moment the people of America seem to have been about the most badly treated of any people on earth. The common people here are in great distress and poverty, and they were brought to that condition through false representations of their duty in 1917; in fact, they were brought to ruin.

The Europeans in general seem to us to ignore that fact and to think there is no limit to what the common people over here must indirectly pay into their war chests. Stating the matter bluntly, every dollar that is forgiven France (and most of what she owed America has already been forgiven her) goes into war materials with which she hopes at the first convenient opportunity to wipe England off the map. When Uncle Sam, knowing this and knowing the condition of the American people, hesitates to make any further reductions in war debts, not only does the French press refer to him as Shylock and heap upon him every possible indignity, but Britain joins in the chorus. —*Ed.*)

Radio Witness Work

BARBERTON, Ohio. "I would be pleased to have a copy of your booklet describing the different Watchtower publications. I am a funeral director and have a *Harp of God* which was given me by a Masonic brother (whom I have since buried), about seven years ago. I never gave it much notice until about six months ago. Since then I have read it and some of the booklets, have listened to several radio programs, and have learned more about the real meaning and teachings of the Bible than I had in forty years. Would like to have complete up-to-date radio programs of WHK and the Brooklyn stations; also would like to be informed the proper order in which to read the Watchtower books." E. O. T.

One-Fourth of All Women Working

IN 1930, 10,632,227 women, or one-fourth of all the women in the United States, were working for wages. Many more would like to be working but cannot find jobs. Of the above number, 3,071,302 are married.

Free Hair Cuts in Cedar Rapids

AS THEIR contribution to the relief of the idle, Cedar Rapids (Iowa) barbers give free hair cuts to the unemployed, when recommended so to do by the Citizens' Unemployment Relief Committee.

PRR's Bureau of New Ideas

IN THE five years of its operation the Pennsylvania Railroad's Bureau of New Ideas received 10,353 suggestions, of which 2,603, or 25.4 percent, were adopted. The employee's name is not disclosed without his consent.

400,000 Motor Boats

BESIDES the 400,000 motor boats in the United States, 260,000 of which have been numbered and recorded in the customs houses, there are 25,156 other vessels; and 928 of these are engaged in foreign trade.

Prices of Wool

IN 1912 the price of wool was 18c per pound; in 1915 it was 22½c per pound; in 1919 it was 51c; in 1920, 38c; in 1921, 17c; in 1922, 29c; in 1925, 39c; in 1927, 31c; in 1930, 21c; and in 1931, 14c. Wool-growing has been described as the "most up-and-down business in the country".

How 119 Industrial Workers Met Death

OF 119 New York state workers who were killed in a recent month, 8 came to their deaths through falls or objects' falling upon them, 5 by boiler or other explosions, 4 by electric shocks, 5 by machine operation, and 4 by the inhalation of harmful substances.

Stirring Times in Taylorville

TROOPS at Taylorville, Ill., locked up for a day 1,200 men who sought to commemorate the death of a miner slain at Virden in 1898. Another miner was slain, and citizens in protest formed a funeral cortege twelve miles long. Fear of the troops, under nominal control of the governor of Illinois, compelled the mourners to have the funeral in one county and the burial in another.

Relief Camps in Halifax

AT RELIEF camps in Halifax, Nova Scotia, unemployed single men are provided with lodging, meals and 20c per day for each day's work actually performed.

Ship Crew Saved by a Mirror

WRECKED in a hurricane in the Bahamas the crew of the steamer Alma R. was saved by a mirror. The first mate rescued it from his demolished cabin, caught the sun's rays, and signaled thus to a distant boat SOS.

Only One-Tenth Found Work in Three Months

OF ABOUT 6,000 persons investigated and helped by the Work and Relief Bureau of the Emergency Unemployment Relief Committee, in New York city, only 671 were able to obtain employment within a period of three months.

50,000 Trespassers a Month

IN THE eight months from September 1, 1931, to April 30, 1932, the Southern Pacific Railroad, with its 9,130 miles of track, ejected from its trains 416,915 trespassers, or more than 50,000 a month. Most of these were homeless boys, looking for work. The mileage of the Southern Pacific is only one twenty-eighth of that of the whole United States.

Robbers Plan an Automobile Collision

FIVE robbers in New York city planned and executed perfectly a robbery in which an automobile collision was their main point of strategy. They bore down upon a car which they evidently knew was carrying four pay rolls, and apparently by accident ran head-on into it. In the ensuing excitement they grabbed the pay rolls, amounting to $13,500, and got away before anybody was able to get a good description of them.

Helium Toys Imperil the Skies

A NEW YORK merchant has been sending aloft helium-filled toy balloons sixty feet in length. A New York aviatrix ran her airplane directly into one of these, a huge tomcat in appearance. It burst, wrapped itself around the propeller and sent the plane into a tail spin. Quick action by the instructor aboard saved the lives of the two. He managed to get the plane under control when within eighty feet of the roofs below.

Branch Plants in Canada

THE Grundy tariff bill has been of great benefit, not to the United States, of course, but to Canada. The way it has helped Canada is that 1,100 American concerns have opened branches in Canada, in view of the fact that Canadian retaliatory tariffs made any other course impossible.

Brooklyn's St. George Hotel

THE St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, N. Y., situated not far from the end of the old Brooklyn Bridge, is advertised as the largest hotel in New York, with the most luxurious swimming pool in the world. The switchboard in its ballroom permits 999,000 combinations of color and light.

Lockheed Transcontinental Planes

THE new Lockheed transcontinental planes will be built for speeds of 180 to 220 miles an hour and are expected to cross the continent in fourteen hours. They will be built for night and blind flying, with the landing gear folded completely into the wings while in flight. They will carry eight passengers and two pilots.

Telephone Answering Service

IN TEN years the Telephone Answering Service has built up a business of 10,000 customers. It employs 500 telephone secretaries, and last year cared for 10,000,000 calls, or about 30,000 per business day. It provides 24-hour service and takes care of calls that would otherwise go unanswered.

Longest Concrete Arch in America

THE longest concrete arch in America is the center span of the George Westinghouse bridge on the Lincoln Highway at East Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The height from the bottom of the deepest foundation to the top of the center pier is 285 feet. The length of the center span is 460 feet.

Dogs of the Eskimos

AT FIFTY degrees below zero the dogs of the Eskimos lie out on the ice and sleep, and seem not to mind the cold at all. One of these dogs will climb out of the sea with ice forming all over him, and seems to like it. When his breath freezes over his face he rubs the coating off his eyes so as to enable him to see the track, but that is the only recognition he makes of the cold.

Across Continent in 12.5 Hours

ON NOVEMBER 14 Colonel Roscoe Turner flew from New York to Los Angeles in 12 hours 33 minutes. He had breakfast in New York and dinner in Los Angeles. Some of the time in between he was speeding to his destination at 300 miles an hour.

Mineola Police Told to Be Hard-Boiled

DISTRICT ATTORNEY EDWARDS, in an address at Mineola police headquarters, is alleged to have told the fifty policemen there that the shame of the Hyman Stark murder is now a thing of the past and he wants them hereafter to be as hard-boiled as ever. The police cheered and were comforted. They will obey.

Free Street-Car Rides in Bakersfield

DURING certain hours of the day the Bakersfield and Kern Electric Railway company in California gives free rides over its street car lines. The result is said to have been an amazing increase in the general business of the city during those hours, and certainly tends to popularize the lines.

Three Cents for Making a Dress

SWEATSHOPS are moving out of New York city into the smaller towns. When they first went to South River, N. J., the workers got ten cents apiece for making house dresses and could earn $1 a day. But when the piece rate was cut to as low as 3c a dress the workers did not like it and went on strike. Gunmen were imported from Newark and in playfully shooting at the striking women they accidentally murdered a nine-year-old boy that was engaged in playing marbles. We have not heard whether anybody was reproved for the murder.

Aluminum Sauerkraut Path to Death

BOIL a goodly quantity of sauerkraut in any kind of aluminum dish. Let it stand in the utensil in its own juice for twenty-four hours. Make your will. Eat freely all you can hold. Cut your telephone wire, so you can't telephone for a doctor. Result: You will either die or be made deathly sick. But it will be all right, because the Aluminum Trust, the United States Government, the American Medical Association, the *Scientific American* and the *Literary Digest* all repeat in chorus that aluminum is all right as a cooking utensil, even if it kills you.

Lower Ocean Fares Did Not Work

AFTER trying it for one season, the steamship lines have concluded that they made an error when they reduced the fares around 20 percent last spring. Instead of boosting traffic, as was expected, there was a further loss of 50,980 passengers, and the higher rates will be restored.

Labor Camps in California

CALIFORNIA has established twenty labor camps for the winter relief of the itinerant jobless. The men who will be assisted are used to build fire trails in return for their board and lodging. Last year 3,352 men were cared for in this manner; this year the number may run to 7,000. At the conclusion of the season the worker is given $5 when dismissed.

Free Clothes for a Million

FREE women's dresses, children's dresses, wash suits, men's and boys' shirts, slips for women and girls, and night clothing, will be provided this winter for the 1,000,000 persons in New York city that are out of work. The government has sent to the local Red Cross 4,700,000 yards of various kinds of cloth to be worked up into the garments needed.

Burned Up Mortgages and Notes

TO MAKE a better feeling in the community, W. A. Boyd, Tuscaloosa, Ala., burned $27,000 worth of unpaid mortgages and notes, and advertised in the papers that he would like to have his former debtors come in and shake hands with him, talk things over, and then forget the past and make a fresh start for the future.

International Barter on a Huge Scale

WITH the breakdown of money, barter between nations is proceeding on a huge scale. The London chamber of commerce has announced plans for barter with thirty-five countries. In Germany the Krupps have traded peace-time machinery for Danish cows; the Dye Trust has traded its products for Hungarian wheat; Chile is bartering potash for American wheat; Turkey is buying guns with figs and currants; barter agreements are in effect between France and Latvia; Norway and Russia; Poland and Austria; Estonia and Yugoslavia; and many other countries.

Old Men Retain Their Jobs

CENSUS figures indicate that the older men are keeping their jobs better than was anticipated. In the ages from 55 to 59, 93 percent of the men are gainfully employed; in the age group from 60 to 64 years, 86.8 percent have remunerative occupations; in the ages from 65 up, 58.3 percent are still at work; while of the men 75 and up, 32 percent are gainfully employed.

Twenty Years for Sweat-Box Murder

COURSON, the 285-pound prison guard, one of the men who strangled Arthur Maillefert to death in a Florida prison sweat-box last June, has been sentenced to twenty years at hard labor, and denied a new trial. If the sentence is really executed he may regret, before he gets through with it, that when he had the opportunity to show mercy to a fellow man he failed to do so.

Relief Methods in Milwaukee

IN MILWAUKEE county, Wisconsin, the unemployed are paid 50c an hour for a four-hour day. The time is spent in useful work anywhere in the county where it is needed. The county pays the workers in commodities purchased at low rates, so they will get more help for their money than if they buy on their own responsibility, but they may have cash if they insist.

Free Milk in Uniontown

SHAMED by the starvation of a seven-month-old baby in their midst, the authorities of Uniontown have established seven milk distribution depots, with a daily supply of 5,500 quarts, enough milk for 8,000 children. Some children get a pint of milk a day; others get a quart. This is better than throwing it into the sewer, as was done in Hartford, because of lack of market for it.

Less Gasoline Being Used

DURING the first six months of 1932 there were 350,000,000 fewer gallons of gasoline used in the United States than in the first six months of 1931. With old Mr. D. Pression on the job it is not so easy to rush to the garage as it once was. Mr. Caution wants to know if some other time won't do just as well, or maybe Mr. Driver could walk; it won't hurt him; he has nothing else to do.

Island of Tristan da Cunha

THE island of Tristan da Cunha, in the south Atlantic ocean, is 1,320 miles from St. Helena, 1,400 miles from Cape Town, 2,500 miles from Buenos Aires, and 3,200 miles from the south pole. There are 160 residents; a ship calls once a year. Though in the loneliest spot in the world, the inhabitants refuse to leave. Radio now brings them the news of the world. The ship that calls this year will give the inhabitants a banquet. The settlement is 115 years old. Barter prevails; there is no money.

Air Line Through the Heart of China

IN THE spring the German air line Deutsche Lufthansa will start a regular mail service by plane between Berlin and Shanghai. The route will be via Moscow, Omsk and Semipalatinsk; thence south of Mongolia, via Urumtsi and Lanchow. The 6,250 miles will be flown in five days, but it is hoped later to make the trip in three days, owing to the use of faster planes and provision for night flying. The line will traverse China from end to end.

Bandits Tackled the Wrong Town

BANDITS, not the Insull kind, but the old-fashioned stick-up variety, tackled Boley, Oklahoma, a Negro village, and tried to rob the bank. They struck the wrong town. At the cost of his life the bank president pulled the hidden alarm; one of the burglars killed him, but was in turn killed by the bookkeeper. Then the rest of the town came on the run, the town marshal killed one of the other burglars, and his fellow townsmen filled the remaining burglar so full of buckshot that it is doubtful if he recovers. White men started it, and Negroes finished it.

San Francisco-Oakland Bridge

THE San Francisco-Oakland bridge, upon which construction will be begun in March, will have a total over-water length of more than three miles. Shipping of the world will have room enough to pass beneath this bridge, and much of it will actually do so. The longest suspension span, 2,440 feet, will be supported in its center by a concrete pier 300 feet high. Two other spans are 2,300 feet each. En route to Oakland the bridge touches an island which for part of its distance is tunneled. It will have nine lanes for automobile traffic and another deck for interurban and transcontinental trains.

Why They Found It Hard to Pay

THE New York *American* says France found it hard to pay the debt due to Uncle Sam on December 15 because during the year she expended twenty-four times as much for armaments; Britain found it hard to pay because she expended five times as much for armaments; Belgium found it hard to pay because she expended fifteen times as much for armaments; and Italy found it hard to pay because she had expended one hundred and ninety-nine times as much for armaments. Well, anyway, if we ever lend them any more money, we know what they will do with it.

New York's Single, Unattached Veterans

NEW York has made a start of caring for her single, unattached, homeless veterans, of whom it is estimated there are 5,000 in the city. These soldiers of the World War who fought to make America a place for heroes to live in are now being rewarded, at least 300 of them are, temporarily. They will live in a barracks, under military discipline. In the mornings they will work at what they are set at; afternoons will be free. While the funds last, they will receive their board free. Men like these might be useful in case the 4,700 heroes who could not be accommodated should get restless and try to start something. Wonder how the single, unattached, homeless girls are making out. There seem to be numbers of them in New York these days.

New York City's Printing

IN 1931 the city of graft, i. e., New York city, paid $14,000 for printing the voting machine strips used at election time. In 1932 the contractors who got the job bid only $2,958.97 for it, and then returned $1,404.31 of even that amount, on the ground that when they had obtained 20 percent profit on a job they were satisfied. This gives some idea of what was going on during the reign of Jimmy Walker, in between his frequent trips to Europe to receive the blessing of His Oiliness, Il Papa, Vaticana. How Walker must wish that he had had Ivar Kreuger to help him, and not had to resort to such piker counsel as could be had on the Tiber. Kreuger is now alleged to have nicked his friends to the tune of $847,000,000. It is doubtful if Jimmy and the pope ever came anywhere near that sum.

Hunger Marchers at the Capital

HUNGER marchers, 3,000 of them, moving on Washington, were stopped by the police on the outskirts of the city. Confined to the cold pavement, and kept away from the fires at which the 500 police warmed themselves, they were openly jeered and hooted by the officers, and threatened with tear bombs if they crossed the forbidden line. It is said that, when taxicabs came to take away the ill, in the presence of the police, the tires of all but two of the cabs were punctured. Better judgment finally prevailed and they were allowed to enter the city and present their petition, which they had every right to do.

Bishop Hall Relieves the Suspense

THE Reverend Ronald Owen Hall, newly-appointed bishop of Hongkong, has relieved the suspense of the world. He has said that at Hongkong he will refuse to wear the gaiters and apron and at times he would even discard the clerical collar. Nobody but a clergyman of the Church of England could understand what a weighty decision this is about the gaiters and apron and collar. The rest of us poor dubs would not know so much as how to assess the value of these habiliments in terms of whoops in Hades. But a bishop! Gadzooks! Meshoppen! Mchoopany! His mind soars to the loftiest heights. When he walks, his feet barely scrape the surface of the ground.

Basic English, a New Language

BASIC English, 850 chosen words, is put forth as a new world language by Prof. C. K. Ogden of Cambridge, England. These words can be made to do the work of 20,000; they can be put on a single phonograph record, or printed on the back of a sheet of note paper. Only eighteen verbs are found essential: *come, get, give, go, keep, let, make, put, seem, take, be, do, have, say, see, send, may,* and *will.* Nouns number 400, adjectives 100, and verbs and verb-helping words 100. To these are added 200 names of picturable objects and fifty adjectival opposites, such as *narrow* and *slow.* The following sentence is in Basic English: "The selection, done with great care by experts, gives us a language which takes only a short time in the learning, and in the narrow limits of which it is possible to put across any everyday thought that may come to mind."

Vatican Libels the United States

THE Vatican, through its newspaper, the *Osservatore Romano,* has libeled the United States, claiming that hitherto America "conducted herself toward conquered nations in a manner not different from that of the vicar of Christ". This is not true. America has not been trying to get all she could, and even to get it under false pretenses, but has been honest and generous. The immediate occasion for the *Osservatore Romano's* lecture is to shame the United States into forgiving all European nations their debts. The *Osservatore* fails to mention that what is cut off from the debt payments will surely go into additional armaments.

Business of the Munition Makers

THE League of Nations has made a ten years' study of the business of the munition makers, and states that their activities include: "Fomenting war scares and influencing increased armaments and warlike policies; bribing government officials, both at home and abroad; issuing false reports of various nations' armament programs, to stimulate the arms races; influencing public opinion through control of newspapers; fixing prices among themselves, to increase the cost of arms." That is one particular business that will be settled at Armageddon, and settled for all time, settled right. How evident it is that the Lord's way out of this thing is just right.

Kreuger Alive in Indo-China (?)

IT IS said that the Swedish consul in Paris refused to certify that Ivar Kreuger is really dead; that employees of the Stockholm crematorium declare that when they burned the body they plainly smelled the odor of wax; and that there have come from the Far East mysterious orders for cigars such as only Kreuger smoked. Now his closest woman friend in Stockholm has told acquaintances that three weeks after he was supposed to have suicided she received a letter from him. If this Big Business man who indirectly loaned a half billion good American dollars to bankrupt European governments is as crooked as he seems to have been, he may have deceived the world in regard to his death. The French Government says he is dead; but who would believe anything they say after the way they treated Dreyfus?

A Real Depression Due in 18 Months

SAMUEL S. WYER, consulting engineer, Columbus, Ohio, is quoted as saying at an address of economists in his city:

"A real depression will superimpose itself on this one within the next 18 months. Political prosperity ballyhoo can't in the least stop the march of greater suffering which the facts definitely point out. We could end the depression, however, in 90 days, if facts now available were recognized. We need a declaration of the interdependence of men. The real danger in this country is not Communism or Socialism or Russia, but our selfish business leaders who cry out against a 'dole' for labor while they have their hands out for subsidies that are nothing more than 'doles'."

Present Disaster Unequaled in History

THE American Federation of Labor says that the present depression has dragged 40,000,000 persons below minimum standards for health and efficiency, and adds:

This is a disaster unequaled by any catastrophe our country has yet passed through, even the World War. United States citizens who died or were wounded as a result of the World War were 350,300 persons. We have seen the degenerating effects of the World War on our national life. The effects of the present disaster will be more sweeping than any before experienced. A decade or even a generation cannot wipe them away. They will last on as scars on millions of personalities. Starvation, illness, the moral evils of unemployment, are eating away the very fibre of our national being.

The Things That Are in Sight

ACCORDING to Howard Scott, head of the oft-discussed 'technocrats', or research engineers, of Columbia University, among the things that are in sight (mentioned in an article in *The Outlook*) are:

"A factory for the production of rayon yarn nearing completion in New Jersey. Its operation is entirely mechanical, and production can be carried on 24 hours a day, without a single worker in the plant; an official in the New York office, by the use of photo-electric cells, can change dyes without leaving his desk."

"A machine is already developed and waiting for a public-works market that with two men operating it, or six men for each 24 hours, can tear up an old road or street, lay foundation for pavement, and put on the pavement, 60 feet wide, at the rate of eight miles per day."

"The technologist can easily produce a blade with a tungsten carbide edge, on a steel base that would last a lifetime and longer. After a few weeks, the demand would be almost nonexistent for razor blades."

"Ramie, as a 22-inch fiber, can be raised 1500 pounds to the acre, compared to 150 pounds of cotton: two or three crops a year; in the Southern states, requires no picking, since it can be cut and bound and threshed by machinery. If made into suits it wears seven times as long as wool, several hundred times better than cotton. It can be made into paper, cheaper than wood pulp and cannot be torn by the human hand. It has a luster similar to silk, can be woven with other materials and takes dyes beautifully."

"The designs are all complete for an automobile that will run 300,000 to 350,000 miles without overhauling."

"There is evidence on every hand that our price system is crumbling. Certain it is that the impact of technology on our price system has proved the futility in the future of stocks, bonds, mortgages, savings, equities and all other concomitants of our past system."

"No nation or group of nations in the entire world can be compared with the social complex of this continent. North America could barricade itself from the rest of the world and provide a large population with a higher standard of living than it has ever known. There is not a single major resource lacking."

Columbia University Shows Capitalism Doomed

STUDIES of Columbia University show that 9,000,000 American citizens, using the mechanical power at their command, can now do the work of 10,000,000,000 persons who work without mechanical aids. In other words, right now, without any changes whatever, the United States is equipped to do half of all the work that could be done in the entire world by the whole human family without mechanical aid. Is it any wonder that no outlet can be found for the products of their machines, or that all thinkers are agreed that some new method of distribution must be inaugurated quickly?

Capitalism Dying by Its Own Hand

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Obedience to Jehovah Brings Peace

NOTHING in the Scriptures is plainer than that every person who is to have eternal life must first learn to be obedient to Jehovah God. And when he has really learned that lesson, not only is he in a fair way to gain everlasting life, but he is sure to have, for the balance of this life, something that is attainable in no other way, peace of heart, the peace which Jesus left as a legacy to all who have the same disposition of whole-hearted love for Jehovah which animates the Father's first and best loved Son.

About 2,932 years ago there was a bad actor in the land of Palestine. Jeroboam, as we know, was not a bad man to start with. He was one of the minor officers of King Solomon, an efficient, capable man, but something happened that turned his head. We have the account of it in 1 Kings 11:28-39:

> And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. And it came to pass at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field: and Ahijah caught the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces: and he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces; for thus saith [Jehovah], the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: (but he shall have one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel:) because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my commandments and my statutes, but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put my name there.
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> And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes, and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but not for ever.

Jeroboam Spoiled it all

Not another man in this world ever received the same kind of opportunity as came to Jeroboam. He was merely one of the common people. All that could be said for him is that he was industrious, had some executive capacity, and there is a hint that he desired to see Israel have a better government than it received in the latter days of King Solomon.

If he would listen to and obey the voice of Jehovah God, as David did (and David too was lifted from obscurity), ten parts of the twelve-tribe kingdom of God on earth should be his during his lifetime and descend to his children in perpetual succession. His house would have been as sure as the house of David.

But Jeroboam spoiled it all. Instead of conducting himself as David did toward the house of Saul, and waiting God's due time to make the change, he felt that he had to go and advertise himself all over Palestine as the one that was going to rule over most of the country after Solomon's death. And he did this while Solomon was yet alive. The very natural result was that he had to flee for his life to Egypt, and it seems that while there he picked up some heathen ideas of how not to make a success as a ruler for Jehovah God, his rightful Sovereign and Lord.

Jehovah God had designated Jerusalem as the place where He was to be worshiped; His house was the temple; the Levites were His priests. Jeroboam, when he did finally get control of the ten tribes, made two places of worship (one of which was in Bethel); erected houses in which he placed golden calves (idols), and designated priests to serve that were not of the house of Levi, and therefore not of God's choosing.

In due time he got things going at Bethel, ordained a feast to the children of Israel, offered a sacrifice upon the altar, and burned incense. His whole idea was to wean the people away from Jerusalem and the kingdom centered there. He was clever, but he was not wise. Immediately God served notice upon him of what would follow his disobedient acts:

Jehovah's Prophet Served Notice

And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of [Jehovah] unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word of [Jehovah] and said, O altar, altar, thus saith [Jehovah]: Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which [Jehovah] hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out.

And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of [Jehovah]. And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the face of [Jehovah] thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought [Jehovah], and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.—1 Ki. 13: 1-6.

We do not follow further the fortunes of King Jeroboam, except to mention that, in due time, God sent him notice that his house was cut off for his disobedience, and the notice was conveyed by the same prophet that had previously notified him of his coming exaltation.

A double lesson, however, is conveyed to us in the fact that the very prophet that told Jeroboam of what should be done by the future king, Josiah, of the house of David, in desecration of the altar he had presumptuously built, lost his own life that very day because of disobedience to Jehovah God. (1 Ki. 13:7-34) This should have impressed deeply, upon Jeroboam and upon all Israel that learned of it, the unwisdom and the danger of his disobedient and idolatrous course.

But What About This King Josiah?

But what about this king Josiah, mentioned by name in the foregoing prophecy? Well, he was not even born until 332 years later; but a little thing like that means nothing to Jehovah God. The prophecy was uttered about the year 999 B.C. King Josiah came into the world about 667 B.C., and began to reign 659 B.C. God knew he would come sometime.

The first thing said about Josiah is not how wise or great he was, but how earnestly he desired to serve the Lord. It tells us of his desire to be obedient. "And he did that which was right in the sight of [Jehovah], and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left."—2 Ki. 22: 2.

First he wanted the temple repaired; it was done, and while the work was under way there was found, so it is believed, the original manuscript of the book of Deuteronomy, written by the hand of Moses, conveying the blessings that would come upon Israel if obedient, and the curses that would come if disobedient.

Josiah, moved with fear, sent to inquire of the prophetess Huldah if the evils of which he had read would be visited upon Israel. She sent back word that Jehovah had decreed that such must be the case, but for Josiah himself she said:

Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before [Jehovah], when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith [Jehovah]. Behold, therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place.—2 Ki. 22: 19, 20.

Josiah Went Down the Line

When this word was brought to Josiah he did the right thing. First he called for what before the name Jehovah's witnesses was given was very properly called a Bible students' convention. He got everybody together, the elders, the men, the priests, the prophets, and all the people, small and great, and then he read to them the words of the book of the covenant that had been found. Then, standing by the pillar of the temple, he solemnly covenanted for himself and for all the people that they would keep Jehovah's commandments, testimonies and statutes, with all their heart and all their soul; and you have to laugh when you read the rest of it, because he gave the Devil's whole gang the works. And the people backed him up in it.

As you read this story you cannot help but see how perfectly, in every detail, Jehovah God caused the details of a prophecy uttered 342 years previously to be fulfilled. Nothing was left out. No doubt the holy angels were on the job and saw to it that nothing Jehovah God wanted done to idolatry in Israel should be overlooked by this man who so wanted to serve Him.

He Made a Clean Sweep

You will find the account of what Josiah did in 2 Kings 23:4-25; and though it is a trifle lengthy, yet it is more than a trifle important, and we can very well afford to read it here. The story proceeds:

And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of [Jehovah] all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven; and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. And he brought out the grove from the house of [Jehovah], without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of [Jehovah], where the women wove hangings for the grove.

And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of [Jehovah] in Jerusalem, but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through fire to Molech.

And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of [Jehovah], by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of [Jehovah], did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron.

And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

A Prophecy Exactly Fulfilled

Moreover, the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of [Jehovah], which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.

And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke [Jehovah] to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem. And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto [Jehovah] your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant. Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to [Jehovah] in Jerusalem. Moreover, the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of [Jehovah]. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to [Jehovah] with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

But How About the Peace?

Josiah was wounded by Pharaoh Necho at the battle of Megiddo because he refused to let his land be made a runway whereby Egyptian troops might march against their Babylonian enemies, and subsequently died of his wounds, at Jerusalem, and some have wondered, therefore, how it could be properly said that he went to his grave in peace.

The explanation has been offered that it was fulfilled when "all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the Lamentations".—2 Chron. 35:24, 25.

But we think there is a very much better explanation. When he died he had in his heart the peace of God, the peace that passeth understanding; and he had it, manifestly, because he was obedient in putting down idolatry thoroughly, as soon as he saw that to be God's will. At the last, it is true, he made an error in standing across the path of a warlike king, and that king said that in doing it Josiah had disobeyed God, and the record seems to confirm that thought, but it is apparent that at his end there was peace in his heart because, whatever his mistake in going into war without ascertaining the divine will, it is still true that the idolatry that was rampant when he ascended the throne was no longer to be found.

Many a king has died without the peace of God in his heart, and has therefore died the poorest of the poor. And many a poor Jw who hardly knows where the next meal is coming from goes singing into the Kingdom, because he is obedient, doing the thing the King wants done. Why should we care what happens to us? We belong to Jehovah God, and it is not our business to be specially concerned about what happens to the body we have dedicated to Him, to be used up in whatever way He sees best.

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Chairs Make a Difference

IN AN office employing forty persons the office chairs were carefully adjusted to the workers, with the result that there were 20 percent fewer colds and minor illnesses within a year, and the general disposition of the entire force had improved, including that of the boss.

20,000 Suicides a Year

A FEW years ago we had 10,000 suicides a year in America; then it was 12,000, and now we are told that it is almost 20,000 and rising rapidly. The percentage increase is higher among men than among women, showing that the pressure of hard times affects them most.

The Real Four Hundred

THE real American four hundred are the four hundred and two persons who each carry a million dollars or more life insurance. Thirteen of these carry five million dollars or more, and seventy-nine more had two million or more but less than five million.

A Convention of Millionaires

IN THE home of Joseph E. Widener, Philadelphia, in October, there was a convention of three hundred millionaires, the largest of the kind on record. After a careful survey of the country they concluded there is nothing much wrong with it except that taxes are too high.

October's Decline in Stocks

IN OCTOBER the stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange lost 12½ percent of all the value they had left on the first of that month. They are now in such bad shape that if the alleged statesmen at Washington had any nerve or any common sense they could buy for the people as a whole everything there is to sell for about three-fourths of the cash actually wasted by us in the World War.

Fewer Funerals in Hard Times

CEMETERY officials have taken note of the fact that there are fewer deaths in hard times. People cannot pamper their appetites; they cannot eat as much or as often, and as a consequence they live longer.

Two Prime Ministers Agree

IN ONE week recently, in England, Prime Minister MacDonald and former Prime Minister Baldwin declared that the outlook is black and hopeless, and in the same week Montagu Norman, head of the Bank of England, expressed the same view.

Peiping Puts on 1,000 Policewomen

PEIPING takes a step ahead this year by putting on 1,000 policewomen. These women will be well educated, be expected to give lessons in sanitation and hints on the proper care of children, and to warn girls from the country districts of the dangers of the big city.

War Club Returns to Fiji

IN 1874 King Cakobau of the Fiji Islands surrendered his war club to Queen Victoria. King George recently returned the club to the islands and it will hereafter be used as a ceremonial mace in the place where it was once used to make a permanent dent in some aborigine's skull.

Thousands of Philadelphians Permanently Out

PHILIP C. STAPLES, chairman of the Philadelphia County Relief Board, says that there are tens of thousands of workers in Philadelphia who will never go back to work because many Philadelphia industries were just ready in 1929 for a full program of machine production when the crash came. Now the machines have been installed and are waiting and the next big boom will put them in motion, and there will be work for them, but not for human hands.

Two Hearts in a Pennsylvanian

EDWARD REYNOLDS, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., has discovered at the age of 32 that he has two hearts, a small one on his left side and a larger one on his right. Since the depression came on several big financiers have been discovered that did not have any heart at all.

Has California Come to This?

FOR appearing at the Olympic Games, Los Angeles, wearing placards which asked justice for Tom Mooney, several youngsters have just been sentenced to nine months in prison and their attorney has been dismissed from the faculty of the Southwestern Law School. It seems incredible.

Tokyo Now Third City

TOKYO has increased its area from 31 square miles to 233 square miles and taken in 82 villages and towns in so doing. The result is that with a present population of 5,312,000 it now becomes the third city in size in the world. The seven largest cities in their order are London, New York, Tokyo, Berlin, Chicago, Paris and Moscow.

Got Your Green Trousers?

A DISPATCH from Bradford, England, center of the wool fabrication industry, says that men will be wearing green trousers this coming summer. Anyway, they have made up the cloth, and they say it looks well, and unless the men balk there will be thousands of them that before fall will be clothed like the lilies of the field. The new cloths are being sent first to Cambridge University, where, if the college boys fall for them, they will spread to the rest of the world, maybe.

Priests Lose Citizenship in Vera Cruz

ANGERED by what the president of Mexico styles the insolent and defiant attitude of Achille Ratti, pope, the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, has issued a decree that priests are no longer citizens. It also directs the governor to begin immediately to dispossess the clergy of all churches and other religious property they have been using, and to convert it into social and educational centers or put it to other public or social uses. Every time Mr. Ratti opens his mouth about Mexico he sticks his foot into it clear up to his thigh.

Autopsy of a Slot Machine

AUTOPSY of a slot machine, of the type common in New York city, shows that the machine pays out 75.6 percent of the money paid in; 50 percent of the symbols on the rotated wheel are dead; the wheel cannot stop at them. The player's chance of hitting a capital prize is exactly one in 1,000.

Cooperative Factories in Minneapolis

IN A STRIKE of milk-wagon drivers, in Minneapolis, in 1920, the Franklin Cooperative Creamery was organized and got its start, and is now the largest dairy company in the Northwest. More recently the workers in dry cleaners' establishments have organized a successful cooperative firm, and now the glove workers have done the same and are making work gloves in eighteen different styles and materials.

Ford Automobile Baling Press

AT THE Ford Motor Company's plant at River Rouge there is a baling machine which takes what is left after the glass, leather, tires, batteries and nonmetallic parts are removed, and folds an entire car up into a bale of scrap about the size of a bale of hay. A conveyor deposits these bales in charging boxes and the boxes are emptied into a new furnace which holds 600 tons of hot metal at one time.

Pasadena's Profitable Municipal Plant

LAST year the Pasadena municipal light and power plant illuminated the streets at a rate of 2¼c per kilowatt hour, and supplied residences and commercial lighting for a fraction less than 4c per kilowatt hour. The surplus and the general and special reserves up to June 30, 1932, amount to $6,111,308.86, which the Big Business crowd might have had just as well as not, if they had gotten hold of the Pasadena plant in time.

Lash Still Used in the South

PRISONERS may still be given the lash legally in Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Virginia. In Alabama the whipping must be done in the presence of a physician; in Virginia the prison superintendent must give his approval before a prisoner can be whipped, and a physician must examine him before and after he is whipped. The lash has been theoretically abandoned in four southern states.

Evangeline Adams, Astrologer

EVANGELINE ADAMS, astrologer, is dead. It is said that, beginning to broadcast astrology (which is demonism) over the radio in 1930, within three months she had received 150,000 requests for horoscopes, one of which was from J. P. Morgan. The following year she received 4,000 letters a day, and the next year she was dead.

Katherine Plunkett Dead at 111

KATHERINE PLUNKETT, oldest woman in the British Isles, died recently at her home in northern Ireland about six weeks before she would have been 112 years of age. She died without illness, and apparently without pain, after breakfast, sinking as though into a sleep. Her complexion was good, and sight and hearing were only slightly impaired prior to her end.

Canada's Care of Single Unemployed Men

CANADA is caring for two thousand unemployed men by giving them nominal employment in connection with the trans-Canada airways system. The men will be housed in railway cars on sidings and receive shelter, food, clothing, and 20 cents a day nominal wages. This is far better than total unemployment and total nonprovision of life's necessities.

Digestive Apparatus of the Termite

THE termite of Central Africa, an ant-like creature, builds a residence twenty feet high and ten feet wide and housing millions, all under one queen. Its food is the inside of houses, furniture, telephone poles, or anything else made of wood. Within its stomach it has tinier creatures that do its digesting for it; they keep part of the food for their own use, but the bulk of it goes to the host.

How Easily Trade Is Upset

IT SEEMED like a good thing, the Ottawa Economic Conference; at least good for the British Empire. But it is difficult to carry out the high idea of trade within the empire. Since the conference Canada traded aluminum ware for Russian oil. Immediately, Trinidad noticed that some of her oil orders from Canada had been canceled, and now she wants to know how it comes that a Canada that does not want to trade with Russia and does want to trade with the empire does neither.

Chinese Auto Engine Uses Charcoal Fumes

A CHINESE inventor has adapted charcoal fumes to automobile operation. In an official test with a Buick car 42 pounds of charcoal were used to cover 30 miles of rough roadway in 77 minutes. It requires a heating period of five minutes before a car can be started. It is expected to use the device only in districts where the present cost of gasoline is prohibitive.

Faded Crowns Adorn the Wizards

REVEREND DR. WILLIAM P. LADD, dean of the Berkeley Divinity School, at New Haven, says: "A short time ago it would have been *lese-majeste,* certainly very provincial, to impugn the intelligence of our great bankers, merchants and industrialists. Now they wear faded crowns and few are left who reverence these erstwhile wizards."

Beautiful Yacht Sold for $1,500

ONE of the most beautiful yachts in the world, the Hirondelle, built in 1911 at a cost of $2,000,000, was recently sold in Providence for $1,500. It requires a crew of fifty to sail it, and as no Big Business man today feels like supporting a crew of fifty sailors, the yacht goes begging. The man who bought it at auction is now looking for a purchaser.

Ireland Still in Fighting Mood

IRELAND is still in fighting mood, as was manifested when the prince of Wales recently visited Belfast to dedicate the new Northern Ireland parliament buildings at Stormont. Railroad lines were broken and ripped up and telegraph lines were cut in the effort to prevent the dedication, but it went through without a hitch. Eight thousand armed Orangemen aided the 4,000 armed soldiers and police that escorted the prince.

Colorado River Already Dammed

THE Colorado river is already dammed; to be sure, not with the permanent Hoover dam, which will hold back two years' flow of the mighty stream, and create a great inland lake, but the temporary dam is in, and the river is now diverted by it into a tunnel, cut for the purpose, that takes it around the site where the Hoover dam is in construction. The dam builders are now down in the bottom of the old river bed, but dry and comfortable.

Robot Wounds Its Inventor

WHILE a British inventor, Harry May, at Brighton, England, was exhibiting his wireless-controlled robot, the robot suddenly seized a revolver, turned quickly, and shot its inventor through the right hand. The inventor was unable to explain the incident. Manifestly a demon found the contrivance suited to his purposes and made use of it.

How Radio Waves Are Dampened

RADIO waves tend to spread in every direction from the point of origin. When it is desired to send them in one direction two sets of antennae are strung which absorb or reflect the horizontal waves but permit the vertical ones to continue. Thus, by shifting the antennae reflectors, the radio waves can be limited to any desired direction.

Ice Cakes Used to Lower a Bridge

WHEN he had got a 61-ton steel span within six inches of its resting place in a highway bridge, a California engineer found there was no longer room in which to use his jacks. He ordered the span placed on six cakes of ice each weighing four hundred pounds. The sun came up, the ice melted, and the span settled just where he wanted it.

Rio Shops Close Two Hours at Noon

RIO DE JANEIRO, and indeed all of Brazil, is experimenting with a law making it obligatory to close all places of business between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. In the Syrian quarter it was found to work badly, as it takes a Syrian three hours to arrange his goods and another three hours to pack them back, according to the newspaper account. The law will probably be modified.

Another Bank Robbery in New York

ANOTHER bank has been robbed in New York, not in the modern style, from the inside, by the president, or the cashier, or one of the tellers, but in the old-fashioned crude style of the eighties. Five armed men walked into an uptown bank just as it was opening for business in the morning, cut telephone wires, caged seven employees, grabbed $13,000 in cash, set off a tear-gas bomb, came out and got into their car and went their way. There was a policeman within a block in each direction.

Curious Enterprises of Uncle Sam

THE book *More Merry-Go-Round* is authority for the statement that in the Panama canal zone the United States rents two breweries to Panaman citizens, together with some 300 saloons and two or three blocks of brothels. (In Brandon, Florida, three little children have been expelled from the public school because instructed by their father not to salute the flag.)

A Delegate to the Armament Conference

SIR JOHN SIMON, head of the British delegation to the Geneva Arms Conference, owned 1,512 shares of stock in Imperial Chemical Industries, which has a virtual monopoly of supplying munitions, poison gas and explosives for the British government. After the six-month gabfest his stock was a better investment than before it began.

Discoveries of Ocean Scenery

HERE the other day they discovered a mountain a mile high within some sixty miles of the Golden Gate; and now they have found a great gorge off New England, with walls 1800 feet high. The only trouble with these two pieces of scenery is that they are covered with water a mile deep, and Beebe in his iron ball is the only one of us that will ever get a chance to see what they are like.

Many Locusts in Argentina

ARGENTINA has been having such heavy visitations of locusts that locomotives have gone out with ten times the usual amount of sand for the rails, and the Central Argentine Railway has fitted some of its freight engines with rubber brushes to push the locusts off the rails. One huge swarm, several miles wide, flew to a watery grave in the La Plata river, which is fifty miles wide opposite Buenos Aires.

Destruction of the Farmers

THE destruction of the farmers proceeds apace. A friend, a dirt farmer in Kansas, sends us a clipping from the Clay Center *Times*, showing the local market conditions on December 14, 1932. For their wheat the farmers were then getting 28c a bushel, for new shelled corn 15c a bushel, oats 12c, pigs from 2c a pound up to 2.6c a pound, cattle from 1c a pound up to 4c a pound, hides 1c a pound, hens from 4c up to 7c a pound. No farmer can live on these prices.

Huge Arizona Meteor Located

EVER since the aeronautic discovery of the Arizona meteor crater, an elliptical pit three quarters of a mile long, 600 feet deep, and surrounded by a circular ridge or parapet that rises about 130 feet above the plateau, mining engineers have been trying to locate the meteor itself. It was finally found by electrical methods and confirmed by the prospector's drill. It had penetrated 680 feet into the earth's surface.

Electric Eye in the Publishing Business

BY THE use of the photo-electric eye a photograph or painting in color may now be engraved automatically on zinc sheets, three color plates in half an hour. The same kind of work used to take thirty-six hours. The electric eye is now also used to automatically set type from reporter's typewritten copy. It matches perfectly the colors of inks and papers; something the human eye cannot do.

Blessing the Hounds in Washington

THE Washington *Daily News* of December 10, 1932, contains a picture of Reverend Dr. George Carl Fitch Bratenahl blessing the hounds at the Washington Riding and Hunt Club. The hounds he really meant to bless are those referred to by the Prophet Isaiah when he said: "They are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand; they all look to their own way, every one for his gain from his quarter."—Isaiah 56: 10, 11.

Lied Till the Very Last

WHEN Reverend Peter Selinas, priest, committed suicide at Fall River, Massachusetts, he accused a boy of 19 of having poisoned him, but his will, written in Lithuanian, acknowledged that he was a suicide. Although the accused lad pleaded with the priest to tell the truth and thus free him from the dreadful charge of murder, the ruling passion of lying was strong even in death and he went out of this life with the lies upon his lips. How the Devil must have loved a man that served him so faithfully in his lifetime and even in his death. He was peculiarly fitted for the discharge of the duty which he left, that of misrepresenting God.

36 a Critical Age for Workers

AN ANALYSIS of 3,700 "white collar" workers listed as unemployed on the pay rolls of the New York City Emergency Work and Relief Bureau shows that their average age is 36 years and 3 months; they are native born, married, and the sole support of a family of three persons. Of these, 95 percent had finished grammar school and 30 percent had attended college.

Copper Alloyed with Beryllium

COPPER alloyed with beryllium can now be made fifty inches wide, any desired length, and so thin that it weighs only one ounce per square foot. It has an elastic limit of 170,000 pounds per square inch, resists abrasion and fatigue, and can be made into tools which do not spark. It is offered for roofs, awnings, automobile tops, oil refineries and power plants. It does not corrode, and retains its set in superheated steam.

Holland Tunnel Used by 11,000,000 Autos a Year

THE Holland Tunnel under the North river is every way a great success. In the five years in which it has been in operation more than 55,500,000 autos have passed through it, and the annual earnings are well over $2,500,000. It is believed to be one of the best-policed institutions in existence. In case of a crash, flat tire, empty gasoline tank, fire or other mishap, the emergency trucks and squads of special police are on the job in jig time and in a few moments the difficulty is removed and traffic proceeds as before. Moreover, the users of the tunnel are noticeably more careful.

Pupils in the School of Christ

PUPILS in the school of Christ are a good deal like the little girl that had her first day of public instruction. She came home and her mother said to her, "Well, darling, what did you learn?" The child made answer, "Not much. I've got to go again." And now isn't that the way it is with all of us? When we get so we think we know something we have to learn it all over; and every time we learn it we have to take out something and put in something, to keep our knowledge up to date. The one that knew it all in 1918 is a sorry-looking object today, and of about as much use to the Lord as a last year's watermelon.

Salinas, the Lettuce Center

LAST year the United States consumed 49,878 cars of lettuce, of which amount 20,324 carloads were shipped from points within a few miles of Salinas, California. The interesting thing about this is that Salinas farmers did not begin lettuce growing until 1920. The first car shipped was a complete success, and every car since. At present some 20,000 acres are devoted to it, with most of the land yielding two crops a year, and some of it three.

Misuse of Troops by Chinese

THE 'heathen Chinese' are always doing something that is embarrassing to us Christians. This last season they had their soldiers help the farmers gather in their crops. The soldiers continued to live on army rations, and if found guilty of accepting either money or food for their work in the harvest fields they were court-martialed. Now we Christians wouldn't have done anything like that with our soldiers, would we?

Road Tax Arrests in Mississippi

IN LAUDERDALE county, Mississippi, warrants have been issued for the arrest of two thousand colored men for not paying their road taxes. The reason they did not pay was that they could not. To pay their other taxes the sheriff has taken their stock, horses and cows; but the road tax is different: it must be paid in cash or worked out as a fine, on a prisoner basis, at the rate of 50c a day. To all intents and purposes it is slavery.

Rabbi Wolf Wants His $750

FIRST, old Mr. Louis Bormaster died; second, Rabbi Wolf, of St. Louis, hooked up to pray for his soul for eleven months. He went to the mat 150 times, charging only $5 a flop, and then the family concluded they could finish out the praying job without his assistance. Now he is suing for $750; and can you blame him? Dr. Hardaway, one of our subscribers, who drew this to our attention, says: "If the rabbi wins his suit, his idea will be of value not only to the Jewish rabbis, but to all clergymen, whose salaries seem to be in such imminent peril. If the salaries pass away, how much easier it will be to say a few hundred prayers for the dead at $5 per than to resort to a pick and shovel to make a living!"

Would Get Rid of Mississippi Low Lands

A California engineer, Victor Falkenau, would get rid of all the low lands in the Mississippi valley, and put an end to all floods, by pumping the rich alluvial soil now in the bottom of the stream over behind dikes built to hold it. He estimates this would result in a new acreage of 5,000,000 acres of rich agricultural land, and would cost $670,000,000.

Archbishop Diaz Found Out About the Law

ON A NIGHT in October Archbishop Diaz of Mexico was suddenly taken to police headquarters charged with performing religious functions without registering. It seems the old gentleman did not know that an archbishop is amenable to the law the same as one of the lesser clergy. It cost him 500 pesos to find out, and he did not get back to his palace until 1:40 a.m. Education comes high, and it is going to get higher as time goes on.

Beck Despondent over America

IN AN address before the New England Society of Pennsylvania Congressman James A. Beck, of Pennsylvania, said the future of American democracy is filled with doubt. He cited Washington's warning that a time might come when factions of small, artful minorities might put their own interests above the common good, and indicated his present belief that conditions in America are now parallel to those that caused the collapse of the Roman Empire.

Reverend Haldeman Badly Tangled Mentally

IT IS plain enough who Jesus was. The angel Gabriel said: "He . . . shall be called the Son of the Highest: and [Jehovah] God shall give unto him the throne of his father David." But Reverend Dr. I. M. Haldeman, pastor of the First Baptist church, Broadway and Seventy-ninth street, New York city, is reported as having said that Jesus, instead of being the Son of the Most High, is really the Most High himself, and, instead of being given the throne by Jehovah, He is himself Jehovah. Oh well, what could you expect from a D.D.? No doubt Haldeman is profoundly impressed with the great idea that three times one equals one and that one plus one plus one equals one. Great theologians are like that; but the simple, plain truths of the Scriptures, even when stated by the angel Gabriel, they can in no wise comprehend.

The Big Joke in Canada

THE big joke in Canada is that right at the time when the Bennett government was urging all parts of the British Empire to unite in cutting off trade with Soviet Russia, and had issued orders banning Russian coal, asbestos, wood products and furs, it made a bargain to trade a great quantity of Mr. Mellon's aluminum (made in the Canadian plant) for several shiploads of Russian oil, and has refused to explain why. Well, anybody who knows who makes the aluminum and who is minister at the court of St. James can pretty nearly guess why Canada agreed to take the oil.

Washington's Teeth Salvaged

AN ITEM in the day's news states that George Washington's lower false teeth are on exhibition in the museum of a London hospital and that the uppers are in Baltimore. The account also says that George paid $60 for this set on February 20, 1795, and it does seem as if he was entitled to take them along with him when he went. However, the undertaker probably thought he might as well salvage what he could. But it makes a fellow feel like refraining from laughing very heartily in the presence of an undertaker, either before, or during or after using his services.

The Robert Dollar Professor

THE late Robert Dollar in his eventful lifetime built up a world-wide steamship business, with headquarters in San Francisco, and lines operating to all the principal cities of the world. His charities are well known. However, all of this hardly gives the man the right to a special brand of New Testament interpretation. Yet we have seen a very neat letterhead of the "Rev. Edward Arthur Wicher, D.D., Robert Dollar Professor of New Testament Interpretation, San Francisco Theological Seminary, 18 Kensington Road, San Anselmo, Calif."

Will the Rev. Wicher please explain how Robert Dollar should precede the Lord's Word in his lengthy title, and just what kind of interpretation of the New Testament is inferred by such a title? It would seem that professed teachers of God's Word should rather proclaim that they are interpreting the New Testament according to Christ's instruction rather than according to Robert Dollar, or any other human creature.

Power of J. P. Morgan

J. P. MORGAN is a personal friend of Herbert Hoover and of Franklin Roosevelt and is a frequent visitor at the White House. Through his company, and its dependents, Bankers Trust Company, Guaranty Trust Company, and First National Bank, and through his allies, Chase National Bank and National City Bank, he controls 2,450 directorships in corporations with net assets of $74,000,000,000, or 22 percent of the total corporation assets of the country. He is generally believed to have more power over business and government than any other person.

Relief Experiments at Tecumseh

HENRY FORD is conducting relief experiments at Tecumseh, Michigan, having opened a store where all the necessities of life may be obtained, but where nothing is sold for cash. Persons wanting goods are given employment at an hourly wage of 20c, and the employment may be cutting wood, clearing snow from the streets, or even cleaning up one's own yard. Several men were given the jobs of washing the windows in their own homes. Women are given jobs at sewing garments for the needs of their own or other families; those who cannot sew do washing or other work. Forty families are being helped in this manner. The rent of the store was donated.

Orchard Workers Wanted $1.50 a Day

ORCHARD workers in the vicinity of Vacaville, California, went on strike, demanding $1.50 a day for an eight-hour day. This amount will procure one fairly good meal in a dining car, if one's appetite is modest.

A lynching committee was organized. One of the speakers, Rev. A. Fruhling, pastor of the Community Church, was in favor of dealing with the situation in the "old American way", by hanging.

After considerable excitement, several of the principal of the flock stormed the jail, where the strikers were being held for safe-keeping, seized six of them, took them out of town, beat them, clipped their hair, and told them never to return. One would not think they would wish to.

The lynching party was shown every courtesy. Somebody let them have the key to the jail. They were among the most prominent citizens in the community. One of the speakers was a judge.

Snake Dance in Tremont Temple

REVEREND J. WHITCOMB BROUGHER is down in the press as having executed several Indian dances in the Tremont Temple pulpit, Boston, Mass. In some of these he used artificial snakes, and at one point let out a war whoop. We have no objection to this. He might just as well have done it as anything else he would have done. A man that is interested in Devil worship will naturally try to interest others in it; nothing else should be expected.

Seatrain Handling of Coastwise Freight

DISCOVERING that fifty percent of coastwise steamship operation is terminal expense, the new Seatrain coastwise steamers carry three decks of four rows each of standard-gauge railroad track, and on these tracks one hundred cars. By this means they are moving freight between New York, Havana and New Orleans in hundred-car lots in the cars themselves, eliminating packing costs, reducing insurance rates, and delivering shipments in faultless condition. It looks as if this new method would entirely upset the freight rate structure of the railroads of the United States.

"Only a Scrap of Paper"

IT SEEMS that the most warlike countries in the world have absolutely no respect for their signatures to treaties and promises to pay debts. At the outbreak of the World War Germany's spokesman thought it an outrageous thing that Britain should plunge into the conflict merely because her name was attached to a piece of paper. Of course, he did not know that Britain had all along been intending to plunge in as soon as Germany would invade Belgium. And now France, far more warlike than Germany ever was, has also indicated that her signature to a contract is worth nothing, by refusing to pay the small amount of interest she had agreed to pay on the huge sum borrowed from Uncle Sam. The natural result in the United States is an almost universal agreement that it would have been far better, for the welfare of the world, if the Germans had been permitted to go clear through to the Pyrenees and the Bay of Biscay, and they would have done it, too, but for the purchased press and the hypocritical clergy of the Devil here in America that pushed a peace-loving country into the great enterprise of dragging Morgan's French bonds out of the fire.

Weather All Mixed Up

ON DECEMBER 13 it snowed all over California, even in Imperial Valley, and while we should like to say it was warm and sunny here in New York it isn't quite true. The snow here was mostly melted on December 13, but the air was as raw and cold as it is sometimes at Santa Monica Beach (off Los Angeles) when mid-winter guests hastily (and shiveringly) run out on the beach in bathing suits and get photographed for the benefit of the folks back east. However, we might as well admit that it is usually warmer in winter in California than it is in New York.

Rodriguez Says the Pope Lies

PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ of Mexico says that "the pope", A. Ratti, is a liar. He does not put it quite that bluntly, but that is what it means. Here is what he said, translated into English: "In an unforeseen and absurd manner there has been published the Encyclical Acerba Animi, whose tone does not surprise us, because methods filled with falsehood against this country are characteristic of the papacy." He said something more, i.e., "If the insolent, defiant attitude shown in the recent encyclical continues, I am determined that the churches shall be converted into schools and shops for the benefit of the nation's proletarian classes."

No Religious Rebellion in Guadalajara

THINGS were shaping up nicely for a religious rebellion in Guadalajara. There was a house full of rifles, pistols, ammunition, dynamite bombs, field equipment, a printing press, and considerable printed matter urging a rebellion. Then the police seized the house; and that's that. Then the archbishop quickly advised the people of Mexico not to rebel, just as soon as he found it was no use. And the last we heard, the legislature of the state in which Guadalajara is located was expecting to pass a law limiting to eight the number of priests in the second largest city in the country; and that cuts the chances of rebellion down still more. It certainly is tough luck when a church wants to start a rebellion in a country and is not permitted to do so. It looks as if one Ratti and his friends were being given no religious liberty in Mexico to do any political cussedness at all. Meantime the truth is being broadcast all over Mexico. Makes a fellow laugh, doesn't it?

Federal Law on Conspiracy

SECTION 19 of the Federal Penal Code reads as follows:

If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same, or if two or more persons go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another, with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured, they shall be fined not more than $5,000 and imprisoned not more than 10 years, and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to any office or place of honor, profit or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States.

Japan an Excellent Imitator

REFERRING to Japan's seizure of Manchuria, and her subsequent course, the Manchester *Guardian* says:

Her method is a bland parody of the diplomatic hypocrisies familiar in the West. Having thrust the Chinese government by violence out of Manchuria, she schooled a troop of Manchurian notables in the jargon of self-determination and organized a state. Now she makes a treaty with it as a sovereign, independent power. In this document she establishes with Manchukuo a perpetual relationship of good neighborhood the same that a young lady of Riga established with a tiger. She merely takes powers to stiffen the doddering Manchukuo government with a backbone of Japanese troops, who are like the stick which salesmen sometimes insert in a flabby fish to stiffen it.

Sweeping Changes in New York Trucking

NEW YORK is one of the greatest freight-handling places in the world. The city is what it is because it is the terminal of the world's greatest railways and the world's greatest steamship lines. In and out of its warehouses go the products of whole continents.

A great change is now taking place in the manner of handling many of these goods. The great railway systems will make their own deliveries and collections of freight. Straightway, stock in terminal and trucking companies goes down. The railroads say frankly that they expect to be able to move the goods between the patron and the railroad for less expense than it can be done by any other method. Quite likely they are correct, and many a flourishing trucking business in New York will have to part with valuable men, and dispose of trucks, and go out of business, as a result.

A Tax on Utility Poles

IN THE year 1921 the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, raised the annual tax on poles in the city, belonging to the power and light company, the telephone company and the two telegraph companies, from 50c per pole to 75c per pole. Thereupon these four representatives of Big Business, who are always so eager to have the common people pay their full taxes and be otherwise law-abiding citizens, kept on paying the old rates for ten years. Probably this was by connivance, not only with each other, but with some politician who is so crooked he would make a corkscrew look like a knitting needle by comparison. Anyway, the people of Little Rock have just found they have been robbed, and they are good and mad and will now assess these burglars $1.50 each for their poles. It seems as though every way a burglar turns in these days he meets with some discouragement. It is almost enough to make Big Business turn honest, like other folks, but not quite. That job will be done in Armageddon.

William G. Scheckels and Fishbein

WILLIAM G. SCHECKELS beautiful five-year-old child, once the light of the home at 540 Newton Place, Washington, D. C., is dead of lockjaw following vaccination. He was vaccinated so that he might have the privilege of attending school, to get a chance to learn how to live. The investigation has been turned over to the 'Health Department', and, as they are always regular M.D.'s, that will be the end of it. And that brings us to Fishbein, the president of the American Medical Association, a Hebrew of the Hebrews. He has just written a book in which he proceeds to tell us how superior is the judgment of a member of the American Medical Association to that of Jesus Christ, in the following language: "To the modern informed physician, such risings from apparent death are not miracles because they are perfectly understood. To the uninformed observer of more than 1900 years ago, such an incident might well appear to have been a raising from the dead." No doubt Fishbein feels that it is just too bad that he did not have an opportunity to teach Christ the importance of vaccination, and to explain to Him that if anything is ever to be done for William G. Scheckels it will have to be done by a modern informed physician. Meantime, "see your doctor twice a year."

The Denver Y.M.C.A.

A POOR woman suffering from tuberculosis jumped from the tenth floor of a Denver hotel, with her seven-year-old daughter in her arms, killing both. The police went to the Y.M.C.A., where the dead woman's husband lived, to tell him of the tragedy, but they learned from the Y.M.C.A. officials that he had been locked out of his room because he could not pay his rent. Seems too bad that with a sick wife he was dead broke too.

In Jesus' day there were no Y.M.C.A.'s where a poor man in hard luck could be accommodated and helped in a Christian manner, and so He said, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." But if He had ever shown up at the Denver Y.M.C.A. He would have been made as welcome as could be, we are sure of it, so long as He had in His jeans sufficient coin of the realm to pay for His room. Otherwise, there would have been nothing doing, and He would have been in the same fix with a Y.M.C.A. as He was without one.

Proclamations by the President

THE commander-in-chief of the armies and navies of the United States seems to have overlooked the law which requires that before federal troops are moved the president must issue a preliminary proclamation. This was not done when the troops moved against the bonus marchers at Anacostia, nor was it done recently in New York when fifty infantrymen were moved from Governor's Island to Bryant Park for a three weeks' public exhibit of engines of death.

Mr. and Mrs. John Myers, Ephrata, Pa., whose twelve-week-old baby died when the bonus marchers' camp was gassed, say that the baby was asleep at the time it was gassed. A dispatch from Pittsburgh shows that just a week before the baby was gassed a Pittsburgh concern shipped the government a quantity of tear-gas guns, hand grenades, projectiles, guns and gas masks.

If it had so happened that there was anybody in charge of the federal troops more foolish than General MacArthur it is probable that the casualties would have been more than they were, but there is no likelihood that such could be found. Now, if Falstaff could only have been living in Washington in 1932 what a chief of staff he would have made!

Business Opportunities in Philadelphia

UNDER the head of "Business Opportunities" the Philadelphia *Inquirer* of October 9, 1932, contained the following advertisement: "Preacher with following, needs promoter to develop religious idea, build tabernacle, etc., and show profit. D-924. Inquirer office." We don't know who the preacher could have been. It wasn't Peter; he had plenty of religious ideas and he wanted to build a tabernacle, but got sat on, and did not do it. It may have been Judas; he was the only one of the apostles to show a profit, but we hadn't heard anything about his coming back from where he is, and we doubt, in short, if he will ever do it. The thing is a mystery.

Hurricane Will Be Along Presently

WINNIPEG has a judge, a Mr. Stubbs, who is giving some Canadians the shivers. He recently dismissed five men charged with rioting and possession of dangerous weapons. They were on a picket line and had a brush with the police. The police handled them too roughly, and the judge did not like it, and said so. All Canada is talking about him, some praising, some condemning, but he goes right on. He recently said: "If our legal and judicial system is such a frail, fragile and delicately-constituted artificial structure that the few puffs of fresh air of criticism which I have made against it have so seriously affected it that it is impaired and deterred in its functioning, then it is high time a hurricane came along and blew the whole thing away. In the words of Patrick Henry: 'If this be treason, make the most of it.'"

Oil and Coke Hurt Hard Coal Market

IN 1927 the annual consumption of oil for house heating was 11,000,000, but in three years thereafter it had grown to 18,000,000 barrels, and is still growing. In spite of somewhat higher cost of heating a home by oil rather than coal, and the still more objectionable fact that everything in a house heated by oil finally gets to have an oily touch or an oily appearance, the oil heating is popular because adjustments can be made to a nicety and the apparatus requires no attention from one day's end to another. There are no ashes to handle, and there is no coal dust to contend with.

The so-called "coal strike" of 1923, which was a determined effort by the miners to get more money and a determined effort by the operators

to pay less, finally resulted in a drawn battle, worked great injury to the hard coal industry. Customers concluded it was a fuel not to be depended upon, and many went over to coke. In 1927 some 4,700,000 tons of coke were used for domestic heating in the east, and last year the amount was more than twice that. Those who have once used coke refuse to return to hard coal, on account of the higher price.

Every dam that is built reduces the market for anthracite; every steamship that goes over to oil propulsion does the same. Many great manufacturing enterprises have gone over to soft coal because they did not feel sure of hard coal supplies, and they will not change back, on account of the higher prices charged for anthracite and the cost of altering their boiler-room equipment.

O'Connell Stung the Dominies

ORDINARILY the bishop business is a nice business, speaking from a money point of view. It is until something goes wrong. It seems that Daniel O'Connell did most of the stock gambling from various leading lights of the ecclesiastical firmament, but the pinch in the stock market finally sent him into bankruptcy. Among his unsecured creditors was the Right Reverend Thomas M. O'Leary, bishop of Springfield, Mass., who let him have $460,000 of his loose change, together with notes footing up to $810,000 more. The Society for the Propagation of the Faith got bit for $75,000. Cardinal Dennis J. Dougherty, of Philadelphia, as archbishop, is sorrowful to the amount of $25,000. Other sufferers are Right Reverend Thomas McDevitt, of Harrisburg; Right Reverend John J. McMahon, of Trenton; St. Catherine's Rectory, Riverside, Connecticut; Reverend Charles H. Duffy and Reverend Leon D. McGraw, Worcester, Massachusetts; Bishop Thomas C. O'Reilly, Scranton, Pa.; Reverend John J. Finn, St. Martin's Rectory, Amityville, N. Y., and Reverend James Hogan, Little Flower Institute, Wading River, N. Y. All together, when Mr. O'Connell's bucket shop failed he had $2,035,182 of liabilities and only $131,503 of assets. It will take a long time to get this back from the servant girls and washerwomen who paid it in the first place. But there is one nice thing about the mass racket: it is all clear profit; the clergy have all they make, except as they have to split with the bishops and moguls higher up.

General Houses, Inc.

GENERAL HOUSES, Inc., is a combination of the Pullman Company, General Electric Company, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company and five other nationally known building-supply manufacturers to erect pressed-steel houses that will be secure against weather, water, fire, vermin, lightning and earthquake, and will keep cool in summer and warm in winter. The plan of this new housing system is to enable the average family to select its home in a showroom, have it erected by a small crew within four days, pay for it on the installment plan, and trade it in after a few years as first payment on a larger or better model. The first structures were designed by Howard T. Fisher, who announced the formation of the company. The new houses will be shown at the Chicago World's Fair to be held in 1933.

Baker's New Station at Laredo

BEFORE they get through with it, the persons responsible for shutting off Norman Baker's station KTNT at Muscatine, Iowa, stand a good chance of being sorry for it. The 300-foot steel towers of his new station at Laredo, Mexico, are said to cost $100,000, while the total cost of the station is $225,000. The call is XENT, and the channel 1,115 kilocycles. The power is 150,000 watts, which is 100,000 watts more than any station operating in the United States. The United States has no treaty with Mexico limiting the operation of this station, and there will be nothing to prevent Baker's telling everybody on the continent what he thinks of the American Medical Association and racketeers in general, and there is not the least doubt that he will do it. 'There is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, nor hid that shall not become known.'

A New Business for Rectors

REALIZING that the rectors and such like will soon be outcasts, we are always interested in anything that looks like an opening whereby they can make an honest living in place of the dishonest one they have been making. Anything whatever is better than to make a living defaming God's holy name, which business is the only business the clergy have had till now.

The Rev. Harold F. Davidson, rector of Stiffkey, Blackpool, England, has found something to do. Convicted on immorality charges, he exhibited himself in a barrel on the beach, and

raised $400 before the police stopped the show. No doubt this man looked better in the barrel than out, and his idea that a barrel, and not a pulpit, is the right place for him may have been quite correct.

Oftentimes the police are too impulsive. If they were to rush in and grab the clergy when they first start to lie about the Creator, and when they deny the need of a Savior, we could forgive them; but when the clergy flop over to the side of honesty and try to make a living by exhibiting themselves in a barrel, why butt in and almost compel them to go back to the pulpits which they have disgraced? People that reform and want to clean up should be given a chance.

Eric Forgot to Wash the Dishes

TWO things show that Eric Morley's mamma did not bring him up right. The first is that Eric, at 24 years of age, broke into a Montclair mansion which was closed for the summer, which thing he should not have done. The second is that he helped himself freely to everything that was in the family larder, and slept in all their best beds, which was all very impolite; but the worst thing that happened was that instead of washing the dishes he let them pile up in the sink. The reason that was the worst thing, worst for Eric, was that a son of the family chanced to come home on an errand, noticed the dirty dishes in the sink, and when he returned to the resort where his folks were staying he commented on it. In reply he was assured that when the family left home everything in the kitchen was spic and span as it should have been. Now Eric is in jail, and the next time he breaks into somebody's house and eats the canned fruit he will be careful to wash the dishes and make the beds. He was there two months before he got caught.

Hoover Scolded the Wrong People

AMERICA now has about 13,000,000 wage-earners that are out of work. A few months ago President Hoover scolded these people for hanging on to the little money they have left, explaining that if only they would bring it out of hiding, business would be revived, and everything would be as it was of yore. Then Uncle Sam wanted to borrow some money and offered the extraordinarily low annual interest of ¾ percent for $250,000,000 in one-year notes. With that the big fellows came forth from their hiding place and offered $4,128,000,000, oversubscribing the issue sixteen times. Uncle Sam also offered 2¾ percent for $350,000,000 for four years, and the big bankers offered $6,670,000,000, oversubscribing the issue twenty times. These facts show what everybody knows to be the truth, that it is the big bankers, and not the common people, that have brought America to her present distress. Having taken everything in the country, they put it under lock and key and persuade the president to scold the common people and tell them it is their fault that there is no money in circulation.

A Courageous Mother at Sheffield

SLOWLY the people are stirring in their sleep. Occasionally one even opens his eyes a few minutes, to take note of the dance of insanity and death called "civilization". A mother who has evidently awakened placed the following embarrassing inscription on a wreath on the Sheffield War Memorial:

"In memory of my beloved son, who, at the instigation of politicians and ministers of religion, was persuaded to shed the blood of his fellow men. He succumbed to his wounds in the Great Northern Hospital, Holloway-road, London. His last words were, 'Mother, war is hell; I die a murderer.' "

At Philadelphia in 1839

AT PHILADELPHIA, in 1839, when the Pennsylvania Railroad was about to be built through the city, a poster, newspaper size, was circulated, protesting against it. At the top of the poster was a picture of a locomotive running over a child and knocking a plug-hatted citizen's buckboard off the right of way. A woman with a skirt the shape of a cowcatcher has just escaped. An irate citizen is trying to arouse a cop, but all to no purpose. The wording of the poster was as follows:

Mothers look out for your children! Artisans, Mechanics, Citizens! When you leave your family in health, must you be hurried home to mourn a dreadful casualty! Philadelphians, your rights are being invaded! regardless of your interests, or the lives of your little ones, The CAMDEN AND AMBOY, with the assistance of other companies without a charter, and in violation of law, as decreed by your courts, are laying a locomotive rail road! through your most beautiful streets, to the ruin of your trade, annihilation of your rights, and regardless of your prosperity and comfort. Will you permit this? or do you consent to be a suburb of New York!! Rally people in the Majesty of your strength and forbid this outrage!

Africa — A Continent in the Making

In Four Parts — Part III

ANGOLA, or Portuguese West Africa, is of the size of all that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi river and north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, with Virginia and a second state of the size of New Jersey thrown in for good measure. The Portuguese have possessed it since 1575. It has a coast line of 1,000 miles, a hot climate, plenty of rain, a soil of great fertility, and could produce enough food to supply the entire present population of Africa. The estimated population is about 4,000,000.

When the pope divided the earth into two parts, giving everything west of the Azores to the Spaniards, and everything east of them to the Portuguese, he laid the foundation for the Portuguese discoveries and occupations along the African coast. Additionally, the Portuguese held to the correct theory, that Africa is a continent, and that if they pushed far enough down the coast they would ultimately find a way to Asia.

The Portuguese have never been good colonizers or administrators. The effort to believe the nonsense of the Roman Catholic religion seems to take away a man's sense of justice and therefore his common sense. Accordingly we find slavery in Angola. The thing is covered by legal artifice.

A law is in effect requiring each native to obtain a certificate showing that he has done three months' hard work within the year. No one is obliged to hire him; but if he cannot produce a certificate, he is seized and forced to labor several months as a prisoner.

The Best Port on the West Coast

At Lobito bay the Portuguese have the best port on the West African coast. From this port the British have just completed a railway to their tremendously rich copper mines in the Katanga belt, near Elisabethville, in the Belgian Congo. Copper of the value of $300,000 has already been shipped from the Katanga mines. The knowledge of the existence of the deposits was gleaned from David Livingstone's journal.

The first train across Africa, from Lobito bay, on the west, to Beira, Portuguese East Africa, on the Indian ocean, made the journey in July, 1931. The route was through Elisabethville (in the Belgian Congo), Northern Rhodesia, the Victoria bridge across the Zambezi, Bulawayo, and Salisbury, a total of 2,949 miles. It took David Livingstone two years to make the same trip.

It is only a little while ago that Lobito bay was one of the principal slave ports of the world, and only about thirty years since the Portuguese authorities cleared up the skeletons and abandoned manacles that marked the old road to the port. The slave trade with Brazil is long since gone. Pretty soon it will be a thing of the past everywhere.

Angola is a backward country. As the women wear no waist garments, they have their backs scarified in patterns of which they are very proud. A favorite style of hair dressing is the permanent toque. Clay and castor oil are rubbed into the hair, which is then arranged and allowed to dry. Among the articles sold in the native markets are rats, palm worms, caterpillars and broiled grasshoppers. If you don't like them you don't have to buy them.

The Bulawayo (South Rhodesia) *Chronicle* of July 16, 1932, contains a photograph of a monster lizard, seen in the great swamp at the northeastern corner of Angola, on the edge of the Belgian Congo. At the time photographed, this creature, 50 feet long, was tearing lumps from a dead rhinoceros. The photographs were taken by a Swede, J. C. Johanson, overseer of a Belgian rubber plantation in the Congo state adjoining. It is easily possible that this huge lizard is the oldest living creature on the earth. The sight of it was so terrifying as to cause Mr. Johanson to faint.

Southwest Africa

Southwest Africa, grabbed by the Germans in 1884, is of the size of all that portion of the United States east of the Mississippi and north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, omitting Wisconsin. It is suitable for stock raising and dry farming. In the rainy season thunderstorms are frequent and the streams are filled.

For some reason or other the natives did not want the Germans to take all their best land and shove them out into the drier parts, and so first the Hottentots and then the Hereros, and then the Hottentots again, made it interesting for the newcomers, killing more than two thousand of them, but in the end German arms triumphed. Both sides are said to have resorted to the most savage practices.

We do not know that the Hottentots and Hereros were stirred up by the British to attack the Germans, but they may have been, because it is well known that Cecil Rhodes and other empire-minded statesmen of Britain were extremely anxious to head off the growth of this particular German colony.

The British took over Southwest Africa, after the World War, under a mandate to develop it for the benefit of the natives. They seem to be doing this in true British fashion, if we may judge from the fact that out of 207,000,000 acres in the colony only 5,033,000 have been set aside for the blacks. The other 201,967,000 acres the whites will keep for themselves, as their pay for managing the difficult problem.

The Germans are coming back, and as they have no time or money to go back to Germany to do any courting, the young men are importing brides selected in the homeland by advertisement and correspondence methods. The plan is said to work well; the couples are married before the ship leaves port. If the young man changes his mind he has to pay the young woman's fare back home.

The young Germans of Southwest Africa, it is provided by treaty, will not have to bear arms against Germany for thirty years. Three of them living near the capital of the province were recently fined for kidnaping natives and forcing them to work on their plantations under pain of the lash.

Southwest Africa is very healthful, dry and temperate and elevated enough to have a good variety of climate. At Mount Brukkaros the Smithsonian Institution maintains a solar observatory for making measurements of variations in the sun's heat. Near by is a nitrate of soda deposit extending over 10,000 square miles. A meteor was recently found, 10 by 10 by 6 feet, weighing 50 to 70 tons, embedded in a limestone ledge.

The Union of South Africa

The Union of South Africa, consisting of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal, is of the size of all that part of the United States east of the Mississippi river and north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, with the big state of Kentucky added for good measure. We give the dimensions in this way because the bulk of our readers live in these states and we want them to get an adequate idea of the immensity of the African countries.

Although at present a single political entity, we think we shall make better progress in the study of this subject if we consider these four states separately, even though in some things we cannot do this. South Africa presents the most curious and difficult problems in the world.

It is a complex of Dutch, British and Asiatics in a black man's country, with governmental, economic and religious problems beyond the mind of man to solve. In this article we can only present facts and tendencies, with something of history. God's kingdom, the hope of the world, and it alone, as we confidently believe, is the only solution for South Africa, or any other country.

In a general way, to be supplemented by later statements, we understand that the history of South Africa is as follows: Discovered by the Portuguese; settled at the Cape by the Dutch, who merely had in mind the supplying of fresh provisions to ships en route to the Indies; taken over by the British in the Napoleonic wars; the Dutch try to get away from their masters, whom they do not like, and trek to the interior; at almost the same instant a great horde of Bantus, supposed to be Negroes with an Asiatic strain of blood in their veins, comes down the African coast, destroying everything with which they come in contact; the Dutch dodge the force of this invasion by going into the unoccupied interior; the British meet the brunt of the fight that follows; the original natives are decimated in the conflict; the British finally overcome the Bantus; gold is discovered in the Dutch territory, the greatest gold mines in the world, and in the Boer War the British take all their possessions; meantime the natives are restricted to compounds or black islands in which their conditions of life are intolerable; they do all the hard work, but are discriminated against most cruelly in wages and in other ways; on top of this they are heathens, and blacks in a land of blacks, while their conquerors, both Dutch and English, are Christians in name but determinedly opposed to Christianity in practice. At this juncture the Asiatics enter the country, take over much of the trade of the whites, and the rulers take over many mandates which bind them to govern these new territories in the interest of the natives; and the mandated territories lie right next door to previously occupied and administered territory which is governed by principles exactly opposite. How to harmo-

nize all this, and to do it in the spirit of Christ, which is to love your neighbor as yourself, and to do to others as you would wish them to do to you, is manifestly beyond the power of any statesman of our time. We now proceed with the more intimate examination of these facts.

Early History of the Cape

The Portuguese explorer, Bartholomew Diaz, in the year 1486, in the turbulent waters off the south coast of Africa, was blown 200 miles east of the cape which he called Stormy Cape, but which his monarch changed to Cape of Good Hope. It is one of the most imposing escarpments in the world. Eleven years thereafter the first ship went clear around to India, and thereafter, until the opening of the Suez Canal, it was the standard route to the Far East.

In 1652 Jan van Riebeek landed, with a view to supplying vegetables and fresh meat to the mercantile fleets, and so began the Boers (farmers) of South Africa. In the Napoleonic wars, to get away from the attacking English, and to retain their independence, the Dutch began the series of treks into the interior (interspersed with violent collisions with the native tribes), which were ended by their final subjugation in the Boer War.

Survivors of the Boers claim that the British, a hundred years ago, tried to deprive them of their linguistic rights and privileges and persistently favored the natives in any struggles between whites and blacks. In the interim, the Hottentots, and the Bushmen who preceded them, have largely disappeared. But the Bantus (Kafirs) who took their place, and who destroyed them, still outnumber the whites, more than three to one.

The Dutch are a people of great determination and persistence. Although in the seventeenth century there was a strong infusion of French Huguenot blood, and though many of the names are distinctly French, and a French type can be detected where most of the French settlers located, yet no traces of the French language are left in the South African Dutch.

South Africa, like Canada, is bilingual. One can speak either Dutch or English and will find plenty of people to understand either. At present the Dutch, resisting somewhat the persistence of their British rulers to make the country an English-speaking country, are pressing for the wider use of the softened Dutch which is called Afrikaans. This dialect, formed from contact with the Negroes, is somewhat like the softened English spoken in our southern states. It is readily understood by any Hollander.

The "Trek Gees" of the Dutch

Children of American pioneers will understand just why it is so hard for the British and Dutch to get along together in South Africa. It is not merely on account of their difference in language. It is because the Dutch were first in the field, and feel that the country is for them and their children. And the British are determined to boss the world, and this does not fit in with the Dutch idea of things.

Accordingly, animated by the true pioneer spirit, the Dutch have tried to push farther and farther away from the English, which they could do only by pushing up into the relatively unoccupied interior. In due time, Cecil Rhodes and his comrades built a railroad around them and headed them off from any more successful treks, but the "trek gees", the trekking spirit, the pioneer spirit, is still there, and the result is a people that are perhaps justly accused of being intractable, unreasonable, harsh and refractory. Pioneers are liable to be like that.

The Dutch pioneer's life called for complete self-reliance. His nearest neighbor was miles away; the nearest representative of the law was several days' journey away; he had to rely upon his own resources for food, clothing, protection, without the softening influence of mutual intercourse. Such people are hard to handle, and especially the Dutch.

Probably a people were never treated more shabbily than the Dutch at the time of the Boer War. The English may have forgotten that, and have hoped that everybody else would forget it, but the fact stands out in all its meanness that the English spoiled the Boers to get their gold mines, and that was the real reason the war was fought; and it explains why the Boers would still love to get away from the British domination, if they could but do so, but they cannot.

Boers in Present Political Control

The Boers are at present in political control of the government of the Union of South Africa, because in point of population they are in the majority. Under the Dutch prime minister Hertzog, the head of the British king has been removed from the postage stamps, and the new flag ignores the flag of the British Empire, generally called the Union Jack.

There was a pippin of a fight about the new

flag. The British colony of Natal threatened to secede from the Union, and it was finally patched up that the old flag and the new would be shown together. It is like a man wearing an old pair of pants and a new one at the same time. Under the circumstances, neither one is a complete success.

South Africa has non-contributory pensions for the aged, white or black, who attain to the age of 65 years and have been resident of the Union fifteen years out of the last twenty. The law applies to whites whose incomes are less than $250 a year and to blacks whose incomes are less than $160 a year, and provides pensions on a sliding scale of between $145 and $87 a year.

Slowly the South Africans are becoming weaned from their home-country affiliations, so that it sometimes happens that persons of pure British derivation refer to victories of the Boers as 'the times when we South Africans licked the British'.

There are 13,284 miles of railway and 70,945 miles of roads in the Union. The 149,400 automobiles have seriously cut into the earnings of the railroads. There are five universities; there is telephone service to England. Regular mail airplane service is maintained via Cairo; the racing route is via the west coast. Cape Town had a population of 207,404 in 1921.

The Collapse of Diamonds

Maybe you did not know that diamonds can collapse; but they can, or at least the value of them can. In good times diamonds sell freely, but in times like these the sparklers are a drug on the market, and so, to keep the price up, the great diamond mines at Kimberley, which supply 63 percent of the diamonds of commerce, are closed down and waiting for times to pick up. It was in these mines that Cecil Rhodes, by wise use of the $10,000 loaned him by his aunt in England, made his colossal pile. Up to the end of 1913 diamonds worth over $900,000,000 had been taken from these mines in the 46 years of their operation.

Four years ago fresh diamond fields were opened up at the mouth of the Orange river, in Namaqualand. They were discovered in 1921 by the traveler F. C. Cornell. He went to London to see about opening the deposit and marketing the stones, but was killed in a motor accident.

When the new diamond fields came to the attention of the government, eighteen men recovered $800,000 worth of diamonds in eighteen days. The government minister of mines picked up $3,000 worth of the stones in one hour. Water on the new diggings was so scarce that it retailed at 50c a gallon. At one time a mob rushed the new diggings, which are under government control, and it was necessary to send troops to evict them.

In two years, from these deposits, the South African government made profits of some $20,000,000. The stones are brought to Cape Town by airplane and kept there in banks for safekeeping until they can be marketed profitably. The profits are used, or to be used, in promoting highways and agriculture.

An Agricultural Country

South Africa is an agricultural country, with 10,000,000 acres of arable land. There are 2,600,000 acres under forests, and more are being planted. When we are busy shoveling the snow off our walks the South Africans are gathering in their crops.

South Africa is the natural home of fruits of all sorts. Virtually every fruit used by man is grown in this region; and as the fruits mature at a time when the northern fruit season is closed, there is ready market for these products, although the spoilage is large on account of having to cross the equator. South African pears are in the markets of New York in May.

Almost the whole of South Africa lies at an altitude of more than 2,000 feet above the sea. There is rain enough, but it is distributed in such a way as to make it difficult to take full advantage of it. At times everything is dry as a bone; at other times floods occur. Soil erosion is a pressing problem. We have the same problems in some of our own western states.

There are over 100,000 "poor whites" in South Africa, too proud to do Kafir work, and unable to do anything else. Their homes are devoid of every comfort. Huts are of one room, standing out on the veldt without a fence, a tree, or shade of any kind. The one window is a hole in the wall. The fuel is dried animal manure. There is no privacy, and no furniture worthy of the name. Fleas and flies are both plentiful. Dry-land farmers have learned, as in the west, to plant their crops behind the plow and thus get full benefit of the moisture in the soil.

The Bantus in South Africa

Before the Bantus came in contact with the

whites they had no orphanages, almshouses or old maids; children were considered an asset; the old folks were cared for. Now they cannot do as they once did. Seven out of every eight still live in rural areas, but Europeans own four-fifths of the land, and fully half of the four and one-half million Bantus in South Africa are to be found on farms which are mostly European-owned.

The whites have been content to allow the Bantus to be mine-boys, pastors, teachers in the native schools, kitchen boys and lawyers or doctors practicing among their own people, but they have insisted that the whites draw ten times the wages, so that the Bantus will have a mere existence.

To provide for the "poor whites" that cannot take care of themselves (and one white man in every twelve in South Africa is in this category today), the government has put capable blacks out of their jobs on the railroads, and has even discriminated between mulattoes and Negroes, favoring the former at the expense of the latter. It seems that most of the mulattoes are Dutch, and can vote, and the Dutch who are in power appreciate their votes.

The Bantus have a choice of whom they work for. There are whites in Africa who think natives must be compelled to work for them at as low as 75c a week, plus food, and some of these black men cannot reason well enough to know why their white brothers should wish them to be always at the border-line of starvation.

Infant mortality among the Bantus ranges from 450 to 650 per thousand births. Does he need to have his white brother lift him up, or is he getting along all right? Formerly, when children reached the age of puberty they were given much needed instruction. Now the white policy of ignoring the whole subject is followed. Is that better?

The Africans can be readily taught to know and to love and to honor Jehovah God, but they cannot quite understand why the white man has 213 ways to approach Him. They sometimes ask, "How many gods are there? Which god are we asked to believe?"

Samples of Negro Reasoning

The Negro says that one white man came along and told him to close his eyes and pray, and while they did it other whites came and took away their land while they kept their eyes closed. They say that first they had the land and the white man had the Bible, but now they have the Bible and the white man has the land.

One man refused to have his name put down in the church roll. He said, "If I take this religion, you whites will take my name down in your book, and a government magistrate will follow and take my land in your absence." And the black man does not understand why the white Christians kill one another in war.

The black man suspects that there is something wrong with a religion that takes all the happiness out of a man's face and all the hope out of the future, and he objects to having the white man suddenly and forcefully come behind him and kick him into heaven, or even into comfort.

The blacks consider the British very severe, but very just. They consider the Boers much more severe and much less just. General Smuts is in favor of an aggressive policy of settling Africa with white people who will best civilize the African native by giving him white employment.

Premier Hertzog asserts that South Africa will not observe any other standard than its own conscience, and will follow no dictates but those which its own interests and reason prescribe. This is merely another way of saying that there is a class of the Dutch in South Africa that believes in the iron rule, quite mercilessly applied.

The legislation, for which we understand that he is responsible, which makes it a legal offense for a black man to perform skilled labor, strikes us as one of the most outrageous injustices ever wrought into law. How is the African ever to be lifted up if he is perpetually held down?

The practice tried out here and there in Africa of herding the Negroes into special reserves has failed, and deserves to fail. Out of a total electorate in the Cape province of 170,000 there are 15,000 natives that are qualified by property and education to vote.

And Here We Pause

And here we pause, for a moment, to think of conditions in America. The Negro may legally vote in our southern states, but in practice he is debarred from the polls by a great variety of devices. He is discriminated against in appointments and promotions under the civil service, and is rarely given appointment at diplomatic and consular posts. His race is segregated from the whites in offices of the government. He is denied training at Annapolis, West Point, and

for the air service. He is discriminated against on relief and public works projects. We could write an entire article on the mistreatment of the Negro here in the United States, and indeed have already done so. See our issue No. 18, "Facts About the American Negro."

One of the most horrifying disclosures of recent years is in a book entitled *Georgia Nigger*, written by John L. Spivak of New York. In this book Mr. Spivak reproduces photographs of Negroes in Georgia being broken on the rack and wearing iron collars, etc., in the prison camps in 1932.

What White Would Stand It?

What white would stand it to have to get a pass to live with his wife, or another pass to visit a family down the street, or another pass to work for a pittance of two or three shillings a week, a tenth of that paid to whites no more intelligent or capable?

General Smuts is against a policy that would de-Africanize the childlike African and turn him either into a beast or into a pseudo-European. Today a million of the Cape natives manage their own local affairs under the supervision of European magistrates, and this policy has been spread to the other states of the South African Union. It seems like a good idea.

He calls attention to the fact that from time immemorial the natives have been subject to a stern, ruthless discipline, resting on the despotic authority of their chiefs. This authority is now breaking down, and it is the detribalized native that is the greatest problem in South Africa today.

It is easy to make a mistake in dealing with the natives. About ten years ago a tribe, called the Bondels, extremely poor, was charged an excessive dog tax of £2 per dog, which they felt unable to pay, and refused to yield obedience. The government sent a force of 370 men with artillery, machine guns and two bombing airplanes, with the result that 49 out of 200 of the men constituting the tribe were slain. Their leader had been mentioned in dispatches for his great bravery when fighting on the British side in the World War. Several women and children were killed and 700 were taken prisoners.

That the natives, even of the Cape province, are gradually coming to be more and more convinced that the whites mean to hold them in perpetual servitude, seems borne out by the riot at Worcester, in May, 1930, in which five natives were killed and nineteen natives and three police were very seriously injured. This was in a district very near to Cape Town itself.

The Liberal Thought of the World

The liberal thought of the world is that the true path to progress in Africa is to give the African a square deal, to cease regarding him as merely a worker, a servant and a producer, but to recognize him as a consumer, with money to spend, and free to sell his labor where he will. The lands reserved for the blacks should be abundant; there is no reason why they should not be so; and they should be good lands, not the sterile places.

They should be permitted to purchase lands outside of the reserves, and there should be full citizenship, regardless of race, sex, creed or color, with a franchise test common to all. The most liberal thought of all is that the Lord himself is going to straighten the thing out himself and do it shortly, and do it right.

Six hundred miles east of Cape Town, but still in the Cape province, is the district known as the Transkei (Beyond the River Kei), the part of the country where the natives have made the greatest progress, and where the Europeans are, on the whole, allowed to settle only as traders, business men, administrators and clerks.

The relation between Europeans and natives there is one of very friendly cooperation; and a very small police force maintains order. It appears that men of some vision and a genuine feeling for the interests of the natives have laid the foundations for a liberal conduct of the affairs of a race that is generally described by those who know them best as 'a race of children'.

The childlikeness of these natives may be inferred from the following advertisement, published in September, 1929, in the Transkeian *Gazette:* "If Beta Mabinza does not return to her home before the end of the month, Abram Mabinza will consider himself at liberty to take another wife."

There is a native college near by, at Fort Hare; there are quite a few native papers in the different native languages; the Bible is in all the principal native tongues of Africa; at Umtata, in the Transkei, there is a fine building for the meetings of the native parliament, an advisory legislature.

No native is allowed to sit in either of the houses of parliament for the Union, though they have at times sat in the provincial council

for the Cape province. Tribal jealousies and linguistic obstructions stand very much in the way of cooperation among the natives for united action on any subject, and this is true even among the more educated ones.

We are glad to be advised by a South African subscriber that while the native does give place to the white man on the footpath, he does so because of his innate politeness, and not because he must, and for the same reason, and that only, he comes on the run when he is called. There is no "must" about it in either case.

The Influence of the Missionaries

It is too bad that the missionaries have not told the natives something about the purposes of Jehovah God, for then they might have done them some good; but, of course, they could not reveal to others something that was unknown to themselves.

General Smuts charges the missionaries with having broken down the natives' entire outlook on life, and we add that they have put nothing worth while in its place. The World War exposed the whole inconsistent, hypocritical, foolish, devilish system which has been palmed off as the "Christian religion".

The British missionaries and the Boer farmers have always been at swords' points over the question of how to treat the native. A hundred years ago the Boers claimed that the London Society's stations were the refuge of the worst scoundrels in the country and simply formed a sanctuary for the criminals of the country. On the other hand, the missionaries complained that the landlords regarded the mission station in their neighborhood as a convenient source of compulsory labor.

The missionaries in bygone years have claimed to exercise the determining voice in the native policy of the country, and this seems borne out by the fact that it is now in such a tangled and unsatisfactory condition. In the Treaty of St. Germain, signed 1919, it is stipulated that "missionaries shall have the right to enter into, and to travel and reside in, African territory with a view to prosecuting their calling".

It is not the influence of the missionaries that has made South Africa "religious"; it is inherently so, excessively so. The Europeans report 1,621,670 (nearly everybody) as members of some church; and there are 2,025,476 church members among the non-Europeans; a remarkable showing.

The "Coloreds" and the Asiatics

There are 500,000 "Coloreds" and 200,000 Hindus in South Africa, and they are our brothers, as well as the blacks and the whites. The "Coloreds", or Mulattoes, as we call them in the United States, are mostly in the Cape province, and the Hindus are in Natal, brought there to work in the sugar-cane fields between 1860 and 1911.

The competition of the Hindus has been too much for the Europeans. In the smaller villages of Natal and the Transvaal, they have ousted the European trader. It is due to his lower standard of living that the Hindu has become a menace to European employment.

From these considerations it will be seen what a huge and impossible political program the whites of South Africa have reared for themselves in their determination to maintain a white supremacy at all hazards. A minority, and among them more than a hundred thousand "poor whites", are trying to ride on the backs of all the rest without a spill; an unlikely feat.

When the error of bringing over into Africa huge hosts from India was clearly seen, an effort at repatriation was made; but it was too late, and was fiercely resented in India. Tens of thousands of the Hindus now living in South Africa (80 percent of them, so it claimed) were born there, and there they will stay. Mahatma Ghandi's passive resistance policy originated in South Africa in an effort to help the Hindus residing there.

As the Hindus crowd more whites into the ranks of the "poor whites", and as the supposedly more "civilized" "Coloreds" get more of the railroad and other jobs hitherto held by the blacks, the poor blacks are getting the worst of it all around.

Already sufficiently complicated, the South African labor situation was made still more complex by the action of Herbert Hoover and his friends in bringing in thousands of Chinese to work in the Transvaal gold mines, and now, at last, the Japanese, not acceptable as immigrants, and kept out by a gentleman's agreement, are, nevertheless, coming in as merchants and underselling everybody. A recent report cites merchants as being dismayed because they sold an excellent pair of shoes, well made, with rubber soles and canvas tops, at 35c a pair, and that they went like hot cakes.

(To be continued)

Scientific and Unscientific Vegetarianism *By Dr. Walter Siegmeister (N. Y.)*

TODAY food faddism is in vogue; there are vegetarians, raw foodists, fruitarians and adherents to many other extreme dietetic cults. These beliefs can scarcely be considered as scientific, since they are based merely on the personal preferences of their adherents rather than on proven facts of biochemistry and physiology. These food faddists tend to look down upon science with disdain as something ultraconservative and out of date, each believing that he alone possesses "the truth" and that all others are in error.

Fallacies of the Cults

A vegetarian diet is not necessarily a healthful one, nor necessarily better than a mixed diet. Whether it is or not will depend entirely upon how well or poorly balanced it is. Many people give up meat, and replacing it by consuming an enormous quantity of whole wheat bread, beans or nuts, are worse off than they were before. It is much less harmful to eat a little meat together with plenty of vegetables than to eat a lot of whole wheat bread, beans or nuts. Many become "moral" vegetarians and commence upon a career of bread-eating, bean-eating and nut-eating, and ruin their health in consequence.

The writer has approached the study of diet from the viewpoint of the physiological chemist and the physiologist. He has done so with an open-minded attitude, seeking the truth alone, and not striving to uphold his preconceived prejudices on the matter. He has gone into a study of the chemistry of food, the chemistry of the human body, and the physiology of nutrition, which studies he has pursued in universities, both in this country and abroad. These studies have enabled him to gain an exact biochemical knowledge of diet and nutrition and to understand the fallacies of various dietetic cults.

The Unscientific Vegetarian

The main trouble with the average mixed diet is that it contains an excess of protein and fats, and that this excessive protein and fat is transformed into acids which intoxicate the organism. The thing to do is to reduce the intake of protein and fat to the physiological minimum, and to replace them by a corresponding increase in the amount of carbohydrates and alkaline minerals eaten. This means to cut down on meat, chicken, fish, fats, butter, and eggs, and to consume more vegetables, fruits and potatoes. But the unscientific vegetarian who believes that the only dietetic sin is the killing of animals for food and who eats a large quantity of whole wheat bread, peanut butter and beans, may eat a larger quantity of protein and fat than an average mixed feeder and may, therefore, introduce a greater amount of toxins into his blood.

The scientific dietitian believes in a low-protein diet. The experiments of Professor Chittenden of Yale University in 1903 have convinced the scientific world that an excess of protein is harmful, since it forms uric acid in the blood, and this uric acid poisons body and brain. Professor Chittenden found that physical and mental energy increased on a low-protein diet which cleared the blood of uric acid and that many bodily symptoms from which he previously suffered disappeared when the amount of protein eaten was reduced.

Results of Experiment

The next scientist to study the question was Dr. Hindhede, an eminent Danish student of nutrition. In his nutrition laboratory at Copenhagen Dr. Hindhede put subjects on a low-protein diet in which potatoes were the only source of protein. One of these subjects was a hard-working man, who worked from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and who lived on an almost exclusive potato diet for a year, during which time he enjoyed perfect health. Later experiments by Dr. Hindhede have established as a scientific fact that potatoes are able to supply the human body with all the protein it requires, so that other protein foods are unnecessary. Dr. Hindhede had one subject live for two years on a potato and vegetable diet and he found that this was a complete and healthful diet which is able to supply the human body with all the nutritive elements it requires: protein, carbohydrates, minerals and vitamins. This was confirmed by Professor Rose in the nutrition laboratories of Columbia University. For experimental purposes the writer has lived for three years on such a diet, abstaining from flesh foods, eggs, dairy products, grains, nuts, legumes, fats, sugar, salt, tea and coffee. Potatoes not only can replace meat and eggs in the diet, since they contain a protein of equal value, but are also able to replace grains; for, while grains are acid-

forming, potatoes are alkali-forming. Besides, potatoes require only 15 minutes to digest; grains require two hours.

Dr. Hindhede concluded that the body's need for protein is very small, and that almost everyone eats from five to ten times as much protein as he really needs. This excess protein is transformed into uric acid, which poisons the system and is a cause of many diseases. It makes no difference in what form this protein is eaten, whether as meat, as eggs, as beans, nuts, whole grains; in any case the same uric acid will be formed and the same bodily poisoning will result. The safest course is to avoid all concentrated protein foods and subsist on foods containing less protein. The chief danger in animal foods is the fact that they are so rich in protein that it is impossible to eat so small a quantity as to avoid obtaining an excess. The same is true of nuts. But when potatoes are used as protein food there is the least danger of eating too much protein, since potatoes contain only about 2 percent of protein, while meat, beans and nuts contain about 20 percent. Besides, potatoes contain strong alkalies which neutralize and counteract whatever uric acid may be present in the blood, and for this reason are superior to all other protein foods, which are more or less acid-forming.

Where Bacteria Dwell

Meat, fowl and fish, as usually purchased, are swarming with putrefactive bacteria which infest the human colon, generating toxins which are absorbed into the blood, causing a variety of diseases. Eggs, also, tend to promote intestinal uncleanliness and autointoxication. Potatoes, on the other hand, not only are free from these dangerous bacteria, but supply an abundance of carbohydrates which fosters the development of the protective acid-forming bacteria which protect the body against the harmful putrefactive types. Potatoes are the best substitute for animal proteins, but, if they are not available, beans may be used, for beans also contain alkalies which counteract acidosis. However, care should be taken to avoid eating too many beans, for then an excess of protein may be obtained.

From a scientific point of view, a diet of potatoes and vegetables is physiologically complete and supplies the human body with all the elements it requires, as Dr. Hindhede proved by extensive experiments. Animal foods are the worst type of foods to depend on, because of their acid-forming tendency and their tendency to encourage constipation, intestinal putrefaction, and autointoxication. To avoid and remove such conditions, meat, fowl, fish and eggs should be rigidly excluded from the diet. The writer has done so for the past dozen years, and Dr. John Harvey Kellogg, of the Battle Creek Sanitarium, has avoided these foods for the past sixty years, and today, at the age of 85, he is in perfect condition physically and mentally, is director of the largest sanitarium of its type in the world, and lectures and writes extensively. George Bernard Shaw is another vegetarian who has preserved his physical and mental faculties until the same age. Both Dr. Kellogg and Mr. Shaw are opposed to the use, not only of meat, but also of alcohol and tobacco. Dr. Kellogg claims that not only flesh foods and eggs, but also dairy products, are unnecessary, and that we will be better off without them.

The Scientific Vegetarian

There is therefore a school of scientific vegetarians (to which Dr. Hindhede and Dr. Kellogg belong, as well as the English surgeon Sir Arbuthnot Lane), which is much different from that of the moral vegetarians. The former claims that meat should not be eaten, not because it involves the killing of animals for food, but because it is physiologically harmful, and that a fleshless, eggless, and milkless diet is able to promote the highest degree of health and vitality. These foods introduce into the body a host of harmful bacteria as well as rapidly decaying food material on which these bacteria feed; and, therefore, they should be avoided. Potatoes contain an excellent protein which can take the place of the foods just mentioned. Potatoes are also better than grains, nuts and legumes. A diet of vegetables, potatoes and fruits is best.

Seguin, Texas, Yes, of Course

By Grover C. Powell

SEGUIN, Texas, has approximately $150,000 surplus in the city treasury. Yes, it owns and operates its electric plant. In the heart of the city is a beautiful fountain square, with an electrically operated fountain of the most beautiful type in the midst of the same, all free to taxpayers.

Potato Prejudice *By Dr. W. G. Wright (Michigan)*

WHEN the potato was introduced into France, shortly after the discovery of the New World, the peasants could not be persuaded to use this perfectly wholesome tuber until the clergy and nobility wore the flowers from the potato as a boutonniere. Probably Mr. Ratti could be persuaded to do a similar service for this generation and remove the prejudice that still exists in some localities concerning the use of potatoes.

It was during the looting of Peru by the brave conquistadores about the middle of the sixteenth century that the Spaniards discovered the potato growing in the neighborhood of the modern city of Quito. Thence it was introduced into Spain by the monks, and afterwards into Italy, Belgium and England.

In England the potato made little headway, even though endorsed by the Royal Society, in 1663. In 1666 Chabraeus included it among the *"plantae malignae et venenatae"*. King James, who was very enthusiastic about the divine right of kings', wrote a tirade against the potato. It is only within the last century that the potato has been extensively cultivated in England. In 1586, Ireland received, from North Carolina, her first importation of what is now her national vegetable. They were first grown on Sir Walter Raleigh's estate near Cork. They are now so extensively cultivated in Ireland that a failure of the potato crop is sometimes the cause of famine.

The potato is useful as an article of food chiefly on account of the excellent quality of starch that it contains. This constitutes 18.8 percent; the remainder of the tuber is made up of 2.1 percent nitrogenous matter, 3.2 percent sugar, 0.2 percent fat, 0.7 percent salts, and 75 percent water. There are two qualities of the potato starch that especially recommend it as an article of food. In the first place, the starch of the potato has been found by experimentation to be one of the most excellent foods for preserving the alkalinity of the body tissues. This, of course, combats acidosis, which is one of the chief faults of the diet of civilized people. Other starches, such as bread, and especially whole wheat bread, cause acidosis and deplete the alkaline reserve of the body. It is for this reason especially that more potatoes and less bread should be eaten, in the interest of health. Another feature that recommends the use of potato starch in place of grain starches is its ease of digestibility.

Professor Grierson, an eminent German physiologist, conducted some experiments a few years ago to determine the time necessary for the digestion of starches from various sources. He found that it required two hours for the digestion of the starch of wheat, corn and rice; eighty minutes for that of oatmeal; thirty minutes for arrowroot; while the potato starch was completely digested in the short space of *ten minutes.*

Many people are afraid of overeating starchy foods. While it is, of course, possible to overeat of starches, yet it by no means creates the havoc that excess protein creates. On one occasion a patient asked a noted doctor if starch were good for the human race. "Huh!" he replied, "if it weren't for starch there wouldn't be any human race. Starch is a very necessary part of our diet supplying the organism with heat and energy. The potato supplies one of the finest and most easily digested starches, and its use should be encouraged and, where possible, should be substituted for the starches of grains.

[May we add a word? If there is anything more delicious or more wholesome than baked potatoes, served in the 'shell', and eaten with salt and butter, shell and all (so as to get the minerals the shells contain), it is hard to conceive what it could be. How anybody could cook potatoes any other way, or eat them any other way, after he has once had them baked, is a mystery. And all the farmers have potatoes, and many of them have butter that they are glad to trade for books about the Kingdom.—*Ed.*]

The Church of England Viewed from Inside *By Rev. Paul B. Bull, M.A.*

WHY will not men listen? Why are they so blind? Nay, but they *are* listening and they cannot hear, because the prophets are dumb. The clergy could know the truth, but they will not see it. The church is drugged by conservative tradition, bound hand and foot by its alliance with property and capital, and paralyzed by worldliness, and will not lift up her voice against those sins which are destroying our race: luxury, covetousness, the love of pleas-

ure. As long as the church is as worldly as the world, she is bribed to silence, and has no power to save.

If we wish to rid the church of the worldly spirit which is paralyzing her, we must deal both with the personal life of each Christian and also with the corporate life of ecclesiastical institutions. The decay of personal religion allows church institutions to become hopelessly corrupt. The pompous worldly standards of official Christianity stamp out the spiritual life of individuals.

The bishop in his palace is almost as out-of-date as a major-general would be in his castle. The polished, gentlemanly clergyman of the last century is as ill-trained for his work as the average subaltern. The gross misapplication of funds in church and army has been done in such a gentlemanly way that it is a real shock to realize that it is utterly wrong, and must be mended.

The church has unconsciously adopted the very standard of the world, and estimates all its official life by money values. It makes one shiver to note how far we have drifted from the gospel of poverty and simplicity of life when we can represent the standard of values in the church by the following table:

One bishop in a palace . .	£3,000 a year.
One dean in a deanery . .	£2,000 a year.
One canon in a stall . . .	£800 a year.
One episcopal horse in a stable	£400 a year.
One parish priest in a vicarage	£200 a year.
One communicant in a cottage	£100 a year.
One candidate for holy orders in a college	£50 a year.

So while the bitter cry from the heathen world goes up to heaven for more teachers, we realize that an episcopal horse costs as much as a missionary bishop. This blighting curse of a money value for the ministry of a gospel which condemns the love of money is not the creation of a disordered imagination. It is the recognized method of the officials of the church. At the Liverpool Church Congress it was urged on the people of Liverpool that such a noble city should have a really first-class dean for its cathedral. And how were they exhorted to get one? They were told that they could buy one for an extra £1,060. The sum of "£5,200 (for the dean £2,000, and four canons at £800 a year) was a great deal in excess of the estimated minimum stipend suggested in clause 22 of the Liverpool Cathedral Act of 1885, but as they were expecting worthy leadership in the church of Liverpool they must be prepared to pay a fair wage for it".

Is it any wonder that our cathedral cities are the most immoral in England, and that some cathedrals are the strongholds of sloth, and the sepulchres of enthusiasm and zeal?

Why not try to avert the sure judgment of God by an act of national repentance and amendment of life? Why should not the church try to come back to Christ? We clergy are in danger of becoming a ministry of false prophets, who will not face God and truth, but spend all their efforts in emptying the words of Christ of their real meaning.

In London, one person in every four dies in the hospital, the lunatic asylum, or the workhouse. Do meditate on this till it has burned itself into your heart and brain.

Where is the brotherhood which Jesus came to found? While the children of the poor are perishing of hunger, one professing Christian spends £1,000 on a ball dress, and a rich fool £900 on a jeweled ring. A breakfast for three little starving children costs 1d., and the nation cannot afford it. But twelve foul gluttons gave a dinner which cost £88 per head.

The Self-Liquidating Currency Depression Cure *By Mark Sullivan*

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THE device is as follows:

"The government shall issue, say, $1,000,000,000 of a new kind of paper currency. To distinguish it, it shall be, let us say, red. It shall be, subject to one condition, legal tender the same as existing currency. This $1,000,000,000 the government shall turn over to a contractor or contractors to build public works. The contractors shall pay for labor and materials with the new currency. At this first transfer

of the new currency, the ingenious condition takes effect. The contractor must paste on each bill, as he pays it out, a two-cent stamp. The laborer receiving the bill can buy food with it because it is legal tender. The laborer must, however, paste another two-cent stamp on it. Each time the bill changes hands an additional two-cent stamp must be pasted on it. Each stamp, of course, must be canceled and dated at the time it is pasted on. After fifty transfers, the bill will have fifty two-cent stamps on it. For those two-cent stamps the government will have received, obviously, $1. With this dollar, the government redeems the bill and destroys it.

"The government, at this point, has got back all its new currency, and has the public buildings which were erected with the new form of money. The government is exactly where it was before, except that it owns some new buildings, or new roads, or whatever the money was spent upon. Clearly the government has benefited. Clearly the country has benefited because unemployed men have been put at work. Clearly business has benefited because business has been active. Much business has been done, much buying and selling and employing which, otherwise, would not have been done. This increase in volume of business is one of the chief merits claimed for the scheme."

(At this point, after having made this able and sensible analysis of a monetary system that is endorsed by so able a man as Prof. Irving Fisher of Yale University, and has worked well wherever it has been tried, i.e., at Schwannenkirken, Germany; Woergl, Austria; Hawarden, Iowa; and, in a modified form all over central Europe for two hundred years from A.D. 1150 to 1350, the banner years of her medieval history, Mr. Sullivan apparently lost his nerve and said he believes the idea is wrong, but that a friend of his, a Harvard graduate with a fine and exact mind and engineering experience, asserted that the device, if adopted, would be the greatest boon to man since Christ. Mr. Sullivan's Titanic is sinking beneath his feet; the bottom is ripped clear out of her; he might better listen to his Harvard friend than to remain immovable where he is. Already the swish of the inrushing waters has stopped the engines and the waves are coming over the top rail.

Meantime, the only remedy for earth's monetary troubles, and all her other troubles, is God's kingdom, the hope of the world. At Armageddon, just ahead, as we believe, the Almighty will show His irresistible power in behalf of His own honor and for the benefit of all people of good will, by putting to death all deceivers and oppressors. Incidentally, *The Golden Age* was the first periodical in the United States to give publicity to the form of money mentioned above.—*Ed.*)

Advantages of Self-Depreciating Money

THE advantages of the self-depreciating money first advocated by Silvio Gesell are gradually becoming more widely known. The following suggestion, accredited to deputy city treasurer of Chattanooga, J. P. Winn, is a practical plan that would do much to end the depression and would give everybody in the country the immediate use of $25. The plan would work, and it should be adopted.

Persuade the government to issue a new $1 bill and lend to each man, woman and child in our country twenty-five of these bills. This issue would be different in appearance, but its purchasing and paying power would be equivalent to our present $1, as it would be legal tender for all taxes, debts and purchases. The bill must be enlarged to allow the placing on its back fifty-two spaces for two-cent stamps and the explanation that it cannot be held more than one week without placing one two-cent stamp thereon, and that the bill will be redeemed within one year if all stamps required are attached.

Here are the figures:

Approximate population of the United States, 120,000,000.

Twenty-five $1 bills to each person, $3,000,000,000.

Each $1 spent fifty-two times, $156,000,000,000.

Cost of two-cent stamps sold by government, $3,120,000,000.

Cost of money loaned by government, $3,000,000,000.

Profit made on issue by government, $120,000,000.

The government lends its people $3,000,000,000 for one year at 4 percent interest, which will more than pay for cost of issue of money and the necessary stamps to be bought from post-offices.

JEHOVAH is the God of justice. His standard of righteousness is manifested in all judgments involving His creatures. "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face." (Ps. 89:14) He rules the universe by the laws of justice, and all creatures who avail themselves of the great privilege of cooperating with Jehovah in His great organization must conform themselves to the just standard of the Most High. "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12:2) Where there is uniformity of thought and action there is harmony and peace and efficiency in the accomplishment of the great work. On the other hand, if every creature were to follow out his own course of action throughout eternity there would be many standards of practice, confusion and endless strife. Jehovah is the God of order, of righteousness and peace. But right here let it be noted that He does not sacrifice truth and justice to maintain peace; when the occasion demands He rises up as a mighty God of war to vanquish the wicked that justice and peace might ultimately have free reign. He makes war to establish justice and peace which involve the vindication of His own name and the eternal blessing of all obedient creatures. —Rev. 19:11-15.

The term "justice" herein considered refers to Jehovah's standard of righteousness. The word "justice" occurs twenty-eight times in the Bible, and in every instance except one it is taken from the Hebrew word *tsadaq* (meaning to be or to make right). The derivations as nouns from which it is most frequently translated mean *the right, equity, rightness, rectitude, justice* and *virtue.* It will also be of more than passing interest to note that the figurative meaning of this word is *prosperity.* Indeed those who have loved righteousness have at times been dumbfounded at the prosperity of the wicked, and the psalmist says that their feet were almost gone and that they were in danger of slipping. But as we carefully examine the Word of the Lord, we see that the end of the wicked is destruction, while prosperity is promised for Christ Jesus, Jehovah's Field Marshal, in His forward charge for truth and righteousness. "But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction." (Ps. 73:2, 3, 16-18) "Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee. Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre."—Ps. 45:3-6.

While it is true that Jehovah manifested justice in sentencing Adam to death because he had knowingly disobeyed the Most High, and the glint of the sword that flashed like lightning must have struck terror into the hearts of the first pair as they, looking back, reluctantly departed from Eden; yet the day is still future when the creatures, both the visible and the invisible, will see the greatest display of power in behalf of divine justice. The hand of Jehovah was again manifested in the destruction of Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea; the mighty wind, the standing of embankments of water like mountains, the sudden collapse of the watery wall, and the shrieks of the enemy: all of these must have caused the Israelites to tremble. But what happened to Pharaoh in the Red sea is but a picture of the infinitely greater manifestation of justice that awaits the complete destruction of the Devil's organization in the coming battle at Armageddon.

Necessity for Manifestation of Justice

Jehovah will make a demonstration of His power so that all creatures will know that He is God. He will act first of all in behalf of His own righteous name, and also that justice may be brought to all creatures. Those who stand on Jehovah's side will receive good at the hands of the Creator, while the wicked will be destroyed. (Ps. 145:20) The necessity, therefore, for the manifestation of justice in the near future is to establish the righteous name of Jehovah. Not all creatures believe that Jehovah is really the great God. Satan has drawn mankind after himself, the enemy has blinded the people to

the truth, and the foolish people have blasphemed the name of the Most High.

Back in the garden of Eden Lucifer had the sacred privilege of directing the human race in the course of righteousness. He was placed over the first pair of human creatures to protect and instruct them. Seeing that the earthly creatures were made to honor God, the Creator, Lucifer became lawless and contrived a way whereby the earthly creatures might be drawn away from their first love. He reasoned that if he could induce man to lose faith in Jehovah, by misrepresenting the instructions given by the Almighty, then this subtle one (Lucifer) might have control of the human family independently of God. Many people since that time have fallen into wickedness by leaving Jehovah out of consideration in their course of action. This is a dangerous thing to do, because all creatures are so made that they must depend upon and worship Jehovah. (John 5:30) Adam was told that he would enjoy life and the blessing of the Creator as long as he was obedient, but in becoming disobedient he would die. Lucifer misrepresented the truth which God had given the first man and told Eve that man would not die by disobeying the law which God had given.—Gen. 3:3, 4.

Lucifer also induced Eve to believe that she would gain some very valuable information which only the gods had the privilege of knowing. (Gen. 3:5) Thus the wicked one wished Eve to suspect and distrust the Creator. This has been the wedge which the enemy has always used to destroy faith in God. A loyal creature confidently relies upon the word and promise of the Creator; a disobedient creature lacks faith in Jehovah which is necessary to establish a confidential relationship with the Great One.

When Lucifer induced the first pair to disobey God, the word and the name of Jehovah were brought into question. His word was questioned because Lucifer substituted an idea which was at variance with the plain statement of God. From that day to this the enemy has been keeping the human family away from the Word of God by substituting various creeds and ideas, which, being wholly at variance with the plain laws of the Creator, destroy belief in the Word of the Lord. His name was brought into question and blasphemed because the first pair no longer had the true conception of and reverence for their Maker. The name is that by which Jehovah is known. When a creature misrepresents the law and works of the Lord he to that degree brings reproaches upon the name of the Creator. This is the very thought that is recorded in Psalm 74:10, "O God, how long shall the adversary reproach? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?" (See also Psalm 74:18.) It does seem to many that the end of reproach will never come and that the enemy will have his way at all times. But not so; Jehovah will bring both His word and His name to light so that all who wish may know Him as He is.

Those who are Jehovah's witnesses today in the earth and who are desirous of seeing the name of God vindicated, with indignation against the enemy say, "Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually." (Ps. 74:22, 23) Jehovah is jealous for the right, that His name and people might be blessed. His fury and wrath will shortly break forth upon His adversaries. Only those who are wholly devoted to the Lord, who have pure hearts and clean hands, will be able to stand before His indignation. "God is jealous, and the Lord revengeth; the Lord revengeth, and is furious: the Lord will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him." —Nah. 1:2, 6.

After Lucifer's rebellion in Eden his name was changed to that of Devil, which means 'the slanderer'; to Satan, which means "adversary"; to Serpent, which means 'the one who deceives', and to Dragon, which is the 'one who devours'. These names serve to identify the enemy from the time of his deflection to the present, and his actions and those of his children call for a sharp and destructive judgment. It is the enemy, the serpent, who deceived not only Eve, but all who, seeking the way of God, have been led into the course of darkness. It has been the Devil who has slandered and blasphemed Jehovah and all connected with His organization. The Devil has thought that he could drive the creatures away from God's organization by setting up slander and reproaches against the righteous. Satan has been the one who has opposed all who have been for the Lord. This he has done by per-

secuting such, throwing some into prison, and killing others outright. (Rev. 2:10) The dragon has sought to devour the Lord's cause in the earth by destroying the truth, nullifying the effect of the Kingdom message, and by destroying the seed of promise.—Rev. 12.

Another thing which calls for rectification is the blatant hypocrisy as practiced by individuals and by institutions that have grossly misrepresented the name of Jehovah. It was in the days of Enos when men began to call themselves by the name of the Lord in order to gain prestige and deceive the people. One who parades as a representative of Jehovah and practices that which belongs to the Devil is a hypocrite. The clergy have been guilty of such practice, and they are awaiting the manifestation of adverse judgment.

The Devil began to organize people in oppressive cities very early in the days of the human family. These cities gave power and support to the builders thereof. The Devil taught his cruel rulers very early how to clamp the oppressive saddles on the backs of the people. Wherever the Devil has had his way he has kept the common people in ignorance and away from the truth by occupying their time with useless labor and foolishness. It has only been by the protection of Jehovah that a few men of faith have espoused the cause of truth down through the ages. These heroes of faith have been hated and have suffered every kind of hardship and punishment because of their loyalty to Jehovah. Even at this time the Devil seeks every means to disrupt and destroy the work of Jehovah's witnesses, and also to blot out God's representatives from the earth.

The time came for the Devil to organize on a larger scale and he began the first world empire, in ancient Egypt. This was the beginning of the great 'sea beast' mentioned in Revelation chapter thirteen. It will be noted also that a "wild beast" well pictures Satan's oppressive and tyrannical rule of the human family by means of his dominating world empires. The sea represents the peoples of earth who are alienated from God and who mother, nourish, bear up and support the visible part of Satan's organization. The successive histories of Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the Anglo-American Empire, all bear evidence of the hard and cruel manner in which the people have been domineered over by these national organizations. The people, especially in recent times, have been crying out for relief, and the time has come for justice to be manifested in their behalf.

In recent times the enemy has camouflaged his mimic organization with the name "Christendom", but in fact this giant system has been doing the work of its father the Devil. In the name of Christianity the people have been oppressed, the laborers have been robbed, wars have been waged, and Jehovah's witnesses have been subjected to all kinds of persecution. The Prophet Isaiah, in writing for Jehovah, describes the wicked rule of "Christendom", in the fifty-ninth chapter, beginning with verse two: "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." These things cannot go on; the time has come for them to end, and Jehovah through Christ Jesus will establish justice and for ever dethrone iniquity.

Execution of Justice in the Kingdom

It must be apparent that when the clash began between Christ Jesus and Satan this would precipitate a great time of trouble. This had to come. Jehovah will make a clean sweep of every work of iniquity in the earth. In setting things right it is to be expected that some will be injured in the battle and many will fall under the sharp sword of the great Judge. In 1914 Jehovah set Christ Jesus upon the throne of the new kingdom, and warfare immediately began against the enemy. This resulted in the Devil's being cast down to the earth. Jehovah and Christ Jesus saw deplorable conditions in the earth at the outset of the Kingdom. No one was found in the Devil's organization who would intercede for the poor and oppressed; therefore, the new King put on the garments of vengeance and clothed himself with the cloak of zeal. "Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth; and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the Lord saw it, and it displeased him that there was no judgment. And

he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor; therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him. For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke. According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him."—Isa. 59: 14-19.

The Lord caused Moses to speak of the time when judgment would be upon His professed people, and He mentioned that as applying "in the latter days" in which we are now living. While these words were spoken originally to Israel, they have a direct application to the professed people of God who have lost faith and turned aside from the way which Jehovah has commanded. "For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands." (Deut. 31:29) After enumerating the sins and wayward course of both of the faithless houses of Israel the speaker continues, "For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up or left. And he shall say, Where are their gods, their rock in whom they trusted; which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drink offerings? let them rise up and help you, and be your protection. See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand." (Deut. 32:36-39) Here the Lord Jehovah speaks of justice and that in the judgment He will kill the wicked, but will heal and cause to live with bouyant health all who have been oppressed and turn to Him for help. "For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment, I will render vengeance [judgment] to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; and that with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of revenges upon the enemy. Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people; for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people." (Deut. 32:40-43) Those who are loyal to Jehovah have reason for rejoicing, for they see by faith the name of their God vindicated and the triumph of the truth as a result of the fiery judgments and indignation manifested against the enemies. "For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion."—Isa. 34: 8.

The manifestation of Jehovah's justice not only works destruction to the enemies, but works for the health, welfare and life of those who seek righteousness. The time for such favor and blessing from the Lord could not take place under the reign of Satan, but takes place near the beginning of the reign of righteousness. "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you. Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped: then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert."—Isa. 35: 3-6.

Safety in Jehovah's Name

What, then, is the safe course for the creature to follow now? Long ago the Creator made provision for those who would seek righteousness and meekness at this time when judgment is upon the nations. In Proverbs 18:10 we read, "The name of Jehovah is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." Indeed those who are of the remnant, that part of the Servant yet on earth, may claim this promise because they are Jehovah's witnesses; yet it is always appropriate for anyone who seeks righteousness to do what he can to bring honor to the name of the true God. The purpose of the existence of all creatures, as declared by their great Maker, is to praise Jehovah, and before they can praise Him at this time the people must know who He is. They should know something

of His kingdom and the gracious provision which the Lord has made for them. In due time all honest-hearted people of earth will turn toward Jehovah and render their praises to Him. —Zeph. 3:8, 9; Zech. 13:9.

A great responsibility, therefore, rests upon the remnant of God's people now upon the earth, and that is to inform all about the true God, Jehovah. And what is the reason that the people should know about Him? Knowledge concerning Jehovah and His purposes gives the people the only opportunity to choose safety and life and in an intelligent way to praise the true God. "Ye are my witnesses saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God."—Isa. 43:10-12.

We see, therefore, that there has been the greatest necessity for the manifestation of justice in destroying the works of iniquity from the earth: the name of Jehovah requires vindication in the judgments soon to follow; the blood of the innocent who have gone down to death under the cruel hand of the oppressor calls out for retribution; and the people cry out for a better government. Man cannot adjust these things. Jehovah can and will bring relief.

"The Lord reigneth; let the people tremble: he sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved. The Lord is great in Zion, and he is high above all the people. Let them praise thy great and terrible name; for it is holy. The king's strength also loveth judgment: thou dost establish equity, thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt ye the Lord our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy. Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among them that call upon his name: they called upon the Lord, and he answered them. He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them. Thou answeredst them, O Lord our God: thou wast a God that forgavest them, though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions. Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at his holy hill: for the Lord our God is holy."—Ps. 99.

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Important Notice

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TO THE PEOPLE:

On the 16th of January, 1933, the following telegram was sent by the Canadian Radio Commission to radio stations throughout that country:

> "Speeches of one Judge Rutherford, foreign anti-social agitator, must not be broadcast on Canadian stations until the continuity or records of same are submitted to Canadian radio broadcasting commission for approval.
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The people should be informed of what is the real reason for this action by the Radio Commission in an effort to prevent them from hearing the truth by radio. Hence this notice. I am not an anti-social agitator, even as Jesus Christ and His apostles were not agitators. I am merely one among many of Jehovah's witnesses. Instead of being agitators, we are serving Jehovah's notice of warning at His command. The rulers have already been served and are now attempting to prevent the people from hearing.

If one knew that Niagara Falls would shortly be dynamited, thereby turning great floods of water on the low lands, causing tremendous loss of property and human life, and he gave warning to the people of such approaching disaster, he would not be called an agitator. Jehovah has commanded this notice of warning to be given, and charges His witnesses with great responsibility. (Ezekiel 3:17-21) It is not a message from any man, but a message from the Word of God, and the grave responsibility rests upon each one to hear or to reject that message. In brief, these are the facts, to wit:

World powers began with the empire of Egypt, and that power was followed by six others, in the order named: Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and Great Britain, the latter being specifically described by a number of the prophets. In each of these world powers three elements have constituted the rulers, to wit: commercial, political and religious strong men. The invisible ruler of each has been and is Satan the Devil, who has deceived both the rulers and the people and has filled the earth with great violence and suffering. That Satan might have full opportunity to make good his defiance and challenge to the Almighty, Jehovah God did not interfere with him until the end of a fixed time, which time came in the year 1914 and was particularly evidenced by the beginning of the World War. About that time Satan was cast out of heaven and down to the earth, where his operations are carried on, and now he desperately tries to blind all persons to the truth and to turn them away from Jehovah God and thus cause their destruction. The clergy are willingly ignorant, because they refuse to accept the plain teachings of the Bible. (2 Peter 3:2-5) The commercial and political rulers have followed the lead of the clergy, blindly trusting the latter. It is the blind guiding the blind, and the ditch is just ahead.

The clergy tell you that the present world distress is due to the fact that the people have failed to support their church organizations; while God's Word says Satan has brought it upon the world. "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) Satan now seeks to destroy those to whom is given the charge to deliver the testimony of Jesus Christ to the people. (Revelation 12:17) There is now a company of men and women in the land wholly devoted to Jehovah God and His kingdom, and who are diligent in trying to deliver this testimony of Jesus Christ as commanded. They are not agitators in any sense of the word. They are not even asking anyone to join their ranks or any other organi-

zation, but are merely informing the people in obedience to Jehovah's commandment.

The great battle of Armageddon is approaching, at which time the final conflict between the forces of Satan and those of Jehovah will take place. Jehovah commands His witnesses to notify the rulers and the people of this approaching battle, that they may not be able to plead ignorance and that they may take their stand either on God's side or the Devil's side. Satan is now gathering all of the nations to this great conflict.—Revelation 16:13-16.

Jehovah long ago used the nation of Israel to foreshadow or picture "Christendom" of the present day, and states that what happened to that nation was a type of what shall shortly come upon "Christendom". The British Empire, of which Canada is a part, is the greatest empire that ever existed on earth. The United States is really a part of that empire; and it is properly designated the Anglo-American empire system. The Scriptures show that the chief officer of Satan in leading his wicked forces is called Gog, who formulates and leads in a conspiracy against Jehovah's witnesses and against His kingdom, and that such conspiracy will begin and be prosecuted within the realms of the seventh world power above mentioned. Satan's effort is to keep the people in ignorance of what is about to come to pass. Acting through his blinded representatives on earth, the clergy, he induces the commercial and political rulers to believe that the truth, as set forth in the Bible, should be kept from the people; and, in order to deceive the people and accomplish that wrong, public officials announce that Jehovah's witnesses are anti-social agitators and what they have to say must be first censored. The radio is one of the best means of conveying knowledge to the people. If the official representatives of the seventh world power must first approve what is broadcast by radio, then the people may be assured that those powers will approve nothing that carries to the people the truth concerning the present unhappy condition and what is the remedy.

Since the message of warning is Jehovah God's message, and not that of human creatures, and since this message is being delivered in obedience to the commandment of Jehovah God, those who hinder or oppose its delivery to the people are fighting against God, and He declares that He will recompense them fully in due time. No power can prevent Jehovah's message from going to the people. Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, defied Jehovah, and disaster resulted. What befell that world power is but a sample of what Jehovah declares shall befall the seventh world power.

By His prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and others Jehovah makes it known that the Anglo-American empire system, which is "Christendom", will set itself in opposition to Jehovah God and attempt to destroy His testimony and His witnesses, but that they will fail. Satan's world has come to the full in wickedness and must pass away, and no power can or will keep it alive for long. Jehovah God has caused His judgment, written in His Word, to be declared and made known. Armageddon will be the battle of the great day of God Almighty and will soon be fought, and at it Satan's organization will go down.

Since the Anglo-American empire system, or "Christendom", is the chief visible part of Satan's organization on earth, it is certain, according to the Scriptures, that it will suffer the most. The notice heretofore served upon the rulers concerning what is about to come to pass they have scornfully spurned. The truth told to them from God's Word has only served to harden their hearts, even as the truth hardened the heart of Pharaoh. Jehovah's witnesses now on earth, instead of being agitators, are merely process servers to advise the rulers and the people by serving them notice of what is rapidly approaching. The opposers may control the radio for a time and may even destroy many of Jehovah's witnesses, but the Lord declares that where one falls He will immediately cause another to take his place. The delivery of the message of Jehovah God must continue until the people are informed and given an opportunity to take their stand.

Armageddon will mark the complete end of the "Christendom" empire system. Jehovah by His prophets declares that "she shall be broken", not by the power of man, but by the power of Almighty God. Jehovah's witnesses now on the earth have nothing whatever to do with the breaking. Their only work is to bear testimony to the people, and for that reason they are opposed. Armageddon will be terrible upon all nations, but particularly upon the realm of "Christendom" because within that realm is found the greatest opposition to the message of

Jehovah's truth. Jehovah says concerning that time: "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."—Jeremiah 25: 29-33.

The clergy are the "shepherds" in "Christendom", even as that same class of men were the shepherds in Israel. The commercial and political leaders constitute the "principal of the flock" of the religious systems of "Christendom". Speaking further of what Armageddon shall mean Jehovah says: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."—Jeremiah 25: 34, 35.

Christ Jesus foretold this time of great disaster and calls it 'tribulation such as the world has never before known'. It will be the expression of Jehovah God's wrath against Satan and his wicked organization that has so long ruled and oppressed the people. Everybody knows that the peoples of the world are now in great distress and perplexity, and there is no earthly power that can pull the nations out of that dilemma. Why then denounce anyone who is merely telling the people why these things have come to pass and what is God's remedy for suffering humanity? The only answer is, Because Satan exercises his subtle influence to keep the people in ignorance in order that he may turn them away from Jehovah and cause their destruction.

The time is here when every human creature on earth must take his stand either on the side of Satan or on the side of Jehovah God. The clergy have chosen to take their stand on Satan's side, and they have inveigled most of the others of the rulers to do the same thing. Jehovah God will now have the people informed of the truth in order that they may take their stand on one side or the other before Armageddon. For this reason Jehovah causes His message to be published throughout the land of "Christendom". More than one hundred and thirty million copies of books containing the explanation of the prophecies are now in the hands of the people, and this only for the purpose of giving them information. The radio has broadcast the message throughout the land, and the wide publication of the truth has alarmed the clergy, and they, acting under the direction of their supermaster, are attempting to stop the message of truth from reaching the people. Jehovah has many means of informing the people. He can make the very stones to be His witnesses if He so wills.

ESCAPE

If there is a way of escape from the disaster coming upon humankind, no one could avail himself of that way unless he is first informed as to the means of escape. To keep the people in ignorance of God's Word of truth would mean to prevent them from knowing the way of escape. There are now on the earth millions of people of good will who are not at all in sympathy with the present oppressive rule exercised by the nations. For that reason these peoples of the nations are not desired by the rulers. To these people of good will Jehovah now says: "Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired: before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." (Zephaniah 2: 1-3) To "seek meekness" means to be teachable, that is to say, find out what is in the Word of God and take heed to it. "Seek righteousness" means to do what is right, and that means to do harm to no man. Avoid controversies, do not take part in agitations, refrain from all manner of violence, and calmly wait on the Lord. If men attempt revolution or other violence against existing governments, have nothing whatsoever to do with it. Seek the Lord God and His kingdom and do right, because that is the only way of escape and the only safety for humankind.

Every one will identify himself. As Jehu caused all the Baal worshipers to identify themselves before he slew them, so likewise Christ Jesus, the Greater Jehu, will cause all the Devil's representatives to identify themselves before He slays them. All who oppose God and

His kingdom message thus identify themselves as being on the Devil's side. Jonadab took his stand on the side of Jehovah and righteousness, and in this he pictured the peoples of good will now on earth who take their stand on the side of God and righteousness. These are the ones that will identify themselves as Jehovah's people and will be carried through the great conflict of Armageddon and be made safe.—2 Kings 10:15-25.

In brief, these are the truths that Jehovah's witnesses, of which I am privileged to be one, are carrying to the people by radio and otherwise, and these are the truths that the censors are trying to prevent the people from having. Many of these radio lectures are already in print and appear in the books and booklets that are listed below. The prophecy of Revelation is explained in detail in the two books named *Light,* and the prophecy of Ezekiel and other prophecies are fully explained in the three books called *Vindication.* Hundreds of thousands of these books are already in the hands of the people. If you have them, read them. If you have not, avail yourself of them as quickly as possible and read them, together with your Bible, and compare these truths with the facts which you now know to exist and which will enable you to take your stand in a place of safety.

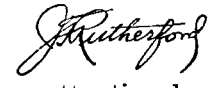
Armageddon will destroy Satan's organization and will be followed by the righteous and blessed rule under Christ Jesus, earth's rightful King. That kingdom will bring unlimited blessings to mankind. The time of the great crisis is here! It is of most vital importance to you that you learn the truth, in order that you may safeguard your own life interests and be brought into endless life and its attending blessings.

If the Radio Commission prevents the people from hearing Jehovah God's message of truth, that will be their responsibility and they will suffer the consequences. Jehovah will duly recompense them in His own good way. They will not learn from experience of men who in times past have opposed Jehovah God.—Psalm 82:5.

Members of the Radio Commission of Canada are supposed to be the servants of the people, but they now presumptuously put themselves in a position of dictators by determining what the people shall or shall not hear by radio. If they have the power to censor one speech, they can censor all and keep the people in darkness. Have the people of Canada reached such a state of low intellectuality that they need to have a "wise" radio commission to approve what they shall hear about the Bible? This censorship order bears the earmarks of the clergy, who have assumed to be the spiritual guardians of mankind. Themselves being unable to explain the Bible truths now in the hands of the people, they want to prevent them from hearing more. The censor order will doubtless cause the Canadian people to be more anxious than ever to hear what these radio lectures contain that is so objectionable to the clergy and their political allies. Be assured that the Lord God will provide the means for the people to hear; if not by radio, then by some other effective means. At this point how appropriate the words of Jehovah's prophet: "For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones." (Psalm 83:2, 3) "The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure."—Psalm 2:2-5.

Let the people who love righteousness and desire to see righteousness established in the whole earth under Christ's kingdom be diligent now to inform themselves what Jehovah by His kingdom has in reservation for all who love and serve Him. "The name of Jehovah is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe."—Proverbs 18:10, *A.R.V.*

One of the servants of Jehovah,



P.S. Since writing the above my attention has been drawn to a press dispatch appearing in *The Telegraph Journal* of Saint John, N. B., stating, amongst other things, that the radio commission of Canada had sent a telegram to each radio station of Canada the same as that quoted at the beginning of this statement, and adds: "Hector Charlesworth, chairman of the radio commission, stated a dignified complaint had been received from a group of Anglican clergymen in Saint John"; and the press report names some clergymen who protest, as follows: Rev. Cannon R. P. McKim, rector of St. Luke's;

Rev. W. C. V. Martin, rector of St. Mary's, and Rev. T. Hudson Steward, rector of St. John's (Stone) church.

These reverend gentlemen pose before the people as the representatives of God and Christ Jesus and His kingdom. I charge that they in fact represent Satan the Devil. I therefore challenge them to select one amongst their number to debate with me the following question, to wit:

That the clergymen of the Anglican church, contrary to their claim, do not in fact represent Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and His kingdom, but that they do represent and serve Satan the Devil and that thereby the people are deceived.

I respectfully request that the radio commission of Canada provide the national radio facilities to broadcast this debate so that the public may determine whether the clergymen represent their best interests or not. The people are entitled to hear the facts. The clergy and the radio commission have no right to withhold the facts and prevent the people from hearing the truth. The radio presumably is to be used to broadcast matters of public interest, convenience and necessity.

LIST OF BOOKS

The Harp of God
Deliverance
Creation
Reconciliation
Government
Life
Prophecy
Light Book 1
Light Book 2
Vindication Book 1
Vindication Book 2
Vindication Book 3
Preservation

BOOKLETS

War or Peace, Which?
Heaven and Purgatory
Crimes and Calamities
Prohibition
Who Is God?
Good News
Hereafter
Liberty
Cause of Death
The Kingdom the Hope of the World
The Final War
Keys of Heaven
Home and Happiness
Where Are the Dead?
Life and Health
What You Need
What Is Truth?

By writing direct to The Watch Tower, 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., U. S. A., or to the Canadian branch office, 40 Irwin Ave., Toronto 5, Ont., you will receive, free, a copy of their 36-page booklet explaining the above books and booklets written by Judge Rutherford, and telling how you may procure them. Or, use the coupon on the last page of this magazine.

Western Canada Resents a Lying Radio Censorship

CENSORSHIP, as practiced during the World War, proves to have been largely a business of suppressing truth and allowing lies to circulate *ad libitum;* at least that is what the former censors go to some pains to acknowledge. One of the British censors, visiting New York, boasted of the truths he had strangled and the lies he had circulated, and when the news got back to Great Britain the people were horrified to see how they had been lied to. They then learned the facts for the first time.

The people in general, and the Canadian people in particular, are tired of being lied to. Especially is this true of those that live in the western provinces. There is something about the prairie that tends to make people honest. People that live out in the great wide spaces, where there is plenty of room for everybody, resent having their thinking done for them by people that have ceased to think.

The clergy are such. They see nothing inconsistent in reciting over and over again their astonishing "discoveries" that there is but one God and that he is "not one, but three in one"; that God is love and that there is no depth of cruelty and meanness to which He will not descend; and that we should pray for His will to be done on earth as in heaven, but bend all our energies to glorify the set-up of which Satan is the prince, and which he backs up with battleships, howitzers, machine guns, bombs, flame throwers, poison gas and other methods of destruction lower and worse than those of the tiger, the jackal, the hyena or the boa constrictor.

For many years Judge Rutherford has been comforting the people in the Scriptures and, as a faithful witness of Jehovah God, pointing out where their former teachers have erred by taking their stand on the side of the Devil and failing or refusing to take their stand on the side of the Lord and on the side of the truth as laid down in His Word.

Of the more than 130,000,000 copies of his books that are in circulation nearly 1,000,000 a year go into the homes of the Canadian people.

Of the more than 300 radio stations from which his lectures go out each week to the truth-hungry people, 25 are Canadian, or at any rate *were* Canadian until three Anglican clergymen in St. John, N. B., concluded that the truth was getting too hot for them, and used their powerful influence with Hector Charlesworth, Canadian censor, in getting a ban put on the radio transcriptions now heard around the world.

It would be good for the Canadian people to have these three clergymen do all their thinking for them, if they desired to have it so, and were incapable of doing it themselves. They (Reverends McKim, Martin and Steward) were so elated at what they had accomplished that the news of what they did got into the *Telegraph Journal* in their home town. They got full credit for it.

But the credit which the three clergymen obtained in New Brunswick for closing the radio in Canada to the man who has challenged the clergy of the Devil to defend themselves against his charge that they are such—his willing and more or less (mostly less) able ministers and advocates—was discredit when it got to Winnipeg. The Manitobans, having been lied to in 1918 so effectively, are falsehood-shy. Note the following excerpts from the local press.

The first, "Censorship in Radio," is a very good presentation of the fact that "religious" censorships have had their day. It is from the Winnipeg *Free Press* of January 20.

CENSORSHIP IN RADIO

It is perhaps well that the problem of censorship has projected itself so early into the domain of national broadcasting and perhaps also fortunate that it should have concerned itself with a question so almost academic as the broadcasts of "Judge Rutherford, of the Watch Tower International." It seems, according to the statement of the Commission that there has been "dignified complaint" from a group of Anglican clergymen of St. John, N. B., and at the same time, the Government had called the attention of the Commission to the "subversive character" of the broadcast. So the Commission rushed to Canadian broadcasting stations an order to discontinue the broadcast until further notice.

Obviously any owner of a set who has a yearning to hear Judge Rutherford—and that number will be augmented by the Radio Commission's action—has but to turn his dial on to an American station which carries this message. All that the Commission has done by its action is to effectively advertise Judge Rutherford's lectures.

Back of this, however, stands the place and policy of censorship. A group of Anglican clergymen at St. John have a right to protest exactly commensurate with such a group of Anglican clergymen and no more. That right, however, is scarcely so powerful as to place its dictum on a national vehicle. Government interference is, if possible, a more gratuitous expression of misplaced ego. Exactly what Canada's broadcasting commission must be free from is Governmental interference.

Admittedly, Canada's Radio Commission is more than a machine for putting broadcasting in motion. It must take the final responsibility for what goes on the air. With the power of choosing what goes on comes the corollary of willing what shall be left off. Therefore, the necessity of the Commission establishing for itself at once a policy of censorship. Broadly, it is generally agreed that Canada's radio should not carry broadcasts offensive to public decency.

Within that light Canadian hearers have the inalienable right of listening to all sides of questions, whether those views coincide with those of the Government or of groups of citizens anywhere. Canada's Radio Commission must face the fact that its clientele is for the most part used to thinking for itself, and will not tolerate judgments handed down as to what views it shall hear and shall not hear. The best and safest plan for the Commission is to make up its mind that it is dealing with a free people and, therefore, despite any ideas in high places as to what is good for the license holders, will proceed to present as many facets as possible of world opinion. And the first step on its course should be to point out to Government members that the Commission was appointed to run the Radio, not as an instrument under Governmental control.

The second, headed "Bible Student Talks Allowed by Commission", from the Winnipeg *Tribune* of the same date, shows that the censor, Mr. Charlesworth, does not feel quite sure of the ground beneath his feet, and is trying to placate the indignant liberty-lovers of the West.

Mr. Charlesworth even goes so far as to repudiate the declaration that the Rutherford transcriptions were stopped at the instance of the clergy. Well, somebody has lied. It is barely possible that the three clergymen of Saint John, N. B., lied when they said they had made "a dignified complaint" to Censor Charlesworth. We would consider such a course a normal procedure on their part.

It might be possible, but not at all probable, that the *Telegraph Journal* lied when it said that Hector Charlesworth admitted (or boasted) that he had received such a complaint from Reverends McKim, Martin and Steward, but the

chances are that it is Mr. Charlesworth himself that lied, being aided, assisted and abetted, of course, by those who make their living by lying about Almighty God, namely, the clergy of the Devil, whose they are and whom they serve.

BIBLE STUDENT TALKS ALLOWED BY COMMISSION

Ban on Rutherford Records Not Extended to "Non-Abusive" Speakers

Local members of the International Bible Students' Association were "on the air" Thursday evening, explaining their teachings though the gramaphone records by Judge J. F. Rutherford remain under the ban —until sanction for their use is issued by the federal radio commission of which Hector Charlesworth is chairman.

Mr. Charlesworth issued instructions Thursday to all radio stations to discontinue the Rutherford broadcasts pending their being passed by the commission as "not abusive of other religions or governmental institutions."

With the limitation Mr. Charlesworth permitted local stations to allow Bible students to speak on the air Thursday. The head of the movement in Winnipeg, F. C. Almond, gave W. H. Backhouse, manager of CKY, and D. R. P. Coats, of CJRW, the necessary assurances that the commission ruling against abuse of other religions or governments would not be violated and he was permitted to broadcast an address.

"It is regrettable," Mr. Almond said, "that the federal radio commission, at the instance of the clergy, should curtail the message of Jehovah's kingdom—as given by Judge J. F. Rutherford by electrical transmission. In the meantime the Winnipeg company of Jehovah's witnesses will continue to broadcast the messages of truth for the comfort and instruction of the people."

Mr. Charlesworth in a wire to Mr. Coats repudiated the charge of Mr. Almond that the stopping of the Rutherford transmissions had been "at the instance of the clergy." "We have had no complaints of Bible Students' programs," he commented tersely.

Is This Strangling Free Speech?

RADIO station KGEF, in California, was used vigorously until about two years ago. Then one fine day its owner-licensee, Reverend Doctor Robert P. Shuler, received from the Federal Radio Commission the news that his application filed in September, 1930, for renewal of the station's license had been denied "upon the ground that the public interest, convenience and necessity would not be served by the granting of the application".

Exercising his privilege under the federal radio act, the clergyman appealed from this ruling of the commission to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. Near the end of last November came the decision that the court heartily agreed with the radio commission; and that "some of the things urging it to this conclusion were that the station had been used to attack a religious organization—meaning the Roman Catholic Church."

These last-quoted words are the exact ones used in the court's decision, as delivered by Associate Justice D. Lawrence Groner, most recently installed member of that august body. For this Mr. Groner is entitled to the blessing of Achille Ratti, his oiliness, il papa, Vaticano.

Additionally, the court said that it thought the operation of KGEF "constituted interstate commerce" and "that the power of Congress to regulate interstate commerce, complete in itself, may be exercised to its utmost extent, and acknowledges no limitation, other than such as prescribed in the Constitution". The court also thinks, as stated in its decision, that if one so authorized to broadcast uses a station

> "to obstruct the administration of justice,
> "offend the religious susceptibilities of thou-
> "sands, inspire political distrust and civic dis-
> "cord, or offend youth and innocence by the
> "free use of words suggestive of sexual im-
> "morality, . . . then this great science [radio
> "broadcasting], instead of a boon, will become
> "a scourge".

Commenting on this case, the anti-clerical writer H. L. Mencken very appropriately said: "If the commission has a right to prohibit speeches which it believes will cause 'religious strife and antagonism', then it has a right to prohibit speeches which cause any other kind of strife and antagonism. In other words, then it has the right to decide at all times, and on whatever grounds it may deem sufficient, what shall and shall not be said on the air. It would be hard to imagine a more outrageous censorship. And it would be hard to imagine putting it into worse hands."

In the effort to break the radio commission's

strangle hold upon his windpipe, the "Reverend Bob" Shuler asked that the adverse decision of the appeal court be reviewed by the United States Supreme Court. On January 16 last the nation's highest tribunal announced its refusal to consider the final appeal of the pastor.

What it was that any "dumb dogs" (Isa. 56: 10, 11) of the Methodist Church South said over KGEF we do not know, and care less. But if a radio broadcasting station can be ruled off the air in the U. S. A. because something has been or is being published by means of it that may "offend the religious *susceptibilities* of thousands", then we do care, a little.

Furthermore, when federal judges become powerful enough to dispatch a broadcasting station to *gehenna* because it has been or is being used to publish something that can be claimed to "attack a religious *organization*" or to "offend the religious *susceptibilities* of thousands", then such judges are, in our judgment, more powerful than the supposed-to-be rulers of this country, the common people, ever intended judges to be, and more powerful than their own instrument, the Constitution, allows judges to be. Seems not to have occurred to some of the judiciary that a simple and certain remedy for any sensitive listener who begins to hear something which to him may be unpalatable is to reach for the dial knob and gently turn it.

Taking China, Piece by Piece

AS TIME goes on, the details of the Japanese plan of taking over China, a piece at a time, become more manifest. Evidently the Japanese have studied the history of the western nations to advantage. First was the seizure of Korea. That was nearest home and easiest to take. Last year came the rape of Manchuria. This year it is to be Jehol.

There is always an excuse. Last year there was the trumped-up charge of the Chinese destroying their own railway tracks at Mukden; this year bombs were discovered in the Japanese barracks.

The business of discovering things that you wish to discover, in the place where you wish to discover them, is an industry in itself, sometimes called "the detective business". First you plant your stuff; and then you find it. It is not a difficult business. A crafty mind and an entire absence of principle are qualifications.

The bombs having been "discovered", the first step was not a step of inquiry or of conciliation, but 2,600 Japanese shock troops, using nineteen field guns, assisted by seven bombing planes and two destroyers, easily reduced the Chinese city of Shanhaikwan to ruins. One wonders if the planes used included those stolen from the Chinese when Manchuria was grabbed.

The grabbing of Jehol opens the way to the heart of China. Peiping may go at any time now, because from the province of Jehol there are numerous passes into China through which, in ages past, her conquerors have entered, and been swallowed up. The Great Wall was built to keep them out, but it is about as effective today as if it were a pale fence.

Japs Invade Jehol at 10 Below Zero

NO OTHER armies ever carried on the invasion of a foreign country at such low temperatures as the Japanese faced in Jehol, Manchuria. With incomparable fortitude these little brown men marched, fought and camped in an enemy country when it was 10 below zero. It would be next to impossible to get white troops to move, and sleep in the open, in such weather. But we do know of many companies of Jehovah's witnesses moving into action in obedience to the command of the Most High God, about the same time, in this country, at 17 below zero.

France Arms Japan

THE conclusion that France is arming Japan is drawn from the fact that in the first eight months of 1931 the value of arms, powder and munitions exported was 58,576,000 francs, while during the first eight months of 1932 it was 124,857,000 francs. Additionally, it is learned that French exports to Japan in 1932 included great quantities of raw materials and articles useful in war, such as machines, machine parts, medical and chemical products, and scientific apparatus.

Technocracy *By Judge J. F. Rutherford*

IN RECENT weeks the newspapers and magazines throughout the country have given much space to technocracy. Many are wondering what it means. Those who have walked in the light in recent years, and have a vision of Jehovah's organization and Satan's organization, well know that the metropolitan newspapers and the leading magazines are owned and controlled by Big Business. Everything that is presented to these publications is carefully scrutinized before it is published. If it has any semblance of truth relative to the reconstruction of the world on a line of righteousness it is omitted or turned away. Every attempt to get Jehovah's truth published through the magazines and the leading newspapers has failed because Satan's agents are against such truth. Technocracy, in brief, claims that the price system is entirely done, and must be supplanted by a different system, which would require no medium of exchange such as is now used in the United States. Big Business owns almost all of the money that is in the banks or elsewhere. It has built its tremendous power upon the price system. It would be wholly inconsistent to say that Big Business would permit such a thing as technocracy to take over the government.

Why then does Big Business permit such a wide publication of the matter concerning technocracy? The correct answer, in harmony with the Scriptures, seems to be this: Big Business has been trying for some months to find an excuse to have a dictator in the United States and to control the affairs by one man or a very few men. A wide agitation of technocracy throughout the United States would likely produce a desire to try it. The unemployed would welcome anything that would seem to bring to them a better condition. An uprising of the people demanding technocracy could be easily seized upon by Big Business as an excuse or pretext for the appointment of a dictator in the United States. The Devil is a wily foe. His diplomatic agents on earth, following their father's course, always put forward the very thing they do not want. Big Business does not want technocracy. Technocracy will never be in force in the United States, but it may be the camouflage for the appointment of a dictator. Let no one be deceived by Utopian dreams that are endorsed or even given notice through the public press and the subsidized magazines. The owners thereof, Big Business, without a question of doubt have some ulterior motive in permitting this wide publication of a thing that they are certainly against.

Chips

Farm Relief in Poland and Holland

POLAND has extended a moratorium to the farmers in respect of payment of their debts. In Holland, where 47 percent of the farms are rented, any tenant who signed a lease prior to January 1, 1932, may ask any district judge for a reduction of the rent.

"Echo Dell Castle"

J. F. PARSONS and wife, both over 70, owners of the heated and wired but not quite completed "Echo Dell Castle", Pullman, Michigan, wish to make contact with some who might wish to help them complete and share their "castle", raise poultry and vegetables on the estate, and help the owners to a share in the witness work of Jehovah's witnesses. [Please do not write to *The Golden Age* about this.]

The Cheltenham Express

ORDINARILY the Cheltenham Express is booked to do the 77¼ miles between Swindon and Paddington Station, London, in 65 minutes, but the other day it did it in 62 minutes. It is now the fastest train in the world.

Drifting Mass of Roamers

THE report of the Welfare and Relief Mobilization of 1932 states that in the drifting mass of roamers now traversing the highways of the United States there are to be found expectant mothers, sick children, young married couples and old men and women without homes and without jobs. Many of the children traveling with migratory parents have never been in school a day in their lives. Of the wanderers 200,000 are mere youths.

Japanese Mills in India

LARGELY shut out of India's markets by the recently imposed tariff, Japanese capitalists are now erecting their own mills in Calcutta and it is predicted that a real war for control of the Indian piece-goods market impends.

British Markets Closed to Ireland

ANGERED because of De Valera's repudiation of obligations incurred many years ago for the redemption of Irish lands, the British government has moved the duties on imports from Ireland up to 40 percent, thus virtually closing the Free State's best and almost her only market.

Southern Prison Company

THE Southern Prison Company of San Antonio seems to be well named. In this machine shop, engaged in the manufacture of steel prison cells, if reports of the Machinists' Union are to be believed, employees on duty ten hours a day are paid for eight, they must report for work fifteen minutes before the starting whistle blows, they may not talk at their work, if they are injured at their work they are fired. It is claimed that men assigned to fire duty are docked for time spent in responding to practice alarms, and on one occasion were docked three hours' pay for the time spent in extinguishing a fire in one of the company's buildings.

Smoot-Hawley Tariff Does the Trick

THE Smoot-Hawley tariff was going to make everybody in America rich by keeping out foreign competition. The duty on wheat was fixed at forty-two cents a bushel. The American farmer was told he would get the world price, plus forty-two cents, for every bushel he raised. As a result he has been offered as low as twenty cents a bushel in some places, and in many other places the elevator men will not take his wheat at any price. The tariff has made all our regular customers mad, and as most of them owe us borrowed money, and a creditor is almost always hated by a debtor, we are out of luck. John Bull has gone over to a protection basis, and, finding it lots of fun, is now negotiating preferential tariffs not only with Canada and all other parts of the British Empire, but with Sweden, Argentina and other countries. The American eagle, with his tail feathers all pulled out, is a sorry-looking object.

The Sudd to Be Short-Circuited

THE sudd section of the Nile is to be short-circuited. A fresh channel will be built around the sudd-filled section, in connection with the new dam at the end of Lake Albert. Thus all the water of the Nile can be used. Now three-fourths of it is absorbed and wasted by the sudd.

An Honest Judge in Jacksonville

JUDGE I. M. ANDERSON, of Jacksonville, Fla., answering the accusation that he did not bring in as much money in fines as his predecessors had done, explained that such moneys come from the poor, not the rich; that thousands of the influential citizens pass stop signs and traffic lights, park by fire plugs and commit other offenses, but they never have to pay fines. Their political friends intercede for them, and their traffic tickets never show up in court. Said Judge Anderson: "I have yet to have an arrested banker brought before me. The speeders usually are fruit or fish peddlers or other kinds of poor devils who are barely making enough to buy gasoline to peddle their wares. They have ancient autos that are about to fall apart. The eight-cylinder cars, it seems, are always within the speed limits. Only the 1925 models with four cylinders are speed-crazy."

Training Camps for Unemployed

THE New York *American* makes the excellent suggestion that instead of waiting till next summer to conduct citizen's military training camps the federal government should at once cooperate with state and municipal authorities in opening training camps for the unemployed. The government has had large experience in the planning of military camps and could care for the unemployed and make wise use of their services under better conditions than any other present agency. And it is its duty to so do. To have the streets of the richest country in the world constantly filled with begging men and even begging women is a national disgrace. Now let the National Guard be put to use. In Ohio a respectable young woman arranged to be sent to the workhouse for five months so that this winter she could earn $15 a month with which to care for her two boys, eight and nine years of age; she knew no other way to insure their being fed and sheltered during the winter months.

Africa — A Continent in the Making

In Four Parts — Part IV

WHAT was once the Orange Free State, but is now a part of the Union of South Africa, is mostly a table-land 3,000 to 4,000 feet above sea level, with a little over half a million people scattered over an area as large as New York state.

Before the Dutch trekked into the country, in 1835-36, it was thinly settled with Bushmen and other natives; now there are 203,000 whites and 360,000 natives. Orange is cold in winter, and in summer is liable to violent thunderstorms and long droughts, but is healthful.

When diamonds were discovered in the western part, at Kimberley, the British wanted the region, and took it, but subsequently paid $450,000 compensation for so doing.

The natives have no political rights in Orange. The Boers, fearful of the loss of their own liberties, and not inclined to be sentimental as respects their treatment of the natives, keep everything in their own hands. They are a Bible-reading, praying people. When they first settled the country they were not accompanied by any clergy. On one occasion the British seized the land, to put a stop, so they said, to Boer outrages upon the natives, but after a time gave back the reins of power.

Natal was taken from the Dutch, in 1839, because it affords the only really good port on the South African coast for nearly a thousand miles, and the British wanted that port for themselves. Situated on the border of Zululand, and, in fact, including Zululand within its present boundaries, Natal has had a stormy career.

Most warlike of the Negroes, the Zulus were able to put up a powerful resistance against the advance of the whites. Their higher type of vigor and physique is by some supposed to be due to a strain of Asiatic blood, common to all the Bantus, of whom the Zulus are an advanced type.

The Zulus do not like taxation without representation. Occasionally they manifest dislike for their present masters, and somebody gets killed. They feel the want of employment, and resent the poor whites' and Hindus' taking their jobs. Half the population of Durban, the principal port, are of Hindu parentage.

The Town of Weeping

In the year 1838, in February, the then Zulu king Dingaan treacherously murdered Piet Retief and 70 of his fellow voortrekkers or pioneers while ostensibly entertaining them. Then warriors were sent on farther, to exterminate their wives and children. They came upon them at what is now the town of "Weenen" (weeping), where 400 or 500 Boers came to their rescue and gave the Zulus one of the bloodiest battles ever fought in South Africa.

Dingaan Day is an annual public holiday in the Union of South Africa now, and serves as a great national reunion of Dutch-speaking South Africa, somewhat similar to the American Fourth of July. Fighting continued, off and on, until July 4, 1879, when British soldiers finally put an end to Zulu power to make trouble.

There is now little or no cannibalism among the Zulus, though the flesh of a dead wizard is popular. It is supposed to carry with it some of the dead man's magic powers.

A Zulu expects to pay his father-in-law seven or eight cows for his wife; the fatter she is, the more cows he has to pay. A chief's daughter may cost him as many as thirty cows, and the cows about $10 apiece. A job with a white man will pay a Zulu in the country districts not more than 35c a day, so that a cow a month is the most he can expect to earn.

Zulu children often work as herd boys on white farms. Without fear they run among a herd of cows to drive them in the desired direction; and when two bulls are fighting they separate them by twisting their tails. As older boys they do plowing. Eventually they have kraals or homes of their own, and some of them, the older men, as many as twenty wives. A Zulu in prison at Atlanta had the given name of Forty; he was his father's fortieth son, a bright and capable man, too, in prison for life for killing several men.

Zulu fathers teach their boys to bat one another over the head with clubs called knobkerries, and to continue tomorrow the fight which starts today, in the hope that the loser today may be the winner tomorrow. The men fight with heavier clubs, and consider it all right to hit a man even when he is down.

In war time the Zulu warrior carried two clubs, one to fence with, and the other as a weapon, and the memories of what the warriors of a generation ago could do with their assagais makes it illegal to this day, in Natal, for a Zulu to be seen in public with two sticks in his hands.

Zulus Not Too Kindly Treated

A hundred years ago, when the Zulus were on the warpath, they are estimated to have slain 2,000,000 natives of other tribes, and to have eaten about 300,000 of them. British colonial administrators know all this, and it somewhat colors what they do to keep the Zulus in control.

In the city of Durban the Zulus have to live in barracks in a crowded area of streets. At present, 40,000 natives are living in barracks originally constructed to hold but a fraction of that number. For the privilege of living under these conditions they have to pay a poll tax of one pound a year, or about half a month's wages.

In 1929 several hundred could not or did not pay their poll tax and the entire barracks was surrounded at night with police armed to the teeth, ready to let off tear-gas bombs which were in readiness. But not a drop of blood was spilled, though six hundred of the natives were arrested.

Prior to 1913 the Zulus found homes on European-owned farms as share-paying squatters. Now they may hold farm land only if they give ninety days a year of "labor service". The farms of the Europeans have been cut up into smaller holdings, with no room for squatters, even if squatting were now legal, which it is not. As a result they have been crowded into the reserves and barracks in ever more cramped conditions.

Economic conditions in the reserves are so bad that fifty percent of the adults have to be away from home constantly in order to keep the rest of the family alive. The Mandates Commission suggests that five percent away from home is the maximum compatible with social stability. In the Belgian Congo they aim at a ten-percent maximum.

We would not like to say that the Zulu ex-warrior in Natal is five times as badly off as the oppressed natives of the Belgian Congo, but it may be that guilty consciences, as well as memories of the Zulu wars of long ago, have something to do with the rigidity with which the imperialists of Natal treat the men that were there before them.

Basutoland and Swaziland

Basutoland, larger than New Jersey and Delaware, is the Switzerland of South Africa, as Abyssinia is of North Africa. This little native state, surrounded on all sides by the Cape province, Orange Free State and Natal, is very fertile, and well watered, and has a fine climate. The natives have increased from 40,000 to 500,000 in a century and are said to be the most intelligent of South African natives. No white man may own land in Basutoland. The scenery is said to be magnificent.

Swaziland is a reservation for the Swazis, one of the Zulu tribes to the north of Natal. It is larger than the combined area of Rhode Island and Connecticut, but it has only about 125,000 population and is undeveloped. Wild game and the most poisonous snakes in Africa, the mamba, are plentiful. A few minutes after you are bitten by a mamba you are on a one-way trip to the cemetery. Swaziland is well watered, well timbered and healthful.

Basutoland and other portions of South Africa have ancient and unknown scripts chiseled into the surface of the rocks. Within the past two or three years 12,000 photographs of these scripts have been taken, and are now being studied.

The Transvaal, the End of the Great Trek

The Great Trek, which began in 1833, when the Boers tried to get away from their British rulers in Cape province, ended when several thousand of them crossed the Vaal river (the north branch of the Orange river) and settled in what is now called the Transvaal.

There have been other treks since, but they have been fruitless. Only a few years ago seven hundred of these harried liberty-lovers left the Transvaal and went two thousand miles up the east coast of Africa through a trackless and dangerous wilderness, only at last to settle in what is now Kenya, British East Africa. They might better have stayed where they were.

The turn up the steep, almost impassable mountains from Natal into the Transvaal was made necessary because great hordes of Bantus (Zulus) were headed down the coast, and the vast plains beyond the mountains seemed easier to conquer than the warlike savages.

The vehicle which took the Boers into the Transvaal was the ox-wagon, the counterpart of the prairie schooner of America. These ox-wagons are now mostly gone, having been supplanted by railways and automobiles, but are still occasionally seen at the annual Dingaan celebrations and the quarterly gatherings for "nagmaal" (the Lord's Supper).

The Curse of Gold

But for the discovery of the greatest gold mines in the world, the Boers would have been

permitted to retain their new country. In the effort to resist its being taken from them they put up one of the stiffest fights the British Empire has ever had to face. Their leader, Oom Paul Kruger, said the British might win, but it would be at a price that would stagger humanity; and it was.

The heroic fight put up by a handful of men, mainly farmers, against the hosts of the powerful British Empire for almost three years is one of the pathetic stories of human history. In May, 1902, the Boer forces had to lay down their arms, having lost about 4,000 men on the field, with many more lingering in prison camps in India, Ceylon, St. Helena and Bermuda. But the chief cause of their surrender (not without conditions) was that more than 26,000 of their women and children had perished in the war and many more were in danger of perishing.

One of the reasons the British wanted to enter the World War was to square the account with Kaiser Wilhelm for congratulating Oom Paul when he suppressed the Jameson Raid (supposedly engineered or at least sanctioned by Cecil Rhodes), intended to seize the republic, in 1893.

Gold was discovered in the Transvaal in 1854, and by the end of 1928 more than one billion pounds sterling of gold had been taken out of the mines. As the output increased the need of better means of getting supplies in and gold out became evident. Railroads were built, paid for with the gold taken out of the mines, the Uitlanders (strangers) came in ever-increasing numbers, and the Boers were unable to govern to their satisfaction, and probably did not try.

At first the Boers did not wish the mines developed. They wanted to keep their country. They sensed what would happen when the mining experts of other countries came in. They would want to run things themselves; and that is what happened.

The Witwatersrand mines, or the Johannesburg mines, as they are more generally called, have an annual output exceeding £40,000,000, about half the world's production. The gold mines benefit much by the fact that Great Britain has gone off the gold standard, and figures that they would stand to gain still more if the Union Government did the same.

It is predicted by experts that the present spurt in Witwatersrand gold production is the last, that by 1940 it will be but 60 percent of what it now is, and by 1950 but 25 percent. At the Village Deep shaft, near Johannesburg, gold is now being extracted from a depth of 7,600 feet. This is one of the deepest mines in the world.

So deep are the mines and so extensive their operations that they often cause slips of rock, similar to light earthquakes. These are often felt in Johannesburg. Ore is extracted from an area fifty miles long, extending twenty-five miles east and west of the city.

Gold Mine Labor Problems

The natives do not like to work under ground. They can hardly be blamed for that. It sometimes happens, therefore, that the mine owners cannot get enough native help to work below ground at the wages they are willing to pay. At one time, when Herbert Hoover was a mining engineer, living in London, he participated in shipping thousands of Chinese coolies to these South African mines. The experiment was not a success, and those that survived the treatment they received were repatriated.

A capable Negro may earn as much as ten pounds a month in the mines, while his wages on a farm may be a pound a month or less, yet he prefers the farm. Europeans are paid six to eight times as much as is paid to natives. Maybe this general knowledge is one reason the natives do not press forward to secure employment under ground.

The Union Government system of railways, of which Johannesburg is the center of administration, as well as the hub, is the longest in the world under one general manager. In regularity of service and comfort provided for the passengers, it is rightly regarded as a model of efficiency. This is the more notable when regard is had to the long distances covered in a land so sparsely populated.

Johannesburg, with a population of 300,000, is an up-to-date modern city. The revenues flowing in from the gold mines have brought in a variety of manufacturing enterprises, the climate is excellent, and there are rich diamond and coal deposits, and agricultural possibilities. Oranges and other fruits are grown to some extent and could be grown in immense quantities.

Big Game Is Plentiful

Big game is plentiful throughout the Transvaal. In the Kruger National Park, distin-

guished by 250 miles of good motor roads, the tourist may witness lions stalking in search of their prey, leopards slinking through the undergrowth, monkeys chattering in the tree tops, and bucks and zebras in abundance.

A device called the "mercy bullet" enables naturalists to stun wild animals of any kind without killing them. A fin-tailed shell contains chemicals; the nose is tipped with a hypodermic needle. When the shell, propelled by a light charge of powder, strikes an animal the needle penetrates the skin, the chemicals are immediately expelled, and in a few minutes the animal falls asleep.

Meantime, he is powerless; he can be photographed, have his tail shaved, have tags affixed to his horns, or have anything else done to him that the naturalist elects to do. In an hour or so he is back on his feet, as good as ever. Naturalists use this method in securing animals for zoological gardens.

In 1930, in the northern part of the Transvaal, a native was found living in a lions' den, and sharing with the lions in their daily food. All the lions had been killed off but one lioness, and when she was slain he was greatly distressed. He is now employed on the farm of the man who discovered him.

In 1929, a white farmer of the Transvaal, Jack Nafte, hanged a native head downward by the legs from a tree and whipped him to death. The farmer was sentenced to receive ten lashes in the Pretoria jail, and to serve seven years' imprisonment at hard labor. Prime Minister Hertzog interfered with the execution of the sentence.

At Johannesburg lightning is seen, on the average, 114 days in every year. Throughout the Transvaal hailstorms are frequent, often as many as a hundred a year are recorded.

Bechuanaland and Cecil Rhodes

From here on this story is the story of Cecil Rhodes. Whether they admire him or not, nobody can question the ability of this consumptive who had to flee for his life from England to South Africa when he was but seventeen years of age, and, in the thirty-two years that remained to him, changed the life of a continent.

Cecil Rhodes was the type of imperialist that honestly believes the British are the most capable administrators in the world and that therefore everything that is in the world is theirs by right. When he first went to South Africa the Kimberley diamond mines had just been discovered. In two years, while yet but nineteen years of age, he was a millionaire, and in a little while had talked the discoverers and owners of these mines out of their holdings and started his work of the conquest of Africa.

An eight months' trip by oxcart into the interior convinced him that Britain could have in the Dark Continent an empire of exhaustless wealth, that the way into it was from the south, and that a railroad from the Cape to Cairo would be the making of the empire and the means of Africa's civilization. He set about to build the railroad and to outwit the Germans, Portuguese and Boers whose interests conflicted with those he had in view.

In 1884, at age 31, he was responsible for the British acquisition of a protectorate over Bechuanaland, the first step in his dream of conquest. In six more years the British South Africa Company, which was his, was in control of what is now Southern Rhodesia, the Transvaal had been surrounded on all sides, the Germans and the Portuguese had both been shut off from their dreams of connecting their eastern and western possessions, and the British wedge that he hoped would result in an Africa entirely British had been driven thousands of miles far up into the heart of the continent, even to Lake Tanganyika.

Livingstone Prepared the Way

It is literally true that the missionary David Livingstone prepared the way for Cecil Rhodes. The very territory that Livingstone covered in his travels is the territory that is now included in Bechuanaland, Southern Rhodesia, and Northern Rhodesia.

Livingstone's first missionary appointment was in Bechuanaland. The first nine years were spent in mission work; the remainder of his life was expended in the service of the British Government as an explorer and consul. At the time of his death he had not been a missionary for fifteen years. The Boers distrusted Livingstone, and on one occasion burned his house in his absence.

Livingstone's journals were at the disposal of Cecil Rhodes, and he made good use of them. It was on the basis of information supplied by him that the copper mines of the Belgian Congo were located, and the railroad was recently

built from Lobito bay to the mines, by Williams, the personal friend of Rhodes.

These men were all empire builders together, all true Britishers, all interested in the building up of the seventh world power, and not interested in, nor having any knowledge of, God's kingdom, the hope of the world. The missionary business was a camouflage to the real end.

The Bechuanas are very intelligent and peaceful. Unlike the Zulus, they build their homes with several rooms and so constructed as to provide circulation of air. The country is 4,000 to 5,000 feet above sea level. The rains fall in the summer. In the winter there are frosts, with occasional snowfalls.

With more water, Bechuanaland would be an ideal country for cattle-raising, but the water supply is a little too treacherous. In the rainy season the veldt becomes covered with a tall grass which, while it is green, burns the mouths of the cattle; but after it is mature it is eaten by them greedily. It will keep its nourishing power for years, and is stored by the natives against seasons of severe drought.

A feature of the South African desert that makes it less dreadful than the Sahara is the Tsama, or wild watermelon, which affords a good substitute for water, and is widely distributed. As in the case of the Sahara, there is plenty of water beneath the surface; and when wells are bored the life-giving underground streams are always found. There are still some Bushmen (dwarfs, aborigines) roaming about the Kalahari desert. They seem to be almost extinct elsewhere. At one time the Bantus killed them on sight.

The Grabbing of Rhodesia

On October 30, 1888, King Lo Bengula (who could neither read nor write) executed a paper drawn up by three commissioners of Cecil Rhodes by which, in return for one thousand Martini rifles, one hundred thousand ball cartridges, one hundred pounds sterling, payable on the first day of every lunar month, and one second-hand steamer, he delegated to these men exclusive control over all the metals and minerals within his country, *along with the right to exclude from the kingdom any other person who might come there in search of such concessions.* Later messages from Lo Bengula show that at the time he executed this agreement he was totally ignorant of its contents, but the white men interpreted it as giving them the right to exploit and govern all his territory.

Having stolen all the lands of this poor king that was reigning by the grace of the Devil, it was proper, in order to get the title straight, to have it confirmed by somebody that was "reigning by the grace of God", and so next year Queen Victoria confirmed the steal. She issued a charter to the South African Company which gave it:

> "for twenty-five years the right to make treaties and laws, maintain police, construct roads, railways and harbors, develop mines and industries, *make grants of land,*" and in short, govern a vast but purposely undefined area north of British Bechuanaland and Transvaal and west of Portuguese Mozambique, but with no northern boundary. The latter was left unmentioned because Rhodes hoped to extend it far to the north.

That shows how it is done. A missionary "by the grace of God" goes through a land to see what some heathen man has that is worth taking. An empire builder comes along and takes it, and a queen "by the grace of God" says, "Boys, you have done a good job; henceforth there is laid up for you a place in Westminster Abbey."

Cecil Rhodes was the son of a clergyman! Southern Rhodesia alone, which this man took, because he thought it would be a good thing for the British Empire to have, is larger than New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Gold and the Zimbabwe Ruins

There is gold in large quantities in Southern Rhodesia. The suggestion has been seriously made by its present administrators that in this time of depression every unemployed white man in the country can be profitably employed in prospecting for the minerals with which the country abounds. There are reasons for believing that the rich gold mines hereabout were those from which came that used in the construction of Solomon's temple. Since 1888 £100,000,000 in gold has been sent out of Southern Rhodesia.

The immense granite ruins at Zimbabwe, Southern Rhodesia, are believed to be Phœnician in origin. The wall, 40 feet high, 14 feet thick at base, elliptical in form, is composed of well-trimmed blocks of granite fitted together without mortar, in regular courses, and

occasionally set at an angle for ornamental purposes. The building is very strongly built for defense. In the neighborhood, hieroglyphics have been discovered which are now being studied. Traces of an ancient road have been discovered. In one place the mountains were terraced for seventy miles.

Having stolen the land, the white men now in Rhodesia have parceled it out largely to themselves; they graciously allow the original owners to live in certain places, which is more generous than it would be to have taken the land and then killed the owners. Didn't the queen say that they could give it to whomsoever they would?

There is another reason for not killing off the natives. They are useful as servants. After the land has been wholly parceled among the whites, the natives can find work as servants, living as best they may in a land where they were once free to live where and as they liked. Homeless, landless and in misery, the poor African has nothing to hope for in his homeland but God's kingdom.

Poor Whites in Rhodesia

Not everybody is qualified to manage a vast estate, and so it happens that even in rich Southern Rhodesia there are poor whites. At the end of 1923 there were but 3,253 European workers on the state-owned railways of South Africa, but at the end of 1931, so as to make jobs for the poor whites, there were 14,551 European workers on the railroads and the native workers had been proportionately reduced.

But when the European gets the native's job, does he take the native's pay? He does not. Arbitrarily, because he is a white, he gets several times as much, for doing the same work. The effect of such injustices on the mind of the native is easily seen. It is a rule by fraud and force.

The principal town (but not the capital) of Southern Rhodesia is Bulawayo, a new, handsome, hustling, prosperous city. It was at this place, Gubulawayo (the place of killing), that in the good old days, before Cecil Rhodes came his way, King Lo Bengula used to put his enemies to death. Rhodes' grave overlooks the city where Lo Bengula traded his empire for a few rifles and other junk.

Lions, leopards and other wild game are plentiful in Southern Rhodesia. In one place, as in the Transvaal, there is a wild game preserve. This one, however, belongs to a private citizen. It covers 25,000 acres. A group of Jw's visiting the district had a ride of 30 miles through this preserve and counted 371 head of game, the antelope, pallah, waterbuck, tsessebe, eland, koedoe, wart hog, zebra, baboon, ostrich, and giraffe. P. J. de Jager, the chronicler of the trip, says of the giraffes that there was "one, about twenty feet high, that seemed to wave his long, powerful neck in rhythmic waves as he raced along with his family group".

Many Rhodesian natives believe that the spirits of their departed chiefs are reincarnated in the lions and leopards, and hesitate to kill one of them for fear of bringing down the anger of the spirits, and this despite the fact that these supposed ancestors or ancestor-containers, if we may invent that term, sometimes carry off members of their families. In one of these Northern Rhodesia tribes, the Borotse, the wives do the hunting and fishing and the men do the cooking. After the meal is cooked, the wife dines first, and alone. When triplets are born, two of the babies are killed, for good luck.

Demons Fear and Hate the Truth

Jehovah's witnesses have no monopoly of the name "Watch Tower". The term is employed seven times in the Old Testament scriptures, written more than twenty-five hundred years ago. Every week, and for years past, the New York Sunday *Times* contains a digest of news which it calls "Watch Tower Dispatches". This digest has not the remotest connection with Jehovah's witnesses. The *Times* can neither be blamed for use of the Watch Tower name nor be restrained from using a term which has been the common property of all men for thousands of years.

In just what way, something like a quarter of a century ago, the natives of what is now Northern Rhodesia came to use the term "Watch Tower", and to practice immersion, and subsequently witchcraft and murder, in connection therewith, we do not know, but we do know that the Brooklyn "Watch Tower" had no connection with it at any time.

In 1908 Pastor Russell heard of this Watch Tower commotion in Central Africa and sent a representative all the way from Brooklyn, via Cape Town, to explain to them the way of God more perfectly. That representative was entirely unable to get into the country at all,

though repeatedly pressed to do it, even at the risk of his life. The reason why he could not do so is now entirely clear.

The bogus Watch Tower work in Central Africa was manifestly the work of demons, done with deliberate intent to blacken the good name and fame of the truth when it should finally penetrate that dark land. And it succeeded very well. Its founder, M'Wana Lesa, was in due time executed as a murderer, but not before he had done much harm in bringing reproach upon what is in deed and in truth a very good and wholesome name.

Every time the words "Watch Tower" are mentioned in the Rhodesias there flit before the minds of those responsible for the preservation of law and order the orgies of M'Wana Lesa and his followers, and, as they have opportunity, or can make it, the missionaries, who could readily know the truth, if they would, carefully foster the impression that the Central African demonized M'Wana Lesa Watch Tower is the same as the Brooklyn one, which is as false as anything can be.

The word Judas is a good word; it signifies 'Jehovah's praise'. Our Lord selected two disciples bearing that name. One of them gave us one of the books of the New Testament. He is in no way to blame for the fact that another man of that name betrayed the Lord. Jehovah's witnesses are in no way to blame for M'Wana Lesa, Iscariot, or the missionaries.

Pioneers in Southern Rhodesia

Four pioneers (Jehovah's witnesses) have just visited Southern Rhodesia. For reasons above outlined they had a hard time establishing their innocence of the M'Wana Lesa calumny, especially as the missionaries took pains to press the untruth upon the attention of the authorities.

At first the workers were told to leave instanter; then they were granted a brief extension of time while an appeal was taken to the governor; and at length they were given three months in which they might work among the whites but not at all among the natives. The sad part of it is that some of the natives, catching sight of some of the literature, sought for further light, but it could not yet be given. Says one of the pioneers:

"One can fully appreciate the dread of those responsible for the maintenance of law and order among the natives of Africa of anything that may stir them into a fanatical challenge of those who, for good or for evil, are holding rule over them. This also makes the minds of such rulers, even when seeking to do absolute justice and fair play to all concerned, exceptionally susceptible to the representations of Satan's religious representatives who have firmly (?) established themselves as the so-called 'rightful educators' of the black and other races of the world, especially of these untutored minds of Africa, against the purpose and outcome of the activities of Jehovah's witnesses.

"On the way up from the Cape, in our Tudor Ford Sedan, we had, one night, a beautiful sight of two zebras crossing our road in the glare of our lamps, and saw a few other disturbed denizens of the wilds clear the road for us as we came up. One of the two parties thought they smelled lions; on a later occasion we actually did see the spoors of lions, still quite fresh.

"After working a few weeks at Buluwayo, our companions having departed on the fifth of June on their northeastern tour, we started for Northern Rhodesia. We passed over 150 miles one day, having spoken to only two Europeans all the way.

The Devil Always on the Job

"We found only a few small centers to work on our way up here, the largest of which was Wankie, a coal-mining center of only a few hundred European population. While working here our attention was drawn to an article against us by Very Reverend C. E. Greenfield, who held out the usual charges that our teachings are 'subversive to law, order and religion'. We found that meanwhile he was attending a missionary conference at Victoria falls, where we now are.

"At this conference the missionaries again mentioned us, but in the light of recent exposures they dared not repeat the previous charges, and only in indirect, yet self-evident terms, could they advise the government to keep us out of Northern Rhodesia and prevent us from bringing our message of great joy to the natives.

"Ever since we heard of this missionary conference we hoped to be present before they dispersed, and the Lord gave us the desire of our hearts. We arrived here on Monday, June 27. We immediately got in touch with the authorities at Livingstone, who were expecting us, and pleaded with the chief immigration officer to be allowed to call on these men with our message before they dispersed.

"I think this impressed him. It proved to him that we were not going behind the backs of these men, but boldly faced them. He readily granted permission for that, even before our case had been finally decided upon by the governor. We therefore pitched our camp about a hundred yards from their camp,

and the next day gave the Kingdom witness to about forty of them, and left 35 of the *Kingdom* booklets.

"This 'slaughter of the innocents' (?) was reported in writing the same day to the authorities of Livingstone and undoubtedly further helped them to decide to let us in to Northern Rhodesia, Britain's 'Darkest Africa'. The missionaries have departed; their camp is vacant; one can readily see that but for them, and with proper European control, the government will willingly allow us to work among the natives, as we have done freely for years everywhere throughout the Union of South Africa."

Victoria Falls and Zambezi Bridge

The route from Southern Rhodesia into Northern Rhodesia is via the Victoria falls and the Zambezi bridge. The column of spray of the Victoria falls can be seen for forty miles, and the roar of the cataract can be heard for nineteen miles. The Niagara falls are 160 feet high; the Victoria falls are 400 feet high. The Niagara falls have a width of half a mile; the Victoria falls, of over a mile. The quantity of water passing over each of these falls is approximately the same: 24,000,000 tons per hour.

The Victoria falls were discovered by David Livingstone in November, 1855. The gorge below the falls is 45 miles long. The Zambezi bridge, opened in 1905, which crosses the gorge at a point where it is but 500 feet wide, is the highest bridge in the world, being 406 feet above the stream at low water. A baobab tree, near the falls, with a circumference of 88 feet 6 inches, is believed to be the largest of its kind in Rhodesia.

For miles along the Zambezi the bank of the river above the falls is lined with papyrus to a depth of five or six feet. Numerous crocodiles are to be seen. They frequently get a native. To keep from being carried off by crocodiles when they go to the stream to draw water, the natives in some places build an enclosure of poles partly out into the stream. This serves the purpose of a screen or fence.

From Cape Town to Victoria falls, 1,642 miles, there are four trains per week; fare for the round trip, £22 5s. 6d. The journey takes three days. The use of two pillows, three blankets and two sheets, providing a full-sized, comfortable bed, costs only 2s. 6d. per night. Meals are 3s. 6d. each.

From Beira, Portuguese East Africa, to Victoria falls is 951 miles; there are three trains per week; the journey takes two days; the round-trip fare is £12 9s. 6d.

The Victoria Falls Hotel "trolley" service (without the trolley) is unique. It consists of a narrow-gauge track, and seats for eight passengers in each car, four on a side, facing away from each other. The cars are each propelled by two natives; the charge is a shilling apiece for each trip.

The Marquis Curzon of Kedleston, in his description of the Victoria falls, says in part:

At the Zambesi, nature has supplied the most wonderful platform which it is possible to conceive, with belvederes or outlook towers built out at convenient points for the spectator to take his view. The formation of the gorge is responsible for this astounding feature. Although the river discharges itself in an almost straight line (unlike the great curve of the Horseshoe fall at Niagara) into the chasm below, there is only one outlet from this chasm, and that is about three-quarters of the way across from the right or southern bank, where the entire water that has come over the fall forces its way through a single aperture only 100 yards wide into the whirlpool known as the Boiling Pot, and commences its zigzag descent through the 45 miles of cañon towards the sea.

The consequence is that except at this spot the volume of water as it falls is pent up in the chasm, which is seldom more than 150 yards in width, and has to flow from left to right in order to make its way out by the solitary gap. And here comes nature's unique gift. From left to right or from right to left we can walk along the near side of the chasm from end to end, save at the point of exit, and gaze at the falls immediately opposite, as though we were standing in some showman's panorama and were looking across an intervening hollow, devised to assist the illusion, at the painted canvas beyond. Only here is no artificial picture, but the living masterpiece of a more than human showman; tangible, because the scud of the spray-storm lashes us in the face; throbbing with movement, because the heaven above and the earth beneath appear to be equally in travail; audible, because in our ears is the rattle of eternal thunder.

Northern Rhodesia Took What Was Left

In Northern Rhodesia, Cecil Rhodes and his friends went north as far as they could go, until their advance was cut off by Angola, the Belgian Congo, Tanganyika and Portuguese East Africa. It left an odd-shaped territory, the shape of a pillow tightly tied in the center. It has an area equal to all that portion east of the Mississippi river and north of the Ohio and

Potomac, excluding the states of Maine and Wisconsin. The country is mostly high plateau covered with thin forest. Much of it is suitable for farming and grazing. The copper reserves are estimated at 236,165,000 tons, and are believed to be ample to supply all the copper needs of the British Empire for a generation to come. There is lead, zinc, gold, silver, vanadium, manganese and iron.

The expressed views of the British colonial office with regard to the natives of Northern Rhodesia are quite noble and humane. When a deputation of white residents wanted to come to London at the public expense to discuss home rule for the colony their request was denied and they were told plainly that the British Government considers itself the trustee of the natives, on the ground that "the natural trustees of barbarous and less-developed races are their more civilized neighbors".

Pioneer P. J. de Jager, to whom we are indebted for much material in this article, says that in Rhodesia he saw for the first time a rhinoceros-hide whip and was informed that they are actually used there on the natives, to some extent. This was about thirty miles from Victoria falls. In most sections of the Union of South Africa the white that would use one of these whips on a native would be liable to arrest for assault.

Northern Rhodesia is a lion country. Lions have been known to raid native villages in broad daylight. At night a half dozen may charge a village at once, with excellent chances of getting a baby or two and leaving behind them several dying men and women. Adults are carried off, too. Several times lions have actually invaded railroad trains. One of them charged full tilt into a locomotive and got his back broken.

Nyassaland and Mozambique

Nyassaland, once known as British Central Africa, lies on the west side of Lake Nyassa, and is of the size of the state of Pennsylvania. To all intents and purposes it is a part of Northern Rhodesia, of which it constitutes the eastern border.

Lake Nyassa, discovered by David Livingstone in 1858, is a half larger than Lake Erie or Lake Ontario, being 350 miles long and from 20 to 50 miles wide. There is steamer service on the lake, and rail and steamer service with Portuguese East Africa, sometimes called Mozambique.

By a new $7,200,000 bridge, building in 1932 across the Zambezi, there will shortly be all-rail connections with the Central African Railway, and hence direct service to Cape Town. The bridge consists of 33 river spans of 262 feet 6 inches each, and has a total length of nearly two miles.

Portuguese East Africa, the last remaining state in this vast continent, is another huge area equal in size to all that part of the United States east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers. The coast lands are low-lying and not very healthful, but the country as a whole, stretching for a thousand miles along the Indian ocean, is said to be one of the richest, in agricultural possibilities at least, of all undeveloped countries of the world. Much of the land lies high above sea level, has no deserts, no salt sinks, no large swamps, no mountainous wastes, and no impenetrable jungles; but it does have millions of acres of the finest alluvial soil, and without doubt will sometime support a vast population. At present it has about 3,000,000 inhabitants, of whom only one per cent are whites.

How very apparent it is, from all that we have seen, that Africa is just what we have called it, A Continent in the Making. The number of persons now living there is only a handful of the billions that will sometime make it their home. And they will all be happy subjects of the Kingdom.

There will be plenty of blacks, yes, and whites, and browns and yellows, too, all living together in peace and amity. There is enough variety in their temperaments to make life interesting. In Africa the black man needs the white, and the white man needs the black. What is most urgently needed of all is the perfect government for which Jesus taught us to pray, and which we announce as now here.

Judge Rutherford's lectures are now going out by radio over the Dark Continent, and it won't be long, we feel sure, before the Devil and his crowd will get all that is coming to them and, in the fullest sense of the word, "Ethiopia shall stretch out her hands to God" and be taken into the Kingdom, the hope of the world.

Kingdom Blessings in Cuba and Mexico *By W. F. Salter*

ONCE again upon the service of Truth and in the interest of the vindication of Jehovah's word and name, Judge Rutherford, accompanied by his assistants, sailed from New York on Wednesday, November 16, 1932, this time aboard the palatial steamer Oriente. On the wharf were many friends to bid *bon voyage,* while across the East river, upon the roof of the Bethel, the friends gathered *en masse* waving farewell.

The waving continued as long as the steamer was in sight. It was a touching scene and greatly stirred the heart of the judge. He was very reluctant to leave behind so many friends: he would like to have had all accompany him, but such, of course, could not be; on he must go in the call of duty to serve in other parts of the Lord's vineyard.

The ship had not been long under way when the captain sent word that he would appreciate having Judge Rutherford and his party take seats at his table. It was, of course, a kindly act to pay honor to Judge Rutherford, but the judge, in his gracious and characteristic way, declined the invitation, for he does not care for the honor of men, preferring the fellowship of God's children.

The first stop of the journey southward was to be Havana, Cuba. En route we traveled out of sight of land until we neared Florida; then we skirted the coast of that state. It was evening time, and the cities of Palm Beach and Miami, all alight, were plainly to be seen, and the passengers enjoyed the pretty view thereof.

In Sight of Cuba

Saturday morning we hove in sight of Cuba. It was a beautiful morning, and the green shore, running back from the sea, was very picturesque.

On sailing into the harbor of Havana were to be seen on the left Morro Castle and other fortresses reminding one of the pirate days of Captain Kidd, and of the Spanish-American War. Just prior to the outbreak of the latter, the United States battleship Maine was blown up and sunk in this harbor. It was afterwards raised, towed out to sea, and permanently sunk in deep water. Supposed to have been blown up by a mine, the condition of the ship when raised showed that it had been sunk by an internal explosion.

The Spanish war was the occasion of another interesting harbor incident at Santiago, on the opposite side of the island, five hundred miles to the east, when the Spanish fleet was bottled up in the harbor by Lieutenant Hobson, who heroically and alone sailed his ship, while under heavy fire from the cannon of the Spaniards, into the entrance of the harbor and there scuttled it in such a way as to completely tie up the enemy fleet.

The Oriente sailed quietly into the harbor, passing a number of ships from various lands anchored there, including the majestic ship Columbus, of Germany.

Cubans are noted for their swimming ability, and a number make their living in the water. They swim out into the harbor to meet each ship as it comes in and call to the passengers to throw them coins, for which they dive. Their skill is remarkable, for they seldom fail to capture the coin.

The Catholic church has long been a dominating power in Cuba and has used its power to keep the people in fear, ignorance and superstition. The message of God's kingdom as broadcast regularly through the medium of Judge Rutherford's electrical transcriptions, and the zeal of the pioneers in giving the witness, is causing an awakening, and the people are beginning to see the clergy are nothing else than instruments of the Devil. There are, however, still to be seen on the streets of Havana some nuns and priests, the latter being termed by some Cubans, "buck-nuns."

Life in the Sub-Tropics

The people of Havana, as elsewhere throughout Cuba, are not early risers. They breakfast anywhere from eleven o'clock in the morning until two o'clock in the afternoon and generally seem to take life easy. Their great industry is, of course, sugar, and the market for that product is so very poor today that great unemployment prevails there as elsewhere. Conditions economically are very distressing, and beggars, all the way from the street beggar down to the church beggars, swarm the streets. It is a pitiable sight. The Cubans need God's kingdom even as do others.

Architecturally speaking, Cuba is very much like Old Spain. Flowering vines spread themselves over their pretty homes and pergolas, and their flower gardens are a riot of color. With such a display of color banking either side of their streets, and the streets themselves lined

with palm and other delightful trees, many of their broad avenues are most beautiful and compel one to pause to drink in the scene.

A Hospitable People and a Happy Convention

The Cubans are most hospitable, and it was a great joy to Judge Rutherford and his party to meet with them in convention and in their homes. The convention itself was not large in number, but those attending were ones devoted to the service of bearing testimony to God's kingdom, and it was a joy to serve them. There were delegates from the United States, Canada, Jamaica and Bermuda as well as from various parts of Cuba.

That the message of God's kingdom as continually proclaimed by Judge Rutherford over the radio, by printed page and other means, is making a very deep impression in Cuba as in other parts of the earth, is evidenced in the fact that not alone were the facilities of station CMK, owned and operated by Doctor Cabrera, a very prominent Cuban and personal friend of Judge Rutherford, thrown open to the message of the Kingdom, but the telephone company offered the judge their powerful station CMC as a key station linked into a chain of five stations covering the entire island of Cuba. For the occasion Judge Rutherford chose as his subjects, "Comfort" and "Messengers of Peace", and delivered his messages in his usual characteristic and telling manner. They were messages of great comfort for the people, but of strong denunciation of the ruling factors, and the clergy in particular. The broadcasts were heard very clearly, not alone throughout the West Indies, but also far and near on the mainland, as evidenced by telegrams received from Brooklyn and elsewhere in the United States immediately following the lectures.

When the time arrived for our departure from Havana many friends were at the boat to bid us farewell. Our staterooms and tables were delightfully perfumed with the bouquets of beautiful flowers they so kindly arranged to have there in expression of their love. It is hard to leave such friends.

En Route to Yucatan and Vera Cruz

En route to Vera Cruz we anchored for a short time off shore at Progreso, Yucatan. It is located about thirty-six hours' journey from Havana, and the voyage there upon a delightful sea was thoroughly enjoyed. While our boat lay at anchor a tender with government officials, passengers and freight came alongside. The captain informed Judge Rutherford that the freight consisted chiefly of shark skins and that the peculiar odor noticeable was of them. The people of Progreso are noted for their cleanliness, and the laborers who handled the cargo were spotlessly clean and all dressed in white.

The anchor was raised, and on toward Vera Cruz our steamer moved upon a sea continuing delightfully smooth. We were thoroughly enjoying the voyage when we were informed that a "norther" (a storm from Texas) was on its way; and very shortly afterwards it was found to be only too true. With startling suddenness the wind increased in velocity, and soon the quiet waters were whipped into a mighty sea and at times the boat, strong and large as she was, shook from stem to stern from the weight and power of the waves. During the night one of the iron doors on the windward side and a number of port holes were broken open by the force of the storm. By morning, however, the storm had died down considerably, and in due course we arrived at Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, so called from the fact that Cortes landed there on Good Friday, 1519, naming the place "La villa rica de la Vera Cruz", is the tidewater terminal of the Mexican Railway and is the oldest and most important seaport on the Mexican Gulf coast.

At Vera Cruz Judge Rutherford and his party entrained for Orizaba. At the beginning of the journey we traveled through lowland tropical country, passing at intervals fields of tobacco and sugar cane, as well as banana plantations.

Mexico's Incomparable Scenery

At Paso del Macho the oil-burning locomotive gave way to one operated by electricity, for we were approaching the giant mountains which had been in sight all the way from the coast, and to reach Mexico city, 216 miles away, these mountains must be scaled.

A few miles beyond Paso del Macho we crossed the San Alejo bridge, 318 feet long. At Chiquihuite siding there is another bridge, 220 feet long, and just before we reached Atoyac there is a bridge spanning the Atoyac river. Between the two latter bridges, and immediately between Tunnels 1 and 2 are the beautiful falls of Atoyac. Soon, Potrero, with its important sugar mills, was passed, and within half an hour we arrived at Cordoba, 2,713 feet above sea level.

Cordoba, founded in 1618, by order of the Spanish viceroy Diego Fernandez de Cordoba, is the center of a rich coffee-growing region. Tobacco and pineapple plantations, banana and mango groves, are also found in the immediate vicinity.

At Fortin, the next stop, baskets of tropical flowers and fruits may be bought from the many vendors who come to meet the trains. From here the railroad turns sharply to the right and begins the journey through Metlac ravine. On the opposite side of this ravine, in the depths of which a tropical river churns its way, can be seen another set of rails, on a terrace cut from the side of a precipice. The line passes through five short tunnels before it reaches the higher level and turns the flank of the hill. The train then glides over the Metlac bridge, a very skillful piece of engineering work 350 feet long, built upon a curve of 325 feet radius, on a 3-percent grade, 92 feet above the river. Eight cast iron and masonry enclosed pillars support it. As the train comes up the flank of the opposite mountain the ravine widens and exposes its tropical charms to the traveler.

Orizaba — "Joyful Waters"

Magnificent forest trees, palms of many kinds and patches of luxuriant tropical jungle can be seen, and sometimes a vale snuggled between sheltering hills. The general plan when building the line was to curve around the mountains rather than to drive long tunnels through them, and this is well seen from the number of short tunnels through which the train passes after leaving Metlac bridge. From the last of these tunnels the train emerges upon an extensive table-land, whence the eye looks upon broad valleys, billowy mountain ranges, and many straw-thatched native huts. Passing Sumidero, the train soon reaches Orizaba.

At Orizaba we detrained, stopping at a very quaint old-fashioned hotel there for the night.

Orizaba occupies the site of an Indian village which existed centuries before the Spaniards came. History records that the Aztecs conquered it in 1547 and that they named it Ahuialixapan (Joyful Waters), because of the many streams which burst from the verdure-covered mountain sides and dash down the vale to lower levels. One of these gurgling streams, the Orizaba, plunges through a rocky ravine in the town and adds charm to it. Its power was utilized by the Spaniards as early as 1553, when they established a flour mill, perhaps the first one erected in America. Orizaba received its charter in 1774. Now the town is an important manufacturing center having large cotton and jute mills, as well as famous breweries. Several hundred feet below the town, reached by a funicular railway, is the valley of Tuxpango, where the waterfall has been harnessed to supply electric power. The generating plant there is the source from which the Mexican railway draws its current for the operation of the electrified section of the line over the mountains.

Zigzagging up the Mountains

Leaving Orizaba and the neighboring industrial centers of Rio Blanco, Nogales and Santa Rosa, we crossed the Encinal valley and threaded the Infiernillo canyon to arrive at Maltrata, more than fifteen hundred feet higher up. Conifers and mountain scrub oaks of the temperate zone had taken the place of banana, coffee and coconut groves through which our train had been passing.

From Maltrata the train zigzags north, south, east and west up the hills. Sitting on the observation platform at the rear of the train we could trace the road below as it doubled and twisted and looped its way downward among the valleys, at times as many as six sets of rails being visible. Finally we arrived at Alta Luz, from where there is an awe-inspiring view over the plains below. It is like the view from an airplane, the village of Maltrata looking for all the world like a checkerboard more than two thousand feet below. Leaving Alta Luz we soon passed over Wimmer bridge, 90 feet long, built over a chasm from the ridge of which there is another magnificent panorama. Boca del Monte, 7,924 feet above sea level, on the eastern edge of the great Central plateau, was gained almost immediately, and the steepest part of the climb was then over: more than five thousand feet in less than forty-two miles!

The Central Plateau and Mexico City

At Esperanza, a few miles farther on, the traveler obtains an expansive panoramic view of the giant snow-capped Citlaltepetl, often known as the Peak of Orizaba. This giant mountain, shaped like a great ant-hill, is the second highest peak on the North American continent, being topped only by Mt. McKinley, in Alaska. At this station, Esperanza, time is allowed for the traveler who seeks a novel variation in his

diet to lunch at the station restaurant, where, if he has not already done so, he may taste the national dishes. The electric locomotive here is replaced by an oil burner, for, although the line still ascends till it reaches the summit, 8,320 feet at Acocotla, the grades are easier.

From Esperanza the train traverses the Central plateau. Tropical vegetation is then left behind and fields of corn, wheat and magueys are seen on either hand. The maguey plant, which after a short distance is to be seen on every side, is known as the Century plant or American aloe or pulque plant. It is from this plant that the famous native drink "pulque" is obtained.

Apizaco is the junction point for Puebla, less than thirty miles away. Picturesque little villages dot the scene, and there are occasional glimpses of the workers in the fields. At Ometusco a line branches off to Pachuca, which is the center of one of the largest and richest silver-mining districts in the world. While traversing this plateau the great snow-capped volcanoes of Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihuatl are visible to the south.

So many scenic marvels of such wide variety come within the range of the traveler's vision between Vera Cruz and Mexico city on the line of the Mexican railway that no visit to the republic seems complete unless this daylight wonder trip is included.

The full scope of natural splendor—snow-capped mountains; tremendous gorges; towering cliffs; broad, fertile mesas; turbulent streams and tumbling waterfalls—all are included in the panorama that unfolds its fascinating scenes throughout the 264 miles of daylight travel.

Jw Convention in Mexico City

Arriving at Mexico city a convention of Jehovah's witnesses was being held. Delegates were present from many parts of Mexico, also some from the United States and Canada, in all about one hundred and fifty.

At the station a number of delegates were present to greet Judge Rutherford, as were also the newspaper reporters with their cameras, all set to take his picture and with pencil in hand to report the interview.

Much to the joy and encouragement of the delegates the president of the Society addressed the assembly on two occasions; but the outstanding feature of the convention was the radio lectures delivered by him.

Beyond question this convention will go down in history as an event of outstanding importance in the onward march of Truth in the republic of Mexico.

From the time when Cortes, in the name of the king of Spain and the church of Rome, forced the Indians of Mexico to build 365 churches in one town, until almost recent months, the Roman Catholic church has dominated every phase of the life of the people of Mexico, and kept the masses in intense ignorance and abject poverty. Some men of courage have endeavored to encourage the people to break away from this yoke. Rebellion after rebellion has taken place, until now there is a complete separation between the church and the state. Church property has been confiscated other than that necessary for actual church purposes. None but native-born Mexicans can serve in Mexico as priests, and then there can be no more than one priest to one hundred thousand people, and, furthermore, no church funds are allowed to be sent out of the country.

In Jehovah God's Due Time and Way

Despite this awakening, every attempt by Jehovah's witnesses to hire any broadcasting station in the republic for the purpose of proclaiming the message of God's kingdom was of no avail. Up until as recently as two months ago this condition prevailed. Then the Lord suddenly opened the way, for the National Revolutionary party began to realize the fact that the message Judge Rutherford was proclaiming was something different, something that the people needed, and, after reading some of his literature, opened up their stations to the message.

During Judge Rutherford's visit to Mexico he delivered no less than five radio lectures, four of which were chain broadcasts. The subjects he chose for four of his lectures were: "Messengers of Peace," "End of the World," "The Resurrection," and "In the Resurrection, Where Will You Be?" They were powerful lectures showing up in no uncertain terms the false teachings of the clergy and their hypocrisy and at the same time messages of comfort and hope for the people. It would seem that nothing could have been more appropriate, comforting and timely than these messages, but all who heard

his final message, "Know Jehovah Is God," delivered as it was, with such clarity, feeling and power, were impressed with the fact that it was a fitting climax to his testimony that Jehovah alone is God, that Christ is King, that the Devil is the god of the present evil world and the clergy are his tools whether they know it or not.*

A Thrilling Inaugural Address

That this stirring message, as well as his former lectures, was heard far and near was evidenced by the telegrams and telephone messages received from many places. Characteristic of those received we quote the following telegram from the "Bethel" family: "Speech clear. Thrilled by denunciation. Listening at ten. Much love."

Arrangements were also completed for the people in the heart of the city to hear the messages by means of loudspeakers. For over thirty years the governments of Mexico have been constructing the colossal national theater; and arrangements were made whereby the loudspeakers were located at the entrance to this building, and thus the first occasion of its being put to use was for the purpose of the message of God's kingdom. Many assembled to hear the message, and one was heard to say, "That's what I like to hear: the truth spoken with boldness."

Mexico city is, of course, the capital of the republic of Mexico, and is situated in a great valley so completely surrounded by mountains that there is no natural outlet, the only valley of its kind in the world. The belief is that this large valley was at one time a mighty volcano and at a later time became a large inland lake which has since been drained into the sea.

Mexico, a Very Beautiful City

Mexico city is a very beautiful city of broad, spacious thoroughfares and contains a population of over 1,200,000 people. It is situated within the tropical belt and, being at an altitude of 7,444 feet, it enjoys the advantages of two zones without any of their inconveniences. It compares most favorably with world-known resorts, as can be seen from the following:

	Mexico City	Nice, France
Mean annual temperature	60° F.	52° F.
Average, hottest month	71° F.	84° F.
Average, coolest month	48° F.	23° F.

The Valley of Mexico is a favored spot, enjoying one of the highest averages of sunshine hours in the world: 2,445.3 hours yearly, and 636.6 hours during the winter months (December, January and February).

The main square of Mexico city is commonly called the "Zocalo". From a historical viewpoint, it is one of the most important spots in the country. It marks the place where the Aztecs first established their kingdom, and also where the Conquerors made their headquarters. This square is surrounded respectively by the world-famous Cathedral, the National Palace, the Municipal Palace and the "Portales" (arcades). The cathedral is acknowledged as the finest and oldest in America. It is built upon the site formerly occupied by the main "teocalli" (house of the gods) of the Aztecs. It is a magnificent structure 374 feet long and 198 feet wide, with towers 204 feet high, and contains marble altars, silver railings, famous paintings, exquisite wood carvings, and priceless examples of Churriguera decoration. It was started in 1537, taking more than a half century for its completion.

The National Palace

When Hernan Cortes, the Conqueror, arrived in Tenochtitlan (now Mexico city) he admired very much the palace of Montezuma, the emperor of the Aztecs, and he made up his mind to respect this structure. However, due to the disorders which took place shortly afterwards, his soldiers completely destroyed it. Cortes then built his own house, and lived there until his return to Spain. This house was since occupied by the different viceroys, until 1692, when fire destroyed it.

In the same year, and by special decree of the king of Spain, the present building was started. Completed late in 1698, the National Palace was the official residence of viceroys, until the Declaration of Independence and the establishment of the republic. Since then the National Palace has been the official headquarters of all the presidents of Mexico.

Located on the left side, back of the National Palace, the National Museum has the largest collection of historical and archæological treasures of an aboriginal civilization: the Aztec

*The message was so strong and thrilling to all of Jehovah's witnesses who heard it that the full text is given as the final article in this issue for the encouragement of the Lord's people and to the honor of His name.—*Ed.*

calendar stone, weighing more than 60,000 pounds; the Sacrificial Stone; the Palenque Cross, and other monuments; idols, relics, jewels, etc., as well as suits of armor of the Conquerors, maps, documents, books, paintings, furniture, coaches, and other objects of the Colonial and Empire periods.

The Famous Paseo de la Reforma

Paseo de la Reforma is one of the most beautiful city driveways in the world. It is three miles long and 200 feet wide, and shaded by a double row of trees. It is also adorned with six circles, or "glorietas", in five of which are the following historical monuments: the equestrian statue of Charles IV, an exceedingly fine piece of work, cast in one single block which required 30 tons of molten metal; statues to Columbus, and to Cuauhtemoc, the last Aztec emperor; and Independence Monument, a magnificent column 150 feet high, costing over $1,000,000. The view from the top of this monument is magnificent.

The Paseo de la Reforma leads to Chapultepec castle, a solid structure built on the top of a hill which is surrounded by the forest and park of the same name. During the pre-Hispanic period this hill was the seat of the Aztec emperors. A summer residence for the viceroys was constructed later, serving also as summer residence for the presidents of Mexico. The castle is now divided into two sections: one the private residence of the president of Mexico, and the other a historical museum. In this museum one can see the luxurious apartments of Emperor Maximilian and Empress Carlota; the Chinese room, a gift to former president Diaz from the dowager empress of China; and many other interesting rooms and objects. From the terrace of the castle, which is 200 feet above the city level, one can enjoy the most wonderful sight of the Valley of Mexico and notice the contrasting beauty of the snow-capped volcanoes and the tropical palm trees.

Chapultepec park is one of the oldest natural parks in the American continent. Its 500-year-old ahuehuetes, a sort of giant weeping willows, more than a hundred feet high, and nearly fifty feet in circumference, are the lonely survivors of the 'glorious' reign of the Aztecs.

Xochimilco — The Floating Gardens

Surrounding Mexico city are many places of interest, such as Xochimilco. The name Xochimilco comes from the Aztec, and means "place of flowers". This name is given to a little village which, however, is better known as "The Floating Gardens". About ten miles from Mexico city, Xochimilco can be reached by electric tramway, bus or automobile. It is a small native town originally built on a series of floating islands. When the Spaniards arrived in Mexico they found the natives of this district occupying a region of islands and waterways. And though these have decreased in number and the islands are not movable now as they were then, Xochimilco still remains a garden of trees, flowers and vegetables.

Rides in "canoas" propelled with long poles by the natives, typical songs, music full of languid melodies, and, above all, an unsurpassed natural beauty: this is what awaits the tourist in Xochimilco.

About three miles from the city is the village Guadalupe. Guadalupe is the site of a shrine erected in harmony with Roman Catholic superstition, to "Our Lady of Guadalupe", on the spot where, the legend says, she converted the Indian's "ayate" into a beautiful cloth bearing her image. This cloth is still preserved in a frame of pure gold and enclosed by a solid silver railing weighing fourteen tons. This building was erected in 1695. On December 12 of each year thousands of Indians spiritually blinded by Satan make a pilgrimage thither. In their worships they perform their religious dances and rites centuries old. Near the shrine is the beautiful "Chapel of the Well", which name is derived from the spring of water which flows from the inside, and which is closely associated with the false tradition of the virgin.

Other Interesting Suburbs

The towns of Coyoacan and Churubusco, located on the road to San Angel, are two interesting places to visit. The former is a historical residential section, for there still remain the houses of Cortes and of some of his famous men of war. Notable among these houses is the house of Alvarado, now a private museum. Coyoacan is older than the city of Mexico proper, since it was there that Cortes established his headquarters during the time he was directing the layout of Mexico. As for Churubusco, it is a smaller town made famous during the Mexican-American War.

The archæological city of Teotihuacan is situated on the northeast of the Valley of Mexico, about 30 miles from Mexico city. The word

"Teotihuacan" means, "Place where deities are worshiped."

This town is very closely related to the proud Indian myth of the creation of the sun and the moon. Teotihuacan, like most archæological cities in the world, flourished at several eras which are now marked by the superimposed construction of buildings. As one can see now, the first structures were either destroyed in part or intentionally covered by new ones, while those built later remained abandoned for reasons still unknown, crumbling down and thus forming their present mounds. The ancient metropolis was noted for the perfect harmonious symmetry of its outline, and for the grandeur and beauty of style of its structures. Among the most notable of these structures are the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the pyramids to the sun and the moon, and the stadium.

The road to the pyramids passes through Guadalupe Hidalgo, but it also goes through San Cristobal Ecatepec, a historical town with a museum related to Morelos, the hero of Mexican independence. On the same road is Acolman, noted for its famous "Convent of San Agustin", built in 1539, and completely abandoned until 1924, when the Mexican government ordered its restoration. This convent is now a museum of Colonial art.

A Kindly, Hospitable, Intelligent People

The population of the republic is some 15,000,000 people, of whom 9,000,000 are pure-bred Indians. The remainder are either Spanish or of Spanish-Indian mixture. As a whole they are a kindly, hospitable, intelligent people, and it is a pleasure indeed to visit them. The poor are very much down-trodden and burdened, seemingly more so in Mexico than in other countries, and no doubt due to the centuries of Catholic domination. Despite the poverty that was so manifest, begging in Mexico was conspicuous by its almost complete absence as compared with Havana, Cuba, where almost at every step one met with a beggar. One little chap we met with in Mexico, when a coin was offered him for service, steadfastly but graciously declined it.

The gardeners, wood cutters, earthenware makers and others use donkeys very largely to carry their produce and wares to the market in Mexico city, but, despite the fact that donkeys can be bought as cheap as the equivalent of three dollars in United States money, many are even too poor to have them at that price, and these can be seen on all highways carrying their produce and wares on their backs many miles to market (often thirty or more) and then disposing of them for little or nothing. Surely the people of Mexico, in common with all men, need the kingdom of God.

Leaving Mexico city Judge Rutherford and his party entrained for San Diego, California, where the judge's headquarters for his winter work are located. The journey was made via San Antonio, Texas. This railroad line from Mexico city to the American border is noted for train robberies. We had not been aboard long when the conductor warned us to be watchful, as two passengers had been robbed and the train crew had therefore been armed. Shortly afterwards a man knocked at Judge Rutherford's drawing-room door. The judge opened the door and in a strong voice said, "What do you want?" The man said, "Oh, I beg your pardon; it was a mistake," and slunk away.

To San Antonio and San Diego

We stopped for a short time at Monterey, a place noted as a place of refuge for outlaws who escaped from the United States in the pioneer days. At San Antonio a short stop was made to make train connections.

San Antonio is a very pretty city, famed, among other things, as the center of the fighting for the independence of Texas from Mexico and where so many American soldiers laid down their lives, including David Crockett, an American ex-congressman.

Journeying from San Antonio westward bound we were soon traveling through the great desert land of the southwestern part of the United States, upon which are located many ranchers with their herds of cattle grazing upon the tufts of grass and watering from water brought to the surface by windmills from wells deep below the desert surface.

It was good to get to our journey's end and to be welcomed at the depot in San Diego by loving friends who were so pleased to see the judge once again. We were soon by motor car conveyed to Beth-Sarim, a place dear to the hearts of Jehovah's witnesses, for it was here that the manuscripts of *Light,* Books 1 and 2, *Vindication,* Books 1, 2 and 3, *Preservation,* and other literature, were produced, all of which have been such a rich blessing to God's people and used so extensively in the cause of the vindication of God's word and name.

Jehovah Is God

Broadcast from Mexico city over chain November 30, 1932, by Judge Rutherford

THE greatest need of the peoples of earth is to know that Jehovah is God and that His kingdom is their salvation. He created the heavens and the earth and the fullness thereof. The Scriptures written by His prophets of old, and now being fulfilled, put the knowledge of Jehovah within the reach of all persons. Time will not permit me to here quote the appropriate Scripture texts, but every statement I make is supported by the Scriptures; the citations I shall be glad to furnish you upon request.

The Scriptures reveal the Supreme One under several names, to wit: *Jehovah,* meaning His purposes toward His creatures; *God,* meaning the Creator of all things good; *Almighty,* meaning the one possessing supreme power; the *Most High,* meaning the one above all and besides whom there is no other.

God created man and all earthly creatures and placed these under the supervision of His creature Lucifer, a spirit of great power. Lucifer rebelled against God and induced men and angels to sin, and then God changed his name to that of Devil, Satan, Dragon and Old Serpent. From then till now he (Satan) has been the chief enemy of God and of man. He declared himself to be equal to Jehovah. He challenged Jehovah God to place on earth men who would under the test remain true and faithful to God. He declared his ability to turn all men away from God. That challenge raised the question, Who is supreme in the universe? The only way to settle the question was to permit Satan to do all within his power; hence Jehovah accepted his challenge, at the same time declaring that when Satan had failed in his boast, then God would destroy Satan and all of his followers. That crisis must be reached in due time.

Unrestrained, Satan has builded a mighty organization which for more than sixty centuries has ruled the world in wickedness. The Scriptures plainly state that Satan during that time has ruled and blinded the people to the truth. The chief instrument used by Satan to thus deceive the people and turn them away from God has been and is that of religion. Satan has at all times had his priests or ministers practicing the various religions by which the poor, suffering humankind has been deceived, exploited and oppressed.

Every man who has faithfully served God has been persecuted by Satan or his instruments. He caused the holy prophets to be killed; and when Jesus came to earth Satan caused him to be crucified, and the clergy of that time were the chief persecutors and slayers. Jesus told them that they were the children of Satan their father.

The Jews were Jehovah's covenant people and it was the duty of their priests or clergy to instruct the people in the truth. Those clergymen yielded to the subtle influence of the Devil and turned almost all of the Jews away from God and into infidelity. The Jewish nation was a typical nation and foreshadowed "Christendom", meaning the nations of the earth today that claim to be Christian nations. It is expressly written in the Scriptures that what came to pass relative to the Jews shall be duplicated upon "Christendom" at the end of the world, where we now are.

Jehovah anointed Jesus to be the King of the world, and the Scriptures show that He could not begin His reign until the end of Satan's world. God raised up Jesus out of death, and He ascended into heaven clothed with all power and authority to rule the world, but He must await Jehovah's due time for Him to begin His reign. To Him Jehovah said: 'Wait until my due time to put down Satan the enemy.' The end of that period of waiting marks the end of Satan's world, and Jesus declared that the first proof of the end of that period of waiting would be the World War, which came in 1914. Satan, knowing that his time was short, plunged all the nations of "Christendom" into that war, his purpose being to destroy humanity. Since that time great sorrow and suffering have been upon the world, and the clergy of today falsely tell the people that Jehovah God has brought all their trouble upon them because of their unfaithfulness to their religious organizations. Satan the Devil is the one who is the cause of all the trouble, sickness, sorrow and suffering of humankind, and he causes his agents to charge this against God in order to turn them, the people, away from God.

Jehovah stopped the World War in 1918, to give His witnesses opportunity to tell the people what must shortly come to pass. Now Christ has come, and the people must be told that Jehovah is the supreme God, that Christ is King, and that His kingdom is at hand. The time has

now come when all the people must take their stand either on the side of God or on the side of the Devil. They must have some knowledge of the truth in order to determine which side they will take.

Jehovah sent His faithful prophets to warn Israel that because that people had turned to the Devil He would destroy that nation. The clergy of Israel at that time claimed to represent God, but, in fact, as Jesus told them, they represented and acted for the Devil. The clergy denounced God's prophets and told the people not to hear them. Shortly thereafter God completely destroyed Israel and all of her clergy. Today that history is being repeated. Jehovah God is now sending forth His witnesses to give warning to "Christendom" that because the clergy have made themselves a part of Satan's organization, and because "Christendom" has turned against God, He will destroy it. The clergy in their pulpits today command their congregations not to hear what Jehovah's witnesses have to say about God's Word, and thus they hope to keep them in ignorance. For centuries Satan's representatives have kept the people in ignorance, but now the time has come when they must hear the truth.

This wicked world the Scriptures declare is Satan's world, and further declare that those who are friends of the world are the enemies of God, and that the clergy have made themselves a part of the world and hence God's enemies. Recently in a national broadcast in the States I made the statement that the clergy as a class, whether willingly or unwillingly, whether with knowledge or without knowledge, are serving the Devil and not Jehovah God. In order that the people might hear the truth and determine for themselves what they should do, I challenged the combined clergy of America to select their best man to debate this question by radio. That challenge they have refused.

The people must have a knowledge of what is about to come to pass and what they shall do for their self-protection. Jehovah has caused books to be published setting out alongside of the Scriptures the facts showing that the time of His kingdom is here, and how He will relieve the people from oppression, lift them up, and bless them. I urge upon the people the necessity to take these books, together with their own Bibles, and learn the great and important truths now due to be understood.

When Jehovah's holy prophets had completed their testimony to the Jews, then God destroyed that nation. The Scriptures declare that when the work of now serving notice upon "Christendom" has been completed, then Jehovah will destroy Satan's organization, both visible and invisible. Jehovah's witnesses are calling the attention of the people to these truths in obedience to the commandment of Jehovah God, and not for any selfish reason.

The greatest crisis of the ages is at hand. The time has come when Jehovah will prove that He is supreme and that all blessings flow from Him and that Satan and his representatives are false. This proof He declares in His Word He will give fully and completely at the great battle of Armageddon. The Scriptures declare that Satan is assembling all of his forces at this time for that battle. In that great battle Satan and all of his forces will fight on one side against Jesus and His heavenly hosts on the other side, and Satan's organization, including oppressive "Christendom", shall fall never to rise again. Of that great battle Jesus says: 'It will be a time of trouble such as the world has never known, and there will never be another.'

What shall the people do to protect themselves in that great crisis? Jehovah answers that question by His prophet Zephaniah, in chapter two, in these words: 'Before the day of wrath falls, seek meekness and righteousness, and it may be that you shall be hid in that time of trouble.' Those who take their stand on the side of Jehovah God and obey His commandments will be the ones He will preserve. The people must have a knowledge of these facts in order that they may intelligently turn themselves to Jehovah God and serve Him. For this reason Jehovah now commands that a witness of warning shall be given to all the nations of the earth and that the people shall be told that Jehovah is supreme and almighty and that His kingdom is the only means of relief for humankind. To have a part in giving this witness is my only reason for speaking to you on this occasion. Jehovah God has provided the radio for that purpose, and I am grateful to Him and to the men who have cooperated in giving opportunity to thus speak to you. If the clergy could they would prevent the people from hearing this message, but they cannot prevent it. Jehovah is supreme and His will must be done.

Immediately following the great battle of Ar-

mageddon there shall come to all surviving peoples of the earth peace that will last forever. There will never be another war after that. Oppression and suffering will for ever end. Instead of Satan ruling in wickedness, Christ Jesus will be the invisible ruler of the world and will rule in justice and righteousness. His representatives on the earth will know the truth and gladly obey Jehovah God and His King. All mankind then, regardless of nationality, will have a full opportunity to obey the righteous laws of God's kingdom, and, so doing, they shall be restored to perfect health and live in peace and happiness upon the earth for ever.

Thus Jehovah will settle for ever the great question of supremacy. He will prove that selfishness and wickedness lead to destruction, and that unselfish devotion to Jehovah, the righteous One, leads to endless life in happiness. Today is the most important time in the history of man. Everyone should avail himself of the knowledge and understanding of Jehovah's Word and His purpose. The burdens that now oppress humankind soon shall be lifted for ever, and they that learn these truths and obey them will be the first recipients of God's blessings. I call once more upon the clergy and upon all men to lay aside selfishness and to help the people to understand that Jehovah is the only true God and that His kingdom is their only salvation. There is no other relief for the people. Jehovah's kingdom will bring blessings to mankind beyond the fondest dreams of all. Let all the people now learn that Jehovah is the only true and Almighty God, from whom all blessings flow.

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> "That the clergymen of the Anglican church, contrary to their claim, do not in fact represent Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and His kingdom, but that they do represent and serve Satan the Devil and that thereby the people are deceived.
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> "I respectfully request that the radio commission of Canada provide the national radio facilities to broadcast this debate so that the public may determine whether the clergymen represent their best interests or not. The people are entitled to hear the facts. The clergy and the radio commission have no right to withhold the facts and prevent the people from hearing the truth. The radio presumably is to be used to broadcast matters of public interest, convenience and necessity."

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Canada's Impossible Radio Censor, Hector Charlesworth

JUDAS, had he wanted to make the most of his chosen course, might have remained alive and got himself appointed to some place in the Roman government where he could censor the words of Jesus' followers. Of course we do not know that Hector Charlesworth, Canada's bigoted radio censor, will ultimately come to the same fate as Judas. That remains to be seen. The Lord alone will judge him, but we can see the direction in which his course is leading him.

Judas committed suicide and thus cleansed somewhat the atmosphere of the community in which he had lived. We hope that Charlesworth may repent before he finally takes the irrevocable step of complete willful ambushment of those who are committed to the service of the Most High God.

As Judas' place in history is established almost entirely by his cowardly, treacherous and unprovoked attack upon the One who broke bread with him, so Hector Charlesworth is first noticed in another of the most small-souled acts ever perpetrated by anyone able to frame words into sentences. It is as the editor of the Toronto *Saturday Night* that he first draws attention to himself as the defender of the clergy, something, it would seem, that no honest and intelligent man can do.

Let Us Get the Setting

In July, 1927, there gathered in the city of Toronto an audience of 15,000 earnest men and women to listen to an address entitled "Freedom for the Peoples", by Judge J. F. Rutherford. That address was so important that those men and women and their friends subsequently placed more than fifty million copies of it in the hands of the people everywhere.

It was so important that for the first time in broadcasting history fifty-three stations, linked together in a coast-to-coast international hook-up, broadcast it to millions in many lands. The address centered around the following:

RESOLUTION

TO THE PEOPLES OF "CHRISTENDOM":

The International Bible Students in general convention assembled send greetings:

As Christians and witnesses to the name of Jehovah God, we deem it our privilege and duty to call your attention to the following vital facts:

FIRST: That God made of one blood all peoples and nations of men to dwell on the earth, and granted to all peoples equal rights. There is therefore no just cause or excuse for one nation to make war against another nation.

SECOND: That the foremost nations of the earth claim to be Christian nations and, taken collectively, they constitute "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so called; that the men chiefly responsible for the claim that these are Christian nations are the clergymen of the various religious denominations, who call themselves by the name of Christ but who in fact have denied Him; that their purpose of claiming that these nations are Christian is to induce the peoples to believe that said nations, although military and cruel, are the representatives of God and His Christ on earth; that such claim is fraudulent and false and has turned the minds of millions of honest people away from the true God and from His Christ; that the invisible ruler of the nations of "Christendom", or "organized Christianity", so called, is Satan the Devil, who has fathered the scheme of forming "organized Christianity" to deceive the people and to keep them in subjection to himself and his agencies.

That the masses of the peoples of the nations are entitled to self-government exercised by the people for the general welfare of all; but instead of enjoying such rights a small minority rules; that the money power of the world has been concentrated into the hands of a few men called high financiers, and these in turn have corrupted the men who make and execute the laws of the nations, and the faithless clergy have voluntarily joined forces with the high financiers and professional politicians, and that said unholy alliance constitutes the governing powers that rule the peoples; that the masses of the peoples, acting under a misapprehension of the true facts, have borne up, carried, supported and maintained "organized Christianity"; and that without the support of the common

people the unholy alliance constituting "organized Christianity" could not long exist.

THIRD: That for centuries the privileges enjoyed by men have been wholly unequal and unfair. The multitudes have produced the wealth of the world, but have been unjustly deprived of the fruits of their labors. That the leaders of "Christendom", instead of teaching the children of men the doctrines of Christ, whom they claim to follow, teach them to murder their fellow creatures; and that now the rulers are amalgamating the common people with the military, in order to make all the peoples a part of and subject to their great war machine; that by unjust laws the common people, contrary to their own wishes, have been compelled to go to war against each other, resulting in great sorrow and suffering, multitudes of broken hearts and millions of untimely graves; that "organized Christianity" has turned a deaf ear to the petitions and entreaties of the people for relief, and now the cries of the oppressed people have entered into the ears of Jehovah God, and His time is at hand to give the peoples deliverance and freedom.

FOURTH: That Jehovah is the only true God, the Friend and Benefactor of the peoples. He has now set His beloved Son Christ Jesus upon His throne, and bids all the peoples of earth to hear and to obey Him who is earth's rightful King.

FIFTH: That the kings and rulers of the earth, to wit, those constituting the said unholy alliance, have been duly notified that God has set His King upon His throne and that His kingdom is at hand; but they refuse to understand or to take heed, and they walk on in darkness. Therefore God has decreed and declared that there shall come upon the world a time of tribulation such as never was known; and that during that trouble "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", so called, and all of Satan's organization shall be destroyed; and that Christ Jesus, the righteous King, will assume complete authority and control and will bless the peoples of the earth.

SIXTH: That it must be now apparent to all thoughtful peoples that relief, comfort and blessings so much desired by them can never come from the unrighteous system of "Christendom" or "organized Christianity", and that there is no reason to give further support to that hypocritical and oppressive system. In this hour of perplexity Jehovah God bids the peoples to abandon and for ever forsake "Christendom" or "organized Christianity" and to turn completely away from it, because it is the Devil's organization, and to give it no support whatsoever; and that the peoples give their heart's devotion and allegiance wholly to Jehovah God and to His King and kingdom and receive full freedom and the blessings God has in store for them.

SEVENTH: For four thousand years the cherished desire of Jews has been God's Messianic kingdom. For nineteen centuries that kingdom has been the hope of real Christians. It is now at hand. True to His promise God by and through the reign of Christ will lift the burdens of the peoples, free them from war, fraud and oppression, from sickness, suffering and death and give to them a righteous government and the blessings of everlasting peace, prosperity, life, and happiness.

Hard to Match

This noble, courageous, true and faithful statement of facts, embodied in the remarkable address given on that occasion by Judge Rutherford, should have awakened a hearty response in every heart in the city in which he was then a guest, and did awaken such response in thousands, yes, millions, then and since.

But at that time, Hector Charlesworth was editor-in-chief of the Toronto *Saturday Night*. We prefer to let a Canadian tell what he thinks of that periodical, and in this connection readers will find the accompanying communication of Axel Nielsen of interest.

First, though, let us put in the record here the editorial for which Mr. Charlesworth is responsible, and which he doubtless wrote. It appeared in the *Saturday Night* issue of August 6, 1927, on "The Front Page", and for rare shamelessness it would be hard to match anywhere:

VISITING ORATORS TAKE NOTICE

RECENTLY Toronto had the doubtful honor of entertaining once more a heavy-jowled flannel-mouth known as "Judge" J. F. Rutherford, Grand Vizier of the "Russellites" or the International Bible Students' Association, together with some thousands of his followers. What the said Rutherford is a "Judge" of we do not know,—perhaps of cigars, perhaps of fat swine,—perhaps he is called "Judge" by way of persiflage, just as an elevator man is called "Cap". What we wish to emphasize is that "Judges" and wandering orators of the Rutherford type are unwelcome guests. This is we hope the last occasion on which the Russellite Chieftain and his mob of "students" will be allowed to misuse important civic property like the Canadian National Exhibition Grounds. The average international convention is more than welcome in Toronto but its citizens want no more "Russellite" gatherings here. Such conventions bring small gain, since most of the delegates travel in "tin lizzies" and bring their dough-nuts with them.

Rutherford is no stranger in Toronto. He comes round every once in a while heralded by a slogan of which he is the author: "Millions Now Living Will Never Die." There is no harm in his cherishing that delusion; but when he violates the law of hospitality by abuse of the British Empire (which he regards as a section of one of the beasts of the Apocalypse); when he traduces every reputable clergyman and every well-to-do citizen in the community, he is going a little too far. It is true that he is equally abusive of fellow citizens in the United States but let him stay on his own soil and hurl his mud there. This same Rutherford spent a term in a detention camp after the United States entered the Great War, and prior to that time

the "Russellites" had been in trouble with Canadian authorities because their extensive publishing department had sold out to Bernstorff and was caught in the act of distributing pro-German propaganda in Canadian towns and cities.

The war is over and peace-loving people are willing to let by-gones be by-gones, but they do object to wandering blatherskites and professional liars starting the war all over again on Canadian soil. That Rutherford is a lying demagogue is apparent from the text of his addresses, in which he exploits the old fallacy that there is one law for the rich and another for the poor, a condition which is certainly not true of Canada, or any part of the British Empire. Clerical dialecticians may be left to answer his attacks on Christianity and refute the charge that their master is Satan, if they wish. The day that the "common people" yield to his appeal and "forsake organized Christianity and its clergy as the instruments of the devil" will be a hey-day for Satan if that historic person still happens to be going about like a roaring lion. When the "Judge" indulges in tirades against capital and capitalists as oppressors of the common people, he not only prompts curiosity as to his own bank account, but utters a dangerous falsehood. It is true that there has been a great accumulation of capital in the hands of a comparatively small group, but it is also true, especially in America, that never have conditions been so good for the poor; never at any time in the history of mankind was labor so well rewarded, never was so much practical philanthropy practiced for the care of the weak and needy, never was so much capital freely available for the care and comfort of the underprivileged. Only a fool or a liar could deny these facts.

The reason this loquacious "Judge" has received so much attention of late is that he managed to bulldoze his way into control of the air during the progress of the Russellite convention of Toronto. He gave credit for this, not to himself, but to "Jehovah, the only true God," who, he said, had "graciously used the National Broadcasting Company for his divine purposes." The tribal god of the Russellites certainly gained no popularity with users of radio thereby; their deliberations were a nightly nuisance in the air. On the night of July 21st reputable fathers of families anxious to listen in on the progress of the Dempsey-Sharkey prize fight were kept out by the high power oratory at the Toronto Coliseum. On Sunday, July 24th, the religiously inclined were prevented from hearing their favorite message because the leather-lunged Rutherford had the air. Millions now living would rather die than be compelled to listen very often to his discourses.

"So They Elevated You"

That full censorship of radio broadcasting throughout the Dominion should be entrusted temporarily to the lace-skirted, reversed-collar fraternity of Canada is, of course, a development to be expected at this time in British Empire activity. But why must the fraternity hire one like Charlesworth? The answer is self-evident. Hand-picked for the job, he is, we presume, one of the few in the country to the north who could and would stoop to do the dirty work prescribed for him by the ecclesiastical frauds, and who would stop at nothing to gain his ends.

At this point we insert a letter from Mr. Axel Nielsen, of Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, Canada, addressed to us, together with a copy of his letter to the Canadian radio commission:

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The Golden Age,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

GENTLEMEN:

We have been deprived of Judge Rutherford's broadcasts by the asinine action of the much heralded Radio Commission which was to cure all our many broadcasting ills. However, the personnel was appointed by a reactionary premier, and in Canada Parliament does not censor appointments as in the case of the American Senate, or Hector Charlesworth, editor of a reactionary rag, would never have succeeded to the chairmanship of this important Commission.

Hector Charlesworth was for many years editor of Toronto *Saturday Night*, a weekly whose financial section is dominated by the crowd which is persecuting James Harpel, and the same War Babies who have secured control of Canadian finance, industry and insurance. The editorial portion of this paper, a front page feature, devotes itself zealously to the furtherance of all the forgotten bunk of kings and tyrants, class and privilege. As for the rest, it consists mainly of social chatter, marriages, photos of socially prominent persons, and all the snobs parade of these classes.

Saturday Night is a thoroughly wretched paper, but enlightened people do not deny this paper the right to preach their Middle Age doctrines. Still, the trouble with Canada is that the Press is modeled along the *Saturday Night* lines throughout, with mighty few exceptions, the Vancouver *Sun* being one of the few, if not the only major newspaper to permit Liberalism space in its columns. And now the radio is throttled by public ownership, of all things!

If the enclosed letter to Hector Charlesworth, together with this one to explain it further, could be reprinted in your paper I am sure many Canadians would appreciate the publicity which the Radio Commission's degenerate action deserves, and Americans might learn by our sad experiences and provide proper safeguards when it comes time for them to take over their own radio stations on a public basis.

Yours truly,
AXEL NIELSEN.

A LETTER TO THE CANADIAN RADIO COMMISSION

January 23, 1933

Hector Charlesworth, Esq.,
Chairman, Radio Commission,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR:

I used to admire you in the way one might admire the Devil for his ingenuity, no matter what I might think otherwise of either you or the Devil, for the hypocritical narratives in *Saturday Night* written or

selected by yourself. They must have been hard to write; for such things do not come from the heart, but rather must they spring from a taskmaster like gold, or the degradingly pleasant feeling of going downstream without effort.

And so they elevated you to the Radio Commission, where your aptitude for being thoroughly reactionary is to shine and adorn the ether; but not on my radio, thanks.

I got so fed up with Canadian stations that I forgot they were on the air until Judge Rutherford began to broadcast at convenient hours over the Canadian stations. I do not agree with the judge on all points, but his talks are very interesting, as apart from the bunk fed the Canadian public by men of your type, tutelage and vassalage.

The press gave considerable advance publicity to the speech promised Canadians, and to be delivered by His Majesty, George V. But the next time you busy yourself with this sort of thing, which is interesting mainly from the standpoint of conjecture as to just what sort of a mess can be made of it, please be more thoughtful of His Majesty's subjects. I object to getting up at 8:00 a.m. to hear George V or anyone else, even including yourself.

The real purpose of this letter is to let you know that I object, as a Canadian with a radio license, to a person of your connections and past, or any one person or a dozen persons or a thousand more, depriving me of the opportunity of listening to Judge Rutherford at such hours as happen to suit my convenience, which also happens to be during Canadian broadcasts.

However, I can still hear the judge from across the line, and his talks are sufficiently interesting to move me to some effort in the matter of subjugating my own convenience for the sake of hearing him. But now there remains no incentive whatsoever to listening in on Canadian stations, and I should therefore like my two dollars paid for a radio license refunded, as I am not receiving value for money paid out. I shall expect your remittance by return mail.

Yours truly,

AXEL NIELSEN.

"Of Tremendous Importance"

Since his departure from the sanctum of *Saturday Night* that paper seems to have materially improved. This is as we would expect, for we cannot imagine a human activity with which Hector Charlesworth could be connected that would not be uplifted somewhat by his departure from it.

In its issue of January 28, 1933, on its "Front Page", appears the following editorial which at least has the good sense to admit something that the three canine frauds of St. John, N. B., Mr. Charlesworth, and some other Canadians do not understand, namely, that "the question of the censorship of the air is one of tremendous importance, and one which will have to be seriously considered at some time *in the fairly near future*".

RADIO AND CENSORSHIP PROBLEMS

FEW Canadians, we imagine, will be greatly distressed at the news that the mellifluous voice of Judge Rutherford will no longer be transmitted from Canadian broadcasting stations until further inquiry has been made into the character of his utterances. The temporary banning of an entirely non-Canadian broadcast, sent out by an organization which has on previous occasions been under grave suspicion of anti-social tendencies, is not a serious matter. It is, however, very important that we should know in whose hands will rest the ultimate decision concerning not only Judge Rutherford but also any other broadcaster whose utterances may incur the disapproval of clergymen, statesmen or other influential persons in particular parts of this Dominion. The question of the censorship of the air is one of tremendous importance, and one which will have to be seriously considered at some time in the fairly near future, and it might well be linked up with the whole question of censorship in other fields of communication, which is in an extremely unsatisfactory condition.

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The Haste of the Pickpocket

It is quite natural that when a pickpocket has a job he should move with considerable rapidity lest he be caught; but if caught and brought into court, even the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer would hesitate to stand at the bar in his defense and try to solemnly say: "The question of picking the pockets of owners of radio broadcasting stations is one of tremendous importance, and one which will have to be seriously considered at some time *in the fairly near future.*"

The time to consider it is *now*. If Mr. Charlesworth wanted to have this matter looked into in an honest, upright way, why did he not have public hearings where all could have their say and Judge Rutherford could have an opportunity to answer his accusers? There has been nothing straightforward about the whole procedure.

A great wrong has been done by this narrow-minded censor. Our last issue suggests that he is probably a liar. That is quite reasonable, for anyone that will steal will lie, and in taking away from the owners of Canadian broadcasting stations the privilege of broadcasting Judge Ruth-

erford's lectures, Hector Charlesworth seems to us to have shown that he is to all intents and purposes a thief.

One of the Canadian stations sent Mr. Charlesworth a telegram stating, in effect, that "while we do not agree fully with Judge Rutherford's talks, we have failed to find anything of anti-social or communistic nature. The tenor of his broadcast is directed against other forms of religion and extolling his own creed which we would call fundamentalism. We believe we should accept broadcasts of all nature in the interests of free speech as long as they do not conflict with democratic government. In these times *the loss of revenue is a hardship upon us.*" Supplementing this telegram the station called up Mr. Charlesworth to get permission to continue the broadcast for at least two weeks anyway, and the answer was, "Not a chance."

It thus appears that a man who could write or approve such an article as the one entitled "Visiting Orators Take Notice" has been employed to defend the interests of the Anglican and other clergy of Canada against all comers. They need such a defender, being entirely unable themselves to meet and to answer Judge Rutherford's challenge that they are the employees of their father the Devil and doing his work in the earth.

Anyhow, Hector Charlesworth is now entitled also to wear a lace skirt and to put his collar on backwards.

Are the Canadian people going to stand for this; and if so, why?

Foreclosure Lawyers in Danger

IN A RIOT at Lemars, Iowa, a wealthy foreclosure lawyer came near losing his life at the hands of a gathering of hard-working dirt farmers who felt that he had been too brusque, provocative and contemptuous in his treatment of a farmer who had paid $40,000 on a property, which was more than it was worth, and then finally lost it all because he could not pay the interest on the $33,000 still due. The farmers dragged the fat lawyer backward down eighteen stone steps, overpowered sheriff and deputies, and only the wise counsel of older men prevented a tragedy. Now the state of Iowa is considering the revision of some of the foreclosure laws, which it should have done long ago. Before they get through with it, all the people in the world that have been living selfishly and cruelly are going to regret it. A man who makes his living buying property at delinquent tax sales and foreclosing properties so as to squeeze out hard-working farmers is in the Devil's own business.

But They Would Not Do It Here

FIFTEEN prominent churchmen, representing seven denominations, recently made a nine months' study of foreign missions. One of the things they recommend is as follows:

> Among the changes that are most often referred to by Christian leaders in the several countries as urgently needed if the church is to become an adequate organ of spiritual life, the one that would certainly come first would be a change away from sectarianism, and a narrow denominationalism, and in the direction of complete Christian cooperation. Missionaries who are to go out in the future ought to leave all their sectarian baggage behind and go out to work for a unified Christianity and a universal church. But much more than that is needed.

The only thing about this recommendation that bothers us is that we now have 213 denominations in this country, and how does it come that only seven of them were represented in an important recommendation like this? Probably every one of the 213 would have signed up. But abandon their sects here at home? Not on your life.

Coal Pickings

Synthetic Rubber in Russia

RUSSIA has two factories producing synthetic rubber from alcohol. A new source of supply has been found in a species of dandelion, which is said to contain in the stem and in the root all the properties of rubber.

Talking over a Beam of Light

IN THE Adirondacks, recently, scientists talked for fifteen minutes over a beam of light twenty-five miles long. Speech from the microphone was changed into electrical impulses and loaded upon the light waves, while apparatus at the other end reversed the process.

Distress Among "White-Collar" Men

DISTRESS among the "white-collar" men is growing rapidly. A year ago only 12.6 percent of those registered for relief in New York city were of this class, while this winter 28 percent of those registered for relief were of this class.

Free Electricity at Andover

ANDOVER, N. Y., has its own municipal power plant and, as a consequence of good management, was able to send out its December bills marked "Paid". Can you imagine a city in the hands of one of the Insull patriots as doing a thing like that?

Scrip Money in Evanston

EVANSTON, Illinois, is using successfully the scrip money advocated by Silvio Gesell and first mentioned in the United States by *The Golden Age*. At last accounts Chicago and Milwaukee were considering the adoption of this simple and effective means of financial relief.

311 Largest Net Incomes

FOR the year 1931 the 311 persons having the largest net incomes in the United States reported net incomes aggregating $303,575,777, an average of almost $1,000,000 a year apiece. Four of these had net incomes of more than $5,000,000 a year each.

Reduction in Railway Employees

AMERICAN railroads employed 2,100,000 persons in 1929; now they employ less than 1,000,000; and the statement is freely made that a total of 560,000 men could now handle the total volume of railway business that was handled in the year 1929 by nearly four times that number.

Europe's Largest Hotel

EUROPE'S largest hotel is in Moscow. It has 1,000 rooms and will accommodate 1,500 persons. A theater in the building seats 3,000. There are 20 elevators; the hotel garage houses 50 cars.

Razor Blades and Corn

IT COSTS 1c to make a razor blade, which sells at retail for 10c. It costs 50c to raise one bushel of corn, which sells at retail at 12c. Question: How many bushels of corn does a farmer have to raise to make sure his corpse will be properly shaved at the time of his funeral?

10% Tried to Obey the Law

OF FIFTY-FOUR New York canning plants visited, almost 10 percent, i.e., four plants out of the fifty-four, stated that they were trying to obey the code. The other fifty plants did as they pleased. The wages paid are shamefully low, in one instance running as low as 8c an hour for women.

Dr. Sacasa Elected in Nicaragua

SIX years ago the United States Government sent its marines into Nicaragua to prevent the election of Dr. Sacasa as president of that republic. Now, in an election supervised by the marines, Dr. Sacasa has been elected president and the marines will be withdrawn. Meantime, many marines and many Nicaraguans were slain, all to no purpose.

Kaiser May Return to Germany

THERE is now no legal obstacle in the way of the Kaiser Wilhelm's returning to Germany. He may do so at any time. To a recent convention which issued a monarchist call for his return he sent a telegram echoing the Savior's words "Without me ye can do nothing". Like all the rest of the world, it seems that he learned nothing from the World War.

Wild West Holdup in Philadelphia

PERHAPS the crowd of young men that staged a Wild West bank robbery in New York were the ones that did the same thing in Philadelphia a few days later, for exactly the same methods were pursued. They used sawed-off shotguns and tear-gas bombs and three automobiles, two of which were stolen. They secured $35,000.

Thousands Die of Starvation

ON THE basis of a survey made by the New York *Graphic*, the *Plain Talk* magazine estimates that 35,000 persons starved to death in the United States in the year 1932. That does not mean that they did not have some food, but they did not have sufficient to make the repairs necessary to keep going.

Filling the Pothole at Washington

IT SEEMS hard to fill the pothole at Washington. In a recent month the deficit was $227,941,129. In other words, a million people could live a year upon the amount of money the federal government is losing in a month. President Roosevelt is tackling a job that would baffle earth's wisest.

Prediction of Dictatorship

PAUL Y. ANDERSON, Washington correspondent of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*, in an address before the University Press Club of Michigan, predicted that an economic, if not political, dictatorship may be established within the next 18 months, with the suppressing of democratic institutions on the ground of necessity.

Singing and Dancing at an Execution

IT MAKES the shivers run down your spine when you read that the execution of the murderer of the French president took place in the open street, and that as preparations were being made to guillotine him men in dinner jackets and women in evening dress sang and laughed and danced around the guillotine.

The Alien in Hard Times

IN HARD times the alien has a much harder time than anybody else. This was illustrated in New York city in December, when 1,415 aliens were ousted from the city hospitals, on the ground that Americans must be looked after first. Every hospital employee not a citizen lost his job.

Roosevelt Anticipates 5,000,000 Jobless

IN AN address at the Metropolitan Club, New York, America's new president mentioned that he is quite well aware that even if every factory wheel in the United States starts turning at full speed the nation will still have to face the problem of what to do with 5,000,000 who would even then be unemployed.

85,000 New Saloons in France

BEFORE the World War there were 395,000 saloons in France; now there are 480,000, or one for every 84 persons in the country.

Wants Us to Think

THE *American Guardian* wants us to "think of shivering American women and children, competing with stray cats and homeless dogs for the food scraps in the garbage cans of our alleys, while responsible heads of government advocate the destruction of cotton, milch cows, and fruit orchards in the name of eliminating overproduction".

A Million Tramps in the South

GENERAL GLASSFORD, former superintendent of Washington city police, estimates that there are close to 1,000,000 unemployed men wandering through the southern states, 200,000 of whom are mere boys. State charities are in such a bad way that they are unable to care for this army. General Glassford would undertake the job if given federal backing.

Trans-Siberian Double-Tracked

QUIETLY and quickly the Soviet government has double-tracked the Trans-Siberian railroad. It is generally conceded that had this road been double-tracked in 1904 the Japanese would have had a much more difficult job on their hands than they actually did have in the Russo-Japanese war. Seems as if the Soviet government is looking back and looking ahead.

Farmers' Protective Association

NEAR Doylestown, Pa., members of the Farmers' Protective Association curbed outside bidding on the property of a man by the name of Hanzel. Horses were sold for 5c each, fifty chickens brought 3c, and his entire belongings came to only $1.18. Then the bidders leased the property back to Hanzel for ninety-nine years, rent free.

St. Louis Celebrates the New Year

ST. LOUIS celebrated the opening of the year 1933 in singular fashion. During the first sixteen days of the new year sixteen banks of the city, with aggregate deposits exceeding $15,000,000, closed their doors. In each case the directors gave the reason that withdrawals compelled the action so that the remaining depositors could be protected.

Winnipeg Closes Parochial Schools

THE Roman Catholic church has closed its twelve parochial schools in Winnipeg, and hereafter the kids at Winnipeg, and also at Ottawa will all go to the public schools, where they will have the same chance as all the rest. It won't be long now before they will be doing the same thing with the 213 kinds of churches. The Millennium is just around the corner.

A Dirty Trick on Brown

WHEN the congressional committee found that Postmaster General Brown had traded eight used post-office cars, plus $1,700, for a Lincoln car made with a special top so he could get into it without removing his silk hat, he begged them not to make their find public, and so they called in the newspaper men and told them all about it. And now everybody is laughing at Mr. Brown.

Starvation All over Germany

MEN, women and children by the million are on the very edge of starvation all over Germany. With 5,500,000 jobless, and an average of two persons dependent upon them, there are about 17,000,000 persons in Germany that are existing on allowances of $3.25 to $4.00 per month. Their food consists only of bread, potatoes, sometimes a little lard or margarine, some cabbage, and a taste of meat once a week.

Briton Holds Airplane Altitude Record

A BRITON, Captain Cyril Uwins, holds the airplane altitude record, having reached a height of 45,000 feet. He had to use a special oxygen-pumping apparatus and electrically heated goggles, gloves, shoes and clothing. It required four months to prepare for the trip, and five attempts were made before the record of 43,000 feet, previously held by a German, was surpassed.

Texas Fee System

THE way the fee system of rewarding politicians works out for the people was illustrated in Texas, where $179.60 of the people's money was paid in fees for handling a chicken theft case where the property in question was valued at $5. To get the fees involved the sheriff traveled 2,560 miles to serve subpœnas on 86 witnesses, and in the end the defendant was freed because of lack of evidence.

British Munition Makers

BRITAIN is now the world's chief exporter of arms and ammunition, having recently made large shipments of machine guns to Japan and of cartridges to both China and Japan. One of the leading stockholders in the Vickers-Armstrong company, the leading British armament concern, is the bishop of Hereford, with 1,010 shares. He is much interested in missionary work among the Chinese and Japanese.

Bank or Cheese Factory?

WHICH would you think more necessary to a community, a bank or a cheese factory? Leroy, Saskatchewan, lost its bank but kept its cheese factory. The farmers bring their milk to the factory and get cheese scrip. They take the scrip to the stores and buy what they need. The stores take their pay in cheese, good in any wholesale market, and so the town gets along nicely without any bank and without any money.

Another Healer Took the Service

ANYBODY who so desires may seek healing at the Church of the Ascension, Fifth avenue and Tenth street, New York. The other day its regular healing service was held at 5:30 in the afternoon. The chief healer could not come. He was home sick with a cold, but another healer took his place and just as much was accomplished as though the chief healer himself had been there.

Legionnaires Laughing at Archie

THE Legionnaires are laughing at Archibald Roosevelt because he is so excited about the annual cost of caring for disabled veterans. The cost, $767,857,000, seems like a considerable amount, yet it is considerably less than one thirty-second of the net income or profits of those who paid a federal income tax in the year 1928. Their profits that year amounted to $25,119,760,000.

Boyle Had the Right Idea

WILLIAM BOYLE, of Atlantic City, had the right idea of how to make a success of the police business. With two companions he broke into a haberdashery shop and stole $500 worth of merchandise. Where he made his slip was going to sleep on his beat, which cost him his job. Policemen who are thinking of going into the haberdashery business should be careful not to go to sleep while on police duty.

War Resisters in Holland

WAR resisters in Holland are now given a uniform sentence of ten months in prison, after which they are free of all military duties and not again arrested on war resistance charges.

Corn as Fuel in South Dakota

WHILE, pound for pound, corn has only half the heating value of soft coal, yet at 10c a bushel, which is the going price in the Dakotas, it is considerably more profitable to burn than the coal. This winter the farmers are denuding the woodlots for fuel. One man has started a business of baling thistles, and finds that a three-pound brick, which will fit nicely into his range, will give a good fire for half an hour.

Wheat the Lowest in 300 Years

WHEAT at prices from 20c to 30c, in the latter part of October, was the lowest in 300 years, and is considerably less than the cost of production. Moreover, the yield per acre this year was very light, averaging only 12.8 bushels for the whole United States, so that the average gross income per acre, $4.43, was often not more than enough to pay the interest on the mortgage, leaving nothing whatever for the farmer's other numerous and heavy obligations.

Dividends to Banks

IN the depression year of 1932 the First National bank of New York paid 100-percent dividends and the 24 leading banks of the city averaged to pay dividends of 16 percent. The twelve largest banks of Pittsburgh paid average dividends of 22 percent. Much of the work in which these banks are interested is now done by machinery, and the wages which used to go to the men now go in dividends to the men who own the machines.

British Broadcasting Company Narrow

IN ORDER to more fully prove to all the people in the British Isles and elsewhere that it has no desire or intention to do the right thing, the British Broadcasting Company, while permitting broadcasts of political speeches of the Conservatives and Liberals, refused to allow the Labor party to participate similarly. This same company refused to permit Judge Rutherford to speak because the official Board of Hypocrites disapproved.

Canal Across Northern Russia

RUSSIA has an important new canal nearly ready for traffic. It reaches from Leningrad to the White sea and is intended to make the industrial region of northern Russia less dependent on Arctic navigation.

Uncle Sam's Export Business Gone

IN 1920, in the first eleven months of the calendar year, Uncle Sam's export business was over seven and one-half billion dollars; in the first eleven months of 1929 it was still almost five billions; in the first eleven months of 1930 it was three and one-half billions; in 1931 it had shrunk to two and one-quarter billions; and in 1932 it was less than one and one-half billions, with imports still smaller in every case.

Borough President Has a Bad Tenant

SAMUEL LEVY, borough president of Manhattan, has quite a bad tenant in one of his properties in the case of one Harry Collins, alleged speak-easy proprietor. The place has been raided nine times, and padlocked twice, since 1928, and now the court wants to padlock it again and can't find the recreant tenant. They found the landlord, but he says he is entirely innocent and wants to get rid of his speak-easy tenant too.

North Dakota Potatoes for Manitoba

BECAUSE their neighbors in Manitoba had a crop failure, and were in need of food, North Dakota farmers who could not sell their potatoes for enough to pay the cost of digging offered the potatoes free if the Manitobans would come across the line and dig them. But the Canadian minister of national revenue refused permission, as there is a duty of 46c a bushel on potatoes entering Canada from the United States.

Thirty-Hour Week Impends

THE six-hour day and the five-day week are recommended by the American Federation of Labor Shorter Workday Committee. They say: "It must come. There is no other way." They go on to make the further point that there must be no cut in wages. Meantime, businesses everywhere are cutting wages right and left, even at the longer hours worked. The six-hour day applied to railroads would increase expense of operations of railroads by $630,000,000 annually.

Siberiakov III Reaches Yokohama

THE year 1932 is distinguished in that, among other things, for the first time in history, in a single season, a ship, the Soviet icebreaker Siberiakov III, made the journey by way of the Arctic ocean all the way from Archangel to Yokohama. We expect to see the time when this will be one of the standard transportation routes of the world. It may take 200 years yet, but the Arctic ice is melting and sometime will be relatively much less plentiful and less dangerous than now.

The Din of Battle at Memphis

THE din of battle is on in the Central Baptist church of Memphis. The most we know at this distance is that the congregation had a five-hour fight led by a brother who the week before had prayed that the Lord would help the congregation to settle their troubles without doing anything they would be sorry for. When they got to fighting with fists about the pastor's using church funds to keep a pink-haired lady out of jail, the police were called in, and that is how the prayer was answered, if it was answered.

Europe's Idleness Increases

WITH the exception of Poland and Russia, idleness is increasing all over Europe. One of the worst situations is in southern Ireland, which has lost its best and almost its only market, England, by adhering to the shortsighted, antagonistic policies of De Valera, the troublemaker. At the close of 1932 Germany's unemployed totaled 5,773,000. All together, it is estimated officially by the International Labor Office, 30,000,000 of the world's workers are idle, with 150,000,000 suffering because of their lack of employment.

"Blessed Are the Merciful"

IN ROCKFORD, Illinois, December 14, 1932, Reverend D. L. Lower, pastor of the Free Methodist church of Rock Island, Illinois, caused the eviction from premises which he owns of a man, his wife and five children, who knew not where to go to lay their heads. The man, an honorable and respected citizen, pleaded to be permitted to remain on payment of $10 per month during the bitter winter weather, but his plea was refused. The more things like this that happen, to help the people see the plain truth that the clergy are not Christians, but hypocrites, the better.

The German Auto Train a Great Success

THE German auto train is a great success. It consists of two sections, closely coupled and vestibuled over a special truck, seats 102 passengers, and drives in either direction. The ends are streamlined, even to the headlights. It is driven by Diesel motors. On the trial run an average of 76 miles an hour was obtained, with a maximum speed of 96 miles an hour. It is hoped to run these trains at intervals of every half hour on the main lines, and recapture much of the bus and airplane travel. The train has a baggage and a refreshment room.

Fifty Years of YMCA "Character Building"

THE Y.M.C.A. has just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of "character building among boys". In Denver the police tried to locate a poor man whose sick wife had committed suicide in a hotel, but when they went to the Y.M.C.A. to find him they discovered that he had been locked out of his room because he was unable to pay his rent. If you have the money to pay your dues you can get your "character built" just as well in a Y.M.C.A. as anywhere, and if you can pay your rent you can get a room besides; but if you have no money, then it is nix on the character stuff or the room either.

How About the Post-War Debts?

AFTER the armistice was signed the United States, in addition to all the huge sums loaned during the World War itself, was fool enough to loan the European governments $3,261,000,000. This huge sum, and more too, has been used since that time to make fresh armaments. The total payments Europe has made on the so-called "war debts" to date, including those made in December, 1932, amount, all together, to but $2,726,686,000, so that Europe may as well stop talking about paying war debts. They have not even paid the *post*-war debts by $534,314,000, and, at the moment, there is no likelihood they will pay even that relatively small balance of the debts they contracted since the war. Uncle Sam has beggared himself to arm the gangsters of creation. Just to complete the record: The ones that paid in December were Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Finland, Italy, Lithuania, and Latvia. The ones that defaulted were France, Belgium, Hungary, Poland and Estonia.

"Anchored Within the Vail"

REVEREND ARCHIBALD R. MANSFIELD, D.D., is anchored within the vail. It says so on his letterhead. Or, at least, if he is not anchored within the vail, the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, of which he is superintendent, is anchored there, and the superintendent would naturally be where his works are located. Just what it means to be "anchored within the vail", where nothing can break in to disturb your slumbers, not even so much as an idea, becomes apparent when one reflects on the full significance of the following letter, which Mr. Mansfield wrote to one of Jehovah's witnesses who thought to honor Jehovah's name by leaving in the institute a little information about God's kingdom, the hope of the world:

"A member of my staff has called my attention to your desire to distribute certain leaflets in the reading room of this building of the Seamen's Church Institute of New York. This cannot and will not be permitted under any circumstances, for the good and sufficient policy adopted by this Institute a long time ago regarding matters of this sort. We are appealed to constantly for this kind of privilege by Bible and missionary societies, professional institutions such as dentists, doctors, lawyers, clothiers, etc., etc. This Institute has consistently fought exploitation of its guests, whether good or bad. I trust you understand our definite position in this matter. If not, I am very sorry."

In Massachusetts Last Year

IN MASSACHUSETTS, in the year 1932, the First National Bank of Boston, on holdings of $10,000 worth of 9% Telephone stock, paid in taxes exactly nothing. In the same year the great banking firm of Lee, Higginson & Company, that shone so brilliantly in the Kreuger bust-up, on holdings of $10,000 worth of 5% Standard Oil stock, paid $30. And in the same year the citizen of Boston who had $10,000 invested in a home paid taxes on that home of $355.

Maybe you wonder why the First National Bank of Boston did not pay $355 on its $10,000 of Telephone stock; or maybe you wonder why Lee, Higginson & Company did not pay $325 more than it did on its holdings of Standard Oil stock. Friend, do you suppose Big Business maintains its legislatures with the aim of equalizing the burdens of all its citizens?

If you desire further information on this subject, you can get it, probably, by looking up conditions in your own state or city. Five sixths of all wealth is intangible, and, all together, pays but one tenth of the taxes. The one sixth of wealth that is tangible, i.e., homes, land, buildings, factories and machinery, pays two thirds of all the taxes.

Preparing the Public Mind

THE public mind is being prepared for a strong administration in which, if we may judge from current events, Alfred Smith and the Roman Catholic church will have a big part to play. Colonel House, former adviser to President Wilson, has been writing magazine articles, "Do We Need a Dictator?" In New York the new mayor, John P. O'Brien, received in regal style Martin H. Carmody, supreme head of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. O'Brien says that the new mayor of New York (himself) "has a chin" and intends to make it hot for socialists and other outspoken critics of the capitalist system. It all helps us to see that vigorous times are ahead. Meantime, the secretary of the Taxicab Chamber of Commerce says that the books of the taxi companies disclose graft payments of $3 to $100 a month to the police of greater New York, and, oh yes, the mayor has addressed a meeting to rally Catholic men to the cause of Catholic Action. Looks to us as if they are too active already, but maybe we must have another outburst of action before they finally quiet down for keeps.

Stamp Currency Attracting Attention

THE stamp currency, first suggested by Silvio Gesell, and first mentioned in America by *The Golden Age,* is proving practicable wherever used, and is now attracting considerable attention. It worked well in Schwanenkirchen, Germany, Woergl, Austria, and Hawarden, Iowa. What it does is to enable the common people to live and do business with one another while the Big Business crowd, so well represented by Ivar Kreuger, Samuel Insull, and other men of that type, are fiddling with the keys to their strong boxes and trying to decide whether to go straight and give America a fair deal or to beat it by the first boat to Europe. That the big fellows have all the money is very apparent. When the government wants to borrow at almost no interest at all, they have it to loan by the billion. If they had given their workmen a fair deal in the days of prosperity, the country would not now be in its present miserable condition.

The Handwriting on the Wall *By C. A. Turner, Inc. (Pa.)*

JUST before the fall of an ancient empire, when one thousand of its leaders were seated at a banquet, confident of their power, a spectral hand appeared on the wall and wrote some strange words that none of them could understand but when interpreted read "You have been weighed in the balance and found wanting". Current events have been writing warnings that we cannot continue to ignore. Can you interpret the full meaning of these strange words appearing in the daily press: "Ten million unemployed"; "eight million speakeasies"; "beggars riding in autos"; "thousands of murders and no convictions"; "graft in high office"; "foreigner bombs house"; "special privilege for the few"; "food rotting on the farm and starvation in the city"; "one billion dollars hoarded"; "90 percent of the wealth owned by 5 percent of the people"; "average worker pays $500 per year in taxes"; "foreigners use machine gun"; "every eighth worker paid with tax money"; "transportation rates high and commerce stifled"; "more autos on the road than jobs in the nation"; "police linked with crime"; "Justice blind"?

What Our Atheistic Colleges Accomplish

(By Albert L. Scott, New York, Chairman, Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry)

THE returned students of China, India and Japan, after their period of study in the West, and to almost an equal extent the graduates of the higher institutions of learning in these countries, have become accustomed to a type of teaching and to a method of interpretation that are quite different from those that prevail in ordinary church services.

The whole drift of the mental processes of these students is likely to make them impatient with views of life that are out of adjustment with scientific thought and that are promulgated by mere assertion of opinion.

The total effect has been a slowing down of the Christian movement within intellectual circles. It has become more difficult to bring students to a decision to adopt the Christian faith and to identify themselves with the Christian church.

Recipe for Pneumonia

By Mrs. L. M. Griffith (Missouri)

(Approved by Eric W. Powell)

TAKE six to ten onions, according to size, and chop them fine. Add about the same quantity of rye meal, and vinegar enough to form a thick paste. Stir thoroughly, letting it simmer from five to ten minutes. Then put the mixture into a cotton bag large enough to cover the lungs, and apply to the chest as hot as the patient can bear it. Before this gets cold, apply another; and then continue by reheating the poultices.

In a few hours the patient should be out of danger. Usually three or four applications will be sufficient; but continue treatment until perspiration starts from the chest.

Feet should be kept warm while undergoing this treatment, and the room free from draughts. Comfrey root tea would also be helpful; half a cup every three hours with a little honey added, and a small pinch of powdered ginger root.

Lockjaw After Vaccination

(Copy of editorial in the St. Louis *Star and Times*, September 6, 1932)

A 5-YEAR-OLD boy in Washington, D.C., has just died of lockjaw following vaccination. Cases of that kind are not infrequent. They are reported often enough, in St. Louis and elsewhere, to emphasize the almost criminal folly of sticking to a medical practice whose need, admitting it once existed, has largely disappeared. The coroner is investigating this death. That will not bring this boy to life. Smallpox as a dangerous disease has almost disappeared. The likelihood is that it would have disappeared if vaccination never had been heard of. Cleaner living stopped it. Compulsory vaccination where modern civilization exists is an anachronism. The devotion to it can be explained only as worshiping a medical fetish. Let those who want to take the risk take it if they choose. The rest should be permitted to get along without.

Another Aluminum Death *By Dr. Julia C. Eberle (Indiana)*

THE following is a clipping from a recent issue of the Indianapolis *Daily Star:*

OFFICIAL PROBES DEATH OF CHILD

Myers Studies Circumstances in Case — Parents Declare Aid Refused.

Death of Helen May Oliver, 12 years old, 3048 Lancaster street, whose parents alleged they were unable to obtain medical assistance from the City hospital, was being investigated yesterday by Dr. Charles W. Myers, superintendent of the institution.

The parents, Dr. Myers said, apparently did not realize the gravity of the child's condition. An aunt of the child, Mrs. Elsie Poliquin, 3058 Lancaster street, called the hospital by telephone Tuesday afternoon and was told, she said, that a physician could not be sent until the next morning.

She called again at 6:30 o'clock and after describing the child's symptoms, was instructed what treatment to administer and told if no improvement was noted to call again and a physician would be sent, Dr. Myers said. He also declared no other call was received regarding the girl after that until she died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mrs. Poliquin asserted that she called the hospital early yesterday before the child died and informed the person she talked with that the case had reached an emergency stage. She then called police and when Radio Patrolmen Mangus and Yates arrived the child was dead.

An autopsy by Dr. John E. Wyttenbach, deputy coroner, revealed that the child died of peritonitis which had resulted from appendicitis and a ruptured stomach. The child became ill Monday and it was at first believed that she was suffering an ordinary "stomach ache". Other members of the family also became ill, it was said, after eating beans with which meat was cooked. The child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Oliver, and the family depend upon the township trustee for support. Oliver has been without employment for some time. There are four other children, John, 10; Virginia, 5; Junior, 3; and Rosemary, 5 months old.

A visit was made at this home the day following the funeral of this twelve-year-old girl. The only cooking utensil in the home was a perforated aluminum kettle in which the food of this family was prepared. Another of the family nearly died. The parents described to me the symptoms of this girl and with a certainty I diagnosed it poisoning from aluminum. I purchased some good graniteware to take the place of the wretched, worn-out kettle.

Brooklyn Edison Company *By Eliot White (New York)*

ELIMINATING the dividends and capital charges of the Brooklyn Edison Company from their electric bill would give Brooklyn citizens four months' free service every year!

Brooklyn pays double the average rates of more than twenty metropolitan districts. For thirty years Brooklyn Edison Company has enjoyed full 8-percent dividends, panics and depressions included. Brooklyn citizens paid the bill! Ten years ago Edison dividends were $1,400,000 a year. They paid that bill! The Edison system spent $5,000,000 fighting lower rates. Brooklyn citizens paid that bill too! Now the dividends are $10,000,000 a year, and the citizens pay that bill! At their expense $50,000,000 in reserves and surplus has been accumulated and interest is paid on $70,000,000 in bond issues.

The depression came and high rates continue. Five thousand employees were laid off by Brooklyn Edison, with a saving of $7,500,000 a year in wages. But the citizens still get the bill, and while Brooklyn Edison paid out $18,800,000 in dividends. Brooklyn Edison wants them to pay another $10,000,000 dividend bill in 1933.

$3,800 a Year to Care for a Horse

WHO wants a job of caring for a horse, for $3,800 a year? That is what it cost New York city per horse, to take care of some 200 horses in the Department of Sanitation under the Walker regime. Only 21 of the horses were in condition to work, despite the $75,000 a year paid to the veterinarians and drivers supposed to look after them. Actually, none of them worked; and now, in the current spasm of fear, but not of righteousness, the whole lot of them have been sold for about $11 apiece—the final graft.

After at Least Five Scalps in Pasadena

THE Union Mission, of Pasadena, California, in literature telling the good things it does do, tells of some of the bad things it does not do, in the following language, and we cannot help but wonder what they mean.

"This mission does not use the free contributions of thousands of dollars' worth of clothing, furniture, stoves, shoes, and many other necessary articles, to establish a commercial center, or second-hand store, by which to run an unfair system of competition with the other merchants of this city, and then get help from the Community Chest; does not conduct a woodyard with unpaid labor, and then sell the wood in competition with the regular woodyard dealers, and then dip into the Community Chest; does not charge for the service it renders the needy. This Mission does not compel men to work for their meals and bed, and then publish that this service 'was given', and then put its hand in the Community Chest; does not park on the street corners under a special begging license for public help, and then appeal to the Community Chest for funds.

"While thousands of men, women and children in and about Pasadena are in dire need, but respectable citizens, many thousands of dollars are being spent here in Pasadena through charity agencies that do not touch this greatest need.

"Samples of such expenditures: No. 1. 'Conducts summer vacation camps at Catalina Island.' No. 2. 'Constructive leisure-time activities, especially out-of-doors.' No. 3. 'Conducts summer camps in the San Bernardino National Forest.' No. 4. 'Training in correct use of leisure time, and conducts camps at Camp Duquesne, Big Pines.' No. 5. 'Teaching service to others, and promoting world peace by assisting children to exchange letters and portfolios with children in nineteen other countries.'

"And yet in the face of what seems to us needless squandering of charity funds the Union Mission, which has been turned down by the Community Chest, has served about 5,000 meals to needy men, women and children in the last 37 days, and 140,000 meals in the past six years. But the Mission is told by the Chest that it does not qualify, while the interests carrying out these wonderful summer frolics, and other non-essentials, qualify. The second-hand charity goods organization also qualifies."

The New Child Health Creed *By H. B. Anderson (N. Y.)*

THAT children in the public schools are entitled to hear more about health and less about disease.

That every child whose parents adhere to natural methods of healing shall be entitled to the benefits of such treatment without medical interference in school or home, provided he or she has no contagious or infectious disease.

That it is just as essential to guard children against medical commercialization as it is to guard against any other form of exploitation.

That the safety of the public school system demands that it shall not be used for carrying out medical experiments on children.

That no form of medical treatment is so perfect that it is safe to use public institutions for its exploitation.

That no vaccine or serum can take the place of fresh air, sunshine, food and sanitary surroundings.

That the public funds now being used for the promotion of controversial forms of medical treatment should revert to the taxpayers or be used for sound public health work.

And that in furnishing relief to the poor the Government allow the individual to select whatever form of treatment he desires, provided such treatment is authorized by the State.

Aluminum Cooking Utensil Testimonial

IN TWENTY years the cancer death rate in England has increased by 20 percent. One person in seven over the age of 35 dies from cancer. The cancer death rate today is five times what it was before aluminum cooking utensils came into vogue. The doctors don't know what causes such a prodigious increase in cancer deaths. All they are sure of is that aluminum utensils are, positively, perfectly safe. Meantime, eat all your food out of aluminum, see your doctor twice a year, and your undertaker soon.

"Thou Shalt Not Kill" *By Keith S. Phillips*

(This editorial which appeared in the New York *Daily Mirror*, suggests to us that Mr. Phillips has been reading Judge Rutherford's books or at least listening to his radio talks.)

"THIS is an editorial addressed to the young man who asked for an opinion of clergymen who preached young men into the World War when one of God's commandments is 'Thou shalt not kill'. I use the Word of God as my authority in denouncing the clergy, and defy them to get around it in any way.

"If the young man will take his Bible and read John 8:44, he will find his answer, for it says, 'Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.'

"Now are not these same clergy that preached 'Kill!' in the World War murderers; were they not pursuing the lusts of their father, who was a murderer from the beginning? And note well that it labels the Devil a liar and the father of it. The clergy of today get up in their pulpits and say 'There is no death. Death is a continuation of life.'

"Did not Satan say, 'Thou shalt not surely die,' in the very teeth of God's statement, 'Thou shalt surely die'? The clergy claim to represent God's kingdom upon earth, but are actually servants of the Devil, as set forth in John 8:44, as quoted above. Christ charged the clergy of His day as being like 'whited sepulchres', and 'a generation of vipers'. How truly that pictures the clergy of today.

"When God cast Israel from Him and permitted the Gentile nations to rule the earth, many of these nations adopted a religion and called it 'Christian'. The men who rule the nations today are anything but followers of Christ. Christ Jesus is the 'Prince of Peace'. He restated His Father's commandment, 'Thou shalt not kill.' When the World War came these so-called Christian nations not only indulged in that war, but enacted laws compelling young men to go to war and kill each other.

"In the face of these facts, can you believe that God listens to the prayers of these leaders who knelt before going to battle to do the very things He commanded them not to do? I have no doubt that if any of the clergy will answer this they will say 'It's a lot of piffle'. But I'll remind them that they are referring to the Word of God and not to me."

German Fascism and the Churches

(From *Saturday Evening Post* of October 22)

"THE National Socialists will change all that," a Nazi assured me one day. "They will restore German morality." I asked how, but the answer was more verbose than factual. I did manage to glean from it, however, that the Nazis stood behind the churches; and indeed it is true that withdrawal from churches in Germany is becoming increasingly difficult. To do so in the town I know entails giving written and spoken reasons not only to one's pastor but to a committee from the local government and to a responsible individual assigned by this committee to speak with the erring member by appointment. Follows a definite period on which to "think over" the matter, and finally, if the member persists, permission is given, accompanied by release from the necessity of paying compulsory church taxes, but also by refusal to permit the withdrawn member ever to set foot within a church door again, even as a guest at a wedding. From this astonishing piece of compulsion hangs the phenomenon of empty churches all over the land, but a large membership list and wholly satisfactory financial returns.

(The foregoing is interesting because of the claimed intent of Fascism to spread itself over the world and to take over all government functions. Fascism is anarchy, backed by Big Business and in collusion with the church. It despises constitutions and the laws of the people.—*Ed.*)

Public School System in Alabama

IN THE state of Alabama, this year, 200,000 children of school age in twenty-five of the sixty-seven counties are being deprived of an education because these counties had no money and were forced to close the schools.

The Value of Toxin-Antitoxin

THE following cases are taken from an article by R. W. Lamson, Ph.D. (*Journal of American Medical Association*, April 5, 1924):

(a) "Antitoxin was given into the left side of the abdomen, and immediately the patient said she felt a lump in her stomach; 5 minutes later she complained of tingling and became restless; . . . heart beat three minutes longer; death in 8 minutes.

(b) "Six to 8 minutes after the injection, he complained of generalized itching . . . a severe convulsion was followed by death in 35 minutes.

(c) "Clinical diagnosis of diphtheria was made by two physicians; serum injected slowly under scapula; immediately after this the patient clutched at his throat, gave one or two choking coughs . . . death in 6 minutes.

(d) "Strong, healthy child; no further data; died in 5 minutes.

(e) "Patient with about 100 other boys, given a prophylactic injection of antitoxin . . . death in 20 minutes.

(f) "Sore throat for twelve hours; . . . 5 minutes after the injection of the serum he became restless . . . heart beat for 15 minutes after respiration ceased.

(g) "Serum given subcutaneously; 2 minutes later he complained that 'it had gone to his stomach'; he began to choke, . . . and collapsed; death in 5 minutes.

(h) "Possibly a mild diphtheria; child normal in appearance; father had hay-fever; serum was given intramuscularly; death almost instantaneous.

(i) "Postdiphtheric paralysis of legs and palate; after 5 weeks, several doses of antitoxin were given subcutaneously 2 to 3 days apart; 10 hours after the last injection she became very weak . . . death in 12 hours.

(j) "Patient had diphtheria some time previously; now given a prophylactic dose of serum; in a few minutes fell from chair and died in 10 minutes.

"The treatment of asthma with diphtheria antitoxin or normal horse serum resulted in five deaths.

"In 27 cases, death occurred from 10 to 15 minutes after the injection, and in five other instances from 20 to 35 minutes. Thus, it is seen that in a majority of the cases death follows in a very short time.

"Anaphylaxis following injection of a prophylactic dose of 1000 units of antitoxin. The girl had no previous injection of any sort. . . . Death occurred within 5 minutes after the injection."

The World like a Powder Magazine

IN A PUBLIC address in South Wales in October, 1932, Lloyd George said:

There are more serious misunderstandings of the kind that make wars at this moment in every continent than I can ever recall in the whole of my life, and the organizations that not merely make war, but make for war, are more powerful and more potent than they ever were.

There were millions of people who faced all the horrors of war with inconceivable courage and fortitude, in July and August, 1914, and yet they could not find two men who had the courage to face the taunts and jeers which would have greeted them if they had tried to make peace.

I tell you that from my knowledge of the machinery of war it is more terrible than it was in 1914, when it very nearly wrecked civilization. War, always an assassin, has today become a poisoner.

There are today more quarrels among the nations than anyone can recall in human history. Today the nations are foolishly and feverishly preparing as though war were at hand.

This is going on in every country on earth. Great armaments are everywhere. Arsenals are working as though war were at hand and as if one could hear the rumble of the artillery approaching the battlefields.

I was one of the signatories to the Treaty of Versailles, one of the four framers. We incorporated in that Treaty disarmament proposals for Germany, but we also gave a guarantee to Germany that if she disarmed in accordance with the conditions of the Treaty we should follow her example. We have not done it. It is a shame. When that document was signed the majority of the signatories had no intention of carrying it out. Before the ink was dry they were making arrangements for creating new armies, and they have created them. Germany has the feeling she has been duped. She feels quite frankly that she has been deceived, cheated.

The League of Nations is today on the point of foundering. Germany demands general disarmament or German re-armament. France will agree to neither. Japan defies the world over Manchuria. Geneva twiddles its thumbs in despair.

Physical and Climatic Phenomena Characteristic of Southern Africa

By P. J. de Jager

NOW that we are approaching the Zambezi and have the prospect of seeing the famous Victoria falls within less than a fortnight, my mind reverts to a description I read of the general formation of the continent of Africa and the resultant climatic and physical conditions prevailing in certain parts by the late Professor Schwarz of Grahamstown.

Africa, for the most part, is a high plateau in the interior with low-lying strips of country along its coasts. The northern part of the continent is an exception. The result is that its rivers, generally, in their descent to the sea, dash down cataracts and waterfalls to get to sea level from their high source levels. Consequently few of them are navigable, and that, for the most part, only for short distances. As the plateau has an escarpment facing the coastline, the mountain ranges generally are different from the "folded" type of Europe. Only the Atlas mountains, in North Africa, prove an exception and belong to the Alpine group or folds, in their comparative neighborhood.

Anyone who has crossed the mountain ranges of South Africa, facing the sea, from the direction of the coast or the reverse direction, will be struck with how the ascent from west, south or east is steep and sharp, with only a slight descent on the opposite side. This is especially marked near Van Rhynsdorp on the west, and the Drakensbergen on the east, which divide Natal and Orange Free State.

South Africa (in the Cape province) has this further distinctive feature, that the ascent from south to north is three distinct terraces of plateaus separated from one another and from the coastal belt by three such escarpments.

These mountain escarpments have this effect, viz., that the seasonal north-west and south-east winds beat against their coastal edges and, in rising, deposit most or all of their moisture on the coastal belts. The result is great periods of droughts from time to time in the interior, especially in the Karroo belts of the Cape province (which climatic and physical conditions the clergy of the country ignore when they urge the people to confess special guilt before God, which brought on these "visitations", while their kinsfolk in the coastal belts, who no doubt are no better or more devoted to the Creator, get their rains in season practically without fail).

Now Professor Schwarz maintained that this formation of Africa is responsible for its great deserts and for a general desiccating process which he claimed was in progress. Thus, for instance, he maintained that remnants of past vegetation in the Kalahari prove that it was not always the vast desert it now is. The Zambezi river, among others, gradually encroached on the waters that once flowed via the Kalahari inland lakes into the Orange river, which runs westward into the Atlantic ocean. The Zambezi now conveys them eastward with thunderous roar over the Victoria falls into the Indian ocean. Not only has the Kalahari been "robbed" thereby, but the northwester wind, which passes over the cold waters of the Antarctic Current along the west coast of southern Africa is not laden with overmuch moisture, on account of the low temperature. It deposits hardly any rain on the Namib desert, in southwestern Africa, the land surface being hotter than the air. When it rises to the highlands of southwestern Africa it does, as a rule, deposit some moisture, on account of the colder levels reached. In the days when the Kalahari lake system was bountifully fed by the heavy rains on the high plateau of south-central Africa, the wind in its further course received a fresh supply of moisture, which resulted in beneficent showers for the interior of southern Africa. Livingstone in his day still wrote of Lake Ngami as an inland sea, while now it is no more than a bed of marshy reeds.

Now that the Zambezi has "robbed" these waters to carry them by course eastward, the result is a dry wind all along the way, and great drought periods for the interior.

Professor Schwarz maintained that by constructing a few comparatively small dams to check this flow of waters from the Kalahari the pristine water courses would again convey their supplies into the "saucer-like" formation of the desert region and neighborhood, with the resultant revival of the former water supplies there and an increase in the rainfall of South Africa. This he maintained would provide homes for the "poor whites" of South Africa and help to solve that problem.

There has also been talk, and still is, among the natives in the neighborhood of Ngami, of opening up the silted water courses once feeding it and restoring the prosperity they knew

when water was abundant there; for the Okovango river still flows into that region, but dissipates its waters along various channels. In flood seasons it sometimes overflows into the Zambezi. At times it also passes some of its waters into the Botletle river, which flows into the Makari-kari pan, the new center of the Kalahari water system. It sometimes happens, however, that the Makari-kari pan is fed by rivers in flood from the west when the Okovango is low. Then the Botletle becomes an outlet instead. This river, therefore, is an oddity, in that it flows alternately in either direction.

Closely related to the evident dislocation of the original flow of waters into the Kalahari is another peculiarity of the African continent, according to some recently advanced theories. It is believed that lakes Nyasa, Tanganyika, Edward and Albert, etc., lie in a great rift which is further traceable in what is commonly spoken of as the "Rift Valley" in Kenya, a crack in the African continent which extends northward through the Red sea and right into the Dead sea and Jordan valley. It has been further advanced that this great crack has caused a subsidence in the crust of the earth in south-central Africa which seriously dislocated the water system of the present Kalahari. Consequently the Chobe river, which it is believed once flowed through the Kalahari region into the Orange river to the south, has now become an important affluent of the Zambezi.

No doubt the commission of 1926 considers the dislocation of the original water system of the Kalahari on account of this probable subsidence mentioned above too serious to allow of an easy restoration of their original course as was believed in by Professor Schwarz.

Witnessing in Rhodesia *By Ronald V. Snashall*

TOGETHER with three other pioneers, I am witnessing in Rhodesia. Since our arrival from the Union, a week ago, we have encountered considerable difficulties. Today we were ordered before the police for trading without a license, and we are still awaiting developments.

The people here are pro-British and anti-American in the extreme, but sometimes I gently inquire where they got the Ford car from!

Although I am only eighteen I have been a reader of *The Golden Age* for several years. I want also to take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of it. I am confident that it is being used to give a mighty witness to the people. I am very grateful, too, for the health articles. Two of South Africa's leading physical culturists are subscribers for *The Golden Age*.

Winter has been long in coming this year, but has at last begun to make itself felt. In parts of the Union the natives have been existing almost entirely on prickly pears! They are now anticipating a miserable winter, as the prickly pears are now over. Poor creatures that they are, dirty and ragged, yet they appreciate the message of the Kingdom, showing joy and making humble statements of gratitude. Many are dishonest, but they have innocent hearts nevertheless.

Some of the Europeans in the villages are starving now and Europeans are being employed in roadmaking. The natives now lose their employment. They cannot understand "why the big white bosses are working in the roads"! To add to their misery they have to pay very unjust taxes.

An American said: "We have a man with a wooden arm, and he's a champion boxer!" A Britisher said: "Well, we have a man with a wooden leg, and he's a champion swimmer!" The South African said: "We have a man with a wooden head, and he's a prime minister!"

Untouchability in India

STUNG by Ghandi's victory over the British government in India, a high-class Brahman has explained to the Manchester *Guardian* that untouchability is really no part of the Hindu scriptures or the Hindu religion, but is merely the attitude of the Brahman toward the lower-caste worker that the Englishman in India or South Africa shows toward the native in either land. Meantime many of the Hindu temples have been opened to the untouchables, and they have been given some political rights hitherto denied. High-caste Hindus have solemnly pledged themselves to stamp out untouchability in all its forms.

Clergy Crawl into Their Holes

THE following article, entitled "A Challenge", from the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America Bulletin for December, 1932, is really pathetic because of its admission that the most capable ministers in the Anglo-Saxon Federation are afraid to meet Judge Rutherford in a world-wide radio debate as to whether or not the clergy are the clergy of the Devil. The judge insists that they are, and the silence of the big guns among the clergy, and of the organizations with which they are connected, is tacit admission that they know their best and only defense is to crawl into their holes and pull the holes in after them, as is done in the following article.

A Challenge

It is a shame that the pastors in Israel are not equipped to meet the attacks of Mr. J. F. Rutherford as he denounces them and all governments and rule.

In a paper distributed by his followers a challenge is issued to the clergy of America for debate. Jeremiah 51:30 is quoted in this circular and applied to the pastors in Israel. But the prophet is here speaking of Babylon. Mr. Rutherford is deliberately misquoting Scripture, or is totally ignorant of the context from which this verse has been lifted. The reference to the Medes in the 28th verse certainly identifies the Babylon in this verse. Neither is there any justification for applying the historical happenings in Babylon to latter day events in Israel. To thus cross wires brings utter confusion. Let the things of Babylon testify of Babylon, but let the things of Israel testify to the happenings among His Kingdom people.

This particular chapter of Jeremiah contains valuable information. Let Mr. Rutherford declare what is "the portion of Jacob" and "the rod of His inheritance" of vs. 19. In this same chapter the Lord says of Israel "Thou art my battle ax and weapons of war; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms, etc." vs. 20-23. Let him show *where, when, how and by whom* has all this been accomplished. Without spiritualizing away the plain meaning of God's Word let him declare the literal fulfillment of these statements.

Ignorant of the whereabouts of the Kingdom people; failing to understand the distinction between Israel and Judah, and the separate prophecies to each with the resulting diversified fulfillments, he and his followers, as well as the organized Church, are stone blind to nine-tenths of the Scripture. Because of their blindness they are forced to spiritualize what they are unable to understand.

Mr. Rutherford declares that his purpose in challenging the clergy of America to debate is that the people may know the truth. He assumes the silence on the part of the ministry is admission of their inability to meet in debate. Shall we assume the same regarding him?

We challenge that in his teaching he misrepresents Scripture to attain his end; that he does not know or recognize the Kingdom; and that in his spiritualization of the recorded prophetical and historical facts of Scripture he makes the Bible of no effect in the twisting and turning of its plain meaning into phantastical interpretations.

We wonder if he really means he desires that the people shall know the truth, or only his version of that truth? Does he confine his challenge to those whom he knows will not answer? Or will he extend it to others, who will be glad to meet him in debate?

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The Bulletin in question contains articles by Reverend Wm. Pascoe Goard, LL.D.; Howard B. Rand, LL.B.; Reverend Howard W. Jerrett, D.D.; and offers books on prophetical subjects by Reverend Lionell Smithett Lewis, M.A.; Reverend R. W. Morgan; Reverend Commander L. G. A. Roberts; Reverend Arthur Pritchard, M.A.; Reverend J. Mountain, D.D.; Reverend Alexander Hislop; Reverend R. G. F. Waddington, M.A.; P. W. Thompson, M.A.; Ethelbert W. Bullinger, D.D.; Major General H. N. Sargent, and other writers.

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We sought to playfully show that, like the Heinz pickle business, fifty-seven arguments are advanced why it should continue to attract attention. The arguments are as good now as they ever were, but, of course, they never were of any good to anybody that has any common sense. However, they suit the mentality of the clergy very well, and, frankly, we are surprised that they have not more generally fallen for that line of sophistry.

Probably they would flock to it by the thousands if they thought they could drag the people along with them, but the common people have too much intelligence to swallow anything that is so palpably foolish and absurd. The British Israel theory belongs to the days of Jack and the Beanstalk, Dante's Inferno, Little Red Riding Hood, the Trinity doctrine, and Baron Munchausen.

WHAT THE ANGLO-ISRAELITES BELIEVE

WE HAVE just glanced over some of the recent literature of the Anglo-Israelites, and list some of the items that some of them believe. All of these things look like nonsense, sacrilege or blasphemy to us, but they seem reasonable enough to those who are thoroughly inoculated with idolatry of the British Empire. We present the matter merely as news, and as showing what some people can believe about the most rapacious, most diabolical, most hypocritical, diplomatic government now left standing on the earth.

Among the believers of this theory were or are Queen Victoria; Edward VII; Admiral Lord Beresford; Admiral Lord Fisher; Field-Marshal Earl Roberts; Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, prime minister of New Zealand; Henry Ford, and thousands of other notables.

We do not attempt an orderly presentation, because to us an orderly presentation of a disorderly and absurd theory is a waste of time. We state, as nearly as we can understand them, some of the hundreds of claims put forth by adherents of this theory:

1. The Anglo-Saxon peoples are, in a large measure, the direct descendants of the apostate ten tribes of Israel. So much the worse for them in some respects!

2. There was a tribe of Dan, therefore we can trace the wanderings of that tribe in the following names: *Don, Dan*ube, *Den*mark, *Din*aric Alps, Lon*don*, Dar*dan*elles and Scan*din*avia. True, the other nine tribes may not be thus "identified", but—what's the difference? Perhaps they didn't do so much wandering.

3. The name Saxon with an "I" in front of it becomes Isaacson. (This proves a lot if you want to make somebody think you are related in some way to Abraham!)

4. The British nation somehow was established at the date of the Exodus and will last for ever.

5. Joseph! The tribe of Joseph became the Getae, the Goths, the Normans, and finally became ruler over the Angles, or Anglo-Saxons.

6. Ephraim! Ephraim was to be a nation and a company of nations; so, of course, that means Great Britain and her self-governing colonies.

7. Manasseh! Manasseh was to be a great people, a second fiddle to Ephraim, so to speak; so, of course, that means the United States, which, for the purposes of this theory, is still a sort of colony of Great Britain.

8. The House of David was imported to Ireland by Jeremiah in the person of Tamar Tephi, the daughter of Zedekiah. While there Tamar married a king of Ireland named Eochiad Heremon, and thence they have a complete list of the line of kings of Ireland, leading through to the Scottish kings, thence to the English kings when James VI of Scotland became James I of England, and, of course, thence to the present day; and now there is only one true Israel, and that is Great Britain and Ireland. (God help the real Jews!)

9. The present prince of Wales is just exactly the 100th prince in direct succession from King David, and his name happens to be David, too. Could anything be more convincing?

10. There is nothing in the word Gog that sounds very much like Russia, but still it must be Russia, because in connection with Gog there is mention made of—

11. Rosch! That is Russia. Sounds like it, especially if you can imagine the Russian partly tanked up with vodka.

12. Mesheeh! Well, that is Moscow. There are an M and an S and a C in each word, and that proves it!

13. Tubal! That is Tobolsk. There happens to be a little town far up in Siberia by that name and, except for the whiskers on the back end of the word, they are about the same; so that proves *that*.

14. Gomer! There are a G, an M, an E and an R in Gomer, and there are a G, an E, an R and an M in Germany; and so, of course, Gomer means Germany.

15. There are the four attributes of God, justice, power, wisdom and love. These are represented by the lion, ox, eagle and man. The lion is the British lion, shown in one way or another ten times on the British coat of arms.

16. The ox! Now, don't laugh. That is John *Bull*. Honest!

17. The eagle! Modesty almost forbids our mentioning it, but that is the eagle shown on all American coins.

18. The man! Ah! We feel like Lindbergh when they pinned the cross of the Legion of Honor on his chest and kissed him on both cheeks. The man! That's us. That's Uncle Sam. And our kiss? What about that? Oh, we got that Judas kiss in the spring of 1917. It was Britain that got us into the World War.

19. The unicorn of Ephraim? That is the identical unicorn shown on the British seal.

20. Young lions are mentioned in Bible prophecy. Well, those are the United States and Scandinavia. We don't know why it is so; but it is so, anyway.

21. The original symbol of the Christian Church (of the House of Dagon) was a fish. That is why the fish is shown on the Union Jack. Poor fish!

22. The British flag is the banner of the King of kings. See the cross on it. (What a blasphemy!)

23. David's throne is the English throne. (Another horrible blasphemy.)

24. Christ will literally reign over the earth seated, in a body of flesh, on the *British* throne. (Can you beat it?)

25. The Coronation Stone upon which every British king is crowned is the same identical one on which King David sat when he was crowned. There couldn't be any mistake about this.

26. "The strong man armed who keepeth his house" is the great war power, Great Britain.

27. "The Isles shall wait for his law." What isles? British Isles, of course.

28. "Declare it in the Isles afar off." What isles? Ditto.

29. The missing "H" in Shibboleth is the reason why the Cockneys drop their H's. Honest! Don't smile! See the Bible, Judges 12:6, and be convinced.

30. Why were there thirteen tribes of Israel? The answer is that there were thirteen colonies in the original United States.

31. But wait; here's another thirteen. President Wilson was reelected in 1916 by the thirteen votes of California. Almost forgot that was in the Bible.

32. It was on Good Friday that President Wilson declared war on Germany. That proves that God loves the ten lost tribes! And yet, Germany, or part of it, was one of those tribes. But, oh well—

33. The Great Pyramid shows the precise day that Britain entered the World War!

34. 'The hour, the day, the month and the year.' That is 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, 1918, when Britain got out of her tightest corner and the armistice was declared. Of course the day is missing in the Sinaitic text, and the year is missing in the explanation, but what are a few broken cogs between true Britishers?

35. The British Government is 'the stone cut out of the mountain without hands' which breaks in pieces her enemies, Russia, Germany, China, Persia, and the whole Mohammedan world in Asia and Africa.

36. The "stone" kingdom smote the military image in 1914-1918. (And there has been no evidence of militarism on earth since!)

37. General Allenby took Jerusalem on Christmas Day. Another proof that God loves the greatest disturber of the world's peace ever on earth.

38. The drying up of the Euphrates means the drying up of the Turkish Empire by Britain.

39. The Court of St. James is the Court of St. Jacob, if you translate it into Hebrew, which shows again that somehow or other the British Government is related to Abraham.

40. When Jacob crossed his hands in blessing Ephraim and Manasseh that proves that both Ephraim (Britain) and Manasseh (United States) are true Christians—if it does. Does it? Who says it does? It proves *something,* anyway.

41. "The drunkards of Ephraim." (Isaiah 28:1) That refers to those who are overfond of British beer and Scotch and Irish whiskey. Why not?

42. Israel was to be superabundantly blessed with gold, silver, oil, etc. That is why the great financiers of "Ephraim" and "Manasseh" are grabbing everything in sight in every corner of the earth.

43. "Thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies." That explains why Britain has Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Singapore, and a hundred other gates controlling the world's commerce; and why Uncle Sam has Panama, Hawaii, etc.

44. Israel must not take usury from brethren. That is why Uncle Sam should let Britain have money at a low rate.

45. Israel was to lend and not borrow. That is why Britain and the United States have the whole world by the throat, as money lenders.

46. Israel was to "push the people together to the ends of the earth". That is why Britain and the United States are cruel and imperialistic. (Not so bad. If all the arguments were as good as this one we would be stumped. But then, if Britain is Christ's kingdom—oh well, we give it up.)

47. Israel was to spread to the north (Canada), and to the south (Australia and South Africa), to the east (India) and to the west (the United States). That's that.

48. After a little bit there will be another World War, in which Europe in general will line up under a supreme ruler, the Antichrist; and then the two pious and godly nations will unite and clean them all off the map.

49. When the final scrimmage comes on between Britain and Russia, God will destroy the Russians with hailstones, fire and brimestone (if the Britishers themselves don't do it with poison gas, microbes and bombs).

50. The Great Pyramid shows that the great and final battle of Armageddon will start on May 29-30, 1928. (The prophet slipped a cog.)

51. The Pyramid Inch is the British Inch. Of course the British inch is a little off; but why worry about the thousandth part of an inch when you are trying to prove something that is impossible to prove?

52. The coffer in the King's Chamber of the Great Pyramid is four times greater than the British wheat

quarter. That proves that Great Britain, her stock exchange and all, is of God.

53. Any criticism of Britain is Bolshevism.

54. The British Empire is eight times that of the Persian Empire under Darius; seven times that of the Roman Empire under Augustus; three times that of China; twice that of Russia, and three and one-half times that of all Europe.

55. Free Masonry is all in line with all of this.

56. The British flag flies from three-fourths of all the vessels in the world, and three-fourths of all the mail is addressed in English. Does not that prove something? We don't know what it proves, but it proves it anyway.

57. Finally, English-speaking missionaries are ninety percent of the total, and English-speaking peoples supply ninety-five percent of the missionary funds to teach the natives of subjugated races that their ancestors have gone to hell, there to roast for ever and ever.

These are some of the principal reasons assigned to prove that the British people are the true Israel of God. If these arguments do not prove it, nothing will.

AND NOTHING *WILL!*

In Only Two Years

Two years is a very short time in the history of the British Government, but let us tell you some of the things that are chargeable to it in that period, which all must acknowledge to have been one of the most humane and enlightened and kind in all its history.

In that period, in Kenya, British East Africa, 11,000 men were forced to work 108,000 days without pay. This forced labor was exacted as a tax. A tax for what? The natives live right where they have lived for centuries. The only difference for them now is that all their best lands have been taken from them. They can live only where the whites say they must, but if gold is found in the territory reserved for them, then the white man takes the land anyway, and the native is moved to another place, if there is such a place. Anyway, he is moved.

That is in British East Africa. In British West Africa (Nigeria) a native who does not take off his hat when he meets a British official has it knocked off. In British Central Africa (Northern Rhodesia), where his fathers lived as freemen, the native is now a tenant and must do as he is told, under penalty of feeling the sting of the dreaded whip made of rhinoceros hide. In British South Africa a native must have a pass to live with his wife, and dare not be off his reservation without it.

On the Gold Coast the native chiefs have besought the British Government to keep out the rum which is ruining the people, but, as the dignitaries in the Church of England are among the heaviest stockholders in Britain's distilleries, there is nothing doing in the way of cutting down on the importations of rum. Does a miserable heathen, and a black man at that, suppose that a Christian distiller is going to have his profits reduced? The same crowd, by the same method, destroyed the aborigines of Tasmania.

In Samoa, Australia, India and Palestine

In western Samoa a civilized and cultured population of 40,000 of fine physical and mental development has been hunted and harried like wild beasts by Britishers from New Zealand, culminating in the cold-blooded shooting of their chiefs after an administration replete with tyranny, persecution and callous brutality.

The 60,000 aborigines left in Australia, instead of being lifted up by their conquerors, have been reduced to the most pitiful poverty imaginable. Their best lands having been taken, they live on anything they can pick up, from wild honey to snakes. When cut off from their elaborately organized tribal life and employed by the imported Anglo-Israelites they are entirely helpless.

The average British official in India despises all Hindus, bullies, beats, flogs and mutilates them, curses them on the roads, berates them obscenely in shops and public places, drinks heavily, gambles, makes love to other men's wives, and boasts of the outrageous abuse which he heaps upon the inhabitants. To take an Indian's part in India is to bring down on one's own head suspicion, ostracism and official rebuke.

In India at the moment there are 50,000 political prisoners, and the British army in India has been brought up to its full strength of 68,900 white officers and men, and 155,300 Indian troops and officers. In the British equipment in India there are eleven armored-car companies each of which is equipped with twenty armored cars of the latest type. The Hindu people have to bear all this vast and intolerable burden.

After some college students had shouted "Cowards!" at police in Calcutta who were beating participants in a peaceful procession, an English officer, accompanied by a squad of police, entered the classrooms and beat the students indiscriminately until the walls were spattered with blood. A similar scene took place at Lahore, where a teacher also was beaten. At

Meerut a leading lawyer was the chief speaker at a dispersed meeting. While under arrest he was beaten, and was shot at close range by a policeman, so that his right arm had to be amputated.

The promise was made by Mr. Balfour that the Jews should have Palestine as their own homeland. Within the past two years this promise was repudiated and all the principal Jewish leaders of Zionism resigned in discouragement.

In the Land of Ephraim (?)

In England itself the so-called 'dole' is the only thing that stands between 2,714,359 English men and women and starvation. In Wallasey 68 men cast lots to see which should have the privilege of two jobs that opened up in an electric power station.

There are 100,000 British railway workers that receive less than $12.50 per week, but that is probably all O.K. with the Anglo-Israelites so long as their king and the prince of Wales each receive some $40,000 to $50,000 a week. At Merthyr, Wales, 25 percent of the school children remain away from school in midwinter because they have no shoes; 170 families of the city live in cellars, and 900 occupy houses that were condemned long ago as unfit for human habitation.

Britain still imprisons the poor for debt; imprisonment for debt has been abolished only for the well-to-do. Britain also jails others of the innocent. In recent years 8,000 men and women, many of them scarcely more than boys and girls, were detained in Britain, pending trial, only to be discharged by juries, free of blame or reproach. Meantime they sometimes spent as much as two months in prison before their cases were called.

Though Britain is the biggest toad at every peace conference, everybody knows that she will no more give up Egypt, Palestine or India than the United States will give up the West Indies or Central America. She signs every peace pact and has air craft that are armored and fly 120 miles an hour equipped with torpedoes and machine guns of the most approved Anglo-Israelitish construction.

In Great Britain, in a single year, there were 209,014 vivisections in which dumb animals were tortured by the most refined and excruciating methods that educated men could devise. British insane asylums are centers of physical and verbal filth and greed.

In a land where more than 2,000,000 are employed there are more than 12,000,000 acres of arable land held out of use because the most approved Anglo-Israelites hold title to it.

There are thousands of farmers in England today that have to give a tenth of all their produce to Anglo-Israelitish persons who have never done anything for them or for anybody else, and whose only excuse for reception of it is that it comes to them as a result of an order made four hundred years ago by England's often-married monarch, Henry VIII.

In the Land of Manasseh (?)

In New York city we can show you the most wonderful sky line in the world, and you can't get to a railroad train without being stopped several times on the way by starving men who have learned to hope that a man with a satchel may possibly have an extra nickel in his pocket.

We can show you bridges unequaled in the world, 100 bread lines, and suicides running into the thousands. We have a transportation system which enables one to get all over this huge city for a nickel, and we often have people die of starvation in this show-place of Anglo-Saxondom.

In other cities we can take you to hundreds of beautiful homes, beautifully furnished, where the head of the home has not done a stroke of work in three years, the home and all it contains is lost, and the family is on relief and allowed to remain on because to put somebody else in the home would make no change in the conditions. In seventeen calls in one city, recently, practically every home in two blocks was in this condition.

We don't want to boast, but we have everything here that any Anglo-Saxon could want. We have billionaires, and we have little girls fainting from weakness while trying to reach a schoolhouse where milk is doled out; we have families trying to live on berries; we have babies three or four years old that have never known what it is to have enough to eat.

We would have you understand that in this land of billion-dollar deficits we have millions of men out of work, but we think nothing of having six or seven hundred war planes flying around over the country at a daily expense of a fabulous sum, and if money for another war were wanted the big financiers could supply it over night.

It is true that we have the worst murder rate in the world. In Memphis there are more than ten times as many murders per thousand of population as there are in Moscow, but the Anglo-Israelite looks forward hopefully to the time when the pure-blooded Anglo-Saxons of Tennessee will destroy the Muscovites and exalt their own standard of the Union Jack to fly in every corner of the world.

Meantime, in that same Tennessee, in one of the state prisons, we still handcuff women and hang them from pegs. If the thing happened in Russia we Anglo-Saxons would arise *en masse* to put an end to such barbarities; but, it happening here in 'the land of Manasseh', and at the hands of the purest Anglo-Saxons we have in the United States, we don't want anything said about it; not a thing.

The Kingdom of the Devil

The foregoing are some of the cruel, hideous and wicked things practiced by the rulers of the British Empire, which claims to be the kingdom of God ruling by divine right. It is that same great power of which America forms a part that claims to teach the Bible and represent God's Word and calls itself "Christendom".

The clergy of denominations, including the Anglo-Saxon Federation, supports with approval that empire and serves it. Every sane person who believes in what is right well knows that such cruelty, injustice and wickedness does not proceed from Jehovah God, but is truly the product of the Devil.

The clergy claim to be servants of Jehovah God, and so pose before the people. Judge Rutherford charges that they serve the Devil, and offers to prove it in a national radio debate. The clergy decline to accept the challenge. It is patent on the face of the facts that the British Empire is the chief nation of the world and is a part of the world, and that the Devil is its god, as stated in 2 Corinthians 4: 3, 4.

The Devil has certainly blinded its clergymen as well as those of the Anglo-Saxon Federation of America or Anglo-Israelites. It is easy for the people to see that the clergy do not represent Jehovah God and that they do represent the Devil; therefore let the people forsake the devilish thing and give their allegiance to Jehovah and His kingdom under Christ, which is the only hope of mankind.

The Anglo-Israelites or Anglo-Saxon Federation of America deny that Jesus Christ is the Son of Jehovah God, the Redeemer of mankind, Jehovah's Chief Executive Officer, the King of kings, and that His kingdom will deliver the human race from oppression and give the obedient ones life. That they are instruments of the Devil there cannot be the slightest doubt; hence a debate with them would be a waste of time.

Unscientific Medical Science *By E. Neal (Alberta)*

IN THE fall of 1930 my daughter, aged nine years, took ill after a throat operation for tonsils. She had a high fever and complained of pains in her legs. When she tried to walk, after being confined to bed about a month, she had a peculiar limp in her walk. I was then informed that she had infantile paralysis.

I got in touch with the university hospital and was promised a bed for her as soon as there was a vacant one. We waited only seven months before we got one. She was put in a cast and lay in bed nine months, when she was allowed to return home with her leg in irons and straps, for a period of three months, with a list of don'ts and instructions. At the end of three months I took her back for an examination. The report was not favorable, but I was told to try another three months' rest at home. At the end of that time I again took her to be examined by specialists at the university and was told they did not understand why she was gradually getting worse, as she was getting a curve in the spine and the shoulders were dropping. All they could do was to operate (experiment) and find out what was causing the trouble.

I refused to have the muscles cut as they wished, and came home feeling pretty blue. As a child of our heavenly King I took my troubles to Him in prayer, because I know He loves to answer. Not many days passed before I took her to an osteopath. His examination revealed that her hip was out of place and had paralyzed the muscles. After a few treatments she was able to return to school, and the limp is gradually disappearing.

I cannot understand why the medical men refuse to investigate and to make use of modern methods of mechano-therapy, when it would save so much of human life and happiness, and be of such advantage to all concerned.

Obedience Brings Help in Time of Need

IT CAN be set down as certain that nobody will ever be granted the boon of everlasting life until he has finally come to the place where he submits, and wishes to submit, to the will of Jehovah God. When he gets to that place he may still make slips, this way and that, and he will make them as long as he is in the flesh and the powers of evil are still rampant, but he thenceforth has an unfailing fountain of wisdom, justice, love and power with which he is vitally connected, and upon which he may draw with implicit confidence that it will never run dry.

We consider today some of the experiences in the life of a man who occasionally got himself into tight corners. We bring most of our difficulties upon ourselves, through failure to understand, or to remember, or to apply the principles set down for us in the Scriptures. This man was like that, but because at heart he was obedient to God, and desired to know and do His will, he was granted some of the most remarkable deliverances on record.

Now it may be that you never make any errors such as the good king Jehoshaphat made, and if so, you need not consider this subject any further, but if you are like most of the rest of us you can well afford to take a little time pondering the experiences of this man, and noting what he did and what happened to him when he got into several tight places.

The Right Kind of King

Before we consider any of Jehoshaphat's foibles let us get acquainted with some of his official acts, which show his devotion to the doing of God's will, for those are the spectacles through which the events of his life are to be seen if we wish to draw from them the great lesson they contain. At the very outset of his career as king it says of him:

> And [Jehovah] was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; but sought to [Jehovah] God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore [Jehovah] stablished the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of [Jehovah]: moreover, he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. Also, in the third year of his reign, he sent to his princes, even to Benhail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them he sent Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Elishama and Jehoram, priests. And they taught in Judah, and had the book of the law of [Jehovah] with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.—2 Chron. 17:3-9.

Now, isn't that pretty good? Here is a king that sought Jehovah God, and walked in His commandments, and had the joy of Jehovah in his heart, and saw to it that the most important and influential men in the realm should get out from city to city, and from town to town, and probably from house to house, with the Word of God, so that the people would know what was right and what was wrong, and be able to shape their lives accordingly.

It almost makes us feel that we wish we had somebody like that at Washington, doesn't it? Jehoshaphat was not trying to find out what the princes wanted, or what he could do to curry favor with the Levites and the priests. He made the whole outfit pack their kits and get out in the service work, whether they liked it or didn't like it. Their job was not merely to draw their salaries with their breath and ride around on the backs of the common people, trying to figure out some way by which they could have things come more easily for themselves, while all the time it was getting harder for the common people. Their business was to serve Jehovah God, and the way they should do it was to get around from door to door and teach the people the truth. Actually, though at first they may not have realized it, the big fellows in the realm got a bigger kick out of life doing the right thing than they would have doing the reverse. When it says of Jehoshaphat that because of these things "his heart was lifted up in the ways of [Jehovah]" it means just what it says. He was happy from the inside out, the kind of happiness that invigorates the whole heart, mind, soul and body.

Obedience Then Brought Earthly Prosperity

In those days, under the law covenant then in force, earthly prosperity also accompanied obedience and the succeeding verses go on to tell how Jehoshaphat was prospered. We can pass briefly over that, noting briefly that there was peace with surrounding nations; they gave him tribute; castles and storehouses were multi-

plied; there was "much business in the cities of Judah" (2 Chron. 17:13), and the roster of the army showed that on short notice 1,160,000 mighty men of valor were ready to take the field. In this interval of careful attention to the Word of the Lord, the account says, "Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly."—Verse 12.

It often happens that prosperity is a greater test than adversity, and it seems to have been so with Jehoshaphat, for it was not long before he came under the blandishments of Ahab, king of Israel, and was persuaded to join troops with him in a campaign against the Syrians. Jehoshaphat was guileless, but Ahab was as crooked as Ivar Kreuger, and no doubt had in mind to get Jehoshaphat killed and then make himself king over both nations.

Ahab "Framed" Jehoshaphat

The account telling of Ahab's duplicity is interesting to us now, however, not only because of the very palpable fraud which he practiced upon his trusting friend, but because of what happened to Jehoshaphat in his hour of peril, and what happened, reversely, to the traitor himself:

And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went to the battle. Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and [Jehovah] helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him. And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even; and about the time of the sun going down he died. And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. —2 Chron. 18:29-34; 19:1.

Ahab tried to get Jehoshaphat killed, but got killed himself, while Jehoshaphat escaped without a scratch. It was a remarkable deliverance, and it came, we can be sure of it, because of that cry. It is not at all likely that a group of armed men bent on conquest and seeking the most conspicuous figure on the battlefield would turn back because the one they had surrounded asked them not to harm him. His presence on the battlefield was an advertisement that he was there to kill or to be killed, or both.

The Cry for Help

The story is in very condensed form. It does not tell of what his cry consisted, but the effect of the cry was that Jehovah God helped Jehoshaphat and moved his attackers to desist. The cry, because of its effect, we know to have been a prayer to Jehovah God, and so received at the throne of heavenly grace.

Jehoshaphat, when he realized that he had made a mistake, and that the blessing of the Lord was not on his enterprise with Ahab, cried out for help and for forgiveness, and received both. Quite likely those who pursued him were given such optical impressions as to convince them that he was not the man they desired. His speedy deliverance followed.

When Jehoshaphat returned he was given some authentic information, straight from headquarters, and turned it to good account forthwith:

And Jehu, the son of Hanani the seer, went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate [Jehovah]? therefore is wrath upon thee from before [Jehovah]. Nevertheless, there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

More Steps in Good Government

And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again through the people, from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto [Jehovah] God of their fathers. And he set judges in the land, throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city. And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for [Jehovah], who is with you in the judgment. Wherefore now, let the fear of [Jehovah] be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with [Jehovah] our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. Moreover, in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of [Jehovah], and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of [Jehovah], faithfully, and with a perfect heart. And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren that dwell in your cities, between blood and blood, between

law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against [Jehovah], and so wrath come upon you, and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of [Jehovah]; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. Deal courageously, and [Jehovah] shall be with the good.—2 Chron. 19: 2-11.

Jehovah God pursues with His creatures a course of liberty, instruction, opportunity, warning and judgment, and in his reign Jehoshaphat seems to have followed the divine program. After the people had for years been doing about as they pleased, there came the campaign of instruction which we have before noted; then followed years of opportunity, followed up by this campaign of warning and judgment which has so endeared Jehoshaphat to all students of the Scriptures and of history.

Not in our own time, and not in any other time, have members of the judiciary, both the lower branches and the supreme court, been inaugurated into office more solemnly, or with sounder words of warning and encouragement than Jehoshaphat used in the language above quoted. Even the provincial judges were reminded that they were judging for Jehovah God, with whom there is no injustice, nor respect of persons, nor acceptance of bribes.

At this point we mention that the name "Jehoshaphat" means "Jehovah-judged, i.e., vindicated", and the thought at once arises in the mind that his experiences were intended to be of special value to us in this day when this vindication is proclaimed and is confidently expected shortly to occur.

The Appeal to Elisha

A second tight corner in Jehoshaphat's career came in the reign of Jehoram, son of Ahab, about four years after the disastrous battle with the Syrians. The Moabites had rebelled against paying tribute to Ahab's descendants, and so Jehoram, wanting to invade their country, proposed another joint military campaign; and Jehoshaphat, having learned nothing by experience, fell in with the scheme.

Following their plan, the armies of Jehoram and Jehoshaphat moved upon Moab via the land of Edom, at the south end of the Dead sea, a most forbidding country to travel in, but at that time tributary to Jehoshaphat. The armies got into a district where they were seven days without water and all were likely to die. At the critical moment Jehoshaphat learned of the presence of Elisha in the neighborhood and went to him for help.

The word of Jehovah came to Elisha, assuring them of abundance of water, and of a subsequent victory, all of which came true, and further, Elisha gave Jehoram, the son of Ahab, the following straight-from-the-shoulder message as to just why the deliverance would occur:

> What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. . . . As [Jehovah] of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee.—2 Ki. 3: 13, 14.

Moabites Sought Revenge

The third tight corner into which Jehoshaphat came was about five years after this last-mentioned event, and this time the shoe was on the other foot. It was not Jehoshaphat's army that was cooperating in the invasion of another land, but it was his own land that was invaded by the very people he had last joined to attack.

The Moabites, wanting vengeance, induced their kindred, the Ammonites, to join them, obtained auxiliaries from the Syrians, and drew over the Edomites, so that the strength of all the neighboring nations was united in one great enterprise. The allied forces entered the land of Judah and encamped at Engedi, near the western border of the Dead sea.

And because there is no language more beautiful than that of the Scriptures, we give the rest of the story just as it occurs in Holy Writ:

> And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek [Jehovah], and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of [Jehovah]; even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek [Jehovah]. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of [Jehovah], before the new court, and said:

Jehoshaphat's Model Prayer

> O [Jehovah] God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and rulest not thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee? Art not thou our God, who didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or fam-

inc, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help. And now, behold, the children of Ammon, and Moab, and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them, and destroyed them not; behold, I say, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.

And all Judah stood before [Jehovah], with their little ones, their wives, and their children. Then upon Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of [Jehovah] in the midst of the congregation; and he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat; Thus saith [Jehovah] unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle; set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of [Jehovah] with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them; for [Jehovah] will be with you.

And Jehoshaphat bowed his head, with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before [Jehovah], worshipping [Jehovah]. And the Levites of the children of the Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to praise [Jehovah] God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in [Jehovah] your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

"The Battle Is Not Yours"

And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto [Jehovah], and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise [Jehovah]; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, [Jehovah] set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another.

And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much.

And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Berachah [blessing, *margin*]; for there they blessed [Jehovah]: therefore the name of the same place was called, The valley of Berachah, unto this day. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for [Jehovah] had made them to rejoice over their enemies. And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets, unto the house of [Jehovah]. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they had heard that [Jehovah] fought against the enemies of Israel. So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave him rest round about. —2 Chron. 20: 3-30.

Thus we see how in the life of this obedient man, the king Jehoshaphat, he got into serious trouble on three different occasions and on each one of them obtained help in his time of need because he knew to come to the throne of heavenly grace and ask for it. He had a welcome there because he was obedient, and he had help there because infinite power is back of the humblest child of God who is wholly obedient, wholly desirous of having God's will done in all of his own affairs and in all of the affairs of His organization in the earth.

Encouragement for the Remnant

There is great encouragement for the remnant of God's faithful people on earth as they consider the experiences of Jehoshaphat. Like him they have covenanted to be obedient. Like him they are carrying on the work of going from door to door, and over the radio and otherwise are giving the people instruction in the Law of God, which the people must have if they are to survive Armageddon.

Like Jehoshaphat, the people of God sometimes get into tight corners. Some of the time it is their own fault, and some of the time it isn't; but as Jehoshaphat was framed up by Ahab and went scot-free while Ahab himself was killed, so the Haman class, the clergy and

their allies, now seek the destruction of God's true witnesses in the earth, but the remnant know that they will be delivered and Haman will hang on his own gallows.

Like Jehoshaphat, it is possible to get into a campaign and to wage it for a time without a supply of water (truth), but the time comes when all the faithful need to come to Elisha and get what Elisha has for them, streams that are full to the brim, right in a land where drouth is everywhere. Jehoshaphat knew to depend on Elisha because he well knew that Elisha was a prophet of Jehovah God.

And finally, the remnant of Jehovah's witnesses on earth are confronted with a conspiracy something like that which sought to overwhelm Jehoshaphat and his people toward the close of his career, but which conspiracy utterly failed and the result was a complete vindication of God's name in all that region. "The fear of God was on all the kingdoms of those countries, when they heard that [Jehovah] fought against the enemies of Israel."

Shall we say that Jehoshaphat's strength was in his obedience or in his prayers? It was in both. The prayers without the obedience would not have been received and would not have been answered. Obedience without the prayers would not have been sufficient. "Ye have not, because ye ask not." The combination of the two is irresistible. 'Ye shall ask what ye [the obedient ones] will, and it shall be done unto you.' "If two of you [obedient ones] shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them." But if not obedient, don't bother to ask.

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Will Hector Charlesworth, Canadian Radio Censor, Drown?

IT IS a task for an honest and truthful man to have to say anything about such an individual as Hector Charlesworth, Canada's Radio Dictator. No self-respecting, decent man could have written such billingsgate as appeared in the Toronto *Saturday Night* of August 6, 1927, at which time he was its editor-in-chief. The paper improved by his leaving it.

Charlesworth probably wrote the article entitled "Visiting Orators Take Notice", reproduced in our issue of March 15. The mental level of one who would refer to Jehovah God as "the tribal god of the Russellites" and who would refer to a man like Judge Rutherford as "a heavy-jowled flannelmouth, Grand Vizier of the 'Russellites' ", a judge "perhaps of cigars, perhaps of fat swine", a "wandering orator", "wandering blatherskite", "professional liar", "lying demagogue", speaks for itself. It pains us to notice him at all.

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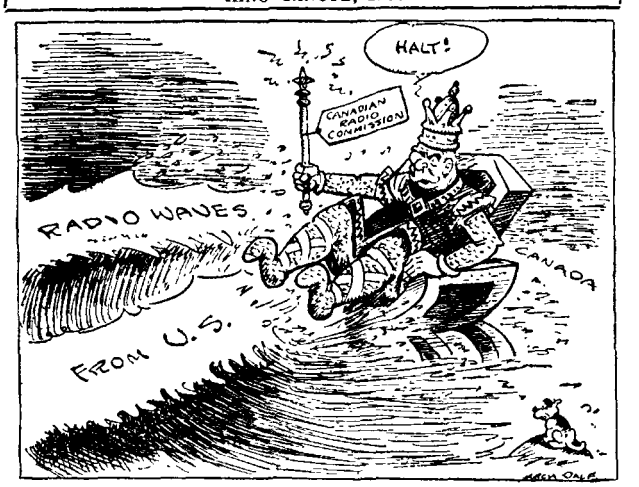

The Canadian Radio Commission has censored certain broadcasts in Canada. The same features, however, go on the air in the United States.

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Mr. Charlesworth's apperceptions are plainly indicated in a sentence which is contained in the article in question. In it he says:

"Never have conditions been so good for the poor; never at any time in the history of mankind was labor so well rewarded, never was so much practical philanthropy practiced for the care of the weak and needy, never was so much capital freely available for the care and comfort of the underprivileged. Only a fool or a liar could deny these facts."

Very well! Let them stand. And let all mankind judge who is the fool and the liar, and the human polecat.

But hold! We have something of direct interest on this question of liars. In the first place, truthful men are not selected as censors. It is a dirty job, and only dirty men will take it or do the dirty work that has to be done. It would be inconceivable that a man like Hector Charlesworth would take a job as radio censor for Canada (and as his very first act, arbitrarily, without any hearings, order off the air the man who has several times had the honor of the very greatest radio broadcasts in history) without being a crass liar, fit only to associate with clergymen—men designated in the Scriptures as "men of corrupt *minds*", incapable of thinking honestly or truthfully. And such he evidently is.

Who Is the Liar?

As to why Judge Rutherford's transcriptions were ordered off the air in Canada, the *Telegraph Journal* of Saint John, N. B., said: "Hector Charlesworth, chairman of the radio commission, stated a dignified complaint had been received from a group of Anglican clergymen in Saint John." But in a wire to D. R. P. Coats, CJRW, Fleming, Saskatchewan, Charlesworth said, "We have had no complaints of Bible Students' programs," denying that the Rutherford transcriptions had been banned "at the instance of the clergy". Lying comes easy to a man that

could write such an article as "Visiting Orators Take Notice".

It is no wonder to us that Axel Nielsen, in his letter to Charlesworth, dated January 23, 1933, and published in our issue of March 15, 1933, said:

> I used to admire you in the way one might admire the Devil for his ingenuity, no matter what I might think otherwise of either you or the Devil, for the hypocritical narratives in *Saturday Night* written or selected by yourself. They must have been hard to write; for such things do not come from the heart, but rather must they spring from a taskmaster like gold, or the degradingly pleasant feeling of going downstream without effort.

In his delineation of the sheet over which Charlesworth presided before being elevated to the position of Canadian Radio Dictator, Mr. Nielsen described it as:

> A weekly whose financial section is dominated by the crowd which is persecuting James Harpel, and the same War Babies who have secured control of Canadian finance, industry and insurance. The editorial portion of this paper, a front page feature, devotes itself zealously to the furtherance of all the forgotten bunk of kings and tyrants, class and privilege. As for the rest, it consists mainly of social chatter, marriages, photos of socially prominent persons, and all the snobs parade of these classes.

At this point one would fain close both nostrils with the thumb and finger of the left hand and with the other take the tongs and drop overboard this "King Canute of Canada in 1933" that is illustrated in the cartoon from the *Free Press Evening Bulletin* of Winnipeg which adorns the first page of this article. But it is a libel against old King Canute to compare him to Charlesworth without saying something in his defense.

We Apologize to the Old Fraud

It is true that old Canute, the first Danish king of England, murdered his own brother-in-law, but kings are liable to be playful like that. But his kowtowing to the "pope" was because he did not know any better, while Charlesworth's feigned obeisance to the clergy is merely that of a fawning hypocrite. He knows they are not honest; *everybody* knows it.

Canute was quite some ruler. He issued the first national coinage of Denmark and published the first written code of Danish law. It is true, however, that he raised the clergy to a separate estate in the Danish realm, thus fastening those bloodsuckers on the necks of the Danish people. Also, he started the Danish nobility, another gang of frauds, and made them into his highest court of justice. He was a crook, all right.

It was not a half-bad concept that likened Charlesworth to King Canute. The old gent, it will be remembered, was so accustomed to ordering everybody around, and insisting that they obey him instanter, that he kept court one day down by the sea, and ordered the waves not to rise around his throne. He would have drowned if somebody with more sense had not dragged him away.

But now, turning for the moment away from the old fraud that has been dead for nine hundred years, we consider what may be the fate of this modern copy of the more noble original. We pass up the fact that radio waves from the United States continue to pour into Canada, laden with the truth as it is stored up in Judge Rutherford's transcriptions.

What interests us just now is the statement of Jehovah God through the prophet Amos as to what He intends to do with His enemies, and we recognize Hector Charlesworth as one of these. He might repent, if there be anything in him to which to make an appeal, but the man is sunk so low that any such appeal seems useless.

Jehovah God knows what He will do with this man if he does not repent; and while we do not know Charlesworth will be such till the last, yet he is such now, and we have a perfect right here to cite the fate which awaits him if he so continues. Here is what Jehovah has to say about what He will measure out to His enemies.

God Will Drown His Enemies

> I saw the Lord standing upon the altar: and he said, Smite the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake: and cut them in the head, all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered. Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them; though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down: and though they hide themselves in the top of [Mount] Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them: and though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. And the Lord God of hosts is he that toucheth the land, and it shall

melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn: and it shall rise up wholly like a flood; *and shall be drowned, as by the flood of Egypt.* It is he that buildeth his stories in the heaven, and hath founded his troop in the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; [Jehovah] is his name.—Amos 9: 1-6.

That this is not a literal drowning is at once apparent from the clause which says that "though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them". This drowning of the Devil's organization, and those that go to make it up, is an overwhelming of it.

First it will be overwhelmed with the truth, which water so nicely represents, and then the truth will be backed up with infinite power. 'The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.' In the midst of that knowledge, while it is all-pervasive in the earth, the Devil and his organization will be destroyed; they will go down to rise no more. They will be "drowned". "They shall be as though they had not been." The earth will be purified by their removal from it.

Honest Men Want It Done Now

Honest men want the Devil and his crowd "drowned" now. They pray for that every day when they pray, 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.' They would not single out Charlesworth and pray that God would put an end to him; nor would they single out the three clerical sons of dogs (Isaiah 56:10, 11) who are supposed to have incited him to his recent act of tyranny. It would be asking too much of the Creator to directly invite His attention to such. He knows who His enemies are.

But now that we are living in the Judgment Day, honest men cannot help crying out to justice to remove from the scene the human polecats that have so vitiated the atmosphere. A polecat with his collar turned backward knows how to do just one thing, and it is something the rest of us can get along nicely without. "Drowning," literal or figurative, is good.

So it was from a full heart that William Brown of Portage la Prairie, Manitoba, wrote to the Winnipeg *Free Press:*

To the Editor.—It is my belief that less injury would be done to Canada if the dignified Anglican clergymen who asked for the suppression of the addresses of Judge Rutherford over the radio, and the radio commission members, were drowned, rather than that Rutherford should be suppressed as an "anti-social agitator". If that act is approved the liberty and freedom of the individual in Canada has been crucified. "I may not believe a word you say, but I will defend with my life, if need be, your right to say it."

It should not be thought from this that Mr. Brown is savagely wishing to wreak vengeance on anybody. Not at all. He is probably one of those that pray continually for God's kingdom to fully come. Quite likely he often ponders, for his own encouragement, the statement that "for this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8) and he is anxious for this part of the Kingdom work to begin in his own day. It is a natural and a proper wish, but, if necessary, we can stand the polecats a while longer, until the time comes to bury them, and fumigate the place where they once were.

Men of Medieval Minds

The true glory of the polecat mind was back in the days of the Holy Office of the Inquisition. Then anybody who questioned the *ipse dixits* of the clergy was promptly boiled in oil, or burned at the stake, torn apart or cut up, bit by bit. Charlesworth would have been a valuable man in those days. He would have done the dirty work, while Reverends McKim, Martin and Steward would have gladly stood by with stop watches in their hands, to momentarily arrest the work of torture when it should appear that the victim was about to be released from his agonies by death. Gentle souls! A polecat presents one of the meekest appearances of any woodland creature.

The Canadian people, especially the western Canadians, do not relish having their thinking done for them by men like Charlesworth, McKim, Martin and Steward. They would like to do some of it themselves. As the Winnipeg *Free Press* says: "The best and safest plan for the Commission is to make up its mind that it is dealing with a free people and, therefore, despite any ideas in high places as to what is good for the license holders, will proceed to present as many facets as possible of world opinion."

A subscriber of the Winnipeg *Tribune* expresses the matter very well:

"To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir,—Re the lectures by Judge Rutherford. The last three lines of

a report in yesterday's issue of the Tribune state, or rather Mr. Charlesworth states, that there has been no complaint as to the electrical transcriptions of Judge Rutherford. Now, the question is, just who is this individual who assumes the responsibility of putting a ban on the lectures of one of the most interesting, also the greatest interpreter of the Scriptures on the continent, if not in the world? He does not attack any religions, but as his reference to such he quotes only the Bible, book, chapter and verse, let it hurt who it may.

"As for his attacking governments, he surely does not favor his own country, the U. S. A., and as for Canada, well, we Canadians are glad he is not listening to certain things in our own country. So much for the governments: but Mr. Charlesworth should be informed that Judge Rutherford's lectures are more eagerly awaited than nine-tenths of the programs broadcast on this continent. And again I question, or rather we question, his authority in holding them up. In the one block in which I live we are all interested in the explanation of the actions of those who assumed the authority of putting a ban on the lectures of Judge Rutherford, not the Bible Society."

We Repeat from Judge Rutherford

From Judge Rutherford's gifted pen we herewith repeat some of the statements on this subject which appear in his article entitled "Important Notice", which constitutes the leading article in our issue of March 1, 1933.

If the official representatives of the seventh world power must first approve what is broadcast by radio, then the people may be assured that those powers will approve nothing that carries to the people the truth concerning the present unhappy condition and what is the remedy.

Since the Anglo-American empire system, or "Christendom", is the chief visible part of Satan's organization on earth, it is certain, according to the Scriptures, that it will suffer the most. Armageddon will be terrible upon all nations, but particularly upon the realm of "Christendom" because within that realm is found the greatest opposition to the message of Jehovah's truth. Jehovah says concerning that time: "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts. . . . And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."—Jeremiah 25: 29-33.

If there is a way of escape from the disaster coming upon humankind, no one could avail himself of that way unless he is first informed as to the means of escape. To keep the people in ignorance of God's Word of truth would mean to prevent them from knowing the way of escape.

Everybody knows that the peoples of the world are now in great distress and perplexity, and there is no earthly power that can pull the nations out of that dilemma. Why then denounce anyone who is merely telling the people why these things have come to pass and what is God's remedy for suffering humanity? The only answer is, Because Satan exercises his subtle influence to keep the people in ignorance in order that he may turn them away from Jehovah and cause their destruction.

Every one will identify himself. As Jehu caused all the Baal worshipers to identify themselves before he slew them, so likewise Christ Jesus, the Greater Jehu, will cause all the Devil's representatives to identify themselves before He slays them. All who oppose God and His kingdom message thus identify themselves as being on the Devil's side.

Members of the Radio Commission of Canada are supposed to be the servants of the people, but they now presumptuously put themselves in a position of dictators by determining what the people shall or shall not hear by radio. If they have the power to censor one speech, they can censor all and keep the people in darkness. Have the people of Canada reached such a state of low intellectuality that they need to have a "wise" radio commission to approve what they shall hear about the Bible? This censorship order bears the earmarks of the clergy, who have assumed to be the spiritual guardians of mankind. Themselves being unable to explain the Bible truths now in the hands of the people, they want to prevent them from hearing more.

The Fight Gets Under Way

The future of the human polecats does not look bright. It is too bad to have to use a good pair of tongs on them, but the tongs can be fumigated.

Most people are so used to being robbed and lied to that they take it all meekly as a matter of course. Some are even grateful to the thieves and liars and prostrate themselves before them, but occasionally there is one that straightway sees the point when a wrong has been done, and once in a great while there is a newspaper that has the courage to speak up.

In a recent issue of the Vancouver *Sun* there appeared the following letter:

RADIO BAN

Editor, Sun: Sir,— After reading the news item on front page of *Sun* last Thursday regarding the banning of Judge Rutherford's usual weekly 15-minute Bible lecture from all Canadian broadcasting sta-

tions, I became curious to know just why a few dignified divines (D.D.'s) had complained about this "foreign agitator" as they were pleased to call him.

So I tuned in on station KJR Seattle at 10: 30 a.m. Sunday and heard this world-famed Bible scholar preach the truth from the Bible.

I understand now why the clergy object to the preaching of the truth. They never did like it.

When Jesus was on earth He didn't have anything complimentary to say to them or about them. He called them "wolves in sheep's clothing," "whited sepulchres," "scribes, Pharisees, hypocrites," etc., etc., and they tried to stop Him.

They finally crucified Him. The clergy of today are the exact counterpart of this class, and if Jesus Christ was on earth again in the flesh they would crucify Him again.

The people are tired of listening to unscriptural doctrines like the "trinity," a brimstone "hell," "immortality of the soul," etc., etc., consequently the churches are mostly empty and the clergy are naturally peeved.

Judge Rutherford preaches Bible truths and nothing else, so I will continue to listen in to his message over KJR every Sunday morning at 10: 30. I will also obtain some of his books and I know I will enjoy them.

2043 East 7th Ave. WILLIAM FORSYTHE.

Mr. Forsythe sees the issue a great deal more clearly than the editor of the Toronto *Mail and Empire*. The latter is a paper of great influence in Canada, but without hesitation it threw the entire weight of its voice against justice and reason and liberty, and in favor of tyranny, prejudice and bondage. Their editorial we put into the record, to their shame. When will the common people ever learn that among their most potent enemies are the newspapers, the mouthpieces of Big Business? The following is the editorial which appeared in the *Mail and Empire* of January 20. We reproduce it under our own headline.

Canada Gives Up Her Liberties

The Canadian Radio Commission has prohibited further broadcasting of Judge Rutherford's speeches by Canadian stations until these are approved by the censor. These speeches have been a feature of the so-called Watch Tower International Broadcast, a service that has been identified with the International Bible Students' Association.

This action of the Charlesworth Commission recalls a similar one taken by the Mackenzie King Government in 1929. At that time Hon. Mr. Cardin, Minister of Marine, refused a renewal of licenses to four radio stations belonging to this Bible Students' Association, an organization which used to be on the air early and late, week days and Sundays, mingling Bible quotations with the bitterest attacks upon the churches, the clergy of all denominations and the British Empire. It constantly supplied the unthinking with the most disturbing, revolutionary teachings. In an effort to arouse popular sentiment against the Liberal Government of that day, the association distributed a leaflet entitled "The Messenger." Assuming the role of Moses on Mount Sinai the organization thundered in the name of "Jehovah God."

"No longer can Canada boast of being a land of religious freedom. The fact that the Government now controls the air and uses its influence to the end that only such clergymen shall broadcast their sermons as will, hypocritically in the name of the Lord, serve up a mixture of meaningless nonsense which has the approval of the powers that be and which ignores the Word of God, is but another proof that freedom of thought is done. It is also evidence that the end is near. No nation can continue to ignore God and continue to exist. The selfish predatory powers have the people by the throat and oppress them without mercy. Unfaithful to God, the clergy ally themselves with that unrighteous influence, aiding in the oppression of the people and in keeping them in ignorance of God's provision for their welfare. God has promised to hear the cries of the people in due time. Their cries have reached unto His ears. The end of oppression is near at hand. It will be the most terrible day of reckoning that the world has ever known. God declares He will justly and fully recompense the oppressors by completely breaking them to pieces."

Some members of the Conservative Opposition made the mistake of championing the Bible Students, but Mr. Cardin and the Mackenzie King Government were urged to take courage and stand their ground against a species of propaganda originating in the United States, which often expressed views hostile to established institutions both in the United States and in this country. The issue has once more arisen in a somewhat different form. Prohibited from owning stations in this country, the organization has been using a number of Canadian stations. We think that the general feeling throughout Canada will support the decree just issued by the Canadian Radio Commission, which henceforth subjects all Watch Tower broadcasts to a strict censorship. The Commission may not be able to exclude these broadcasts altogether if the organization is able to employ powerful United States stations to reach Canadian listeners. But at least the Canadian Commission will not be placing the mark of its approval upon propaganda which it regards as injurious to the general public.

Charlesworth Jumpy and Nervous

For a censor, 1933 model, Charlesworth is jumpy and nervous. Polecats are like that, or seem to be. Thus, when the Calgary (Alberta) station CFCN wired him: "With reference to your wire re Judge Rutherford transcriptions: local organization now desire to put on local speaker for these periods. Please advise us

your wishes re such arrangements," he wired back "The International Bible Students are at liberty to put on local speaker so long as he refrains from offensive comments on doctrines and clergy of other denominations and from abuse of public men and institutions in Canada. Watch this continuity carefully and cut off if these conditions are broken."

Now what is there about Canadian doctrines, and Canadian clergy, Canadian public men and Canadian institutions that is so sacrosanct that they must not be mentioned? Are the men that are lined squarely up on the side of the Devil so thin-skinned that they deny their parentage? If Charlesworth had been present when Jesus told the scribes and Pharisees "Ye are of your father the devil", he would have said something to Him like what he said about Judge Rutherford in *Saturday Night*. A polecat hates to have anything said reflecting on him or his fellow polecats.

Two Liberty-Loving Editors

The periodical *Hush* goes after Charlesworth in its issue of February 4 with a good deal more courage and manliness than was shown by the *Mail and Empire*. The editor does not relish giving up all his rights to a polecat.

"LET THERE BE LIGHT"

What Winnipeg Influence Caused Hector Charlesworth to Ban Judge Rutherford's Orations on Radio? — Were They Afraid of More Light on the Stubbs Charges? — Why Do the Clergy Tremble? — Truth Must Prevail

That old Saturday Night-Big Interest sweetheart, Hector Charlesworth, now playing the role of Chairman of the Federal Radio Commission, issued instructions last week to all radio stations to discontinue the Judge Rutherford Bible student broadcasts pending their censorship by the Commission as being not abusive of other religious or governmental institutions. Who is dictating to Hector Charlesworth now? Is somebody or some government faction afraid of the TRUTH being broadcast? Mr. Charlesworth denies that the ban is the result of interference by the clergy of Canada. If this is true, then who is responsible for this extraordinary action? It is safe to say that 75 per cent of radio listeners desire to hear what Judge Rutherford has to say about modern institutions.

The United States Government has never considered such steps necessary. It is common knowledge that the super-sensitive Canadian clergy are afraid of Judge Rutherford's pundits of TRUTH. It is significant that the first move to break this ban was taken in Winnipeg, where the citizens are, more than ever, crying for the Light amidst a fog of charges and counter charges of graft, theft, corruption, judicial irregularities, suppression of free speech and what not. If the public of Canada were not universally trained by the Big Interest suborned press to believe in any hypocrite who carried a Bible in his hands, with a lie on his lips at the same time to hide his criminal acts, blind faith would not have been placed for so long in "Honest John" Machray who fundumbled, foneyfugled and hoodwinked the silly people of Winnipeg for so many years, during which he contrived to convert criminally over $1,000,000 of sacred trust funds.

Perhaps some kind soul in Winnipeg thought Judge Rutherford might comment on the Stubbs affair, because it is known that Rutherford, like Stubbs, is an exponent of the TRUTH? Hector Charlesworth has ever lived in a world of literary dreams, save when listening with intent submission to the "Master's Voice". He has now received the Master's reward—he is a little silver cog in the System's wheel. God bless and keep Hector Charlesworth in his servility!

Two weeks after the foregoing appeared in *Hush*, the periodical *Justice* (Halifax, Nova Scotia) published the following, which is of real value to the cause of truth in the earth at this critical time:

TORY WAR-MONGERS

The following will give you an idea why the Tory war-mongers ruled Judge Rutherford off the air:

Over a recent national chain of radio stations, Judge Rutherford startled millions of listeners with his emphatic pronouncement that within a short time the people will witness the complete destruction of the American government. Never before in the history of this nation had the people heard such statements of stinging rebuke and indictment against the rulers of this land, Big Business and its allies and abettors in crime, the politicians and professional clergymen. He quoted ample Bible proofs and cited physical facts and documentary evidence for every charge against the cruel and oppressive rulers of the American people. Judge Rutherford does not take sides in politics, nor does he indulge in personalities. His only motive is to point out to the people from the Scriptures that their only hope for relief from the terrible suffering, distress and unrighteousness now prevailing on the earth is God's Kingdom which, the prophecies disclose, will soon displace all present governments.

We quote a few statements Judge Rutherford made:

Today there is no true patriotism among the rulers of the nation. It is now impossible for the people to elect men to public office and to expect them to enact just laws and to administer the affairs of the government for the general welfare.

Big Business has no regard for the rights of the common people.

It controls the two major political parties of America, and names and elects at will the public men to office who will best serve their selfish interests. Big Business controls the army and the navy, the guns and the ammunition and the police power of the nation.

Satan has used commerce, politics and religion that he might get complete control of the human race and defame the name and Word of Jehovah God. For this reason, it is written in the Bible (1 John 5:19), 'The whole world is now under the wicked one.'

The rulers have been duly informed and duly warned that Jehovah God's kingdom is here. They have refused to give heed. They disregard the Word of God and go on with their imperfect schemes, and will continue to try one after another, all of which shall fail.

The greatest crisis of the ages is now upon the world, and this includes the American government.

If Jesus were to walk into Washington today and mingle with the suffering veterans in their camp He would be denounced by the clergymen as a man of low civilization. It is this same class of clergymen and political lobbyists that recently adopted a resolution, which appears in the Washington Herald under date of June 10, 1932, declaring that Christ Jesus belongs to a lower civilization.

The clergy, while claiming to represent God, in fact represent the Devil and his organization. In order that the people might hear the truth and determine this matter for themselves recently I challenged the combined clergy of America to select their best man to debate this question by radio. Charged with misrepresenting God and serving Satan these gentlemen should either come forward and prove the falsity of the charge or, failing in that, should cease to hold themselves out as teachers of the Word of God. Jehovah foretold the outcome of such a challenge and the attitude that would be assumed by the preachers, when He caused His prophet Jeremiah to write, at chapter fifty-one, verse thirty: "The mighty men of Babylon [Satan's organization] have forborn to fight; they have remained in their holds: their might hath failed." Let the people take note of this fact.

In 1917 Big Business, for ultraselfish reasons, needlessly and wantonly forced the American nation into the World War which resulted in the greatly increased wealth and power of a few men and made serfs and paupers of many millions of people.

With grasping arms like the tentacles of a mighty octopus, Big Business has laid hold upon practically all of the visible wealth of the nation.

The American government has been weighed in the balance and found wanting. It cannot endure. Together with all other nations, it soon shall fall. Such fall will be in spite of everything Big Business, politicians and clergymen, the military and the "strong-arm squad," and the Devil and all of his hosts can do to hold together the oppressive rule. It must and will fall because Jehovah God's kingdom is here. Hasten now to take shelter under Jehovah's kingdom.

The same selfish interests own and control the professional clergymen, and these men make merchandise of the Word of God in order to keep the people in ignorance and in subjection to the ruling powers. Thus it is plainly seen that the power of the government is centralized in the hands of a very few.

Within a short time Jehovah God will destroy the Devil and his entire organization.

Jehovah made this earth for man to live upon in peace and plenty, health and happiness; and under the reign of Christ, He declares, the earth shall yield her increase, and God shall bless the people, and all in the earth shall know Him.

Canadian Troops in Action

The Devil always gets off to a flying start. Charlesworth and his fellow polecats were in high feather on January 16, when they let loose. It takes the Lord's people time to get under way with the fumigating and cleansing process now commanding attention.

On February 18 the "Important Notice", which was our leading article in Number 351, began to be placed in every home in Canada. Straightway the Devil's crowd began to evidence pain. Protests appeared in several papers, but it is like protesting against a snowstorm after the storm has begun. A particularly amusing squawk is the following, which appeared in the Toronto *Star* for February 23:

A REMONSTRANCE

To the Editor of the Star:

Sir: Toronto, if not Canada at large, has been flooded during the last few days with a four-page important notice from Judge Rutherford, the head of the Russellite or International Bible Student Movement, protesting against the action of Mr. Charlesworth, the chairman of the Canadian Radio Commission, in suppressing or censoring the broadcasting of his speeches.

Canadians generally will doubtlessly be intelligent enough to valuate for themselves the main content of the appeal, which is, like much of their teaching, a curious compound of truth and error. He quotes a great deal of Scripture, but Scripture can be strangely perverted, and texts can be torn bleeding from their context.

But there is a postscript, to which special attention is called as a challenge to the clergy. He takes the names of three honored clergymen of the Anglican church, Canon McKim, the Rev. Mr. Steward and the Rev. Mr. Martin, rectors of churches in St. John, N. B., men of the highest reputation for probity, piety and practical Christianity. And says: "These reverend gentlemen pose before the people as the representatives of God and Christ and His kingdom. I charge that they in fact represent Satan the Devil." And then he adds a wider challenge that "the clergymen of the Anglican church, contrary to their claim, do not in fact represent Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and His kingdom, but that they do represent and serve Satan the Devil and that thereby the people are deceived." I simply want to point out, as a remonstrance against such assertions, that these men, two of whom I know intimately, are truly consecrated men of God and that Judge Rutherford's widely disseminated diatribe against the Anglican church as a whole would in itself warrant the Radio Commission of Canada in refusing the Russellites the use of existing facilities for broadcasting without first submitting the same to the broadcasting commission.

Toronto. (Rev.) DYSON HAGUE

Reverend Hague, in his grief over the charge that McKim, Steward and Martin represent Satan the Devil, and that the clergymen of the Anglican church, all of them, are in the same boat, seems to have overlooked the fact that the remedy is in their own hands. All they have to do is get together and arrange the radio debate that Judge Rutherford has invited.

The Moncton (N. B.) *Daily Times* of February 27 contained the following, which is true in the words which we have reproduced in italics. The rest of it is false. That is something of a record, 6 true words out of 59. We assume, because of its untruthfulness, that it was written by some clergyman, some man of corrupt *mind,* some polecat. The headline is ours:

ALL OVER CANADA

The blasphemous Rutherford leaflets recently distributed from door to door in Moncton *were circulated generally all over Canada.* In Toronto some school children were engaged in the work, probably not knowing the character of the leaflet but,out to make a few dimes. Again it is pertinent to enquire whence the source of the money available for this work.

Afraid to Face the Issue

Not only are the clergy afraid to face the issue, but the newspapers betray the same anxiety not to let this matter come before the people in its true light. If Judge Rutherford's charges are true, as we firmly believe them to be, then it is of the utmost importance that the people know the truth, so that they can range themselves on the side of the God whom they elect to serve.

The newspapers should aid them in this, but the Toronto *Star,* though publishing Reverend Hague's remonstrance, tries to pass over the matter lightly in its accompanying editorial herewith reproduced. This editorial is of no value, because it helps the people not at all. Most people who read it, instead of seeing the great issues at stake, will be misled by the attempted facetiousness of the editor into thinking that it makes no difference whether Judge Rutherford is right or wrong. In point of fact, it actually makes all the difference between life and death.

MR. CHARLESWORTH IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY

When Hector Charlesworth was made chairman of the Radio Commission we said that, on looking back, it seemed to us that all his life he had been in training for this post. Today we are not so sure of it. Mr. Charlesworth is up against something now for which we cannot see that he has had any training. Judge Rutherford is after him with Biblical prophecies of great omen. A four-page folder is being distributed from house to house in Toronto conveying an Important Notice, beginning in this way:

About the 18th of January, 1933, the following telegram was sent by the Canadian Radio Commission to radio stations throughout that country:

"Speeches of one Judge Rutherford, foreign anti-social agitator, must not be broadcast by Canadian stations until the continuity or records of same are submitted to the Canadian Radio Broadcasting Commission for approval.

"Signed,

"Hector Charlesworth,

"Chairman."

Judge Rutherford, who deals with prophecies over the air, had not predicted this order. So out comes his four-page folder. Mr. Charlesworth has probably read more literature about the Battle of Waterloo than about the Battle of Armageddon. He has probably studied Shakespeare and other dramatists, ancient and modern, English and foreign, more than he has the prophecies of the Holy Scriptures. We may be doing him an injustice in saying this, but, at least, we are justified in saying that Mr. Charlesworth has written in the press more about Eugene O'Neill than about the Prophet Ezekiel.

Judge Rutherford tells us in his four-page folder that the "great Battle of Armageddon is approaching, at which time the final conflict between the forces of Satan and those of Jehovah will take place." Rumor had it that Satan had lost out long ago, but we have at times had reason to suspect that certain persons we do not care to name were working for him either directly or indirectly. We had no idea, however, after glimpsing Milton and Dante that Lucifer was still in a position to fight to a show-down. Judge Rutherford has not a doubt. The great fight comes.

The British Empire is the seventh Empire. Seven is a mystic number; why should there be more than seven Empires? Of course by leaving out an Empire here and there the British Empire could be called the sixth or by adding an Empire or two it could be shown to be the ninth or the eleventh, but in order that it may conform to expectant prophecy let us call it the seventh and await the millennium. Here is where Mr. Charlesworth ought to consult his lawyer. Judge Rutherford writes:

"The Scriptures show that the chief officer of Satan in leading his wicked forces is called Gog and who formulates and leads in a conspiracy against Jehovah's witnesses and against His kingdom, and that such conspiracy will begin and be prosecuted within the realms of the seventh world power above mentioned. Satan's effort is to keep the people in ignorance of what is about to come to pass."

While we wish to occupy an entirely impartial position in this discussion we feel compelled to say that Judge Rutherford pretty clearly indicates that he identifies Mr. Charlesworth as Gog, the chief Canadian agent of Satan. This, we feel sure, was not an office which Mr. Charlesworth knowingly accepted at the

request of Prime Minister Bennett, who merely asked him to take charge of radio.

In concluding his four-page folder Judge Rutherford challenges the clergy to meet him in debate—the clergy who represent Satan while he, alone on earth evidently, represents God—but we would suggest that the argument is shifted and that Judge Rutherford should challenge Mr. Hector Charlesworth to meet him in debate in Massey Hall on some date agreeable to both parties. What a night!

"Saturday Night" on a Higher Plane

We have before indicated our appreciation of the fact that *Saturday Night* was improved by Hector Charlesworth's connection with it being severed. We do not see how it could have been otherwise. His withdrawal from anything would automatically cleanse and purify it. From the issue of February 25 we quote the following not half bad front page item. It shines by contrast with the supine editorial in the *Mail and Empire* and the colorless one in the *Star*.

SATAN AND THE RADIO SYSTEM

WE LEARN from a circular signed by the eminent Judge Rutherford, who further subscribes himself "one of the servants of Jehovah", that it is his contention that the clergymen of the Anglican Church "do represent and serve Satan the Devil and that thereby the people are deceived". He desires to debate this contention over a national radio chain with one of the three Anglican clergymen of Saint John whose protest recently led to his being excluded from the Canadian radio stations. The contention, which, it should be borne in mind, would have had the support of quite a large number of Christian Canadians in the more violent theological days of the Family Compact, strikes us as an interesting one about which we should like to hear more, although the probability of our being converted to a thorough-going belief in it is extremely small. Since, however, the judge is not likely to be permitted to rejoin the gracious company of educators who are now engaged in improving the minds of the Canadian people with the aid of the wave systems discovered by Marconi, we presume we shall have to rely upon his printed literature, which is not yet being suppressed when printed in Canada.

There is one thing about it, and that is that his exclusion from the radio system can have caused no surprise to so earnest a Bible student as Judge Rutherford, who may be well aware that one of Satan's most important titles is that of "prince of the powers of the air".

The Zeal of the Neophyte

The day before Jehovah's witnesses went into action to put the "Important Notice" regarding the radio censorship into the hands of the Canadian people, Charlesworth wired station CKOK, Detroit-Windsor, as follows:

"Our rules in connection with the Watch Tower Society are that they may go on the air provided they refrain from abuse of the doctrines and clergy of other churches and from attacks on public institutions of this country. It is necessary to watch this continuity carefully, as transgressions have occurred at several stations where the Watch Tower people have been allowed to go on the air."

After the "Notice" campaign got under way, and the people began to get and read the folders, by the millions, he suddenly came to realize that he had grabbed a bull by the tail. In sudden fright he wired all stations in Canada as follows:

"No broadcasts containing Judge Rutherford's speeches, letters or publications are to be carried out by any Canadian broadcasting station until continuity and records have been submitted to and approved by Canadian Radio Commission."

That is going some. One man will do all the thinking for the people of Canada. They shall have nothing to say about it. If he thinks it is good for them to hear, they may hear it. If he thinks it best, for any reason whatever, that they should not hear it, then, in his mind, if Jesus Christ himself, or even Jehovah the Almighty God, wishes to present a message to the people of Canada, it cannot go on the air.

We recognize that spirit. It is the spirit of the one who said, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds: I will be like the Most High."—Isaiah 14:13, 14.

It is the spirit of the same one who said: "My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself" (Ezekiel 29:3), and of the one who said to Jesus: "All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou, therefore, wilt worship me, all shall be thine." —Luke 4:6, 7.

Charlesworth Censorship Illegal

It would hardly seem necessary to call the attention of the liberty-loving people of Canada to the fact that the Charlesworth censorship is illegal, lawless, a usurpation of authority, yet we patiently do even that, knowing that the time of reckoning draws on apace in which all injustices will receive their due recompense of reward.

Judge Rutherford authorizes us to say that he has recently taken the opinion of a well-known firm of lawyers in Canada and the following is a quotation from their opinion:

> **"The Chairman of the Commission, Mr. Charlesworth, gives as his authority for the control of broadcasting Sections 8, 9 and 10 of the Act. As yet no by-laws or regulations have been promulgated. It is our view that the telegram from the chairman to the broadcasting stations forbidding the broadcast of Judge Rutherford's speeches in the manner that the telegram was worded, was entirely unauthorized and we do not think either the chairman or the Commission had any authority so to act until by-laws or resolutions or regulations respecting such censorship had first been passed and approved by counsel."**

We expect to have more to say, in a later issue, on this subject of robbing the people of their rights, under the specious plea of public interest, but at this point conclude to terminate this article with a quotation from the Scriptures which fits the conditions very well:

> Now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered. Then they that feared [Jehovah] spake often one to another; and [Jehovah] hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared [Jehovah], and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith [Jehovah] of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith [Jehovah] of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.—Malachi 3: 15-17; 4: 1.

The complete overwhelming, annihilation of the enemies of God, referred to by the prophet Amos as a "flood", is here mentioned under the symbolism of a "fire". The event is the same, and the conclusion is the same: the complete destruction of those that oppose Jehovah's will.

Judge Rutherford, with the most important message that ever came to the sons of men, temporarily deprived of his rights in Canada, is yet in a happy place, "the secret place of the Most High," while Hector Charlesworth, accepting the Devil's offer, and doing his illegal bidding, is in for justly merited shame in the present, and has yet to answer at the bar of Jehovah God for the injustice and illegality he has practiced upon one of His meek and obedient servants.

Ahaziah Fell Through the Lattice

ON A CERTAIN occasion Ahaziah, king of Israel, fell through the lattice and got considerably smashed up. Thereupon he sent to Baal-zebub (the Devil) to inquire if he would get well. Elijah's opinion was not asked or desired, but he chanced to meet the courier and told him he need proceed no further, but could go back and tell the one who sent him that he was not going to get well, but would die; and he did.

And that reminds us of what has happened to financialdom. It is sick with its last sickness. It has fallen through the lattice. The Standard Statistics Company reports that in the first nine months of 1932 the net income of 390 important corporations showed a decline of 79.8 percent from the corresponding period of 1931, itself an extremely bad year. The profits of industrial companies dropped 99.4 percent. Sixty railroads showed a net deficit of $133,135,000 against an aggregate profit last year of $67,070,000.

Viewing the matter entirely from the standpoint of the Scriptures, Judge Rutherford has expressed the opinion that, bad as the world's financial matters now are, they will get still worse, and there will be no recovery. The antitypical Ahaziah is uneasy and fears the worst, and rightly so. *Vindication* Two shows that the funeral cannot be far off. "Zion heard, and was glad."

Fourteen Mendicant States

THE Chicago *Daily Tribune* points out that Congressman Beck of Pennsylvania has declared that in the fiscal year 1931 fourteen states took more out of the federal treasury than they paid in internal revenue. Idaho drew out five times as much as it put in; North Dakota, six times as much; New Mexico, seven times; Wyoming, six; South Carolina, three.

Gangsters Kill 33 Police in 2 Years

IN THE last two years gangsters have slain 33 New York policemen, and have made 33 others hopeless cripples.

Prussian Police Encouraged to Shoot

BY AN official proclamation the Prussian police have been encouraged to shoot Communists engaged in acts of violence, but are warned to cooperate with Nazi storm troops and the Stahlheim of the Nationalist parties in action.

Many Jobless Women Go Insane

IN NEW YORK city it has been found that about 18 percent of the 30,000 women applying for aid at the Central Relief Bureau for the Registration of the Homeless are suffering from mental disorders caused by unemployment.

Farm Tax Sales Doubled

IN FIVE years last past, 9½ percent of all the farms in the United States changed hands through forced sales. The number of forced sales in 1932 was 41.7 per thousand as against 26.1 the year before.

America Visited in 1482

DR. JAIME CORTESAO, Portuguese historian, lecturing in Seville, Spain, declares that he has found historical records proving that Pedro Vasquez de la Frontera, of Palos, visited America in 1482, ten years before Columbus made his first voyage.

The Watsongraph Radio Typewriter

THE Watsongraph radio typewriter, successfully tested out in New York, enables the operator to be in one place and his typewriter several miles away. The system is expected to provide absolute secrecy and to be of great use in the navy, in large manufacturing plants, in news gatherings, in forestry, in train dispatching, and in police work.

The Dam at Dnieprostroi

THE dam at Dnieprostroi, Russia, is completed and inaugurates the largest hydro-electric power plant in the world. It required the services of 30,000 workers for five years. A whole new town of 120,000 people has sprung up. The building of the dam has raised the level of the upper part of the Dnieper river by 130 feet, and it is now navigable for its entire length of 1,300 miles.

19,500 Miles of Lighted Airways

THERE are now in the United States 19,500 miles of lighted airways. Plans have been made to increase this to 25,000 miles. Beacons are placed at 10-mile to 15-mile intervals; landing fields, at 40-mile to 50-mile intervals.

Russian War on Illiteracy

SOVIET RUSSIA has declared war on illiteracy, and expects within the next five years to have wiped it out for all persons then under 50. Today three times as many persons can read and write as could do so in the days of the czar.

Production of Artificial Rain

GOOD results have come from putting into effect in Russia the producing of artificial rain, which problem was solved in the Norwegian Institute. The apparatus used has the power to ionize the atmosphere to a distance of half a mile.

Oil-Producing Countries

THE United States last year produced 595,000,000 barrels of oil; Soviet Union 120,000,000 barrels; Venezuela, 88,000,000; Rumania, 37,000,000; Persia, 36,000,000; and Mexico, 25,000,000. In the Soviet Union the production and marketing of oil is a government monopoly.

Federal Loans to Arkansas Farmers

OUT of the fewer than 200,000 farmers in the state of Arkansas it is stated that 46,835 have borrowed some $4,000,000 for production purposes. It thus appears that about a quarter of the farmers in the state have had to borrow from Uncle Sam to keep going.

Reverend Clayton Wilkin

REVEREND CLAYTON WILKIN, of Hornell, N. Y., is organizing a new church based on the platform "The Bible is not true. There never was a Christ." Now if the Reverend Satan the Devil hears of this he will have one more pearl to add to the string he already has.

Matilda Jones of Beaumont

MATILDA JONES of Beaumont, Texas, was 13 years old when Napoleon died, and was in slavery for 37 years. She is a full-blooded Indian, but at the age of 15 was stolen from her tribe and sold into slavery. She is still in good health at 124 years of age.

New Anesthetic, Avertin

THE new anesthetic, avertin, given in the form of an enema, is said to furnish a quiet and peaceful sleep, without gagging, coughing, retching or vomiting, and in many instances the patient feels so little pain that morphine need not be given after the operation is finished.

Diesel Locomotive Trains for Argentina

THE Diesel locomotive trains that have proved such a huge success in Germany will be used in Argentina. Four have been made in Britain. It is claimed that the use of these engines in Britain would save the railways of that country £22,000,000 per annum.

Diesel Locomotives on Branch Lines

FOR some time it has been known that it is economy for the railroads to operate their branch lines with gasoline engines. It is now found that Diesel oil-burning engines are still more economical, rendering the same service for two-thirds the gasoline-engine expense.

Talkie Tells Time in Paris

AT ANY hour of the day or night, by ringing up a given number, any telephone subscriber within reach of Paris may call up the Paris Observatory and a talkie machine will reply, giving the time in hours, minutes and seconds. The entire arrangement is automatic.

"Up Goes the British Flag"

THE following is said to be a genuine extract from an essay written by a Bristol schoolboy: "Africa is a British colony. I will now tell you how England makes her colonies. First, a missionary is sent out. When he has found a nice, fertile country, he assembles all the natives, and says, 'Let us pray'; and while they have their eyes shut, up goes the British flag."

In Mecklenburg County, North Carolina

IN THE Mecklenburg County torture chamber the prisoners are chained to the wall. The feet are held together by ankle irons, and the connecting chain is locked to the wall near the floor. Wrists are handcuffed and chained to a bar over the prisoner's head and the prisoner sometimes remains in that position night and day for as long as two nights at a time. On release they often faint from weakness, but, after being given a small meal, are put to work.

Vehicular Tunnel in the Catskills

NEW YORK state has just completed a 600-foot vehicular tunnel under Breakneck mountain, near Cold Spring. The opening of the tunnel eliminates two dangerous grade crossings over the main line of the New York Central railway. The tunnel is electric-lighted. The portals are faced with granite.

Growth of Jewish Population

IN SPITE of 2,000 massacres in the past fifty years, in which it is estimated that 100,000 Jews were murdered, the Jewish population of the world has in the past one hundred years grown from 3,000,000 to 16,000,000. This rate of growth is almost double that of the rest of the world in that time.

Brief History of Broadcasting

SOME say that the first regular radio broadcasting was begun at Montreal in December, 1919. Since then 34,500,000 radio sets have been placed in the homes of the people, about half of them in the United States. In Germany alone there are now 65 different wireless journals, with a total of 2,500,000 weekly subscribers.

Fuel Oil from Coal in Japan

THE Japanese are obtaining one ton of good fuel oil from two tons of bituminous coal mined in their new province of Manchukuo, formerly called Manchuria. The distillation at low temperatures is said to be extremely successful. It is expected that this discovery will revolutionize the Japanese navy.

Warder Helped Sane Man to Escape

IN A LONDON hospital for the insane an attendant sacrificed his job to help a sane man escape and rejoin his family. The fact that the escaped man is sane and happy is not denied, but the warder who let him out paid £10 5s. in fines and costs for heeding the imprisoned man's plea.

French Rhine Hydro Development

THE French are inaugurating immense hydroelectric works on the Rhine, to take advantage of the fall of 588 feet between Basle and Strasbourg. They are also building a canal for navigation purposes in the same district. The hydroelectric works will be the most powerful in Europe and will serve the whole of eastern France.

When Britain Buys Wheat

WHEN Britain buys wheat from the United States at 50c a bushel, the Canadian farmer, for a like bushel, receives 55c in his currency, and the Argentinian farmer, for a like bushel, receives 70c in his currency. The gold standard of the United States works against the farmer in this way.

Westminster Abbey Falling in Ruins

THE last chunk of masonry to fall in Westminster Abbey narrowly missed a group of tourists; it weighed about thirty pounds. After Armageddon, if the old pile survives that long, it will be a joy to the people, no doubt, to remove the eyesore and erect in its place something not to the glory of man but to the praise and honor of the Creator himself.

Readmitted to Prison

A LOUISVILLE (Kentucky) young man got in trouble in Kansas and was sent to the Hutchinson Reformatory. After sixteen months he was paroled and went back home. Unable to find work he found his way clear back to Hutchinson, and asked to check in again and finish the balance of his sentence, as he preferred to do that rather than to steal.

Ordered the Wrong Man

TWO robbers came out of a Berea (Ohio) bank with $35,000, after they had locked ten persons in the basement. One of the robbers stuck a gun in the face of a coal dealer and ordered him to get into his car. The coal dealer was provoked, and hit him so hard with his fist that he was stunned and dropped his gun. Then the coal dealer picked it up and shot him twice, and now, as soon as he gets well, if he does, he will go back to the State reformatory.

Baby Chicks Fly to Russia

YOU would not think that baby chicks could fly from England to Russia, would you? Or maybe you would. Anyway, they do, and make the trip in 28 hours, and without anything to eat en route. Ninety percent of them survive the trip, which is quite a trip, when you reflect that the chicks are only a day old when they start on it. About the details? Oh, yes, certainly. The British have built up quite a business with Russia, and the baby chicks go through by plane, with change at Cologne and at Berlin.

In Seventeen Southern States

IN THE seventeen Southern states there is one Negro high school for each 44,000 of Negro population, and one white high school for each 4,900 of the white population. Just why it is nine times as important to see that the whites are educated as it is to see that the Negroes have an equally good chance, we do not pretend to understand.

Akron Pastors Get to Work

AKRON (Ohio) pastors, who have hitherto had only one day's work a week, are now working on Mondays, taking exercises in the Y.M.C.A., trying to cut down their overgrown waistlines. It is not yet known what they will do during the other five days of the week, but the Scriptures seem to indicate that most of the time will be spent in slumber, as hitherto.

Shrinkage of Human Heads

NATIVES of South America still understand how to shrink the heads of corpses so that what was once full-size becomes reduced to the dimensions of a small apple. These reduced heads are sometimes sold to tourists as souvenirs. On one occasion the diminutive head of a missing English tourist was placed on sale in Peru.

Happy Ending of a Holdup

TWO robbers, one behind him and one in front of him, tried to hold up a New York insurance collector. They ordered him to hold up his hands, but he went straight on about his business. With that one of them got rattled and shot and killed his own comrade. The police got the other, and at the conclusion everybody was happy.

Things Doing in Turkey

THE Turks are wrestling with the formation of a new dictionary, intended to bring their spoken and their written speech into accord. Within the next six months every Turk must have adopted some family name; hitherto family names have been nonexistent in Turkey. Zaro Agha, who claims to be 158 years old, is back home after two years' wandering in the United States and Great Britain. The Turks are economical; newspaper publishers are annoyed by the fact that one paper does a whole village. It passes from house to house until worn out.

Salaries at Geneva

THE secretary-general of the League of Nations receives free house rent and a salary of £6,500 per year. Fifty-two officials receive from £1,150 to £4,000 per year; 203 receive £1,100 per year; 599 receive £300 to £900 per year. Stenographers' salaries average £350 per year. Britain has made a gesture that these expenses should be reduced.

Only Another Form of Paganism

THE Federal Council of Churches says truthfully: "In many cases we have only substituted one form of paganism for another. Suspicion, fear, malice, lust and greed, we have discovered, may be as mightily malignant in the midst of unparalleled scientific achievements and material prosperity as they ever were among primitive peoples."

New Commercial Submarine a Huge Success

THE new commercial submarine, invented by Simon Lake, is said to be a huge success. It creeps sidewise over the ocean floor, dependent on the movements of the mother ship overhead. From the submarine divers may explore the sea bottom so thoroughly that nothing of value, pearls, clams or what not, need be overlooked.

Lawyers Feather Their Nests

IN WINDING up the affairs of the defunct Bank of the United States, the principal lawyer received $200,000 for his two-year service, and his chief assistant $100,000 for the same period. Forty-seven other lawyers received $244,821, and law clerks were paid $151,297. This makes a total of almost $700,000 for ever lost to the depositors.

Car Ferry Across British Channel

THE Southern Railway of England is about to build three huge car ferries which will enable through freight and passenger trains to go from England to all parts of the continent of Europe. The crossing of the channel will be from Dover to Dunkirk, and will necessitate large expenditures in improvement of wharves. One reason for this is that in Dover there is a difference of 28 feet between high and low tides. Another difficulty that must be met is that there is a difference of ⅜ of an inch between the gauges of British and French railways.

Women Burglars in New York

WAITING till the employer had gone out for supper, and only two clerks remained in the store, two women staged a holdup in a Broadway women's shop the other night, and went away with $64. They carried a revolver and went about their business as if used to it. It is the first instance known where two women have carried out a holdup.

Farm Labor in England

FARM labor in England is paid 30s. a week, which, at present value of the pound sterling, is something under $5. Out of this amount he must pay rent and all the other expenses of the home. It leaves, for a man with a wife and three children, only about 2d. a meal apiece. English farmers are now urging a revision of these wages downward.

League Bound to Go to Smash

SEEMING to sense that the League of Nations is bound to go to smash, the field secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches, in an address at Syracuse before the New York Pastors' Conference, said: "We have got to strengthen the hands of the men of the world who are working for peace. If the League of Nations crashes, then God pity mankind."

Negro Low Suicide Rate

BIRMINGHAM, Alabama, has a Negro population of 99,077 and a white population of 160,551. In the last ten years there have been 21 Negro suicides, or one for every 4,718 of the population. In the same time there have been 307 white suicides, or one for every 523 of the population. Just why the Negro should be nine times as appreciative of his life as is the white seems hard to say.

Ears of Japan's Army

THE ears of Japan's army, of which there are many units or ears, are each mounted on trucks, and are of great size, about the height of a two-story house. Each ear has five great horns, each some twelve to fifteen feet long, leading in to the receiving apparatus where the sounds are analyzed and coordinated. The object of these ears is to enable the army to detect the approach of enemy planes, and to locate them even in a fog.

Christmas Paroles in Alabama

ALABAMA grants a six weeks' Christmas parole to the 500 prisoners that during the year have been the most obedient and diligent. The parole this year was from December 1 to January 15, and affected almost 10 percent of the prison population of the state. Very few Christmas paroles have ever been violated. When the prisoners' term of liberty expires they return to serve the rest of their time.

Newark Airport

NEWARK'S airport, by completion of the Diagonal Overpass, a $21,000,000 viaduct spanning the Jersey meadows as a short cut to the Holland Tunnel, has been brought within twenty-five minutes' automobile driving time from City Hall, New York. It does more business than the three greatest European airports, Templehof, Croydon and Le Bourget, put together.

A Careless College Professor

MR. LEWIN, of Berlin, Germany, forged paper to the amount of $750,000 and lit out for South America. Later he changed his name to Normano, moved to the U.S.A., and for two years was a valued lecturer on economics at Harvard University. Little by little he got careless in his statements in the classroom. They did not check up with statements he made outside. He had the letter "L" on some of his laundry, and at length he wrote to some of his old acquaintances in Berlin, and the jig was up. Harvard professors of economics should pay more attention to details.

Church Business in England

THE Church of England has an income of £7,000,000 from endowments and £9,000,000 from voluntary offerings. The average income of the 17,300 underclergy is around £400 per year; bishops draw from £3,000 to £7,000 per year; the archbishop of York and the bishop of London get £10,000 a year each, and the archbishop of Canterbury gets £15,000. A clergyman who does any menial labor is in danger of losing his job; none of them may hunt; none of them may have a farm of more than seventy-nine acres; none of them may be a partner in a trading concern unless there are seven or more partners. None of them may be members of the House of Commons.

Shah Wants to Sell His Throne

THE Shah of Persia wants to sell his peacock throne, and if any of our subscribers have a little matter of $19,500,000 that they do not know what to do with, here is a chance to get a bang-up first-class throne. Don't dodge the bargain by merely saying, O Shah! Better hurry up and get it, for it won't be long now till there won't be a throne for sale at any price. They are going into the discard, and will be hard to locate.

In the Chain Gangs of Georgia

IN THE chain gangs of Georgia, according to photographic proof furnished by John L. Spivak in his book *Georgia Nigger,* the colored convicts travel to and fro in a huge cage on wheels like that in which wild animals are exhibited in a zoo. They work in a group, chained together so that all must move in unison, and an untoward gesture by one individual may cause agony to his neighbors.

Smuggling Pigs in Baby Clothes

CUSTOMS officials on the border between Hungary and Austria have just broken up a thriving business in the importation of small pigs, brought in as babies. The peasant women, to dodge the tariff duties, made suckling pigs drunk by giving them grain soaked in alcohol. Then they pulled baby caps over their snouts, wrapped them in swaddling clothes and so got them across the frontier free. They did too big a business. After a time some clever customs officer noticed that the babies were traveling only one way; he made an investigation, and the jig was up.

Italian Industry Fully Organized

ALL Italy is now 100-percent organized. Everybody is in some kind of industrial organization, either of employers or of employees. It is no doubt the closest organization of a great people ever effected. Among other things the organization is accomplishing, it is draining all the marshes and putting them to work raising food for the rapidly increasing population. Since 1922 the number of children attending primary schools has increased by 700,000. Torrigiani, head of the Italian Freemasons, is dead at the age of 70. For the past six years he was confined in an underground cell on the Lipari islands, where he became blind before death mercifully put an end to his sufferings.

Automobile Deaths in Britain

LAST year 6,691 persons were killed and 202,119 were injured on the roads of Great Britain. Of those killed, 3,467 were pedestrians, 2,205 were either driving motor vehicles or were passengers in them, 926 were cycling, and 93 were on horse-drawn vehicles. In six years Britain has had 37,045 killed on her roads, and 998,232 injured.

Automatic Janitor at High Point, N. C.

THE post office at High Point, N. C., has installed an electric eye which automatically regulates the amount of light entering the building. If the sun floods the building with a glare of light, windows are automatically closed until the amount of light entering is just that which is desired. If a thunderstorm comes up the windows are shifted so as to allow more light to enter.

A Much More Prolific Cotton

A MR. A. D. COSGROVE, called the 'Burbank of cotton', has succeeded in producing a new kind of cotton which averages 14 locks to the boll, instead of 5, the usual number. While the discovery seems to come at an inopportune moment, because it is only a little while ago that a monument to the boll weevil was erected in one of the cotton states, yet really it is all for the good of man, and when these dunderheads of financiers have made their last stand for selfishness and the Lord God Almighty takes full control of earth's affairs, the new kind of cotton will be a blessing to the millions now living who will never die.

Farm Leaders Want Elastic Mortgages

THE farm leaders want elastic mortgages. In other words, they want their mortgages scaled down to what they can pay, as to both principal and interest, and in the end it would be to the advantage of the mortgagees to listen to their plaint. If a man can pay the interest on $2,000 and cannot possibly pay it on $5,000, the man who loaned the money stands a better chance to get something back on his principal if he reduces the face of the loan than if he lets it stand at the full amount. Foreclosing the mortgage on a farm and putting a hard-working farmer out in the road is a bad business. The farm goes to weeds, the buildings fall to pieces, and in a few years the mortgage is not worth the paper it is written on.

Expectation of Life in England

IN 1871 the expectation of life in England at birth was 41 years for a boy and 44 years for a girl; today it is 56 for the boy and 60 for the girl. In two generations the expectation of life at birth has increased by 15 years. The death rate in England and Wales was reduced from 21 per 1,000 in 1871 to 12 per 1,000 in 1931. The infant mortality in 1871 was 149 per 1,000 births, to compare with 66 per 1,000 births last year.

Which Church Is Neglected?

REVEREND A. G. JUDD, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Ilion, N. Y., says that Sunday golfing, fishing, automobiling, company, cards or contract may be all right, but that "when the church is neglected it is the same as neglecting God" and this neglect is one of the principal reasons for the depression. Unfortunately he forgot to say which one of the 213 denominations is the one neglected, and so the remedy does not disclose itself.

Receiver of Illinois Life Insurance Company

WHAT the receiver of the Illinois Life Insurance Company found had become of one-third of the assets of the company was that the Stevens family that controlled the company had invested them in the La Salle and Stevens hotels which they owned and which are now in receivership. The insurance company's securities were apparently chiefly in the form of second-mortgage bonds. The Stevens family, besides cleaning out the insurance company, paid one of their number $500,000 a year for his valuable (?) services as chairman of the board.

"Original Sin Absent in Mary" (?)

UNDER the above heading the Roman Catholic *Register* says of one of the feast days in honor of the virgin Mary: "On this day we pay her special devotion because of the singular privilege that was hers, whereby she was preserved from the stain of original sin in the first instant of her conception." Against this we place, and need to place, but a single scripture. "We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are *all* under sin: as it is written, There is *none* righteous, no, *not one:* there is *none* that understandeth, there is *none* that seeketh after God. They are *all* gone out of the way, they are *together* become unprofitable; there is *none* that doeth good, no, *not one.*" (Romans 3:9-12) Not even Mary.

Sweat Shops in Connecticut

LURED to Connecticut by the loose labor laws, and the long week of fifty-five hours permissible for women workers, sweat shops, imported from New York city, are paying wages worse than in some places in India. Department of Labor investigators report actual wage payments of 2 cents for a day's work, 40 cents for 120 hours, 65 cents for 58 hours, and $1.08 for 80 hours.

Gyroscopic Stabilizer a Huge Success

THE million-dollar gyroscopic stabilizers in the Italian liner Conte di Savoia have proved to be a huge success. When the ship is in heavy seas, and rolling through an arc of thirty degrees, if the stabilizers are turned on the rolling is at once reduced to about five degrees. It is believed that this is one of the greatest discoveries ever made for the promotion of travel comfort on the high seas.

"What Darkness We Are In"

REV. JOHN P. CHIDWICK, chaplain of the battleship Maine when she was blown up in Havana harbor, in an address at the Capuchin Church of John the Baptist, in New York city, is reported to have said: "Notwithstanding all the overflow bounty with which God has blessed the world in the last three years, what a mess they have made of the world! What darkness we are in! What uncertainty presses upon us! Who can say even now whether we have reached the center of the storm and that it is passing by? Who feels the earth on which we stand firm and secure? Who sees the star of promise telling us of the coming of a better day?"

Mercer Trouser Company, Inc.

THE above concern, by check No. 96, dated Trenton, N. J., September 15, 1932, paid Helen Bambo $1. The check is signed by Dorothy Weiss, secretary, and is marked "Payroll account. Paid in full". A letter accompanying the facsimile of the check, signed by Emily Sims Marconnier, associate general secretary of the National Consumers' League, says:

> The enclosed check for $1.00 received by an experienced garment worker for two weeks' work with overtime is a glaring example of a new and vicious racket, the sweat shop. Other wages paid by these firms which are breeding in our midst include 2c a day, 40c for 120 hours' work, $1.08 for 80 hours, and even no wages at all to "learners".

Twenty Planes Could Wipe Out London

TWENTY planes, loaded with arsenical poison gas, could wipe out London, filling it with a lethal mixture to a height of forty feet. The first symptoms are intense mental distress and utter dejection. Driven mad by the pain and misery, the people lose all mental control and cannot endure to wear gas masks. The world has been made safe for—for—whatever it was to be made safe for.

Preachers as Bartenders

IN VALBY, Denmark, the preacher, finding he could not interest the people in anything he had to offer in the church, bought a saloon across the street and now is getting on quite well. Herein is a suggestion. The preachers are of no good at their present work; shortly America will doubtless have openings for many bartenders, and the preachers might gradually work up into these positions.

German Jobless Build Own Homes

ON MUNICIPALLY owned land on the borders of her cities Germany is having some of her 5,150,000 unemployed build their own homes. Thirty-two unemployed men work together on a job, under the supervision of an architect and a foreman. Each house consists of two flats of three rooms. The man has to put in 500 hours with a team; then he is loaned 2,500 marks at 3 percent interest, to complete his payments. Land is attached to each house and every couple will be expected to cultivate it and to keep poultry and goats.

Why Spain Destroyed Churches

IN THE one city of Malaga, out of thirty-eight churches and convents, all but two were put to the torch, and church buildings all over Spain are being rapidly burned. The church is the biggest landowner in the country, and owns the biggest and worst slums in all the large cities. It owns distilleries, hotels, iron mines, factories, fishing and hunting preserves, railways, shipping agencies and other monopolies. The Devil's church has been and is a curse to Spain and to every other country under the sun. Half the lands they owned were left uncultivated, kept away from the use of the common people. The Spanish government has voted that from November 11, 1933, the clergy of Spain shall receive no further governmental assistance.

Automatic Stool Pigeon

IN A CLEVELAND machine shop the electric eye constantly reports every move of a machine worker. If he shuts down a machine a red light flashes the news to the foreman's office and records idle time until the power is again turned on. If he pulls a wrong lever the move is recorded on a tape. The speed of the machine is also recorded. The introduction of the device speeded up the factory 83 percent.

French Will Have Biggest Ship

OF 75,000 tons gross, and 1,072 feet in length over all, the French Line steamer Normandie, now building at St. Nazaire, will be the biggest ship afloat. She is expected to make 30 knots an hour and to carry 2,270 passengers. It will require a crew of 1,320 to man the vessel. She will have four steam turbines and be electrically propelled. The steam will be delivered to the turbines at a pressure of 400 pounds to the square inch.

What Becomes of Income

IN 1929 the national income per capita was $750 and the tax per capita was $116, or about 15 percent. In 1932 the national income per capita was about $400 and the tax per capita remained at about $116 and was thus about 30 percent of the income. It is nice to be well governed. The man who makes $400 in a year, and lays aside $116 for the support of the group that governs him, is happy that he has $284 a year that he can devote to some other objects, such as food, shelter, clothing, fuel, etc.

Flag Incident in Rochester

IN ROCHESTER, N. Y., a man failed to doff his hat to the United States flag on Armistice Day and a cop ran him in. The cop got reprimanded, because the sergeant said at once, "You can't hold a man for that." Then it came out that the arrest was really caused by the Reverend O. Sykes, chaplain of the State Industrial School. Sykes is a deputy sheriff, and will lose his badge. It becomes more and more apparent that the clergy have so little common sense that it is hardly safe to allow them at large. It is a well known axiom in business that no clergyman can be entrusted with the carrying out of any task requiring the exercise of good judgment. The hell business and the "Trinity" mix-up have left most of them mental morons.

Ideas of the Harbinska Vremia

THE Harbinska *Vremia,* leading Russian daily of Harbin, Manchuria, is of the opinion that a new World War is looming in the which there will be, on the one side, Japan, France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Rumania, Serbia, and, on the other, China, Russia, Italy, Germany, the United States, and Great Britain. In the meantime nobody has the least doubt that Japan is determined to take over China, a piece at a time, as she can digest it.

Torture of Negroes in Georgia

THAT must be an interesting book by John L. Spivak, entitled *Georgia Nigger,* in which he shows photographs of convicts broken on the rack and hanging unconscious in stocks in the "Empire State of the South". We don't like to have it get out around the world that in Georgia we chain men by iron collars around the neck, or weigh them down with 20-pound leg spikes, or cage them like wild beasts, but if Georgia insists on doing things that way we suppose there is no way out of it but to circulate the news.

Distance Done Away With

MR. H. G. WELLS, in an address broadcast by the British Broadcasting Company, commented on the fact that the whole world is now closer together than England was a century ago. He said, in part: "Distance was protection, was safety, though it meant also ignorance and indifference and a narrow, unstimulated life. For good or evil, distance has been done away with. This problem of communications rushes upon us today, and it evokes the same question: *Is it peace?"*

Where Tax Money Goes

OUT of every dollar collected for taxes 25c goes to the federal government, 18c to the state government, and 57c is used by the local government. In the expenditure of these sums 24c goes for education, 21c for protection, 19c for highways, 9c for social welfare, 7c for general government, and 20c for miscellaneous purposes. Of the funds that go to Washington 29 percent goes to pay the war debt, 27 percent to pay war pensions, 16 percent goes to military defense, 9 percent to public construction, and 13 percent goes to the president, congress, law enforcement, agriculture, public health, etc. Industry and labor get 2 percent.

Paying for Mistakes

THE Bennington *Banner* says that "when a garage man makes a mistake, he adds it on to your bill. When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected. When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference. When a lawyer makes a mistake, it was just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again. When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land. When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it. But when an editor makes a mistake—Good night!"

Regulating Gambling in England

CANON PETER GREEN, of Manchester, declares that all forms of gambling, sweepstakes, lotteries and raffles, are used for raising money for "church" purposes in England, and that if any officer went after all the gamblers he would receive no thanks from the bench, from the chief constable, or from the public. The ones arrested as gamblers are paid for their submission to a planned arrest. For taking thirty days in prison they are paid £10. The arrests are pure hypocrisy, from beginning to end, and not intended to stop the gambling of the nobility, the biggest gamblers, as indeed they could not.

The Scientific Grocer

THE scientific grocer knows that the average consumption of butter per family per month is 6¾ pounds. He makes a list of his customers and checks against it those who are buying butter from him, and this enables him to see upon whom he should bestow his smiles and eloquence butterward.

The scientific grocer knows that the wise woman of today goes from store to store taking the specials that are offered below cost or below a reasonable selling price, and so he lets the merchants that wish to do business for nothing do it, while he accepts a fair price for what he does sell, but takes part in no profitless distribution.

In marking up his stock, the grocer figures on a profit of 15 percent, 20 percent, 25 percent or 33⅓ percent, and articles that cost $1.30 per dozen are retailed at 13c, 14c, 15c or 17c, to suit. If they cost $2.40 a dozen they go for 24c, 25c, 27c or 30c. No grocer can remain in business on a margin of less than 15 percent, as it costs him 10 percent to receive the goods and give them shelf room.

Fleeing Before a Tornado

FLEEING all night before a tornado, Amy Johnson, on her flight from London to Cape Town, was driven a hundred miles out over the South Atlantic before she could fight her way back onto her course. On the return trip a snowstorm forced her to fly through a deep valley in the Atlas mountains, and the wind, blowing at seventy-five miles an hour, made it necessary to face it and to fly crabwise. On this stretch she finally had to give up and turn back and wait two days for better weather.

It Sometimes Pays Promptly to Do Right

A CHICAGO judge locked up a bunch of disorderly boys. One of them was ill, so the judge discharged him, gave him $25, sent him to a hospital and told him that when he got well he should carry out his ambition to become an engineer. The boy took it all to heart. After two years he returned all the way from Staten Island to repay the $25 to Judge Allegretti, only to be told to take the $25, and accept it as a gift. Meantime he has work as an oiler, and expects in due time to be made an engineer. It sometimes pays promptly to do right.

An Epistle from the Reverend Cotton Mather

REVEREND COTTON MATHER, pastor of the Old North Church, Boston, one of the earliest of the New England "saints", wrote the following letter in 1681. (Reverend Mather was the first in the United States to inoculate for smallpox.)

"To the Aged and Beloved John Higginson:

"There be now at sea a shipp (for our friend Elias Holcroft of London did advise me by the last packet that it would be some time in August) called Welcome, which has aboard it a hundred or more of the hereticks and malignants called Quakers, with William Penn the scamp at the head of them.

"The General Court has accordingly given secret orders to Master Malachi Haxett of the brig Porpoise to waylay said Welcome as near the end of God as may be and make captives of the Penn and his ungodly crew, so that the Lord may be glorified and not mocked on the soil of this new country with the heathen worshipps of these people. Much spoil may be made by selling the whole lot to Barbadoes, where slaves fetch good prices in rumme and sugar, and we shall not only do the Lord great service by punishing the wicked, but shall make good gayne [gain], for his ministers and people.

"Yours in bonds of Christ,

(Signed) "Cotton Mather".

Church Racket Worked in Dayton, Ohio

IN DAYTON, Ohio, two men fixed it up with a parish priest to guarantee him $100 receipts for a church card party if he would let them sell the tickets, which he did. They then notified hundreds of persons in the city that they had been put down for two or more tickets at $1 each. As soon as consent had been given motorcycles brought the tickets and collected the cash, which the purchasers were given to understand was for the benefit of the "church". The priest got his $100, and the men that worked the racket cleaned up over $1,000.

Waterloo Unemployed Relief Club

THE Waterloo (Iowa) Unemployed Relief Club consists of more than 1,600 men banded together to help one another to food, clothing, and services of all kinds without the use of money. In the summer and fall hundreds of them worked for farmers, receiving payment in produce and live hogs. The men dressed the hogs themselves and worked all the meat up into sausage, so that none would receive preferential treatment. During the winter the men are getting the wood of forty acres of land near the city. Old furniture and toys are repaired and repainted, old clothing overhauled, etc. Work is under way in seven locations in the city, and the unemployed club, without any income in cash, is the busiest industry in the city.

The Marion Shovel No. 5560

THE Marion shovel No. 5560 weighs 1,100 tons. The boom is the length of a city lot, 95 feet. The dipper handle is 63′5″ over all. The capacity of the dipper itself is 18 cubic yards, or 27 tons. This colossal machine, built at Marion, Ohio, for use in Kansas stripping operations, would easily pick up a 40-passenger bus from the street and put it down on top of a building seventy-feet high.

This huge mechanism towers 80 feet above the ground. In 45 seconds it will scoop up 27 tons of earth, hoist high enough to clear the bank, swing around to the dumping point, dump, swing back and lower to the digging point. In three minutes it will fill a gondola with all it can carry.

This shovel is used to mine thin veins of coal lying under dirt, rock and shale up to 70 feet in thickness. From 12 to 15 carloads of dirt are removed for each carload of coal mined.

Barter in Oklahoma

AN OKLAHOMA paper states that in exchange for shaves and haircuts a Tulsa barber has received one bushel of mango peppers, one peck of eggplants, several watermelons, one bushel of apples, six pairs of socks, one raincoat, one shirt, 18 pounds of pecans, two bushels of mixed vegetables, one dozen ears of corn, one basket of grapes, one jackknife, two straw hats, two dozen bananas, one peck of green beans, half a gallon of apple cider, ten heads of cabbage, and one complete set of Judge Rutherford's books on God's kingdom.

Gigantic Land Scheme in California

HAVING persuaded Los Angeles and vicinity to burden themselves by a debt of $572,000,000, on the assurance that the water from the Boulder dam would be used only for domestic purposes, the politicians who put the deal across then rushed to Sacramento and arranged for an amendment to the Metropolitan Water District Act which will enable them to use the water for irrigation purposes. This will enable them to buy the water at $8 per acre foot, and as it costs $35 per acre foot to pump it over the 1,700 feet of pump lifts, the taxpayers of the city will be stung $27 on all the water thus used. In other words, stating it bluntly, the taxpayers of Los Angeles will finance the greatest irrigation scheme ever undertaken in California and will get nothing out of it, not a thing.

Celebrating Armament Conference

CELEBRATING the success attained at Geneva by the world's munition makers, at what is best described as the armament conference, the United States has built some new planes which carry machine guns not only in the wing and fuselage, but in the landing gear as well. In addition, there is a goose-necked gun mount, to use which the aviator is supposed to stick his head and shoulders out into a slip stream air current of 150 to 175 miles an hour, with a fairly good chance of having it blown off. As all the principal nations have signed the Kellogg Peace Pact declaring war is a crime, it is good to know that there is no intention of using these new planes and the goose-necked machine gun mount. They have been built only to show the heathen what we Christians could do if we were sufficiently evil-minded, and to inspire them to be peace-lovers.

Richmond's Thin-Skinned Mayor

A SPOKESMAN for the unemployed made some severe strictures on the mayor of Richmond, Va. Subsequently he exercised his legal right to present a petition to the mayor, but when he entered his office the mayor, peeved at the previous criticism, ordered a detective to throw him out, and, though he did nothing disorderly, he was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct and fined $10. The newspapers took it up for the unemployed and their spokesman, and now the mayor is down on them too, and has forbidden them access to the police records which, as the servants of the public, they properly have a right to scrutinize.

United States and League of Nations

KIRBY PAGE, editor of *The World Tomorrow*, says in issue of November 16, 1932:

In spite of the intense hostility manifested toward the League [of Nations], the United States has found it impossible and inadvisable to refrain from participation in its activities. Mr. Felix Morley has recently compiled data showing that this country has membership on 36 committees or commissions of the League, and that "excepting only the five permanent members of the council, there is no member state which has representatives, official, quasi-official, or unofficial, on so large a proportion of League committees as has the Unites States". Self-respect, a decent regard for the opinion of mankind, and the peace of the world all demand that the United States, in its relations with the League of Nations, adopt a front-door policy and assume full responsibility as a member.

Germany Moves Earthward

GERMANY is moving earthward. Since the World War 55,000 homesteads have been created, largely in East Prussia. These homesteads cover an area of 2,135,809 acres, which is nearly as large as the farming area of the state of Massachusetts. The state furnishes everything, animals, implements and seeds, to enable the young farmer to make a success of his work. The farms, cut out of large estates, cost about $5,000 each, of which the young farmer is expected to find $500, and to pay 4 percent to 5 percent interest on the balance. Germany has 300,000 young men from 16 to 25 working in camps on schemes for land improvement and drainage, forestry work and improving means of communications. Employers in Germany receive a reward of $25 for every additional worker they keep employed three months.

A Curate's Terrible Offense

AT CHIRK, Denbigshire, Wales, the village curate committed the great offense of preaching for disarmament. The local lord (they have such things in Wales), greatly offended, telephoned to the archbishop to have the preacher fired, and as that is what an archbishop is for, the archbishop told him to beat it. But the worst of it is that, even after all that, the curate would not quit. Now if you were an archbish, and you wanted to fire a preacher under you, and your lord wanted you to do it, and he would not be fired, how would you feel? About like thrippence hapenny. Is it not so? And how does the lord feel? Ah, it is sad, my countrymen!

Where the Relief Went

THOSE who have wondered at the niggardliness of Federal relief for the starving are charmed at the noble (?) way the Reconstruction Finance Corporation got back of General Dawes' bank with $90,000,000, Mr. Giannini's Bank of America in California with $65,000,000, First Central Trust Company of Akron with $19,000,000, Union Trust Company of Cleveland with $14,000,000, Guardian Trust Company of Cleveland with $12,000,000, the Baltimore Trust Company with $7,400,000, and the Union Guardian Trust Company of Detroit with about $13,000,000. Almost all of these banks are under the control of bankers who are mixed deeply with politics and are in holding companies up to their necks. Moral: There is none.

Bishop Barnes Should Resign

THE Farm Street (London) Roman Catholic church's "father" Woodlock has very properly called upon "Bishop" Barnes of the Church of England to resign, for the following very excellent reasons:

"As a bishop of the state church, let him explain how he can justify the equivocations and mental reservations involved each time he solemnly before God recites the Christian creeds in worship while he makes no secret of his unbelief of the articles of the creeds. A cabinet minister who can no longer agree with the fundamental principles of the government resigns his post and salary. A member of the Carlton who is converted to Communism resigns his club membership or is speedily turned out. But the bishop retains his post and degrades the Christian faith in his sermons, till it becomes practically indistinguishable from Unitarianism or even Liberal Judaism. The plain man is bewildered, is scandalized by such behavior."

New Name for the Power Trust

THE power trust, which comprises about 85 percent of the power industry throughout the country, has changed its name from the National Electric Light Association to the Edison Electric Institute. The change of name was made because it was felt that the public knew too much about the use which had been made by it of the women's clubs, newspapers, college professors and boards of education in corrupting public opinion against municipal ownership of public utilities. Hopeless of cleaning up its dirty reputation, and fearing regulatory measures under the Roosevelt administration, it seemed best for "The Red Devil" to pitch the old name overboard and theoretically make a fresh start. The same old gang, it is admitted, will be in control. Insull is out and Morgan in.

A Tribute to Andrew W. Mellon

THE *Journal of Electrical Workers* pays the following tribute to Andrew W. Mellon:

"Mellon was one of the five richest men in the world when he became secretary of the treasury under Harding. He came to Washington with definite ideas of his function. He was to manage government finances in such wise as to ward off tax burdens on the rich; after this he considered his obligation to the nation discharged. His sole remaining duties lay in doing services for Big Business. He stimulated the stock market, and, more than any one person, was responsible for the orgy of speculation. He warded off any sane taxing system, pleading for sales tax, or any other levy that would excuse the rich, and hit the poor. He gave back huge rebates to the rich—rebates totaling billions of dollars, during the nine years of his superactivity. In short, he gave shape and direction to three presidential administrations."

Demons Make Use of a Spider

SOME time ago a friend sent us the following clipping from the Wheeling *Daily News*. We had the matter looked up and found the account correct, our investigator reporting that the spider removed the old writing every night and replaced it with fresh words or letters daily. We attribute this phenomenon to the work of demons, making use of the spider's body.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crites of Front Street, Tiltonsville, are the possessors of an educated spider, which has been given the name of a "writing spider", due to its ability in penmanship. The spider was first noticed Saturday afternoon, in a small flower bed on the Crites lawn, where it has constructed its neatly built web. Sunday morning it attracted the attention of Mr. Crites, having written the word "service" on the web. Monday morning the letters "H. W. M." were visible, and this morning the word "river". The spider does the writing at night, using a white thread-like substance, and all were written perpendicular to the ground.

The educated insect is slightly over an inch long and the same width, having a large-sized body which is brown with yellow spots. There are eight legs, two of which are short, serving the purpose of hands.

According to Mr. Crites this is the third spider of this kind he has seen in Tiltonsville. The first was prior to the entrance of the U. S. in the World War in 1917, when the peculiar insect wrote the word "war" and shortly afterwards the word "woe". The second was found about six years ago.

Watch Dial on Egg Shell

IN THE market at Chester, England, is an egg laid by a hen at Barton Malpas, Cheshire, having a perfect replica of the face of a watch marked on its shell. The Roman numbers are complete, and even the minute divisions are perfectly plain. The numerals and divisions are raised above the surface of the shell, and there is a deep impression above the number XII, corresponding to the winder of the watch. We presume the hen's attention was markedly attracted to a running watch at a critical moment, and the impression of wonderment in her mind was transferred to the shell of the egg. In a known instance a strawberry was playfully thrown by a man at his wife, and their child, born subsequently, had a perfectly designed strawberry on its body, to correspond.

The Dying League

THE London *Express,* under the heading "The Dying League", hands the League of Nations the following bouquet:

"The Assembly of the League of Nations meets tomorrow. It is the final gathering about the bedside. The blinds are already drawn in Geneva. The League has all critics and no friends. Germany is shaking the dust from off her feet. Italy is winding up her affairs. The rest of the company are there for what they can get in the scramble. The League has been a department of the French Foreign Office. It has produced satisfactory results for France. Lawyers serve their turn for a time as well as soldiers. Their time is over. The League—the French Department of State—has become redundant. When the French are ready they will close it down. It is the department for war which is getting busy."

To the foregoing, we merely add that a Frenchman, Joseph Avenol, has been chosen as the new secretary-general of the League.

Baker's New Station at Laredo

A POWERFUL 150,000-watt station, three times as strong as any station on the North American continent except one, will carry the words of truth to millions in North America and South America, as well as other countries. With the powerful station will come a 20,000-watt television station working in conjunction, so that as the truth is spread the public can see the speaker as well as valuable data that may be referred to.

This station, reviewed recently in our columns, is XENT, now under construction in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, by Norman Baker of Muscatine, Iowa, and former owner of KTNT, which was one of America's most popular stations.

The Federal Radio Commission "clicked" on Mr. Baker and closed his station at Muscatine, in June, 1931, kicking him off the air without a moment's notice and after he was deprived of the extension of time for his case in the court of appeals.

Bound to have the public informed of things that interest it, Mr. Baker went to Mexico, secured the permit, and started to build the station XENT.

A beautiful site of 75 acres was purchased on the main paved highway from Nuevo Laredo to Monterey and nine miles from the America-Mexico border, directly on the main gateway to Mexico and Latin America.

A uniquely designed two-story building 72 x 72 has been erected of brick and stuccoed with beautiful original decorations. The main building is composed of four large rooms. The power room that houses the large transformers weighing over 20 tons, rectifiers, filament and high-voltage generators and apparatus, is 35 x 50. In this room are passageways so that the public can walk through and view all, with high screened fences or guards along the passageways to protect the public from the dangers of high voltage. The transmitter room is 35 by 50 feet, and houses the gigantic transmitter, which is assembled in a half circle, so that the engineers can sit at the desk and view every meter on the 80 feet of switchboards without walking to and fro along the full length of the transmitter panels.

The large transmitter tubes used, of foreign importation, require a 5-horsepower motor pump for circulating the water to cool the tubes. Many large tubes are used, one single tube costing nearly $2,000.

The reception room is 35 by 22 feet, with announcer's booth spaced in it so that from his desk the announcer can survey the transmitter room, the broadcast studio and the open air studio.

The studio is 35 by 22 feet, and on one side has an 18-foot folding door, which, when open, faces a large tiled veranda where programs will be presented on summer days in the open air. It is well known that open air studios afford the best broadcast acoustics.

A large dam has been built that will hold millions of gallons of water, to afford amusement for the visiting thousands in boating, fishing and swimming.

Two large 300-foot towers are now being erected, and will be finished by the time this is seen by our readers. Each of the towers is placed on heavy insulators so that the entire structure is insulated from the earth.

The large engines, complete with generators, will save about $35,000 a year on power. A spacious lawn of about four acres, two blocks wide by two blocks long, between the main highway and the front of the building will be beautifully landscaped with palms, grapefruit, lemon, orange and other favorite southern trees and shrubbery, with appropriate driveways, located far enough from the building to avoid interference with open air broadcasts.

In the second story are located living quarters for the staff, and for those who will operate the early morning programs, together with roomy offices. At least 100 stenographers and office workers will be employed. The rear of the second floor is left open for summer garden purposes.

From the station the mountains can be plainly seen in the distance, and perhaps nowhere in the South are there more beautiful sunsets than at XENT when the 'ruler of the day' descends behind the mountains, noiselessly decorating the entire range with a most gorgeous veil of lavender. The weather is ideal, a year of sunshine, with perhaps ten days of cloudy weather.

Engineers state that the power of the station should throw its programs into every state of the Union with the strength of a local station. It is Mr. Baker's desire to present over this

station the truth on many things which at this time has been suppressed from the public. Truths of health will soon be blasted forth as no other station has done. Mr. Baker has staged a long-drawn-out battle with the American Medical Association regarding the Baker Hospital which specializes in the treating and curing of cancer without operations, X-ray and radium, all of which has brought the wrath of the medics upon him.

The Iowa Public Utility Association organized the Iowa Listeners' League with the intent, according to Mr. Francis Austell, its former president, to close KTNT because it spread truths of the advantages of municipal ownership of light companies. We expect the fur to fly when Baker gets started. Listen in on 1115 kilocycles. A beautiful colored booklet may be had free by addressing Mr. Baker at Box 163, Laredo, Texas.

More About Sprayed Apples *By W. Clark McGinnis (Washington)*

REFERRING to your recent article on sprayed apples' being poisonous, would like to say this: That whoever wrote it had some misinformation. I have been connected with the apple business, both as grower and dealer, for a number of years; and the statements of this writer, giving the impression that sprayed apples are necessarily poisonous, are ridiculous and very misleading.

There is a certain amount of these various chemicals, including arsenic, in many fruits and vegetables that are never sprayed; this is also true of aluminum. These are some of the elements of many soils and occur naturally in nature, and in their normal amounts are harmful to no one, as has been proved by the experience of thousands. In fact, arsenic in slight amounts has a tonic effect.

The apples that leave this district are practically all thoroughly washed and wiped to remove the arsenic which might be left clinging to the surface. But a general practice here is for people to pick up the fruit and eat it just as it is with no ill effects that I personally know of. Also, I understand that doctors, in certain cases, occasionally prescribe certain amounts of arsenic. That doesn't necessarily prove that it is the thing to do, but might be taken as an indication.

Also, the people here, in spraying time, handle this spray material, their bodies are often saturated with the liquid spray, more or less of it getting on their lips and mouth, and I have no personal knowledge of any poisoning resulting from this, and I personally have never had any ill effects from eating these apples or being around spray materials.

In any event, the impression that this writer gives, that when you eat a sprayed apple you are likely to be poisoned, must be erroneous in view of the fact that this valley ships from fifteen thousand to twenty thousand cars annually and if what he says is true there ought to be windrows of dead and dying citizens lying around each year.

And furthermore, if what he says is true, the population of this valley should be steadily decreasing from the number of people dead and dying from eating sprayed fruit as they do around here. Instead of that, there has been a steady increase in our population and, while I am not entirely sure of my information, I think the Wenatchee district is considered one of the very healthful districts of the country.

Of course, I do not mean to infer that we should eat excess amounts of any of these elements, for, as the Scriptures say, we should be temperate in all things. I do not think there would be any danger from eating any properly washed or wiped apple, and very little even if it was not washed, unless there happened to be extra heavy coating of the residue from the spray tank when it was being emptied.

P.S. The advice to use muskmelons as fruit for sake of safety makes a grower smile, as these are customarily sprayed more often than any other fruit grown in this country.

It is typical of the lack of knowledge displayed by the writer of said article when he states that "many fruits are sprayed several times during the season". The fact is that all fruits are sprayed from six to fifteen times, and, despite that, tests made on most orchards show that fruit contains less than the smallest medicinal dose of arsenic. To get enough arsenic to injure one it would be necessary to eat so many apples that one would be made sick by the quantity of fruit he had eaten and not by the poison.

Jehovah's Promise to His Friend

JEHOVAH'S promises are sure of fulfilment. Among the most important, if not the foremost in the Bible, is that promise which God made to Abraham. This promise is important because its fulfilment involves the vindication of the name and word of the Most High, as well as the blessing of all the obedient peoples of earth. For centuries God-fearing men and women have longed for better conditions in the earth and have prayed for the establishment of God's kingdom. However, the prophecies of that kingdom and the hope for the peoples as pointed out in the Abrahamic promise were not understood until recent years. From examination of the Scriptures it is now clearly evident that prophecy cannot be understood until God's own due time, and that the due time is marked when such prophecies are in course of fulfilment. Since Jehovah placed His King Christ Jesus upon the throne in 1914 and the generation now upon earth has witnessed the fulfilment of related scriptures, we have reason to believe that the Abrahamic promise is due to be fulfilled in the Kingdom.

To those who are devoted to the Lord, His word of truth is final. Such therefore rely upon the promises of Jehovah as the heralds of the good things to come. Furthermore, since the Abrahamic promise awaits the development of a seed of inheritance, we shall be interested in noting those scriptures which relate to the royal house through which all families of earth will be blessed. Then, too, we shall examine those statements of the Bible relating to the gathering by Jehovah of all things in Christ for the work of the ministry and the ultimate blessing of all peoples. Finally we shall be better enabled to understand the responsibility now resting upon members of the royal house and the prospective blessing awaiting the world of mankind.

Jehovah's Great Promise

It is appropriate to examine the promise made to Abraham and the life of this faithful man as it relates to the purposes of Jehovah. When Abraham (then called Abram) was seventy-five years of age, Jehovah said to him: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: . . . and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-3) Abram with his wife and others left Ur for the land of Canaan. When they had reached a point in that land known as Sichem, the Lord appeared unto him and said: 'Unto thy seed will I give this land.' Abram builded an altar there, near the place later known as "Bethel", which means "the house of God". Afterward he dwelt in the plains of Mamre, just above the present site of Hebron, in the southern part of Palestine. While there, God made a covenant with him, saying: "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."—Genesis 15:18.

Thereafter, when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared unto him and said: "I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly . . . and thou shalt be a father of many nations. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (Genesis 17:2, 4, 8) Some time later, when Abraham was sitting at the door of his tent, pitched in the plains of Mamre, there stood before him three men, messengers from Jehovah. There, a short distance above the town of Hebron, still stands a very ancient oak tree. It is about thirty feet in circumference. It is claimed that this is Abraham's oak, where he pitched his tent at the time these holy messengers appeared to him. Of course we cannot believe this to be true, because an oak would not live that length of time. It is interesting, however, to note this ancient tree standing approximately at the point where Abraham is supposed to have resided in his tent. Here it was that Abraham prepared refreshments for his distinguished visitors; "and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat." Here it was that the messenger of Jehovah told Abraham that he and his wife Sarah would be given a son.—Genesis 18:1-14.

Abraham's Faith Tested

In due time a son was born unto Abraham and Sarah, and his name was called Isaac. (Genesis 21:1-3) Afterward, when the son Isaac had grown up, Jehovah put Abraham to a great test, and in doing so He made a picture which foreshadowed the redemption of the human race. This record appears in the twenty-second

chapter of Genesis. God said unto Abraham: "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of." (Genesis 22:2) It is interesting here to note that Mount Moriah is inside of the walls of the present city of Jerusalem. It was the site of the temple of Solomon, and is supposed to be the very spot where Abraham was met by Melchizedek. It is the place where Abraham was directed to offer and did offer up his son Isaac.

Providing himself with wood to be used for the fire, Abraham and his son and servants journeyed for three days from the plains of Mamre to Moriah; and arriving there, he at once prepared for the burnt offering. Isaac was not aware of the purpose of his father to offer him; so he said to his father: "Behold the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." Abraham then informed his son that he was to be the offering. Then he bound Isaac and laid him upon the altar and stretched forth his hand and took the knife with which to slay his son. This was a great test to Abraham's faith. Isaac was his only son and he loved him dearly; but Jehovah had commanded him to offer him up as a sacrifice, and because of his love for Jehovah he proceeded to obey God's command. As he raised his hand to strike dead his only beloved son "the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, . . . lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me." When Abraham looked he saw a ram caught in a thicket near by, and he took the ram and offered it for a burnt offering.

Then "the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham . . . the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord; for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son; that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."—Genesis 22:15-18.

Sacrifice Basis for Covenant

In this wonderful picture Abraham was a type of Jehovah, while Isaac was a type of Jesus, the beloved Son of Jehovah. Abraham's offering his beloved son on the altar pictured how God in due time would offer His only beloved Son as a great sacrifice that mankind might be redeemed from death and have an opportunity to live. Abraham did not, as indeed he could not, understand God's purposes, for the reason that Jehovah did not reveal them to him; but he knew that God had here made a covenant with him and bound it with His oath; and that by these two certain and unchangeable things, His word and His oath, God would carry out His covenant in due time, and that covenant would result in the blessing of all the families of the earth.

The word *covenant* means "contract"; and it is the solemn form for expressing a compact, agreement, or contract between parties, or particularly on the part of one whereby he promises to do a certain thing. With Jehovah a covenant or a contract is sacred and inviolate, because Jehovah changes not. (Malachi 3:6) Having promised it, he will fulfil it. (Hebrews 6:18) It is always necessary that there be two parties to a contract. There may be more. Where one party only is bound to do a certain thing, that contract is called "unilateral", or one-sided; and where both parties are bound to perform certain things, the contract is called "bilateral", or two-sided.

It will be observed that this oathbound covenant that Jehovah made with Abraham contained no conditions or limitations, but was merely a promise of Jehovah bound by His oath, and is therefore properly called a unilateral or one-sided covenant, for the reason that God's purpose was and is to carry out His desire to bless the human race, regardless of what anyone may or may not do. There was no need for Him to make any conditions to the covenant. He merely announced His benevolent purpose toward mankind. The covenant does not even say that the blessing of the people will follow upon the condition that Abraham should do a certain thing, or that the people should seek Him. The covenant does not say that every person will be blessed with life everlasting; but it does say that all the families of the earth shall be blessed, which means that every one must in God's due time have a full, fair opportunity for life ever-

lasting. It means, further, that in God's due time knowledge will be brought to all in order that every one may avail himself of the opportunity thus provided for life. It means, furthermore, that assistance will be given to every one, that he may profit by this blessed opportunity; and all who prove their loyalty under the test that will come by reason of the opportunity will be granted life everlasting.

Expectation of Deliverer

Having examined some of the scriptures and the history surrounding the promise that was given to Abraham, we are now in position to note the development of this seed through which all people will be blessed. Abraham believed that God would bless the human race, but he did not understand the manner or the time in which that would be done. The blessing did not come through Isaac, nor through Jacob, who was the son of Isaac, but God did renew the promise to both of these faithful men. When the nation of Israel was delivered from Egyptian bondage it was thought that this chosen people of God would be the immediate people through whom all mankind would receive the blessing; but such was not the purpose of Jehovah. He, however, did use that people to make pictures concerning better things to come. Time and again as a national leader arose in Israel the hopes of that people were in expectation of the deliverer; repeatedly they were disappointed.

When Jesus came into the world John the Baptist announced that He was the Lamb of God who would take away the sin of the world. Jesus preached the good news of a kingdom in which His Father's name would be vindicated and the people would be blessed. He promised that His faithful followers would share with Him in this kingdom, and He taught them to pray for that kingdom. The faithful Jews of Jesus' day expected the kingdom to be restored to Israel at that time, but He warned them that the Father had put such in His own power. Although Jesus was not at that time made King in the new kingdom, the purpose of His presence here on earth was that He might bear witness to the truth and also provide the ransom for the human family.—John 18:37; 1 Timothy 2:5, 6.

Seed of Promise

Christ is spoken of in the Bible as the seed of Abraham, and the members of His body are also included in the seed. This mystery concerning the Abrahamic promise and the promised seed was not understood until the last half century, and only within recent months have any appreciated clearly the purpose of the gathering of all things in Christ by the great Jehovah. The mere fact that we are learning more now concerning the purpose of the seed of Abraham is proof that the real work to be performed by this company is at hand, and there is effectiveness in the accomplishment of the service as the various parts in the body work in harmony. In Galatians 3:16 it is written, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." And then, by way of assuring the followers of Christ of their participation in the great promise, Paul, speaking for Jehovah, says, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."—Galatians 3:26, 27, 29.

The Christ, then, is the seed of Abraham through which all the families of the earth are to be blessed. The Christ includes not only Christ Jesus the head, but also all the members of His body. It has been this class which the heavenly Father has been calling during the period from the days of Jesus to the present time. And it is by this class that the praises of the great Jehovah will be sung throughout eternity and which class the Creator will use in the blessing of all the obedient members of the human family.

Gathering of The Christ

It is clear to the student of the Scriptures that since 1918 Jehovah has been gathering all things in Christ for the administration of a great work. This class that is gathered is the same group as the seed of Abraham. In Ephesians 1:10 we read, according to *Rotherham,* "For an administration of the fulness of the seasons to reunite for himself (under one head) the all things in the Christ, the things upon the heavens, and the things upon the earth, in him." The term "fulness of the seasons", as used in this text, means the same as "the day of Jehovah" or "that day", as these terms are used in the Old Testament. It is in "the day of Jehovah" that He comes forth to honor and vindicate His own name. It is only as the name of the Great Jehovah is vindicated

that the people can understand who the Almighty really is. It is only as the people have faith in Him that they will receive of His pleasure and blessings.

Jehovah gathers all the creatures in Christ for His own work. The objective and purpose of the disciples for the past nineteen hundred years has been, not to learn a little about the truth and then fall asleep in death or to go to heaven, but for the vindication of Jehovah's name and eventually the blessing of the human family. In 1918 Jehovah through Christ Jesus gathered the followers of Christ who had previously died by bringing them forth from the tombs of death by resurrection as spirit creatures. He has also gathered the remnant here on earth into His well-regulated organization. These are in the midst of a great work for the honor of Jehovah's name, and that work will grow until it involves all creatures who will ever have life everlasting.

Educating the People

It is apparent to all that the seed of Abraham has not as yet blessed all the families of earth. If we look at the actual conditions of the people on earth today we behold anything but blessing. We find a lack of faith; we find crime, corruption, misery, despair and death. The mere fact that such a picture actually exists is evidence that the blessing of all the families of earth is yet future. It is evident that something must be done before the blessing of the people. They must know who their Benefactor is. There will be something required of all who will obtain the bounties of the new kingdom. They must be educated. They must know that Jehovah is God. His name must be vindicated.

It is just such a work in which the seed of Abraham is engaged at the present time. The visible members of the Abrahamic inheritance now have the privilege of bringing to the people the message of the great Jehovah; they are telling the people of His mighty works; they are pointing out to the people the one hope, the kingdom of God! "All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee. They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power; to make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations."—Psalm 145: 10-13.

When Jesus was on earth He was very insistent that His followers emphasize the important things in life. Those important things are God's kingdom and the course of righteousness that is pleasing to Jehovah. Jehovah's good name is bound up in the Kingdom, and the happiness of all earthly creatures awaits the rule of righteousness. The individuals have the responsibility to seek the Kingdom, tell others about the Kingdom, and to work for the Kingdom. They also have the responsibility to know the course of righteousness and to walk humbly therein.

Kingdom Necessary

The reason that the blessing of the peoples of the earth lies in the establishment of the Kingdom is that God's good name and His laws are the foundation of all good things. As justice is the foundation of Jehovah's throne, so God's laws are the basis of order, of harmonious action, and of everlasting peace. To go contrary to the laws of the Creator always leads to confusion and sorrow. Prosperity among the people lies not in the furious roar of machinery, spurred on by the selfish motive to accumulate wealth; but it does lie in the establishment and observance of Jehovah's just laws, when each man will guard the interests of his neighbor as his own, when a just balance will be set up in the market place, and when the plowshare will supplant the bloody bayonet.

Above all, understanding of the good name of Jehovah is necessary to beget confidence, hope, life, everything. When people know Jehovah they will rely upon Him to settle all disputes, because they will know that He will settle them right. To know Jehovah will bring strength to the feeble-minded, because the great Benefactor can give what each creature needs. To know the Most High leads to love and respect with a conviction that no creature can question God's supremacy. To know the Almighty brings support to the weak when he realizes that even the lowliest citizen in the Kingdom is sustained by the boundless power of its Creator. To know the true God will instill reverence for Him, and childlike obedience. "O praise [Jehovah], all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye [Jehovah]."—Psalm 117.

The Barter Exchanges

THIS past winter barter exchanges have been in operation in at least twenty-two states of the Union, and perhaps in all of them, and the surprising thing is how well they work. It is a revelation to everybody concerned that they can live comfortably, in a land fairly bursting with food and fuel and other human requirements, without any money and without any banks.

Among the activities or services of the exchanges are restaurants, canneries, bakeries, drug stores, physicians, plumbers, carpenters, warehouses, shoe factories, tanneries, abattoirs, coal mines, sawmills, soap factories, clothing factories, barber shops, and trucks. In Salt Lake City one music firm was glad to exchange forty pianos and $1,000 worth of radios for the scrip which the barter exchanges use in lieu of money. Many theaters and stores accept scrip in lieu of cash.

A barter exchange can use anything that human creatures need, and the success of those established, and their rapid spread, indicates that a new system of distribution is being gradually ushered in before our very eyes. No railroad systems have been offered yet, but that may come at any time. And trucks today can do almost anything that the railroads can do.

In Minneapolis the organization is divided into thirteen wards, with one captain for each precinct and a worker for each block, making, all together, 3,700 officers and leaders of the 18,000 families kept from distress by the barter system. Of the Minneapolis group, during the winter 1,000 men were working in twenty-one wood camps. The farmers were glad to have their wood lots cleared free of expense, and to give the wood to those who desired it for fuel.

How the Steel Company Works the Dole

WE STILL work the dole crudely in America. In the Pittsburgh district, when a former worker for the steel trust needs relief he is sent to the steel company, which issues necessary food and clothing, but he has to sign a promise to repay the cost of these things out of his earnings as soon as a job is again available. The longer the depression lasts, the more completely the one-time worker is licked, and the less likely he is to move or to seek to better his condition in any way.

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Another "Holy Year" of La Bottega del Papa

ITALIAN papers and magazines commonly refer to the papal system as "la bottega del papa" (the pope's shop). Every year since Christ died has been a "holy year". There is nothing about the year beginning April 2, 1933, to mark it as specially holy. Christ never asked us to make a special splurge once every century. The pope merely seizes upon the fact that Christ died nineteen centuries ago, to help his spring trade.

The pope had one "holy year" in 1929; we have not recovered from it. Why have another so soon? The answer is that the mere upkeep of Vatican City calls for a cash outlay annually of $9,360,000, and it is desperately necessary that the money come rolling in. Times are hard in Rome, as elsewhere, and if a big pilgrimage to the "holy city" can be arranged it will bring in much revenue.

[From *The New York Sun*, Monday, March 20, 1933]

'HOLY HOUR' PLANNED

Religions to Unite in World Appeal on April 2

President Roosevelt plans either to attend personally or to speak by radio at the holy hour demonstration sponsored by New York Catholics, Protestants and Jews in Radio City Music Hall at 10:30 a.m. on Passion Sunday, April 2, according to the present schedule of arrangements. The purpose of the world-wide interdenominational service is "to reconsecrate the entire world to a new faith."

Ministers, priests and rabbis will speak at the Radio City meeting and their inspirational addresses will be broadcast throughout the world. Throngs in the city parks and plazas will hear the service through amplifiers. Governors of every State have been asked to arrange gatherings to hear the program. In every quarter of the globe, millions will kneel simultaneously in prayer.

Those who will speak at Radio City include Gov. Lehman, former Gov. Alfred E. Smith and the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman. Rabbi Nathan Krass will also speak if his health permits. Otherwise he will name some one to take his place. A feature of the program will be the broadcasting from Rome of a description of the celebration there.

It may be argued that, with 334,665,000 Roman Catholics in the world, a very little from each one would suffice to keep things going smoothly; and so it would. Even 1c apiece would mean an annual revenue of $3,346,650. But times are hard everywhere; there are 97,000 church centers that have to be kept up, and much that would otherwise come to Rome is sluiced away.

The successful operation of the papal system depends upon display, showmanship, and while this can be done to a good degree by such exhibitions as were manifested at Mundelein, Carthage, Sydney and Dublin, yet Rome itself is the best place, for here is the central plant, the greatest depot for the merchandising of superstition that man will ever see.

Not only is St. Peter's the largest church in the world, coming to the huge dimensions of 619 feet in length, 449 feet in width, and 470 feet in height, but the Vatican palace which adjoins it is the largest building of any kind in the world, having no less than 11,000 rooms, 80 grand staircases, 200 other staircases, and literally priceless furniture and works of art. The Vatican palace has been in process of construction, addition and alteration since A.D. 498. The value of the Vatican plant is set at not less than $110,000,000.

So it is necessary, on one pretext or another, to get as many as possible to come to Rome to see for themselves what a colossal show is here staged. They come; they are deeply impressed; they return home and help sell the whole idea to those that could not afford to come.

The travel of tens of thousands to and from Rome is expensive, but that expense is borne by the washerwomen, the servant girls, and the man that works with pick and shovel in the trench. It makes a nice picnic for those that take the trip; and bishops and priests enjoy picnics. When the steamer went from Italy to the Carthage exhibition none were allowed on board except the papal delegate and fellow priests.

The Relic Business

While the relic business is only a side show of the papal circus, yet in every first-class show the side show plays an important part. People flock in there to get a close look at curiosities, and whet their appetites for what goes on in the big tent. And so, when Mr. Ratti invited the people of the world to come to Rome in 1933, he did not forget to mention the so-called "holy relics" there to be seen. We mention some of them:

At the Vatican itself are to be seen sacred relics of the true (?) cross and the centurion's lance that pierced Jesus' side. In the church of Santa Groce de Gerusalemme are to be seen three pieces of the true (?) cross, the title placed over the cross, two thorns from the crown of thorns, the sponge which was filled with vinegar and gall, Jesus' teeth and hair, a phial full of His blood, the nails that nailed Him to the tree, a piece of the veil and some of the hair of the virgin Mary, and some of the manna gathered in the desert.

In the monastery of La Verna are exhibits of some of the clay of which Adam's body was made, the rod of Aaron, the stone seats upon which the apostles sat when the spirit came upon them at Pentecost, the table of the last supper, the swaddling clothes in which Jesus was wrapped, a stone red with His blood, a piece of the ark of the covenant, the stone on which John was beheaded, Jesus' bed in the desert, the stone on which He knelt when He washed the disciples' feet, and the basin and cloth which He used on that occasion. Here also are to be seen numerous bones of Peter, Paul, James, Andrew, Thomas, Barnabas, Bartholomew, Matthew and Mary of Magdala.

In the church of Santa Maria Maggiore is exhibited the cradle of Jesus, i. e., a piece of the manger in which Christ was born. In the church of St. John Lateran is a twin of the table used at the last supper; also a twin of the towel Jesus used in washing the disciples' feet. In the Turin cathedral is the robe in which Joseph of Arimathea wrapped the body of Christ. It was declared bogus in 1898, when last shown, but is now O.K., for the times are hard; nobody expects a side show to be on the level anyway, and money is needed to keep up with the expenses.

In other churches are shown specimens of the bread and fish gathered up after Christ fed the five thousand and four thousand. A check-up of relics is said to have disclosed that some of the apostles and martyrs had three to four heads, seven feet, and four wrist bones. We have no details.

2,000 Papal Bulls

There are said to be 2,000 papal bulls, all in Latin. Fifteen of the oldest of these have been photographed. They all have names. We do not know the names of them. The encyclopedia mentions Aberdeen-Angus, Ayrshire, Brittany, Brown Swiss, Devon, Dexter, Dutch Belted, Guernsey, Hereford, Holstein-Friesian, Jersey, Kerry, Long Horn, Red Polled and Shorthorn varieties.

In the bull which came out January 15, 1933, the pope, after mentioning that Rome is a center for relics, said: "Here, as you know, is preserved the table on which tradition says our Lord Jesus Christ consecrated the bread of the angels." This was an unscriptural expression. The bread which Jesus used to commemorate His death was not the bread of the angels, but ordinary, plain unleavened bread.

We have no desire to make this article too stiff and formal. The full name of the pope is Achille Ambrogio Damiano Ratti, which, in English, is Achilles Ambrose Damian Ratti (or is it *Rats*?). To call him Ratti seems impolite; Achilles is too reminiscent of Greek mythology; Damian is Italian; but the name Ambrose is a good one; so this is really a letter to Ambrose about his business, which we identify with certainty as the greatest show on earth.

In his invitation to come to Rome, Ambrose mentions four churches, St. John Lateran, St. Peter in Vatican, St. Paul in Via Ostiense, and St. Mary Major. Visit each church three times and get a plenary indulgence for all punishment coming for sins for which pardon has been secured. As soon as you have visited one of these churches you can turn right around and visit it again, and again, and thus work in all three visits at once. Just why you must come out and go back in we do not know, but suspect that the real object is to rake in the three paid admissions.

The concession is made that if you die on the voyage, you get the same indulgence, provided you confess and communicate. We do not know what meaning is put upon "communicate" in this connection. It may be something that comes free, but we doubt it.

A Huge Enterprise

Let no one imagine that it is an easy thing to keep 334,665,000 people in line. Ambrose is 76 years of age on May 31, but is up every morning at 6:00 o'clock and works hard until 6:30 every night doing the things that experience shows have to be done to keep the show going properly.

All modern conveniences are at his hand; a printshop where they have six linotypes, the same number as at where *The Golden Age* is set; a newspaper, the *Osservatore Romano,* which it pains us to have to admit is not nearly as good a paper as *The Golden Age;* a telephone which, for Ambrose, is of gold and mother of pearl. Ours is of bakelite, but we can talk as far as he can, and are not afraid that anybody will steal it.

When he broadcasts he sits on a gilded red damask throne; we sit on an ordinary stool, and it is plenty good enough. But maybe he has hemorrhoids, so that he is not comfortable in an ordinary chair. They are said to be very painful. Probably his diet needs attention. If he will write to us about this we will make some suggestions.

When he travels he has a special three-car train for his own use. One car is for a throne room, another for a chapel, and in another one he eats and sleeps. When we travel at night we rock around in an upper berth, and glad to get it; in the daytime a day coach is plenty good enough. When Jesus wanted to go anywhere He had to walk, and so did the apostles. When we think how easy we have it, it makes us ashamed.

Ambrose has 'a standing army of 598 Swiss guards, noble guards, palatine guards and pontifical gendarmerie' that all have to be uniformed and fed. That is besides the firemen. Their job is to strut around with the processions and watch the public and watch one another to keep down the stealage. If he lived in an ordinary house he would not even need a night watchman.

More Progressive than Most

Ambrose is more progressive than most of the popes. At one time he was an Alpine mountain climber, and something of this is still in his veins. At 73 years of age he climbed the 400-odd feet into the dome, to see the cracks which at any time may bring the whole edifice crashing in on the thousands beneath.

He negotiated for a fleet of helicopters; we do not know if they were purchased; it may have been merely to gain publicity, which is the life of the business. Or it may be that the gentleman is assuring himself that if Mussolini should have another bad spell, he could at least escape, anyway.

Ambrose has an automobile. His carriages used to have a throne in them. Up-to-date elevators are being installed, to replace the hesitating, dignified old hearses of yore. Ambrose has his own currency, coinage, post office and telegraph office.

He is thinking of heating the Vatican by electricity, manufactured in his new oil-burning electric plant. His railway, though only 600 feet long, and 300 feet of that underground, is as wide as if it were 600 miles long. The railway station is a quite pretentious structure, with a length of 180 feet.

Jesus said, "Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." When He said this He did not have reference to a 'great big flock' of 334,665,000. The management of the little flock and of the 'great big flock' are two entirely separate propositions.

So far as we know, Jesus spoke but the one language, Syriac. But when Ambrose broadcast one of his bulls he translated each Latin sentence into French and then German. No doubt he speaks Italian, Spanish and English.

At first it was published around the world that Ambrose himself would not actually broadcast; somebody else would do it for him. It is part of the business to maintain an air of great aloofness, and high and mighty mystery. The people love to be humbugged, and it was thought more would be gained by staying away from the "mike", but that was talked down.

Some Intimate Touches

Every Friday Ambrose confesses to his private confessor, the Jesuit priest Celebrano. Once a year, June 29, he goes down into the grotto beneath the cathedral and spends a few minutes in silent prayer before the place where he will be buried. On that occasion he is accompanied by torchbearers in red cloaks. Seems like a gruesome job.

There have been about 200 Dago popes, 15 French, 14 Greek, 8 Syrian, 6 German, 5 Spanish, 2 Austrian, and 1 each Portuguese, Swiss, English and Dutch. In its practical aspects the "bottega del papa" is a strictly Wop racket. Its business is to make merchandise of certain mys-

teries supposedly based upon the Scriptures but actually in mortal conflict with them.

In 1929 Ambrose spent an entire week in "spiritual" exercises, granting no audiences during that time. This is a part of the system. In the four months July, August, September, October, Ambrose is one of the few around the Vatican who continue to work. His principal relaxation is feeding bread crumbs to a parrot.

When he took over the government of Vatican City, with its 994 citizens, he disappointed some of the cardinals by proclaiming himself dictator, and then revealed his human side by putting his nephew, Count Franco Ratti, in immediate charge of the governing work.

On January 7, of this year, Ambrose told 4,000 electric power workmen, during a special audience in the "Hall of Blessings" at the Vatican, that the pursuit of honest labor is the highest condition in which man can be; and that is the plain truth. Incidentally, this hall, which easily held 4,000 men, is only one of sixteen such halls in the Vatican palace.

Ambrose Has Wrong Idea

February 12, 1931, at the inauguration of the Vatican City radio station (11 kilowatts—11,000 watts), Ambrose started off by saying, "We, being through the high design of God, successors of the prince of the apostles." We don't like to irritate an older man by disagreeing with him, but, Ambrose, that is just plain wrong.

Jesus never gave Peter mastery over the others; he told them to look to Him as the Master and to be subject to one another as brethren. In the days of the apostles there was no mention of a pope. When there was a conclave or council it was James, not Peter, who did the summing up. Paul rebuked the Paulites, and would have rebuked the Peterites if there had been any to rebuke. As it was, on one occasion he rebuked Peter himself. In all his writings Peter never had anything to say about his "primacy"; he knew better.

A little later on, in the same address, Ambrose, you addressed yourself to dissidents (those that differ with you) and said, "For you every day we offer prayers to God." That being the case, we rather wonder why it is that you so often demand an end of protestant activities in Rome. You know the Scriptures say, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty." Why can you not let other people go ahead and do what they think is right? Every man stands or falls to his own master, not to you, Ambrose.

We notice in your sermon of February 26, 1933, you say, "We are firmly confident humanity will be much better off before the end of the 'holy year'." January 16, 1933, when the year was first announced, you said "it should lead to social, political and international peace". That makes us think of the words of the prophet, "When they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them." (1 Thessalonians 5:3) The surest guaranty we would have that mankind would be in for the worst calamities it ever faced would be to have a prediction come from Rome that great blessings are just at hand.

For example, before the "holy year" was officially declared, back on December 24, 1932, you predicted that debt payments and postponements, insolvencies, disarmament and lack of confidence will cease to preoccupy the universe during the "holy year" beginning April 2, 1933. Since then we have had the worst financial shake-up in America that the country has ever known.

Your Folks Are Crooked

Your folks are crooked, Ambrose. A few years ago a group of nuns came into New England from Quebec with hundreds of yards of choice laces hidden under their capacious Mother Hubbards. They claimed that they were so innocent and so godly that they did not know what they were doing. Rats!

The London *Daily News* says that in September, 1927, a Roman Catholic priest, Martin Schichti, lied about tobacco and cigars he was trying to smuggle into Britain; also a revolver and 100 rounds of ammunition.

Here in New York, in the presence of Cardinal Hayes, "Father" Middleton said, "I wonder if God the Father, as he looks down on Catholic New York, can see the image of His Son." To get the real answer to that, all you have to do is to turn to the *Literary Digest* of July 3, 1926, where you will see Jimmy Walker, then mayor of New York, photographed in the same row with eight of your cardinals. Jimmy is shown to have been one of the biggest crooks we ever had in America, but his face looks open and honest compared with at least six of your eight cardinals. Two of them have fairly honest-looking faces.

Just how do you feel about Jimmy Walker, anyway? He is a product of your religion, and important enough to pose in a picture with eight of your cardinals. His wife, who has been deserted now for over four years, the other day asked for a divorce. She knows that Walker resigned as mayor because he could not do otherwise, and that he sailed on the same boat as Miss Betty Compton, New York musical comedy actress, for long his friend. They are now in Cannes, France.

We don't like the idea of your making marquises out of our private citizens. We notice that in February and March, 1931, your Cardinal Hayes had a five weeks' trip to Texas, Florida and back in the private car of George MacDonald, a marquis of the papal court. Maybe fares were paid, but we chance to know that this year Roman Catholic bishops go free on American railways, while the rest of us, wholly engaged in Christian work, must pay.

Why do you withhold the communion wine from laymen? Is it because the priests like it better than laymen do? You know that Jesus said, "Drink ye, all, of it." All of you drink all of it is what He meant. He never intended the selfish and lawless course pursued by your clergy.

Alms to Be Seen of Men

We noticed, in 1927, that it was widely published that you gave $100,000 for the relief of Mississippi flood victims. Why did you publish that? Jesus said, "Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly." —Matthew 6:1-4.

The worst of it is that the distribution of the above relief was expressly and strictly confined to Roman Catholics. You were merely taking it out of one pocket, and an American pocket at that, and putting it into another. You were also advertised as making a cash gift to Mount Saint Mary Seminary in Cincinnati. The objection to advertising this is the same. You are also advertised as giving a chalice to the cathedral in Sydney. The objection is the same.

You do not divide up these cardinalates honestly. Most of the money to run your show comes from America, yet the last we knew there were 33 Italian cardinals, and only 4 in North America and 1 in South America, all told. It looks as if you were afraid that only a Dago is crooked enough to run the show properly. And you may be right at that.

The historian T. B. Macaulay said of your system, "Among all the institutions for deceiving and oppressing mankind, it occupies the very highest place." He had it right. There are no other people on earth as capable at operating mafias and vendettas as the Italians. It is for this reason that you insist that a majority of the cardinals be Italians, so as to keep this system in hands where it can be operated.

As to Infallibility

We understand the distinction which you make between infallibility and impeccability. You do not claim that the pope is sinless, but you do claim that God prevents him from making mistakes in doctrine. We mention some items that you can explain at your leisure.

Gregory I said that anybody would be anti-Christ that would take the title of "Universal Bishop". His successor Boniface III did that very thing. Paschalis II and Eugenius III authorized dueling; Pius IV forbade it. Hadrian II declared civil marriages valid; Pius VII condemned them. Sixtus V recommended reading the Scriptures; Pius VII condemned the reading of them. Clement XIV abolished the order of the Jesuits; Pius VII reestablished it, and you confess to a Jesuit. Vigilius purchased the papacy from Belisarius but never paid the money. Agathon officially (ex cathedra) condemned his predecessor Honorius I for teaching heresy. Stephen VII exhumed the body of Formosus, mutilated it, and threw it into the Tiber. Sergius III murdered Christopher; John XI was his natural son by Marosia. These were all popes.

Reading in the Scriptures that "Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, today, and for ever" you naturally wish that your organization could make the same claim. Indeed, some do make it. On July 1, 1928, your "Father" Hurley, speaking in St. Francis Xavier's Jesuit church, is alleged to have said, "If Christ were sitting in one confessional box and a priest in another, the

priest could blot out sin just as effectively as could Christ." Ambrose, that all comes around through your misunderstanding of a few plain Scriptures. If Hurley knew what he was saying he was uttering blasphemy; as it is, we merely say that he is all wet.

Infant Baptism and Christmas

Infant baptism is as unscriptural as "Christ's mass". There is not a hint of either one in the Scriptures. We all had to laugh the other day when the queen of Bulgaria gave birth to a little daughter, and while she was still helpless her hubby rushed off and had the kid baptized in the "Orthodox" Greek church.

You put up an awful squawk. You said you had it in writing that any children of the union were to be brought up Roman Catholics. No doubt you told the truth, because you are just tyrannical enough to do a thing like that, i. e., your system is. But have you not learned yet that kings are like that bunch of ugly mugs that were pictured along with Jimmy Walker? You cannot believe a thing that they say.

You should cut out this title of "pope". You know it means "papa", or "father", and it was Christ's express command, "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9) We notice that not only you yourself, but all those of your clergy, disobey this express command. Why do you do it? You are neither a father nor holy.

The Scriptures grant permission to bishops to be the husband of one wife, but since the reign of Gregory VII, A.D. 1075, you have done what you could to enforce celibacy in all the priesthood, forbidding them to marry. (1 Timothy 4:1-3) Nevertheless many of your priests are not celibates.

The foregoing passage says something about "commanding to abstain from meats". You are strong for that too, but we notice that an archbishop can allow the faithful to eat sausage on Friday if he wishes, as was done recently in Texas, and as was similarly done by consent of your cardinals at Sydney, Mundelein and elsewhere. And just this past St. Patrick's Day, which occurred on a Friday this year, the Catholics here in Brooklyn had to refrain from eating animal flesh, whereas over in New York, at the other end of the Brooklyn bridge the Catholics were given a special dispensation to eat flesh so as not to interfere with their celebrations in honor of Pat.

Why do you stick your nose into this matter of what your people eat? Do not the Scriptures say, "Study to be quiet and to do your own business"? The show business is your business; what they eat is their business. Why try to mix the two? You have enough to look after, running the show.

Cybele — Mother of the Gods

If you will look it up in any good encyclopedia you will see that the doctrine of the "immaculate conception", proclaimed by the "pope" in 1854, and the doctrine that 'Mary is the mother of God and ascended bodily into heaven', not only are without a shred of support in the Scriptures, but are merely the dragging into a nominally Christian church of one of the most important of the Roman heathen goddesses.

A journal called *The Catholic Mother,* issue of September, 1927, describes Mary as "that beloved child who alone, of all the human race, was conceived without sin". This is entirely unscriptural.

> We have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are *all* under sin: as it is written, There is *none* righteous, no, *not one:* there is *none* that understandeth, there is *none* that seeketh after God. They are *all* gone out of the way, they are *together* become unprofitable; there is *none* that doeth good, no, *not one.*—Romans 3:9-12.

Mary was a good woman, an excellent woman, but she was a sinner, and in the very nature of things could not be anything else. Her father was a sinner, and her mother a sinner, the same as she. They could not help it. It was born in them, as the sparks fly upward.

The same magazine, addressing Mary as "Queen of Heaven", says further, "Thou art the Treasurer and the Dispenser of mercies." That too is all wrong. There is not such a word nor such a thought in the Scriptures. To Jesus alone, not to Jesus and Mary, was given all power in heaven and in earth, and Jesus alone is the Father's Dispenser of mercies. (1 Corinthians 8:6) Why do you allow such things to be published?

An Encyclical That Is Bull

In your plea of December 25, 1931, that "Christendom" should reunite under Christ and the virgin Mary, you are asking for the impossible; for those who know even the least little bit about the Scriptures know that all this about Mary is Simon-pure error.

You describe it as the "Nestorian Heresy"

where some contending for the truth on one point said, "Let no one call Mary the mother of God, for Mary was a human." Man alive! that is not a heresy; it is the gospel truth; and if you were not so carried away with the show business in which you are enmeshed, and would read the Scriptures, you could see it for yourself.

You want everybody to come to the Liberian basilica and prostrate themselves before the mosaics celebrating the triumph of Mary in the Ephesian council. That is all idolatry, the worship of Cybele. You will never see it. You say in the same letter, "We take refuge in her with prayers that she instantly beseech celestial aid." Well, we don't. Neither God nor Christ Jesus needs any woman to come to them beseeching them to do right.

You say that the mother of Christ ascended bodily into heaven (though the world had to wait 600 years to find it out). It is not true. To His own chosen disciples Jesus said, "As I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come: so now I say to you." It was as necessary for Mary to lie quietly asleep in death awaiting Jesus' awakening her out of it as it was for any of the apostles.

We have a picture of you, taken at your first consistory, published in the Sunday *Star* of January 14, 1923. It is enough to turn the head of any man that ever lived. The throne and canopy are magnificent, some 15 feet wide and 25 feet high. The thing about it that specially strikes us is that over your head was a picture representing Mary as the "Queen of Heaven", dominating the whole scene. God and Jesus are both absent from the picture. Apparently it was the thought of the artist that you would yourself represent them. What a monstrous blasphemy! It is written, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve"; nothing is said about serving you, Ambrose.

Vain Repetitions of Prayers

You ought to know that it is an offense to God to offer overmuch prayer to Him. "God is in heaven, and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few." (Ecclesiastes 5:2) Jesus made this matter very clear when He said: "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking."—Matthew 6:7.

In the place of these plain statements we have the most astonishing violations of their provisions by your highest officials. Thus eleven bishops in the Cincinnati district issued a joint appeal to 2,500,000 members, each to offer up prayer No. 10 about the Mexican situation. This was to be followed by "Our Father" and "Hail Mary" prayers repeated three times, a total of seven prayers for each person praying. That figures out about 17,500,000 prayers to start with.

That brings us down to the rosary prayers which were to follow. Each was asked to say at least one decade of prayers (10) on the rosary daily. That is 25,000,000 more prayers, *daily.* But the faithful were urged to make five decades on the rosary *daily,* or 50 prayers each, *daily,* and if all did as requested the grand total for *the first day* was 142,500,000; and if that is not "much speaking", won't you kindly tell us, Ambrose, just what you think it is?

But what happened at Cincinnati is as nothing to what happened at Sydney. The New York *Times* of September 8, 1928, speaking of the *recorded* prayers in evidence at Sydney, which prayers were to be presented to *you* (presumably because you represent the god of this world), said:

> The volume contains a list of several billion masses, communions, benedictions and rosaries. As Cardinal Cerretti left a men's meeting on the show ground of the Eucharistic Congress last night, 150,000 voices burst forth into the song, "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

The Making of a Saint

The word *saint* merely means "holy one", one who is wholly devoted to Jehovah God. The epistles are addressed "to the saints which are at Ephesus" (Ephesians 1:1), "to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi" (Philippians 1:1), "all the saints which are in all Achaia." (2 Corinthians 1:1) They are not addressed to somebody up in heaven.

September 6, 1929, the Associated Press circulated a lengthy dispatch from Venice telling of what it described as "the long process of having Pius X proclaimed a saint". Maybe it is not done yet. What Paul could do without hesitation to the poor common people of Ephesus, Philippi and all Achaia (Greece), you have to do yourself at the Vatican, and then only after a "long process". What is wrong about Pius X that you have to wait so long? And why should it be necessary to write up a book of 425 pages of evidence?

It is said to have cost over $3,000,000 to have Joan of Arc sainted. In Psalm 106:16 Aaron is referred to as "the saint of Jehovah". The making of that saint never cost anybody a red cent. Ninety-four times in the Scriptures they are mentioned in the plural, and refer to human creatures, almost always.

If it were not so serious, this matter of deceiving and being deceived, we should have to laugh about your antics. First you made the little girl Therese a saint; you did it yourself. Then you say that you have "never failed to invoke her in all serious problems and always with good results". Do you mind if we laugh, Ambrose?

Of course we know, "Brosie," why it is that this sainting business is so expensive and requires so much time. It is on account of the purgatory mix-up. The theory is that it takes time and takes money to get out of purgatory, which is all the more peculiar in view of the fact that there isn't any such place.

Everybody who has ever looked the matter up knows that the doctrine of purgatory (including masses and transubstantiation) was invented by Gregory I, who was pope from 590 to 604 (A.D.). When Phocas murdered Emperor Maurice and himself ascended the throne, Gregory wrote, "The Almighty has chosen you and put you on the throne." Phocas was not ungrateful, and in return established the supremacy of the see of Rome over all the other sees. See?

The Expenses of Purgatory

Nobody has ever been able to explain to us just why there is so much expense connected with this matter of getting out of purgatory, and that despite the aphorism, "High money, high mass; low money, low mass; no money, no mass."

It seems you fellows won't do a thing for those poor fellows that are in your "purgatory" unless they slip you something substantial. For instance, here is this gem from your *Sunday Visitor* of November 4, 1928: "It often happens that a person makes provision for masses for his own soul by will, and that the bequest for this purpose is released only after a whole year elapses, with the result that during the year immediately following death the soul is neglected."

Now you claim to be Peter incarnate, or his successor, anyway, so listen to this from 1 Peter 5:2: "Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind." What a scandal, therefore, for you to take a man's good money all his lifetime, and then when he dies, and it takes a year to probate his will, you let him burn to a char without even so much as taking the fork and turning him over until you get the cash. Shame on you, Ambrose!

We can well believe what the "Reverend" C. J. McCabe, of St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, is reported as having said (New York *Times*, November 5, 1928), i. e., that in purgatory "the pain is inexpressible". It must be. How could it be otherwise, in a place that does not exist?

How About This Indulgence Business?

Here is some advertising matter about the Pious Union of the Pardon Crucifix. It bears the O.K. of Cardinal Begin of Quebec, one of your men. It says: "Whoever carries on his person the Pardon Crucifix may thereby gain 300 days' indulgence once a day. For devoutly kissing the Crucifix 100 days' indulgence each time."

Now let us suppose a man carries one of these crucifixes for sixty years and kisses it every time he takes a drink of water, which ought to be once an hour, for, say, ten hours a day. He thus gets 1,300 days' indulgence in purgatory for each of the days of the 60 years he carries it. We thus see that for this one little job alone he gets respite from the fires of purgatory for 60 times 365¼ times 1,300 days, which comes to 78,000 years. Who would not carry a crucifix and kiss it ten times a day if he knew it was going to make him more comfortable in purgatory during 78,000 of the years he would be there? How much is one of these crucifixes, anyway?

Here is another piece of advertising matter put out by The Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, Reverend Joseph A. Skelly, C.M., Director, 100 East Price St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa. It is approved by Cardinal Dougherty. It says in part:

> All who wear it suspended from the neck, after having been invested in it by a duly authorized priest, can gain an indulgence of 100 days (applicable to the Souls in Purgatory) as often as they repeat the invocation found on the medal: "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." (Pius X, July 6, 1904.) Those invested who simply

carry the medal can gain an indulgence of a hundred days, each day.

Now isn't that grand? By a little calculation, say, for just wearing this second medal and repeating those 13 words 12 times a day for 60 years a man can get another 78,000 years of comfort in purgatory, making 156,000 years of comfort there if he never does another thing. But there are literally thousands of similar schemes, so it follows that for the outlay of a little ready cash a capable mathematician can book himself up for untold millions of years on the cool side of purgatory, and probably by that time he would be so used to the climate that he would not care whether he got out or not. O Ambrose!

Souls Insured for 25c

It was your man "Reverend" F. J. Huber, 552 Protectory Place, Pittsburgh, Pa., in his little folder entitled "The Greatest Value Ever Received for Twenty-five Cents", that made it all clear to us about how to get a year's insurance on a soul for twenty-five cents. In the subsection entitled "Spiritual Insurance" he said:

> Safeguard your soul as you would your life and business. We insure our lives against death, our bodies against sickness and accident, our business against loss, our buildings against fire and storm, yet we often neglect to insure our most precious possession, our immortal soul, against spiritual mishap and subsequent eternal loss. Our Association presents a Spiritual Insurance Policy which you cannot afford to overlook. Enrollment in our Patron's Membership will procure for you yearly the immeasurable benefits of a thousand masses, five novenas of masses and the daily prayers of our boys for 25 years. The period may be doubled, trebled, or increased as you choose. An offering of 25 cents will entitle one person to these same benefits of the Association for one year.

That doesn't look like a very big risk. Almost anybody would be willing to put up a quarter to make sure that his soul would get a fair deal. The difficulty seems to be that nobody is sure what Reverend Huber would do with the quarter. Would he see that the soul gets honest treatment, or would he wink with one eye and stick that quarter deep down in his pants pocket (or, if he wears skirts, hide it somewhere in the ruffles)?

We were quite struck with one place in your long radio speech in 1931, Ambrose, where you said you were going to espouse the cause of the workingman. That is real good news. If that means anything at all, it means that the "church" of which you, and not Christ, are the head, will positively refuse to accept any more money from scrubwomen, ditch-diggers, and others of the poor and lowly, to get their relatives out of the "fires of purgatory".

We have wondered all along, Ambrose, why you did not get after this purgatory swindle, but we realize that when a fraud is deep-seated, and has been running along for hundreds of years, and there is good money in it, and the fellows that are working the scheme do not know how to do any kind of honest work, it is awfully hard to do anything in the way of reform. But you had better try it, anyway, for the whole show is going to break up soon, and when it does fold up, you will naturally want friends and a job.

Liberty and the Weaker Sex

We notice in your letter of February 8, 1930, that you want the Soviet government to grant your folks freedom of conscience, liberty of worship, and inviolability of church property. That shows that you appreciate liberty, and you ought to know that others do. We write it into the record.

On May 1, 1929, in an interview with Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, you are alleged to have said that "Catholics in the United States should be extremely happy to be enjoying religious liberty, because that was all that the church asked".

We are not so sure about that. Your folks have had our folks locked up time and time again, and for no reason. That is something you will have to explain to Jehovah God sometime, Ambrose. Meantime, this is just to tell you that we shall exercise all our rights, *anyway*.

We should think you would be ashamed to try to interfere with the dress of young girls, with their athletic exercises, and, after they are married, with their most intimate and wholly private conjugal affairs. Why is it that you and the other priests cannot stand it to look at a girl's dimpled elbows or to see her in athletic togs? Shame on you, Ambrose!

When it comes to deciding how many children a man and woman should have, it would seem that if there is anything in this world that is their own business, that comes pretty near being it. You have some inspired advice on this subject: "Study to be quiet, and to do your own business."—1 Thessalonians 4:11.

We know that your "church" urges all pro-

creation possible, caring nothing about indecent homes or the number of sick, feeble-minded or deformed, but other people do care. They want children, but not more than they can take care of. If you and your fellow priests are so excited about the subject, why don't you get married? You have 24,990 unmarried priests in the United States alone. You 'holler' about contraceptive practices' being unnatural, but it is unnatural for you to use spectacles and a razor, and you do both.

The Custodian of Morals (?)

We notice that in the year 1931 you made the claim that yours is "the Catholic Church to whom God has entrusted the defense of the integrity and purity of morals". Did you think of Jimmy Walker and Tammany Hall when you wrote that?

July 2, 1928, Bertha Byron fell thirty feet while trying to escape from the Roman Catholic House of the Good Shepherd, Hunting Avenue, Boston. Her recovery was despaired of. In May, 1929, two young women tried to escape from a house of the same name, Peekskill, N. Y. One sustained a fractured skull, broken hip, fractured elbow, several broken toes, a broken ankle, and deep laceration of the forehead.

August 3, 1930, seven young women battled police and nuns almost an hour in Philadelphia, trying to escape from a house of the same name in that city. One of these girls almost choked a policeman to death in her mad desire to escape. Wonder why she wanted to get away from such a "Christlike" atmosphere. The Toronto House of the Good Shepherd produced laundry work of the value of $100,000 in the year ending September, 1927. Ambrose! Ambrose!

In Spain a father shot four nuns to death because they had hung his daughter in the convent. At Namaesti, Rumania, February 27, 1933, forty nuns beat to death a priest that tried to rape one of their number, a beautiful girl of 20. A nun divulged to her aged mother that she herself was the mother of 12 children, none of which she had ever seen.

On Good Friday of the "holy year" Ambrose presided in the Sistine Chapel. A New York photographer brought in photographs of the paintings in this chapel and was served with a notice that they were held as obscene, and asking him to show cause why they should not be destroyed. That was as silly as for you to insist that all women who see you must have high collars and long sleeves. What is wrong with you, Ambrose?

Not in Politics

You are always ready to swear by all that is holy that you are not in politics, and if that were the truth we would commend you for it. The apostle says, "Touch not the unclean thing"; and if there is anything more unclean than politics we do not know what it is, unless it be the system over which you preside.

What folly to say you are not in politics, when for more than a thousand years, you have been wrestling for control of earth's civil governments, and even now maintain diplomatic relations with forty sovereign states.

It is probably true that you do not wish a place in the League of Nations. Most of the nations in the League are Catholics, and you do not wish to be involved in their quarrels.

We have not yet forgotten that when your man Cardinal Bonzano visited this city the great aldermanic chamber of the city of New York was temporarily converted into a Catholic cathedral; and the chair officially designated for the president of the board of aldermen was converted into a temporary papal throne.

And when your man Cardinal Cerretti went to Sydney, thousands knelt in the streets when he went into the town hall, and when the big show was on the very trains in the subway itself were stopped running. If you are not in politics why don't you tell your men to keep away from city halls, town halls and other places where they have no business and where you have none?

You may not be in politics, but we wonder if it is just accident or deep design that at the moment the British ambassador to France is a Roman Catholic, and the British ambassador to America is also a Roman Catholic. You are alleged to be one of the master politicians of the world, and we wonder if it is not better politics for you to say you are not in politics, and to be in them up to your neck, than it would be for you to say that you are in politics and then to be only halfway in. A man inside a safe can clean it out more thoroughly than a man who is only halfway in.

Levites Had No Lands

When Israel went into the promised land the Levites were given no possessions in it. God said to them, "I am thy part and thine inheritance"; and that is the best part anybody can

have. But, Ambrose, you and your folks have not been content with anything like that. You have wanted real estate, and lots of it. In the middle ages you had half of Italy, with other huge holdings in France, Spain and elsewhere.

You profess to think you are the personal representative of Christ, but He never did and never would do such things as you do. Do you suppose you could get Him to throw a dinner for "seventy diplomats, all wearing uniforms with their decorations" and all "grouped in order of precedence"?

Just recently you put one over on Italy. For 1,116 years you tried to have your law, the so-called "canon" law, installed as the governing law of Italy, and you finally got your desire. Mussolini took it on the chin and went down and out. Nevertheless you had better look out for him.

If you are not in politics how does it come that the recent national chairman of the Democratic party, John J. Raskob, is your private chamberlain, your Knight of St. Gregory and your Knight of Malta? And once again we remind you of Jimmy Walker. Samuel Seabury showed your whole Roman Catholic administration of New York city one reeking mass of corruption from top to bottom, and by "top" we mean you. "No man can serve two masters."

In the new deal in Germany Hitler is a Catholic, vice chancellor von Papen is a Catholic, former chancellor Bruening is a Catholic, the minister of posts and transportation von Eltz-Ruebenach is a Catholic, and Dr. Paul J. Goebbels, the head of the newly created ministry of Propaganda and Popular Enlightenment, is a Catholic. Is that all by accident or by design?

Your very title "pontiff" is a political one. When Julius Cæsar became master of the Roman world he was made "pontifex maximus" ("chief bridge builder") for life. Your predecessors grabbed the title when your system became "the ghost of the Roman empire, sitting crowned upon the grave thereof".

The Way of Peace

The *Catholic News,* in its issue of February 16, 1929, says of your words, at the time you regained your temporal power, that they are "the sure, unwavering light leading the individual in the way of eternal truth and nations in the way of peace". If that is so, why is it that you have to have an army of about 600 men around you all the time? We understand that your *personal* bodyguard consists of 10 officers and 110 men.

The very same paper, on the very same date, that told about your guiding the nations in the way of peace, said that you had blessed the troops and the Fascist militia. Blessed them for what? In 1920, when you were "papal nuncio" in Poland you blessed the Polish guns and troops for an invasion of Russia, with the natural result that they got licked out of their shoes. You also blessed the Italian Alpine troops.

The *Daily Times Star* of September 29, 1927, lets fall the sentence: "The pontiff showed the keenest satisfaction at seeing so many American Legionnaires and thanked them for their desire to see him." Why, if you are for peace, are you such a lover of the trappings of war?

We notice, too, that, when your man Cerretti was in Sydney, "during the procession through the city to the cathedral, the massive canopy above the sacred host (the little piece of bread) was borne by Australian soldiers, each of whom won the Victoria Cross in the World War." If you are for peace, why glorify the soldiers? "Blessed are the peacemakers."

We noticed in the Chicago *Daily News* of August 29, 1927, that some of Chicago's business men, in their desperate desire to see better conditions in their city, appealed to you to have the crime gangs cleaned up. We think they went to the right shop to get the work done. Most gangsters are members of your "church".

How About Alexander's Monument?

In one of the big churches in the city of Rome there is a monument to the memory of "His Holiness Alexander VI". This man, you will remember, had seven acknowledged bastards, and among his concubines numbered his own daughter. Like his daughter Lucretia, he was a splendid mixer of the death potion "cantarella". He had all arrangements made to poison nine cardinals at one sitting, when somebody shifted the glasses and he was one of the ones bumped off. Why don't you take Alexander's monument down, Ambrose?

You are supposed to have received 2,000,000,000 lire from Italy for settlement of your rights of sovereignty. That is a lot of money, something like $105,000,000, but you are in a bad business. The Mexican government officially accused you (your system) of murdering their president, Obregon.

The Mexican government also intimated strongly that you are a liar in some of the things you said about them. We do not know as to that, not understanding Spanish, and Latin but indifferently. If they say you lied, then we presume you lied, for our experience confirms the statement of your former priest, William Hogan.

You remember Mr. Hogan said, on page 172 of his book *Popery:* "I pronounce all Roman Catholic priests, bishops, popes, monks, friars and nuns to be the most deliberate and wilful set of liars that ever infested this or any other country, or disgraced the name of religion."

For a concrete illustration of how one of your publications, *Our Sunday Visitor,* Huntington, Indiana, lied about Judge Rutherford, and about our friend Maria Neuffer, formerly "Mother Raphael" in several of your convents, see our issue of February 3, 1932.

(To be continued)

"They Pay Forever!"

AN ADVERTISEMENT of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., carried on the back cover of *The Lamp,* bears the title "They pay forever". And when you come to think of it, it is a wonderful thing that they do, but they still continue to pay, and pay, and pay, as long as there is a cent in the house.

But wait! Maybe we have not the right thought. Maybe it is not the poor servant girls and other unfortunates that are forever paying a bunch of idle, useless, well fed and well saturated priests, but somebody else does the paying. Wonder who it could be. We read on, and then we get the light all at once. It says:

Yes, forever! The Rock-of-Peter Annuity Bonds pay you cash dividends as long as you live and then, when your need for material things is past, they begin to pay spiritual dividends.

Ah! That is it. You send in the cash, your whole wad. The more you send in, the better. And then, at rates ranging from 5 percent to 7½ percent per annum, you get some of it back until you die, when, of course, you won't want it any more. But the payments don't stop. Not a bit of it. Every month, if we have the right idea, Peter sends you a check written on asbestos paper with fireproof ink, and you can exchange these for ice-cold drinks if you can find any place where they sell them in the place where you are going.

But the chances are that you will be carrying those checks around with you till you get out, trying to find somebody to cash them or else trying to locate the man that gave them to you. But you won't be able to do either. Do you suppose Peter is going to muss his temper all up visiting such a place, and run the constant risk of being hounded by people that want their money back? Of course, after you get to heaven you won't need the checks, but they will keep right on coming for ever and ever and ever. Why should we tell you that you are going to get them for ever if you are not?

Liverpool Figuring on an Earthquake

ON MONDAY, June 5, the foundation stone for the new Roman Catholic cathedral at Liverpool will be blessed and laid. It is announced that it will take the personal attendance of two cardinals and forty bishops to handle the thing properly. How long it will be after the blessing before the bottom falls out of the place which is blessed is all a matter of guesswork, but, after what happened to Nobile's airship, it ought not to take long, a few hours at most. Meantime, if you are afraid of earthquakes, better stay away from Liverpool until after June. It is risky enough to be blessed by just one Roman Catholic dignitary, but to have forty-two of them on the job is just too much of a muchness for any use whatever. The cathedral will cost $15,000,000, and have 46 chapels. Appropriately, it is being built on the site of the old workhouse.

"The Church Makes Me a Hypocrite"

WRITING in the London *Daily Herald,* but requesting that his name be not published, a clergyman of the Church of England is quoted as saying: "It is not a nice thing to have to confess hypocrisy. Yet in so far as hypocrisy means 'acting a part', the Church of England is making me a hypocrite of the deepest dye. There is more venom to be found in the editorials of many ecclesiastical publications than in whole columns of the secular press." This gentleman seems to have the right idea. Now, when all the rest of them in his line of business get it, and they think of some other way to make a living, what a wonderful world it will be!

Exaggerated Passion for the Beautiful

IT SEEMS to be a law of nature that it is the men that have the most exaggerated passion for the beautiful, and that are willing to sacrifice even life itself to have it in their possession. Adam was not deceived; he forfeited everything that he might have, even temporarily, the beautiful Eve. Some of the angelic sons of God lost their poise when they saw how fair were the daughters of men. (Genesis 6:1, 2) Hence it is the men that will be chiefly interested in this article. If curiosity leads some of our women subscribers to read, it is not our fault; it is not for them, but for the men.

It is literally true that God "hath made every thing beautiful in his time". (Ecclesiastes 3:11) Every tree, and flower, and star and face is different from every other tree, and flower, and star and face, but there is beauty in every line of every one of them. Every sky is a panorama sublime, and every landscape a picture gallery; and all are different.

The natural result of the union of men and women who love each other unselfishly is that their children will be beautiful, well and happy; and the greater the degree of love between the parents, the more beautiful the children will be. God is the Author of the laws of biology, and rewards in a fitting manner those who shape their course in accordance therewith.

How inconceivably exquisite is "the beauty of Jehovah our God" (Psalm 90:17) we cannot even imagine, though we all hope that some happy day we may have such eyes as will enable us to behold it.—Psalm 27:4.

The Scriptures do not hesitate to mention the beauty of the two morning stars: the Logos, "fairer than the children of men" (Psalm 45:2), "altogether lovely" (Canticles 5:16), and Lucifer, "perfect in beauty" (Ezekiel 28:12) as he emerged from his Maker's hands.

Various men are mentioned. "Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured" (Genesis 39:6); Moses was "a goodly child" (Exodus 2:2), "a proper child" (Hebrews 11:23) of such worthy and loving parents; David was "of a beautiful countenance" (1 Samuel 16:12); and "in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him".—2 Samuel 14:25.

The Holy Anointing Oil

The holy anointing oil mentioned in the thirtieth chapter of Exodus, and there described as composed of myrrh, cinnamon, calamus and cassia, was to be used only upon Aaron and upon his sons. It was to be compounded for that purpose only. Whoever would compound any like it, or use it for any other purpose, was to be put to death. It was for these men, exclusively. This was "the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard; that went down to the skirts of his garments". (Psalm 133:1, 2) Our readers know well what this holy anointing oil represented. The point we here make is that it was used as a perfume on men, not women, and that by divine direction.

We have the instance of the perfume poured out upon Jesus. He was the guest of honor, His disciples sharing with Him. Martha and Mary, with Lazarus, were hostesses. The supper had progressed, when Mary entered with a vial of very expensive perfume, the contents of which she poured upon the head of Jesus. She subsequently poured a portion of the same perfume upon His feet. The house was filled with the perfume. The statement of Judas that the perfume was worth three hundred pence is probably not an extreme valuation. At a time when the silver penny represented a day's labor, three hundred pence would practically represent the labor of a year. Sixteen dollars per ounce, sometimes more, has been paid for attar of roses; and history tells us of fabulous prices paid for perfumes in the past. Everybody that ever loved the Lord has been glad that Mary poured this perfume upon His head and feet.

Other men have occasionally used a dash of perfume. There is nothing wrong in it. The Lord made it, expecting it would be used somewhat. There is not a first-class barber shop but that keeps a small bottle of it and the customer is given a chance to say if he wants it used after a shave or hair cut, and sometimes he gets it whether he asks for it or not.

Along Here the Ice Is Thin

Along here the ice is thin. No man wants to be so homely that when he looks at a clock it stops running, but if he is a real man he would rather be as homely as that than to be effeminate. And there will be no effeminate men in the kingdom of God. God made men to be men.

Customs change. In their day Washington,

Franklin, Hamilton, and especially Jefferson, used plenty of powder and perfume and thought nothing of it; but today, a man who, outside of a barber shop, would powder and use much perfume would be considered a sissy and a sap. Beauty in a man, in a beauty parlor sense, is considered a handicap.

Proprietors of beauty shops report that an increasing number of young men invade their parlors for Marcels, facial treatments, hair dyeing, and even for permanent waves. On account of the unreasonable prejudice against gray hair, some men go regularly to have their hair dyed, usually dark brown.

In July, 1929, a New York barber said to a customer, "That's a terrible sunburn you've got. Let me fix it for you." The customer agreed, and the barber kept him in the chair an hour longer, charging him $7 for the treatment, a beauty parlor price. But the customer got sore, believing he had been imposed upon (as indeed was the case), entered suit, and when the judge on the bench saw the bill he ordered the $7 returned.

In 1928 the Chicago Association of Ice Industries carefully selected their men with a view to having icemen with good looks and charming manners. We don't know how they made out. Many women are inclined to help a fine-looking man make a fool of himself; an unnecessary assistance, often. One reason there are so many saps in the ministry is that fond mammas have thought of their nicer-looking but less intelligent boys as to what a fine show they would make in the pulpit. And if they haven't done it! And how!

Meantime the scarecrows of the world have been doing most of its important and worthwhile work. They knew they couldn't get any cheers for their features, so they just forgot them and did something else besides dressing up in laces and furbelows and trying to charm the women of the community by droning out meaningless prayers and wailing out platitudes in the tone adopted by a dog when the fleas are biting.

"The Daughters of Men"

The first time anything is said in the Scriptures about the daughters of men as being fair to behold is where it mentions that the discovery of how attractive they were upset some of the angels of God. That seems to provide a fairly reasonable explanation of why a man that is sensible and level-headed about everything else will so readily allow a few pounds of avoirdupois in a skirt to make an absolute fool of him.

Sarah, the wife of Abraham, was so beautiful that she took the Egyptian court by storm when she was sixty-five years of age, and even when she was ninety she made the heart of Abimelech, king of Gerar, go pitapat so that he seems to have thought she was but about nineteen. Sarah is not the only woman that made a fool out of a king, but we may safely say she was the first one to duplicate the performance at the age of ninety.

Rebekah was "very fair to look upon". (Genesis 24:16) Of course she was. And, after he got over being shy, that made it very easy for the old bachelor, Isaac, to take his medicine. "Rachel was beautiful and well favoured" (Genesis 29:17), and the same verse says that Leah her sister was "tender eyed". So much for Jacob. The patriarchs all seem to have been partial to what are sometimes called "good-lookers".

Esther was "fair and beautiful" (Esther 2:7), and as Ahasuerus (Xerxes), after all, was only a man, it is easy to figure out what effect it had on him. Abigail was "of a beautiful countenance". (1 Samuel 25:3) She was one of David's wives. Bath-sheba was "very beautiful to look upon". (2 Samuel 11:2) She was another one; and the less said, the better. Poor Uriah! He is not the only man of principle who had a wife too beautiful for her station in life. Didn't Lilian Langtry make a fool out of Edward VII? But why prolong the list? It reaches from Adam even unto the present.

"Beauty Is Vain"

"Beauty is vain." That was Solomon who said that. (Proverbs 31:30) He ought to know. He had a thousand chances to find out. At the beginning of his reign he rated Abishag, who "was very fair" (1 Kings 1:4), as of more importance to him than the life of his brother Adonijah (1 Kings 2:13-25), though it is probable that the latter deserved what he received. In later years he advised young men "to keep thee from the evil woman. . . . Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; neither let her take thee with her eyelids".—Proverbs 6:24, 25.

It is apparently not about men that the following is written: "In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of their anklets, and the [networks], and the crescents; the pendants,

and the bracelets, and the mufflers; the headtires, and the ankle chains, and the sashes, and the perfume-boxes, and the amulets; the rings, and the nose-jewels; the festival robes, and the mantles, and the shawls, and the satchels; the hand-mirrors, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the veils."—Isaiah 3:18-23, *R.V.*

Peter was married, but not for that reason, but for a spiritual reason, he counseled some in his day, "Your adornment ought not to be a merely outward thing—one of plaiting the hair, putting on jewellery, or wearing beautiful dresses. Instead of that, it should be a new nature within—the imperishable ornament of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which is indeed precious in the sight of God. For in ancient times also this was the way the holy women who set their hopes upon God used to adorn themselves."—1 Peter 3:3-5, *Weymouth.*

There is no record that Peter was ever in Londinium, as London was then called, but if he had been he could have found at the apothecary's "Lucius Julius Senis's Saffron Salve for Roughness" and four different beauty preparations, all put up and sold by T. Vindacius Arovistus. Cosmetics three thousand years old were found in the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen.

In the Middle Ages, Lucretia Borgia, daughter of Pope Alexander VI (one of his seven acknowledged bastards), not only was like her father, an adept at mixing poisons, but in her time was a famous beauty specialist. She treated her face with white of egg and sugar candy rubbed on. She washed her teeth in a concoction of rosebuds, citron pips, pine cones, clay and wine. She painted her face with mercury sublimate and white lead. This worked all right until someone chewed saffron and breathed it on her, when she turned bright yellow, while garlic turned her black.

Was Jezebel the First Calciminer?

We cannot be sure that Jezebel was the first calcimine artist. We do know that "she painted her face, and tired her head" (2 Kings 9:30) and tried to make a hit with Jehu, but without marked success. The dogs got her instead. But if she was the first, she was not the last.

A British lord justice fulminated from the bench against "those people with plenty of money and no brains, who are ready to spend that money in attempting to improve the face that Providence has given them". But he might as well have saved his breath. If for any reason a woman thinks it advisable to don the war paint, who is he that shall hinder? The women of ancient Egypt reddened their lips and darkened their eyes. If you want to know why they did it, ask them.

Complexion means considerable to a woman. It was her matchless color that made Lilian Langtry able to marry into one of the oldest families in England at the age of forty-seven and to draw crowded houses as an actress in America at the age of sixty-seven. A New York beauty who made her living as a model had her appearance ruined by a varnish truck, and the courts allowed her $55,000 damages.

Clothes, the right kind, make a big difference to a woman. An experienced woman advises office girls to wear dark blues, dark greens and black, with long sleeves. Collars and cuffs, if worn, must always be fresh; shoes brushed and not run down at the heels; seams in stockings straight; hands always clean and nails manicured; hair perfectly coiffured. She says further: "If you can contrive to have stockings, gloves and bag match, without owning too many of each, you will do much toward lending distinction to your appearance." That all sounds like good common sense.

The Catholic church has a lot to say about women's fashions. Not being interested in the Scriptures, the clergy feel that they have to do something that will have a religious smack to it. The vast number of Roman Catholic foundlings in institutions convenient to convents indicate the practical aspects of the question. Priests are men; nuns are women.

Figure means much to a woman, and the knowledge of that fact leads to more and more display of comeliness that once was hidden. In Port Jervis six years ago five young women were arrested because they appeared on the streets without stockings; but it would not be done now. Indeed, nobody would think anything of it. When first used, the one-piece bathing suit was considered shocking; now it is accepted as a matter of course.

If You Will Use Cold Cream

We can talk freely to you men, for you don't look like anything, anyway. But if you use cold cream excessively, this is just to tell you that its excessive use serves to enlarge the pores of the skin and make it wrinkle early. And when the barber shaves you, better have him go easy on the talcum powder. Most powder prepara-

tions for the skin are injurious; they often contain poisonous substances and clog the pores of the skin, interfering with its natural functions. Why hasten the scarecrow epoch?

We say to you men that not infrequently women use barber's talcum powder and find it as nicely perfumed and every way as satisfactory as their own powders, and cheaper, too. They get more for the money.

But back to the cold creams. That found in the tomb of Tut-Ankh-Amen was analyzed and found to be composed of bear's grease, melted with pine needles, to give it a pleasant odor. A better variety was made by Galen, the 'father of pharmacy', and is still in general use.

As a cleansing cream for the skin (*World Almanac* recipe): Spermaceti, ¼ ounce; white wax, ¼ ounce; sweet almond oil, 2 ounces; rose water, 2 ounces; borax, 1 dram. Dissolve the spermaceti and wax over a slow fire, stir in the sweet almond oil. Then add the rose water, in which has been dissolved the borax. Whip the entire mixture until it is cold.

As a nourishing cream for the skin (*World Almanac* recipe) (to correct lines, wrinkles and crow's-feet): Anhydrous lanolin, 3 ounces; pure cocoa butter, 3 ounces. Dissolve the cocoa butter and slowly add to it the lanolin, stirring the mixture until cold. At night, pat the feeding cream into the skin; it should remain on for at least half an hour.

Astringent lotion for the skin (*World Almanac* recipe): Tincture of benzoin, ¼ ounce; rose water, 2 ounces; oil of bergamot, 3 drops. To the rose water add the tincture of benzoin, drop by drop, next the oil of bergamot, drop by drop, and bottle. After removing cleansing cream or nourishing cream, pat the astringent lotion into the skin. It closes the pores and firms the tissues.

Astringents and Face Powders

Other astringents are alum, camphor, ice, grain alcohol, rose water, elder flower water, orange flower water, witch-hazel, benzoin and lemon juice. The last named is also a bleach. Astringents are necessary to make flesh firm which would otherwise be flabby. The body tends to lean in whatever direction it is helped. Aid the flesh with astringents and it wants them regularly. The output of toilet preparations has multiplied six times in America in the last ten years.

An old-time recipe for an astringent and whitening lotion: Shake together in a bottle: 3 teaspoonfuls of tincture of benzoin, 8 tablespoonfuls of rose water, 6 tablespoonfuls of glycerin, and 2 tablespoonfuls of witch-hazel.

A recipe for keeping the hands soft and velvety: Take a pair of untanned kid gloves a size too large. Turn them wrong side out and dip in a preparation made by mixing the yolk of two fresh eggs into two soupspoonfuls of sweet almond oil, the same amount of rose water, and one of tincture of benzoin. When the gloves are almost dry, turn them right side out, blow the fingers to prevent them from sticking together. Lay in a cool place until bedtime and wear at night. Use oatmeal or almond paste instead of soap, to cleanse the hands.

The best face powder is said to be not talcum, not rice powder, not starch, but the powdered shells of diatoms, sometimes called diatomaceous earth. This earth, found in quantity at Carlin, Elko county, Nevada, is also shipped to South Africa and used to take off the haze that is left on the diamond before polishing. It is also used for fine concrete products and linings for furnaces.

The Best-looking Women

The best-looking women don't either paint or powder; they don't have to, and they keep their youth a generation longer than others. A famous Kentucky girl was so beautiful that when she visited New York she had to wear a veil to prevent a crowd of admirers from following her wherever she went. Why should such a woman paint or powder?

But others think they have to. A long-faced girl puts rouge on her chin to make her face look shorter. One with a sharp, thin face puts a tiny spot of paint high on the cheek-bone and light powder on the rest of the cheeks. One with protruding eyes rouges the eyelids and with an eyebrow pencil makes a faint dark line in each outside corner. The girl with a broad, short face uses light powder around mouth, chin and nose and darker powder on the cheeks; it changes the "flat" effect. And so on.

More than two hundred years ago British newspapers carried the story of an angry man who threatened to leave his wife because he discovered that she had fooled him entirely in his admiration of bosom, lips, cheeks, forehead, neck, arms and hair. All that was genuine was a clever pair of eyes. Women who paint in public do it to attract attention to themselves. They

succeed. A garlic-eater also attracts attention to himself. Most men hate a primper, and, for that matter, hate paint and powder altogether.

Your grandmother, when she went to a party, had three or four elaborately cut out patches of black court plaster, on her right cheek if a Whig, and on the left if a Tory. These decorations were common in the days of the Romans. In the Samoan Islands beauty patches that shine at night, made of thin luminous fungus, are sometimes worn by the women.

Lipsticks were used in China in 1730. "Twenty-five years ago," says the New York *Times*, "no nice woman used rouge. Today no detail that can be touched up is left to nature. No one should resent the youthful appearance of modern women, but it would be pleasant to see a little more variety." And that is putting it kindly and mildly. Most women today, with their vermilion lips and painted cheeks, look like the coarse-colored prints which we call chromos. The color is there, but the artificiality spoils it all.

The Masculine Viewpoint

Women don't put on paint and powder to please the men, for it is well known that the men don't like it; they put it on to please themselves. The way a man views it is succinctly expressed in a statement credited to one of them, that "in the eyes of a regular fellow a good-looking girl does not need to use it, and a girl who is not good-looking looks worse with it on".

Women who desire it can have their cheeks and lips tattooed, and, sick or well, they always look the same, and if there is anything that will make a woman look more like hades just as they ring the first rising bell, it has yet to be found. And it costs $75; at least that is the price in London. It ought to cost $75,000,000.

It is said there has been a recent improvement in lipstick flavors; but how any man would want to try to find out about them passes comprehension. Most men would just as soon kiss a freshly painted door jamb. Paris sells a combination watch and lipstick. When the lipstick is turned up for use, the movement winds the watch.

Puffed or purple lips indicate heart trouble or other disorders which need attention. If painted, they conceal truths important to be known. Safflower, a plant used by the Chinese for dye purposes, mixed with ordinary chalk, forms a natural rouge.

Two British girls saved their lives in Kenya with a lipstick. Their plane cracked up, and with the lipstick they wrote a note to Nairobi, fifty miles away, telling of their location and their predicament.

Removal of Blemishes

In a beauty contest a Chicago girl with freckles liberally sprinkled over face, arms and shoulders was the choice for Illinois; so freckles are no longer blemishes. It is claimed they can be removed by lathering the face with pure soap and then, with a soft little scrubbing brush, rub away at the skin until the top skin peels off, taking the freckles with it. Rinse thoroughly in several waters, and in the last one, of warm water, put a tablespoonful of pure glycerin. But why remove the telltale advertisement of an unusually fine complexion? White freckles (or leucoderma, or white skin) are irregular patches of white where the pigment of the skin is destroyed. Nothing can be done to rectify this innocent and harmless lack of coloration.

To avoid a double chin sleep on a small pillow or no pillow at all, and when you read hold your book up and away from you. Swimming is good. Standards of beauty vary greatly in different parts of the world. Mohammedans like to see their women folks plump; the plumper, the better. Africans are the same, while in the Western world, and in China and Japan, the women starve themselves to keep thin. Such are the ways of men's complements.

Sunburn is becoming to men and not to women. It yields to calamine, 2 drams; zinc oxide, 2 drams; phenol, 5 drops; pure glycerine, 1 dram; rose water, 2 ounces; lime water, 4 ounces. Mop the lotion freely over the ailing skin and it will be found soothing, cooling and healing. (*World Almanac* recipe)

To remove blackheads, steam the face by repeatedly applying a hot face cloth. When the face gets sufficiently heated, most of them can be readily removed, with a handkerchief covering the finger tips, and the more stubborn ones can be left till the next day, when they will come too.

Dangers in Cosmetics

George Starr White, M.D., famous Los Angeles physician, states that within a period of sixteen months he came in contact with six young women made totally blind from the use of face cosmetics, and within one year treated two dozen women for face troubles caused by face powders.

Under the head of "Beauty Destroying Parlors" the magazine *Health Culture,* after pointing out that the only real beauty anybody can have is their own hair and features and a clear, smooth skin, says: "The beauty parlor range of facial treatment consists mainly of skin peelings, that are produced by caustics and escharotics, such as carbolic acid, resorcin, and salicylic acid, in tinting or painting the skin with aniline dyes, and of filling in skin depressions by injecting melted paraffin: these methods and some others, such as burning out wild hairs by electric treatment, face bleaching, face steaming, face lifting, wearing of facial poultices, facial night masks, spraying the features with hot air, trimming and penciling the eyebrows, painting the lips and powdering. Every form of treatment is trite and foolish."

Concerning "face lifting", Dr. White says: "Cutting the skin and drawing it up will give a temporary 'baby look' to the face, but that never lasts long. I have known of very many deaths following this 'face-lifting' operation, no matter how skillful the operator may have been. It is never a safe operation. Cultivate a smiling disposition and the face will naturally 'lift.'"

Ten or twelve years after paraffin has been injected under the skin it has to be removed in the form of a tumor. The skin over it gradually breaks down and particles of paraffin are gradually extruded until finally the whole mass becomes unsightly and has to be removed.

Lip rouge made of white lead has been found; it is poisonous. Mercury has also been used for cosmetics, and it too is poisonous. There are women arsenic-eaters. The arsenic positively removes facial blemishes, and, after a little while, removes the face itself from among its fellows.

Doctor Fishbein's Statement

Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association,* is accredited with saying: "Ten million Americans each year, mostly women, are losing health instead of finding beauty and youth, as the result of falling into the hands of 'beauty quacks.' Many will carry scars to the grave." We do not usually agree with Doctor Fishbein, but no man can be wrong in everything, and this statement may be partly true.

London doctors are said to disapprove the craze of tattooing the lips, but "approve, however, the custom among women here of late to have some dainty little device, usually a butterfly, tattooed over disfiguring scars." Probably Doctor Fishbein would approve of that; for he is a strong believer in vaccination. But why implant disfiguring scars on a beautiful arm?

Dr. Frederic Pordas, French Minister of Hygiene, says that in many beauty shops surplus flesh is pounded and bruised to make it disappear; and Dr. Eugene Lyman Fiske, of the New York Life Extension Institute, says that this craze for slim figures runs many women into tuberculosis, turns them into nervous wrecks and destroys the beauty it was intended to conserve.

To make her neck longer a Burmese belle wears a 12-pound brass collar. It elongates her neck about two inches. She also wears heavy brass anklets, the two of them weighing eight pounds. Chinese women once cramped their feet until they were but the size of a babe's. Some African women insert disks six to eight inches in diameter in both lips. Certain savages, and some others, wear earrings.

Dr. Charles W. Pabst, chief dermatologist of the Greenpoint Hospital, Brooklyn, says that the lead in some face powders causes eczema and that the "remover" provided by the manufacturer contains alcohol or ether in such strength that it would take the paint off an automobile. He declares that there has been an increase of 50 percent recently in the number of skin diseases resulting from the use of cosmetics.

Laundrymen complain that when women retire with certain cosmetics on their faces, the pillow cases are ruined. They cannot be restored to whiteness except by operations that rot them.

A recent book on cosmetics covered 1,000 pages, 300 of which were devoted merely to a consideration of the raw materials now employed. The women of America alone are spending $1,825,000,000 a year for artificial aids to beauty, which, of itself, seems to justify our giving this subject attention in one issue of *The Golden Age.*

The Fashion of Short Hair

The fashion of short hair was set by men, not women. The Paris hair dressers figured out correctly that if they could persuade women to wear their hair shorter it would give them more work. It has done so. The men that paid the bills did not like it, but eventually had to go along.

Many women after being sheared too close are sorry. That makes extra business, supplying switches, detachable curls, wigs and transformations. And men wear some of these things, too. It is hard on the scalp to grow brains on one side and hair on the other. In these days of much and rapidly revolving machinery a woman is safer with cropped hair.

Whenever you see notice of a change in the style of dressing women's hair, you always find that the National or International Association of Hairdressers is back of it. The women, more or less haltingly, follow the path mapped out for them.

New York Local 14 of the Association has announced that any woman or girl, upon proof of being unable to afford beauty care, shall receive the best of treatment at beauty clinics and at no cost. That shows the style makers are not entirely heartless.

The beauty business is a business, the same as any other, and very much of a business, too. A couple of years ago 1,500 beauty-shop workers in Brooklyn went on strike for better hours and better wages. At that time many of them were working from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. daily.

Customers Sometimes Injured

Hairdressers have to know what they are about. In Scranton a young woman went to a beauty parlor to get a hair bob and henna rinse. At its conclusion she was given a radiol treatment, with the result that her head swelled, her scalp burned, and her hair turned gray. She was awarded damages of $2,300. Women are often seriously injured in beauty parlors.

In London a woman paid £3 2s. for a permanent wave, but the next day her hair was as straight as before it was waved. She took it to court and got her money back, but the hairdresser insisted that the wave was still there and would have been restored by a shampoo. American women spend $75,000,000 a year for permanent waves.

The Incorporated Guild of Hairdressers, Wigmakers and Perfumers of London have asked women to forego the tinted eyelashes sometimes sought, on the ground that the operation is difficult and unsafe, and likely to lead to unpleasant complications in the law courts. In other words, the women are liable to go blind and had better not take the risk.

Queen Elizabeth had a wig of false red hair. The poor old woman has been dead for 330 years. Why bring that up? Hasn't a queen got just as much right as anybody else to wear false hair?

How to Be Beautiful!

The way to be beautiful is to have an honest, sincere love for Jehovah God in the heart, and to live for Him.

Health is a matter of proper rest, cleanliness, food and elimination, and the greatest of these is elimination. When the blood is clean the flesh is pink, and that is beauty, all there is to it. Paint by the bucketful doesn't help it a particle. But this is not telling you not to paint.

The poor have their compensations. Carrying packages on the head gives the carriage of a queen. Blowing bubbles is an innocent sport; there is said to be nothing like it for rounding out thin cheeks and scraggy necks. Soap and water are cheap, and most people can get close to eight hours of sleep at night, if they really make the effort. These recipes beat cosmetics by miles and miles.

When it comes to getting rid of wrinkles, try a smile. You can't be beautiful with a sour look. Don't try to carry the burdens of the universe, nor try to avenge yourself for real or fancied wrongs. The Lord has made all necessary arrangements to handle these matters, and much better.

Recharging the Batteries

If you are situated so you can get it, try getting even five minutes after the noon meal, stretched out flat. Perhaps you can acquire the habit of sleeping soundly for two or three minutes of that time. There is nothing that will invigorate the mind and body more effectively. Sleep brightens the eyes from the inside, where it counts. Use a low pillow or none at all. Don't overeat. Cut out all stimulants and sedatives.

A good cry, if you have to have it, is one of the best beautifiers. In the most natural manner it does what the beauty experts try to do: lifts the corners of the mouth, exercises the eyes and massages the muscles of the face upward. Sunshine usually follows a squall. It rests the nerves. Self-control is important, too. Don't cry unless you have to.

There is no evidence that tooth pastes are of any good, any of them. Proper exercise, a good walk in the open air every day, is a necessity. Sauerkraut juice is better than the most expensive skin lotion. Take a glass every morning and see. Candy is a curse. Cold water is not.

Many a young girl has clogged the pores of her face with paste, when all she needed to be beautiful was to have proper instruction on how to take care of her digestive tract. Work as one of Jehovah's witnesses has made a well person out of many a semi-invalid. Sleep with your windows wide open winter and summer. Pure fresh air means life and health. Decayed air rests nobody, and if you do not rest while in bed, you cannot look fit later.

London hospital records show that the women of today have much bigger hands and feet than a generation ago, and that they are very much better-looking. In other words, they take better care of themselves than was possible or popular back in the days of tight corsets.

We don't know how true it is, but the claim is made that it is better for the health to ride in trolley cars than in automobiles. A certain proportion of the electricity which operates the car is radiated through the bodies of the passengers, to their benefit.

As to Beauty Contests

The very fact that the Roman Catholic church has come out with a lot to say against beauty contests would make us look for something good in them, for it is impossible for that masterpiece of the Devil to have the truth on anything. Is there anything wrong with a flower show?

And behold! This very year we have Judge Rutherford's thrilling book *Preservation,* which is, in part, the story of the first beauty contest on record, the selection of Esther to take the place of Vashti. When the emperors of bygone times would take a bride they sent their emissaries throughout their dominions to find the loveliest that the city, village or hut could show, and if she had the other qualities essential, the diadem was placed upon her head. The Lord has been doing something like that. Read *Preservation* and see.

A good joke! Europe had a beauty show, but when Miss Diplarakos, of Greece, olive complexion, was selected by the Grecian judges, three-fourths of the spectators demonstrated against the choice and sent a telegram of protest to the Paris jury of final determination. But when all nations had sent their gifts of human flowers to be seen and admired, Miss Diplarakos was the one selected to be Miss Europe. It is something like that in this picture Judge Rutherford has so beautifully presented based on the book of Esther. Do you know who the antitypical Esther is? If you don't, you certainly ought to read *Preservation.*

Beauty shows have their tragedies, too. When a Polish girl who came near being Miss Poland missed the selection by a small margin, she shot and killed herself in the presence of the judges. And so, back there, in Persia, Vashti ruled herself for ever outside of the kingdom.

No doubt modern beauty shows have been too much commercialized.

At a beauty contest in Belvidere, Ill., the committee, desiring that the award of a $60 watch should be based on an impartial decision, called for a stranger to step from the throng and be the judge. A man who said he was a traveling salesman volunteered and stepped to the platform. The committee handed him the watch and then became occupied elsewhere. Pretty soon they looked around for the traveling salesman, but he was gone. So was the watch.

Wild Times Among Farmers

THESE are wild times among the farmers: a 10c farm equipment sale at Aurora, Nebr.; $4.90 on a $2,500 equipment mortgage sale at Ivesdale, Ill.; 1,300 irate farmers run the representative of a mortgage-holding concern out of Cherokee, Okla., when he tried to foreclose on a widow; foreclosures suspended by law in Arkansas for two years; at Watertown, Iowa, 200 farmers bought 12 head of cattle and a cream separator for $1.35; at Shelby, Nebr., a farm and equipment mortgaged for $4,100 went for $49.50; at Ithaca, Mich., a grain binder drew a bid of 2c; at Ohoopee, Ga., six cows went for $3.25; in sections of Virginia one-fourth of the land went under the hammer for taxes, some of it bringing as little as 30c an acre; in Wisconsin a sheriff besieged a farmer with machine guns, rifles, shotguns and tear-gas bombs; calls for a rope were heard when an attorney sought to foreclose a mortgage at Pilger, Nebr., in the presence of 1,000 men; owners have been compelled to give up notes given by a tenant; at Greencastle, Pa., horses went at 10c, cows 10c, hogs 10c, binder $1, hay rake 50c, harness 1c, 1927 Chevrolet 60c. The farmers are determined not to allow their brother farmers to be ruined.

Blown Pollen

Relief in Pennsylvania

IN DECEMBER, 1931, in the state of Pennsylvania, 165,000 were on relief; a year later the number was 397,279, an increase of 140 percent. Fifty thousand of the anthracite miners are out of work.

Evictions in New York in Ten Months

HOW many evictions for non-payment of rent do you suppose there were in New York city in the first ten months of 1932? You would never guess. There were 259,602, representing well over 1,000,000 people. Can you fathom all the misery that is back of these figures?

Plea for Recognition of Russia

ON THE ground that the peace of the world is hazarded by Japanese militarism, eight hundred American educators have petitioned President Roosevelt to recognize Russia, as one of the best means of offsetting present war-making conditions.

Transparent Aluminum Window Panes

GERMAN chemists, so it is claimed, have developed a transparent aluminum window pane, suitable for 'glass' roofs and skylights. The new material is said to lose many of the properties of metallic aluminum in the process of manufacture.

Wages of New York Teachers

THE average wage of New York city school teachers is $314 a month, for twelve months in the year. These teachers must now give up the extra $14 and a little more, to help feed the hungry school children, or else face a cut in their wages. They must agree to 5-percent deductions for food relief.

Kidnaped the Pay-off Man

TWO policemen in Brooklyn kidnaped the pay-off man of a rum ring and held him for twelve days in the unsuccessful attempt to sweat $100,000 out of him. They grabbed the man in front of the federal building in Brooklyn and carried him to New York, where they kept him a prisoner for almost two weeks in an apartment house. The worst of it is that they did not get anything, they have lost their jobs, and it was brought out at the trial that they bungled badly, because the liquor man had the money and still has it.

Business Failures in Three Years

FIGURES compiled by R. G. Dun & Company for the years 1930-1932 show no less than 89,590 business failures during those three years, with aggregate liabilities of more than $2,322,000,000. In New York city alone there were more than 18,000 foreclosure actions in that time.

Forty-Hour Week in Legislation

WHEN, in January, the national Congress voted the purchase of 350,000 bales of cotton, to be worked up into clothing for the needy, the stipulation was included that the cotton is to be made into cloth only in establishments that work not to exceed five days of eight hours each per week.

Homeless Boys to Be Helped

CONGRESS has done the right thing in setting aside $22,500,000 for helping 88,000 of the homeless boys now wandering over the country. The boys will live in army tents, wear army clothes, and receive army training, for not to exceed one year each. They may leave any time they find work.

One-Tenth of Moscow's Churches Remain

OF THE 560 churches that Moscow had prior to the revolution, only 56 remain. Every year more and more churches are closed, for lack of collections; and as fast as they fall into decay they are pulled down or rebuilt to serve other purposes. All reports from Russia indicate a great shortage of food, due to the resistance of the peasants to the Bolshevik program. In some places, rather than give up their grain, they have burned it.

Michigan Legion Official Goes Bad

AN AMERICAN Legion welfare worker should not have too active an imagination. A Michigan man worked on Uncle Sam's sympathies and used $40,000 of Michigan's money to get rare bargains from the war department, with the understanding that the goods would not be resold. Then he sold 23,000 dozen pairs of gloves to a London concern, and shipped 4,000 overcoats to South Africa, and hocked 17,000 dozen pieces of underwear in New York city, and was working up a good business in other directions, and now he is sorry that he did not give them away as he said he would.

Japanese Massacres near Fushun

THE massacre of all the inhabitants, men, women and children, of eight villages near Fushun, Manchuria, marks the Japanese troops in the neighborhood as among the most horrible savages that ever lived. The dispatches of Edward Hunter, American newspaper correspondent, shows that 2,700 were slain.

Palestine Found to Be Prosperous

THE Oakland *Post-Enquirer,* November 28, 1932, says in a dispatch bearing a Washington date line: "The holy land is the only locality on earth that has escaped the depression, according to Paul Himmelfarb, lecturer, who has just returned from a tour through Palestine and other countries of the East. Inhabitants of the holy land are unaware a depression existed, he declared."

Mexico Drops Vaccination

A FURTHER evidence of Mexico's enlightened policy is seen in the fact that from and after November 18, 1932, tourists in that land of wonderful scenery are no longer required to be vaccinated at the border. In recent years several other countries in which superstitions have a less firm hold than in the United States have come around to sanitation and other intelligent methods of treating smallpox which, so far as known, is spread only by the bite of the bedbug. Probably Mexico, feeling that by now it is reasonably free from bedbugs, is unwilling to further frighten away tourists by having pus scratched into their arms. Sensible Mexico.

"With Gravest Apprehension"

HAVING chased the Chinese out of Manchuria, without the Chinks' making any resistance, or trying to make any, the Japanese are now pressing their conquests farther and farther, and whenever it has the appearance that the Chinese are about to resist having some part of their country stolen from them, forth comes a statement from Japanese statesmen that they regard such moves "with gravest apprehension".

If at some future time you hear a noise downstairs, and you grab a gun and start to descend the stairway, don't be surprised if you hear the gunman that is waiting for you to make your appearance suddenly call up the police on the telephone and say to them that he regards your conduct "with gravest apprehension", and intimate that if you take another step toward him he will plug you for keeps. Your proper course would be to go back to bed and let him go through your house from end to end without causing any strife.

Deportations from the Land of Liberty

FIRST you look around for a job that you desire, the present occupant of which speaks a foreign tongue. You express your suspicions to the Labor Department. They arrest the man and lock him up. He is a foreign-speaking man and does not know his rights, or how to defend himself. When the case comes up against the man, you appear against him, and after a few weeks or months in jail he is deported.

In Buffalo an American Indian was forced to prove that he was not an Italian in order to remain in the land that was taken away from his forefathers. A Negro committed suicide because he was threatened with exile. The Labor Department acts as policeman, judge, jury and executioner. It is a good thing that America still has the "statue of liberty", so that we can at least remember what she looked like when she was here.

R. F. C. Directors

RECONSTRUCTION Finance Corporation directors are as mild-mannered men as ever scuttled a ship. There is Jesse Jones, not Jesse James. He asked that the R.F.C. loans should not be given publicity, and then somebody found out that he is chairman of the board of the Bankers' Mortgage Company, of Houston, Texas, which borrowed $1,489,691, not $1,500,000, mind you. Then there is another director, present chairman of the R.F.C., who is also a director of the Guardian Trust Company, of Cleveland, Atlee Pomerene. Mr. Pomerene's company borrowed $11,915,962 from the R.F.C., not $12,000,000, mind you; and afterwards came back for $5,900,000, not $6,000,000, more. Then another director, Mr. Couch, of Arkansas, is a board member of the Frisco railway system, which system has borrowed from the R.F.C. $7,995,175, which is less than $8,000,000. You know it is. And if you want to borrow any money for something, you had better get yourself appointed a director of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation while there is still something to direct, lest peradventure you should be too late.

Dogs Without Sleep Die in 5 Days

A SCIENTIFIC magazine says that a dog that is prevented from going to sleep dies in five days. And imagine the almost infinite cruelty of a person who, for any conceivable reason, would deprive a dumb animal of its rest until it died from the torture.

Texas' 75,000 Homeless

AT THE close of 1932 it was estimated that there were 75,000 homeless people in Texas, men, women, boys, girls, of all ages, black and white, sleeping on wet ground in freezing weather, many of them very sick, and infested with vermin, without adequate clothing, without food, without money, and chased by the police from one city to another. These people come from every class, bank officials, business men, salesmen, lawyers, ex-convicts, and all other conceivable strata of American life. These people are, 95 percent of them, anxious to work but cannot find anything to do.

Torturing Pregnant Dogs

CAN you imagine two college professors' torturing to death more than one hundred dogs, thirty of them pregnant? They did this by removing their adrenal glands. Deaths were strung out, in the case of a bull terrier, to 47 days. Parturition was strung out over three days, in some instances. The "professors" tormented some of the sufferers by "tapping" them when quiet, thus inducing convulsions. The dying mothers nursed their little puppies, wagged their tails, and showed no rancor toward their tormentors. One of the popes forbade the Spanish inquisitors to subject pregnant women to the rack. The torturing seems to have been done at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1926.

Disemboweled Dogs at Toronto

THE Carnegie Corporation of New York paid the bill, but it was at the University of Toronto that dogs of all sizes and of both sexes had their bowels and livers removed and their insides packed with towels. They gasped, twitched, had convulsions, walked around, wagged their tails. Kept alive with glucose, they lolled their tongues until the roots bled, threw their heads back, and rolled and sprawled and stretched their legs until the joints cracked. The lungs heaved and collapsed. The poor dog grows rigid, relaxes, wrenches his body in every direction, flops clear of the floor, finally relaxes for a second, his eyes protruding, his saliva in a puddle, and he is dead. "Medicine" continues on its "glorious" path.

A Great Medical Discovery (?)

MEDICAL authorities are in a furore because a Korean cut a half pound of meat off his left leg, cooked it, and gave it to his wife, and she got well from neuralgia. If Jenner, the discoverer of cowpox vaccine as a remedy for smallpox, were not dead, the matter would be referred to him. Meantime the great lights of medical science are trembling when they think of all the human legs they will have to slice when the craze gets fully under way. See the scientific department of any Sunday newspaper for morons. Hereafter, when you see a man who limps badly in his left leg, you can bet that his wife did have the neuralgia, but doesn't have it any more, not since she found out how to get it cured, by this astonishing medical discovery.

Choking Kittens Scientifically

CAN you imagine grown men standing around a glass bell jar for twelve hours watching to see how a kitten behaves that receives not enough air to live on, but just enough to prolong its agonies for that many hours? The cats were also poisoned by illuminating gas and by wormwood, and incisions were made into their scalps and the brain laid bare so that the sufferings could be watched more minutely. Nothing was learned.

Another bunch of "scientists" opened up several cats and transplanted gallstones from human patients into their gall bladders. In some of these instances they teased the hungry animals with food, even allowing them to have it in their mouths, with the express intention of tantalizing them as much as possible.

Experiments at University of Buffalo took the form of incisions of cats' eyelids, pulling the eyeball forward and downward, cutting certain nerves with a hook. At the same time heat was applied to the cat's legs, and it was placed just out of reach of a barking dog. Both adrenals were removed. Other cats were immersed in water just above actual freezing. After ten minutes in ice-cold water, it was discovered that the cat was chilly. What wonderful intelligence!

The Rightful Dictator

JEHOVAH is the God of order, and that is of itself proof that He has an organization. Jehovah is supreme, the Most High, and the absolute Dictator in His organization. (Ps. 83:18) The Chief One in His organization, and hence the One who is next to Jehovah, is Christ Jesus, His beloved Son, the duly appointed and anointed and now installed King of His holy organization. Associated with Christ Jesus as subordinate members of that organization there will be, when completed, a company of 144,000 whom the Scriptures designate as the members of "the body of Christ". (1 Corinthians 12:12, 27; Revelation 7:4; 14:1) In this body or organized company Jehovah places the respective members according to His pleasure. (1 Corinthians 12:18) The Christ, the Head and "body" thereof together, constitutes the capital of Jehovah's organization, and is called "Zion" in the Scriptures. Necessarily that organization is made up according to the will of God. As to the desirability of this capital organization and what it will mean to the peoples of the earth, it is prophetically written: "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King [Jehovah]." (Psalm 48:2) That it will be the perfect government over man has been foretold: "Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined." (Psalm 50:2) All the peoples of the nations of earth shall walk in the light thereof.—Revelation 21:24.

The Higher Powers

The claim to be the "higher powers" has been put forth by all the political ruling factors severally of "Christendom", be they of absolute monarchies, limited monarchies, democracies, or dictatorships. All these claims have been a presumptuous wresting and misapplication of the thirteenth chapter of the apostle Paul's letter to the Romans. Such improper application has really been the basis for the false doctrine of the "divine right of kings" or of rulers to govern and oppress the people. Though it is asserted that the late World War showed up the hypocrisy and falsity of the claimed "divine right" of earthly kings, yet the claim to being "the higher powers" is still tightly held with an unyielding grip by the political controlling factors of "Christendom", and the commercial and the ecclesiastical elements "love to have it so".

The power of Jehovah is supreme. From Him proceeds all rightful authority. He is the Creator of heaven and earth. (Isaiah 42:5; Jeremiah 10:12) There is no limitation to His power, and there is no qualification to the Scriptural statement that He is supreme. (Genesis 17:1-3; 35:11) He is the Most High, and none can be above Him. (Psalm 91:1; Ephesians 4:10) Properly, then, the apostle Paul, in his letter to the Romans, says: "There is no power but of God: *the powers that be* are ordained of [or, arranged under] God." Otherwise stated, all power that is rightfully exercised is that which is delegated by Jehovah to the creature exercising that power. It follows, then, that there is no creature or group of creatures that could rightfully make and execute laws or rules of action that are contrary to God's law. When the apostle says, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers," his words apply to the true church, the "body of Christ", now, forasmuch as the apostle was writing his letter to the members of the true church; but his words will later apply to all who come into harmony with God.

The Powers That Be

Many ecclesiastical writers, filled with the spirit of man-worship, but out of harmony with the spirit of God and disloyal to Him, have written many comments upon the thirteenth chapter of Romans to the effect that the governments of "Christendom" are what the apostle meant by "the powers that be" and that such governments derive their powers from Jehovah God. At once it is seen that the foundation is hereby laid for the doctrine of the "divine right of kings", for the reason that the argument is that whatever power a nation has and exercises, that power is ordained of God, and that therefore even one who is a spirit-begotten child of God must be obedient to that power. For many centuries the rulers and the nations called "Christian nations" have insisted that God has delegated to them the power to rule, and have used this to cause the people to pay them great respect and homage. But let this argument be followed to its logical conclusion, and where do we find ourselves?

In the United States it has been unlawful for a citizen to be found in possession of or transporting intoxicating liquor. In Canada, England, Germany and other countries, which also style themselves "Christian", it is not unlawful to be found in possession of or (and)

transporting intoxicating liquors. Has God delegated a different power or authority to these different nations? Is He the God of confusion, or of order? The apostle Paul answers: "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1 Corinthians 14:33) But note further: In the United States, in time of peace no citizen can, by law, be drafted and required to render military service. In Italy and other countries called "Christian", even in time of peace all citizens are subject to military service, and refusing to render such service are subject to severe punishment, especially so now under the present dictatorships. Which one of the nations is making and enforcing the military law in harmony with God's law, seeing that their laws are different?

God's Laws Unchangeable

In the United States, in time of war a law is made compelling persons within a certain age limit to engage in military service. Is the law of God different at different times and in different countries? The scripture (Malachi 3:6) answers: "I am Jehovah; I change not." (*A.R.V.*) Of necessity Jehovah God must be, and is, at all times consistent.

God says to His spirit-begotten sons on earth: "Thou shalt not kill." (Matthew 5:21, 22) He that kills is a murderer. Furthermore, it is written: "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." (1 John 3:15) All the so-called "Christian" but in fact "Gentile" governments of the world in time of war compel their respective subjects or citizens to participate in war and to kill. Has God delegated the power to these governments to order men to kill each other, and are the sons of God, anointed with His spirit, bound to obey the laws of the land which require killing when at the same time God's own law commands that they shall not kill? If the child of God engages in war and deliberately kills, he precludes himself from entering the Kingdom, according to God's law.

If a worldly government can enact a law forbidding the use of certain drinks, that nation or government can also enact a law (and enforce it) forbidding the use of certain foods, even including bread. Jesus directed His followers to pray to God: "Give us this day our daily bread." Would God delegate to a nation or government a power that would permit that nation to make and enforce a law forbidding the use of the very thing for which the children of God were directed to pray to Him, even under the so-called "exigencies of war" so as to provide food for soldiers at the front murdering their fellow men? If it is lawful to drink beer of a certain alcoholic content while eating cheese in Germany, and unlawful to drink such beer while eating cheese in the United States, which one of these nations is exercising the power delegated by the Lord God? If the answer be, Both, then the question is properly asked: Is God declaring that the doing of a certain act is right in one part of the earth and wrong in another part of the earth?

The U. S. a Christian (?) Nation

The Supreme Court of the United States has rendered the decision that this is a Christian nation (although it is not). The fundamental law of this country declares that a man may exercise his religion in any manner he may choose. Contrary to this fundamental law, some of the states enact a law that the gospel cannot be preached in certain places or under certain conditions, and they arrest and punish those who attempt thus to preach it. In Russia, once professing to be Christian but now under a Bolshevist dictatorship, the law is that one cannot preach the gospel at all without a permit from the government. God's commandment to His sons, which commandment was given through Jesus Christ, is that His gospel shall be preached in all the nations as a witness. (Matthew 24:14) Shall the child of God be obedient to the law of the United States, or of Russia, or to the law of God? Is it possible that God has delegated to these various nations the right and authority to make and enforce laws that are inconsistent with and in derogation of His own expressed will or law?

Is it not therefore clear that there has been a decidedly improper application of the words of the apostle Paul when they are applied to the governments of this world? When he says, "The powers that be are ordained of God," does he have any reference whatsoever to the nations of "Christendom" or any other Gentile nations of the earth? Is it not more reasonable that he directs his words exclusively to the powers possessed and exercised in God's organization, and not to those that are exercised in Satan's organization? Be it remembered that when Satan tempted Jesus in the wilderness, Satan laid claim to all the nations of the earth as being his

and part of his organization. (Luke 4:6, 7) Jesus did not negative Satan's claim.

Earth's Rightful Dictator

Aside from the supreme Dictator, Jehovah himself, His organization in its entirety consists of Jesus Christ, His holy angels, the resurrected members of the "body of Christ", and those on earth who have been brought into the true church and anointed with His spirit and who are putting forth their best efforts as Jehovah's witnesses to be obedient to Jehovah God. At present there are a "great multitude" of spirit-begotten ones who are virtual "prisoners" in the religious systems of earth and who are trying to be obedient both to Satan's organization and to God's organization. (Revelation 7:9-14) In the great show-down which is rapidly approaching, these must renounce all obedience to Satan's organization and take their stand undividedly on the side of God's organization and be subject to the "powers that be" in God's organization, if they would gain eternal life as spirit creatures in heaven. At present also God is causing the Devil's organization to be glaringly exposed, and He is sending forth His representatives, Jehovah's witnesses, to warn the people of the approaching complete destruction of Satan's organization and to admonish those who incline toward righteousness to forsake the enemy organization and to come into line with God's organization.—Jeremiah 51:6.

Shortly after His consecration to do God's will on earth, Jesus was anointed to the high office of "priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek". (Psalm 110:4) He was then and there clothed with certain powers as the man Christ Jesus on earth. Speaking to His disciples Jesus said that "the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins".—Mark 2:10.

All Power in Heaven and Earth

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He said to His disciples: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." (Matt. 28:18) As to His position in God's organization Jesus said: "Thou [Father] hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him." (John 17:2) "The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son; and hath given him authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man." (John 5:22, 27) These scriptures prove that Christ Jesus is *the* "higher power" and that Jehovah is the highest or supreme power, the absolute Ruler of the universe, and the only rightful Dictator, to whom every soul on earth should be subject, first, last, and all the time. The expression "the higher powers" may therefore be applied to both Jehovah and Jesus, because Christ Jesus always carries out the order of His Father. Christ Jesus is the higher power, which power is always exercised in harmony with Jehovah, the Supreme One.

Christ Jesus, acting under the authority granted to Him, organized the church. (Matthew 16:18) The church is composed of many members, assigned to different positions in the church. It is through Christ, the Head of the church, that the members thereof have access to the heavenly Father. The true church is of God's organization and is one building of God, with the apostles of Jesus Christ holding important positions therein under Christ Jesus the Head of the "church, which is his body".—Ephesians 2:19-22.

That Christ Jesus conferred power upon His apostles, there cannot be the slightest doubt. (Matthew 16:19; John 20:21-23) Furthermore, the Scriptures show that the apostles exercised power conferred upon them by the Lord and in so doing they had the Lord's approval, as in the case when Peter pronounced judgment upon Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:11, 12) Others committed offenses in the church, and the apostle Paul, though absent, exercised his power and authority in judging the offenders. (1 Corinthians 5:1-5) That the true church also should properly take action in judging certain offenders is proved by Jesus' words as stated in Matthew 18:15-18.

The Organization of Jehovah

The organization of Jehovah is of far greater importance than any other organization. It is to His organization that the apostle Paul's words are addressed: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." (Romans 13:1) At once the question arises, To what shall God's people be subject? The scripture (1 Corinthians 15:28) really answers the question: "And when all things shall be subdued unto him [Christ the Son], then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." This proves that the

higher powers are Christ Jesus and Jehovah and that the supreme power is Jehovah God. The apostle could not mean that the "higher powers" are the Gentile powers either in or out of "Christendom". It is not possible that these are higher than and having control over God's arrangement of His own people.

The apostle says: "The powers that be are ordained of God." Can this properly be applied to the Gentile powers on earth and not applied to the church? The apostle's own words (1 Corinthians 12:18, 28) are in answer to that question: "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles; secondarily prophets; thirdly, teachers; after that, miracles; then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues." It should always be kept in mind that Christ is the Head of the church, and that the apostles held special positions therein and that no men since the apostles' day have filled their places. They exercised certain governing powers in the church. The Lord Jesus, and the apostles, under His direction, laid down certain rules for the governing of the church; and the church, as a body, is clothed with certain power and authority to act, and every individual member of the church should be subject to that arrangement.—Ephesians 2:18-21.

Resisting God's Arrangements

"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation [Greek, *krima; R.V.,* judgment]." (Romans 13:2) Hence, whosoever in the church resists the arrangement which God has made for the governing of His church is resisting God, and therefore shall receive judgment or punishment from God through Christ Jesus for so doing. Whether or not the Gentile powers inflict punishment upon evildoers often depends upon how much influence the one charged with the crime has with the one who does the judging. But in God's judgment there is no partiality. The text says, "Whosoever therefore resisteth," and therefore applies to every one, without any exception. This alone would confine the judgment as being to God's organization by the authorities in God's organization constituted to do judging.

"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same." (Romans 13:3) Who are the rulers here mentioned? It cannot be said that they are the rulers of the present governments of earth, for they are "a terror to good works". Fully consecrated and anointed sons of God, known as Jehovah's witnesses, go about the country doing good in the highest sense by preaching the good news concerning God and His kingdom, and the rulers of the nations of "Christendom" arrest, fine and imprison them for so doing good. Do Jehovah's witnesses, who go from door to door and thus do good by carrying the message of God's kingdom to the people of earth, "have praise" from the princes or rulers of this world? No one ever heard of their receiving praise for so doing. Also, when Paul writes, "Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power?" can it be said that he meant that the anointed witnesses of God are to fear the "prince of this world" and the rulers in his organization? Could that be true, then every one of Jehovah's witnesses would refrain from giving testimony from house to house to the glory of God. That is exactly what the Devil would want them to do. Hence what Paul means is this: You who are members of God's organization should fear the power (Christ the Judge). The rulers (Christ and those who act under His direction) are not terrors to good works, but to evil, and if you do that which is good you will receive praise of that power (Christ, and those of His organization clothed with authority to praise).

The Church the Minister of God

"For he [the power] is the minister of God [*Diaglott:* is God's servant] to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he [the power] beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God [God's servant], a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." (Romans 13:4) This statement could not have reference to the power that the Gentiles exercise. Surely God has not committed to Satan or anyone in Satan's organization the power to act as God's servant or minister for good in the church. Nor has He appointed any of that same wicked organization to act as avenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil in the church. The church is arranged by the Lord for good to those who are of the church and for

the judgment of those who do evil. (2 Corinthians 10:8; 13:10) The Gentile powers use the sword to kill. Did the text above apply to them, then it would mean that such are clothed with power and authority over the Lord's people to literally kill those who are in the church, and that such are avengers of God. Jesus was charged with the evil of sedition, was unjustly judged and killed. In bringing this about surely the Devil was not acting as God's avenger there. Hence the apostle's words mean that "the sword" represents the power which God uses to punish those in the church who do evil and who therefore do contrary to His law by which the church is governed. The creature (or creatures) whom God uses to exercise such power of "the sword" is the avenger to execute wrath upon the evildoers. None of such avengers are a terror to good works; but that power which God uses is a terror to evil works and bears not God's punishing instrument in vain.

"Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake." (Romans 13:5) God has not called His people to set them aside to be victims of His wrath. He called them to be His faithful witnesses and to receive salvation through Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:9) But God's wrath is visited upon those who are disobedient and who do evil. (Ephesians 5:5, 6) If one in the church does evil he shall suffer; but not for that reason should he refrain from evil. He should also for conscience' sake refrain from evil or wrongdoing in the church. If he refrains from evil merely in order that he may escape punishment, his motive is not proper and unselfish. If he refrains from evil because he knows that it is right to do so, and pleasing to God for him to desist from evil, then he does so because he loves God, and his motive is right and pure and he has a clear conscience. (1 Timothy 1:5) The apostle adds: "For this cause pay ye tribute [taxes] also; for they are God's ministers attending continually upon this very thing." (Romans 13:6) That is to say, For what cause do you pay taxes to earthly governments? For conscience' sake; for the reason that it is right to pay for what service you receive. For the same cause or reason also one should show respect for those in the church whose office as ministers or servants of God is to maintain order and authority in the church; because the Lord has set the members there.

In the Present Emergency

For a long time professed Christians have been in a condition of sleep concerning their duty of service in the Lord's organization. They have tried to please the rulers of this world, and to do so they have taken a course of action that is a compromise between faithfulness to Jehovah and faithfulness to the world. Now it is time to awake. (Romans 13:11) Christ Jesus is invisibly present directing the work of Jehovah's witnesses on earth. He has not two organizations on earth. There is but one. God, through Christ, is now giving orders to His people which they must obey. These orders He makes clear by the flashes of lightning upon His Word, and discloses to His people the facts in fulfilment of prophecy which show that the time of the setting up of Jehovah's kingdom through Christ is here. Therefore "let every soul be subject to the higher powers". All the commercial, political, and religious elements trying to hold power on earth since 1914 must go down, because not subject to the "higher powers", Jehovah and Christ, but rather in diametric opposition to them. The conservative elements of the nations may put forth human dictators or dictatorial groups to maintain the doomed organization longer in power, but in vain. Jehovah is the only and true Dictator. Before His installed anointed King, Christ Jesus, all powers of Satan, in heaven and earth, must shortly be milled to powder and vanish for ever. Let all souls now who hear the gracious divine message of Jehovah's kingdom and His appointed King hasten to be subject unto the "powers that be" and that shall be for ever. All who would live must eventually do so; for it is written: "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah; and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom is Jehovah's; and he is the ruler [dictator] over the nations."—Psalm 22:27, 28, *A.R.V.*

Hitler Makes Germany a Fascist State

NOT waiting for the election, March 5, Chancellor Hitler took the bull by the horns and made Germany a Fascist state. The last Socialist police head in Prussia has been removed, and any meeting that criticizes the government will be immediately dissolved. State weapons have been issued to Hitlerites.

Further Light on the Harpell Case

(From the Toronto *Daily Star*)

GRAVE charges that political pressure had been brought to bear in connection with the case of James Harpell, recently convicted of libel in printing accusations against the Sun Life Insurance Co. of Montreal, were made by Henri Bourassa seeking to show that all large enterprises in Canada were "built upon fraudulent processes or watered stock".

One example, he said, was the lumber industry, which had suffered from the "brigandage of a handful of the most unscrupulous financiers in Canada".

"Another example," he continued, "is the operation of the Sun Life Insurance Co. There has been a sensational trial of a man in Montreal who, I think, wrote foolish articles. Not that what he wrote was untrue, but he wrote in a very foolish tone. But the manner in which that trial was conducted is a striking picture of the spirit that prevails. He had engaged good lawyers to defend him. Those lawyers were made to understand if they took up his case they were done for as far as the favor of the Quebec government is concerned, the head of which is a director in the concern.

"They quit the case. The case was shifted from one court to another till it reached the judge who—I do not wish to be disparaging, I think he is a very nice man—before he became a judge had all his life been a corporation lawyer, connected with the organization of some of the most shameful enterprises of this country."

He had studied a report of this company, he said, a report which had been "thrown out" through the efforts of Hon. Mr. Robb and G. D. Finlayson. "This report, on its face, showed a diminution of $6,000,000 in their assets. Yet they increased the dividends to their shareholders from 50 to 75 per cent. in one year, with the result that the shares, originally $100, were quoted at some $3,000 to $4,000."

Bankers as Scavengers

HENRY FORD says: "When bankers get into a business it is because that business is out of date and suffering from bad management. It is ready for the scavenger. The bankers milk it dry and break it up. The reason that bankers ruin an industry when they get into it is that their object is not production, but profit."

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The Way of Escape

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THIS speech is not an expression of man's opinion. If it were merely the expression of my opinion I would not expect you to listen. It is a statement from the Bible, which is the Word of Jehovah God, backed up by facts well known to millions of people; and for that reason alone it commands the respectful hearing by every reverential person.

More than a century ago the peoples of the American continent believed the Bible to be God's Word of truth, given for the instruction and guidance of man; and there are yet many good people who so believe, and to such this speech will be a message of comfort and good cheer. Its effect upon those who are opposing Jehovah's work on the earth will be anything but comforting.

This speech is not made for the benefit of the clergy, because they have ignored the Word of God and substituted therefor their own wisdom. They have been duly served with notice of warning and have closed their ears and their eyes to the truth and caused the persecution of those who brought to them the message of God's kingdom. Further notice to them would be of no avail. This speech is not intended for the commercial giants nor for the political rulers, because they have heretofore been duly served with notice and given warning, and that information has been ridiculed by most of them, and they have given ear to the enemies of God and have hindered the further proclamation of His truth. Further information given to such opposers would be needless. There are a few men among them, however, who still have a hearing ear; and I hope that these may receive some benefit from this message.

When Jehovah's covenant people were suffering from oppression in Egypt, God sent Moses as His messenger to give notice of warning to Pharaoh, the ruler of Egypt, and to comfort His own people. That message of warning was from Jehovah, and Moses was merely His servant to bear the message. When Pharaoh rejected the message of warning Jehovah said to Moses these words: "Speak now in the ears of the people." Likewise the time is now at hand when the rulers have rejected God's message and in accordance with His will the people must hear and have an opportunity to take their stand.

The peoples of the nations of earth are now in great distress and perplexity. They are greatly in need of encouragement and consolation, and Jehovah God has a message of consolation for them. It is to the people of good will I now address this speech. You must now learn what is the real cause of the present distress upon the world, what may be expected to follow shortly, and what course you can take for your safety and preservation.

Please be assured that I have no controversy with the clergymen nor with the political or commercial rulers. My sole duty is to speak the truth. If you believe in Jehovah God and His Word of truth you will appreciate the fact that Jehovah has given commission to all who have devoted themselves to Him, and this commission they must perform. Christ Jesus is the great "faithful and true Witness" of Jehovah, and all those who are the true followers of Christ Jesus now on earth are Jehovah's witnesses and must bear testimony. The commission definitely given to all such is set forth in Isaiah 61:1, 2 and, among other things, says to His anointed: 'Jehovah God has commissioned you to preach the good news unto the teachable, to proclaim the day of the vengeance of God against all wickedness, and to comfort all that mourn.' God's vengeance is against Satan and his entire organization; and when He sends His witnesses out to declare this message of truth, and they fail or

refuse to obey, His witnesses shall die. (Ezekiel 3:18) Those who really love God prove it by obeying His commandments regardless of what men may think, say or do.

Now as to some of the facts which you well know and which have to do with the fulfilment of divine prophecy. The World War began in 1914 between the nations called "Christendom". Eighteen hundred years before that the Lord foretold that war and that it would be the first evidence of the end of the world. During that World War the ruling elements invented and caused to be shouted throughout the earth the slogan: "The war will make the world safe for democracy." That slogan was a false prophecy. Today there is not one democracy on earth, but most of the nations are ruled by dictatorial power. I am not here criticizing the dictators, but merely citing the facts. Millions of men were preached into, urged and driven into the World War, and most of the survivors are now in want and suffering for the necessities of life. In a land where there is said to be too much food, too much raw material for clothing, too many houses, there are at the same time millions who are in great need of food, raiment and shelter, and are unable to enjoy these necessities. Everyone knows that there is something wrong.

Today the rulers are desperately trying to pull the countries out of the state of depression and to prevent the ship of state from going on the rocks. Let it be conceded that such rulers are doing the very best they can according to human wisdom. They are disregarding divine wisdom. They may succeed in a measure and there may follow a short period of material prosperity and, if so, that will cause the rulers to become more arrogant and to further ignore or defy Jehovah God and His kingdom. If material prosperity does come to you, and you have relief even for a short time, I shall be glad; but do not be deceived thereby nor let anyone turn you away from the truth of God's Word. Whatever material prosperity comes, it will be followed by even greater distress. There is no earthly power that can pull the nations out of their present dilemma.

The nations of "Christendom" in recent years have made numerous peace treaties in an attempt to safeguard the world from war; and let it be conceded that they have done this with a sincere desire for peace. The facts, however, are that at this time all the nations are arming to the teeth and are desperately preparing for war, and expect war, and they know not the reason why. Fear has taken hold upon all of them and they quail and tremble because of what they sense is coming upon the world.

God's Word of truth plainly points out that the most terrible war, and the greatest death toll ever taken, is in the very near future. Jehovah God has laid upon His witnesses the obligation to now make known these facts to the people. The Bible gives plain proof as to the reason for this coming war and what will be the result, and plainly points out what is the only way for you to escape and preserve yourselves and live. The message, therefore, is of vital importance to every one who desires to live.

When God made the earth and placed perfect man upon it He appointed Lucifer as overlord or god of the earth. Lucifer rebelled against God, and then his name was changed to that of Satan and Devil, by which he is ever since known. Satan declared he could cause all men to curse Jehovah God, and therefore he challenged God to put men on earth who would remain faithful and steadfastly devoted to God under the most severe test. That challenge raised the question before all creation: Who is supreme, Satan or Jehovah God? In order to give Satan the opportunity to prove his boastful challenge God accepted that challenge and has permitted the Devil to do all within his power to carry out his threat. At the same time Jehovah promised that in His due time He would send to earth His beloved Son Jesus as the Redeemer, Deliverer and King and that He should become the Ruler of the world, oust Satan, destroy his power, and establish a government of righteousness for the benefit of the people that all might know Jehovah is the Almighty God. In 1914 that due time of waiting came to an end, and God immediately installed Christ Jesus as the King of the world. There followed a war in heaven between Christ Jesus and the Devil, resulting in ousting the Devil from heaven and the casting of him to the earth. Although invisible to human eyes, Satan and his hordes have continued to operate amongst rulers and the peoples of earth.

Satan the Devil pushed the nations of the world into the great war for the very purpose of causing their destruction rather than to see any man serve God. That war would have gone

on until the race was entirely annihilated had not God stopped it. The great distress, perplexity and suffering now upon the rulers and upon the peoples of earth is directly chargeable to the Devil, and the Devil is using all his power to keep the people in ignorance of that truth. Jehovah God is in no wise responsible for the sorrows and troubles that now afflict you. Satan's purpose now is to turn the people away from God, and hence he causes them to suffer great woe, distress and perplexity; and his earthly representatives, particularly the clergy, tell the people that God is responsible for their sufferings, and those who believe such statements turn away from God. We are not left in doubt as to who is responsible for the world's present woes. In Revelation, chapter twelve, appears the record concerning Satan's being cast to earth, and then these words are added: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) As this scripture says, Satan knows that soon the great war is certain to be fought and that he has but a short time to prepare for it. For this reason Satan is now inducing the nations to make extensive preparations for war. In that war Satan purposes to destroy every creature that takes his stand on the side of Jehovah God and His King Christ Jesus. For that reason Satan induces his representatives on the earth to violently oppose every effort to bring to the people a knowledge of the truth. Without doubt many of these opposers are blind to the truth themselves; but they are serving Satan, notwithstanding that ignorance.

Jehovah caused the World War to stop in 1918 for the express purpose of affording an opportunity for the people to hear the truth of and concerning Him and His kingdom. If anyone doubts this statement, read the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 24:14, 21, 22. Since then God has sent forth His witnesses to give the peoples of earth the needed information concerning the cause of the trouble and what will be the result; and for that reason not only has Satan used his earthly agents to hinder these witnesses of Jehovah, but he would destroy every one of them except for the protection given them by the Lord. While Jehovah's witnesses are declaring in the earth the truth of and concerning Jehovah and His kingdom and His day of vengeance, the preparation for the great war continues and the battle draws nigh.

Up to the present time Jehovah God has not taken a hand in the troubles that are afflicting the peoples of the world. His time to fight, as stated by Him, is at the battle of Armageddon, otherwise called in the Scriptures the "battle of that great day of God Almighty". The reason for that great battle is this: Jehovah's time has come to set up among men on earth His righteous government; and this He does in fulfilment of His promise made long ago to establish on earth peace and good will toward men. That government of Jehovah under Christ will completely fulfil the fondest desire of every honest person. Before that happy condition can be brought about, however, the Devil and his power and influence must be completely destroyed; and that means the destruction of his entire organization. The people must be free to serve God in righteousness and without interference, and this can be done only after Satan's rule has come to a complete end.

From the time of the rebellion in Eden till now Satan the Devil has been the invisible ruler of this world, and that wicked rule must end before peace and righteousness can come to stay. Everybody knows that the visible rulers of this world are men who are very imperfect. Today money is the great power amongst the nations; hence the commercial element is the strongest and exercises the greatest influence over the other ruling factors. The political rulers find that they must yield to the influence of the commercial interests. Has anyone a doubt that the clergy are engaged in the politics of this wicked world? You all know that the clergy participate in the political affairs of this world, and therefore they constitute a part of the world. Catholics, Protestants and Jews now unite in an effort, as they announce, to bring peace and prosperity to the world and, according to their own declaration, they utterly ignore Jehovah God and His Kingdom and substitute therefor their own means of accomplishing that purpose. They call upon the name of God but entirely disregard His Word and His kingdom. Even though the rulers set fixed days to pray to be heard of men, God will not grant their prayers. The three ruling elements of the world are: commercial, political and religious. We know that this world is very unrighteous; therefore it could not be God's world, and we could not ex-

pect God to bless it. It is just exactly as Jesus and the apostles said, that the Devil is the invisible ruler and he blinds the visible rulers and the peoples to the truth.—John 12:31; 14:30; 2 Corinthians 4:4.

If the clergy represented Jehovah God and His kingdom they would refuse to have anything to do with Satan's world, but would hold before the people the truth of and concerning God's kingdom and would show the people that God's kingdom is their only means of relief. When the League of Nations was brought forth the clergy endorsed it, and have likewise endorsed every peace pact made since then as a means of recovering the nations of the world. The Scriptures say, at Romans 6:16: 'Ye are the servants of him whom ye serve.' It is easy for you to determine, then, whom they serve. The clergymen are friends of this world, because they are a part of it; and hence according to the Scriptures and the facts they serve the Devil and not God and Christ Jesus, and this is proved by the following scriptures: "The friendship of the world is enmity with God; whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." (James 4:4; John 8:44) You will observe that I am not slandering or abusing the clergy, but merely stating the facts which you know to exist and citing the inspired words of the Lord in explanation of those facts. My only purpose in making mention of the clergy in this connection is that the people may see the truth and not be misled into Satan's trap. Because Jehovah's witnesses are wholly devoted to God's kingdom under Christ, the agents of Satan oppose the message or testimony of Jehovah which these witnesses bring to you.

The great war is now rapidly approaching. At Revelation, chapter sixteen, it is written that Satan is gathering all nations to Armageddon to the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and that war will involve the whole world, and especially will involve the nations known as "Christendom". "Christendom" will suffer the greatest calamities and loss, as the Scriptures plainly state. The reason that the war is called "Armageddon" is this: "Armageddon" means 'the place of assembly of Jehovah's troops'. Jehovah God has assembled the true followers of Christ Jesus and brought them into His organization, as shown by Revelation, the fourteenth chapter. Christ Jesus is Jehovah's chief executive officer, and His great war field marshal. Jerusalem is a symbolic name given to Jehovah God's organization. In Zechariah 14:2 Jehovah says: "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." That means that Jehovah assembles His own forces under Christ, and by His skillful maneuvering He compels Satan to bring his army up against God's organization, and hence God forces the fight at Armageddon. Satan the Devil is causing the nations of the earth to prepare for war for that very reason, and Satan is setting them all against God and His kingdom; and for this reason you observe that the world continues to increase in oppression, wickedness and suffering.

When these mighty contending forces are fully in battle array, then Jehovah God will begin the war, the leadership of His forces being under Christ Jesus. In Zechariah 14:3 it is written: "Then shall [Jehovah] go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the [days of old]." That means what it says, that Jehovah God with His great and invincible army will fight against all the nations in Satan's organization, and which oppose Jehovah God; and that includes all the nations of "Christendom". It is in the land called "Christendom" where the chief opposition is made to prevent the people from hearing God's Word of truth. In Canada, which is a part of "Christendom", men holding high official positions have prevented the people of that land from hearing God's message by radio. You well know that in doing this such men have not acted in behalf of Jehovah God and His kingdom, but do act in behalf of God's enemies. I will not dignify the head man of that Commission by making mention of his name. He has not injured and cannot injure me, because the message which I deliver is not mine. He is fighting against God. A free people, capable of determining what they may hear, have been deprived of their just rights to hear what they need in this hour of great distress; and, above all, Jehovah God has been defied and His Word and Name defamed by that self-constituted censor residing in Canada. Jehovah God will duly recompense that wicked man and his wicked associates and advisers. He admits that the clergymen are his advisers and that these men are pastors and shepherds of various religious congregations. That man and his associates constitute the principal ones of the clergymen's flocks. The fate of such men Jehovah God has announced, and I will call your attention to that fate in a moment.

It would therefore be out of place for me to indulge in vituperative language against him or against any other man. Vengeance is Jehovah's, and He will execute His judgment against His enemies.

In days of old, as the Scriptures and facts show, Jehovah God fought against the nations that opposed Him and that oppressed His covenant people. At the battle of Gibeon Jehovah threw down great chunks of ice from the heavens and slew a multitude of the enemy, and He made the sun and the moon to stand still while Joshua finished the slaying job. There He fought for His people, and He will fight for them again at Armageddon.—Joshua 10:10-13; Isaiah 28:21.

When Jabin and Sisera attacked God's covenant people under Barak, God caused the flood of the rivers to sweep away multitudes of the enemy, and the powers of heaven destroyed them in that war. (Judges 4 and 5; Psalm 83:9) When Sennacherib brought his army before Jerusalem and defied Jehovah God, 185,000 of his soldiers instantly died. These ancient wars are recorded in the Bible, as stated at 1 Corinthians 10:11, as mere samples showing what shall come to pass upon the nations of "Christendom" that oppose Jehovah and gather together against God's organization at Armageddon.

The great battle of the day of God Almighty, as compared with others, will cause all other wars to appear as small or tame affairs. Concerning that war at Armageddon it is written, in Jeremiah, chapter 25: "[Jehovah] hath a controversy with the nations; . . . he will give them that are wicked to the sword." (Jeremiah 25:31) Continuing to describe this coming battle of Armageddon, God's prophet Jeremiah says: "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind [of trouble] shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape." (Jeremiah 25:32-35) Thus the Lord definitely states that the shepherds and pastors, and the principal of their flocks, and the censors that now oppose His message and His kingdom, shall fall and find no way of escape.

By His prophet Ezekiel Jehovah declares that the armies of the world shall fall by sword, by famine and by pestilence. (Ezekiel 6:11) Further describing the terrible slaughter and the means of destruction, Jehovah God by His prophet Zechariah says: "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem [Jehovah's organization]; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth."—Zechariah 14:12.

In further proof that Armageddon will be the greatest war and most terrible slaughter ever known to man, Jesus says: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved."—Matthew 24:21, 22.

Jehovah's witnesses are now merely calling attention to the fact that Jehovah is the great God, and Christ Jesus is King; and these witnesses are endeavoring to comfort the people of the world by bringing to them a knowledge of God's purpose of relief and protection for those who take their stand on His side. Jehovah's witnesses are giving this information to you in obedience to Jehovah's commandment. Now these witnesses are hastening through the land and amidst great opposition and at much cost and inconvenience to themselves, in order to bring to you the message of the Kingdom. They are not complaining, but, on the contrary, are rejoicing and giving thanks to God for this privilege of service.

ESCAPE

In the twenty-first Psalm it is written that Jehovah God will find out all His enemies and shall destroy them at Armageddon and none shall escape. Are you an enemy of God or are you His friend? The scripture is plain in these words: 'A friend of the world is the enemy of God.' (James 4:4) No nation or government of this world is a friend of Jehovah God. The only way to become God's friend is to take a stand on His side and for His kingdom under Christ. Satan's world has come to an end, and

the people must be either for Satan or for Jehovah and His kingdom. The time has come when all persons must now make their choice. Pharaoh, the ruler of the first world power, defied Jehovah God, and his organization was destroyed. Other rulers and public officials now on the earth have defied Jehovah God and have refused to hear His message, and prevent others from hearing; and God declares that as His enemies they shall meet a like fate. Men in public office may publicly speak Jehovah's name and call upon Him to sustain them, but their call will be in vain, because he who now serves God must do so in spirit and in truth. There can now be no compromise by serving this world and asking Jehovah's help, because the time is here to vindicate Jehovah's name by destroying Satan's organization.

A few men may control all the money of this world and all the offices and exercise all the power of government, but these things will avail them nothing at Armageddon. These rulers have allied themselves with the shepherds or pastors of hypocritical religion; and as long as they do this, Jehovah declares that they are His enemies and shall find no way of escape. Before they could find a way of escape they must separate themselves from hypocritical religion.

What, then, is the way of escape from destruction in this great war just ahead? Man's answer to that question would amount to nothing, but God's answer is true and certain. In Zephaniah, chapter two, Jehovah God answers that question and tells the people who become His friends what is the only way of escape. To all such He says: 'Gather yourselves together, O ye nations [peoples] not desired.' Who are such that are not desired by the rulers of this world? All those who are opposed to Satan's oppressive and wicked rule and who love Jehovah God and righteousness and desire to see His government of righteousness established. There are millions of such good people in the land. Further quoting from that same scripture: Jehovah says: "Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; . . . it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2:2, 3.

The meek are those who are teachable. No one can be taught without hearing facts; and in some parts of the seventh world power the people are prevented from hearing the truth by radio. But I am going to tell you in a moment of God's provision for even them to hear. All persons in "Christendom" must now shortly take their stand either for or against Jehovah God's kingdom, and all who escape and are brought through that great war and live must seek the truth, take a firm stand on Jehovah's side, and do what is right. How can I seek the Lord, you ask? By putting your trust in Jehovah as the only true God, and in Christ Jesus as the Redeemer, Savior and King of the world, and no longer trust to any worldly institution; then study God's Word of truth, and the explanation which He has graciously provided, and learn what provisions Jehovah has made to bring peace, prosperity and everlasting life to those who serve Him. To make an honest endeavor to learn what God's purpose is, as set forth in the Bible, is the proper way to seek meekness.

How may I seek righteousness? God's ways are always right. (Psalm 19:7-10; 119:75) He declares that His Word, the Bible, is the guide to the feet of everyone who wants to walk in righteousness. (Psalm 119:105) You must have a knowledge of what is in His Word. To enable you to get such knowledge Jehovah has brought about the fulfilment of His prophecies and caused these facts to be published, and now He sends forth His witnesses to tell you how and where to find these truths. These witnesses bring to you Jehovah's message, and not the message of any man. Learn what is right and then do it.

What is required of those who please Jehovah? That question Jehovah by His prophet answers, in Micah 6:8, saying: 'Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly [that is, obediently] with thy God.' That means to render justice to all and do injustice to none. Love mercy and be merciful toward others and, above all, obey Jehovah God, and not man. When you gain this knowledge you must not keep it to yourselves solely, but must tell others about Jehovah and His kingdom for the blessing of mankind and thus show your love for God and for your fellow man. If men command you that you shall not hear the gospel of the Kingdom, and shall not tell others about it, give no heed to their commands; but, on the contrary, obey God and firmly stand for Him and His kingdom of righteousness. Such was the course taken by the apostles.

(Acts 4:19; 5:29) You must do no violence to any person. All punishment that is to be administered God will administer it in His own good way. What shall be the reward of those who follow this rightful course in this time of great stress? Jehovah answers: 'You may be hid in that day of the Lord's anger.' The only possible way of escape from the terrible war that is coming upon the nations is by becoming God's friend and having Him for your friend, and then obeying God and following in His righteous way. Acknowledge Him and His King, Christ Jesus, and put yourself under His protection; that is the way, and only way, of escape and protection.

For centuries the people have given heed to the teachings and schemes of man. All these schemes and plans of men have failed, and the result is that today "all the foundations of the [world] are out of course". (Psalm 82:5) Why longer stand in peril? Why listen to the words of blind guides? Those who remain with Satan's organization will die in the great battle of Armageddon. Only those who positively put themselves under the protection of Jehovah and His kingdom will live. For centuries Jehovah has permitted Satan to carry on his wickedness, and now it is due time for Jehovah to act against him. The day of reckoning has come, and Jehovah will show all creation that He is the Supreme One and the One from whom all blessings flow; and to this end He will express His anger by destroying Satan's organization, including all those nations that now rule the people and oppose God's kingdom.

But how may we know that the time has come for the expression of Jehovah's anger and that Armageddon is near? That question I will answer from the prophecy of the Scriptures. Prophecy can be understood by men only after its fulfilment has begun. The end of Satan's world came in 1914, which Jesus prophesied would be marked by the great war amongst the nations. Such war was to be quickly followed by famine, pestilence and earthquakes, according to Jesus' prophecy. All these things have been fulfilled. Furthermore He prophesied that the nations would then be in great distress and perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear of what is coming. (Luke 21:10-26) That is exactly the condition that you see in the land today. The evidence is therefore conclusive. The people in the midst of an abundance are suffering want, and in no nation is human way of relief found. The people cry unto Jehovah, and He says to them, in Zephaniah 3:8: "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy." The nations of "Christendom" are now united against Jehovah's kingdom and are therefore 'gathered together', and all these ruling powers oppose Jehovah and His kingdom and witness work.

In this connection the Lord gave commandment, in these words: 'This gospel of the kingdom shall now be preached to all the world as a witness to the nations, and then the end shall come in a time of trouble such as the world has never known.' (Matthew 24:14, 21, 22) The very purpose of the proclamation of this message by Jehovah's witnesses in obedience to the commandment of the Lord is that the testimony and warning to the rulers may be given that they may have no excuse for their wrongful course, and that the people may have an opportunity to believe and obey God and escape the terrible drubbing that will shortly come upon "Christendom". As soon as that witness work is completed the war will begin. Already the testimony has gone to every nation of "Christendom", and to that end more than 140 millions of books containing the message are now in the hands of the people; all of which has been done amidst great opposition. When we know that this message of Jehovah's kingdom is not given to build up a worldly organization, nor to obtain members, nor to collect money from the people, then why should there be such opposition to it? The answer is, Satan the enemy of God and of man is trying to keep the people in the dark that he may destroy them all. Those who hear and obey the truth will escape, and no others will escape. The prophecies and all the facts show that the war is in the very near future.

Not only does Canada seek to keep the people from hearing the truth of God's kingdom, but also the two great radio corporations, owned and operated by Big Business in America, do all they can to prevent the people from hearing the message of the Kingdom; but they cannot succeed. Even if every radio station on earth refuses to broadcast the Kingdom message God will get it to the people who desire to hear it.

Machines are now made and widely distributed in America and other countries by which the message is given to the people in an amplified form. The speech that I am now making is being electrically recorded and will be available for the peoples all over "Christendom" to hear. Furthermore, this address will be published and distributed by the millions. Anyone desiring a copy needs only to ask for it. The truth is Jehovah's and shall now prevail in the face of all opposition which the enemy may hurl against it. Satan is now making his last stand because he knows that soon he must fight the Lord's army. His representatives on earth are striving to concentrate the wealth of the world in their own hands, that the people may be serfs and be compelled to do their bidding. The farm lands are rapidly passing from the sons of toil into the hands of gigantic corporations. The highways are crowded with men who want to work but who are forced to tramp from place to place; and all of these are crying out in their distress, and their cries have reached the ears of Jehovah of hosts, and He declares He will smite their oppressors.—James 5: 1-6.

A few men may shortly control all the visible wealth of the land, but their treasures shall avail them nothing. Satan's world has ended and must go down. The invincible army of Jehovah is now assembled. The strength of that army cannot be seen by human eyes. The visible part of it is insignificant, because made up of a small company of men and women wholly devoted to God. In themselves they are weak, but in the Lord they are strong, and blessed is their lot. You, my brethren, are assembled on Mount Zion under the leadership of Christ the great Conqueror. It is your blessed privilege now to sing the praises of Jehovah as you march to the war. With understanding and boundless joy continue to proclaim the testimony of Jehovah God and His kingdom, which is your only part in the war, and then watch the Almighty Hand smite the enemy to the dust! Let your battle song be, "The sword of Jehovah and His glorious King." The forces of the enemy shall not beat you down, because the everlasting arms of Jehovah are bearing you up. Faithfully and unfalteringly now, pursue your work, and you shall see the vindication of Jehovah's name. Slack not your hand, but lift high the banner of Jehovah's kingdom that the people may see the way to go, that they may take their stand on the side of the Almighty God and find the only way of certain escape. Let the people know that blessed is the man who has the faith and courage to place himself unreservedly under the protection of the Almighty God "whose name alone is Jehovah". He will cleanse the earth of all unrighteousness and make it a fit and blessed place for the people to live forever in peace, health and prosperity, while they continually sing the praises of Him who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift.

Proclamation of "The Way of Escape"

A FITTING climax to the distribution of millions of copies of Judge Rutherford's booklet *The Crisis* was the address Sunday evening, April 16, broadcast on 46 stations, and reproduced in this issue.

In the nine days ending on April 16 a special effort was under way to tell as many as could be reached that the great crisis is upon the world, that the cause is discernible, that all human efforts to pull the nations out of perplexity and distress have failed and will continue to fail; that there is but one sure and complete remedy.

The *Crisis* booklet tells what that remedy is, and so does Judge Rutherford's lecture on "The Way of Escape", which you have enjoyed in the foregoing pages. The booklet and the lecture announcement were put out together.

Both the *Crisis* booklet and this lecture on "The Way of Escape" tell us about the great war that is impending, the last war, the war that will really end all wars, the war when Jehovah 'rises up to the prey'.

Why should anybody want to stop the proclamation of a way of escape from the greatest, most stupendous danger that has ever hung over the world?

Surely nobody but the Devil and those that have the Devil's spirit would try to stand in the way of Jehovah's chariot *now*.

There may have been a shadow of excuse in the past. There may have been some mental confusion, traceable to Satan's putting of black for white and white for black. He seeks always to prevent the spread of truth.

But with the abject failure of the League of Nations now accomplished, which failure has been forecast for years by Judge Rutherford, and with the failure of each and every international conference, why cannot even the blindest see that it is no mere accident that 140,000,000 copies of this man's books are in the hands of the people?

If the object of the books were to get anybody into anything it would be different, but it is apparent to every reader of any one of them that the whole object is to put Jehovah God in His rightful place in the heart of the people, and to help them find a place in His kingdom.

This Thanksgiving Proclamation of "The Way of Escape" went over a chain of stations covering all that portion of the United States and Canada east of the Rocky mountains. Telegrams show excellent reception everywhere in Canada, and there are things in that lecture to make every Canadian wince. There is no way of keeping the truth out of Canada or any other country; for it is God's truth, not man's.

On the day of the lecture, and the day preceding, there was a great witness in Washington, D.C. All the principal officeholders, from the president down, received the *Crisis* booklet, and in his case and in most cases with expressions of appreciation.

How ridiculous of the clergy in Canada, New Jersey or elsewhere to think they can accomplish anything by oppositions and persecutions.

Much interest was aroused by the announcement that Judge Rutherford will speak over another large chain of stations at 10.00 a.m., Sunday, April 23, on the topic "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity". It is bound to be good.

SOME OF THE TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSES

Abilene, Kans. "Your address wonderful; reception excellent; enthusiastically received. Anticipating next Sunday with joy." Abilene company, by F. K. Southworth.

Anderson, S.C. "Inspiring and hopeful message heard in spite of serpent's rattle." Jehovah's witnesses.

Atlantic City, N.J. "Your splendid and interesting lecture, the best we ever heard, came through wonderfully. Reception perfect. We are looking forward to your lecture over WPG next Sunday morning." Norman Reed and J. L. Earl.

Beamsville, Ont. "Most important message yet given to man heard clearly by Jehovah's witnesses in Beamsville; excellent over WBT and fair over WWJ and WLBW, also other stations but with interference. With grateful praise we press on to certain victory." F. C. Wainwright.

Birmingham, Ala. "Program came in from Charlotte like a benediction from Jehovah." T. W. Miller.

Brooklyn, N.Y. "Lecture thrilling and inspiring; praise God. Joy increased to press battle forward." Finken, Schaper, Liberato Romeo, and Vincent Santoni.

Chicago, Ill. "That message made our hearts glad. Jehovah, through His Vindicator King, continue to use you to the praise of His name." Jehovah's witnesses.

Chickasha, Okla. "Received lecture over WHO. First five minutes interference from Mexican station. Remaining part of the lecture clearly received. Thrilling to hear your voice again. Appreciated the clear-cut denunciation of seventh world power. We wish to express our appreciation of our continuous privileges of service with the visible leadership." Mrs. F. B. Young and Adeline Cunningham, Pioneers.

Columbus, Ohio. "Reception perfect. Personnel is not important, but the strong, convincing, kind, resonant and clear voice which Jehovah is using to send His thundering message across the skies to the children of men helps the message. You will never know, till Jehovah tells you, how you strengthened the remnant." Frank H. Dougherty.

Des Moines, Iowa. "Congratulations on wonderful witness to Jehovah's name. We are happy to have a share in the vindication of Jehovah's name at this crucial hour. We realize the Lord has used you in a special way and we pray His continued blessing upon you as you fearlessly proclaim His judgments." Des Moines company.

Detroit, Mich. "A large audience assembled in our hall to hear your talk. It was a fitting climax to the Thanksgiving period. Reception excellent over WWJ. The friends are rejoicing with you in having a part this last week in praising Jehovah's name. Many *Crisis* booklets placed." P. C. Truscott.

Dubuque, Iowa. "Clear, definite, concise. Wonderful encouragement to Jehovah's witnesses. Loads of Christian love." L. O. Hillyard.

Geneva, N.Y. "Thanks for wonderful talk; much appreciated. Jehovah bless you." Ed. Lueck.

Gulf Junction, W.Va. "Message greatly appreciated. Reception over Charlotte perfect." Pioneer party.

Hallowell, Maine. "God bless you for your fearless message to the people." D. Johnson.

Hicksville, N.Y. "Heard your most wonderful and timely lecture over station WMCA. The campers send you their Christian love, and be assured that we are with you one hundred percent in all you said. May Jehovah continue to bless you and use you to the honor of His name." H. G. Henschel.

Kansas City, Kans. "The Kansas City company of Jehovah's witnesses enjoyed the privilege of listen-

ing to the broadcast of 'The Way of Escape' and appreciated the very kindly message." W. E. Hall, Secretary.

Keokuk, Iowa. "Wonderful reception. Message great thrill to six pioneers and others." Bade Pioneer Camp.

London, Ont. "Reception good; lecture wonderful; friends greatly encouraged." John Kumpf.

Lynn, Mass. "Message was grand; voice distinct; message dividing waters. Jehovah be praised." Lynn company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Manhattan, Kans. "Reception excellent; program wonderful." J.w.

Marion, Ind. "Praise Jehovah. A mighty message proclaiming Jehovah's majesty and name." G. Y. McCormick.

Memphis, Tenn. "Lecture rebroadcast perfectly by two principal stations here, WREC WHBQ. Jehovah greatly blessed you in clarion call to people and praise to His name." Wm. P. Strong.

"Judge Rutherford's talk came over perfectly clear and distinct. The rebroadcast of WBT through WREC and WHBQ was a complete success. These stations cover the surrounding territory well. Jehovah's witnesses thrilled." E. W. Beasley.

Mitchell, S. Dak. "Marvelous message; reception fair to good from Des Moines." Mitchell company of J.w.

New York, N.Y. "Reception fine; all greatly enthused by message." The Bronx company.

Old Town, Maine. "Speech and entire program received excellently. Congratulations. Thanks to Jehovah." Old Town witnesses.

Portsmouth, Ohio. "Returned from Washington time to hear your wonderful speech. It was the best yet and most inspiring. Best reception over WAIU Columbus, but area covered by several stations observed while music on. Some interference by lightning, but not a word missed." W. H. Spring.

Providence, R.I. "Message received tonight best ever, inspiring one to greater zeal in Jehovah's service. May His rich blessings and guidance be yours continually." James L. Gardner.

Puerto Padre, Cuba. "Reception good; rejoicing." Pioneers Woodard and Weiland.

Rockford, Ill. "Talk wonderful; transmission perfect; preachers already phoning protests. Thanks for including station in hook-up. It was great privilege." Henry P. Drey, Station KFLV, Rockford.

Saginaw, Mich. "Lecture 'Way of Escape' came in wonderfully; very clear; no interference; good cooperation of local station WBCM; subject well presented. Yours for more like it next Sunday." Ernest J. Dickert.

Stratford, Ont. "Reception through WJAY Cleveland splendid and thrilled our hearts. Praise Jehovah." W. F. Salter.

Sweetwater, Texas. "J.F.R. lecture 'Way of Escape' heard here from WOC by assembly of twenty; static bad, but received about three-fourths. Jehovah's witnesses grateful, encouraged and stimulated to continued activity. Thanksgiving testimony period, 291 hours, 1,711 testimonies, 841 *Crisis*, 829 obtainers. Sweetwater company one hundred percent in service." B. R. Kent.

Topeka, Kans. "'Way of Escape' heard; unusually clear and emphatic. Copy, please." D. W. Alden.

Two Harbors, Minn. "Just heard the beautiful lecture by Judge Rutherford 'The Way of Escape'. Every word clear and distinct. Praise the Lord for His glorious truth." Mrs. N. A. Linderberg.

Washington, D.C. "Message clear; thrilled our hearts. Praise Lord for His goodness." Anton Koerber.

Windsor, Ont. "Lecture heard clearly through Detroit in spite of Charlesworth." George Waterer.

"We listened to Judge Rutherford's lecture over WWJ Detroit and wish to tell you that it came over perfectly. We give thanks to Jehovah and rejoice in the privilege of proclaiming these wonderful truths to the people. May Jehovah bless and sustain the speaker." Southern Ontario Pioneer Camp.

Blown Petals

Britain's Milder Potations

IT IS figured out that the average Briton drinks five cups of tea per day, one cup of coffee per day, and one cup of cocoa per week.

What the World Gained from the War

ALANSON B. HOUGHTON, former ambassador to Germany and to Great Britain, sums up what the world achieved by the World War. He says: "We helped break down the German rule of Europe and set up French rule."

Vienna Gradually Dying

VIENNA is losing 10,000 of its population annually, due to the natural surplus of deaths over births. The birth rate now is not a third what it was in the year 1900.

Bulgaria's Strong Censorship

BULGARIA has a new censorship arrangement which prohibits publication of attacks on the government, even if true, attacks on religion, or even veiled attacks on unspecified individuals or institutions.

A Hybridized Sugar-Cane

THE Imperial Sugarcane Breeding Station, Coimbatore, India, has successfully crossed sugar-cane with sorghum, and is now producing in six months almost as good a crop of sugar-cane as hitherto required two to four times that length of time. The new cane is spreading rapidly and has already greatly increased India's sugar crop, which has more than doubled in six years.

$90,000,000 Loan a "Brave" Act

THE president of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation says that the loaning of $90,000,000 to the Dawes bank in Chicago was a brave act. That being the case, would it not have been still braver if they had given Dawes the key to the federal treasury and just told him to go in and help himself before it was too late?

Blessing the Hounds at New Lebanon

THE Berkshire *Evening Eagle* contains a picture of the Reverend Le Febvre blessing the hounds at New Lebanon, N. Y. In explanation as to why this indignity and calamity should come to the hounds, it is explained that on a recent occasion they tore a poor, frightened little fox to pieces and it is thought no more than right that they should come in for some calamity, too.

Had Something Above His Neck

A SPEAKER in the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, Cleveland, had something above his neck, but, of course, he was not a clergyman. He was a lecturer on bees. At one stage of the lecture he placed a hat full of bees on his head and later took it off and replaced the inmates in their hive, without being stung. In fact, on this occasion, nobody in the congregation was stung.

Eight Pages Held Up Peter's Train

DO YOU remember that place in the Scriptures where it says that 'St. Peter presided on his throne, and in the processional and recessional eight pages in scarlet garb held up his long train'? Maybe you don't, because it is not there. It is in the New York *Times* instead, and instead of mentioning 'St. Peter' it mentions Cardinal Hayes. But it is all the same, is it not? And if not, why not?

Six States Not Hunting Revenue

IN THE month of January there were six of the forty-eight states of the Union in which the legislatures were not frantically hunting for new sources of incomes so that various departments of the state's activities might continue unhindered. Those six states were states in which the legislature was not then in session.

The Prudential and the Farmers

THE Prudential Insurance Company, with $209,248,000 out on farm mortgages, has announced that it will not foreclose against owner-occupied farms throughout the country. Other insurance companies have followed its example. Though the Prudential is the largest single holder of farm mortgages, it has only about 10 percent of its assets invested in that way.

Superstition Wins Out in Texas

TEXAS happens to have a minister as its assistant reading clerk in the House of the legislature. The House wanted him to do the praying, so as to save the $5 per day thrown away on the chaplain, but superstition won the day. Some were afraid "god" would be offended unless the state digs up $5 for a specially appointed chaplain, so they concluded to pacify him by hiring one for the job, as heretofore.

Fourteen Drivers on a Side

ONE of the exhibits at the World's Fair in Chicago this year will be a huge electric engine, used by the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Company to haul freight trains over the summit of the Rocky mountains. The illustration shows fourteen drivers on a side, with a chance that perhaps there were others, not shown on account of the way the cut was trimmed.

Why Insull Does Not Return

IT TAKES three columns of the New York *Times* to tell why Samuel Insull does not wish to return from Greece to the United States. In effect, he does not wish to return because he does not wish to return, and in view of the warrants out for his arrest that seems to be the truth. It is like a man saying, "The reason I do not wish to go to prison is because I do not wish to go to prison," and anybody ought to be able to understand that.

Campbell's Auto Speed Record

AT THE rate, 272.108 miles an hour, at which he drove his automobile on the beach at Daytona, Sir Malcolm Campbell could drive from New York to San Francisco between sunrise and sunset, and drive around the earth, at the equator, in four days.

Food Allowance at Washington, D. C.

FOOD allowances for destitute families at Washington, D.C., have been cut from $4.70 a week to $3.60. Now the government ought to show the people how they can live on that allowance of 50c a day for four people. It can be done, on a whole wheat diet, and every post office in the country should be a distributing agency for this essential food.

Oxygen Necessary to Life

BECAUSE the gas fumes from pressing irons had exhausted the oxygen in the workroom, and because, the day being cold, some of the employees had insisted upon the windows' remaining closed, four women employees of a Jersey City pants company fainted at their tasks and had to be carried home. As soon as the place had been aired, the rest of the workers were able to finish their day's work. Oxygen is necessary to life.

More than 12,000,000 Idle

THE most accurate estimates of unemployment which we have in America are supposed to be those of the American Federation of Labor. The Federation estimates that in the month of January more than 12,000,000 American wage-earners were idle, an all-time record. The Federation advocates the shortening of the work week to 30 hours, estimating that thus immediate employment could be given to 6,600,000 of the unemployed.

Letter to Canadian Wool Growers' Association

"I WONDER if you have any sample sheep you give away? Even a small one would be all right, as I will have to keep it in my office until I can get some pasture for it, where I can put it out and have it pasteurized. I would like a nice medium-weight, all-wool sheep, in stripes, if you have them—one I can skin and make a jacket out of later on. When you skin a sheep, is that the end of it? Or can they be skinned regularly, like humans?"

Half the Farms in New Jersey Mortgaged

NEW JERSEY is a fertile state, with the best markets of any state in the Union, yet out of 19,564 farms operated by full owners in New Jersey, 9,920, or a little more than half, are mortgaged.

Canadian Youth Successfully Broadcasts Power

FRANK FEDY, 22, Mildmay, Ontario, on the night of January 2, 1933, successfully broadcast power for a distance of a mile and a half. He has been invited to get in touch with the Ontario Hydro Commission.

Loaning Government Funds in New Orleans

IT SEEMS that in New Orleans Rudolph Hecht was on the advisory committee telling the Reconstruction Finance Corporation where to loan our money, so they loaned $4,000,000 to the Union Indemnity Company, of which Mr. Hecht is a director, which company has since failed. Now is not that a Hecht of a note? Also, they loaned a large sum to the Hibernia Bank and Trust Company, of which Mr. Hecht is president. If you don't see what you want, ask for it.

National City Bank Well Advertised

THE National City Bank was well advertised on the front page of the New York *Times*, February 23. We repeat merely the headlines: "National City Bank Lent Its Officers $2,400,000 to Save Stock in Slump; No Interest Was Charged, and Only 5% Has Been Repaid, Rentschler Testified. Customers 'Sold Out'. Loans Were Written Down and Transferred to National City Company. Joint Deals Disclosed; Affiliate Sold 1,950,000 Shares of Bank Stock—Shared in Copper Stock Profits."

The Briggs Body Plant at Detroit

NORMAN THOMAS talked with the workers who went on strike at the Briggs body plant at Detroit, which strike tied up the Ford factories for several days. He found women averaging 4c or 5c an hour, believed the average rate to be about 11c an hour, and the highest wage he heard of was $8 a week. He says that he found the people all out through the Middle West hungrier, worse clothed and madder than a year ago, and the country in worse shape, with a curious mixture of apathy, despair and bitterness growing everywhere.

Blub! Blub! Blub!

IN AN address in Houston, Texas, Reverend Dr. Charles B. Mohle said: "We need church unity, but before we get it we'll have to drown three-fourths of the preachers." All in favor, please signify it in the usual way.

Good Joke on the Pope

NOT so long ago the pope went into hysterics because of sleeveless dresses, saying that they were an insult to the eyes of "God"—not meaning the Creator, of course, but his god, the god of this world. And then some photographer took pictures of the Michelangelo frescoes in the Sistine chapel of the Vatican, and when they got to New York the owner received a notice from the customs authorities demanding that he show cause why they should not be destroyed as indecent. That is a good joke on the pope, and also on the customs authorities. When they finally found out that the indecent pictures were from the Vatican, they let them in in a hurry.

Dictatorship Prediction Not Far Wrong

IN HIS radio address on June 26, 1932, entitled "Can the American Government Endure?" Judge Rutherford said, "I venture the opinion that before the end of the year the American government will be ruled by a dictator." Nine weeks after the year closed that prediction was fulfilled. The New York *American,* in its issue of March 10, representing Uncle Sam as entrusting dictatorial power to President Roosevelt, says: "In times of national danger, this country has never hesitated to put into the hands of a trusted president the powers that are necessary to protect the public interest."

Fifteen Truckloads of Overshoes

HAVING been given, for the benefit of the poor, many more overshoes than it could sell to advantage, the Salvation Army dumped fifteen truckloads of them in a marsh in southeast Minneapolis. The shoes were of all sizes, from those suitable for little tots to the largest made, and in many cases these overshoes were new ones, small sizes not readily salable. Minneapolis papers have published pictures of the dump, showing angry citizens holding up to the camera footwear that would be gratefully used by the poor if it had been given to them, or even if they had been told where they could come and pick it out gratis.

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

IN AN address at Lynchburg, Virginia, Edward F. McGrady, legislative representative of the American Federation of Labor, said: "I want to impress upon you that in this nation of wealth we have indeed gone back to the realities of 2,000 years ago when the Lord's Prayer was written and they said, 'Give us this day our daily bread.'" Man is slowly coming to realize his need of God's guidance of his affairs. Reliance upon the "great" minds of Charles G. Dawes, Samuel G. Insull, Owen D. Young, Charles E. Mitchell, and such like, has brought mankind to its present condition. Man is unable to guide his own affairs without divine assistance.

The Paper Exhibit at the World's Fair

AT THE World's Fair, Chicago, the 10,000 uses of paper, from napkins to car wheels, will all be shown. One of the exhibits will be a kitchenette apartment, of which the walls will be of wall board covered with wall paper. The floors will be covered with paper rugs. Furniture will be made of pressed paper. Food will be prepared in paper baking dishes and served in paper dishes on a table set with paper tablecloth, napkins, dishes and cutlery.

One of the spectacular features of the Fair will be two steel towers 625 feet high and 1,850 feet apart. These will be connected by cables at the 200-foot level, over which rocket cars will carry passengers.

World's Fair Items

A SEMICIRCULAR bridge will join the tip of one of the islands and the Twenty-third street entrance of the "Century of Progress" exposition, Chicago. The bridge will be 700 feet long and 46 feet wide, rimmed with shops on one side.

The pageant of travel will be performed in a huge open-air theater, with a cast of locomotives, steamships, automobiles and airplanes. There will be a triple stage, with all kinds of vehicles shown moving under their own power.

The Illinois Central exhibit contains a huge globe, perhaps thirty feet in diameter, upon which, of course, the most prominent feature is the Illinois Central railway line.

A life-size model of a transparent man will be on exhibition in the Hall of Science.

Dies in Front of the Hospital

WONDERFUL city, New York. Wonderful things happen in it. A poor woman, desperately ill, died on the sidewalk in front of the Polyclinic Hospital, twenty minutes after the clerk refused to send anybody out and bring her in. They buried her in Potter's Field. That is the name of the field that was bought with the money that was paid to Judas.

Laughter in the Heavens

IT IS not merely humans that know how to play jokes; many of ours are very crude. The angels know how to play them, too, and though we do not know that they turned the dials in the following incident, it almost seems that they might have so done. The man in whose church this was done has manifested much unfriendliness to the truth. The item is from the Cambridge (Ohio) *Jeffersonian:*

THE HONORS go to Rev. T. D. Rees today. We hand him the blue ribbon prize for the best something of the past week. It took place Sunday morning at his church—the First Baptist. He, through this newspaper, advised his congregation in advance that a radio would be installed in the church for the Sunday morning service and that instead of a sermon by him members would hear a sermon by Dr. Claussen, noted minister of the denomination, which was to be broadcast from Syracuse, N. Y. The subject of Dr. Claussen's discourse was to be "The Doomed Battalion" and the hour of broadcast from 10 to 10:30 a.m. The collection was taken with due solemnity. Rev. Rees moved across the pulpit quietly at 10 o'clock and with a twist of the wrist snapped on the radio. He sat down and everybody present listened. A man with a heavy voice was preaching his heart out through the loud-speaker. He talked on and on and on. For fifteen minutes the discourse continued without interruption. Then somebody sensed something was wrong. The voice was not that of Dr. Claussen. Instead, it belonged to Judge Rutherford, of the Russellite faith. A hasty adjustment of the tuning device was made and the congregation then heard the tail end of Dr. Claussen's sermon on "The Doomed Battalion".

The Franchise in New York City

IN HIS affidavit on franchise conditions in New York city, Walter S. Mack, Jr., says, in part:

"I saw fourteen men enter the polling place and throw out the watchers, after which each man went into the booth, started to vote and continued voting for about ten minutes. This was repeated every hour or so, each man voting about ten times. Other voters reported similar occurrences, and in one affidavit an inspector declared that at 4 p.m. there were over 600 votes cast in the machine and only about 170 signatures in the registration booth. I saw one Democratic inspector signing the book at least 300 times during the day, and after the polls were closed I saw him sign additional names. One voter testified to being struck in the face and given a black eye when he protested at the inspector tampering with his vote. He also declared that a policeman near the door raised his club and threatened to strike him if he didn't beat it."

The Terrible Poor *By Blanche Merrill*

(From *Variety*, New York)

I'M ONE of the poor that you always have with you,
The terrible poor that you have to endure;
The poor that are here and have nothing to give you;
The heart-heavy, heart-weary, heart-broken poor;
Discouraged, disheartened, disconsolate, sad,
Frightened and frantic and friendless and mad;
Stinted and stunted and stifled and gaunt,
Hungry and horded and horrid in want;
Waiting and watching, and wondering why;
Wretched and weary and wanting to die;
Haggard and helpless and hopeless and wild,
Scheming and dreaming the dreams of a child;
Faces with traces of terrors and tears,
Pale, pinched and peaked, and old for their years;
Broken and battered and beaten and bruised,
Crouching and cringing like creatures accused;
Cornered and crowded in quarters uncared,
Skinny and scanty and scrawny and scared;
Striving and starving as blindly they breed,
Nursing on mothers too famished to feed;
Onward and onward and onward they trod,
Wondering whether or not there's a God;
Screeching and screaming and howling with hate,
Blaspheming, damning and cursing their fate;
The poor, that you always have with you,
The terrible poor that you have to endure;
The poor that are here and have nothing to give you,
God lead them—God help them—God pity—the poor.

In Defense of the Bees *By H. E. Coffey (Texas)*

HAVING just read your treatise on insects, in *Golden Age* No. 340, I feel the urge to call attention to what I honestly believe is an error in opinion, on page 808. You mention a grape grower who claims bees eat his grapes, and you state that bees, as well as yellow jackets, know how to puncture the skins of grapes.

I have no motive in calling attention to what I believe is an error other than that I dislike to see *The Golden Age* publish untruth. I have been closely associated with bees for a number of years and know their habits and have observed them about fruit. I honestly do not believe a bee can puncture the skin of a grape, or that they injure other fruit on which the skin of the fruit is uninjured.

Back in 1899, at Amity, N. Y., trouble arose between two brothers named Utter. One was a beekeeper, the other a fruit grower. The latter averred that the former's bees punctured his peaches, and, in consequence of the alleged damage, he claimed he was unable to raise any fruit. The fruit grower brought suit against the beekeeper, and the case was tried on December 17, 18, and 19, 1899, at Goshen. There was no lack of legal talent on either side. The case was hard-fought. Some thirty witnesses were examined, among them Frank Benton, then of the United States department of agriculture. Benton testified that bees never puncture sound fruit; that it is impossible for them to do so, owing to the fact that they have no cutting jaws like those found in the wasp and other insects of that character. He also showed that wasps and birds will, under some conditions, puncture fruit; that these minute holes they make will, during a dearth of honey, be visited by bees. Other expert testimony was offered, nearly all of which exonerated the bees. The jury, in this case, returned a verdict for the defendant, and it is the only case I know of pertaining to this question that ever was tried in court.

For over fifty years Mr. A. I. Root and his son, Ernest, had an apiary of over three hundred colonies located in their vineyard at Medina, Ohio, and produced hundreds of pounds of grapes every year. Some of the bunches would hang within a few inches of the entrances of the beehives, but no sound grapes were ever observed to have been injured.

However, some years ago a neighbor sent word to Mr. Ernest Root that he would like to have him come to his vineyard, that he would give him indisputable proof that his bees were actually puncturing his (the neighbor's) grapes and sucking out the juice. These men looked over the luscious bunches of grapes and, sure enough, found small, needle-like holes in almost every grape that the bees were working on. It looked as if the bees were "caught in the act". Mr. Root, for the first time, could not offer a satisfactory explanation to clear his bees. He sent word to an old farmer who had been a beekeeper for years, explaining what they had found. The farmer was a close observer. One morning he sent word that he had found the culprit and if Mr. Root would come down early some morning he would point him out. This he did, and was shown a little bird, quick of flight, about the size of a sparrow, striped, and called the Cape May warbler (*Dendroica tigrina*). This bird has a sharp, needle-like beak. It would alight on a bunch of grapes and almost as fast as one can count would puncture grape after grape. After his birdship had done his mischief he would leave; then would come the innocent bees during the later hours of the day and finish the work of destruction by sucking the juices of the grapes that had been punctured.

Many other species of small birds besides the Cape May warbler learn this habit of puncturing grapes, among them the ever present sparrow and the beautiful Baltimore oriole.

Some years ago Prof. N. W. McLain, while employed by the United States department of agriculture, conducted an elaborate series of experiments to determine whether or not bees injure sound fruit. He placed sound fruit consisting of grapes, peaches, apricots, etc., in hives containing bees that had been brought to the verge of starvation. This fruit was left in the hives day after day, and was never once molested. He then tried breaking the skin of the fruit, and in every case all specimens with broken skins were attacked by the bees and the juices sucked out.

Afterward Prof. H. A. Surface, at that time economic zoologist at Harrisburg, Pa., tried a similar experiment, but in no case did the bees attack sound fruit, although they partook freely of that which had the skins broken.

There was exhibited at the Wilmington (Del.) State Fair, held in Sept., 1908, a three-story observation hive having two stories filled with

combs and bees. The third story had hung in it a peach, a pear, and a bunch of grapes. The owner of the hive, Mr. Joel Gilfillan, of Newark, kept this hive on exhibition during the entire fair, and the fruit was never once touched by the bees nor injured by them in any way. The hive had glass sides, through which the bees and the fruit could be plainly seen. Photographs were made of the hive, and are still accessible.

Much additional proof could be submitted to show that your grape grower informer is mistaken in his observation.

Careful study of the mouth parts of a bee would convince one that bees are not guilty of eating grapes. They only suck the juices of damaged grapes.

An Odd Case at Galena

[From the Galena (Ill.) *Gazette*]

PROBABLY one of the most happy families of today is the Zimmerman family. Miss Ethel Zimmerman, their daughter, suffered a severe attack of illness; then something went wrong—she discovered that things grew black before her eyes.

This followed a severe attack of sore throat and enlarged tonsils, and severe headaches. Soon the vision of the left eye was gone entirely. The parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zimmerman, of Scales Mound, became alarmed and took her to the specialists, who diagnosed her case as tumor on the brain. X-ray pictures also revealed the same. They also said that an operation was her only salvation. For prognosis they offered one chance in a million for recovery. She was then taken to a hospital, where two more specialists found the same diagnosis, and they were advised to take her to Chicago for the operation by a specialist there.

Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman were grieved to the fullest extent and were advised by friends to take her to their local chiropractor, Frank M. Norman, D.C., of Galena. This they did as a last recourse, and Dr. Norman advised them to see their doctor in Chicago, that they might be satisfied before starting adjustments. While in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman took their daughter to the office of one of the leading chiropractors, who had been with the Palmer School faculty and clinic work for fourteen years.

He cheerfully sent them back to Dr. Norman, saying that he had one of the best equipped offices in the state, also complete X-ray equipment, and had to his credit many hard and difficult cases.

Upon arrival at Dr. Norman's office a complete X-ray picture of the spine was taken and in this manner a large nail was located in the lumbar region of the spine, near the third and fourth lumbar vertebrae, but not in the spine.

Dr. Norman then registered all of the spinal nerves for nerve pressure with the highly sensitive instrument, the Neurocalometer, and found high registers of twenty points opposite the atlas and axis vertebrae, near the skull and brain. This was due to the inflammation on the meninges of the brain and spinal cord, by nerves' being pressed upon by misaligned vertebrae at those places. High registers were also found in the cervical and brachial enlargement of the spine and in the lumbar region.

After the first adjustment Miss Zimmerman was feeling better, and after the third adjustment, no longer had to be led around. After the fifth adjustment she closed her good eye and threaded a needle with the eye she had so recently lost the vision of.

Many people from far and near have seen the pictures at Dr. Norman's office.

Miss Zimmerman made wonderful progress, getting along very nicely. The last X-ray picture that was taken by Dr. Norman showed the nail in the bottom of the pelvis, as low as it could possibly get without passing. About two weeks later Miss Zimmerman was taken to The Palmer School and was thoroughly examined by the dean of the school, Dr. A. B. Hender, M.D., D.C., Ph.C., who is also a surgeon on the operating staff at the Davenport hospitals. Traces of where the nail was were found, but not the nail. Two more X-ray pictures were taken, but did not show the nail. It had passed unknown to Miss Zimmerman, and without doing damage to the tissues of where it had been lodged.

How to Treat the "Flu" *By Dr. Frank McCoy*

(From the Vancouver *Sun*)

INFLUENZA is also called la grippe and catarrhal fever. This disease is very contagious and, if many cases occur in your community, it is wise to avoid overcrowded and heated rooms. It is important to obtain plenty of sleep so that you do not become tired.

Influenza is characterized by many symptoms of a severe cold. The main danger lies in the fact that at the start of the attack it is difficult to tell whether the patient has a mild form which is not especially harmful or whether he has one of the serious forms which may be fatal.

Sometimes influenza becomes complicated with pneumonia, a particularly bad combination. "Flu" is usually followed by extreme weakness and depression which lasts long after the attack is over. One attack does not prevent future attacks; in fact the patient seems to be more susceptible.

There are three main forms, with slightly different symptoms, although all of them are characterized by abnormal weakness and exhaustion. The general symptoms follow an incubation period of two to four days. Then the patient is suddenly ill with dizziness, aching all over the body, fever, coated tongue, perhaps nausea, a blinding headache, pains in the eyes, chills, nervousness, depression and broken sleep.

In the respiratory form there is a running at the nose, sneezing, sore throat, tonsilitis, enlarged neck glands, and a hard cough which does not seem to raise anything, the cough being worse at night. In a few days the chest is tender, breathing difficult, and a thick mucous is raised by coughing. There is a rapid heart beat and a fever ranging from 100 to 105 degrees.

In the nervous form the 'cold' symptoms may be absent, but a headache is present, together with pain and aching through the back, and the nervous depletion is extreme.

In the digestive form, in addition to the fever there may be intense nausea, vomiting, pains in the abdomen, and diarrhea.

THE TREATMENT

If you feel the first symptoms of influenza which I have described, do not delay in going home and going to bed. If you are working do not try to keep on and finish your day's work, because most of the deaths from influenza are due to neglect in the beginning.

The first thing to do is to use an enema of two quarts of warm water and thoroughly cleanse the bowels.

Next, take a hot tub bath, lying in water as hot as can be borne for about twenty minutes. The temperature should be about from 104 to 106 degrees Fahrenheit.

After the bath dry quickly and wrap yourself in some heavy woolen blankets, then lie down in bed and have somebody else place plenty of covers on top and a hot water bottle at your feet. You will need some assistance, because you must not uncover yourself once you begin to sweat. [If, in the emergency, only one or two blankets are available, spread two or three layers of newspaper sheets between the blankets, or between blanket and bedsheet covering the body. This light but warm and inexpensive covering will quickly induce sweating.]

Drink a glass of hot water every thirty minutes as long as you are awake. You will soon begin to sweat, and will continue to do so until your fever has disappeared. If the head becomes congested apply a cold compress to the forehead.

This sweating treatment should be continued for several hours, then the patient should take a tepid bath and return to bed between clean clothing. If the fever continues, an occasional short, cool shower may be used, followed by a brisk rubdown.

Repeat this sweating treatment every day for the first two or three days. One enema should be used morning and evening, using a bedpan if necessary, as the patient should not be exposed too long to the cold air. The patient should not be given food of any kind except water, which may be flavored with lemon or orange juice.

The patient should not under any circumstances attempt to go out, or return to work, until he has entirely recovered. Once your temperature has become normal and your appetite has returned you may start eating any kind of food in proper combinations. However, you very likely will not feel hungry for several days, and it is advisable to use only plenty of water and acid fruit juices during this period.

The theory that the body requires nourishing food during an acute attack of influenza is very wrong and has probably resulted in many deaths which could have been prevented by the methods I have just outlined.

Priest Tries to Imitate His Father *By Virgilio Ferguson (Portugal)*

TO GIVE you an idea of the domineering and intolerant attitude of the Catholic clergy in Portugal, and how they try to prevent the people from reading the Bible, am sending you the translation of an article published lately by the principal Catholic paper, called *Novidades* (News).

During the Portuguese Industrial Exposition the "British & Foreign Bible Society", which has maintained an agency in Lisboa for many years, applied and obtained license from the authorities to open a small stand on the exposition grounds to sell Bibles and New Testaments. After some time and having already sold over 2,000 Bibles the above-mentioned paper published the following article under the headline "Around the Portuguese Industrial Exposition":

Among the different pavilions at the Exposition in the Park Edward VII, there is seen also a little shack of Portuguese industry for the propaganda of Protestant books, which pleasant and polite clerks place in the hands of any and every one at the most ridiculous prices. Nicely bound Bibles with gilt edges are sold at one escudo and even half escudo [about three cents American money; which statement is false]. We do not protest, however, against such liberty manifested by these religious agents. Neither do we pity them: it is a business the same as any other. Yet we do feel pity for the uncultured, ignorant and silly blockheads, some with cravats and some without; some with a handkerchief on their heads or fine furs over their shoulders, who with frightful unconsciousness eagerly buy such pretty and cheap books.

It would be impossible to see such a sight in any large city in the world! Are those who purchase those "pretty books" incredulous or only Protestants? No, the most of them are not. And this fact was proved by us during a few minutes we stopped near the stand some days ago, for every time we spoke to the many deceived persons, telling them that those books were Protestant, they would immediately return them or else cast them away with disgust, which caused some notice. Such procedure is only a simple manifestation of the lack of culture, the uneducated and undisciplined curiosity of our people. Such a sorrowful thing! So here is a warning to the imprudent!

The strange part is that no one ever returned a Bible or cast one away at the exposition. And over the stand was written in large letters: "The Bible is neither Catholic nor Protestant." And another notice stated that during the exposition in Paris 11,022 Bibles were sold. And although Jesus said, "Search the scriptures," and Paul said, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness," yet the Catholics of Portugal consider anyone who purchases and reads a Bible a "silly blockhead". So they brought more pressure to bear, until finally they succeeded in having the Bible stand removed from the exposition. But by then over 4,000 had been sold; and if it had remained until the end, no doubt more than 5,000 would have been sold.

"Isn't That Grand?" *By W. E. Pampling (England)*

ALL readers of *The Golden Age* know that there are thousands, yea millions, of people all over the earth who are underfed, undernourished, and without the necessities of life. Almost heart-breaking are some of the conditions with which Jehovah's witnesses come in contact as they go from house to house with the good news of the Kingdom in fulfilment of such scriptures as Matthew 24:14.

Why are these people underfed? Why are they undernourished? Why are they without the necessities of life? Is it because the earth refuses to bring forth sufficient for the people who are on it?

In answer to these questions I cite the following from the London *News Chronicle:*

Fruit valued at more than a million francs (£11,000) was dumped into the Mediterranean today by Spanish growers who were unable to export it to France. The "quota system", which has also restricted British exports to France, was responsible for the exclusion of the Spanish produce.

£11,000 of fruit dumped into the sea while millions of people are underfed, undernourished and without the necessities of life! "Devilish" and "satanic" are the only words which come anywhere near describing a system under which such conditions are possible and obtain.

Thanks be unto God that He long ago foreknew and foretold the oppressive conditions now existing as the result of the operation of Satan's organization, the commercial element of which

is used to exploit, rob and oppress the people. How clearly this is brought to our attention in *Vindication,* Book Two. Every thinking man and woman should read Books One, Two and Three of *Vindication.*

What a joy to know that the time of relief for the people is here: the time when the products of earth, which Big Business has used to exploit the people to enrich themselves, God will take from them and give to the people who obey and serve Him; the time when the people, with these natural resources at their disposal, will glorify the name of their Creator, the Giver of every good and perfect gift! Then will be fulfilled that precious prophecy and promise found in Isaiah 23:18, a wonderful word. Concerning Tyre, which, as *Vindication* Book Two so clearly points out, pictures the commercial element of Satan's organization, we read: "And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to [Jehovah]: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before [Jehovah], to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing." Isn't that grand?

Help from the Devil in Time of Need

IF YOU are willing to sell yourself or your loved ones to the Devil, i.e., if you are willing to deny that Jehovah God *is,* and if you are willing to deny the Lord that bought you, and to lie to yourself and to others by 'believing' and repeating that "all is good; there is no evil" when you know perfectly well it is lying to do so, there is hardly anything in this life that you could want that you cannot get.

From a lecture on "Christian Science" we select two paragraphs that illustrate the above. Unlike some, we doubt not the reliability of these illustrations. We believe that the 'cures' really took place, but were from the Devil, and therefore at what a price!

A man who was sadly victimized by the tobacco habit sought out a Christian Science practitioner. He announced that he "confined" himself to one hundred cigarettes a day but was fast becoming a mental and physical wreck. He told the practitioner that if Christian Science taught merely the use of the human will, he would not waste a moment with its treatment, for his power of resistance had completely gone. The practitioner explained that Christian Science treatment relies upon God-power and not human will-power. The practitioner gave him *Science and Health* to read, while he closed his eyes in silent prayer. He looked up and said to his patient, "You do not want to smoke now, do you?" A look of positive bewilderment spread over the other's features. His lips moved, as if trying to bring back a taste that had departed. "Why," he said, "do you know I haven't the slightest desire for the stuff?"

A Christian Science practitioner had been called to see a little lad, who, to the physical senses, seemed desperately ill, with an extreme case of pneumonia. The mother, a faithful student of Christian Science, held the little unconscious figure in her arms. The practitioner joined her in her glorious prayer. The testimony of the senses reported serious disease, injustice, and an unthinkable God, whilst the Christianly scientific understanding of being, declared life to be deathless. After possibly four or five hours, the breathing seemed to grow a little less troubled, and the practitioner felt that he could leave. It was late in the afternoon before he was able to return to his little patient. When the door was flung open, in came the child on his little velocipede, his face beaming—well and free!

Disturbances in Cave of Machpelah

INEXPLICABLE disturbances have occurred at the Cave of Machpelah, in Hebron, in which cave, according to the Scriptures, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Rebecca and Leah are buried. The site is covered by a mosque. Many historic relics have disappeared, including the grave stone which marked the burial place of Abraham. Fifteen rare carpets are missing. It is not too much to say that the Scriptures give reason to expect the resurrection of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob some time in the immediate future.

Another "Holy Year" of La Bottega del Papa

Part II

(We continue our open letter to Achille Ambrogio Damiano Ratti [Achilles Ambrose Damian Ratti], the "pope". We have elected to address him by the name Ambrose because it seems less formal, and more sociable-like.)

Priests Trained in Blasphemy

YOUR men are trained in blasphemy which soars to infinite heights. The following is part of a "sermon", not by the Devil, for he would be ashamed to utter such, but by "Reverend" Henry F. Hammer, in your St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, on the occasion of inducting 25 young men into the priesthood:

> All of Christian art and culture is derived from the life of the priest. The most remarkable thing about the dignity and power of the priest is that he orders God, in his capacity as a man of the Lord, and God obeys him. If God Himself were to wander among us in a church [No danger!] He could do no more than the priest does in giving absolution to the penitent or in performing any of the acts of the mass.

When it comes to lies, how about the feast of "Our Lady of the Snows", when the virgin Mary sent a snowstorm on August 5, A.D. 352, and ordered a "church" built on the spot. The New York *Times* says, timidly, "Many learned theologians have attacked this purported miracle on the ground that it had no historical basis."

One of your assistant priests at a place in New Hampshire, at all masses on a given date, denounced as communistic propaganda Judge Rutherford's book *The Kingdom, The Hope of the World.* He thus lied deliberately at every mass.

Ambrose, you are in wrong. In your speech on the Mexican situation, published October 1, 1932, you said, "We were comforted by the world's admiration for the courage displayed by the clergy." Apparently you do not know that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God".

The more you say, the deeper you get in wrong. Thus in the same address you so far forget yourself as to say of the Mexican people that "they ran the risk of first remaining apart from and then being entirely separated from the priesthood, and, in consequence, from the very sources of supernatural life". O Ambrose!

Why Should You Be Bigoted?

In a little while now you will be dead, and why should you disturb yourself unduly or disturb others, as you did in your address of February 16, 1931, by references to what you termed "The Invasion by Protestantism" in the city of Rome? You are reported to have said:

> "This is permitted to go on in such a way that even the Protestants themselves are astonished at the progress they are making. It is allowed to continue to such an extent that yesterday there was talk of a Protestant pilgrimage to Italy and today there is talk of holding a Protestant synod in Italy. It is allowed to go on till it even tries to acquire territory in Italy."

Suppose it does; what of it? Can you not stand it to let somebody else have an opinion, as well as yourself? Your paper, the *Osservatore Romano,* refers to their teachings as "abominable propaganda", "sewers of scandal and schism." That is what yours is, Ambrose; so everything is nicely in balance.

Your priest Thomas E. Martin, formerly of Colonial Beach, Va., and now of Winchester, Va., is a good and acceptable member of the Winchester Ministerial Association. All the other members are Protestants. Cardinal Gibbons referred to these Protestants as "separated brethren".

Yet in spite of the above admissions that you consider the Protestants as your brethren, in your encyclical issued January 10, 1928, you reiterated your claim that there is no safety outside of your church (which church is not mentioned in the Scriptures), and at Sydney your man Cerretti expressed the abhorrence felt by bishops and priests when they find Catholic men marrying Protestant women.

In Luke 12:10 Jesus said, "Whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him," but Article 8 of your treaty of conciliation with the Italian state provides that if anybody in Italy speaks of you in a derogatory manner he is liable to punishment. Looks as if you thought you were more important than Christ, Ambrose.

Mixed Up About Joseph

Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is not mentioned in the Scriptures after Jesus attained the age of twelve years, and Mary was most certainly a widow at the time of the crucifixion, inasmuch as Jesus made a home for her with the beloved disciple, John. Most certainly, therefore, Joseph could not have been of the "church of the firstborn", and is still quietly asleep in

death, waiting the due time to come forth from the tomb.

Yet we notice that on March 19, 1930, you concluded with a "memorare" to "St. Joseph", calling upon him to remember certain things. You could have spared your breath; for "the dead know not any thing". (Ecclesiastes 9:5) When a man dies, "his sons come to honour, and he knoweth it not; and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them." (Job 14:21) "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Psalm 115:17) When Joseph wakes up, if you are still living, you can tell him what you were trying to tell him in your "memorare", and you can both laugh about it.

In his address on the meaning of the rosary, at St. Patrick's cathedral, New York, October 7, 1928, your man Reverend Francis A. Fadden said that "the chain and the beads, although inanimate things, are filled with the personality of Christ". The Scriptures say nothing about rosaries or beads, but they do say that the Word of God is sufficient "that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works". (2 Timothy 3:17) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly" (Colossians 3:16), Ambrose, and you will get somewhere.

We notice that on September 19, 1930, in a cathedral at Naples, 'the blood of St. Januarius boiled,' and in 400 years nobody has caught on to the trick of how it is done. What sense is there to it, even if it were the truth? Who cares whether his blood boils or not? For several centuries the supposed blood of the martyr Thomas a Becket was sold in England, and then afterward was proved to be a mixture of red ocher.

"Keep Yourselves from Idols"

We noticed that when your library collapsed, you graciously allowed the rescuers to kiss your hands. Wasn't that nice? Probably those who were willing to kiss your hands would have kissed other parts of your body with equal alacrity, if you had told them to do it. "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."—1 John 5:21.

All orders from you must be accepted on bended knee. Ambrose, we could not use you around here at all; you are spoiled. When you visit a country you take precedence over its monarch or president. The day you come to America we are going out in country territory to work, so we won't have to look at you.

Persons of military rank must halt within ten feet and salute till you pass. Trumpeters announce your appearance. You demand a salute of 50 guns, while our president gets but 21. One of your most famous Jesuit orators, Anton Stonner, of Vienna, was so sick of the whole humbug that, after preaching to packed houses all over Austria for fifteen years, he renounced the priesthood and is now retired to private life.

The carefully arranged and spectacular worship of a piece of bread called the 'adoration of the host' is all idolatry, pure and simple, masquerading under the fiction of a worship of Christ the King. The priest creates and sacrifices his own victim, thus glorifying himself and dishonoring his Creator, who never authorized or sanctioned such proceedings.

In a mission sermon at St. Peter's Catholic church, Memphis, your man Reverend L. H. Martin said, "Nothing on earth can compare with the mass, because during its celebration Christ Himself comes down on the altar to continue his work of redemption."

Do you not know that Christ died "*once* for all"? Have you never read the scripture which says, "Knowing that Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him"?—Romans 6:9.

The Human Idols All Like It

When you put on your show at Sydney, the "faithful" filed past Cerretti 10 to 12 deep for more than an hour. Every now and then some child would evade the ushers and run and kiss his ring. It is said that he beamed on them. Why not? They were making an idol out of him, and that was what he liked.

Of Cardinal Lauri at the show at Dublin we read: "Papal chamberlains walked alongside him, dressed in black knee breeches with medieval ruffs around their necks. Bishops in purple knelt as the procession passed down the aisles." More idolatry.

Outside, "Hundreds knelt on dusty sidewalks listening to the legate's benediction coming to them through loud-speakers. Hundreds more struggled to kiss his ring when he left the cathedral, and the sidewalks were black with the robes of priests from every corner of the earth."

Cardinal Lauri was your "messenger", your "angel"; for that is what *angelus* means. Listen: "Let no man beguile you of your reward, in a voluntary humility and worshipping of *angels,* intruding into those things which he hath

not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind." —Colossians 2:18.

When the same poor piece of mere human flesh passed through London, June 19, 1932, "Men and women dropped on their knees as the cardinal left the 'royal' car, his round rosy face beaming with pleasure. They stretched their hands to touch his robe or ring and hundreds held rosaries for him to bless. . . . When the legate arrived at Chester to spend the night thousands knelt in the square outside his hotel singing hymns."

At Dublin families pawned furniture to buy bunting; they went without food to have their rooms decorated. One woman sold her bed and slept on the floor in order that her window might have a shrine. When Lauri arrived he was met by military airplanes flying in the form of a cross and was greeted by a salvo of guns and a military guard of honor. People fell on their knees imploring his blessing, striving to kiss his hand or ring. All this was idolatry, pure and simple.

"Thou Shalt Not Bow"

In one place in Dublin two large shrines were built, each containing life-size figures of our Lord and the virgin Mary. Before these the people were expected to bow themselves and worship, and did so. Listen: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."—Exodus 20:4, 5.

Cardinal O'Connell's gem of thought delivered at Dublin was reported in the press as follows: "We in America were misled by the vicious philosophy that anything was worth while as long as we could get away with it." This appeared in the New York *Times* of June 23, 1932. How great the contrast between such an expression and the words of Jesus, 'These are they that have received the word into good and honest hearts!'—Luke 8:15.

You don't seem to know what the Scriptures are for, Ambrose. In your encyclical of May 13, 1932, you advised the poor to "accept with humble and trustful heart from the hand of God the effects of poverty". Why did you not encourage them to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven"? Thus you could have comforted them in the Scriptures.

Your man the "Most Reverend" Leopoldo Ruiz y Flores, apostolic delegate to Mexico, in a radio address over WLWL on the night of November 17, 1932, said, "I have my confidence in the providence of God, who rules the world." You should explain to him that "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4) is the Devil, whom he serves and whose he is. See John 12:31 for more on this. Mr. Flores went on to say, "I trust in the help of Our Lady of Guadalupe." That is the church that your men have taught the poor ignorant Mexicans to approach on their hands and knees. You ought to be ashamed of that, Ambrose.

There is no record that Jesus or any of the apostles went through rituals, none at all, but on October 16, 1932, your man Bishop John J. Dunn, in the lower church of St. Francis Xavier, New York city, spent a solid hour and a half consecrating a new altar. All this is idolatry, Ambrose.

You have so mistrained your folks that the toe of the bronze statue of St. Peter in the cathedral at the Vatican has been actually kissed away by the millions on millions of foolish kisses that have been bestowed on this piece of metal.

Your man Mundelein makes mistakes, too. In a little folder entitled *Vivat Jesu* bearing his imprint he advises people to study the wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, while Jesus himself told them to study the Word of Truth. And then the cardinal, in the same folder, says that at each word of the Chaplet of Mercy Jesus lets one drop of His blood fall on the soul of a sinner; several solid trainloads of blood every year. O Ambrose!

Respect for Courts (?)

Having your own courts, the Penitenzieri Apostolice and Supreme Tribunale della Segnature, we understand that where your clergy are involved you never recognize the jurisdiction of secular courts and the sentence of any civil court is considered as of no effect, no matter what its findings may be.

Nevertheless, October 6, 1928, coincident with the opening of the fall term of the New York courts, some 250 to 300 justices and judges of the supreme court, the appellate court and the municipal court are alleged to have attended "the red mass", especially for them, with Cardinal Hayes officiating. Now just why was that mass held? Was it to show that you control the courts?

On his way back from Sydney, Cardinal Cerretti came through New York, and there was a big church procession in his honor. The New

York *Times,* issue of January 21, 1929, said: "During the procession the canopy over the prelate was carried by Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, Judge Martin T. Manton, Judge Alfred J. Talley and Ovid de St. Aubin."

Whatever your respect for the courts, you cannot have much for the elemental principle of justice, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Otherwise you would shut down on an arrangement which permits you and all the dignitaries of the church to live in highest luxury, and consents that a poor Dominican nun shall occupy a bare compartment in an unheated convent, and rise at midnight for services from September 14 to Easter Sunday. Why the invidious distinctions?

Why Be So Harsh?

In your labor encyclical, broadcast May 17, 1931, you gave expression to the thought that 'the differences in social conditions in the human family were wisely decreed by the Creator and must not and cannot ever be abolished'. If you honestly believe that, then it is no wonder you do not want God's kingdom to come and God's will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. You would prefer that things would go on just as they are.

As Heywood Broun says (and we believe he is a Catholic too), "It seems a rather harsh concept to think of God as one who takes any joy in the breadlines as a permanent institution."

What do you think, Ambrose, of this business of charging every evil to God, and then trafficking in justice? He is supposed to be sore at the sinners, and to intend to roast them a certain number of thousands of years, to get them well done, tender like, so they will be fit for heaven.

But you, and your men, any time they wish to do it, can cut down that hot time in the old town of Purgatory by hundreds of days at a clip. Thus for some nice pole-vaulting stunts performed at the show in Dublin by a company of Boy Scouts, "an indulgence of 500 days was granted to each child." (New York *Times,* June 26, 1932)

How can you honestly love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and honestly believe that Mary or somebody else has to plead with Him night and day eternally to do the decent, upright thing, and let poor penitents out of the flames? Do you not know that the Scriptures say, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out"?—John 6:37.

That you do not believe in the divine law of one and the same treatment for all offenders (Numbers 15:15, 16), regardless of their station, is proved by the fact that in your canon law it is provided that convicted clergymen shall be imprisoned in places separate from those designated for laymen. Do you think that God does not see all that crookedness?

A dispatch from California states that at one time recently 87 of the convicts of San Quentin prison were taken into your church. The dispatch hastens to add that all these, by birth, education and training were really Catholics at heart; and all this we fully believe, without argument. Your church, with its appeals to all that is most unjust, is the best training school for the development of convicts that we could imagine.

"Mind Not High Things"

Ambrose, did you ever read the scripture, "Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate"? (Romans 12:16) If you did you seem to have forgotten it. Else why do we see so much in the papers about your bestowing the order of the golden spur on King Fuad of Egypt, trembling and praying for King George of England, giving audience to the Mikado, expecting visits from King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, King Albert of Belgium, and the ex-kings Alfonso and Amanullah?

You know that when King George was crowned he made the oath, "I am a faithful Protestant," but you know and others know that he has decided leanings in your direction and you in his, like a couple of overcharged citizens each mistaking the other for a lamp-post.

This idea that your men are of some unusual importance in the world has spread to others. Instead of the humility which one would expect in so prominent a "light in the church", Archbishop O'Connell made the demand, on his return in March, 1912, from Rome, where he had been given the red hat, that as a prince of the church, a cardinal, he was entitled to be saluted by the American ships and flag on his arrival in American waters.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven, but we noticed that some of those upon whom you have conferred the order of the Knight of Malta are James A. Farrell, president of the United States Steel Corporation; Morgan J. O'Brien,

of the Supreme Court of New York; Cornelius F. Kelley, president of the Anaconda Copper Company; Henry O. Havemeyer, president of Brooklyn Eastern District Terminal; Frederick J. Fisher, vice president of General Motors Corporation; George MacDonald, president of Nassau-Suffolk Lighting Company; John J. Bernet, president of Erie Railroad; Joseph J. Larkin, vice president of Equitable Trust Company; Thomas E. Murray, vice president of New York Edison Company; Joseph P. Grace, president of W. R. Grace Company, etc., etc. Maybe you did not know they were rich.

The Roman Catholic Negroes do not like the Jim Crow policy of your "church", but that does not worry us any, for it will all go to pieces soon, anyway. But there is no evidence that Christ or the apostles drew any color line, and you have kept Negroes from your higher schools of learning.

How Peter Has Changed!

The British *United Free Press* contains a dispatch from Rome from the first newspaper man that ever interviewed the pope. At the conclusion of the interview he says, "I therefore rose, knelt and kissed the ring, and the 'holy father' gave me his blessing."

That interests us because Ambrose claims to be Peter brought up to date. Listen: "And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man." (Acts 10:25, 26) Why did you not do that, Ambrose?

When it comes to getting free publicity, Ambrose, you are certainly 'the prince of the apostles' and then some. July 9, 1929, when American naval men called to see you, you posed as Peter the fisherman's successor. It helped to get your name into the paper once more. All is grist that comes to your mill.

The fact that Peter was a fisherman has about as much to do with your job as the United States government has to do with the size of underwear worn by the crown prince of Siam. You always want to be in the spot light, literally and figuratively.

Here is an item from the *Daily News* of July 26, 1929:

> Surrounded by his glittering, gorgeous court, and carried aloft on a platform resting on the shoulders of 12 crimson-clad attendants, his holiness performed the complete circuit of St. Peter's square and then descended in front of St. Peter's Basilica, where an altar had been erected, and imparted the apostolic benediction to the kneeling multitude. He was received with round upon round of applause, and with cries of "Long live the pope—king." The altar was illuminated in the twilight by a spot-light, which threw into bold relief the white-clad figure of Pope Pius XI.

Ladies and gentlemen, you will now witness the thrilling spectacle of Achille Ambrogio Damiano Ratti, the champion bareback rider of the world. Instead of tights, he has on a white robe. Instead of a horse, he has a throne on a platform. Instead of walking on his own feet, he is toted around by twelve crimson-clad suckers that worship him as another god on earth. Right this way! Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay! This, ladies and gentlemen, is the main three-ring performance in the main tent, the only one of its kind on earth.

An Endless Publicity Palaver

The stream of publicity that pours forth from the Vatican is endless. The same old items are hashed over and over and over again. "The event was signalized in the papal state by the flying of the pope's flag, while the pontifical armed forces, the Swiss guards and the pontifical gendarmes wore their dress uniforms." So says the press. What of it? What else would they wear? And who cares? But it all helps to make a few more lines of free advertising. And that keeps the show alive.

"After luncheon and a siesta, the pontiff took an automobile ride in the Vatican gardens from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.," says another dispatch. A man gets into an automobile and rides around his grounds, round and round and round. And the thing is so important that it has to be cabled across the oceans to the other side of the world. Oh, mamma! Buy me one!

Or take this gem: "His sense of the dramatic was developed to a high degree," telling how he took a dig at the Russian situation. Well, he would not be of any good as a showman otherwise. Let the man alone. It is his way of making a living.

By the way, about that automobile in which Ambrose rides round and round and round. It has a throne in it. The language of the dispatch is that it "contains a papal throne separated from two seats in front for the pope's personal attendants". Of just what good a throne is in an auto, we don't know, but it helped get three

inches of free advertising in the Manchester *Guardian,* and that is something.

At all times we get a full line of publicity from Rome about what the pope intends to do, the suppositions and guesses and what not. It all helps to sell the goods.

Occasionally there is a slip. March 27, 1932, your man Big Bill O'Connell, cardinal of Boston, amused the American people mightily. He made a grandiloquent introduction of the magnificent Vatican choir and there followed an indifferently performed piece of American jazz dance music, rendered in Rome by an Italian band and sent out by mistake all over the National Broadcasting Company's hook-up, to the remotest ends of the country. Makes us think of the country newspaper that said, "Lard was rendered by the choir."

"In Robes of Red and Gold"

There is every reason to believe that the clothing of Christ and the apostles was that of the common people, simple and plain, and no reason why it should be otherwise. Jesus was not trying to overawe the people by dressing up like a monarch or a millionaire. But here are some extracts from the public press, of the way you and your men have dressed recently:

Eight cardinals and a score of other high church dignitaries in robes of red and gold gathered in a stand beside the altar. The resident general of Tunisia, M. Manceron, and other French officials sat in the stand, their court uniforms, glittering with medals, making a brilliant picture. . . . The choir then sang the congress song, which was taken up by thousands of voices, while the papal legate slowly led the brilliant procession away.

That was from the New York *Times,* May 12, 1930, account of the show at Carthage, and looks as if somebody, to say the least, has become "corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ". (2 Corinthians 11:3) Here is one about the Dublin show, from the New York *American* of June 21, 1932:

An ecclesiastical procession, with a cavalry escort in blue and gold uniforms, then passed through the city between cheering lines of spectators, to the door of the cathedral where were massed the 29 bishops of Ireland. . . . The choir sang and the cardinal knelt. Again the choir sang and the cardinal walked up to the altar and kissed it. Then he went to the epistle corner and sang the prayer of the 'immaculate conception'. After this he returned to the middle of the altar, gave a solemn blessing, and then retired to the archbishop's palace.

Your men could not go to Australia without "a chapel being erected on the main deck of the Union liner Makura" to give them the requisite publicity, and when they finally got there "pilgrims from Melbourne heard mass said in swaying express trains. It was the same on the Marama, which brought the New Zealand pilgrims. The grand piano became an altar, and the social hall the temple of God", and so on till it comes out the nose. O Ambrose! And after they finally got there, get this:

The papal legate (Cardinal Cerretti), who just previously had laid a wreath on the Cenotaph in Martin place, was preceded by a gorgeous array of enpurpled prelates. In the setting of the majestic cathedral the display of rich vestments and elaborate ceremonial blended with the medieval atmosphere. To-night, at the Showground the display had at the beginning a bizarre atmosphere of theatricalism. The gigantic white temple with its four guardian angels, and the great high altar, were lit by a hundred flood lights. . . . The color of the mass was white, but because gold is an ecclesiastical substitute he was vested in glittering mitre and chasuble of gold. Golden vestments were also worn by his deacon, subdeacon, assistant priest, assistant deacons and the masters of ceremonies.

Here in America we are more given to simplicity, but here is something from the New York *Times* of March 25, 1929:

Due to the penitential season Cardinal Hayes wore purple robes rather than the usual scarlet of his office. During the processional his crozier was carried before him and his train was held by four small pages dressed in black velvet. Because of the length of the ritual there was no sermon.

The Main Three-Ring Circus

But the main three-ring circus of La Bottega is at the Vatican, and nothing that would help advertise the performance is ever overlooked. When it looked at one time as if Nobile would get to the north pole with his airship, you presented him with a five-foot walnut cross, weighted, which he was to drop when he got there, but you made the mistake of blessing the airship and it broke in two and never got there; so you still have the cross, ready for use at the next excuse.

When you gave your first broadcast the world all had to know that it was talked into "a gold-mounted microphone", and the New York *Times* of February 13, 1931, narrates the simple and unaffected way in which you came to the microphone on that occasion, as follows:

Heralded by the blare of the Vatican's silver trumpets, the pope arrived at the wireless station by automobile at 4:30 p.m. (10:30 a.m New York time) followed by his noble and chamber attendants. He was dressed in white except for a scarlet cloak over his shoulders.

The girl was a pure and innocent girl, except. But hold! What is this from the New York *Times* of June 30, 1930:

Purple hangings with gold fringes hung from each pillar. Thick carpets were placed on the floor along the route of the papal procession. . . . At the sides of the main altar hand-painted standards pictured the new saints in heaven. The bronze statue of St. Peter was draped for the occasion in rich robes. . . . Heralded by the blare of silver trumpets, Pope Pius appeared in St. Peter's carried aloft on the sedia gestatoria. [The chair has an opening in it through which, when a new pope is installed, a cardinal can feel to see if it is a man or another Pope Joan.] Over his head floated a white silk canopy supported by eight purple-clad attendants. Behind him swayed two flabelli, semi-circular ostrich feather fans. Before him walked a brilliant procession of high church dignitaries, including a double row of cardinals in scarlet robes and white ermine capes. Grouped around the pope were his ecclesiastical, civil and military courts in medieval costumes, including every color of the rainbow. Behind him came a group of Swiss guards in steel breastplates and helmets, with heavy serpentine swords resting on their shoulders. The pope wore a magnificent cope of cream-colored silk, decorated with gold and silver, which enveloped him from shoulders to feet. On his head was a golden mitre, while his triregnum (triple crown) was carried on a red plush cushion by an attendant at his side.

Just contrast the above with the following: "Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well." (John 4:6) Or this by the apostle Paul:

Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me [not upon 'Peter'] daily, the care of all the churches. —2 Corinthians 11:24-28.

From the "Catholic News"

From the *Catholic News* of February 16, 1929, we quote a press agent's account of the big act in the main tent. Any person who cannot see that this is the Devil trying to make a circus out of the cause of Christ in the earth, and making a good job of it, is fit only for the "ministry":

"Swiss guards in their colorful uniforms stood guard at each side of the high altar, their figures dwarfed by the colossal proportions of the church. Priests in somber ecclesiastical garb, gorgeous bishops and patriarchs and ascetic monks moved in and out of the crowd. Many-hued noble guards, palatine guards and papal gendarmes added their mite to the riot of color. Thousands upon thousands of flickering candles were reflected from the cool marble columns and pillars and thin wisps of fragrant incense rising from the altar completed the scene."

"Trumpets announce the pope. The pope's coming was heralded by a blare of famous silver trumpets which flooded the church with a mellow, liquid melody. The hush which followed was broken by roars, cheers, salvos and handclapping when the pope, carried on high on the sedia gestatoria, appeared at the door of the chapel of the sacrament. He wore the gorgeous triregnum or triple crown and was enveloped in an ample white silk cloak beautifully embroidered in gold. As he raised his hand in blessing the green fisherman's ring blazed at his finger."

"Before him walked a double row of venerable white-haired cardinals in scarlet robes over which they wore the ermine capes of ceremonial occasions. Swiss guards, carrying enormous serpentine swords, and the highest lay dignitaries of papal court in medieval costumes with Elizabethan ruffs and wearing slender rapiers at their belts, surrounded him. Two flabelli, or semi-circular white ostrich feather fans, borne aloft on long poles at each side, lent a note of added splendor to the scene."

"The pope appeared deeply moved. Emotion was clearly painted on his features, which on public occasions usually are entirely immobile. His eyes swept clearly over the crowd, tossing like a sea in a tempest, but the heightened color of his face and a slight tremor of his lips bore witness to the depth of his emotion. Each time he raised a hand in blessing waves of enthusiasm and wild cheering swept over the crowd. Some fell to their knees. Others waved handkerchiefs and all shouted their devotion. Cries of 'Long live the pope and king!' and 'Long live the pope of conciliation!' were heard."

"Pontiff ascends the throne. Traversing the whole length of the church, the pontiff descended from the sedia gestatoria before the high altar and took his seat on the throne covered with white damask and surmounted by a red damask canopy erected to the left of the altar. Hidden electric lights played upon him, throwing him into bold relief—the cynosure of all eyes. All the cardinals immediately left their seats, filed before him and kissed his ring in a sign of fealty.

Then the service began, to which the pope listened from his throne. The same scenes of enthusiasm occurred when at the end of the service he reentered the sedia gestatoria and returned to his apartment."

"While the mass was being sung St. Peter's Square had been completely filled by a huge crowd waiting patiently in the rain under upraised umbrellas. The whole of the vast piazza was black with shiny umbrellas. When it became known that the pope had returned to his apartment a mighty shout was raised. 'We want the pope, we want the pope,' 200,000 throats shouted in unison."

"At last the door to the balcony over the main entrance of St. Peter's was thrown open and a small group of cardinals appeared. Then a few seconds later the pope's white figure, dwarfed by distance, appeared against the background of the cardinals' scarlet robes and he raised one white-clad arm in blessing."

"The crowd as one man dropped to its knees, the umbrellas disappeared as if by magic and hats were removed from every head. Thus the immense crowd of 200,000 persons received the papal blessing bareheaded under a pouring rain and kneeling on the rain-soaked pavement. Another mighty shout accompanied the pope's retirement into the Vatican again."

Sympathy for the Poor

We appreciate your sympathy for the poor, Ambrose. In your very first broadcast you said, "We counsel the poor to remember the poverty of Christ." The account says that on that occasion "the ceremony at Vatican City was simple. The pope, dressed in his white silk robe with a cross studded with jewels hanging from a gold chain around his neck", did so and so. Somehow it is so much easier to encourage the poor to remember the poverty of Christ if one can himself sport a white silk robe, with plenty of jewelry and gold.

The New York *Times*, May 19, 1929, telling of the way in which your predecessors helped the poor to remember the poverty of Christ, said:

> Forty goldsmiths were maintained at the papal court. Flagons of gold, jeweled cups, knife handles made of jasper and ivory and forks of mother of pearl and gold adorned the pope's table on the occasion of splendid banquets. The state bed in the pope's palace was draped in crimson velvet lined with ermine. There is the story of a gold cross weighing fifteen pounds and the silver arm of a saint costing 2,566 florins.

We notice that on one particularly solemn occasion you are described as omitting "the customary military display and two flabelli, or semicircular ostrich-feather fans", which usually traipse along with you wherever you go, and on this occasion "instead of wearing his tiara and gorgeous vestments, the pope wore only a bishop's red robe and stole over his white robes".

No other person on earth ever had a wardrobe like yours, Ambrose. Each day you wear different garments, all of them ornamented with rich and rare gems. Your little skullcaps are of the finest and most beautiful silk. Your slippers of embroidered velvet are gorgeous to look at, and works of art. Your gloves are of white wool, embroidered with fine pearls in the shape of a cross. Your surplices are of the most valuable and beautiful lace. Your capa magna gleams from top to bottom with gold and precious stones. The rings which you wear are priceless. You have one chair of solid silver, beautifully chased, which weighs half a ton, and cost an American banker $60,000. You know all about our American banks, don't you, Ambrose?

"Woe to You That Are Rich"

You know that the rich are out of luck, don't you, Ambrose? It was the Lord who said, "Woe unto you that are rich!" (Luke 6:24) We noticed a while back that Cardinal Mundelein brought you a check for $1,500,000. Almost everybody thought how generous the American people are, but you and we know, Ambrose, that that money came to you from the American banking firm of Halsey, Stuart & Company. They saw that you got the money, and you will see that they get theirs, maybe.

Your fellow prelates are not so hard up, either. We notice that the old gentleman, Archbishop Kelly, of Sydney, was able to give a personal gift of £5,000 to liquidate the debt on his cathedral. Why shouldn't he?

Oh, yes, about that gift of Cardinal Mundelein's. The account says: "Cardinal Mundelein prostrated himself, but the pope affectionately raised him and embraced him. The audience broke all precedents for length, lasting more than one hour and a half." Probably if he had brought another million he would have been given another hour.

Speaking about the show at Dublin the New York *Times* commented upon the great number of girls dressed in long silk dresses, and the boys in white trousers and white shoes, and said: "Many of them had come from pitifully poor homes in Dublin's slums, and more than a few families had gone hungry to dress them properly for the occasion."

"Thou Shalt Not Covet"

You know, Ambrose, that the commandment "Thou shalt not covet" is several times repeated in the New Testament. (Romans 7:7; 13:9) Grace Link was stolen from her Protestant father at London, Ont., and placed in a convent at Hamilton till she was 18. Meantime the police searched high and low for her. The nuns wanted her mother's property, and finally got it by that means.

And there was Miss Jeanne Lemesneger, daughter of the wine merchant. She was released from her convent vows long enough to claim her father's $1,500,000 fortune, when she was received back, money and all. It reminds us of the old farmer's prayer. Nobody had ever been able to understand it, until finally a hired man who had been with the family for years said that what the old man really said was, "Money, money, money, for Christ's sake. Amen."

We notice that in the Cincinnati archdiocese each parish is taxed 10 percent of its total revenue, which means much to the poor. In the Vatican you have a single painting that is 33 feet wide and 66 feet high, and marble bathtubs of such exquisite materials and workmanship that one of them would equal the cost of a great church building. And in your palace of 11,000 rooms you have many such tubs, Ambrose.

The other day, when a fire broke out in Cholula, Mexico, the dispatches carried the information that though the total population of the city is only 10,000, yet it has 100 churches. The Mexican government, seeing more than is seen in this country, see that your church business is not operated for the benefit of the people, but for the profit of the ones that are in the business. It holds that the people have too large a share of their earnings diverted to the erection and maintenance of useless ecclesiastical buildings, and that time which they should spend in working is given over to too many holy days for their own good.

Sundry and Divers Blessings

We notice, Ambrose, that you are strong for this "blessing" business. Thus we know of you or your men to have bestowed blessings upon armies, battleships, airplanes, airships, hounds and horses. At Vincennes, France, "holy water" was sprinkled on 60 race horses as they walked in single file in front of the parish priest.

On February 13, 1929, you "blessed" the whole world, while a great crowd was standing in a pouring rain. They knelt bareheaded in response, and since then have been in trouble up to their necks. On January 24, 1933, by direct radio communication, you "blessed" the United States, and on March 6 not a bank in the country was open.

We noticed that at the conclusion of the negotiations between Italy and the Vatican, you "blessed" Italy's negotiator, Domenico Barone, and he died in a few days. You awarded Justice R. C. Flannigan of Chicago the Grand Cross of St. Gregory, and he became very ill, and maybe died. Why award anybody the double cross? We think every plane you ever "blessed" went kerflop and all on board were lost.

The *Railsplitter* writes feelingly of the papal blessings:

> The pope sent the Golden Rose to Bomba, king of Naples, and in less than twelve months he lost his crown and kingdom. He sent his blessing to Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria, and in less than twelve months he was defeated at Sadowa, and lost his Venetian dominions. He sent it then to Queen Isabella of Spain, and in a short time she lost both crown and dominions.
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> The pope blessed the French showman Boulanger, and in less than two weeks he had to flee to Germany for refuge. The princess of Brazil, when near her accouchement, requested the interposition of the pope and his blessing on her child. She received it, and the child was born deformed. Maxilian was killed a short time after being blessed by the pope as emperor of Mexico, and his wife became insane after going to Rome and receiving the benediction. The pope neglected some official business in order to give his special blessing to an English steamer laden with Sisters of Charity for South America in 1870, and it never reached its destination. Every soul on board perished. The empress of Brazil was blessed but once; that was enough, she broke her leg three days afterward. It may be remembered that the floating palace delayed its starting from Montevideo to Buenos Aires until it received the assurance of safety in the papal blessing. It then raised its anchor, sailed out to sea, and went down in two days. "The Order of Christ" was conferred by the pope on Dr. Windhorst, his great champion in Germany. He died in less than a year.
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> August, 1895, the archbishop of Damascus, in addressing the Spanish troops at Victoria when about to start for Cuba, declared that the pope, like a new Moses, had raised his hands to heaven and prayed for victory. We know the result.
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> The Grand Bazaar de Charite in Paris on May 4, 1897, had the papal nuncio to deliver the benediction. It was scarcely five minutes afterward when the building was in flames, and nearly 150 of the society ladies of Paris lost their lives.

At all events, Ambrose, we know for certain that you shall never have cause to bless *The Golden Age*. And for that we feel safe, and are very glad. "The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich; and he addeth no sorrow therewith."—Proverbs 10:22, *A.R.V.*

As to Holy Year

So then, as to your blessing and sanctifying 1933 as a "holy year", we are, in view of all the foregoing, reminded of Isaiah 66:3: "He that killeth an ox is as if he slew a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as if he cut off a dog's neck; he that offereth an oblation, as if he offered swine's blood: he that burneth incense, as if he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations."

Ambrose, there are no people on earth that are as truly eager for a truly Holy Year as the readers of *The Golden Age*. They pray for it every time they pray the Lord's Prayer, and work for it and proclaim it at every opportunity. That Holy Year, Ambrose, will come when the Devil and the Devil religions, of which yours is one of the chief of all, go down in everlasting shame and defeat.

Circus Man Pays His Taxes

A BUDAPEST circus man, unable to pay his taxes otherwise, gave the city seven lions and thirteen apes and they squared the account. Good idea, and suggests a better one. A few years from now there will be a big demand to see what a man looks like who believes 3 times 1 are 1, and that an infinitely loving God intends to eternally roast almost all humanity in the strangling fumes of burning sulphur for something somebody else did six thousand years ago. Why couldn't such men earn something traveling with the side show of a circus, and when the show got hard up they could be swapped with some city administration to liquidate the circus' tax bill? Many of them believe that their ancestors were monkeys and should therefore be quite ready to go in the cages with their putative relatives. Now, isn't that the truth? They are certainly of no good for anything else.

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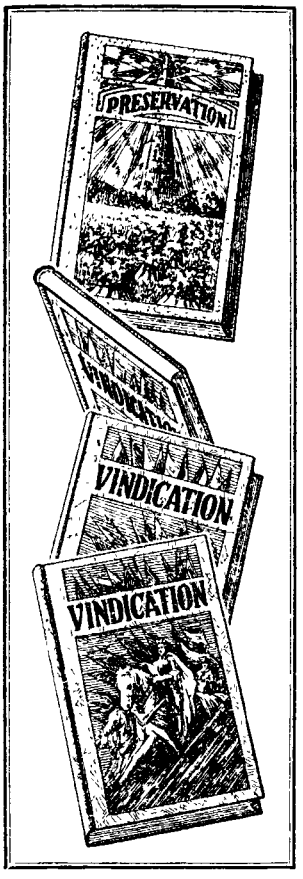

Distress and Perplexity

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Let it be conceded that the rulers have done their best according to human knowledge to alleviate these miserable conditions. They have failed and will continue to fail. Almost all the nations are now ruled by dictators, and the people stand helpless, looking to hands to help them which are powerless.

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For centuries good people have believed that the Bible is Jehovah God's Word of truth, given for man's instruction. Centuries ago God foreknew and foretold that the present time of distress would come upon the world exactly as it has come. God is in no way responsible for it, but He has a complete remedy, and the only means of escape.

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Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity

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THE peoples of the nations of "Christendom" have been told that this is a "holy year" and that it is hoped that by the combined efforts of the ruling factors 'a tide of religion will arise and sweep the nations into peace and prosperity', relieving them of their present burdens. All reasonable persons have a desire for peace and prosperity. Without a knowledge of how these desirable things can be gained the people are ready to grab at anything that seems plausible.

The people could do no better than to observe a "holy year" within the true meaning of that term. A year is not made holy, however, by a proclamation of men, nor by an occasional offering of prayer. A truly holy year is a year entirely devoted to Jehovah God and His kingdom, teaching the people and leading them in the light of God's Word.

For centuries religionists have induced many to believe that a few men on earth rule by divine right and that whatsoever such men recommend the people should accept. That has resulted in keeping multitudes in ignorance. Millions believe that the year 1933 is a "holy year" because religious leaders have so decreed, and the principal of their flocks have joined in the proclamation of such decree. It is not my purpose to even attempt to convince the religionists and the principal of their flocks that they are wrong, because they have closed their ears to that which is spoken from the Word of God. Some will say that I am indulging in abuse and cruel criticism of religious leaders, but that is not true. I do not indulge in abuse of any man. I hold no personal animosity against anyone. My purpose and duty is to speak the truth for the aid and comfort of the people and to the honor of Jehovah's name.

It is far better that the peoples of good will learn the truth now than to build a hope upon false testimony only to have that hope dashed to the earth at the end of the year. Is it not better that the truth be placed before the people and by them dispassionately considered, and each person given the privilege of deciding for himself what course he wants to take? I am not concerned about the men who have presumed to proclaim this a "holy year", but I am concerned as to whether the people shall be deceived by the declarations of men and whether they shall hear the truth and have an opportunity to take their stand on the side of God and His kingdom.

What Is Truth?

Christ Jesus, the greatest of all teachers ever among men, said concerning the Scriptures, which are the Word of God: "Thy word is truth." Whatsoever is in opposition to the Scriptures is therefore false. The gentlemen who are responsible for this being designated as a "holy year" have invited all the people to pray to God "that we may be relieved of our burdens"; and by so doing they are estopped from denying that God's Word is the truth. If you will act for your best interests you must return to the Bible and be guided by what Jehovah God has there expressed as His will. The Bible was written for this hour of distress, because therein it is stated that it was written for the admonition of the people upon whom the end of the world has come. (1 Corinthians 10:11) We have come to the end of the world and this scripture applies now. Those who disregard the Word of God and follow the advice and admonition of man, whether that be of pope, priest, clergymen, politicians or financiers, are certain to come to deep disappointment and sorrow.

In his inaugural address the president of the United States quoted a part of the 29th chapter of Proverbs, to wit: "Where there is no vision,

the people perish"; and, according to the interpretation given by the public press, that means that unless the people have a vision of the political and commercial and religious affairs of this world they will perish. That Scriptural text has no such meaning, nor does it apply at all to this world. The entire text reads: "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs 29:18) The vision has reference to Jehovah God and His purposes, as expressed by and through His kingdom, and only those who now get an insight or vision of such truths and act in harmony therewith will escape at Armageddon. Truly, as the Scriptures say, those who have no vision perish; hence is magnified the importance of the people's now hearing the truth of and concerning God and His kingdom. Note that this Scripture text shows that the happy one is he who keeps God's law; and to keep God's law means to do what He says, and not what imperfect men may say. In order for the people to keep God's law they must have a knowledge of His law. Jehovah's witnesses are now diligent in their efforts to inform the people, and it is those who name this a "holy year" that are trying to keep the people in ignorance of God's law.

There are two gods before the creation of earth: one the true and righteous God; and the other the mimic or fraudulent god. The name of the true and righteous God is Jehovah. The name of the mimic or wicked god given him by the Scriptures is Satan, Serpent, and Devil. His name means 'deceiver', and by appearing through his representatives, and claiming to be an angel of light, he deceives those who do not learn of and rely upon God's Word of truth. When I say that men serve the Devil I am not abusing men, but, on the contrary, earnestly pointing out that they are deceived by Satan, who is the enemy of all men. Since the days of Nimrod and the building of the tower of Babel on the plains of Shinar the Devil has caused the names of men to be exalted and the name of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus to be pushed into the corner. That is the rule followed today in the world. With all kindness and sincerity I remind you who listened to the "Holy Hour Service" held in New York on the 2d of April that the name of man was there exalted by frequently using and applying to men such terms as "Holy Father", "Your Eminence," and "Your Excellency"; whereas the name of Jehovah God, His King and His kingdom were not mentioned at all. No reference was made to God's expressed purpose of dealing with the human race by and through His kingdom. Let all who desire to follow such course by bestowing high esteem and exaltation on men do so, but I am reminding you common people who are of good will that such a course is displeasing to Jehovah God, and this I do in order that you may give honor to God and His kingdom, and not to man. Jesus said to those who exalt men: "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15) Satan has led men into his trap by exalting men and disregarding God. And why has he thus done? Because the policy of Satan is to turn men away from the true God and he resorts to subtle means of flattery to accomplish this unrighteous purpose. Keep in mind always that Satan long ago defied Jehovah God to put men on earth who would honor Jehovah and who would maintain their integrity toward Him. If all men understood that the Devil is the enemy of man there would be very few if any that would fall into Satan's trap. Because they have no vision or knowledge of God and His kingdom the multitudes fall into Satan's subtle trap and will perish.

The act of declaring this a "holy year" for the bringing in of peace and prosperity is a presumptuous sin before Almighty God. No man or company of men are running Jehovah's business so as to enable them to "change times and laws", and it is so stated in Daniel 7:25. No man has the power and authority to use a golden hammer or any other instrument to break open a door and say to the people: "This symbolizes the entrance into the blessings of the Lord." For the people to believe and follow such a leader means to walk on in darkness. No man or combination of men can make the year holy by merely declaring it so to be. The declaring of this to be a "holy year" is contrary to God's Word and His will, and it would therefore follow that peace and prosperity would not come in answer to the prayers of those who inaugurated this year to accomplish their purpose. To those who commit such presumptuous acts Jehovah, at Isaiah 55:8, says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways [of decreeing this a 'holy year'] my ways." God does not follow the lead of men.

This year cannot be made holy, nor holiness gained, by visiting famous buildings called

"churches" or "temples", nor by making pilgrimages to shrines, nor by worshiping before men or going through outward forms of penance, nor by exalting men to high positions in a church organization. Exactly contrary thereto God's Word says (Psalm 99:5, *A.R.V.*): "Exalt ye Jehovah our God, and worship at his footstool: holy is he." Furthermore, Jesus said concerning the exaltation of men (Matthew 23:9): "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." The question for the people to determine is whether they wish to follow what man says or obey Jehovah God's Word.

We are now in the last days because the time has come when Satan's organization must shortly go down before the onward march of the great Conqueror, the Christ of God. The conditions which you observe today exactly fulfil the prophecies long ago written in the Bible concerning the end of the world or last days. I am calling attention thereto, and to the presumptuous acts of the mighty men of this world, not to ridicule them, but for the benefit of the people of good will who want to know the right way to go. The meeting together of men and declaring this to be a "holy year", and the going through certain forms of worship, is contrary to the will of God. The Lord foretold such in these words (2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 5): "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." The people are now being divided between God's organization and Satan's organization. Let everyone be free to take his own course; but bear in mind that only those who turn away from Satan's organization, and take their stand firmly and honestly on the side of Jehovah God, and who are then guided by His Word, will be spared at Armageddon.

It may be said that the Catholic organization, headed by its mighty pontiff, the multitudinous divisions of the Protestant organizations headed by their wise and eloquent clergy, and the Jews led by their philosophical rabbis, this united religious multitude, supported by the professional politicians and financial giants, will present such an inspiring spectacle before the throne of God that even He will hear and grant their petitions that they may be relieved of their burdens and given more ease and comfort. The question is, Will Jehovah God hear and grant the prayers of such an unholy alliance? According to the words of the Scriptures, God answers, No!

The Scriptures declare that all men are by nature unrighteous and that righteousness can be obtained only by faith in and obedience to Jehovah and faith in Christ Jesus and His shed blood as the redemptive price of man. Prayer to Jehovah must be asked in the name of Christ Jesus, because God has thus commanded it. All Jewish rabbis entirely reject Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of man. All modernist clergymen do likewise reject Him and His precious blood, and the entire combination heretofore mentioned rejects Jehovah God's provision through Christ and His kingdom to bless all the families of the earth with peace and prosperity, and, on the contrary, have given their allegiance to the League of Nations, which is a product of the Devil. The entire combination forms the visible ruling powers of this world, and concerning such it is written that the whole world lies in the wicked one, Satan. (1 John 5:19) Now what does God's Word say about hearing and answering the prayers of such as give their allegiance to the wicked one and his organization and who therefore form a part of the world and hence are God's enemies? Will the prayers of such bring prosperity and peace during this so-called "holy year"? The following scriptures bear upon the point and are conclusive. Proverbs 15:29: "The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 28:9: "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." 1 Peter 3:12: "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." All prayers made during this so-called "holy year" for peace and prosperity will go unanswered, because God's Word declares that there shall be no lasting peace and prosperity until the earth is rid of its oppressor Satan and of his wicked organization. It is vital that the people know this fact, in order that they may choose what course they will take.

Long ago Jehovah chose the Jews as a people for himself, established them at Jerusalem, and put His own righteous name there. Satan by means of fraud and deceit caused the Jews to fall away from their covenant and to indulge

in idol worship. Time and again God warned them that He would punish them, and did punish them. The Jewish nation was a type of "Christendom".

By and through Christ Jesus and His apostles there was established on earth the true worship of Jehovah God and which is properly called true Christianity. Within a short time an organization labeled "Christianity" grew to be a great organization and then fell an easy victim to Satan, and many of the nations now call themselves "Christian nations" but at the same time follow Satan's lead. It is written, at 1 Corinthians 10:11: "Now all these things happened unto [the Jews] for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Concerning what came upon the Jews that which is recorded in the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel applies specifically to "Christendom", particularly at this very day. To some of these things I now refer.

Zedekiah, the last king of the Jews, and his official associates proclaimed a "holy year" at Jerusalem and led the people to believe that they should have peace and prosperity and freedom, and then they used that occasion as a scheme to bring the people into further subjection and serfdom. Then Jehovah God declared to the rulers that because of their hypocrisy and duplicity He would send His executioner and destroy Jerusalem, and within a short time Jerusalem was razed to the ground. (Jeremiah 34:8-22) The nations of "Christendom" are the counterpart or antitype of Jerusalem, because the Scriptures so declare. Now the Catholics, Protestants and Jews and the principal ones of their flocks form a confederacy with the ostensible and announced purpose, by their own efforts, to bring to the people peace, prosperity, liberty and relief from human suffering. The time to accomplish this they call a "holy year". The real purpose is an effort to keep the people quiet for a while by causing them to hope for better times to come. The scheme is hypocritical on the face of it. Of the leaders, the Catholics have no confidence in the Protestants, the Protestants have no confidence in the Catholics, and the Jews have no confidence in either Catholics or Protestants, and the politicians and Big Business men know that the whole crowd is insincere. The so-called "holy year" will not bring the suffering peoples relief, nor peace, nor prosperity. On the contrary, the end of the year will find the people in greater distress than they are now in.

Another striking illustration as to what shall come upon the nations of "Christendom" shortly is set forth in the 37th chapter of Jeremiah's prophecy. Jerusalem, having become unfaithful to God, there pictures the present-day hypocritical "Christendom". Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and his army pictured Satan and his militant forces which now pretend to give aid to "Christendom". The Chaldeans there mentioned picture Jehovah's Executioner sent against "Christendom" to destroy it. Jehovah God sent Jeremiah His prophet to give warning to the rulers and to the people of Jerusalem that the Chaldeans would come again and destroy the city as His executioner. The Jewish clergy, the rabbis, who then claimed to be holy and acting as the spokesmen to the people, declared that there was no cause for fear and tried to prevent the people from hearing God's prophet. The people were in doubt as to what they should do. Then God caused Jeremiah to prophesy these words to the Jews (Jeremiah 37:9): "Thus saith the Lord, Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart." God's executioner did return, and destroyed the city of Jerusalem. God caused Jeremiah to utter the following words to the people of Jerusalem concerning those who were falsely prophesying peace and misleading the people (Jeremiah 6:13, 14): "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They . . . [are] saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Exactly that same thing is now taking place in "Christendom", whose leaders have proclaimed this a "holy year", and who try to prevent the people from hearing God's truth.

There can not and will not be peace and prosperity sent to "Christendom" from Jehovah God as long as the unholy alliance of commercial and political oppressive power, with hypocritical religion, continues to exist. The prayers of such for peace and prosperity are a mockery; and "God is not mocked". The petitioners and many people will be deceived, but God knows the secret intents of all. The mouthpieces of this hypocritical alliance continue to cry out, "Peace, peace," while at the same time every one of these nations continues to heap burdens upon the people in order to prepare for war. Satan

and his organization, pictured by the three frogs of Revelation, continue to croak and boast and bluster and to gather the nations together for the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and there "Christendom" shall fall.—Revelation 16:13-16.

Peace and prosperity are not possible under the present unrighteous world, because Jehovah has decreed that it shall be destroyed. The proof He has abundantly set forth in the prophecies of Ezekiel and Jeremiah. Another example in proof of this I now cite. God's covenant people under the rule of Israel's unfaithful king mixed politics and false religion with their outward claims of serving Jehovah. The exact counterpart of this is today found in "Christendom". The leaders claim that these nations are Christian nations, and yet all of them mix politics with their outward claims of worshiping God. They attempt to unite all kinds of religion under one arrangement, even those who deny Christ and His precious blood, and expect God to hear their prayers. Jehovah sent His prophets to give warning to the Israelites, but that warning was ignored. Then Jehovah sent Jehu as executioner to execute His judgment against that unfaithful people. In that Jehu was a type of Christ Jesus, whom God will now use as His executioner of "Christendom". Jehu proceeded quickly to his task; and the messengers of the rulers hurried out to inquire of Jehu and said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" and he said, 'What peace is there as long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?' (2 Kings 9:17-22) Now the Lord sends warning to the rulers of "Christendom" and they ignore His warning and reject His King. The Greater Jehu, Christ Jesus, is proceeding with His army to the war of Armageddon to execute Jehovah's vengeance against all of His foes. The unholy alliance of "Christendom" cries out, "Give us peace and prosperity," and the great Executioner Christ replies: 'What! Peace, when there is so much hypocrisy, political religion and Devil worship among you?'

Jehu then caused the people who supported the Devil worship to identify themselves, and then in the presence of Jehonadab, who pictured the order-loving people of the present day, Jehu slew every one of the false religionists and defamers of God's holy name.—2 Kings 10:15-25.

The Scriptures show that those who now form the unholy alliance and proclaim this a "holy year" will camouflage their real purpose, put on a bold front, and declare to the people that they have actually brought about peace and safety; and then mark what the Lord says shall come to pass (1 Thessalonians 5:3): "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

The combined efforts of the big men of religion, Big Business, and politics cannot possibly now bring peace and prosperity to "Christendom", because it is not God's time and their prayers God will not hear. It is written in God's Word (Ecclesiastes 3:1,8): "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. . . . A time of war, and a time of peace." The time for Jehovah God to force the war is nigh. It may not come this year, but it will not be much longer delayed; and no efforts of any creatures can stop it, because God does not change His purpose. Up to this time God has not taken a hand in the troubles that afflict the peoples of earth, but He declares that He will rise up at Armageddon and come forth and smite the nations of "Christendom" to the dust and that these shall fall and not rise again.

The public press quotes the pontiff of Rome as saying that the present suffering and distress of the peoples of the world are a punishment from God upon them because of their unfaithfulness to the church, and now he and his associates pray for peace and prosperity for the world. God is not at all responsible for the suffering of the people. In Revelation 12:12 the statement is plainly made that Satan the Devil has brought this woe and suffering upon the peoples of the world. God has taken no hand in the trouble thus far, but He declares that soon at Armageddon He will smite Satan and all of his organization both visible and invisible.

Big Business, political rulers and big church men have joined hands together. It is that combine that has gained the control of the gold and other property of the world and as instruments of Satan have brought about oppression of the people, and it is because of such oppression that the people now cry out. This hypocritical combine prays for peace and prosperity, and to them Jehovah says (James 5:3-5): "Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your

fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter." Instead of the common people's joining this alliance and being guided by them, Jehovah says to the people of good will (Zephaniah 3:8, 9): "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."

Jehovah God gave His Word that Christ Jesus as King and Conqueror should redeem man with His own blood and then vindicate the name of the Most High. Jesus performed some of these prophecies in miniature when He was on earth 1900 years ago, and now He comes and performs them in completeness. When the time came for the man Jesus to offer himself as King and Blesser of the Jews He did not come carrying a golden hammer in His hand, with silver trumpets announcing His arrival, but He came meek and lowly, riding upon a jackass, magnifying the name of Jehovah God. He was then rejected by the clergy of that day and He pronounced desolation upon their house. (Matthew 21:1-43) In 1918 Jehovah, having installed Christ Jesus as the King of the world, presented Him to "Christendom" and furnished an abundance of evidence from the prophecies, and from the physical facts, that God's time was here for His King to judge and to rule and it was the clergy of "Christendom" that took the lead in rejecting Christ and His kingdom and accepted in its stead the League of Nations; and now at the temple of Jehovah Christ pronounces the judgment of desolation upon "Christendom". Thus we see that Jerusalem and "Christendom" have parallel experiences. Concerning this very time Jehovah says (Psalm 11:4-6): "The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup."

The temple of Jehovah is His righteous organization of which Christ Jesus is the Head. Jehovah has made Christ the judge of all things and has committed to Him the power to execute judgment. (Malachi 3:1-4; John 5:22-27) Now Jehovah speaks to the people of the nations that have taken His name and says (Habakkuk 2:20): "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."

Instead of the leaders of the nations giving heed to God's Word and advising the people to follow His instruction, a company of selfish men, bent on ruling the world in their own way, presumptuously declare this a "holy year" and call upon the people to follow them in their efforts to establish peace and prosperity in the world exactly contrary to the Word of God. They do not give honor to Jehovah God and to His kingdom, but bow before men and before images. Let the people who desire life and happiness no longer give ear to the false claims of selfish men. To you, through the prophet, Jehovah God says (Isaiah 45:22-24): 'Look unto me [Jehovah], and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me [and not alone to Jesus] every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear . . . and all that are against him shall be put to shame.' You, the people, must take your choice to follow the advice of men or to follow the words of Jehovah God.

For the past ten years Jehovah's witnesses, by His grace, have declared the truth to the rulers of "Christendom", and which truth the rulers have not only rejected, but they have connived at the persecution and hurt of those who brought to them the message of truth. Jehovah's witnesses in themselves are not important, but as Jehovah's anointed they are the apple of His eye on earth. Now His witnesses turn to you, the common people, and call your attention to God's message written in Micah 1:2-4: "Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. And the mountains [governments] shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place." The unholy alliance that has presumptuously declared this to be a "holy year" are not proper guides for you, regardless of whether you have been a

Catholic, Protestant or Jew. The year will not bring peace and prosperity, but the end thereof will find you nearer to the end of Satan's oppressive rule, and thereafter shall come real peace and prosperity.

Those who are against God's kingdom under Christ are wicked, and concerning them it is written (Isaiah 57:21): "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Those who have proclaimed this a "holy year" are against God and His kingdom; and this is proved by their actions. When Jehovah's witnesses carried the Kingdom message in printed form into Italy recently the pontiff and his political allies stopped the distribution of that message and confiscated and destroyed the books containing it. England and Canada have prevented the message of God's kingdom from being broadcast by radio. In the United States the clergy and their allies who are called "the higher ups" have given orders that the Kingdom message shall not be broadcast here over certain radio stations and have thus prevented the broadcasting of this message today. These opposers rejoice when Jehovah's witnesses are arrested and imprisoned for speaking the truth. It is to be expected that it would be so, because the prophecy of Jehovah foretells the same. I call attention to these things that the people may see that God will not answer the prayers of this unholy alliance for peace and prosperity. Concerning them Jehovah says (Psalm 35:26, 27): 'Let them be brought to shame and confusion [even during this so-called "holy year"] who rejoice at the hurt of my witnesses.'

By His prophet Daniel Jehovah gives a brief history of the chief nations that have ruled from ancient Egypt to the present time, including the alliance that has declared this a "holy year", and then says (Daniel 2:44): "And in the days of these [rulers] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." In the face of this plain statement of Jehovah God the people will be foolish to expect a confederacy of men to bring in peace and prosperity. For your own protection I am pointing you to the Word of God that you may have an opportunity to take the only safe course. You may receive this message or reject it, as you see fit.

The rulers have been told the truth and they have rejected it, and thus they identify themselves with the enemy of God. Those who are proclaiming this a "holy year" are conniving at the downfall of Jehovah's witnesses and are fighting against God. Jesus foretold that when He said to His faithful followers (Mark 13:9): "But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to [courts]; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them." Jehovah permits His witnesses now to be persecuted by the powers of "Christendom" that His witnesses may have opportunity to prove their integrity toward Him, and that the leaders of "Christendom" may convict themselves before Jehovah and meet their just fate at Armageddon. In Psalm 83 Jehovah foretold that those who proclaim this a "holy year" would form a conspiracy against His witnesses and that then He would tear off their mask and bring them to shame, and this He says He will do in order that all 'men may know that God, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, is the Most High over all the earth'.—Psalm 83:18.

The hole or door opened in a wall at the Vatican is not 'a symbol of the way into the blessings of God'; and therefore the prophecy at the 118th Psalm has been misapplied. The ones who have opened the door at Rome and referred to it as 'a symbol of blessings' have rejected Christ as King, and Jehovah has rejected them. The words of the psalmist following apply to Jehovah's devoted people, and God causes these faithful witnesses now to say (Psalm 118:19): "Open to me the gates of righteousness"; not the doorway into some building erected by men, but the way into God's kingdom. The psalmist then shows that the religionists of "Christendom" have rejected Christ, the Head Stone of God's kingdom, and continuing says (Psalm 118:20-22): "This [is the] gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone [Christ the Redeemer and King] which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." If the alliance that has proclaimed this a "holy year" had faith in God and in His kingdom under Christ they would tell the people what the Scriptures teach, to wit, That Jehovah is God, and that there is no means of salvation and blessing except through the blood of Christ Jesus, and His kingdom (Acts 4:12), and they would then assemble the people and use every means possi-

ble, including the radio, to teach them the truth of God's Word. Instead of so doing they fight against God's message of truth and connive to keep the people in ignorance and then have the temerity to say, "We will pray God to send us peace and prosperity." They not only will be disappointed, but will be brought to shame.

Satan's is the master mind that has organized a conspiracy against Jehovah and His faithful witnesses, and he then forms an unholy alliance to proclaim this a "holy year" in order to divert the minds of the people away from God's kingdom. Jehovah's witnesses do not expect to convert the rulers. Their divine commission is to speak the truth only as witnesses of the Most High. To you who have devoted yourselves to Jehovah God and His kingdom He now says: "I am the Lord thy God, . . . and I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people. . . . Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am [Jehovah]."—Isaiah 51:15, 16; 43:12.

Today there are many in the church organizations who have had a great desire to see their church take a bold stand for God and His kingdom, but they have been greatly disappointed. These the Lord calls "prisoners" because they are held by the powerful influence of the political clergymen. You prisoners must now make your choice between Satan's organization and God's kingdom. To you Jehovah now says (Revelation 18:4): 'Come out from the unholy alliance, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her punishments.' Without a vision of the truth and affirmative action you will perish. To the people of good will Jehovah now says: 'Know that I am God, and choose you this day whom ye will serve.' Peace and prosperity cannot be brought to the earth by men, but will come by God's kingdom under Christ.

Jehovah now bestows the high and great honor of His name upon His faithful anointed and sends them forth as His witnesses to declare to the people that He is God and that His kingdom is at hand. To you, therefore, as His faithful witnesses, He now says (Isaiah 62:10): "Go through, go through the gates [into the kingdom of God]; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." This command Jehovah's witnesses will now obey regardless of all opposition and persecution.

Lest the people perish they must now have a vision of Jehovah and His kingdom. No lasting peace and prosperity can come to the peoples of earth until Satan's organization is completely destroyed. Following the battle of Armageddon Jehovah by and through Christ will bring to the peoples of earth a real holy period of a thousand years of everlasting peace and prosperity that shall surpass the fondest dreams of man. What boundless blessings the Kingdom will bring to the people it shall be my privilege, by His grace, to tell you at my next speech from this station.

Hear the truth and then choose whether you prefer to follow the leadings of imperfect men or whether you desire to know and to serve the great Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ. Faithful men and women who are God's witnesses are now coming to you with the printed information to aid you to gain the knowledge and the much needed vision of God and His purposes, and the blessings that He will bring to you by and through His kingdom.

"Effect of Holy Year" and Jehovah's witnesses

IN THE inscrutable wisdom of God it is hidden from His children what effects are accomplished by the proclamations of the truth which He puts forth, and of which He permits them to be, to some extent, the mouthpieces.

Judge Rutherford, lecturing over a chain of 55 radio stations, talked to millions, probably, and certainly to hundreds of thousands of people on Sunday morning, April 23, in his lecture on "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity", and he can hardly expect to know, in this life, much about how many listened, or how they were impressed. The lecture was not given to try to impress his fellow men: it was given to bear witness to the truth; to do God's will, and to let the results be what they may.

But we may with confidence speak for some thousands of Jehovah's witnesses that were out on the firing line and stopped their witness work for an hour so that they might listen to this

most inspiring and most convincing address. If you missed hearing the address under just those conditions you missed one of the blessings you might have had.

Conditions for radio reception were excellent at the time the lecture was given; it was a popular hour; it was on a subject the people want to know something about; the lecture gave every listener abundant food for reflection. It gave a thrill of happiness to every worker out in the field.

Anybody ought to be able to see, when his attention is drawn to it, that, as the judge said, no year can be made holy by a proclamation, and the mere fact that the Scriptures are cited as authority binds those who cite them to give heed to what they say, and shape their courses to suit. It is obvious that Judge Rutherford had it right when he said, in effect, that it is those that have named this a "holy year" that are trying to keep the people in ignorance and therefore actually working against the very thing proclaimed. How can such persons in truth and in honesty expect Jehovah God to bless anything with which they have to do, when they accept or appropriate to themselves titles and honors in abundance, and push the names of both Jehovah God and Christ Jesus into a corner?

It is not visiting shrines and churches that will make the year holy; not a bit of it. It is only the doing of God's will that will make it so, and on the very day in question His own witnesses, bearing in their hands and on their lips His message of truth, were going about among the people and telling them that their deliverance is coming about, not through a clergy-proclaimed "holy year", but by Jehovah God's act of vengeance, putting an end to the hypocrisy that has overburdened the earth.

In one circle of witness workers who took a breathing spell to listen to Judge Rutherford's powerful presentation on the "Holy Year" many a hearty laugh went around when some particularly telling point was made, as the one which he made that it is not the clergymen that God will listen to, and that, anyway, 'the Catholics have no confidence in the Protestants, and Protestants have no confidence in Catholics, and Jews have no confidence in either Catholics or Protestants.'

On his first call after listening to the foregoing lecture one of Jehovah's witnesses placed in the first home at which he called a complete set of 13 of Judge Rutherford's books and 14 booklets. Would he have done it if he had not been inspired by the proclamation of the great truths he had just heard? We may well question it.

SOME OF THE RESPONSES

Rochester, N. Y. "Due to illness we remained home from church Sunday, but were greatly repaid by listening to your address, and believe every word true. Will you kindly send me a copy of your address?" Mrs. L. A.

Pulaski, Va. "I have just enjoyed listening to the splendid and very searching lecture delivered by Rutherford at ten o'clock this morning. Because of my keen interest in and deep concern relative to his wonderful books and scholarly speeches, I am asking that you send to me at your earliest convenience a copy of the lecture this morning on 'The Effect of Holy Year on World Peace'." G.W.L. (Principal)

Toronto, Ont., Canada. "I would appreciate a copy of Judge Rutherford's speech over the radio today. This is not only an inspiration to me, but I hope to use it with a group of business people for the study and development of better world conditions." J.E.S.

Reading, Pa. "Your talk on the radio this morning was a revelation to me. Would so much appreciate a copy." Mrs. R.Q.

Waverly, N. Y. "Your sermon today was fine and we are desirous of copy. Keep this good work up, as we are in need of more men that think and dare say the things you are telling us over the radio. God bless you in your work." Mrs. O.R.S.

Farmville, Va. "Please send me a copy of your lecture which you delivered over the air today. I consider it a master message." J.T.A.

Philadelphia, Pa. "Will you be good enough to send me at your convenience a copy of Judge Rutherford's talk as broadcast over the network on Sunday morning, April 23? I enjoyed every word of this marvelous talk and am looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the next one on April 30." Miss H.T.P.

Chicago, Ill. "Would you kindly send me a copy of the address by Judge Rutherford about the 'Holy Year' over the *Herald and Examiner* station in Chicago? I agree in every point with the speaker and thank the Lord that he has the courage to proclaim the truth." Mrs. L.K.

Springfield, Mass. "I missed a part of Judge Rutherford's talk on Sunday and would like a copy of it. If you will send me several copies I will see that they go to people where they will do good. It was marvelous and I thank God for such a man." Mrs. M.R.R.

Middletown, R. I. "We would be very much pleased to have you send us copies of Judge Rutherford's lectures which he broadcast last Sunday and today, also any future lectures he may give. They are truly wonderful and anybody having a hearing ear must be enlightened." E.M.H.

Wilton Grove, Ont., Canada. "After hearing the wonderful message you gave on Sunday over the radio, I am thanking you for the opportunity of being able to receive a copy of the same. May God guide you." R.K.

Orange, N. J. "Today I had the pleasure of listening for the first time to Judge Rutherford. His talk from the shoulder (if you will pardon the expression) impressed me more than words can say, and so if you can spare a copy of this morning's lecture, or any other, for that matter, I will say thank you." S.E.K.

Providence, R. I. "Having listened to that wonderful lecture, given so fearlessly by Judge Rutherford this beautiful morning, I was very much touched, and would like to receive last Sunday's, this Sunday's and next Sunday's lectures, that I may study same and check up same, as I am a believer in God, but not of any particular faith except when I hear the Word of God preached faithfully by a man as if it was in his own heart and mind. I hope the time will never come when we cannot hear the truth plainly spoken and cannot receive these great messages over the radio." H.A.M.

Buffalo, N. Y. "Please send me Judge Rutherford's talk on 'Holy Year'. Am more than interested and think his talks and guidance taken from the Bible are wonderful." J.W.D.

Haddonfield, N. J. "Please send me copy of Judge Rutherford's lecture on so-called 'Holy Year'. It was fine. I listen to the WATCHTOWER every Sunday. May the Lord bless Judge Rutherford and keep him from all harm. I have read quite a few of his books and think they are just grand." Mrs. E.W.W.

Peterboro, Ont., Canada. "Please accept an appreciation of your continued work of spreading the truth. We were pleased to hear again Judge Rutherford for one-hour program Sunday morning over radio WGR Buffalo. The lecture came to us very clear and distinct. Our canary bird Tom, who is now in his old age, seldom sings, but sang during the overture and almost continuously during the lecture. When the judge ceased speaking, the bird ceased to sing. The flowers in the window smiled, but my hearing was not keen enough to hear their notes of approval. Wife and I were both pleased to note the bird's appreciation of something real and good. Would that many of our citizens who are now in the dark could realize the truth of the words given out by Judge Rutherford from time to time." M.T.B.

West Philadelphia, Pa. "Will you please send me the leaflet with Judge Rutherford's talk that he gave over the radio yesterday, the 23d. It is the first time I have had the pleasure of hearing Judge Rutherford. I wish there were more fearless speakers like him." S.J.P.

Lansing, Mich. "I heard this morning, over WJR, Detroit, Judge Rutherford's masterful lecture about the present so-called 'holy year', which the hypocritical clergy are attempting to pawn upon a misguided and distressed people. The lecture, forceful, true and eloquent, came in remarkably clear. May the blessings of God be with him always. Please send me a copy of this lecture. Enclosed find twenty-five cents which I gladly donate for same." A.G.R.

Buffalo, N. Y. "Kindly send me one of Judge Rutherford's addresses on 'Holy Year'. Am more than interested in your helpful broadcasts." K.L.H.

Dorchester, Mass. "Will you please send me the address delivered by Judge Rutherford Sunday, April 23, on the subject, 'The Holy Year'? It was grand. I praise God he is so fearless, and that the world has someone in it to warn the people and educate them as Judge Rutherford is doing. I have a number of his books and prize them. The church is so dumb on the subject of the Second Coming of Christ. Enclosed is a stamp for sending the leaflet." G.E.H.

Brooklyn, N. Y. "I am a Catholic who, for the past two years, has been very interested in learning what is the matter with the world, and have concluded that our present system is a failure. . . . I had the good fortune of securing several of your books, and ever since have attentively listened to your appreciated speeches by radio." M.M.

Made a Flat out of a Tomb

A MAN in Poland distinguished himself by converting a tomb into a flat and living there for a year before he was turned out. He had in the tomb a bookcase, chair, stove and other articles, and slept in a coffin from which he had removed the original occupant. In the neighborhood, he had the reputation of being a ghost. The police finally got him.

Clay Center and Holton, Kansas

FOR the year 1932 the Clay Center electric light and power plant paid one-half the city taxes of its citizens. The December bills of Holton (Kans.) users of electric current were sent out marked "paid". The citizens of Longmont, Colo., canceled $9,000 worth of bills for service in December. You guessed it; these towns all own their own municipal electric light and power plants.

To Stabilize the Rio Grande

THE Rio Grande will be stabilized. Its course will be made permanent, and deepened, and will then become the permanent boundary between Mexico and the United States. This will involve the transfer of some lands from one country to the other, but care will be taken to insure that the totals are the same. The stabilization will end the flood menace at El Paso and Juarez.

Falls of Slate in West Virginia Mines

OF THE 338 men killed in West Virginia mines in the first eleven months of 1931, 56 percent were killed by falls of slate. In the same period of 1932 the number killed by falls of slate was 60 percent. Attempts are being made by the humane to inaugurate better mine legislation in West Virginia, but their efforts are being blocked by the lobbyists of the coal mine owners.

Railways in Hands of Receivers

AMONG the railways in the hands of receivers at the end of January, 1933, were the Ann Arbor, Florida East Coast, Fort Smith & Western, Gainesville Midland, Georgia and Florida, Mobile and Ohio, Salt Lake and Utah, and the Wabash. The only one of these that received any considerable sum from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation is the Wabash, which had $14,825,000.

Poor Relief in Sweden

WHEN a Swedish workless man applies for relief, he may find himself allotted to road-making, forestry, drainage or other manual work for six days a week, and may have to leave home and family to do it. Single men are paid 37s. a week, married men 21s. additional and 7 d. a day extra for each child. Work begins at 7:30 and ends at 4:00. One foreman has charge of 65 men.

Child Marriages

FIFTY-FIVE women physicians of India have petitioned the viceroy for a law making consummation illegal until wives are fourteen years of age. Many of the child wives under their care are from seven to twelve years of age. Louisiana and Maryland permit girls to marry at 12 and boys at 14. There are in the United States 667,000 wives who married under 16 years of age.

Destroying Jews in Poland

IN POLAND 3,500,000 Jews are being done to death, every door of employment being closed to them, even by their own kindred. In a cellar room an investigator found nine persons living like swine. There were two inches of water on the floor, with no drain, chimney or water closet. In a garret next door three families lived in one room. It is estimated that 90 percent of the inhabitants of the Polish ghettos are tubercular.

Standard Oil Riot in Rumania

RUMANIANS resent Standard Oil control of the oil industry of Rumania, or at least the program of wage cuts and lay-offs. Four thousand workmen went on the warpath, attacked the office building of the company and destroyed furniture and papers. Two hundred and fifty were arrested and then the mob tried to charge the police station and rescue them, but were repulsed.

World's Largest Clock

THE world's largest clock is on the new building of the Shell Anglo-Persian Oil Company, in London. The building, costing £1,000,000, occupies the former site of the Hotel Cecil. Dimensions of the clock are not stated. If larger than the clock on the Colgate building, Jersey City, it must be a whopper; the dial on the latter one is 38 feet across. There is one in Boston with a dial 34 feet across.

Pennington in the Cleveland Press

JAMES PENNINGTON, South Euclid, Ohio, (not one of our subscribers) writes with courage in the Cleveland *Press* when he says:

It is shameful for a man to die as part of an organization designed to slaughter men, women and children, to devastate and to inflict upon humanity untold agony, privation and shame. Nor is a man a hero for being part of such an organization. Instead, he is a coward for lacking the courage to withstand joining it. By all desirable citizens the gangster is loathed, yet infinitely more courage is needed to go out and kill as he does, alone, than to be one of a herd of charging maniacs shooting and hacking without power of thought. For war there is not even the justification of self-defense. Every nation, according to its leaders, fights in self-defense. Instead of cheering our statesmen, it would be better if we cursed them as traitors to humanity. No man can fight in battle and be a Christian too.

Might Get Caught Next Time

THIEVES who thought they were using the most approved methods took over the management of a shoe manufacturing company, at Broadway and Fourth street, New York city, for forty-five minutes the other day. When they came in they cut the telephone wires, bound the hands and feet of all employees with adhesive tape, and put tape over their mouths.

Although, as they claimed, their motto is, "Success is not an accident. It comes to the man that does his work better than the other fellow," yet they were not quite perfect. As fast as people came into the office they were bound and taped and relieved of their valuables, but one man was not properly tied, and as soon as they left he shouted for help. They got away all right, but might get caught the next time. The heart of New York seems to present a great field for this thriving industry.

Big Banks Trying to Ruin Themselves

BECAUSE the big banks of New York city are large holders of traction securities, they are pressing New York city to abandon the 5c fare, which, if done, will make their traction stocks and bonds very much more valuable. The pressure is brought to bear by reluctance to loan the city the money needed to pay current bills, in between tax collections. This scheme of the bankers is really a scheme to ruin themselves; for while it would add much to the wealth of men whose income is now more than $10,000 a year, it would greatly reduce the incomes of those who have the least, but who nevertheless, because they are so much greater in number, purchase 75 percent of the goods and services marketed in the United States. When you ruin your customers you ruin yourself. The big banks have not yet learned that, but are in a fair way to do so soon.

Report of Committee on Social Trends

THERE is plenty of food for thought in the report of former President Hoover's Research Committee on Social Trends. Five hundred investigators, working for three years, ended their labors with the close of the year 1932. Frankly they expect a dictatorship, accompanied by "violent revolution, dark periods of serious repression of libertarian and democratic forms", and an emergence of "the quasi-governmental corporation, the Government-owned corporation, the mixed corporation" and other evidences of "business men become actual rulers". They say that "the best which any group of economic planners can do with the data now in hand, bulky but inadequate, is to lay plans for making plans". The report covers a vast range. It notes the probability that one out of every five or six marriages contracted is broken by divorce. It mentions that the farmer raises food for himself, three members of his family, 12 Americans not living on farms, and for two foreigners, a total of 18 persons.

The Best-posted Man on Russia

THE best-posted man on Russia is probably Walter Duranty, fifteen years correspondent of the New York *Times* at Moscow. His opinion of what is being accomplished there is probably based on more information than that of any other writer. In a review in the *Times* recently he said:

In most respects the Socialist framework is solid and sure; there is no loss of determination among the leaders, no sign that the nation, though it sweats and grumbles under its burden, has any thought of revolt or unwillingness to continue the work. The weakest link of the socialist chain is merchandising and distribution; if this can be strengthened, present difficulties will be overcome. Meanwhile, the whole nation is acquiring knowledge and learning its new tasks with frantic eagerness. Times are hard and will not be easy in the near future; progress may be slower than anticipated, the goal more remote. But unless untoward and unforeseen circumstances intervene, I, for one, cannot doubt the issue or question the ultimate success of Socialist building in the U. S. S. R.

Raising Money 3,000 Years Ago, and Now

(From a church notice)

IN THE year "1000 B.C. For the building of Solomon's Temple, 'Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, and gave for the service of the house, &c.'

" 'Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly to the Lord: and David the King also rejoiced with great joy.'–1 Chron. 29: 6, 9."

In the year 1933 (A.D.). "Then the parishioners came together to consult how they were to get money to build the church. The people would not offer willingly, so they consulted together and determined to have all kinds of amusements, such as wax-works, Punch and Judy, tableaux vivants, raffles (which are illegal), fortune telling, lucky tubs, shooting galleries, and other such-like things; also whist drives and dancing, &c.

"Then the people rejoiced that they had made some money by these means and offered it to the Lord for building His Church."

Worse Things than the Dole

THE workers of Britain and America bared their breasts to make the world safe for democracy, and to secure the payment of the interest on Mr. Morgan's French bonds. Then the British, knowing that the heroes would have to live, made some provision for the unemployed. This unemployment insurance has come to be called "the dole"; not a good word, but used in the press to give an evil taint to a good system. In the United States we have another system. Helen Hull, Philadelphia settlement worker, at a Senate hearing tells about it. In Philadelphia the unemployed heroes do not starve to death, because they steal, beg, borrow and concentrate on obtaining food like prowling cats. The heroes send their children out to snatch food from wholesale markets, steal milk from babies, steal from pushcarts, or steal anything else that can be exchanged for food. This is what they went to France for, and the Morgan crowd do certainly appreciate what the heroes did for them while they were using them; but, now that the bonds are O.K., it does not much matter what happens to the heroes. Looking after the petty needs of heroes is not a business for Big Business to adopt.

Barnesville's Doughty Police Chief

BARNESVILLE, Ohio, has a police chief that is a wonder, of his kind. One Sunday early this year three hundred of Jehovah's witnesses visited his little town, with love in their hearts, and wisdom on their tongues, telling the people the good news that Jehovah's kingdom is at hand and that it is the hope of the world. The chief became so excited that he set off the town's fire siren and then sent out the whole fire department to arrest every intelligent-looking person in town. Many were hauled in, accused of being at large in the streets. At length charges were trumped up against just one person, and those charges were false. If the chief had had his way he would have called out the Ohio National Guard, the American Legion, the United States Army, the "pope's" body guard, and Will Rogers, to make his town safe for hypocrisy.

Specialized Libraries

NOTABLE among specialized libraries in America is the Huntington Library at San Marino, Calif., containing many rare and unusual treasures of a literary kind. The library is mainly a collection of source material of British and American thought, and also has many famous paintings.

Another remarkable library is the Morgan Library, given to the city of New York by J. P. Morgan, containing a marvelous collection of ancient manuscripts and priceless books, some bound in jeweled covers, and also including many works of art. The building in which this unequaled collection is housed is one of remarkable beauty.

The "Bibliotheca Belgica" at New York University is the only library of Belgian literature in the United States.

The Harlem branch of the New York Public Library established a most complete collection of Russian literature a year or two ago for the use of Russian refugees, including 2,000 former Russian noblemen, who desire to preserve their Russian traditions, culture and language.

The Library of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, Mass., specializes in Americana, North and South, and over a period of 115 years has accumulated a two-million-dollar collection, including more than 14,000 bound newspaper files. There is much material here that can be found nowhere else.

Home Remedies *By J. E. Meyer, Botanist*

Something About Blood Purifiers

ALTERATIVES, or blood purifiers, as they are commonly called, change the process of nutrition and excretion, restoring the morbid organs of the system to healthy action. They promote absorption of inflammatory deposits, chiefly by stimulating the lymphatic glands. As impure accumulations in the blood arise mainly from defective action of one or more of the secretory organs, which fail to carry out of the system their portion of waste material, so purification of the blood can be accomplished by reestablishing the functions of these glands. Among the most popular roots and herbs used as blood purifiers are sarsaparilla, yellow dock root, burdock root, Kansas sunflower, and hundreds or more of others.

Any one of these roots and herbs can be used at home as a tea. You simply take a heaping teaspoonful of the dried root or herb and place it in a cup and pour on boiling water; let it stand until cool, and drink one or two cupfuls a day, a large mouthful at a time.

This is so simple one wonders why people spend dollars for so-called "blood purifiers", when they can make their own for 25c a quart, which would cost several dollars at a drug store. Making medicine this way you do not pay for the water and you are absolutely sure that the medicine is made from pure natural roots and herbs and that it contains no harmful chemical or mineral drugs. Most medicines and extracts of medicinal plants are almost worthless after they are six months to a year old. Anyone can see the folly of purchasing medicines that have been on the shelves for months and perhaps years, when you could make a far better article by gathering the roots and herbs yourself.

For Loss of Appetite

Do you ever feel tired and worn out, suffer loss of appetite, and have just a general worn out feeling?

If so, it is merely Nature's way of telling you that she needs a little help, something to tone up the system. And where could you find a better tonic or one less expensive than the root of gentian?

Gentian is a powerful tonic. It improves the appetite, strengthens digestion, gives force to the circulation, and, in general, tones up the entire system.

There are many varieties of gentian, although not all are used medicinally. The blue or the American gentian has a perennial branching, somewhat fleshy root, with a simple erect rough stem, eight to ten inches in height, and bears large blue flowers, blossoming from September to December. Another species widely used medicinally is the kind common in central and southern Europe, especially on the Pyrenees and the Alps.

Gentian has long been used medicinally as a tonic. The name of gentian, in fact, is said to be derived from Gentianus, king of Illyria, who was the first to discover the medical qualities of this wonderful root.

Gentian root is the main ingredient of many of the old-time stomach bitters. It makes an excellent bitter tonic when placed in any kind of wine. Its bitter taste can be overcome to a great extent by using the same amount of licorice root with the gentian.

Gentian wine is an old-time favorite tonic. It improves the appetite in a most remarkable degree. It is made by simply placing one or two ounces of gentian root in a gallon of any sweet wine. Gentian bitters is made in the same way, except that two to four ounces of the root is needed to a gallon of wine.

Camomile Tea Beautifier

German camomile is a tonic, excellent for the stomach and kidneys, and useful in expelling worms. The tea is made like ordinary household tea, and you simply steep a heaping teaspoonful of the flowers in a cup of boiling water for half an hour, strain, and drink half cupful, hot or cold, upon retiring. It is entirely harmless and may be given to children. Externally, it is used in a strong decoction as a wash for weak and sore eyes, and it is harmless for this, too.

In addition to its medicinal virtues, German camomile is known as a beautifier. An old herbalist writes that camomile tea has been used in her family for years, and that it will give one a complexion to be proud of, if taken internally as a tea.

Camomile is also very beneficial to the hair, to give it luster and bring out the high-lights. For blonde hair, which is so apt to become drab and darkened without continual attention, camomile is extremely good. If it lacks the sheen and luster, camomile tea is excellent. The hair

is shampooed thoroughly. Then the final rinsing is with camomile tea, which is made by boiling a small handful of the camomile flowers in a quart of water for three or four minutes, and straining through muslin or cheesecloth. Do not rinse out with cold water; let it remain on the hair, as the herb is harmless and will not affect the hair structure.

Camomile, and, in fact, every medicinal herb, loses its medicinal value with age.

Butternut Bark Laxative

Butternut bark has been proved a very fine laxative for the aged and middle-aged where no drastic action is tolerated. Only the inner bark of the root of butternut is used. When this first is uncovered it is a pure white, but upon exposure to the air and light it becomes yellow and finally a deep brown. This change of color is due to the organic elements it contains. Butternut bark is a wonderful laxative and does not gripe.

It is especially valuable to the aged and middle-aged when mixed with equal parts of Rocky Mountain grape root, senna and licorice root. It is just about as fine a laxative tonic as can be made. Try this formula if you are troubled with congestion of the bowels. It is as harmless as any laxative can be. It may be given to children. Butternut bark and Rocky Mountain grape root may be used in many combinations of roots and herbs. They are absolutely harmless. I will repeat the ingredients once more: Equal parts of butternut bark, Rocky Mountain grape root, senna leaves and licorice root. The directions for making this or any other tea are always the same: one or two heaping teaspoonfuls of the mixture to a cup of boiling water. The whole cupful may be taken at bedtime, or as you desire.

Tonic and Demulcent

To appreciate this valuable remedy we must consider the well-known fact that as we grow older the process of katabolism, that is, the breaking down of waste materials of the tissues, becomes slower and is much retarded; and anything that will promote oxidation and the quickening of this process purifies the blood and keeps our tissues younger and healthier.

While there are a number of botanics I could mention, there is one that stands out more prominent than others and has been used for this purpose by our Indians. This wonderful botanic is known as Rocky Mountain grape root. This root is valued to this day by physicians, and the tincture, while quite inferior, may be found in every drug store. Rocky Mountain grape root, to be of any value, must be fresh, last season's crop, and the infusion or tea must be made fresh daily. A tincture six months old or more has deteriorated. The same is true of almost every tincture made.

Here is an ideal formula: Take equal parts of Rocky Mountain grape root, butternut bark and marshmallow root; mix them together. Now place a heaping teaspoonful of the mixture in a cup of boiling water, let it cool, strain, and drink the cupful during the day, a large mouthful at a time.

This formula is tonic, demulcent and slightly laxative. It is so harmless it may be given to children, but it is of especial value to the aged and middle-aged men or women who have poor circulation of the blood, catch cold easily, and require a general blood tonic.

Anemia and Poor Circulation

Those of you who have had occasion to use an iron tonic, iron pills or tincture of iron at some time or other, will admit that this inorganic iron compound, in whichever form you used it, did not quite agree with you: it upset your digestion, caused constipation, and if the inorganic iron came in contact with your teeth it discolored them. Your system undoubtedly needed the iron; but why take inorganic iron, when nature offers you organic iron in a large number of plants and vegetables?

The root of yellow dock has plenty of organic iron for all your needs, and this organic iron will not upset your system. It will not interfere with your digestion; it will not discolor your teeth.

If you are anemic, catch cold easily, have poor circulation, add a little organic iron to your blood by drinking a tea of the root of yellow dock. This root grows everywhere, probably in your back yard or along the roadsides and in the fields.

Asthma

Who of you readers would look for any medicinal value in wild plum bark? Yet, I am sure there are several hundred of you afflicted with the very ailment for which wild plum bark has been so successfully used. This ailment is asthma. I have hundreds of letters of testi-

mony of the great value of wild plum bark in this ailment. The inner bark of wild plum is gathered just before the flowers open, and it is dried, and cut into small pieces.

To make a tea of it, you simply take a heaping teaspoonful of the dried bark and place it in a cup of boiling water, let it remain until it cools, then drink two or three cupfuls a day. It is so harmless it can be given to children. If you are suffering with asthma, try it, and you will be surprised at the wonderful results. One man whom I know slept sitting in a chair for years, as he was unable to lie down in bed, until he used wild plum bark.

Go out into the woods and gather a quantity of this natural remedy; it may save you or your loved ones much suffering.

Bladder Troubles

I want to tell you something about a common weed called horsetail grass. It's an herb that the Indians highly prized for kidney and bladder troubles, especially in cases of gravel. An old pharmacist from Wisconsin recently told us that, used as a strong tea, horsetail grass was his favorite remedy for gravel. As a wash for wounds and ulcers, the decoction has also been found very effective. It is a powerful astringent and has a strong tendency to stop bleeding internally and externally. For nose bleeding, the tea or decoction is snuffed into the nostrils, with almost immediate effect.

These plants grew along the dykes of Holland and helped to strengthen them.

In the days when pewter was used exclusively and patent cleaners were unknown, housewives found these plants a great aid in scouring. This undoubtedly is the reason it is called pewterwort and scouring rush.

Horsetail grass, or scouring rush, is rich in organic minerals, especially lime, which is essential to good teeth and strong bones.

To make the tea, steep a teaspoonful of the plant in a cup of boiling water. Drink cold, one or two cupfuls a day, a large mouthful at a time.

Colic, Cramps

The western tribes of American Indians, since time immemorial, have used prickly ash, or hantola, with excellent results in the treatment of rheumatism, colic, cramps and allied complaints. Prickly ash, or hantola, blooms in April and May, before the appearance of leaves. It is a reliable diaphoretic, producing sweating in profusion.

For rheumatism, I advise using prickly ash in a tea, with a mixture of burdock, black cohosh and poke-root in equal parts. This mixture has proved to be a very effective remedy for rheumatism, lumbago, gout and backache. It has brought speedy relief so many times that I do not hesitate in recommending it to the sufferers of these maladies.

It is made by mixing equal parts of prickly ash, burdock, black cohosh and poke-root together, placing a heaping teaspoonful of the mixture in a teacupful of boiling water and allowing it to stand until cool. Strain and drink a mouthful of the tea several times a day.

If the pains are severe and the limbs swollen, it is well to supplement the tea treatment with an external application.

Prickly ash bark is also used in blood purifiers. I doubt if there is a blood purifier on the market that doesn't contain a certain amount of prickly ash.

The taste of prickly ash is not very pleasant, but that can be overcome by adding any amount of licorice root desired to your herb mixture. Licorice root or sweet root should be kept on hand at all times and used liberally in any medicine that does not taste well.

Incontinence of Urine, etc.

Yarrow is found everywhere. There are uses without end for this plant, many of them imaginative. As a medicine it has legends that claim cures for all ills the flesh is heir to. While this is mostly superstitious folklore, it is known that this plant has real medicinal value. It is astringent, alterative and diuretic, and most highly valued as an adjunct in the treatment of hemorrhages, incontinence of urine, diabetes, piles, dysentery and flatulence. The head bathed in a decoction of yarrow prevents the hair from falling out; while the leaves chewed in the mouth will frequently ease toothache. During the Civil War this herb was used as a substitute for quinine in fevers.

The decoction is made by steeping a teaspoonful of the herb, cut small or granulated, in a cup of boiling water. Drink cold the cupful during the day, a large mouthful at a time.

This plant, with its fern-like leaves and white or rose-colored flowers, is a native of Europe, England and America.

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Libraries

A FACTOR of outstanding importance and interest in the world today is the public library. Its usefulness and the beneficial effects it may have upon the people generally is not open to question. The diffusion of knowledge is a good thing. It is only necessary to remember that the most oppressive and reactionary institutions have thrived as a result of the suppression of knowledge to agree that libraries are an unquestionable, though not always an unqualified, boon to the people.

The wide use of libraries presupposes the ability of the people to read, an accomplishment which only in recent times has become a common rather than an uncommon thing. The illiterate person is the exception rather than the rule, though in countries dominated by Catholicism illiteracy is not considered unusual.

A library is a collection of books, arranged in some kind of order. It speaks eloquently of man's thirst for knowledge. As an institution it is almost as old as the postdiluvian world, a fact which is evidenced by the discovery of libraries which existed about the time of Abraham.

What is believed to be the most ancient library in the world, consisting of documents written in the first alphabetic signs known, was discovered a few years ago in Syria at Ras-Shamra, among the ruins of an old Phœnician palace. Another library has been unearthed at the site of the ancient city of Harahoto, in the heart of Mongolia. A collection of 2,500 volumes, in seven languages, and some 350 pictures, are said to have been found.

An expedition to Kish on behalf of Oxford University discovered an important library of cuneiform tablets, including grammars, dictionaries and commentaries on the Sumerian and Babylonian languages. Another library of tablets was found at Nippur, or Nineveh, which in turn gave clues to a still older library at Ur, Abraham's birthplace.

A Mexican library has been discovered near the city of Mexico which is believed to have been the product of a civilization preceding the Aztecs. Its antiquity was estimated to be 7,000 years. This is exaggerated, as many supposedly scientific guesses have been proved to be. The library is made up of stone tablets, engraved and colored in a characteristic manner.

Other Ancient Libraries

Egypt, according to all available records, also early made use of the library. Papyrus rolls and stone or clay tablets were the mediums used to preserve knowledge, collections being kept in temples and palaces.

Ancient Greece had libraries at a very early date. The Grecians made use of waxed tablets, papyrus and parchment for recording information which they wished to preserve for future use. The most famous of Grecian libraries was the one at Alexandria, containing a total of as many as 700,000 volumes, according to some authorities. The destruction of this library is usually laid to the Arabs who took Alexandria under the Caliph Omar in 641, but it is also contended that its destruction was accomplished by fanatic "Christians" at an earlier date.

Another famous Greek library was located at Pergamon, where, two centuries before the Christian era, Greek civilization reached a high level of material prosperity. Eumenes II, the son of the founder of this library, manifested his love of learning and knowledge by searching throughout the then-known world for texts of all sorts.

The Romans, less devoted to learning than to war, began to collect libraries only after the wars with Greece. The Palatine Library was built in two parts, one containing Greek books of merit, and the other part devoted to Latin literature. Later public libraries were favored, so much so that in the fourth century there were as many as 28 in Rome alone. The Romans are credited with being the originators of the *public* library.

The division of the empire retarded the further development of libraries. The Romans lost interest in Greek literature and the Greeks neglected Latin books. At that date, too, the already apostate Christian church had gained considerable influence and fanatics are held responsible for the destruction of many valuable collections of ancient writings.

It is probable that the otherwise unaccountable eclipse of learning and cessation of progress which ensued is due to the misapprehension and perversion of the teachings of Scripture, the doctrine of eternal torment resulting in the loss of interest in all things of material benefit and laying its blighting pall upon all human endeavor.

Medieval Times

The desire for knowledge and love of learning were not wholly destroyed, however, though now directed into other channels. Libraries of the Dark Ages, often connected with monasteries, contained books devoted mainly to theological subjects, so called, and amid a vast amount of nonsense a measure of knowledge and many valuable ancient manuscripts were preserved.

Many of the theological, or rather, ecclesiastical works, were palimpsests, that is, books written upon parchment which had been previously used, and from which the earlier writings had been erased. It has been possible to decipher some of these more ancient writings, the erasures not having been a complete success.

The Catholic church has been charged with suppressing the Bible by causing it to be literally kept in chains. This charge is not wholly correct, however. The suppression of the Bible, and its most precious truths, was accomplished by more subtle and effective methods. A vast accumulation of legends and ecclesiastical opinions were permitted and encouraged gradually to crowd out the truth.

The chaining of books and Bibles in the medieval libraries was a means of their protection. (A modern example is the "chained" directory at a public telephone booth.) Books were rare, valuable and large in those days, all being produced by hand and, in the opinion of some, "worth stealing." Hence the chain, which secured each book to its proper place on the sloping shelf which served as a table from which the book must be read in a standing position. Later, printed books appeared, but even these were for a time sent to the chain-gang. The chains were attached to rods which were fixed to the wall or posts above the shelves.

The library at Hereford still preserves the chained books, the benches and shelves upon which they originally rested having been restored. Several libraries retained the chain arrangement until the middle of the eighteenth century. Those that still remain are preserved only as curiosities.

Medieval libraries, as a rule, were not very extensive, the subjects discussed in the books being chiefly theology, philosophy, medicine, logic, grammar, history and canon law. In the Middle Ages a few hundred books made a fair library. People had to stand while reading, and the libraries were little used, which is not strange, considering the subject matter of the books.

There were, however, some libraries of great size. It is recorded that Corvinus, of Hungary, in the fifteenth century, established a library containing more than 50,000 manuscripts. It was scattered to all parts of Europe when the Turks rifled its halls.

Among the Arabs loose-leaf libraries were in favor. They contained, as a rule, mainly works on theology, jurisprudence and philology.

Ivan the Terrible, czar of Russia in the sixteenth century, had a vast collection of manuscripts, among them many of great value and antiquity. This library is lost. No one knows what became of it.

Vatican Library

The Vatican Library as now constituted dates from the fifteenth century when Tommaso Parentucelli became "pope" (1447-1455). The library was greatly increased by him and his successors and was finally housed in suitable apartments in the Vatican. Today this library ranks first among the libraries of the world because of the importance of the materials it contains. Thousands of very ancient and valuable manuscripts are among its treasures, which are added to frequently by the bequests of private libraries. Additionally there are halls extravagantly decorated with rich frescoes and paintings, filled with treasures of art.

Only recently (February 8, 1932) a hundred thousand books and documents dating back to the first century were transferred from the private library of one of the foremost families in Italy to the Vatican Library.

In 1927 representatives of the Vatican Library came to America to study the library system employed in the Library of Congress. Methods employed in the Vatican Library were obsolete and inadequate, and access to many of its most ancient documents was practically impossible. American equipment has been installed in the library and a new cataloguing system has also been arranged, financed in part by the Carnegie endowment.

The building in which the library is housed is five hundred years old, and a part of it collapsed in 1931, causing the death of three workmen and a lawyer. Some of the valuable manuscripts were destroyed, as well as many books of lesser value.

British Libraries

In England, as in other parts of Europe, libraries during the Dark Ages and the medieval period were largely the by-product of religious institutions which were active in copying and preserving the ancient manuscripts of the Bible and commentaries thereon. Incidentally they preserved some other books. Later the universities began to collect libraries. National and public libraries are a subsequent development.

The Bodleian Library of the University of Oxford ranks next to the Vatican Library in the matter of rare books and manuscripts. A copy of every copyrighted book published in the United Kingdom is given to the library. The Rockefeller Foundation has contributed the sum of $2,300,000 toward the enlargement of this library, which is an important contributor to the cause of learning and increase of knowledge, and therefore international in its influence.

There is a library connected with Westminster Abbey containing one of the largest and most important collections of medieval and later manuscripts in Britain. Inadequate space prevents their being as useful as they might be.

Largest and best known, however, of British libraries is the British Museum Library, containing nearly 4,000,000 books, stored on fifty miles of shelves. Before 1875, when the present reading room was opened, the books were consulted by perhaps a half-dozen readers daily. Readers now average 700 a day. The catalogue of books requires almost a thousand volumes. Once a year the library indulges in a great cleaning orgy, though the systematic dusting of books goes on throughout the year.

When Carlyle could not find in mid-Victorian London the books he wanted for his work, he created a library, which today is the London Library, containing about a half million books. Louis Napoleon, when in exile, frequently visited this library.

Not all the precious books in London are at the British Museum. The one at South Kensington boasts many fine first editions of famous authors, such as Shakespeare and Dickens, as well as important manuscripts.

Of making of many libraries, as of books, there is no end. It would be impossible to mention even the most famous and the largest of them in this article, and an attempt to be exhaustive would only be exhausting to the reader. Suffice it to say that Britain has libraries galore, and it is safe to conclude, judging from the disposition of the English people, that they are freely used by all classes. According to the manager of one of Britain's largest lending libraries, however, women are greater readers than men. They probably have more time. He advises further that "highbrow" men often delight in "lowbrow" literature. It appears that they seek relaxation in books which will hold their interest without demanding close concentration.

Even prisons have their libraries in these days of great 'enlightenment'. In Britain the prisoners seem often to be of the more intelligent kind, judging from the fact that the works of Shakespeare and Shaw are in greatest demand. This may prove that education is making headway among criminals or that crime is making progress among the educated.

Libraries of noted men are generally subjects of interest. After 200 years a considerable portion of Sir Isaac Newton's library has been brought to light. Most of the books have the corners turned down to passages in which the scientist was specially interested. This will enable students to trace back some of his thoughts and ideas to their sources. Out of 1,896 books, over 800 have been recovered.

Last and least of England's libraries (from the standpoint of size), though by no means least from the standpoint of interest and value, is the Queen's Library for Dolls, a part of the famous Doll-house which has some of the most elaborate and beautiful of furnishings. The library is composed of first editions of miniature books, expressly written for the doll's library by Britain's leading authors. There are some 200 books in the collection, each about 1 by 1½ inches in size, and beautifully bound. Because of the limited first edition of these books, their value is out of all proportion to their size.

France, Belgium, Germany

Crossing the channel, we pause to take a look at France's Biblioteque Nationale, or National Library, reputed to be the largest in the world and containing in excess of four million books and eleven thousand manuscripts. The constantly increasing stock of books is crowding the building to capacity. In addition to the books and manuscripts the library has thousands of maps, engravings and medals. A map by Christopher Columbus, recently discovered in the library, pictures the earth as an island surrounded by four oceans.

In Belgium the library of the Louvain university invites attention. The old library, with its valuable contents, was destroyed by the Germans during the World War, and a new one has been built to take its place, mainly from contributions from American universities, at a cost of $1,000,000.

War has destroyed, without discrimination, everything that has come in its path. Libraries in great number were destroyed when the Danes overran England, and the same fate has met the libraries of many other countries in times of war. United States soldiers destroyed the library at York (now Toronto) during the War of 1812, and the British considerately burned the Library of Congress, in Washington. That made it about even.

A heated controversy raged over the inscription which the architect had planned for the new Louvain Library, "Destroyed by German Fury, Restored by American Generosity." The inscription was regarded by many as tending to perpetuate the animosities of the war. The "patriotic" citizens of Louvain, however, insisted that the inscription must remain, and a mob twice destroyed a balustrade substituted for the one with the inscription. A mob shows little sense in either war or peace.

Germany has been required to give to the library books and manuscripts equaling in value those destroyed by her soldiers in the war. Many universities and scientific institutions have contributed books to the new library, which already has 750,000 volumes on its shelves.

As the central figure of the facade there appears a sculpture of a woman with a child, called "Our Lady of Victory", and bearing a sword and wearing a helmet. "Our lady" has been forced into so many incongruous poses and attitudes that students of the Bible fail to find any correspondency between the virgin so vociferously worshiped by Catholics as "the mother of God" and the humble Mary who referred to herself as the 'handmaiden of the Lord'.

Germany lays claim to the largest library building in the world, the Prussian State Library, at Berlin, which has a floor space of about 20,000 square yards and is fifteen stories high. An outstanding feature of this library is its large collection of tomes of music, of which there are a million. Many of the books are loaned to foreign countries.

The family library of the Hohenzollerns, about 100,000 volumes and many maps and musical publications, has been taken over by the state.

Elsewhere in Europe

The Lenin Library, at Moscow, is one of the greatest libraries in the world. There are 5,100,000 volumes on its shelves. Its main reading rooms are used by about 500,000 persons a year. There are 300,000 books in the military section.

It would seem much like repetition to mention the libraries of other European countries. Each has libraries of importance and interest and all bear witness to the desire of men to obtain and preserve knowledge on every conceivable subject. The field is unlimited, and the circle of knowledge ever widens.

In America

About 200 years ago Benjamin Franklin organized the first circulating library in America. (At that time people who desired to read had to send to England for their books.) Fifty men agreed to pay an initial forty shillings each and ten shillings per annum, and they had the privilege of taking out books. Others, however, were permitted to read the books in the library room, which was open for four hours on Saturday.

The idea was soon adopted by other towns and provinces, and the people having no public amusements to divert their minds became acquainted with books and were observed by visitors to be better educated than people of the same class in other countries generally were. Since then the library has become an important factor in adult education in the United States.

The total circulation for all the libraries in the country in 1929 was estimated to be 114,000,000. The New York Public Library (not including Brooklyn and Queens, which have their own library systems) issued 11,684,160 books for circulation during 1930 and 2,239,455 readers consulted 4,796,068 books in the reference department, aside from thousands of volumes accessible on the open shelves.

Almost every large city in the United States has a fine library housed in a beautiful and classic building. We have space for comment on only a few.

The New York Public Library and the Library of Congress at Washington (equally public) rank among the great libraries of the world. The first mentioned is a consolidation of the Astor, Lenox and Tilden libraries, to which other libraries have been added from time

to time. The consolidated library now has upward of 3,000,000 books and pamphlets and has an extensive collection of books on American history. Its easy accessibility and wide use is one of its chief claims to commendation.

The Congressional Library, not as exclusive as its name seems to suggest, is naturally more important than the New York Public Library, and possesses a larger number of valuable books and manuscripts. It contains over 3,000,000 printed books and pamphlets, as well as maps, prints, charts, engravings and lithographs numbering 2,650,000. It is a storehouse of authentic American historic papers and documents, maps and pictures. A million musical items are another notable feature, and it does not lack ancient and rare manuscripts and incunabula (books printed before A.D. 1500).

An unusual collection of books now in the possession of this library is one which was brought together by Houdini, the magician, numbering 5,147. The majority of these are on "psychical research" or spiritism. The library also has some 15,000 Japanese books and a complete set of Chinese classics, comprising 74 volumes, each 8½ by 13 inches, with sixty large characters on each page. The originals of these classics were written before our A.D. date.

The library began with 740 volumes, in 1801, and since then, by bequests, donations and purchases, has grown to its present proportions, being housed adequately in an imposing structure.

To aid students doing research work the Congressional Library employs eleven consultants, each in a small office of his own and each a specialist in his field. One who has a worthwhile object in view to which he purposes to devote some time doing research work may be given the exclusive use of a room or desk to which will be brought whatever books he requires. Fifty-five special rooms are set aside for this purpose. There will be 166 when the new addition to the library is completed. From this it will be seen that this splendid library not only has a vast collection of sources of information, but is also equipped to make it readily available to inquiring minds.

Worthy of note, and frequently consulted by *The Golden Age,* is the Brooklyn Public Library, housed in an inadequate building, but rendering efficient service. Some of its activities serve as an example of work done by American libraries generally, with such variations as local conditions call for. The department of library extension furnishes books to about seventy fire houses and police stations. During 1931, 19,000 volumes were used by firemen and policemen during periods of inactivity, while waiting for calls to action.

The library has 34 branches and receives from the city a million dollars yearly to carry on its activities. It has a unique collection of fashion magazines, dating back over a century, which are used by illustrators and dress designers in their work and are found to be of value in designing costumes for moving pictures and stage plays. The books in the music collection, over 15,000 pieces, are circulated just like other books.

The Boston Public Library was one of the first American free public libraries, and for a long time occupied the place of first importance. It assumed second place after the merger of the various foundations of the New York library.

The Chicago Public Library occupies a position next to that of New York and Boston. This library contains chiefly books that will appeal to the general public rather than to the scholar. The Newberry Library of the same city serves the student of literature; and the John Crerar Library, students of science and the arts.

Shakespearean Libraries

So highly is Shakespeare esteemed among men that special libraries have been built containing only books and articles relating to him and his writings. One of these is the Horace Howard Furness Memorial, at Philadelphia, containing a collection of about 12,000 volumes, some of them rare. Another is the Folger Library, in Washington, a gift to the nation by Mr. Folger and endowed by him with ten million dollars. A beautiful building has been erected, housing books, manuscripts, engravings, paintings, statuary, programs and other interesting items relating to Shakespeare. The collection is valued at four million dollars. Copies of Shakespeare once the possession of noted men and women are a valued part of the collection. In this we see an example of that awe which man has for man, and which the Scriptures condemn.

Canada and Elsewhere

There are numerous libraries in Canada, but none of them as large as to have reached the million mark. All of the larger cities have free libraries, and frontier settlements are reached by means of traveling libraries under the man-

agement of the provincial governments or universities. Large wooden boxes holding from 40 to 500 books are sent, express charges paid, in response to an application of some responsible citizen on behalf of the community. When the books have been read the readers pay return charges. There are 1,250 of these libraries in operation, and 62,500 books available.

In Brazil there is no such thing as a public library. In Sao Paulo there are two reference libraries, but they do not lend books to be taken out. South America has few libraries. It is Roman Catholic.

Libraries are to be found in such remote countries as Australia, Japan, China, and India, and in Africa. Indeed all of these have made much progress in establishing and developing libraries. In China there were libraries at a very early date.

Usefulness

In order to make the best use of the libraries possible to the many the American Library Association has published courses entitled "Reading with a Purpose", 500,000 of which have been distributed in this country and in Canada. These courses, of which there are more than fifty, are an outgrowth of the Adult Education Movement, and enable the reader to do instructive as well as interesting reading.

Libraries and their librarians generally strive to meet the needs of the locality in which they are located, whether it be an industrial community or an agricultural one.

Many are the questions that people in all walks of life ask librarians. Questions as to the dates of certain events, or what to wear to and in some country to which the questioner is going, are answered by the librarian. Business men submit questions of importance in their businesses. For instance: What is the average rate of labor turnover in a business office? Would it pay a clothing man to settle in San Angeles, Texas? What is a fur called pahmi? Cost of living figures for a landlady who wished to change her rates? It is true that women spend 90 percent of all money in the United States? How many shiploads of sugar would 140 carloads make? How many cigarettes were smoked in Minnesota last year? Do hairdressers have to have licenses in Denver? What is the purchasing power of the dollar now? What are the initials of the First National Bank president at Rochester?

These questions indicate how useful a library may be made. On the whole, librarians and their assistants are found to be courteous and willing to assist, and in not a few instances they are anxious to extend the usefulness of the material under their direction. Many inquiries are answered direct, or the inquirer may be assisted to find the answer to his question by means of the conveniently arranged index to be found in every library.

In the New York library there are 300,000 volumes in the economics division, and twenty trained librarians who answer questions briefly or supply the book that will answer the question.

The business man is not the only one who can put the library to profitable use. Housewives can obtain books on cooking, housekeeping, sewing, and on raising children (and perhaps husbands). "Bread, cake and pie have a literature as well as poetry and the stars," reads a bulletin of the Newark Public Library, and "a public library is as rich in one as the other and likes to be called on for both." Not many subjects take up more space on the index cards of the New York Public Library than that of cookery. There is even a book on "The Philosophy of Cooking", and no end of cook books of all kinds.

Reading for Pleasure

While the library can thus be put to most practical and profitable use, a great many people think of it more as a means of furnishing material for pleasure and entertainment. Books which rest the mind and beguile the reader for a brief hour are not unworthy of a place on the shelves. It is to be feared, however, that far more reading for pleasure is done than is for the readers' good. To spend all one's spare time in reading what is merely fiction and what will not contribute to the mental equipment of the reader is a mistake. Reading for profit can be done with pleasure; for many highly profitable books are written in entertaining style, and while the reader follows the author's thought he imbibes knowledge and gathers information which will stand him in good stead at another time.

Nor should reading be done in a slipshod manner, but with attention and care; and it is a good idea, when reading (except books of the lightest trend), to make an effort to recall at the conclusion of a paragraph or page what was discussed, fixing in mind what has been read

and at the same time resting the eyes while looking away from the book.

Librarians are put to some trouble trying to determine what books from among the thousands that make their appearance every year shall be given a place on the shelves. Thumbing long lists of new books has enabled the librarians to develop some resistance to their appeal. They sift and weigh and give the patrons of the library good advice and, says one paper, "almost weep when readers insist on rubbish." However, even at the chance of reading some rubbish, readers can not and should not submit too readily to what someone else says should be read, and refuse to read what others may say should not be read. Sometimes libraries institute a censorship that is not warranted, and under the influence of prejudice and intolerance try to dictate the reading of others. Intelligent men and women are capable of judging for themselves as to their reading needs, and if any are not they would not profit greatly by having their mental provender regulated by some self-appointed censor.

Bergenfield and the Archbishop of Tuam

Bergenfield, N. J., somewhat notorious because of its intolerance toward and persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, gained publicity a short time ago as having a self-appointed censorship committee, which was charged with "assuming the power of a censor in a public institution" and fixing an arbitrary ban on books blacklisted by the committee. The woman who entered a protest questioned the committee's right to destroy books which it did not approve. The woman should be listed as a "protestant". There are a few of these left in Bergenfield, we hope. Among other things against which the committee set its face and upon which it laid violent hands were books that "scored the Christian *religion*". The report does not state what brand of "Christian" religion was under fire.

In England, too, the censor's head occasionally protrudes from cover, an indiscreet thing for a censor to permit. We read, "The Committee of the County Galway Public Libraries is working under a drastic and, apparently, autocratic censorship of its own setting up." Do not be alarmed, dear reader, at this, for "the Archbishop of Tuam acts as censor for this body", and, of course, "his judgments are accepted without revision or question." Indeed the whole item is so delectable that we cannot forbear quoting the rest. Medieval history is apparently not entirely closed. "Recently upon the Archbishop's condemnation a number of books have been burned, and it is evident from a report of the Libraries Committee on Tuesday that at least one member of the Committee [bless his soul!] is not easy in his mind about the sanity or propriety of these proceedings. The Committee *object to the publication of a list of the destroyed books.*" (!)

In Germany there has been a controversy over the book *All Quiet on the Western Front.* Those who still believe that unpleasant truths should be suppressed have insisted that the book should be removed from school libraries. The sole consideration, however, should be whether the book is suitable reading for young persons or not. The facts set forth in the book, whether pleasant or unpleasant, remain facts.

A few years ago Mayor Thompson of Chicago threatened to burn all the pro-British books in the public library of that city in a bonfire at the lake front. The threat was never carried out, perhaps because of lack of material.

Much Unprofitable Reading

One well known editor observes that a third of the reading generally done is helpful, a third harmful, and another third is useful as a sedative drug. It is to be doubted that the label "sedative" can be limited to only a third of the reading done. He says, "We have been filling our shelves with cheap new lamps in place of the good old ones." Another writer remarks, "There is a great deal of miscellaneous knowledge in the air, but a real love of the things of the spirit—that is quite another matter."

Fiction in a world in which it is so hard to get at the truth seems not to deserve much consideration. It presents a distorted view of life, almost invariably. Even books that are considered sober presentations of fact contain enough of "fiction" to supply every reader a goodly dose of that questionable mental pabulum.

Advice coming from librarians is of value, particularly if the advice is impartially given and not the result of religious prejudice. The attitude of the censor is negative, destructive, intolerant. People willing enough to accept advice resent the attitude of the censor.

A Progressive Library

In marked contrast to the reactionary and negative attitude of the library at Bergenfield

stands the progressive work of another New Jersey library, the one at Newark. The Newark Library is a cheerful place that makes people welcome and seeks to SERVE them to the utmost. After all, the people own the library. In Newark they may browse freely among the thousands of books on the shelves of the stackroom.

The librarian says, "We believe that a library should let its light shine. If it has information and material needed by the world, it should advertise and keep on advertising. The very essence of the service of a public institution is the public's knowledge of the service that institution can give. Such an institution, moreover, should be flexible, unhampered by outworn notions, and ready to step in with its help in any field of activity. . . . From the library print shop go thousands of pieces of printed matter yearly as a contribution to the educational life of the city. Countless opportunities are found to attract and assist the seeker after knowledge who is not being formally educated. In addition the resources of the library are at the command of all teachers. In this morning's mail we found 101 requests from the schools. The requests have been filled, and our books, maps, pictures and magazines will be in the hands of the teachers and children tomorrow. More than 1200 classrooms in the city are little branches of the library, supplied with books from our shelves."

The library has further extended its usefulness by establishing branches in two department stores, enabling many readers to obtain books while doing shopping.

To bring in delinquent books the library recently declared a no-fine week, during which 1200 books were returned. It would have been almost impossible to get these back otherwise, failure to return having resulted in the accumulation of considerable fines, which the people felt unable to pay.

Drifting with the Stream

An immense amount of reading is done with no particular purpose in mind, not even with the idea of acquiring a fund of miscellaneous knowledge. To keep in touch, even partially, with the course of things in general is no simple task, and much of that which is passed to the people is hardly worth the reading. The imbibing of information and opinions of all kinds, and the consequent shaping of one's viewpoint, can be effectively directed into proper channels only by constant recourse to the Book of books, the Bible, and the use of those helps which enable us to appreciate its application to our day.

The demand in the libraries for books of one kind or another is more or less governed by currents. Thus about ten years ago, immediately following the war, there was an unusual demand for spiritistic literature, which has since subsided. The libraries are, to a considerable extent, influenced by public demand, whether that demand be for good or for ill. A clearer definition of the purpose of a library might serve to make its influence for constructive thinking more widely felt.

To use the library merely as a means to entertain the idle hours with reading of unprofitable books seems a waste of public funds, and then to deny the facilities of the library to those who are patently putting forth an effort to use it properly seems too bad. Thus the New York Public Library some time ago felt called upon to deny its facilities to high school and college students, because of being overcrowded. If there is cutting down to be done it might, in the opinion of some people, be more properly done in the fiction department.

A large part of the time and energy of librarians is devoted to supplying fiction to people who are not interested in improving their minds. Says one professor in protest, "Let the guardians of our public libraries be freed from the futile task of serving out over the counter the canned goods of literature to people who are not even interested in the different brands of canned goods. . . . Let our librarians be free to devote themselves to their real job, of bringing together the right book and the right reader, the reader who sincerely wishes to fly and the book that can truly give the spirit wings." There is considerable demand that the amount of fiction in the libraries be greatly reduced and that books and journals dealing with science, invention, government and history be increased.

To aid the searcher for knowledge a readers' advisory service is provided by the libraries of a number of the larger cities, and one library at least has added a college professor in this capacity. Grouped about this experienced educator are experts of the regular staff of the library, planning reading courses.

Methods of Running Libraries

The main object of a library is to file books in some sort of order and to make them readily

available to the right people. It may have other sources of information as well as books, such as maps, charts, pictures, and even objects of art and industry which might ordinarily be expected only in a museum, but books are a library's main concern. In order to properly handle the books, therefore, so as to serve the public efficiently, the library is obliged to maintain files that will make access to the books most convenient. The system for classifying books that is now in use in almost all libraries is that invented by Melvil Dewey, a system which is said to be capacious enough to make room for all the books that have been written and printed and flexible enough to admit all the books that may yet be produced. Millions of books bear his decimal brand.

The index cards that list the books, and of which there are thousands upon thousands in all the large libraries, contain a brief description of the books and their contents. Each book is properly classified. Numerous books, of course, appear in more than one category. It is the practice in most systems of filing to file behind the index letter. This is the method used in the Library of Congress and followed by most such institutions.

To make books attractive to the eye the New York Public Library adopted the scheme of dressing them up in gay bindings. Surely that is a good plan. There is no reason why books, the medium of so much enjoyment, should be dressed in somber garb. Some thirty bright new colors have been adopted in a recently discovered material that will not show fingerprints, can be washed easily, and is not expensive. In experimenting at one of the libraries a large group of old books, long neglected by readers looking for something new, were dressed up in bright purple. When returned to their places on the open shelves they were quickly spied out and kept in constant use.

The Brooklyn Library has conducted library training courses for the training of library workers.

Incidental Activities

Behind the scenes in many of the libraries a force is kept busy repairing the books and looking after rare works. Officials are concerned about future generations that may need the crumbling irreplaceable volumes of today. Numerous devices are being employed to combat the injury resulting from the handling of the books. Precious manuscripts are kept in reserve and brought out only for approved purposes. Rare books are accessible only under supervision. Some may not be touched by readers' hands. An attendant turns the pages at his signal.

The life of the ordinary book in the stacks is estimated at one hundred trips. A hundred more trips will reduce its pages to illegibility. Some 45,000 books at the New York Public Library are rebound each year. Leather bindings are not as durable as cloth. They crumble more quickly. Buckram is preferred as more durable than either leather or ordinary cloth.

Libraries often conduct exhibits of some of the rarer and more unusual items in their treasuries. An exhibit of miniature books, for instance, will attract quite a few interested persons. Exhibitions of other special collections also arouse considerable interest. Out of exhibits of dime novels, baseball items and Bibles, the latter attracted twice as many interested persons as the first two. It was one of the most popular exhibits held in the library in New York city.

Maintenance

Libraries are financed and maintained out of public funds and donations of various kinds. In the largest cities the cost of the libraries runs into the millions. A large part of this often comes from endowments. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., recently gave two millions for the erection of a library for the League of Nations, dealing especially with international problems.

In 1923 the New York Public Library received a gift of six million dollars from three gentlemen who seemed to be able to spare the money. Quite often it seems that these gifts are somewhat along the lines of the old adage, "Robbing Peter to pay Paul."

Gifts of smaller sums and of books and private libraries also contribute to maintaining and enlarging the libraries. A year or two ago someone donated three hundred sets of Booth Tarkington, 21 volumes to the set, to the public libraries in New York and other cities.

Penny fines collected from those who keep books overtime also add a little to the libraries' treasuries. The East Cleveland Public Library was enabled some years ago to purchase adjoining property, valued at $8,000, out of the money collected as fines.

Some people jump with joy when they receive a gift, but librarians sometimes jump with rage. Most donors have strings tied to their gifts,

even when they say they desire no special recognition. Often conditions are attached that make it impossible to accept the gift.

A Frenchman at 65 gave property worth a million to Columbia University, requesting only that an annuity be paid him for the rest of his life. The favor was accepted with thanks and the gentleman collected his sixty thousand for 29 years thereafter! Figure that one out for yourself.

To obtain important papers that may be of value to future historians the New York Public Library has adopted the policy of getting these from immediate relatives of noted men shortly after their death. A growing number of public men, realizing that the library has the facilities for the care and administration of such material, are placing their files of letters and papers in its hands.

The law provides that one library may be designated by each representative and senator as a depository to receive all government publications if desired. A different mode of handling these publications has been recommended in order that the depositories may be well distributed and so serve the needs of the people most effectively.

University Libraries

The universities were among the first institutions to form large collections of books, and today some of the most important libraries are connected with universities. Among the oldest is the Cambridge University Library in England, which existed before 1425. It now has about a million volumes.

Still more famous is the Bodleian Library at Oxford. It was opened to the public in 1602, with 2,000 volumes. Universities at Edinburgh and Saint Andrews, Scotland, and Dublin, Ireland, also have large libraries.

Many of the university libraries in the United States contain unique collections. Columbia University boasts the possession of four folios of German post-war paper money, much of it luxuriously designed and some of the notes reproductions of fifteenth century works of art. Columbia started the first school for training librarians, in 1887.

Yale University last year dedicated a new library, containing 2,000,000 volumes, and built at a cost of $7,000,000 from funds given to the university by John W. Sterling, for whom the library is named. It is one of America's outstanding structures. Sculptured panels depicting the history of literature and printing adorn the exterior.

Yale is reported to have the most complete collection of Ruskin in the United States, including the manuscript of a poem written at nine, his first published work.

Princeton University Library has a collection of books and pamphlets totaling 770,000; which is not bad.

There is plenty of reading material in Harvard's library. It is estimated that the shelves contain over 3,000 tons of books, or a total of 3,168,390 volumes. The Chinese library alone has 47,775 books.

The Book Publishers Research Institute discloses that Wellesley College alumnæ read four times as much fiction as serious books. Which shows that college graduates are much like other people, only more so.

The Hoover War Library at Stanford University has been gathering materials bearing upon the World War. The work of collecting will continue for twenty-five years. During that period certain secret items will be kept sealed.

Unemployment and the Libraries

Unemployment has greatly increased the patronage of the libraries. The want-ad columns in the newspapers in the reading rooms are consulted by large numbers. Never before have demands on libraries for practical help been so great. People turn to them for books that will help them improve their ability along the lines of their work or acquire new knowledge for new jobs. The increased leisure has also resulted in a larger demand for fiction.

Last year witnessed an increase of 30,000 readers in the Toronto Public Library, assumed to be due to unemployment. A news item remarks, "This fact is a sufficient answer to the frequent query, What would workingmen do with the leisure which shorter hours of work would give them?"

Leading newspapers print a special rag-paper edition for libraries. These far outlast the regular wood-pulp-paper editions.

Incidentally, the back files of newspapers are chiefly consulted for accounts of murders. The interest is said to be professional and scientific rather than morbid.

Comparisons

The American library is 'for the people', while in Europe the aim has been to preserve the

books. This ideal, however, is giving way to the American one. A professor of English literature from an Italian university, visiting the United States, remarked, "American libraries are wonderful, not merely in the books which they contain, but especially in the ideal from which they emanate, the ideal of books as a useful means of disseminating knowledge. . . . They are wonderful in their functioning, with their small branches that reach into remote neighborhoods and distant regions, their children's rooms, their business and industrial sections, their easy classification methods and open shelving, which make large numbers of useful books readily accessible to the reader. . . . The libraries of Italy and Europe contain many unique treasures. . . . Books may be withdrawn from these libraries, but the red tape involved is often most discouraging." The chief librarian of Munich said, "Any European visiting the public libraries of New York or Chicago must turn green with envy."

In Europe the library service is usually in the hands of elderly men and the number of attendants is less than a tenth of those employed in United States libraries, where boys and girls are numerous because they get about more quickly, and, under proper supervision, can do the work quite as well as older persons. Service in American libraries is rendered in a fraction of the time required in Europe. The director general of the French National Library recommended the immediate expansion of the French library system after having seen American libraries. The American system is being universally adopted. A deputation from England spoke warmly of the courtesy of American librarians.

Abuses

There are persons whose lack of sense, decency and responsibility makes itself known wherever they go. They mar, deface or destroy everything with which they come in contact. They take clippings from newspaper files, magazines and books, make gratuitous comment on what they find in the books, by the use of pen or pencil, underscore what pleases them, cross out what does not suit their fancy, and remove pictures that appeal to them.

Such abuse of public property is a crime and punishable by fine or imprisonment. Now and again someone is arrested as a result of being caught mutilating books or papers in the library; but many of these destroyers are clever enough to know that punishment awaits them if their work is observed, hence they do it unobserved. Special investigators are on duty in many public libraries to apprehend those who commit such crimes.

Occasionally someone is caught who makes it a practice to increase his personal income by stealing and selling valuable and rare books. One individual of this stamp was found with $7,000 worth of stolen books in his possession. He had already made away with books valued at $43,000.

There are people who find other uses for libraries than that of increasing their fund of knowledge. They, unlawfully, use the checking room to take care of an inconvenient parcel or umbrella, leaving by another door to return later. Others come in merely to use the telephone, or to rest on the benches in the halls. Occasionally the comfortable chairs are used as a place to snooze, but an attendant usually ends the nap prematurely. Corridor benches not too prominently placed or too well lighted serve as lovers' retreats.

County Libraries

In spite of the wide distribution of public libraries in the United States, there are millions of people without library service. More than 40,000,000 of these live on farms or in towns and villages of 2,500 or less. Effort is being made to reach these people by means of county libraries, which are proving to be of great value to the village and rural districts. These libraries generally operate from a central location in the county or from a town which marks the center of population. Branches or deposit stations are located at points of advantage throughout the county, and these are supplied with books and magazines from the county library. This arrangement is similar to the operation of city libraries and their branches and deposit stations. It would probably be hard to find a rustic now who would express himself as one in days gone by is reported to have done. Said he, "I ain't never seen one of them free libraries, but from what I hears about 'em, a half of the books in 'em ain't never read, and the other half never ought to be."

Traveling Libraries

To educate the masses at all costs and in some fashion, traveling libraries have been instituted

to reach those who live in out-of-the-way places. The library takes to the open road, stops at remote schools, post offices, deposit stations and even homes, and delivers wanted books, to be collected later when others will be left to take their place. Some of the trucks have glass doors, displaying shelves filled with books. The librarian, frequently a young lady, has to be versatile enough to run the truck as well as the library. Outlying sections of large cities are served in a similar way. The New York Public Library regularly sends out a library car carrying 2,000 volumes.

The traveling library in America was begun at Hagerstown, Md., in 1902. Books were sent to surrounding small towns by means of a bookwagon which distributed and collected books at regular intervals.

American Libraries Abroad

So much is the library a part of the life of the American that he will not do without it even when abroad. Consequently American libraries are found in some of the larger cities of Europe. The American library in Paris is located at 10 Rue L'Elysee. It was founded in 1918 by the American Library Association and is supported largely by grants and special gifts. Not only Americans, but many European students of English, appreciate the arrangement.

There is a splendid American library at Athens, Greece, housed in a beautiful building. It is part of the American School of Classical Learning in that city.

The American library in Rome was established "to make it possible for the public in Italy to obtain precise and accurate knowledge of the United States". It contains about 20,000 American books, and over 100 American periodicals are found in the reading room. The books of the library are made available to university professors all over Italy, free of expense.

There is in London an American law library, presented to the Middle Temple Library by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. It contains 2,000 important books.

In addition to serving Americans abroad these American libraries are designed to create a better understanding of America and her people.

A Word About Special Libraries

With knowledge on every subject constantly increasing and the number of books written on these subjects likewise increasing, specialization has entered the field of libraries as it has that of industry. There are, first, the special business libraries which can be consulted by business men on the details of their particular lines of business. The value of these libraries is that they classify information and file reports and books in such a way that information will be available when wanted. Some business or industrial institutions maintain their own libraries; others consult libraries maintained by special societies.

As the growth of large corporations has made it impossible for one individual to know all about his own business, the special library is important. Several of these special business libraries contain over 25,000 books and other items and employ as many as thirty persons to classify, arrange and index the information and look after the library.

One unique library contains American amateur papers, numbering 27,353. It is called the Library of the Fossils, and was organized in 1904 by 46 men who had been boy editors, publishers, printers and authors.

Saratov (Russia) on the Volga, has the world's largest Esperanto library, containing 10,000 volumes. The universities of Wisconsin and Michigan have important labor libraries. Princeton University claims to have the largest labor library in the United States. The Frick Art Reference Library in New York contains thousands of photographs of paintings and drawings from the twelfth century to the present, and thousands of books, catalogues and magazines. Sir Robert Witt's collection of similar material contains 250,000 photographs.

Harvard University has a large collection of Hebrew literature, totaling more than 12,000 volumes.

An unusual library, now a part of the Augsburg Municipal Library, is one consisting of books on suicide and containing more than 4,000 units.

A library begun with a scrapbook developed to proportions where it was worth thousands of dollars. It deals with the unofficial side of the war, sets forth public opinion and reaction in numerous countries as recorded in newspapers and periodicals. Dr. Joseph Broadman of New York made the collection.

One of the most comprehensive reference libraries on aeronautics and radio is found in the New York University School of Law.

There is in New York a library, containing a

huge collection of books, newspapers and magazine articles, photographs and other pictures and documents, all about one man, Theodore Roosevelt. It is called the Roosevelt Memorial.

A library of 1800 volumes, all about bees, is the possession of the British ministry of agriculture.

In Conclusion

That much of the material stored in the world's libraries is of little permanent value has already been suggested in this article. That the truths recorded in books on history and science are combined with falsehoods and guesswork is undoubtedly true. Further, works on philosophy but drive home the truth that "the world by wisdom knew not God". Certain it is that all reading must be done with a vast amount of caution, an endeavor to take the precious from the vile and to fill the mind with truths rather than misleading fancies.

The book, in reality a library in itself, which is unqualifiedly true and profitable, has already been mentioned. "Thy word is truth." The Word of God records the progress of the people of God, nominal and true, both historically and prophetically, and shows their conflict with the hosts of evil under the control of Satan the archenemy of God, and the ultimate deliverance of humanity into the glorious liberty of the children of God. "Purified seven times," the Bible supplies our need of a touchstone by which literature of all kinds may be tested and gauged, its worth determined, and its probable effect for good or ill estimated.

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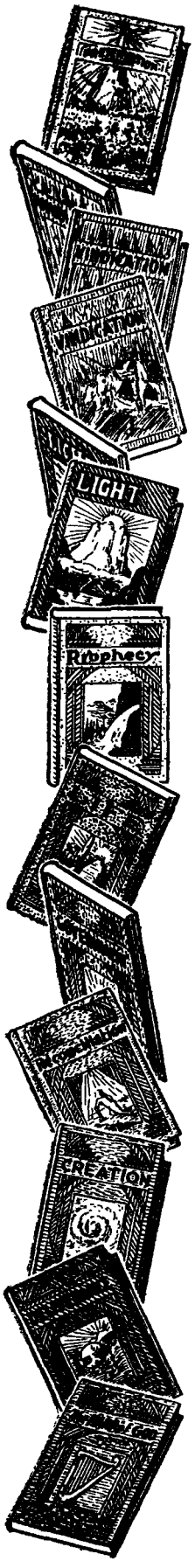

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JEHOVAH is the God of peace and the source of all blessings. He is the God of war when it becomes necessary to destroy the wicked and to vindicate His own righteous name. He is the God of love, which means that He is entirely unselfish. Now it is my privilege to tell you why Jehovah is setting up His kingdom on earth, and of some of the multitudinous blessings it shall bring to all who do right.

It would be a real comfort and joy to all sane persons to know for a certainty that there is to be lasting peace on earth, and prosperity with plenty for all. Men do not possess the power to bring these desirable things to the world, but nothing is impossible with Jehovah. It is apparent to all that the efforts of men to bring about a desirable condition have failed for the reason that all men are imperfect. Now let the people hear what the great God has to say. The proof is conclusive that soon Jehovah will bring to the peoples of earth lasting peace, great prosperity, perfect health in happiness, and everlasting life. I ask you to give a hearing ear while I relate to you the Scriptural proof. I hope those who are sad may receive comfort when hearing this message.

God put a perfect man on earth and told him he must obey, and that disobedience to God's law would result in man's death. The Devil opposed Jehovah God, and man fell away to the Devil, and in harmony with His law God sentenced man to death. By reason thereof and by inheritance death passed upon all men, and for this cause sickness and death have been upon the people.—Romans 5:12.

Jehovah gave His promise that in due time He would bring forth His mighty One, by and through whom all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 12:3) That promised One is Christ Jesus, the earth's rightful Ruler. (Galatians 3:8, 16, 27-29) Before fallen man could be blessed the disability resulting from original sin must be removed, and that could be removed only by another perfect man's dying in the place or stead of the sinner. Moved by unselfishness God sent Jesus to earth, who became a man and died in the sinner's place; and thus his shed blood furnished the redemptive price for man. (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-6) God raised up Jesus out of death, not as a man, but as the divine One, and appointed Him to the high office of Ruler of the world and the Vindicator of God's holy name. When Jesus ascended into heaven He did not immediately assume His high office, because Jehovah said to Him: 'Wait until my due time to make the enemy thy footstool.' (Psalm 110:1) Jesus has waited, and now God's due time has come and He has sent forth Jesus to rule and judge the world.

When Jesus was on earth He emphasized above everything else the kingdom of God and the vindication of His Father's name. He prom-

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ised to return and to establish that kingdom amongst men. During the long period of waiting, from the time of His ascension into heaven until the return of Christ Jesus, Satan, unhindered, has built up a mighty organization that has violently opposed God and His kingdom. The Scriptural proof, fully supported by the physical facts, is that 1914 marked the end of the waiting period and the time for Christ Jesus to begin His reign. (Matthew 24:1-22) Jehovah immediately sent Jesus forth to rule and to oust the enemy. (Psalm 110:2-4) Satan refused to vacate, and, he resisting, war followed in heaven and Satan was cast out of heaven down to the earth, where he continues to operate, although invisible to human eyes. (Revelation 12:1-17) It is the expressed will of Jehovah God that Satan and his mighty organization now must be destroyed in order that the name of Jehovah may be vindicated and that the peoples of earth may, unhindered, have opportunity to receive the blessings of God's kingdom.

The next great event is the battle of Armageddon, which will result in the destruction of Satan's organization. In the meantime God is causing this truth to be told to the nations as a witness, that those who desire to do so may take their stand on God's side and be brought through that great battle and be the first to receive the blessings of the Kingdom. To be sure, Satan will do and is doing what he can to prevent the people from hearing the truth. Imperfect men who rule the world are blind to God's purposes. They have no vision of His kingdom, and hence have fallen easy victims to Satan. They are trying to bring peace and prosperity; but they are destined to abject failure.

Will the kingdom of God under Christ bring peace to the world? Yes, everlasting peace. When the man child Jesus was born at Bethlehem Jehovah caused His heavenly messenger to announce that in His due time this mighty One would bring peace to the earth and good will toward men. (Luke 2:9-14) Jehovah always fulfils His promises in due time, and this one is certain to be fulfilled. By His prophet Jehovah, referring to the same mighty One, says, in Isaiah 9:6, 7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Those who have faith in Jehovah and His Word know that this promise is certain to be kept and fulfilled by the Lord.

In the light of the clear statement by the mouth of Almighty God why should you, the people, longer stand in perplexity and in doubt and listen to the claims of imperfect men that they can bring peace and prosperity to the earth? The time has come when the people must choose between God and the Devil; when they must hear Jehovah God, obey Him and live, or follow blind guides into death. I am not even begging you to obey God. If a man does not see that it is his greatest privilege and favor to serve Jehovah God he does not deserve to live. Jehovah is now causing the truth to be proclaimed to the people, that they may gain a vision of His purposes; therefore it is written (Proverbs 29:18): "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." If you would live and be happy, take your place in Jehovah's organization. It is His kingdom under Christ that will bring to you lasting peace and prosperity.

Today there is great fear of war between the nations, and for that reason the nations prepare for war. If there were but one ruler of all the earth and that ruler were perfect in wisdom and exercised his power justly toward all, there could be no war between the nations. In the kingdom of God there is but one Ruler, Christ Jesus, the chief executive of Jehovah, in whom resides all power and authority and which has been committed into His hands by the Almighty. (Matthew 28:18) He is perfect in justice, wisdom, love and power. Christ Jesus is the express image of Jehovah. (Hebrews 1:1-9) Christ Jesus is the rightful Ruler of the world, and concerning Him it is written in God's Word (Psalm 45:6): 'Thy throne is for ever and ever, and the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.' Speaking by His prophet Jehovah says concerning Jesus the King (Isaiah 55:4): 'I have given him for a leader and a commander of the people.' If you will live, follow His leadership.

Furthermore He says to Jesus (Isaiah 49:8): "I . . . give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause [the people] to

inherit the desolate [places]." Christ the King will rule in absolute righteousness, and before Him all shall have equal opportunity to be blessed. (1 Peter 1:17; Psalm 119:137) In times past all of us have believed that man must die and go to heaven in order to be blessed; but now God's due time has come for the people to receive a clearer understanding of His purposes, which show that only a few men will ever go to heaven and that the mass of those who live will find an everlasting abiding-place on earth, which will be made a fit and desirable place to dwell for ever in happiness. God declares in His Word that He made the earth for man to inhabit and that "the earth abideth for ever".—Isaiah 45:12, 18; Ecclesiastes 1:4.

So long have the people lived under the cruel lash of imperfect rulers that they wonder if it will ever be thus. The Scriptures answer, No; but, on the contrary, God's kingdom under Christ will be a righteous government and no imperfect men will have anything to do with the rulership or any opportunity to oppress their fellow man. (Daniel 2:44) Since Christ Jesus will ever be invisible to human eyes, who, then, will have to do with the visible administration of God's kingdom on earth? The Scriptures answer that the administration of the affairs of the earthly government will be in the hands of those only who are of God's organization. A number of such men are specifically named in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews. From Abel to John, the forerunner of Christ, there lived on earth a few men who maintained their integrity toward God and who testified with their lifeblood their faithfulness to the Most High. The promise of Jehovah is, as set forth in the Scriptures, that when Christ's kingdom is set up those faithful men will be resurrected from the dead and become the visible representatives of Christ's government on earth. Because of their faithfulness God expressly states that He has made a place for them in His kingdom. (Hebrews 11:16-40) And what shall be their position in His kingdom on earth? The Scriptures answer, at Psalm 45:16, that these faithful men, brought back from death as perfect men, shall be made the governors, that is, the visible representatives of Christ on earth, and shall act under the authority of that absolute and righteous Dictator.

There are today millions of people on earth who will see those faithful men of old resurrected from the dead and brought back as perfect men to administer the affairs of government under Christ; and concerning the operation of that government it is written, in Isaiah 32:1: "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment."

There must be one more war to clean out the wicked organization of Satan, and that is the war of the great day of God Almighty, or Armageddon. It is made necessary because Satan holds the people in subjection and defies Jehovah God and earth's rightful King. Therefore Jehovah says to Christ His King (Psalm 45:3, 4): "Gird thy sword on thy thigh, O most Mighty [One], . . . And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things." With the conclusion of the battle of Armageddon there will never be another war, but peace will abide in the earth for ever. God uses the everlasting mountains of stone to symbolize His kingdom, and concerning the end of war and lasting peace He says by the mouth of His prophet Micah (4:1-4): "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain [kingdom] of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains [kingdoms], and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain [kingdom] of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem [God's organization]. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it."

War among the peoples of the nations is a cruel and devilish thing. It is greed and hatred, induced by the Devil, that leads the people to war with each other. Jehovah God never indulges in war except to justly punish those wicked ones who oppress mankind and defame God's holy name. The people fear war and greatly desire peace. They desire a righteous rule that will for ever guarantee them peace and prosperity.

The One desired is the King of righteousness and peace, Christ, the mighty executive officer of Jehovah, although most of the people are without knowledge of His kingdom. (Haggai 2:6, 7; Romans 8:19-22) It is God's kingdom on earth under Christ that will bring lasting peace to the people. The efforts of selfish men can never accomplish such, and it is folly to believe they can. The Lord does not say that men should set aside a period of time and during that period pray for peace upon the nations; but He does say, 'When you pray say: Thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as in heaven.' In order to have peace on earth the people who do enjoy it must become a part of God's organization, which is symbolized in the Scriptures by Jerusalem. The Head of that organization is Christ Jesus, the King; therefore Jehovah commands His faithful witnesses to now lift high the banner of truth and point the people to the Kingdom. (Isaiah 62:10) He does not command the people that they shall pray for peace at Rome or for "Christendom", but He does say, in Psalm 122:6, 7: "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem [meaning God's organization]: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces." Such a prayer, uttered in sincerity, puts men in a mental attitude of harmony with God's organization and in a position to receive His blessings.

The greatest crisis experienced by human creatures has now been reached. For centuries the people have suffered through war and other violent deeds of selfishness, but now the change for good is imminent. Christ, the King of righteousness, has been enthroned, and with the destruction of the enemy organization He will clear the way that all who will may joyfully enter into the organization of God on earth. Therefore Jehovah commands His faithful witnesses in these words (Psalm 96:10, 11, 13): "Say among the [nations] that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. . . . Before the Lord: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." Here, by the Word of God, is the complete guarantee that the kingdom under Christ will establish the world in righteousness and bring lasting peace to the people. Upon that you can rely with complete confidence.

Why should the people continue to walk on in darkness with their heads bowed down, following in the steps of blind human guides? Why not lift up the head and look unto God and His kingdom and the gracious and bountiful provision He has made for those who love and obey Him? Centuries ago the Lord foretold this hour of distress and perplexity that has come upon the peoples of earth, and He declares that this is evidence that Satan's wicked world has ended and that the Lord's kingdom is here and that shortly He will relieve the people who look to Him and obey Him. His prophecy and the physical facts in fulfilment thereof abundantly show that we have now come to the Kingdom and that the day of deliverance is at hand.

I am not begging you to enter God's organization, but as one of Jehovah's witnesses I am pointing you to the facts, that you may do what you desire. Man's greatest privilege is to know and to serve Jehovah God, because there is no other way of receiving life and its attending blessings. The reason for the giving of the wide witness concerning Jehovah and His kingdom is that the people may be informed, and, when informed, an obligation rests upon you to take one course or the other. Knowledge and understanding are essential to you; therefore Jehovah says that those who have no vision of His purposes perish, and those who hear and obey His law, happy are they.

Jehovah caused the Psalms to be written for the comfort and hope of those who love and serve Him, and now He discloses that His kingdom is here and the time when these precious promises may be understood and appreciated. In the seventy-second Psalm Jehovah enumerates some of the blessings His King and kingdom will bring to the people, wherein it is written (Psalm 72:2, 6-9): "He shall judge thy people with righteousness, and thy poor with judgment. He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass; as showers that water the earth. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust." These blessings could not come by the efforts of men who set aside a time and call it a "holy year", but they can come to you only

by and through the kingdom of God, which is now at hand.

Today you stand in perplexity and look with fear and trembling as to what the year may bring forth. What shall you do? God through His prophet, at the eighty-fifth Psalm, puts the words in the mouth of each sincere one who desires righteousness and peace, and causes him to say (verses 8, 9): "I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly. Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land." Then those people who turn away from the teachings of men and give ear to God's Word have a further vision of Jehovah's purposes, and by faith they see the blessings that the Kingdom will bring, and in the language of the psalmist they joyfully say (verses 10-12): "Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven. Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase."

The history of the nations shows that at all times a few men have prospered in material things and that the masses of the people have often been in want. Today, when the earth has revealed greater material wealth than ever before, there are millions in every nation suffering for the necessities of life. To be sure, all of these desire prosperity, and there are a few men who attempt to bring about prosperity by setting aside a time to pray for such. The Scriptures show that prayer is answered by the Lord only when asked in harmony with His will. Prosperity can come to all the people only by and through God's kingdom under Christ, and God has so declared. Why has not prosperity come to all through the efforts of men? Because there is no righteous ruler on the earth, for the reason that all men are imperfect. At Proverbs 29:2, 14 it is written: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever." Christ Jesus is the faithful One who will rule in righteousness, and prosperity for the people will come with His universal rule, and in no other way. Concerning Him it is written, in Isaiah 11:5: "And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins."

Now in this day, when Jehovah has installed His King, He instructs His faithful witnesses to pray for prosperity of the Kingdom. (Psalm 118:19-26) That means not merely material prosperity, but an abundance of other attending blessings of righteousness and goodness amongst men. Their prayers do not hasten the prosperity, but puts those who do sincerely pray in a proper attitude to receive the blessings.

"The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof," and those who obey Him in His kingdom shall receive God's abundant provision for their welfare and happiness. (Psalm 24:1-5) No man shall be permitted to prosper, under the reign of Christ, at the expense of his neighbor, and this is made sure because nothing shall be permitted to hurt in all that holy kingdom. —Isaiah 11:9.

The farmers and small wage earners have bestowed their labor upon the lands that have yielded the food to feed the people, while at the same time financial giants, void of conscience and moved by greed, have grown rich by manipulating the price of foodstuffs and by unrighteous dealing in the fruits upon which they have bestowed no labor. Having gained possession of most of the money of the land, they have loaned money upon the farms and houses, secured by mortgages, and on which they collect exorbitant rates of interest; and now the result is that the farmers and modest-home owners are in great distress because they are being stripped of their life earnings and their property is being taken away by foreclosure of mortgages. Because of this alarming and deplorable condition the governments are adopting *experimental* plans in an effort to save the farmers and the home owners. All of such efforts are certain to fail, because the mortgage holders, like Shylock, demand the pound of flesh and, being unable to get their money, they take the farms and houses, and the people are turned out to suffer and die. God hears the cries of distress of the oppressed and declares that He will take a hand in behalf of suffering humanity. The crash is certain to come, and then what? God's kingdom under Christ will install a just and righteous method of dealing with the people, under which system one class shall not be permitted to profit at the expense of another. There will be no very rich and no very poor, but all must assume a common level. The righteous King being in authority, the people will rejoice,

because then they will have an assurance of enjoying the fruits of their labors. Concerning this, God through His prophet says (Isaiah 65: 21, 22): "They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat." The farmers and laborers will then be assured that they shall have enough to eat. They will not be made afraid of losing their homes, because, it is written, then every man shall sit under his own vine and fig tree, and nothing shall make them afraid.—Micah 4:4.

Today in this land of abundance there are long lines of men, women and children begging for food, not because there is an insufficient supply of food, but because a few selfish men control what is in existence and the others are not able to find employment to earn money to pay for what they need. Such a condition could not possibly exist under the righteous reign of Christ, because all who live will then be glad to work and all will be permitted to eat. In support of this, note that God, at Isaiah 25:5, 6, says: "The terrible ones [who have oppressed the people] shall be brought low. And in this mountain [kingdom] shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined."

Often the farmers have been harassed by bugs, parasites, and other vermin which have destroyed their crops. They have been told that these pests are sent from God as punishment upon them. Such a charge is a defamation of God's holy name. Satan, the god of this wicked world, is responsible for such destructive pests, and his purpose is to cause the people to charge God with the responsibility therefor in order that the people may become discouraged and curse God and turn away from Him. Famine has often been the result of the ravages of these pests; but when the Kingdom is in operation and the people learn to obey God the promise to them, as written in Psalm 67, is that then God's saving health will be among the people and "then shall the earth yield her increase". —Verses 2, 6.

The apostle Peter under inspiration from the Lord wrote that according to God's promise we look for a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. (2 Peter 3: 13) The new heaven is Jehovah's righteous organization under Christ, the invisible ruler of the kingdom of righteousness. The new earth is the visible part of God's organization that shall govern the affairs of the earth. The new heaven and new earth is the kingdom of God for the vindication of His name and for the blessing of the people. In harmony with this Jesus caused John to write, in Revelation 21:1: "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." This symbolic language describes God's kingdom for the blessing of the people. It is called "the holy city" or organization, through which God acts to carry forward His purposes. Further describing such kingdom The Revelation (21:3) there says: "And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

Now concerning some of the further benefits the Kingdom will bring to the obedient ones, take note. For many centuries the people have suffered much sickness, and millions have gone down in sorrow to the grave. Bitter tears have bathed the cheeks of every adult person because death has taken away some loved one. To add to their sorrow and to cause the people to curse God, Satan has caused his agents to falsely teach the people that their beloved dead are conscious in purgatory or in eternal torture, there undergoing everlasting pain and suffering. The Scriptures abundantly teach that the dead are unconscious and not alive and not undergoing suffering anywhere. They are in their graves, and they know not anything, awaiting God's due time to call them forth in the resurrection and give them an opportunity under the Kingdom to obey its righteous laws and live. (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10) Jesus with authority stated (John 5:28, 29): 'All are in their graves, and the hour is coming in which they shall all be brought forth from the graves and given a trial for life, and they that obey shall have life and shall not die.' That will be one of the great boons and benefits resulting from the Kingdom.

There are millions of persons living on earth today who will see the Kingdom in operation and see their dead friends awakened out of death, and it will be their privilege to aid such to understand that if they are obedient to the laws of God's kingdom they shall live forever upon the earth. Satan has fraudulently induced the people to believe that death is a friend of man, while the Word of God shows that death is man's great enemy. Under the righteous reign

of Christ Jesus this enemy, Death, shall be destroyed; as it is written (1 Corinthians 15:25, 26): "For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." The lifeblood of Christ Jesus was shed for the benefit of all men, and in the Kingdom all men must be brought to a knowledge of the truth and given an opportunity to be obedient to the Kingdom laws and receive the benefits thereof, which include life everlasting in the earth. For that reason Christ Jesus is named the Savior of the world, and it is written that there is no other name given under heaven whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4:12.

The vindication of Jehovah's holy name is the most important truth contained in the Bible. Jehovah God is the fountain of all truth and life. Satan is the fountain head of lies and death. (John 8:44) Long ago Satan challenged God to put men on earth who would be faithful to Him; hence Jehovah has permitted Satan to do his worst in his effort to prove his wicked challenge. In the long period of time from Eden till now a few men have remained true to God, and these have been to that extent a vindication of Jehovah's name. Millions of others have died without knowing Jehovah, but when these are awakened out of death and brought back from the grave and given a knowledge of the truth they will have an opportunity to obey God and live, and by doing so that will be a vindication of Jehovah's name. The time is at hand to settle the great question at issue, as to who is the Supreme One in the universe. Shortly Satan and his organization shall die, and then the benefits of God's kingdom shall be open to all. The living shall first hear, and then the dead shall be awakened that they may hear, obey and live.

For centuries Satan has cast a veil of covering over the eyes of the people and made them blind to the truth. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Under the reign of God's righteous King that veil of covering shall be taken away, that all may know the Lord from the least to the greatest and that those who obey then shall live, and no more shall men suffer rebuke because they have faithfully served Jehovah God. It is written (Isaiah 25:7-9): "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day [by the people], Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Jehovah God will dwell in His holy organization and operate the affairs of earth for the good of those who obey its righteous laws. In confirmation of this it is written, in Revelation 21:4: "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Abundantly blessed the people will be when there shall be no more tears and sorrow and when they have no more fear of death or any such thing. Then they will dwell together in peace and prosperity and enjoy happiness without interruption.

To those who hear Jehovah and take their stand on His side He now says (Isaiah 66:1; 60:13): "The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. . . . And I will make the place of my feet glorious." Under the kingdom of Christ all things that offend and do injury shall be for ever removed and the earth will be made a fit place for righteous persons to dwell. That will mean that those who do obey and live will be wholly devoted to God and to His kingdom. Such is true holiness. The claim made by men that holiness results from the holding of an office, speaking soft words and having a sanctimonious appearance, is entirely unscriptural and untrue.

Under the Kingdom there will be no need for prisons and insane asylums, hospitals or drugs, because the Lord will heal the mind and body of all those who obey Him. The wicked influence of Satan even upon the beasts of the field and the fowls of the air will be taken away, and these will be singing the praises of Jehovah the great God. Horses have heretofore symbolized war and war equipment, because men have used them for such purposes. Under the Kingdom there will be no more war; and concerning the horses it is written: "In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses [the inscription], HOLINESS UNTO [JEHOVAH]." (Zechariah 14:20) In symbolic phrase, these bells will call attention to the fact that every creature that continues to live will give honor and glory to Jehovah God, who by and through the administration of His kingdom has brought boundless blessings to all creation. All then will be wholly and completely devoted to

His righteous cause. God gave His faithful prophet a vision of this coming day of blessings for the peoples of earth under His kingdom. Moved by gratitude that prophet, at the 150th Psalm, used these words: "Praise ye [Jehovah]; . . . Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD." This will be the proper attitude of all the peoples of earth when the kingdom of God under Christ has brought them under the complete control and blessings of that righteous rule.

In this brief speech I can merely call attention to some of the blessings the Kingdom will bring to the people. A book called *Government* sets forth the matter more in detail, and therein you will find cited numerous scriptures fully proving that the Kingdom is the only hope of the world. There now come to you faithful men and women who are, by His grace, Jehovah's witnesses, and who are bringing to you the message of truth for your aid and comfort. These witnesses are not prompted by any selfish desire, but bring to you this message in obedience to God's commandment, that you may have an opportunity to make your choice as to whom you will serve.

The hour is here for you to have serious thought. The entire population of the earth is in distress and perplexity. There is but one remedy, and that is God's kingdom under Christ. Do not waste time by following the schemes of imperfect men. Regardless of the good intentions of such men their schemes are certain to meet with complete failure, because it is God's time to set aside everything that is out of harmony with His kingdom. We all know that there are millions of people now mourning. I bid you to cease your weeping and dry your tears. Look up with faith and confidence to the hand of the gracious and almighty God, who will now smite the wicked world and then quickly heal all of the people who give obedience to His righteous laws. He is the God of justice, wisdom, love and power, and from His gracious hand comes everything that is for the well-being of creation. Let all creation turn to Him, obey His laws and give praise to His holy name.

To the peoples of good will it is needless for me to say that you greatly desire peace, prosperity, life and happiness. To those who give heed to His law and obey God He now says: "The Lord knoweth the days of the upright; and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time; and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth; and they that be cursed of him shall be cut off." (Psalm 37:18, 19, 22) "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." (Isaiah 32:17, 18) "What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles." (Psalm 34:12-14, 17) Blessings attempted to be bestowed upon you by men, regardless of their office or position, cannot make you rich; but, it is written, in Proverbs 10:22: "The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich; and he addeth no sorrow with it."

Jehovah God is your eternal Friend. His witnesses, of whom Christ Jesus is the chief, are your friends, because they bring to you the message of peace from the Father of mercies and God of all comfort. May that sweet message of His kingdom falling upon your ears lift you up out of your sorrow and bring comfort to your heart, and may you for ever be the recipients of Jehovah's blessings and continue to give honor to His holy name.

Brightening the Day with "Kingdom Blessings"

DID you hear Judge Rutherford's lecture, April 30, 1933, on "Kingdom Blessings"? Do you know of what it reminded one group of listeners? "He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers that water the earth." It was so gentle, so tender, so persuasive. The day, over a large part of the country served by the hook-up, was as beautiful as the message. Both were a gift from God.

Sunshine pouring down through millions on millions of trees putting on their new spring suits: God's bouquets, smiling and nodding in

the softest of zephyrs. It was just the day for such a message.

Ulmer Turner, radio editor of the Chicago *Herald and Examiner*, voiced our own sentiments perfectly when he said:

"Thank God for radio!"

A moment ago the telephone rang . . . Nothing unusual about the call at first . . . It was just an excited woman who wanted to know when she could hear Judge Rutherford over the radio again . . . Consulting the Sunday schedule, I advised her to tune to KYW each Sunday at 1 p.m. for that feature.

"Please do not hang up," she cried, "before I thank you! I am blind and no one seems to care about me . . . Only the radio likes me . . . and it brings me such wonderful things . . . music, news and Judge Rutherford! . . . Thank God for radio!"

After impressing upon her that the *Herald and Examiner* radio department would always be glad to help her locate any programs she might want to hear, we bid each other good-by . . . But the incident brightened my whole day . . . To realize that science in the past 1933 years has been able to contribute something that really helps all mankind, and particularly the afflicted . . . Just as a Stranger who came into our midst 1933 years ago . . . and Who, also, long before electrons were discovered, dedicated Himself to helping the afflicted.

Because it is the due time, the Lord is causing new light to shine from old texts as Judge Rutherford turns them over before the microphone. These old texts are like diamonds. Whichever way they are turned they shine with new beauty and brilliancy, and were made so to do.

Just to catch at one of them, for an instant. The judge quoted an old familiar text: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."

Almost anybody that would hear that text would say right away, "Yes, I understand that text perfectly"; but after half a dozen sentences of exposition, wherein it is plainly shown that the righteous one is God's Anointed King, Christ Jesus, and the wicked one is the Devil, who is responsible for getting the world into present difficulties, the whole purpose of the text takes on a different aspect.

That is a beautiful passage where, after showing the sadness that has resulted from the rule borne by the Wicked, and after showing the blessings that shall come from the rule of the King that shall reign in righteousness, the speaker said:

"Why should the people continue to walk on in darkness with their heads bowed down, following in the steps of blind human guides? Why not lift up the head and look unto God and His kingdom and the gracious and bountiful provision He has made for those who love and obey Him?"

There is a nice recognition of free will and responsibility in this: "I am not begging you to enter God's organization, but as one of Jehovah's witnesses I am pointing you to the facts, that you may do what you desire."

Of all the fine things written and spoken in our time, the address on "Kingdom Blessings" is one of the finest.

BRIEF EXTRACTS FROM A FEW LETTERS AND TELEGRAMS

Ann Arbor, Mich. "I have not words enough in my vocabulary to express how much I enjoyed your radio talk of Sunday last, and would appreciate a copy of same. In these times, when people in general are downhearted and discouraged, getting more pessimistic each day, it is a blessing to have someone come forward and tell them Christ alone is our strong hold in times of sorrow and depression, and help comes from Him." Mrs. A.L.F.

Arlington, Mass. "Wonderful message. Lecture and music excellent. Reception perfect. Praise Jehovah." A.M.G. and R.E.G.

Brooklyn, N.Y. "Your lecture 'Kingdom Blessings for the People' was heard with great enthusiasm. Reception excellent. More blessings to you from Jehovah." Italian company of Jehovah's witnesses.

Chicago, Ill. "I listened with great interest to the address of Judge Rutherford this morning and would like to have a free copy of same, with all other information in regard to writings and teachings of this able speaker. Heard over KYW, the *Herald and Examiner* station in Chicago. The writer is representative of *The Horseman* and was particularly anxious to have the references to the horse mentioned in Mr. Rutherford's address, as well as the many references to quotations from the Scriptures, their promises and their prophecies." A.D.H.

Detroit, Mich. "I listened to your address this morning and am thankful there is someone

who is not afraid to tell the world the truth. I am in entire accord with your idea, but never in my 56 years have I heard any man explain my own feeling in regard to Christianity as you have done in your address 'Kingdom Blessings for the People', and I respectfully ask that a copy of the same be sent me." S.J.D.

Independence, Ohio. "Everything perfect this end, all three stations. Magnificent climax. You never did better. Jehovah be praised." M.A.H.

Hamilton, Ont. "Having heard your sermon on Sunday, I was delighted that you came out fearlessly on the cults of the day. We need men today who are fearless—the people are so deceived—and what a pity they are in that condition. I would very much like to receive this sermon by return mail." Mrs. C.L.

Midland, Mich. "As a frequent listener to your Sunday broadcasting, it was my extreme delight and satisfaction to hear one of the most astounding speeches, delineating present-day events, that I have ever heard. Judge Rutherford's bold, drastic exposure and denunciation of modern-day religion as it is practiced by our clergy (those oily-tongued diplomats who stand rebuked by the teachings of the humble sage of Nazareth, whom they feign to worship and follow yet have obviously slandered in their insatiable greed for fame, fortune and popularity) is noteworthy indeed. I believe every honest American should feel as I do, that this most unique of broadcasters is doing humanity a great service. May he continue the good work and may it be your privilege to continue broadcasting these enlightening talks." To Station WBCM by R.E.P.

North Tonawanda, N.Y. "I have been listening to your radio talks, and they sure sound wonderful. It must be wonderful to know the truth. I would appreciate a copy of today's speech, and if you have last Sunday's speech, could you possibly send that? I want to thank you very much. For a while I was nearly going out of my head—there are so many religions and which is the best is hard to decide. All my friends happen to be good Catholics. I have several Protestant friends, and when they begin discussing religion it becomes distasteful, because they are not speaking the truth, but they think they are. If they were to listen to Judge Rutherford, and hear the truth, they would feel so different. Would it not be wonderful if we all believed in one religion, and the people would know the truth and not the falsehoods that people are taught to believe nowadays? Well, I am glad that our family are learning the truth, and I do hope people will soon realize how they are being fooled." Miss H.K.

Orillia, Ont. "Your address of Sunday, April 23, touched me more profoundly than anything I have heard for years, and I would like to congratulate you on the courage that enabled you to broadcast your honest convictions in regard to the chaos that greed, selfishness, and lack of divine inspiration has brought upon the nations today. Every word you uttered found an echo in my heart, and I felt that, though alone, in regard to real flesh and blood, kith and kin, you had given me a 'touch of nature that makes all the world kin'. So seldom do I meet anyone who feels as poignantly along these lines as I do that I felt a sudden impulse to touch the radio with my hands, and make a living, breathing presence out of a voice. Thank God for your lack of 'discretion' and self-preservation, looking down from your Watchtower and telling them to come up, if they want to be saved from the floods that will one day engulf them." M.P.

Paterson, N.J. "'Kingdom Blessings,' delivered by Judge Rutherford, heard over WODA, made glad the hearts of a group of Jehovah's witnesses here at Paterson, N.J."

Patoka, Ill. "In the kitchen of our two-room farm home my husband and I listened to Mr. Rutherford's lecture on 'Kingdom Blessings' this morning. It came in clear as a bell, as did the two former broadcasts. We are asking for a copy each of the three lectures, and the booklet on the work and books of Judge Rutherford, and several of our neighbors, some who heard and some who missed the 'Kingdom Blessings' broadcast, asked me to include them in my request for this last lecture." Mr. and Mrs. M.O.

Swainsboro, Ga. "Praise Jehovah for His goodness, also for this morning's lecture. Came over perfectly from WBT." T.J.A. and S.S.

Toronto, Ont. "Jehovah's message of great comfort, spoken so graciously, received perfectly. May His blessings be your rich portion always. Love." W.F.S.

175 Brave Young Men

AT Oxford University 175 brave young men announced to all the world that they will take no part in war. Two anonymous donors sent to each of them a gift of a white feather, supposedly as a rebuke. Far better wear a white feather than a yellow one, or for that matter a black one or a red one. White stands for truth, yellow for cowardice, black for hypocrisy, and red for murder. It was nice of the wearers of yellow, black and red feathers to send to superior men a color that they themselves could not appropriately wear, but it was not appreciation that caused them to do it; it was justice. It is better to wear white feathers than yellow.

The Union of Manchester University followed the lead of the Oxford Union by passing, 371 to 196, a motion "That this house will under no circumstances fight for its king and country."

Charlesworth Wrong, as Usual

A DISPATCH from Ottawa reports Hector Charlesworth as the author of a letter read in the Canadian House of Commons in which he said that Judge Rutherford had referred to him as "a thief, a liar, a Judas and a polecat, and therefore fit only to associate with the clergy". Thereupon Thomas Reid, member from New Westminster, arose and remarked that he had a letter which had come from Judge Rutherford in which the latter said, "Never, at any time, have I applied such epithets to a public man." Judge Rutherford is right and Hector Charlesworth wrong, both as usual. Judge Rutherford is in no sense of the word responsible for the laurels *The Golden Age* has laid on Mr. Charlesworth's brow, but lest some of our readers grieve too much over what they may regard as our misplaced enthusiasm, please do not overlook the fact that the Savior of men labeled some as liars, fools, blind guides, hypocrites, whited sepulchers, extortioners, thieves, murderers, foxes, wolves, serpents, vipers, dogs and swine, and they were. He did not call anybody vile unless they were. Charlesworth can still repent, if he will. And if he does, we will give him a clean slate and start afresh.

Only Ten Dollars for a Diploma

IF YOU send ten dollars to The Salvatorian Fathers, Salvatorian Seminary, St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, you get a beautiful diploma of admission into the Perpetual Mass Association; and what is more, for every additional ten dollars that you send you can get another diploma for somebody else. If you haven't got the ten dollars, that is all arranged, you can send all you have, and they will take it and "a preliminary entry is recorded which, however, entitles the new member to all spiritual advantages". About those "spiritual advantages"? Oh, yes! "For them, or such as they enroll, one 'holy mass' is said, and will be offered up daily for *all time*," and such, it is made clear, "will not be utterly unaided and forgotten after death, as not infrequently happens." You can dig up for somebody else, and "what a tender remembrance it would be—and how practical! But for the above-mentioned alms of ten dollars only one person, whose name must be expressly mentioned, can be received. If more are to be enrolled, repeat the alms for each person". Whatever you do, don't forget to send in the ten bucks. If you don't, it would be nice for you to be tenderly remembered; but, no ten bucks, no tender remembrance, *and no diploma.* It is ten bucks or *nothing,* except a preliminary entry. No, wait! Hold on! Here is another offer by another department. If you have got only $1, provided you are willing to kiss it good-bye, you can get in on this Mass Association business for one year. "You may, if you prefer, have a deceased relative or friend enrolled instead of yourself, and the person thus enrolled will receive the rich spiritual benefits of these masses," whatever they be. But there is no diploma unless you come across with the $10. Is that plain?

Abridgments

Great Changes in Turkey

GREAT changes are taking place in Turkey. Men and women now mix freely in public places. There are women doctors, lawyers, judges and police. Only Latin letters may be used. The fez as a headdress may not be used in any color. Days of the week have been changed to conform to those of the rest of the world.

U. S. Still Has 4% of Illiteracy

THE United States still has 4 percent of illiteracy, or nearly 4,500,000 of the total population who can neither read nor write. By contrast, the only persons in Denmark who cannot read and write are the 672 imbeciles who cannot be taught. Illiteracy has been virtually banished from most of the countries of northern Europe.

The Time They Missed

THREE young men in New York had worked out quite a nice system of following men from banks, shoving them into hallways and then taking their rolls at the point of a gun. Business was so good that they forgot to look after details. Meantime the police got to following candidates for holdups, and happened in on the three just as they were about to pull off their last one. And so one more flourishing industry goes to the wall.

Maryland Penitentiary Religions

OF 2,560 prisoners that passed through the Maryland Penitentiary last year, 946 were Methodists, 667 Baptists, 608 Roman Catholics, 77 Lutherans, 54 Episcopalians, 53 Presbyterians, 15 United Brethren, 11 Hebrews, 10 Pentecostals, 8 Dunkards, 3 Reformed, 2 each Adventist and Christian Science, and 1 each Christian, Congregational, Greek Orthodox, and Mormon.

Hitler and Big Business

FOLLOWING a meeting of Chancellor Hitler with ten of the leading industrialists of Germany, Count Keyserling, in a close analysis of the Hitler movement, concludes that ultimately 100 percent of the slogans of the Hitlerites will be thrown into the wastebasket and Germany will really be governed by Big Business, with Hitler as a figurehead. Hitlerites have recently broken up Catholic political meetings as well as those of Communists and Socialists.

Militarist Propaganda in Germany

THE Berlin correspondent of the Manchester *Guardian* finds Germany seething with militarist propaganda from one end to the other. The people are bored and indifferent, but some unseen influence is thrusting militaristic motion pictures, scores of them, before the people, and the newspapers, for the most part, are going along, as they usually do, with the evil work.

Europe Still Insane

THAT Europe is still insane is evident from the fact that a railway clerk accidentally divulged that 40,000 Mauser rifles and 200 machine guns from old war stocks, camouflaged as machinery, were shipped from Italy to an Austrian arms factory, where they were reconditioned and then reexported to Hungary and lost to sight.

Peasants Seizing Land in Spain

IN THREE days recently Spanish peasants, with the assurance of local authorities, mostly Socialists, took possession of no less than sixty-six great estates, dividing them up among themselves, the strongest getting the choicest and largest pieces of land. In the city of Madrid there are 117,802 persons who can neither read nor write.

White Slave Magnate in France

FRENCH officials have uncovered a white slave magnate who had in his possession cleverly forged imitations of the official seals of four French governors, together with quantities of blank passports. On baby farms he was raising little girls, whose mothers had already been sold into slavery, so as to be sure to have stock in trade for the future.

Evictions in Kenya

IT NOW transpires that there were 300 evictions of natives in Kenya because gold was found on their lands and the whites insisted on having the gold. The official statements say that the 300 evicted families did not want to emigrate to remote regions and there was no land near by that is free of gold and that could be given them in exchange. Maybe our suggestions are not wanted, but how would it do to have a missionary go up in a plane over their present quarters, sing a hymn or two, pray some, and then poison-gas the whole crowd?

No More Lame Duck Sessions

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is not elected for four years, but for three years and forty-six weeks, as his successor is due to be inaugurated on January 20, 1937, instead of March 4, 1937. Also, there will be no more lame duck sessions; the incoming congress, meeting January 3, 1934, will be the first to begin its regular sessions in January.

American Standards Disappearing

IN A REPORT to the stockholders the president of the International Bank, of Washington, D.C., declared, "A year ago this nation looked hopefully to emergency legislation creating the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, the Federal Home Loan Bank and other measures, to bring about a gradual recovery. These agencies have proved ineffectual, and public faith has been further impaired. Nearly fifteen million workers are out of employment and the boasted standards of American wages and living have almost disappeared. As a result, the fiber of the nation is being gradually weakened. . . . An examination of production and indebtedness in the United States established the startling fact that for years our debts have been increasing at a rate faster than production, and both of them faster than the ratio of population." And we query: "Can the American government endure?"

Suppose You Had It All

RECENT figures show that in the United States there are about 500,000,000 $1 bills, 26,000,000 $2 bills, 153,000,000 $5 bills, 132,000,000 $10 bills, 72,000,000 $20 bills, 6,000,000 $50 bills, 4,000,000 $100 bills, 227,000 $500 bills, 209,000 $1,000 bills 5,352 $5,000 bills, and 8,461 $10,000 bills. That makes a grand total of $5,210,870,000. Suppose you had it all, what would you do with it? The Mellons, between them, are said to control $8,000,000,000. That is more than all the money there is in America. But there are still plenty of engravers and printing presses. More and other money can be made. There is about $4,500,000,000 in gold, upon which the above currency is based. The law would allow $13,500,000,000 in paper money to be issued against the gold. So the country is now deflated to the gasping point. Bank deposits amount to about $42,000,000,000, which is about eight times the total cash in the country.

Uncle Sam's Road to Recovery

THE Columbia *Missourian* represents Uncle Sam in a Whippet car at the top of a long grade. He reaches the signboard intended to show him the way to recovery and finds seven signs all pointing in different directions, Technocracy, Currency Inflation, Debt Cancellation, Tax Increase, Farm Relief, World Disarmament, and Tariff Revision.

Guarding the President

WHEREVER the president goes six secret service operatives accompany him. In hotels they occupy adjoining rooms, as well as rooms across the hall. When he goes on a trip, it is known in advance what entrances and exits the president will use in every place he visits, and all such are fully protected. When he goes automobiling, the operatives occupy a car immediately in the rear, or if traffic is close, they run alongside.

Inaugural Ceremonies Heard in Other Countries

ENGLAND, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Australia, Poland, Austria and Argentina listened to the inaugural ceremonies at Washington and reported clear reception. Undoubtedly the time is not far off when it will be possible to hear clearly all over the world broadcasts of universal interest and importance. The world is admirably equipped for thorough cooperation. All that is needed is a righteous world-government to employ the available equipment for the common good. This need will be met by the kingdom of God, which will unite all nations and enable them to cooperate in truth and justice.

A Difference of Only $16,836,449

SAMUEL INSULL, JR., on the stand before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, testified that Insull Utility Investments, Inc., reported to the general public that it had cleared $10,343,072 net profit in 1930, and to the Internal Revenue Bureau, that it had sustained a net loss of $6,493,377 in the same year. You see, it makes a big difference to a Big Business man whether he is trying to sell stock to the public or is figuring his income taxes, and that is why it is necessary to hire a bookkeeper who can make statements the way you want them. The old-style bookkeeper, who knew only how to make up an honest statement, would hardly be able to hold a job now anywhere.

Magdeburg Plant Closed and Reopened

ON MONDAY, April 24, the German plant of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, at Magdeburg, was closed and thereafter occupied by storm troops of the Nazis. Protests of the American consul-general followed, and on the 29th the plant was restored to its owners and reopened. This seems to have marked a turning point in Germany, newspaper accounts reporting that because of this incident orders had been issued forbidding further arbitrary arrests of private citizens by armed Nazis.

Increasing the Burdens of the Oppressed

WHEN the Israelites petitioned Pharaoh for relief from their burdens he arrogantly increased them. Solomon's son, Rehoboam, threatened to do the same thing when his subjects came to him and asked for some consideration. Likewise at the present time, now that the peoples of earth are looking for an improvement in their condition, the controlling interests take a similar course and reduce wages and generally add to the burdens of the people. Says the governor of New York, asking for a minimum wage law, "The evidence is overwhelming that, especially as to women and children, the depression has been exploited by some shortsighted and selfish employers, who pay wages unreasonably low and not at all commensurate to the value of the service rendered."

Banks Gobbling Up Industry

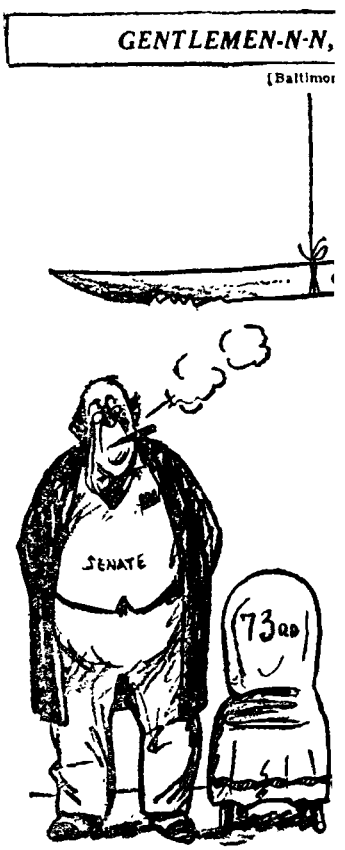
THE blame for the present depression is, among other things, laid at the door of industry. But it appears from a speech by Senator Geo. W. Davis that industry is in large measure controlled by the more important banks. Eight of New York city's leading banks have 287 directorships in insurance companies, 301 in other banks, 521 in public utility companies, 585 in railroad, shipping and airplane companies, and 846 in manufacturing companies. Additionally they have 1,201 directorships in other corporations, making a total of 3,741 corporations controlled by these eight banks. Twenty-four other banks and trust companies in New York have 6,250 directorships in various corporations. The senator further said, "We are gradually reaching a time when the business of the country is controlled by men who can be named on the fingers of one hand, because those men control the money of the nation, and that control is growing at a rapid rate."

Payments of Dividends and Interest

IN 1913 dividend and interest payments were under 2 billion dollars; in 1918 they were 3 billion dollars; in 1923 they were 4 billion dollars; in 1928 they were 6 billion dollars, and in 1930 they were 8½ billion dollars.

Morale, Bonus and Income Tax

IT IS hard to overestimate the influence of a man occupying the position of president of the second largest bank in the United States. He had to keep up the morale of his under officials, so he loaned them $2,400,000 of his depositors' money, without interest, without security, and without payment. He had to be well paid himself, so in addition to his salary he drew bonuses aggregating $3,481,732. He was grateful for the privilege of living in a country where he could do such things, and so he avoided paying any Federal income tax in 1929 by taking an alleged loss of $2,800,000 on a sale of bank stock to another member of his family, and then buying it back later on. Mr. C. E. Mitchell, while he was president of the National City Bank, built up a reputation for preaching rigid economy, retrenchment and elimination of graft. It is a good thing we have some great men like him, or America would not be what it is. It would be worse, maybe, but that is only a maybe.



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Total Wages and Salaries Paid

THE total wages and salaries paid in 1929 were 53¼ billion dollars; in 1930 they were 45½ billion dollars; in 1931 they were 37½ billion dollars; in 1932 they were 28¼ billion dollars. This is as good a measure of the depression as one could wish. It is the people who spend their money who create business, not those who hoard it. And wage-earners spend their money about as fast as they get it; they have to.

The Secretary of the Treasury

THE new secretary of the treasury, William H. Woodin, is or was one of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York City; general superintendent of the Jackson and Woodin Manufacturing Company; president of the American Car and Foundry Company; chairman of the board and member of the executive committee of the American Locomotive Company; president of the American Car and Foundry Motor Company; chairman of the board of The Brill Corporation Railway Steel Spring Company; president of the American Car and Foundry Export Company; president of the American Car and Foundry Securities Company; director of the Remington Arms Company; director of the Superheater Company; director of the Montreal Locomotive Works; director of The Cuba Company; director of the Cuba Railroad Company; director of the Compania Cubana Consolidated Railroads of Cuba; director of the American Ship and Commerce Corporation. After having Andrew Mellon, one of the richest men in the world, as American secretary of the treasury, it seems nice now to have one of the plain people in that job, doesn't it? Or does it? How about it? We shall get the new deal now. Oh, yeah!

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Where the Money Went

OF ALL the money paid out by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation about a tenth went for relief, much less than that to the aid of the farmer, and an insignificant amount to create work. In spite of the immense sums poured into banks and other financial institutions, loans were being called, plants forced to close, and men laid off. The scheme to help the poor via the rich seems to have faltered somewhere en route.

1,250,000 Homeless

A NATION-WIDE census of homeless persons reveals that there are a million and a quarter of these wretched creatures. These are frequently shelterless as well as homeless. It is further stated that 135,000 of these are boys, and 26,000 girls! Between 140,000 and 150,000 are women!

Why Government Costs Should Come Down

COLONEL ROBERT R. MCCORMICK, publisher of the Chicago *Tribune,* in remarks made at Buffalo, N. Y., said, "There is not a cabinet officer, there is not a member of Congress, who dares to try to demonstrate that one half of the money appropriated for any department of government is used for the purpose designated."

"Now You See It, and Now You Don't"

IN 1929 wages and salaries in the United States were 53 billions; in 1932 they were 28 billions; retail sales in 1929 were 50 billions, and in 1932 they were 28 billions; farm incomes in 1929 were 12 billions, and in 1932 they were 5½ billions; finished steel in 1929 had a tonnage of 39 millions, and in 1932 it had 9½ millions; residential construction in 1928 amounted to 2.8 billions, and in 1932 to 0.3 billions; other construction in 1928 amounted to $553,000,000 average per month, and in 1932 to $115,000,000; the net operating income of the railroads in 1929 was 106 millions, and in 1932 it was 27 millions; the bank clearings in 137 cities in 1929 were 705 billions, and in 1932 they were 253 billions.

A Prize Briggs Check

ONE of the prize Briggs Manufacturing Company checks is No. M7 52277, payment No. 291243, dated August 30, 1932, identification numbers 305 B15, drawn to O. Seltman, payable by the Peoples Wayne County Bank, Detroit, Mich. The amount? Oh, yes; that was 9c, and represented the total wages paid a worker at the end of a two-week pay period. She had reported for work seven times, spent 42 hours in the factory, worked 19 hours, and earned $1.29 at piecework. The company withheld $1.20 for insurance and paid the girl 9c. Her carfare alone amounted to 98c. Henry Ford, richest man in the world, is dependent for automobile bodies upon the Briggs plant. America's industrial system is the wonder of the world. That was before the "holy year" started, and now it is worse.

IT GIVES one a peculiar sensation when he thinks of strong men and plenty of them trembling with fear in the presence of the truth. Every dignitary of the Roman Catholic church is well aware that the institution of which he is a part is not founded upon the Scriptures. Therefore his face blanches and his knees shake when brought face to face with the Word of God.

The "pope" knows that he accepts the title "Holy Father", which title occurs but once in the Scriptures, where it is used in His last prayer, with infinite tenderness, by the only-begotten Son of God, and is addressed to Jehovah, the Creator, the Eternal Sovereign of the universe.—John 17:11.

The "cardinals" know that they and all other clergy of the Roman Catholic church accept the title "father", yet they well know that Jesus taught His followers to "call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven".—Matthew 23:9.

The "archbishops" know that every Roman Catholic is taught to worship Mary, though they also know that she is but a creature and that the Scriptures are explicit that "thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve". (Matthew 4:10) They also know that this is a quotation from Deuteronomy 6:13, 14, from the mouth of Jehovah God himself by the hand of Moses, "Thou shalt fear [Jehovah] thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods."

The "bishops" know that the Roman Catholic church relies on Mary to protect her in great emergency, yet they know that the Scriptures hold out the hope of but one throne of grace to which the people of God may come boldly that they "may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need". (Hebrews 4:16) They thus know that in establishing an unauthorized refuge "in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men".—Matthew 15:9.

The "priests" know that under the canon law of the Roman Catholic church in Italy, and in every other country where the canon law is in effect, if one speaks against the "pope" it is required that the offender be punished severely, but they know that the Son of God himself said, "Whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him."—Matthew 12:32.

Afraid of the Scriptures

The clergy of the Roman Catholic church know that their literature teaches that Mary is the treasurer and the dispenser of mercies, yet they know that Jesus made the claim for himself alone that "all power is given unto me in heaven and in earth".—Matthew 28:18.

The "deacons" know that it is the oft-repeated claim of the Roman Catholic church that the priest's power equals that of Christ, yet they know of the warning recorded in the Scriptures against "not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God". (Colossians 2:19) On this point they also know that Jesus himself said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."—John 10:7-9.

The "priors" know that the Roman Catholic church seeks the admiration of the world and is comforted by it, but the Scriptures give the warning "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?"—James 4:4.

The "deans" know that it is the teaching of the Roman Catholic church that hearing and believing are not necessary precedents to baptism, yet they know that the Scriptures teach that hearing and believing come first and baptism afterward.—Acts 18:8.

The "prefects" know that the clergy of the Roman Catholic church and the bodyguard of the "pope" are forbidden to marry and are commanded to abstain from meats on certain days, and yet they know that the Scriptures bear testimony of a time that would come when some would be guilty of "speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving."—1 Timothy 4:2-4.

In Terror of the Word of God

The "chief penitentiary" knows that the clergy alone of the Roman Catholic church drink

the wine of the sacramental cup, but he knows that Jesus himself, when He instituted the memorial of His death, "took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves."—Luke 22:17.

The "datary" of the "pope" knows that the people of the Roman Catholic church are taught to study the wounds of Christ but are not taught, as the Scriptures state they should be, to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth".—2 Timothy 2:15.

The "chancellor" knows that it is the teaching of the Roman Catholic church that Christ is still dying, whereas the Scriptures show that "Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him".—Romans 6:9.

The "patriarchs" know that if the Roman Catholic church could have its way in the world it not only would forbid others to teach the Bible as they believe it, but would even forbid them to hold property; yet they know that the Scriptures teach that "where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty".—2 Corinthians 3:17.

The "archpriests" know that the Roman Catholic canon law requires that offending clergymen be imprisoned in a separate place from laymen, and yet they know that the Scriptures teach the law of absolute justice, that there shall be "one ordinance . . . for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the Lord. One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you."—Numbers 15:15, 16.

Frightened by the Testimony

The "camerlengo" of the "pope" knows that the Roman Catholic church seeks by every means in its power to acquire wealth, yet he knows that the Scriptures teach "Thou shalt not covet".—Romans 7:7.

The "chamberlains" of the "pope" know that the "pope" has the most elaborate and costly wardrobe in the world, yet they know that the Lord taught that "he that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none".—Luke 3:11.

The "vicar-general" knows that the Roman Catholic clergy have laid the burden of "purgatory" on the people and will not do one thing for the souls supposedly therein until they get the money for the masses which they require. Yet he knows that Jesus said of certain ones that "they bind heavy burdens, and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers".—Matthew 23:4.

The "pontifical secretary of state" knows that the officials of the Roman Catholic church live in palaces but encourage others to exist under the most distressing and terrible conditions imaginable. Yet he knows that Jesus taught that "all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets".—Matthew 7:12.

The "prefect of the ceremonial congregation" knows that the Roman Catholic church teaches that God's kingdom can never come, but that present terrible conditions in the earth, with all their inequalities, will be perpetuated forever. Yet he knows that Jesus taught His disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."—Matthew 6:10.

Our space is limited, but if we had room, we could go on and name all the officials in the Roman Catholic church and they would have to admit, when the facts were presented to them, that the teachings of their church are in direct conflict with the following additional scriptures and many others which could be named, had we the time and space to include them in the record.

Exodus 20:16	Mark 12:31
Numbers 18:20	Mark 12:38-40
Deuteronomy 4:25-28	Luke 1:53
Deuteronomy 5:17	Luke 4:5-8
2 Kings 18:4	Luke 6:24
Psalm 146:4	Luke 6:36
Proverbs 16:5	Luke 9:58
Ecclesiastes 5:2	John 4:6
Ecclesiastes 9:5	John 5:41
Matthew 5:9	John 6:37
Matthew 6:1	John 8:44
Matthew 6:2	John 13:33
Matthew 6:6	John 19:26, 27
Matthew 6:7	Acts 7:48, 49
Matthew 6:19	Acts 8:20
Matthew 6:26	Acts 10:25, 26
Matthew 10:16	Romans 6:9
Matthew 11:29	Romans 12:16
Matthew 12:19	1 Corinthians 4:11
Matthew 23:5	2 Corinthians 1:1
Matthew 23:10-12	2 Corinthians 6:17
Mark 10:19	2 Corinthians 10:4
Mark 10:21	2 Corinthians 11:3

Ephesians 1:1	1 Peter 1:17
Colossians 1:2	1 Peter 3:3
Colossians 2:18	1 Peter 5:2
2 Timothy 3:15	1 Peter 5:5, 6
James 2:2-4	1 John 5:21

Fearful of Judge Rutherford

We come now to a spokesman for the Roman Catholic church, i.e., *"The Catholic Bulletin,* Official Publication of the Province of St. Paul, Member of the National Catholic Welfare Council News Service and the Catholic Press Association, published every Saturday by the Catholic Bulletin Publishing Company; Editorial, Business and Subscription Departments: Chancery Building, 244 Dayton Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota. Telephone: Elkhurst 0800; Press, 408-410 North Franklin Street; Eastern Representative, George J. Callahan, 240 Broadway, New York City. Bernard Vaughan, Managing Editor; William J. Conroy, Assistant Editor; Edward H. Becker, Business Manager."

We now wish our readers to see how badly official spokesmen of the church are frightened by the fact that Judge Rutherford, the world's ablest Bible expositor, used one of the broadcasting stations in their city to declare to the people the truth regarding the "holy year", which he did in his address April 23, 1933, on "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity".

The Catholic Bulletin was so alarmed that its leading article on the front page of its issue of April 29 was devoted to a two-column protest with scareheads two columns wide and nine type lines, three inches, deep. We reproduce this evidence of their fright, in this issue.

HOLY YEAR IS RIDICULED IN KSTP RADIO PROGRAM; ANOTHER INSULT COMING

Speaker Who Affronted Catholics of the Northwest for Hour Last Sunday Will Be Heard Again Next Sunday, Despite Protests, Says Official.

KU KLUX SPEECH WAS BROADCAST BY STATION'S MANAGER FEW YEARS AGO

Radio listeners of the Northwest were shocked last Sunday morning by an ignorant anti-Catholic program broadcast from 9 to 10 o'clock by the National Battery Station KSTP, St. Paul.

The purpose of the program was to cast ridicule and suspicion upon the most sacred religious sentiments of the Catholic people and to make a grotesque political burlesque of the Extraordinary Holy Year of Jubilee proclaimed by His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, in commemoration of the nineteenth centenary of the crucifixion and death of Our Blessed Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING USED

The affront to the Catholic people of the community was aggravated by the station's deceptive advance advertising of the program. Frequent announcements were made daily. The public was invited to listen on Sunday to an important address on the significance of the Holy Year, but in these announcements there was no intimation as to the real character of the broadcast.

The speaker was introduced as one Judge Rutherford, whose mischievous activities are not unknown elsewhere but from whom this region has been spared hitherto. Listeners were asked to write for copies of his speech and other literature to "The Watch Tower," Brooklyn, N. Y.

PROTESTANTS AND JEWS INSULTED

Rutherford made insulting references also to the distinguished Protestant and Jewish citizens who participated in the "Holy Hour" held at the Radio City Music Hall, New York, on Sunday, April 2, in observance of the opening of the Holy Year. Six thousand persons, Catholics, Protestants and Jews were present on that occasion and the entire proceedings were broadcast on the network of the National Broadcasting company, with which chain Station KSTP is affiliated.

THE NEW YORK MASS MEETING

At that meeting eminent speakers urged the country to follow the spiritual example of Pope Pius XI and the temporal example of President Roosevelt for the uprooting of bigotry, the prevention of oppression, and the wholesome cooperation of citizens in daily life.

His Eminence, Patrick Cardinal Hayes, former Governor Alfred E. Smith, Rabbi Alexander Lyons, and the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Congregational clergyman, were the speakers at that meeting. The arrangements for it were made by such nationally known figures as Morgan J. O'Brien, former judge of the New York Supreme Court; Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the Columbia university; and Henry Morgenthau, philanthropist and formerly United States Ambassador to Turkey. These were the men whose motives were impugned and against whom ridiculous charges were made by Rutherford in his KSTP speech.

STATION'S RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS

Station KSTP is operated by the National Battery Broadcasting company, with studios in the St. Paul Hotel and the Radisson Hotel in Minneapolis. It was established about five years ago, and is associated with the National Battery Company, manufacturers of automobile and other storage batteries, 1704-1726 Robbyn avenue, St. Paul.

The officers of the broadcasting company as shown in the City Directory are: L. J. Shields, president, Dellwood, White Bear Lake; Stanley E. Hubbard, vice-president and general manager, who lives at the St. Paul Athletic club; F. M. Brown, secretary, 174 Montrose place; E. H. Church, treasurer, 2157 Fairmount avenue.

The officers of the battery company are Mr. Shields, president; G. P. Castner, vice-president, 235 Mount Curve boulevard; Mr. Brown, secretary; and E. F. Cary of Minneapolis, treasurer. Mr. Church also is comptroller for the battery company and is associated with Mr. Shields and Hubbard in another enterprise, the Western Radio Engineering Co.

CATHOLIC PROTESTS RECEIVED

Since the broadcast of the Rutherford speech on Sunday, *The Catholic Bulletin* has been unable to get into communication with Stanley Hubbard, the general manager of KSTP. It was said at his office that he was not there and that he could not be reached elsewhere. A representative of this newspaper was referred for information to Kenneth M. Hance, as-

sistant manager of the station. Mr. Hance said some Catholic protests had been received but that no Protestants or Jews had complained.

It was announced last Sunday that Rutherford would make another speech next Sunday at 8 a.m. through the facilities of KSTP. Mr. Hance said that so far as he knew this arrangement would be adhered to. Whether the series would be extended he could not say, because "all the arrangements had been made by Mr. Hubbard." But Hubbard could not be reached for a statement.

HUBBARD'S PAST RECORD

This same Hubbard is no stranger to readers of *The Catholic Bulletin*. His notorious "$125 Cash in Advance" deal with the Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan back in 1927 was immediately recalled after last Sunday's deplorable incident.

In July, 1927, Hubbard was the owner and director of a small radio station in Minneapolis, WAMD, with a studio in the Radisson Hotel. At this time, it will be remembered, the Klan as an organization had become a stench in the nostrils of the whole nation. Powerful newspapers in the East had long before published terrific exposures of its night-riding terrorism in the south, the flogging of women, tarring and feathering, lynching, the whole sorry story. The press associations spread the chronicle of shame to every city. The horrible Ku Klux Klan saturnalia in Indiana had ended and everywhere decent men and women were trying to forget about it.

BROADCASTS WIZARD'S SPEECH

But on July 22, 1927, H. W. Evans, then "imperial wizard" of the Ku Klux Klan, turned up in Minneapolis for a lecture at the Kenwood armory. Newspapers reported that 600 persons were present. A typical anti-Catholic harangue was delivered and this speech was broadcast by Hubbard's radio station.

In a letter to the editor of *The Catholic Bulletin* a few days later, July 26, 1927, Hubbard indicated that he regarded the Ku Klux Klan broadcast as a legitimate business transaction and he offered no apology for it. His letter, in part, said:

> "Your letter of the 25th with reference to our broadcast of the Dr. Evans' talk last Friday evening received.
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> "I was personally present during part of the broadcasting but heard nothing that could be construed as an attack on the Catholic religion or any other religion, in fact this station will not tolerate any attacks of any sort against anyone.
>
> JUST A BUSINESS DEAL
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> "The broadcast of this Klan meeting, which was held at the Kenwood armory, was a commercial contract for which the station was paid the sum of $125.00 in cash prior to the broadcast, and before and after the broadcast the station announcement stated that the broadcast was a commercial program and the station assumed no responsibility for any statements made and that the broadcast was arranged and paid for by E. A. Puffer, Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, of Minneapolis, Minn., and also that the announcement of the name of the advertiser was made in accordance with the rules laid down by the Federal Radio commission."

Hubbard then went on to say that he was so friendly to the Catholic church that he would like "to sign up" one of the churches "in this section" for "broadcasting the Sunday morning mass."

It was about a year after the Klan broadcast that Hubbard became associated with Mr. Shields and others of the National Battery company in the organization of Station KSTP.

COURT DECISION ON CHURCH ABUSE

Last December the District of Columbia Supreme Court declared in an important radio decision that the American doctrine of free speech may not be used as a cloak to permit the employment of the powerful instrument of broadcasting to misrepresent before the American people the tenets of a Church and its members. Offense to the religious susceptibilities of the people was mentioned specifically in the decision, which went farther in protecting the public from bigotry via radio than any previous opinion.

The decision stands, since the United States Supreme Court in January refused to review it.

The case was that in which the court upheld the Federal Radio commission in refusing to renew the broadcasting license of Station KGEF, owned and operated by the Rev. "Bob" Shuler, Methodist clergyman of Los Angeles, who had made frequent bitter attacks on the Catholic Church.

[See our footnote on this on page 536.—*Ed.*]

Even That Was Not Enough

Even that was not enough, but on the editorial page the first and longest effort of the editor was again devoted to expressing the terror which fills his soul that the Catholic people of St. Paul should hear some pure truth over the radio from the lips of Judge Rutherford. We reproduce the editorial.

[From the Editorial Page]

"In vain will you found missions and build schools, if you are not able to wield the offensive and defensive weapons of a loyal Catholic Press."—Pope Pius X.

NOTES AND COMMENT

What About KSTP?

This newspaper is not in the habit of minding other people's business, and we do not try to find offense where none is intended.

But the cheap and contemptible affront to the Catholic people of the Northwest last Sunday by the National Battery Broadcasting company calls for some plain speech on the condition that exists in the management of Station KSTP, one of the state's two most powerful radio outlets. We shall not shirk that duty.

What ails KSTP, to put the case as candidly and briefly as possible, is ignorance, unscrupulous commercialism, social irresponsibility, bad manners and, perhaps, bigotry. Nothing but these faults, it seems to us, can explain last Sunday's shocking incident or the past performances of the station's general manager.

Six years appear to have taught this man nothing. He now sits behind a fine front of respectability, associated in the broadcasting enterprise with men of real social and business position in the city. But essentially he is the same shabby fellow who six years ago kissed the blood-soaked rags of the tattered Ku Kluxism and sold himself with smug complacency to that unspeakable outfit for "$125 Cash in Advance."

History repeats itself. Money again is behind last Sunday's insult to the religious-minded people of this community. The manager of KSTP this time peddled the facilities of his station to an obscure mountebank who confessed that he couldn't get a hearing on the great radio networks.

This charlatan was permitted to pour out his idiocies for an hour's time to the offense of Catholic susceptibilities. He misrepresented grotesquely the benign character of our beloved Holy Father. He defiled the sacred sentiments and hallowed associations of this Holy Year commemorating the nineteenth centenary of the Redemption of mankind. He defamed high-minded Protestant and Jewish gentlemen who joined with Catholic fellow citizens in observing the opening of Holy Year.

KSTP's radio public was decoyed into listening to this program on Sunday by a series of misleading announcements made from time to time before the day of the broadcast. All this was bad enough.

But to tell us, as one in authority at the station did, in effect, tell us, that there is more of the same coming next Sunday and that we can take it and like it, is, it strikes us, a piece of unmatched insolence.

His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, Has Granted His Blessing to The Catholic Bulletin and All Its Readers.

Judge Rutherford's Dignified Rebuke to Bombast and Presumption

May 3, 1933.

Editor of *The Catholic Bulletin,*
St. Paul, Minn.

SIR:

You are responsible, I presume, for the double column and editorial appearing in *The Catholic Bulletin* on April 29 last in which an assault is made upon Radio Station KSTP and myself, and for that reason I am addressing you. If you are fair and honest, you will publish this letter in your paper and then make, of course, any comments that seem fitting. It will be published in some other publications, at any rate.

Your attack upon Radio Station KSTP is uncalled for, unjust and intolerable. The radio station did nothing but join in a chain broadcast of a speech made by me and for which I am responsible. You intimate that the license of that radio station might be taken away for its offense against the Catholic organization. How inconsistent is your position! The Radio Station KSTP neither directly nor indirectly defamed any man, while your paper abuses and defames the radio management in general and myself in particular and your paper assumes that you are at liberty to do so without question and that you are beyond even criticism, much less censorship.

Without warrant or excuse you call me a "charlatan" and a "mountebank". Please take note that not one thing that I have ever written or spoken can be construed as being a prating in my own favor or making unwarranted pretensions. I am not a boastful pretender. You were evidently thinking of some of the prelates and "high dignitaries" in the Catholic church and evidently charged me with being a charlatan and a mountebank because of these dignitaries. Please apply the definition to the leaders of the Catholic organization from the pope to the smallest priest and see how well it fits them. In every statement I have made in radio speeches I have cited the Word of Jehovah God as authority and given Him credit therefor. I have never assumed personal wisdom of these matters. I believe God's Word and stand by it most emphatically. Never have I prated in my favor, because I am serving God and not man, not even myself.

Personally I have nothing to say against the pope or against any priest, because I do not care to indulge in personalities. However, when these gentlemen pretend to be the sole spokesmen for the Lord and at the same time fail to teach the people what is in the Bible, then it is my right and privilege to call the attention of the people to what the Bible says. If the truth offends these men, then I am not responsible.

The most bigoted and intolerant institution under the sun is the Catholic church organization. With great swelling and boastful words it claims to speak with authority in the name of God and if any man dares to call attention to its wrongful application of the Scriptures he is denounced as a "mountebank" and a "charlatan". The purpose of such denunciation, of course, is to prejudice the people and hold them in darkness.

No man can interpret God's Word. Jehovah God reserves that to Himself. No man by reason of his official position in any organization has more authority than anyone else to speak of and concerning the Word of Jehovah God; in fact, no one can understand it unless he loves and serves God. For a long while you clergymen have claimed that the Catholic church is the sole authority for the interpretation of the Word of God, but that claim is entirely false. You have kept the people in ignorance for a long while because you have asked them to take the word of Catholic prelates as final, and not the Word of Jehovah God. You will not be able to deceive the people much longer. Jehovah God's judgment against your institution written long ago will soon be executed and that will disclose to all creation the "hiding place of lies" and remove the blinding veil that is cast over the people.—Isa. 25:7; Isa. 28:17; Ezek. 34:1-10; Jer. 25:34-36.

The Catholic church system has designated this a "holy year", and that without authority. A year fully and completely devoted to unselfish service of Jehovah God and His kingdom would be a great and blessed thing for the people. That is not what is intended or expected by this year, so-called "holy year", and no year can be made holy by the proclamation of any human creature. If it is an offense before men to

call in question the authority of any other man to speak for God, then men have no liberties whatsoever. This is not offensive, however, to the Lord, and I shall continue, by His grace, to exercise my privilege. You may worship the pope, if you desire, but it is my privilege to tell the people that only Jehovah God and Christ Jesus are entitled to be worshiped and that all blessings proceed from Jehovah God by and through Christ Jesus, and not by and through any man.

If you were fair and honest and tolerant, you would want the people to have the truth regardless of whether men are honored or not. What can it benefit the people to eulogize and honor men? The Word of God is true and it cannot be judged by the opinions of men, regardless of who those men are. The Catholic institution has done more than any other institution on earth to keep the people in ignorance concerning God's Word of truth, and this ignorance of His Word exists among many of the officials or priests of that organization. If you honestly believe what I have said is wrong and you want to do your duty, then you would explain to the people wherein my statements are wrong. Personal abuse of me will accomplish no good. Your opinion of me is entirely immaterial. Your abuse only beclouds the issue and keeps the people in ignorance and they suffer.

When a person makes mention of the "high dignitaries" of the Catholic church in any manner except that of exaltation, he is guilty of a grave insult and offense in your opinion. You are entirely wrong in taking this position, and the people are beginning to see how wrong you are. You and your institution should not pretend to speak the word of God unless you are willing to be guided by His Word. For instance, you speak of the pope as "his holiness" and as "holy father". That is your privilege, to be sure, but you have no right to compel or attempt to compel those who believe in God's Word to so speak of men, nor have you any reason to take offense when other men cannot honestly and conscientiously so speak of these "high dignitaries" in the Catholic system. I prefer to take the words of the Lord Jesus Christ as my guide rather than the words of imperfect men. Jesus Christ said, in Matthew 23:9, "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." In your paper you denounce me because I said that the "holy hour" service exalted the names of men and pushed the name of God and Christ in a corner. You know that I spoke the truth. That service gave credit to man for what would come to pass and what men could do, and not one word was spoken about the kingdom of God under Christ, which is the only means whereby the human race can be blessed. I prefer to honor Jehovah God and have His approval rather than to be an abomination in His sight. Like the Jewish hypocritical clergy whom Jesus denounced, you attempt to justify your actions before men, but I am trying to show the people that they should take the Lord's Word as their guide, and not that of men. In this regard Jesus said, Luke 16:15, "And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." You would have the people believe that I am wrong and you are right because I stand by the words of the Lord and so state them, and you would deny the radio station the right to use its property because a man pays for the time and broadcasts God's Word of truth by the radio facilities.

I am of the opinion that the Radio Station KSTP is able to take care of itself, but I must say that your harsh and brutal criticism of that station and its management is a violation of common decency, to say the least of it. If it were within your power, you would deny the right of any station to broadcast anything and everything that does not exalt the Catholic system, but you must remember that the radio is God's invention and does not belong to the Catholic system or any other creatures. In times past the Catholic system has been able to throttle free speech, but God in His Word declares that the time has come when all shall know that He is Jehovah, and it is certain He will give the people an opportunity to learn that fact. Probably you will continue to stubbornly resist the truth that God is supreme and that His kingdom under Christ is the only means of blessing, and if you do so persist the Lord will teach you in a most emphatic way.—Ps. 83:1-18.

The public press quotes the pope as authority for the statement that the present suffering of the people of the nations is due to their neglect of and unfaithfulness to the church and that God has sent this trouble as an affliction upon them because of their unfaithfulness. If he made that statement, it is a defamation of God's holy name, because God's Word plainly says that the Devil is responsible for the woes now upon the peoples of earth. (Rev. 12:12) I am trying to call the attention of the people to the Bible, which you clergymen have entirely failed to do.

When an institution parades under the name of God and Christ and holds itself out as speaking with divine authority, then it is the duty, right and privilege of every person to compare the claims of such an institution and its teachings with the Word of God and call the attention of the people to what the Word of God says, and then let the people determine for themselves whether they wish to follow men or be guided by God's Word of truth.

You claim that the Catholic institution speaks with divine authority and represents Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ. I deny that claim most emphatically. The people desire to know the truth and they have a right to hear the truth. Why does not the Catholic system come out in the open and defend its position before the people? If I have misapplied the Scriptures, then it is the privilege and duty of the

clergymen to point out to the people wherein that application is wrong and what is the truth. No good can result to the people by abusing men and calling them "mountebanks" and "charlatans". The people are tired of abuse and palaver and they desire to hear that which will help them. Now as a great newspaper and a part of a tremendous organization claiming to guide the people in God's Word, I call upon you to do the people a real favor, and to that end I lay down for a public discussion and consideration the following proposition:

Resolved, That the Holy Scriptures prove beyond doubt that the head of the papal church system and its many priests who act officially under its direction do not act by the authority of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and do not represent God and Christ on earth, but said Catholic institution is a part of this world and operates under the supervision of the god of this world, that is to say, Satan, the Devil, and that thereby the people are deceived and kept in ignorance of the truth, which truth is now vital for them to know.

The Catholic institution owns a tremendous amount of wealth and is hence amply able to employ a nation-wide network of radio stations and use them in the proclamation of that which the people desire to hear. I therefore earnestly call upon you to request the pope to name his most desirable man in the United States to debate the above question or proposition. There are enough of good, plain, honest people in America who will back me up and pay for one-half the cost of such a radio broadcast, your institution paying for the other one-half. The above question or proposition to be debated, not with venom or vituperation, but upon condition that personalities will not be indulged in and that an honest endeavor will be made to place before the people the truth, that they may choose which way they want to go.

With all the power and strength financially and otherwise possessed by the Catholic institution you should certainly be able to find some desirable man to defend its position. The whole world is in dire distress. You claim that present institutions can pull it out of that dilemma. I insist that there is no remedy except God's kingdom under Christ. There could be nothing more vital to the peoples of earth just now. Let us forget men and their exaltation or denunciation and get down to the real truth of God's Word and find out what is for the general welfare of mankind. Let the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, be the authority upon which we base our conclusion and let the people at large be the jury and each one determine for themselves what they want to believe and after dispassionately hearing and considering all the truth, choose to take their stand where their conscience dictates that they should go.

Believe me, sir, this is very respectfully submitted,

What Will "The Bulletin" Do Now?

It would be nice for *The Catholic Bulletin* if it could run its paper in such a way that nobody but Catholics would ever get a chance to see it. Then it would perhaps never be confronted with what it will now have to face, i.e., the letter of Judge Rutherford which appears foregoing.

When an editor calls a man in public life a "charlatan" and a "mountebank" he assumes a responsibility to his readers and to the public. With more than a hundred and forty million copies of his books in circulation Judge Rutherford would have no difficulty in establishing in any competent court that he has been libeled, but he is engaged in bigger and more important business than seeking legal redress from publishers of such a sheet as *The Catholic Bulletin*.

After the parade which they have made of their abject terror of Judge Rutherford's voice over the air, we wonder if the publishers of *The Catholic Bulletin* will be small enough and mean enough and cowardly enough to fail to print his letter which we publish in this issue? And, frankly, we have to say that we believe that they will be just so small and mean and cowardly. Nevertheless, a copy of his letter goes to the "pope", so that the pontiff at least will have a chance to see what kind of men or near-men have charge of his business in St. Paul province.

But, honestly, we do not see how even the "pope" himself could be coward enough to dodge the challenge which appears in the adjoining column. At any rate, we know that our own readers will see to it that this challenge is broadcast to the ends of the earth.

FOOTNOTE FOR PAGE 533

(Some lawyers on the bench are afraid of the political power and boycotting methods of the Roman Catholic church. For an analysis of this decision of the *Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia*, specifically favoring that institution, see *The Golden Age* No. 351, pages 329, 330.

For another instance in which another judge apparently went out of his way to do the same thing (and got his fingers burned good and plenty for so doing), see also No. 313, pages 803-810, and 329, pages 461-467. This case is still pending.

Training their parishioners to expect torture for hundreds of years, which torture 'can be mitigated' by cash payments to themselves, in exchange for influence with "Mary", "Peter" or others, the dignitaries of the Roman church have great difficulty in meeting any critics of their teachings or methods in a manly, courageous manner. But there are times when bluster does not work.—*Ed.*)

Home Remedies *By J. E. Meyer, Botanist*

In Two Parts—Part 2

Coughs and Colds

IN these days of coughs, colds and congestion of the lungs, I believe it is an opportune time to say something of a root which old settlers learned from the Indians as a remarkable treatment for pleurisy, irritation and catarrhal conditions of the lungs. This valuable root is known the world over as pleurisy root. Probably named after the ailment for which it was used so successfully.

Pleurisy root is quite common in the Middle States. It can be readily recognized from a distance by its numerous bright orange-red flowers. Pleurisy root is also called butterfly weed, and silk weed. Butterflies seem to like it. After the flowers, come the long, slender seed pods, which are filled with silky floss, to which the seeds are attached. When these burst open, the silky threads spread like a parachute and the seeds float in the air for quite a distance.

Many times I have roamed through the fields in the summer, when these beautiful orange-red flowers were in bloom, and watched the various colored butterflies as they flitted around them; and later in the fall I have taken the seed pods and scattered their contents to the wind, and watched them sail along, hoping that they would fall in fertile ground and spread so that we could gather this valuable root in the following years.

Pleurisy root is used as a tea or infusion to promote perspiration and expectoration in diseases of the respiratory system. It is also a tonic, diuretic and antispasmodic. Its chief use, however, is in bronchial and lung troubles, especially pleurisy.

Diarrhea, Dysentery, Bronchitis

In our boyhood days we lads were fond of chewing the inner bark of the slippery elm tree, never dreaming of its medicinal value. Surely many of you have done the same. We called it slippery elm on account of its mucilaginous or slippery taste.

Slippery elm is demulcent, emollient and nutritive. An infusion or tea of this bark is of wonderful service in dysentery, diarrhea, bronchitis and irritation of all mucous surfaces, upon which it has a very soothing influence. It is absolutely harmless and may be given to children freely.

Slippery elm tea is made by placing a heaping teaspoonful of the elm in a cup of boiling water. Let it cool, and it is ready for use.

Externally the infusion or tea has a tendency to soften and mollify hard tumors and shrinking or contracted sinews. Elm bark tea is especially valuable for rough and chapped hands and face. It leaves the skin soft and smooth. As a poultice there are few articles that can equal it for inflammations, boils and old ulcers, etc.

If a pinch of golden seal is added to this infusion, it greatly improves its value, especially if the tea is taken internally or used to wash open wounds.

Dropsy, Dyspepsia

The red men of the American forests, the Indians, were never at a loss to know which herbs were best to use for their ailment. They could treat their complaints with skill far surpassing that of some of the physicians of those days.

I shall tell you of a real Indian remedy; it is wahoo. Our frontiersmen and investigators noticed that in numerous cases of illness the Indian medicine man would chant "Wahoo! Wahoo!" and then administer a tea of a bark collected by his squaw. The tea has been used so successfully that the white men soon secured the secret and used it among themselves. It is commonly known as wahoo bark by the medical profession, and highly recommended in dyspepsia, torpid liver, constipation, dropsy and rheumatism. It is an excellent tonic, laxative and alterative. It acts especially on the liver, and promotes a free flow of bile. It causes no nausea, and stimulates the liver freely,

Wahoo is a small shrub or bush, from five to ten feet high. The flowers are dark purple, and the fruit is a crimson, five-celled capsule. These plants grow in many sections of the United States, in the woods and thickets and in river bottoms, flowering in June. The bark of the roots is the part used medicinally.

You should study these old Indian remedies; they are wonderful, and they will save you many dollars in doctor bills and many hours of suffering. You can learn to locate these plants and gather them yourself, so that you will have them when you need them.

Epilepsy, Falling Sickness, Fits

I am going to tell you about blue vervain, a very common plant, with a tradition that goes back to antiquity. Blue vervain was held sacred by the ancient Greeks and Romans.

It is a slender plant, three or four feet high, with but a few leaves and spikes of small lilac-blue flowers. It grows along roadsides and in dry, grassy fields, flowering from June until September.

Blue vervain has real medicinal virtues. It is an excellent bitter tonic, and has been extensively used as a cough remedy and in the treatment of the liver and spleen; but the greatest medicinal value of this plant lies in the fact that there are few plants its equal for the good effect it produces in the treatment of epilepsy, fits and falling sickness.

A good household nervine can be made by taking one ounce each of blue vervain, blue scullcap, and boneset; mix them together and use a heaping teaspoonful to a cup of boiling water; let it stand until it cools, the same as you would make ordinary household tea. Drink the cupful during the day, a large mouthful at a time. The combination is entirely harmless. You will be pleased with results, provided you use strictly fresh, last season's crop. All medicinal herbs, leaves, and flowers deteriorate very quickly; for that reason they should be gathered fresh each year.

Gas and Sour Stomach

Many of the older folk need no introduction to sweet flag, one of the most valuable of medicinal herbs. Some of you can remember when it was used extensively as a table condiment.

When it is ready for harvesting, its leaves will produce a pleasant pungent flavor and fragrant odor when crushed. This is one of the best ways of distinguishing it from other flags that grow in the same sort of muck ground. The root, and not the leaves, is the part that is used medicinally.

That authoritative book, the *Materia Medica,* describes the virtues of this plant as follows: "Sweet Flag is stimulative, carminative, tonic and aromatic and of excellent service in dyspepsia, colic, chlorosis and certain fevers. It improves the flow of gastric juice and relieves gas and sour stomach. Taken regularly it often prevents the return of intermittent fevers in marshy regions."

Women who are afflicted with backache and cramp-like pains report quick relief and wonderful benefits from the sweet flag tea; and it is so easy to make. Here is the formula: Take 2 ounces sweet flag, 1 ounce black cohosh, 1 ounce sassafras bark; mix these together; then take one heaping teaspoonful of this mixture and place in a cup of water, bring to the boiling point, let it cool, and drink the cupful during the day, a large mouthful at a time.

Irish Moss for Goiter

Many have requested an herb for goiter. Of a large number of plants containing organic iodine, there is one botanic that stands out most important. This is Irish moss, also called *Chondrus crispus.* Irish moss is rich in organic minerals, and especially iodine. Iodine has a decided influence on the human organism in health and disease. Most of us have a deficiency of iodine in our system on account of our refined and denatured foods and lack of green vegetables. The average person consumes too much starch, sugar, fat and albuminous food, which causes fermentation and extremely poisonous substances and ultimately results in goiter, feeble-mindedness, epilepsy, stunted growth and incomplete development of the teeth and bone tissues.

To cure, as well as prevent, the ailments resulting from iodine insufficiency, a diet rich in iodine-carrying foods is the sensible remedy. Natural brain stimulation, normal growth of body and mind, and perfect assimilation of calcium (lime), fluorin, silicon and chlorin is dependent on the organic iodine contained in the thyroid secretion. This fluid is not only a powerful antiseptic and germicide, but a natural tonic to brain and other tissue. Iodine is indispensable for healthy hair growth.

The human system requires only a small amount of iodine, but this small amount it must have. Irish moss contains organic iodine in a form that is easily and quickly assimilated. Irish moss has been used for ages in the treatment of goiter. It is absolutely harmless and may be given to children freely; however, its taste is its only objection. It has a rather salty-water taste, which can be overcome with various flavors. Beef broth and soups blend well with it. Probably the best way to use it is to place a teaspoonful in a plate of soup, broth or milk. If boiled, it becomes a thick jelly.

Irish moss grows on the submerged rocks in the sea. It is washed, dried in the sun, and shipped to the market in bales.

Influenza, Colds

Boneset grows only in the temperate regions of our own Eastern and Middle States and was found in early Colonial days in every well-reg-

ulated household. Like hundreds of other remedies of every kind, it was a secret imparted by the Indians to the white race.

As a bitter tonic, its value was quickly recognized by members of the American medical profession of those early times who have continued to praise it to the present day. Long before any list of approved medicinal herbs was published in this country, Eupatorium, or boneset, or thoroughwort, was a favorite remedy for colds, influenza and intermittent fevers.

The action of boneset is very similar to that of quinine, and there are a great many herb practitioners who consider it far better than quinine in certain cases where prolonged treatment is necessary.

The celebrated botanical explorer Pursh tells of the benefits derived from this herb by himself and others during a stay in the neighborhood of Lake Ontario when both influenza and lake fever were raging among the inhabitants.

When you are again troubled with a cold and fever try boneset tea. But remember, it must be fresh, last season's crop. Boneset tea has broken many cases of fever over night. Taken hot, boneset tea acts as a diaphoretic; taken cold, its action is tonic.

Boneset tea is made by placing a heaping teaspoonful of the boneset leaves in a cup of boiling water, and allowing it to cool. Then you drink the tea during the day and at bedtime, a large mouthful at a time. It can do no harm.

Kidney and Stomach Troubles

In Europe, the gathering of medicinal herbs is not only a time-honored custom, but an actual part of domestic science. The word "science" could not be taken literally in early days. There was no exact knowledge of the active principles of different plants and herbs, but there was traditional experience, empyrical, as we call it today, that taught them which herbs are good for certain ailments.

The juniper berry was one of the old favorites. It grows on rocky slopes and hills and on the edges of the woods. This well-known evergreen, the juniper, was always highly esteemed by the Europeans for its balsamic scent. They used the berries as an incense, placing a handful of them on a warm stove, which filled the room with a fragrance that was not only very pleasing, but also purified the air.

Modern chemistry gives us an exact analysis of what the juniper berry contains, and we readily admit that their favoritism toward the juniper berry is very well founded. This small, seemingly insignificant berry has a wonderful combination of active principles not found in any other plant. It is, beyond question, an exceedingly powerful remedy for ailing kidneys. It is the same aromatic oil that evaporates into the air when placed on the stove that gives the juniper berry its effectiveness and healing qualities. This oil is so active that it must be used in very small quantities. The oil of the berry is recommended and must not be confused with juniper wood oil, which is altogether unfit for internal use. The juniper berry oil is quite expensive, but very little of it is necessary to relieve congestion of the kidneys, due to its great potency.

In addition to giving relief in kidney troubles juniper berry oil tones up the entire system. It is an excellent stomach tonic, increases the flow of urine, reduces the irritation of the bladder and relieves kidney pains. The action of the kidneys, especially, is greatly stimulated by the use of juniper berry oil.

While the oil of juniper berry is so valuable in kidney troubles, I must not neglect to say a few words about the whole juniper berry itself. These berries are often eaten three to six at a time for gas and bloated stomach. These berries are also used to improve the appetite. They have a pleasant, sweetish, balsamic taste and odor and are agreeable to the weakest stomach. It is from the juniper berries that the best gin is distilled. A wholesome wine is also made from the berries. Many people place a handful of the berries in a gallon of any kind of wine for a few weeks, strain, and they then have a fine kidney and stomach tonic.

A good remedy for the common ailments, backache, persistent headache, dizziness and loss of appetite, is made by taking one ounce of juniper berries, ground fine, pour over them one quart of boiling water (do not boil), let stand until cool, and drink a teacupful after meals, and before retiring.

For a Sluggish Liver

To satisfy the large number of requests for a liver remedy, here is a formula that will clean out the liver and spleen, and is especially recommended to the elderly afflicted with a sluggish liver.

There are just four ingredients in this formula, and they are mandrake root, black root,

sacred bark, and colic root. Take one ounce of each of these and mix them up; then take a heaping teaspoonful of the mixture to a cup of boiling hot water. Boil it for one minute, strain, and allow to cool. Drink the cupful during the day, a large mouthful at a time. Avoid eating oranges or any other citrus fruit for a day or two after taking this tea.

One or two days' treatment is about all that is necessary. This tea removes engorgement and all noxious bilious matter, promotes secretion of healthy bile and stimulates and tones up the liver and spleen.

All four botanics mentioned are old Indian remedies and have been known for their value in liver congestion for centuries. Most liver remedies contain one or more of these ingredients. It is a good plan to clean out the liver occasionally. You would not think of living in a home without giving it a thorough cleaning once in a while; then why keep on living in a body that is filled with filth due to a sluggish liver?

Do not expect this tea to taste good; it doesn't. In fact, it is quite bitter; but it can be sweetened with licorice root. If you object to an acrid, bitter medicine just add licorice root to this tea, just as much as you like. Licorice root is absolutely harmless and should be added to any herb tea that is disagreeable to the taste.

Lumbago

Queen of the meadow has been used for lumbago for centuries, and it is a wonder to me that it is not more universally used. It probably fell into disuse on account of losing its virtues after it is a year old. Queen of the meadow purchased from a store is usually two to five years old, and therefore worthless.

Here is what Dr. John M. Schudder, in his book *Materia Medica,* has to say of the virtues of this plant: "Queen of the Meadow Root. There is no doubt that this plant exerts a specific influence on the kidneys, increasing the quantity of the secretions and to some degree the solids in it. It has been successfully employed in atonic dropsies, chronic nephritis, chronic irritation of the bladder with increased mucous secretions, female weakness, rheumatism and gout."

Weak Lungs

Not many have any idea of the great fund of knowledge on this subject that has been gained by our Indian friends, handed down from one generation to another through many centuries. No wonder white physicians are so rarely called upon to treat and care for a sick Indian; for these original Americans rely today upon medicines used among them long before white settlers followed Columbus to America, remedies made from roots and herbs, furnished by Nature herself.

It has been my life work to investigate by direct personal study and inquiry to compare and to learn the best and most efficient of the herbs and roots used by more than a score of Indian medicine men whose friendship and confidence I have won.

For years I have been known as the Medicine Man. Again and again I have been called to the aid of somebody who was sick when miles away from any help or human habitation, and invariably my advice on roots and herbs gave prompt relief.

On one of my trips along the Rio Grande in Texas, in the region now known as Magic Valley, I met a young man from the north suffering from weak lungs. During the course of our conversation I recommended coltsfoot tea as an expectorant to relieve him of the terrible coughing spells.

Months later from Arizona came a letter thanking me and speaking of coltsfoot tea in most grateful terms. He declared that after continuing the treatment for a few months he found himself entirely free from his old lung trouble.

I could tell you much more about coltsfoot leaves and the amazing results that follow its use in cases of bronchitis, asthma, difficult breathing, congestion, coughs, colds, etc., but space here is limited.

Nervine and Stimulant

A few months ago I was honored by a visit from a native doctor from Liberia, Africa. During the few hours of our conversation I learned many strange and interesting things. The doctor was highly elated and much surprised when he saw some of his native drugs in our bins. It was the first time he ever saw such a large collection of botanic drugs from foreign countries.

Among the articles that attracted his attention were the sweet kola nuts. He explained that many thousands of pounds of these were shipped to this country for use in a widely advertised beverage which, however, contains only a small quantity of the medicinal virtues of the nut.

In his native land kola nuts are a very impor-

tant household medicine. Every mature man or woman eats one kola nut each morning before any other food is taken. They would not think of eating breakfast or even take a drink of water before first partaking of the kola nut to purify and strengthen the system for the day's toil. He advises Americans to consume one or two teaspoonfuls of the powdered dried sweet kola nuts before breakfast, sprinkled with a little salt.

The *Materia Medica* states that kola nuts are stimulant, tonic, nervine, diuretic and astringent, and useful in aiding endurance of fatigue without food and as a remedy for neuralgia, headaches, migraine, indigestion, diarrhea and weak and irregular heart. This is another indication that the natives of so-called uncivilized nations have it all over us in the use of Nature's great household remedies—roots and herbs. Kola nuts are harmless and almost tasteless.

Nervous Troubles

Black cohosh is another of the wonderful secrets conveyed to us by the Indian medicine man, and it is used by physicians to this day.

You will not find this plant described or even mentioned in any old books on botany published in England or any other country, prior to the seventeenth century. It is strictly an American Indian plant. The Indians brewed a tea of equal parts of black cohosh, sacred bark, and Canada snake root as a medicine for cramps, lumbago, rheumatism, gout, neuralgia, nervous headaches, nervous prostration and many other nervous afflictions of the female organism.

A committee of the American Medical Association, headed by Dr. N. S. Davis, in the year 1848 made a most favorable report on the action of black cohosh. They say they have found black cohosh to lessen the frequency and force of the pulse, to soothe pain and allay irritability; in other words, they held black cohosh to be the most purely sedative agent we possess, producing its impression chiefly on the nervous system of organic life.

Another doctor writing on the virtues of black cohosh in cases of rheumatism and neuralgia states that the more acute the disease, the more prompt and decided will be the action of black cohosh.

Black cohosh is one of the beautiful plants of our forests, growing close to the edges of the forests and occasionally in the deep woods. Its flowers are a white feathery plume.

A teaspoonful of the root to a cup of boiling water is the correct dose. Drink the cupful of tea during the day, a large mouthful at a time. If this tea is made too strong it may cause headache to some. However, one teaspoonful to a cup of water is absolutely harmless.

Obesity

A remedy used for ages for making fat people thin is undoubtedly the most harmless of all treatments for obesity.

The plant is very similar to Irish moss. The name of the plant is sea wrack, also sometimes called gulf wrack and bladder wrack. This sea weed grows upon muddy rocks under the sea. It is usually of a black or very dark brown color. It is washed, dried in the sun and shipped to the market in bales.

Sea wrack has been the most important ingredient in the majority of obesity treatments and, undoubtedly, was also the most harmless ingredient. It has often been sold at fancy prices, all out of proportion to its cost. Five to ten dollars has been charged for not more than 25c worth of sea wrack.

The average dose of sea wrack is one teaspoonful 3 times a day. It may be taken in coffee or just as it is. Sea wrack is harmless, and as much may be taken as the stomach will hold; it has a disagreeable taste, a rather salty, fishy taste, and for that reason it is not very popular in its natural state. Sea wrack is rich in organic minerals, being used chiefly as a blood purifier and in the treatment of obesity.

I am satisfied that sea wrack is the most efficacious and harmless of all remedies for obesity, but it will not affect every person in the same way.

For Mouth, Throat and Voice

Life everlasting is found in Canada and various parts of the United States, growing in old fields and on dry barren lands, flowering in July and August. Life everlasting herb is also called field balsam.

Life everlasting is an astringent and slightly bitter tonic. Ulcerations of the mouth and throat are relieved by chewing the leaves and blossoms, and if used in the same manner makes an excellent substitute for the tobacco-chewing habit. It has a slightly bitter balsamic flavor that is pleasing to most tastes. Some mix it half and half with shredded licorice root; this sweetens and improves the taste. In quinsy, fevers and

pulmonary and bronchial complaints, a warm infusion is found to be very beneficial.

The infusion is very simple to make; just steep a heaping teaspoonful of the herb in a cup of boiling water. Drink one or two cupfuls during the day. All herb teas are made in this simple way.

Life everlasting herb is also used as a voice tonic. This simple old Indian remedy consists of chewing the dried herb the same as one would tobacco, but swallowing the juice. The Indian medicine men always carried so much of this fragrant herb with them, that it gave them a peculiar, yet not unpleasant scent, similar to the odor of hickory nuts.

Life everlasting was much used by the Indian orator. It clears the voice in a most remarkable manner, and it is said to create a desire to sing. Singers and speakers should try this. It will surprise and delight them. It is excellent for hoarseness, sore throat and certain affections of the mouth. This herb loses its medicinal virtue very quickly. Use only strictly fresh, last season's crop.

Piles, Rupture, etc.

And now about the value of the bark of a tree familiar to all, white oak. The bark of red oak and of black oak has similar virtues, but the white oak is preferred.

Like many other good remedies coming down to us from our forefathers, this remedy has fallen into disuse, but it is far more valuable than the expensive drugs that have taken its place. White oak bark is a powerful astringent, tonic and hæmostatic, and absolutely harmless.

In ulcerations of the mouth and throat, soft and spongy gums, it is a good cleanser, healer and sweetener. It may be used freely as a wash for sores and ulcers. In rectal relaxation and piles it is used internally as a tea in small doses and also used locally. An infusion of white oak bark is often of service in ruptures, as it has a tendency to tighten the muscles. For this purpose it must be made very strong, about an ounce of the bark is placed in a pint of water and boiled down to measure two ounces. For internal use one teaspoonful is used to a cupful of boiling water.

Many years ago it was a custom to bathe scrofulous and weakly babies in a tea of white oak bark. White oak sponge baths are good for night sweats. White oak poultices are used in cases of gangrene and relaxed old sores, and white oak tea in unhealthy discharges from mucous surfaces anywhere.

An infusion or tea of white oak bark and fennel seed in equal parts makes an excellent combination for all purposes I mentioned above.

Pimples and Eruptions

The secret of the splendid health of the average Indian lies in their remarkable knowledge of the curative and healing powers of hundreds of natural herbs and roots, and the organic minerals and vitamins which these contain.

I will tell you of a little experience I had on one of my exploring trips in northern Wisconsin. I have a passion for treading through the woods and fields, digging up roots, and studying the medicinal value.

I was attracted by a rather stylish party of city folks who had stopped at an Indian medicine man's lodge. A young man of the party was afflicted with an eruption or rash that appeared to cover his whole body. He was a terrible sight. As I knew this Indian well, I moved on, satisfied that he would eventually cure him.

About ten days later, on my return trip, I found the young man still visiting the lodge, but his appearance was a big surprise to me. His swollen, pimply face and eyelids were now clear and pink. All trace of eruption had vanished. He left shortly after.

The only remedy the Indian medicine man used on this case was the leaves and twigs of sweet fern; these he brewed into a strong tea and gave it to the lad internally. He also bathed the afflicted parts with the tea.

Sweet fern is a pretty little shrub growing on the outskirts of the woods, and you should learn to know it. The leaves when bruised have a pleasant aromatic odor, which is dissipated with age. Only last season's crop of leaves should be used.

Rheumatism and Lumbago

This is about a little plant that has cured so many cases of rheumatism and lumbago, and so many other ailments, that it is almost unbelievable that one single botanic could be so useful. I have seen cases of rheumatism and lumbago of the worst kind cured by this herb simple. I have numerous testimonies of the value of this little plant in cases of dyspepsia, constipation, fevers, liver troubles, prostatic trouble, and many other ailments. However, it appears to be of greater value in cases of rheumatism.

This little botanical aid to man is known as Virginia snake root, or *serpentaria*. It is a neat little vine of our woodland, growing barely a foot high. The root is the part used. It has a very bitter resinous taste, and the odor of the bruised root is similar to fresh varnish. It has been known for centuries to old herbalists and to our Indian medicine men.

The *Materia Medica* and books on medical botany describe the virtues of this plant as follows: Virginia Snake Root is stimulant, tonic, diaphoretic, diuretic, emmenagogue, aphrodisiac, promotes appetite and digestion, increases bronchial and intestinal secretions, heart action, and produces mental exhilaration. It is very valuable in intermittents, typhoid, pneumonia, diphtheria, rheumatism and dyspepsia.

The medicine is very simple to make: Place a heaping teaspoonful of the granulated or powdered root in a glass container, pour in boiling hot water, allow to stand until it cools, strain, and drink a cupful during the day, a large mouthful at a time.

Sleeplessness

News about a simple herb tea for insomnia or sleeplessness a great many nervous persons will welcome.

Here is a simple, harmless herb formula that I am sure will please you. The formula contains only three different herbs: they are blue scullcap, catnip, and peppermint. You merely mix equal parts of these together and then use one or two heaping teaspoonfuls of the mixture to a cupful of boiling water, and allow it to remain until lukewarm. Drink the cupful warm upon retiring at night and you will not be bothered with loss of sleep.

The catnip and peppermint plants are known to all and require no description. Blue scullcap, however, may not be as well known.

Blue scullcap grows about three feet high and has a square branching stem. The flowers are of a pale blue color. It grows in moist places, in ditches, and along the sides of ponds. The whole plant has medicinal virtue. It should be gathered while in bloom and hung up to dry in the shade; then it is to be packed in air-tight containers, as it loses its strength and medicinal virtues very quickly.

Scullcap is a valuable nervine, tonic and antispasmodic, useful in convulsions, fits, delirium tremens and many nervous affections. It supports the nerves, quiets and strengthens the nervous system.

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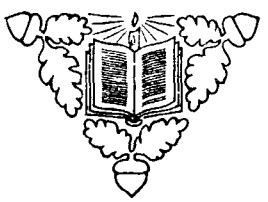

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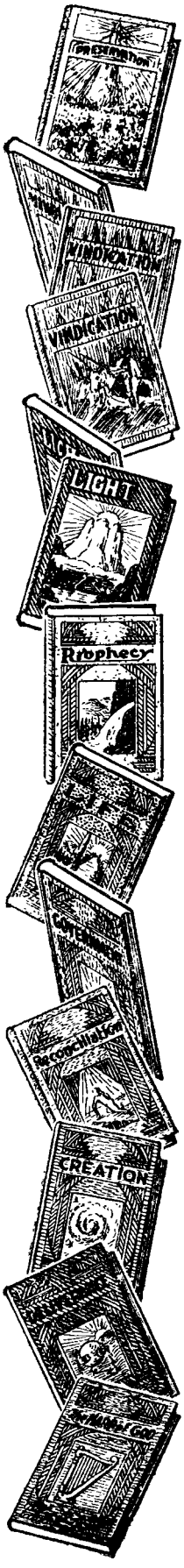

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AS THE president of the whole people of these United States, claiming faith in Jehovah the God of the Bible, and in the Scriptures as His Word, your attention is here brought to a condition of official lawlessness in Summit, New Jersey, which is well worthy of your attention as the chief magistrate of this country.

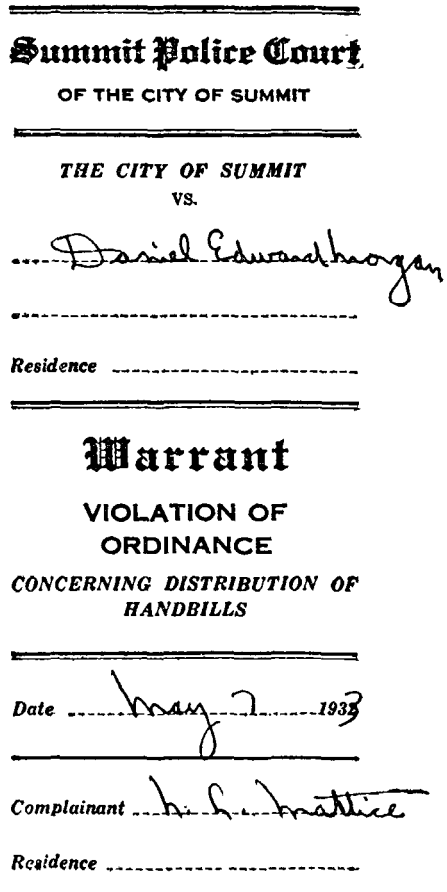
The man most prominently mentioned herein, and to whose record we desire to call your attention, is one of the bravest veterans America ever sent to the front in the World War. He was one of the United States Marines, a machine gunner of the Second Division, in every important engagement from Chateau-Thierry to the end of the war.

At Chateau-Thierry, as you know, the one American division wore out five seasoned German divisions. For twenty-seven days Dan Morgan was out there in Belleau Woods without water to wash his hands, often without food, while all around him death decimated the ranks.

To live at all, he and his comrades had to take the bits of food left in the pockets of the men slain. To live at all, they had to bury in shell holes men that were so rotten they pulled apart while they were being dragged away. To live at all, on one occasion, he had to hide for a week in a trench in which the legs of a dead man dangled. There were absolutely no sanitary arrangements. On one occasion, in a later conflict, he lived three days in the hottest weather in the sump of an abandoned toilet.

If you want to know what the World War was really like, Mr. President, you should read his book, *When the World Went Mad.* Just address him, Dan Morgan, 153 Main Street, Fort Lee, N.J., send $1.75, and he will send you the book as soon as he gets out of prison.

This fearless man is now lingering in prison, not because he has committed any wrong, but because he is the victim of conspirators, who are determined to destroy him, if possible, because he is exercising his God-given privilege to go forth from home to home comforting the people in the Scriptures and preaching to them the gospel



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of the Kingdom, the preaching of which necessarily exposes the duplicity of a great religious organization.

The Right to Preach the Gospel

You well know, Mr. President, that in this country, as in England, there is a most complete freedom of expression of opinion on any subject, whether by spoken word or written document, that the people here are at liberty to discuss any subject under the sun as openly as possible and in any way they choose; that any person has full liberty to say that the Constitution should be changed, that the people should change their religions, or even, if they so desired, that there should be no religion at all. They have fullest absolute right to criticize any church or any teachings whatever, and to set forward their own teachings in any manner they see fit. That right is being denied at Summit, New Jersey.

You know that he teaches, and has a right to teach, that the Devil has overreached all the governments and all the churches of the world, and that there is absolutely no way of escape but for those in power to come squarely over on the Lord's side, if they will, and for the people to do it anyway, abandoning all institutions of men that are not four-square with the Word.

WARRANT ORDINANCE

SUMMIT POLICE COURT

OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT, COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, } ss.

To any Officer or member of the Police Force of the City of Summit, or any Constable of said County. Greetings:

WHEREAS, Norman Wattier on this day made complaint on oath, before ~~Robert B. Williams, Esq., Justice~~ Patrick J. Kelly, Clerk of the Summit Police Court of the City of Summit, that Daniel Edward Morgan at the City of Summit did on the ---- day of May A. D., 1933, Daniel Edward Morgan did distribute at various houses ~~and~~ and to persons in the City of Summit, printed advertising matter, to wit, pamphlets, advertising the Watchtower International Broadcast of Brooklyn, New York, and Judge Rutherford's books, without first obtaining a permit to do so from the City Clerk and the written approval of the Chief of Police, in violation of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Distribution of handbills or other written or printed matter in the City of Summit," passed May 7, 1929. These are therefore, in the name of the City of Summit to authorize and command you forthwith to apprehend the said Daniel Edward Morgan and him forthwith bring or cause to come before ~~me~~ Robert B. Williams, Justice of the Summit Police Court of the City of Summit, to answer unto the said City of Summit, in an action of Debt for a penalty of Twenty Dollars, and have you then and there this writ.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Court this ---- day of May 1933.

Patrick J. Kelly
Clerk ~~Justice~~ of the Summit Police Court.

THE MOST ASTONISHING WARRANT EVER PRINTED

You are aware that Judge Rutherford teaches, and has a right to teach, that Christ Jesus, the Anointed King of Jehovah God, has set up His invisible rulership over all the countries of the world, including the United States; you know that he teaches, and has a right to teach, that you and every other person in these United States must bend to the teachings of that King, and bring your life and your official acts into accord therewith, or perish in the battle of Armageddon which he holds, and which the Scriptures disclose, is just ahead.

Summit Has Decided Against God

The town of Summit, New Jersey, has, by its official spokesmen or executives, taken its stand firmly and perhaps irrevocably against God and on the side of the Devil. In the three etchings which are reproduced in this issue we present the proof of a conspiracy by these officials to deprive American citizens of their unquestionable and inalienable rights. Against these acts of conspiracy we protest.

It is the view of Judge Rutherford, and it is our view, and we have full and absolute right

to hold such views, and to express them, that the building of great churches which stand idle all the week while thousands of the very poor have not where to lay their heads, huddling in improvised shelters on the edges of garbage dumps, is worse than foolish; it is criminal.

But it is not foolish and it is not criminal to teach the people over the radio and by the printed page that the Devil is the one to blame for all their misfortunes, and that Christ Jesus has come as their great Deliverer. Nobody has to accept these truths unless he wishes to do so, and to live in God's Kingdom, and on the other hand nobody in Summit, New Jersey, or elsewhere has the slightest right in human or divine law or in justice, reason or common sense to take such means of suppression as we bring to your notice in these etchings.

SUMMIT POLICE COURT

OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT

CITY OF SUMMIT,
COUNTY OF UNION,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY. } ss.

Norman Mattice, Special Officer
of the City of Summit complains of

Daniel Edward Morgan

and complainant, being duly sworn on his oath says that on the 7 day of May A. D., 1933 at the said City of Summit, the said Daniel Edward Morgan did distribute at various houses [redacted] and to persons in the City of Summit, printed advertising matter, to wit, pamphlets advertising the Watchtower International Broadcast of Brooklyn, New York, and Judge Rutherford's books, without first obtaining a permit to do so from the City Clerk and the written approval of the Chief of Police, in violation of an ordinance entitled "An Ordinance Concerning Distribution of handbills or other written or printed matter in the City of Summit," passed May 7th, 1929, and the amendments thereof,

and is liable to a penalty within the intent and meaning of the said ordinances. Complainant therefore prays that the said

Daniel Edward Morgan

may be apprehended and held to answer to said complaint, and dealt with according to law, and the provisions of said ordinances.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 7 day of May 1933 } Signed Norman L. Mattice

Patrick J. Kelly
Clerk ~~Justice~~ of the Summit Police Court.

WARRANT Issued May 7 1933

THE EQUALLY ASTONISHING COMPLAINT

"Framing Mischief by a Law"

In Psalm 94, verse 20, the important question is asked of Jehovah God: "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" See what is plainly stated by this question, and see how manifestly this was the very thing that was done at Summit, New Jersey.

The throne of iniquity or lawlessness is the throne of the Devil, the rulership or authority of the Wicked One that showed Jesus all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and offered the rule of all those kingdoms to Jesus if He would but prostrate himself before Satan, as Judas, Pilate and others have done.

Jesus indignantly refused; Judas was first on one side and then on the other; and Pilate obeyed hesitatingly. Jesus was right, and the other two were wrong. Had Jesus yielded to the Devil, everything 'religious' would have been entrusted to Him, as it has been to the clergy, and then ruin would have been ahead for us all. It is noteworthy that Jesus never asked the priests, scribes or Pharisees, Herod or Cæsar, or any of their agents, whether He might do the work His Father, Jehovah God, had entrusted Him to do. ***We meekly but firmly follow His example.***

Gathering Together Against the Innocent

There is more about this framing of mischief by a law. In Psalm 94 it is written: "They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood." The Psalm goes on to tell what will be the outcome of such conspiracies against Jehovah's witnesses in the earth. It says: "But [Jehovah] is my defence; and my God is the rock of my refuge. And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; yea, [Jehovah] our God shall cut them off."—Psalm 94: 20-23.

In another of God's prophecies (Isaiah 59) this framing of mischief by a law is called 'conceiving mischief'. The thought is the same. Referring to such works of oppression as have been done at Summit, the prophet says:

"Your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity."—Isaiah 59: 3, 4.

This Warrant Ordinance of the Summit Police Court is not some legislation carefully considered by honest men and intended for the welfare of the people. It is 'mischief framed into a law'. It has a bad motive, an evil motive, an accursed motive back of it. It is intended to bring forth and does bring forth iniquity, which is injustice. The prophet continues:

"They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. Their webs shall not become garments, neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace."—Isaiah 59: 5-8.

Conspiracies Always Fail

There is more in the Scriptures about this framing of mischief into a law. It is mentioned again in the seventh Psalm, where it is again referred to as 'conceiving mischief'. This language indicates that the framing of an illegal act into a law is of no actual consequence. It is merely a vain imagination. The mind wishes to do something unjust, something illegal, but the law enacted is of no weight, no more than if it had never been thought of. The psalmist says:

"Behold, he travaileth with [lawlessness], and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made. His mischief shall return upon his own head and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate."—Psalm 7: 14-16.

Yet once again we read in the Psalm about this framing of mischief into a law. Of the wicked it is written that "under his tongue is mischief and vanity". But let us have the whole statement, and see what awaits those who seek to entrap innocent followers of Christ Jesus who are diligently doing good in obedience to the commands of God and not doing wrong to anybody. Please note:

"The wicked in his pride doth persecute the poor: let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined. For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom Jehovah abhoreth. The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. His ways are always grievous; thy judgments are far above out of his sight. . . . He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved; for I shall never be in adversity. His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and fraud; under his tongue is mischief and vanity. He sitteth in the lurking places of the villages; in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes are privily set against the poor. He lieth in wait secretly, as a lion in his den: he lieth in wait to catch the poor: he doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net. He croucheth, and humbleth himself, that the poor may fall *by his strong ones*. He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten: he hideth his face; he will never see it."—Psalm 10: 2-11.

Conspirators Denounced as Murderers

Just consider that a little. Those that frame mischief by a law are denounced as friends of the covetous clergy, whom Jehovah abhors. They are said to be full of cursing, deceit and fraud. They are accused of having lurking places in the villages where they cook up mischief against the poor men and women who love Jehovah God and are trying to do His will. They are charged with secretly plotting to commit murder; they are denounced as secretly trying to find some way to catch the poor and draw them into their net, into prison, and they do this by calling into play the strong-arm squad, the police, who do what they are told without ever considering whether it is legal or illegal, right or wrong.

Let us hear the conclusion of the matter. Continuing, the tenth Psalm represents the servants of God as saying:

"Arise, O [Jehovah]; O God, lift up thine hand: forget not the humble. Wherefore doth the wicked [despise] God? he hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require it. Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief [framed into a law] and spite, to requite it with thy hand: the poor committeth himself unto thee; thou art the helper of the fatherless. Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil man: seek out his wickedness till thou find none. [Jehovah] is King for ever and ever: the heathen [meaning the hypocrites] are perished out of his land. [Jehovah], thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear; to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth [the Devil, and his crowd] may no more oppress."—Psalm 10:12-18.

Give Us the New Deal, Mr. President

Give us the new deal, Mr. President, in this matter of religious persecution. Call a halt on these strong-arm squads that consider the distribution of godless comic sheets on Sunday perfectly proper, but through pressure from priests and preachers of numerically powerful religious bodies, trespass upon our rights and lock up men like Dan Morgan. This outrage is only one of scores to which our people have been subjected of late, in most flagrant defiance of the laws of God, the fundamental law of the land and the fundamental laws of the states themselves.

And now, Mr. President, we feel sure that you and all our regular readers will be greatly interested in the following letter of Judge J. F. Rutherford concerning this Summit outrage. Conditions there, as respects conspiracy to blockade the spread of the pure truth of God's Word, are in some respects the worst, the most brazen, of which we have ever heard. Who would have supposed that a warrant like this signed by Patrick J. Kelly could ever have been printed in these United States?

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S KINDLY WARNING TO ONE OF THE CONSPIRATORS

May 15, 1933.

Mr. Patrick J. Kelly,
Clerk of the Summit Police Court,
Summit, N. J.

SIR:

Just now a copy of a warrant issued by the Summit Police Court has been sent to me, that is to say, a photostatic copy. It seems that the local court has entered into a conspiracy, anticipating in advance that there would be a violation of your city ordinance, to arrest witnesses to Jehovah's kingdom. I note that you have printed those warrants in which the name of the Watchtower International Broadcast of Brooklyn and my own name are included. You have thus deliberately and with malice aforethought put yourself against Jehovah's witnesses and on the side of the enemy of God and mankind, Satan; but take notice that Jehovah will recompense you and all your company duly and in due time for your wickedness.

You may think you are injuring men and women and that by so doing you can stop the witness to Jehovah's kingdom; but you will never succeed. These men and women have wholly devoted their lives to the Lord and His kingdom, and the Lord, the great Jehovah God, will see to it that they are duly vindicated for such ill treatment. They are doing harm to nobody, but are only trying to notify the people of how their relief can come to them from this oppressive system that the Devil has put upon the whole world and how he has used it to oppress mankind, and God's provision for their relief and blessing.

I do not expect this letter to do any good, but the purpose is to serve notice upon you and your associates that you are fighting against Jehovah God and His kingdom and in due time you will receive what is written in His Word as a judgment against all deliberately wicked doers. Just keep this letter and see what comes to pass in the Lord's due time. He has declared that all mankind shall know that He is supreme, and the time to prove it is near at hand.

The wicked inquisition instituted in Spain and Mexico years ago is being repeated by men in this country like yourself in apparently a more refined form, but which is as cruel and vicious as ever, and it is not going unnoticed by the Lord. If these men were engaged in the racketeer business of beer-selling or doing injury to mankind in some other way, you men would wink at it; but when they go about trying to do good to their fellow creatures by trying to help them to understand God's gracious purposes for their blessing, you see to it that they are punished. The Lord will reward you, be assured of that one fact, and He will do it so thoroughly and completely that you will never forget it.

This letter is intended for you and the magistrate and all of you of like spirit who are bent on doing injury to men and women who are only trying to do

good to their fellow creatures. Anyone with the disposition manifested in the warrant must have a malicious heart, that is, one regardless of social duty to his fellow creatures and bent on doing injury to others. Your conduct proves that the Catholics and Protestants of so-called "organized religion" and labeled "Christianity" is but another commercial organization and carried on by the Devil for the purpose of keeping the people in blindness; and for fear that the common people might know the truth, you lend yourself to the Devil to do injury to the Lord's faithful and true witnesses.

Don't you think it is a pity that police officials do not busy themselves with crooks and noted criminals instead of the men and women who are trying to help their fellow creatures in this time of distress? As certain as you read these lines, the day will come when you will weep tears of bitterness for the crooked way in which the priests and clergy have led you into this trap of the enemy.

Sincerely,

J. Rutherford

EDITORIAL IN THE SUMMIT *HERALD*, MAY 16, 1933

TOLERANCE OR PERSECUTION

Considerable excitement and interest was created last summer and now again on a recent Sunday by the influx of a large group of Jehovah's witnesses, who, after the police had received many complaints, were arrested as violating the ordinance of distributing literature without a permit. As reported in the news columns, it will be noted that a number of those who were arrested were committed to the county jail in default of paying a fine.

There is little doubt that these persons from out of town have violated a local ordinance, but there is a feeling on the part of some people in the community that these numerous complaints by our residents to the police are evidence of intolerance not generally characteristic of this community. In a letter to the *Herald*, one of our estimable citizens comments on this matter as follows:

"I was interested in one of 'Jehovah's witnesses' who accosted me. He was a good-looking, well dressed young man. He spoke quietly, but with an evident conviction. I answered him softly, telling him that while I did not subscribe to his faith, I respected his and all other religious faiths. He responded with gracious thanks and was on his way briskly. In no way could he have been accused of any discourtesy, much less of offense.

"Surely if we deal with such persons gently, we will do much more to influence them toward rational behaviour than by locking them in jail."

It is quite true that those accosted and those whose homes have been visited by the "Jehovah's witnesses" may heartily disagree with the religious cult they represent and also with their methods of spreading their views, but certainly if these "witnesses" act in an orderly and courteous manner and are not offensive or persistent in their efforts to hold up people with their propaganda, their efforts would be harmless; and if they have the satisfaction of free access once in a while they might see that they were not making progress and those who feel they have been disturbed would likely not be disturbed thereafter.

Whether this attitude is correct or not we cannot say. Nevertheless it is a thought on the subject and might be worth a trial in the community.

The Great War of 1933

THE Great War of 1933, in the words of a noted London journalist, J. L. Hodson, in the *News Chronicle*, is the great war of knowing what to do with the unemployed. He has just finished visiting Sweden, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Italy, Holland, Belgium and France, where he made careful inquiry into the numbers of the unemployed and methods being taken to provide for them. His conclusions are that "only the Great War dwarfed this one of 1933 in horror. In every country in Europe suicides are piling up in hundreds or thousands. In every country undernourishment exists, and in some it is extremely grave. Nowhere in Europe did I find the campaign being prosecuted with genius or even adequate thought and vitality. If ever complacence was an outrage it is now."

The Monitor Publishes Judge Rutherford's Challenge

THE MONITOR, Aurora, Mo., in its issue of May 13, 1933, publishes in full Judge Rutherford's challenge to the pope, addressed to *The Catholic Bulletin*, and published in our issue of May 24. The challenge is:

"RESOLVED, That the Holy Scriptures prove beyond doubt that the head of the papal church system and its many priests who act officially under its direction do not act by the authority of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and do not represent God and Christ on earth, but said Catholic institution is a part of this world and operates under the supervision of the god of this world, that is to say, Satan, the Devil, and that thereby the people are deceived and kept in ignorance of the truth, which truth is now vital for them to know."

Commenting on the challenge and the letter of which it was a part, the editor, Mr. Charles Murphy, had the following front-page editorial. Every reader of *The Golden Age* will admire this splendid defense of common decency.

WHY THE RUTHERFORD CHALLENGE

By Chas. Murphy

It is given to but few institutions to build so powerfully and to attract so huge a following as has the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society. Few religious leaders in America have ever commanded so large an audience or claimed through the love and faith of his people, the allegiance of so vast an army as has been mobilized under the leadership of Judge Rutherford, the President of that society.

He has recently been broadcasting over a nation-wide hook-up, and the truth on Romanism and her unscriptural position has had his attention. This has followed a series of talks over powerful Mexican stations in which he was equally emphatic. I have reason to know that whether Judge Rutherford is speaking or writing, he is always careful to know his citations and proofs will stand up under attack—so, when in reply to a recent Rutherford Broadcast *The Catholic Bulletin* of St. Paul resorted to the usual papal tactics of calling names instead of attempting to disprove his statements, it tackled the wrong man.

Rutherford is wholly without fear, and he knows his A B C's both ways from the middle, so he lost no time in replying and adding a challenge to Rome to pick out her man and meet him in debate on the air.

He has favored *The Monitor* with a copy of his reply to the papal editor which we consider worthy of widest possible publicity so Rome may have the full benefit of it as the papal organization once more shows its yellow streak and refuses, through fear of Truth, to submit its claims to the people.

Along the Highway

Municipal Ownership Pays

THE Olyphant (Pa.) electric light plant showed a net profit of $19,597.82 during 1932, to compare with $17,949.60 in the preceding year, despite the fact that the rates had been reduced from ten to eight cents per kilowatt hour.

"Buy American" Campaign

IT IS claimed that the "Buy American" campaign, offsetting in America the "Buy British" campaign of the British Empire, has already considerably increased the American output of chinaware, several orders which would normally have gone to Europe having landed here.

Tomato Juice and Sauerkraut Juice

A REFRESHING, body-building tonic may be made by mixing equal parts of tomato juice and sauerkraut juice. Drink one or two glasses daily, as a general tonic and blood strengthener. So says T. R. Weeks, pioneer.

Colorado State Police Abolished

COLORADO has abolished its state police. The principal achievement of these police was in a coal strike in 1927, when seven unarmed miners were killed and twenty wounded. Theoretically, their job of late years was to enforce the prohibition law.

23,000,000,000 Barrels of Oil

IT IS estimated that there have so far been extracted from the earth about 23,000,000,000 barrels of oil, differing greatly in appearance, quality, odor and usefulness. All this crude oil would not fill a hole in the ground one mile square and one mile deep.

Overalls in Church at Hannibal

AT THE Prince Avenue Baptist church, Hannibal, Mo., the pastor preached dressed in overalls. It would be a wonderful thing if all the clergy would get used to these plain but practical items of apparel which will be in such demand in clerical circles shortly.

The Crisis in Europe

IN ITS issue of March 12 the London *Sunday Times* said: "At no time since 1914 has there been so much open and alarmed talk about war, or a situation more immediately threatening."

Britain Spending More for Army, Navy and Air

FOR 1933 Britain's navy budget is up £3,093,700 over last year; the army estimate is up £1,462,000, and the air force estimates are up £26,000. Fifteen capital ships and cruisers now have catapults for aircraft.

Britons Hold World's Records

BRITONS hold the world's airplane distance record, 5,341 miles, from Cranwell, England, to Walfish Bay, South West Africa; the altitude record of 43,976 feet; and the speed record of 407½ miles an hour.

Man Who Never Called a Doctor

AT SOUTHEND, England, a man has just died who never called a doctor. He passed away at the age of 94. This man also had a brother who never called a doctor; he died at the same age.

Connected with America by Telephone

SOME of the countries connected with America by telephone are, all of Europe, except Greece; all of Central America, Australia, Siam, Java, Sumatra, South Africa, Egypt, most of South America, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

Japanese Boycott in South China

IN SOUTH CHINA the anti-Japanese boycott has been so successful that the Japanese have lost 95 percent of their trade. The destruction of Canton, akin to that of Shanghai, in the war that was not war, is now in order.

New York's Most Popular Names

IN THE new city directory of New York there are 94 linear column feet of the name Smith, 84 column feet of Cohen, 67 of Brown, 57 of Miller, 48 of Johnson, 37 of Williams, and 33 of Jones.

Deadly Man and Deadly Auto

IN 1931 we had in the United States 11,160 murders and 20,088 suicides; total 31,248. In the same year we had 31,693 deaths from automobile accidents; so, of the two killers, the automobile seems a little the worse.

The Edgerton Stroboscope

WITH the Edgerton stroboscope, developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, thousands of snapshots a second may be taken of rapidly moving machine parts. By this means flaws can be detected as they develop.

Insects Become Poison-proof

THE disappointing discovery has been made that insects frequently become immune to one poison and another has to be tried. Thus the mixture once used to fight the San Jose scale becomes ineffective in an orchard where it has been several times used.

First Seagoing Drydock

UNCLE SAM will shortly have the first seagoing drydock. It is to be 393 feet long, 60 feet wide, and 33 feet high from keel to top deck, sufficiently large to repair a destroyer. It will have a ship's bow, to allow easy towing, and have a hinged gate at the stern.

Palestine's Happy Faces

MAJOR H. L. NATHAN, British member of Parliament, back from a trip to Palestine, says: "One sees more bright faces to the square mile in Palestine than to the hundred square miles in England, France or America."

A Building Boom in Palestine

A DISPATCH from Jerusalem under date of January 27 states that at that time there was then being experienced a building boom the like of which Palestine has not witnessed since 1925, that builders were unable to keep pace with the unusual demand, and that there was an acute shortage of laborers.

Town Halls in Turkey

TOWN halls are being established throughout Turkey. These halls, called "People's Houses", are intended to be centers where the spokesmen for the government can give lectures to the people on all phases of Turkish life.

Turkey Will Try to Control Narcotic Drugs

PRESIDENT MUSTAPHA KEMAL, of Turkey, has announced that hereafter Turkey will close all private factories manufacturing narcotic drugs and will confine this trade to a single factory owned and managed by the government. Turkey has hitherto been one of the worst offenders in the trade in narcotics.

Another Man Converted

ANOTHER man has been converted and will hereafter try to lead an honest life. The want ad columns of a Philadelphia paper tell us about it:

Educated man, white, age 40, former minister, drive truck, work hard at anything for food or clothes. Powell, 4454 N. Uber St.

Negroes Tiring of Shouters

TWO educated Negro ministers and sociologists who have been studying Negro churches and church work in Atlanta give it as their opinion that the shouting sermon is rapidly on the wane in colored churches. The people are waking up; they have been bluffed long enough and now they want to know something.

Diesel Railway Engine in Britain

RUNNING easily at 65 miles an hour, the first Diesel electric train in England made the 113-mile run from London to Birmingham on 27 gallons of fuel, costing a total of about $1.20. Financiers are delighted, and mine owners and miners dismayed, at the possibilities herein suggested.

Millionaires in Britain, 798

IN GREAT BRITAIN, in the fiscal year 1929-1930 the following were the number of incomes over £40,000:

Between £40,000 and	£50,000	275
Between £50,000 and	£75,000	263
Between £75,000 and	£100,000	116
Over	£100,000	144

Air Express Around the World

THERE is now air express service to most important points in the world, the gap between New York and Plymouth being bridged by the fast transatlantic steamers. The rate from New York to Cape Town or to points in India is $2.10 per pound. The time from Los Angeles to Karachi, India, is 18 days.

The Spirit of Murder at Honea Path

IN THE eyes of Almighty God, it is not necessary to actually take the life of a fellow man to become a murderer. Jesus makes this perfectly plain in His magnification of the law of Jehovah God. Read carefully His analysis of the Sixth Commandment:

"Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill: and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother *without a cause*, shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca [MARGIN, Vain fellow], shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."—Matthew 5:21, 22. [Words in *italics* are spurious.]

By the terms of this analysis it will be perfectly clear to every one of our readers that the unnamed clergyman in the following communication is a murderer in the sight of God, and would doubtless have been quite content to be one in the eyes of his fellow men had not the angels of God stayed his hand at the opportune time.

Not only is this clergyman a murderer, but he is entirely outside of the temple of God and at the present time entirely outside of eternal life. The Scriptures are very explicit on this point:

"Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him."—1 John 3:15.

The sadly confused condition that the people are in may be discerned from the fact that at first practically all the people in this enterprising little city were ready to follow this murderer to their own ruin. But by the time the great Jehovah God had carried the affair to its logical end the situation was completely reversed.

It takes the common people quite a little time to realize that the kingdom of God is really established, and that the judgments of Jehovah are really abroad in the land, though contested by Satan and his minions at every stage; but when they finally see through the smoke and confusion with which the adversary purposely beclouds the issue, the bulk of them are ready to cry out, "Lo, this is our God: we have waited for him, and he will [come and] save us." Poor things! How badly they need the help such as Jehovah's witnesses and His angels brought them at Honea Path! (*See page 556*)

REPORT ON HONEA PATH *By Anton Koerber*

Anderson, S.C., May 1, 1933.

DEAR BROTHER RUTHERFORD,

Jehovah is our strength and song. This fact we learned more of in the Anderson (S.C.) campaign on April 30.

The Lord provided a fine assembly point at Brother Marchbank's home, and a beautiful day for the occasion. Three hundred witnesses reported for action on time and proceeded to give testimony in Anderson, Iva City and Honea Path, S.C. In Anderson, where Jehovah's witnesses have been threatened recently, no opposition was encountered whatever. The mayor granted permission to stretch a large banner across the main street advertising the Kingdom message given Sunday morning over the radio. The police and other officials accorded us every courtesy, and the people received us very kindly and manifested much favorable interest in the message.

At Iva City, where pioneer L. C. Ross was recently arrested and convicted, the mayor welcomed us and assured us there would be no interference on his part, and we had none. R. G. Watson, the magistrate who brought charges against Brother Ross in the case referred to, has been removed from office since then and, of course, could not officially interfere.

At Honea Path, where continual interference has been experienced for the past seven years, we met different conditions. Apparently the Devil had laid a trap at this place, because the most vicious spirit I have ever seen was manifest by the officials of Honea Path, as the following report will show.

The usual letter and list of names were filed with the chief of police. We entered the town about 9:30 a.m., and about 10:00 a.m. seven witnesses were arrested by order of the mayor, who on two former occasions had tried and convicted Jehovah's witnesses. Hearing of the vicious attitude of the chief, two brethren were sent to learn of the treatment of the ones arrested and when the trial would be. These were threatened with violence and ordered out of town. I then called upon the mayor to learn of the disposition and treatment of the Lord's people arrested. An immediate hearing was held before the mayor. Brother McLamb accompanied me and we presented our case amid threats of violence by the chief of police and several detectives to intimidate us in giving testimony, and the mayor refused to stop them.

Near the end of the hearing a door opened and there stood a clergyman with about 70 manifesting the mob spirit, making threats to me regarding the churches and the American government and our literature relative thereto. The mayor then, in the presence of the mob, proceeded to denounce the Watch Tower organization in a speech that wound up with the command to the police to arrest every one of them who took a penny of the people's money.

As we attempted to depart the clergy with his mob blocked our path and demanded we answer certain questions regarding the sabbath day, the churches and the American government. I did, by the Lord's grace, showing that one of the reasons for the people's present condition was due to the defaming of Jehovah's name by political rulers who acted upon the counsel of the Devil's agents, the clergy. Then asked him some questions, which he refused to answer, and he was glad to let the matter drop. The crowd partly divided upon this issue, but the chief of police became abusive and swung them in line again with a threatening attitude.

Then requested to see the arrested witnesses. This request was granted by the mayor, and I encouraged the witnesses behind bars to trust in the Lord and assured them we would not leave them there.

Most of our 300 were working in Anderson and were back to the assembly point by that time, so I returned and acquainted the others with the facts. All volunteered to go to Honea Path; so the 300 were organized into several contingents of 70 each and we proceeded to a point selected three miles outside the town. From here a contingent of 70 were sent into action at a time.

The police arrested them immediately, in small groups, until 38 were in jail. Police had orders to arrest only those actually found placing books and receiving money or goods. I cite herewith only a few incidents to show the devilish spirit to secure the evidence they desired. In one case an officer appeared at the door with several others, stuck a gun against the stomach

of the brother witnessing, and demanded he sell a book and accept the money on such terms, in the presence of the witnesses there in the house. Another case: Members of the chief's family took books, gave money, then followed the car and arrested the driver several miles out, leaving the others stranded. Another officer appeared at the door and struck a brother in the jaw, knocking him off the porch. In a number of other cases the officers stood by while R F C men hired by the mayor struck our people, and when protest was made to the chief and mayor they replied to 'beat it before the other eye was blackened'.

But the Lord's angels were with us. At first the people would have nothing to do with us, for fear of the strong-arm squad. But after the third contingent of 70 came into town they began to ask questions, and soon the whole town suddenly awoke to the fact that we really had a message of the Kingdom for them. By the time the fourth contingent of 70 came to town nearly everyone had taken books or booklets to learn what it was all about. In the meanwhile Jehovah's witnesses were arrested under every kind of charge, including violation of parking rules, blocking traffic, spreading propaganda against the American government, disturbing the peace, etc.

They learned we were parked on the highway several miles out with some cars, and sent the county sheriff after us. Some farmers came along and offered their farm from which to operate, but we located a schoolhouse and grounds and operated from there, continuing to send in groups of 70 fresh troops every hour. By 6 p.m. the people had received the witness three or four times. By 7 p.m. the tide had turned; most of the people had a book or booklet and realized that men and women serving God had been treated shamefully by the officials. By 8 p.m. a large number had gathered at the town hall asking for the mayor to speak and explain their action to the people; but he stayed inside.

At 9 p.m. the county sheriff asked me what we would do now. He was advised we would continue to witness all night if necessary, and the people wanted to hear it. By 10 p.m. the scene was as follows: About forty witnesses were in jail. Several others were in the sheriff's office. Those in the jail were singing praises to Jehovah; another group were around the town hall mingling with the people, who were asking many questions on the Bible and glad to get the literature. Then there was another group working at the homes in the town.

In the meanwhile county police, state police and newspaper reporters came from Anderson and Greenville. The mayor was questioned as to what his objections were, and the people answered for him and told how we had been treated. The mayor then began to try to compromise with us. He made the proposition that he would release all other violators except those charged with selling books. After this was refused, he proposed to release all if I would sign a bond for their appearance in the morning. After this was refused the sheriff and several other county officials came over, and after learning that we were Christians doing a good work and would not be run out of the country like a dog with his tail between his legs, he reported back to the mayor. The mayor had gone home, as if the matter were closed for the night.

A group of us went to the schoolhouse and offered up prayer to the Lord. When we returned to town, a short time afterward, the brethren had just been released and they and the town folks were rejoicing together. Learned later county sheriff demanded mayor to release Jehovah's witnesses.

The groups were well organized, and within a short time the drivers had found their respective groups and were headed back to the assembly point. At 12 midnight, after all reported in O.K., under the moon and stars, we had a short service of praise to Jehovah for His loving-kindness and all departed for home rejoicing as never before, reminding each other of the day's text, "The battle is not yours, but God's."

Following is a report of the witness results for the day: Books, 77; booklets, 1,813; total, 1,890; cars, 67; witnesses, 302; hours, 2,775; testimonies, 7,234; obtainers, 1,517.

The people stated that they were confident Jehovah's witnesses would not be interfered with again, and welcomed us back any time.

Jehovah's witnesses assembled here are grateful for this privilege of service, and gave expression to the fact that they are ready at all times to praise the name of our God Jehovah.

They join me in sending much love and greetings in His name.

Causes of World Financial Distress *By W. Sharples (England)*

***In Two Parts*—Part 1**

ALL thinking men and women know that there is something sadly wrong in the world today. The prime minister of Great Britain, Ramsay MacDonald, has just recently said, "We see nothing more and nothing less than a world crumbling under our feet."

All world leaders are perplexed, the masses bewildered, and an ever increasing number are in distress and great need. None of earth's wise men can discern what is the cause of the depression, and so cannot offer an intelligent explanation to the people. From time to time statements are made in the hope they might prove true; such as, "We have had similar conditions before; there are cycles of depression and good trade; carry on." "All will yet be well; it must be so."

But these only act as a sleeping draught might on a much worried man. The faculties are dulled for a time, but when the effect of the draught has worn off conditions are always the same or a little worse.

There is something approaching that looms like an apparition out of the mists of the past; something that is the embodiment of evil that frightens by its unseen presence even those who dwell in seeming safety. Because it is so big that men appreciate something of their inability to cope with the dreadful specter they try to laugh and say, "Who cares?" "It will never come." "Things must go on." "Let us eat, drink and be merry, and tomorrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant."

But every night's debauch has its morning to follow; and each jest now made, each laugh raised, every optimistic speech recorded, only serves to make more evident the approaching crisis which stands even now on the threshold of every nation, knock, knock, knocking, at the door.

Can we name this gaunt specter that threatens all and sundry, terrifies all who have courage enough to look, and fills with dread foreboding those who feel rather than see its presence?

Yea, it has a very apt name.

It Is Nemesis!

There are certain fixed principles by which Jehovah God works. One of these ought to be well known to all "Christian nations"; namely, 'What a man sows, that shall he also reap.' This applies to nations as well as to individuals, and that which now draws near is retribution, terrible retribution, especially on those nations that, having heard that justice is the foundation of God's throne, have claimed to be His representatives and yet have been unjust, unmerciful, avaricious and blasphemous in their dealings with other nations less enlightened than themselves, and even with their own nationals. What has been sown in the past has now to be reaped, but in the economy of Jehovah the fruitage of past sowing is compressed into a comparatively short period of time; hence the 'time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation'!

"Christian" nations have ruled the world. They have made laws, instituted customs, created monopolies, and, enforcing their will upon others, have claimed that their conduct was just and that they did these things in the name of God. It would therefore follow, if their claim were true, that in the end these things would bring God's approval. Jehovah would uphold their works, make still more secure their throne and authority, and the fruit of their sowing would be world prosperity and an outlook bright with hope like sunshine at the dawn of a new day. What is the truth of the matter?

The causes of the present crisis are many and varied, and it would not be possible within the limits of this article to touch upon more than one. But since the root of all evil is the love of money, an examination of its beginning, its use and abuse, and its relationship to the present world depression, may enable us to see something of the inflexible law of justice, giving us a view of Nemesis on the track of the vanquished nations and that must indeed drink of the wrath to come.

If the picture seems black and reveals a further storm ahead let not the reader despair. Remedy there is, though in no human hands: one that will wipe all tears away and bring the sunshine of the love of God into the hearts of those who love the things that are right and hate those that are evil; one that even now is like a beacon set upon a hill, carrying the news far and wide to the people that the Sun of Righteousness is rising, with healing in His beams. It warms the heart with a life-giving glow bringing assurance amidst present turmoil; and after the manure of present trouble will come forth the flowers of spring. They will bud and blos-

som and bring forth their fragrance, beauty and fruit; but the rain of truth must first wash this evil-smelling thing into the soil and then the sun can do its work. Then the human race will rejoice indeed, loved ones will be restored to family life, man will inherit the promised Canaan of rest, and nothing anywhere will ever again make him afraid. Jehovah will hasten it, too; for so His Word declares.

In the Beginning

From earliest days the human race has exchanged its sheep and cattle, fruits and nuts, corn and wine; and this was the beginning of trade. At first this was merely an exchange of the goods themselves; but this does not seem to have lasted very long. It was soon found desirable to have a standard of exchange common to all goods and that would enable men to reduce their goods and labor to a value that could be stored for future use, transferred to other districts, etc.

It was therefore necessary to have a substance that would be easily portable, have a high intrinsic value, be readily divisible, and be indestructible. Men soon found that gold and silver had all these qualities. These metals had to be searched for, purified and minted, and the value of the metal in its ultimate form would be reckoned according to the time so spent and the desire the owner had to retain it or have in its place some other thing. How quickly this idea grew into a regular system of buying and selling with gold and silver, the standards by which all other goods were valued, is clearly recorded in the history of the human race; and let it be borne in mind that there is no divine commandment against such use of these metals. Indeed there is evidence that it was a divinely given means whereby the human family could have been properly served to the great benefit of the nations.

In the early infancy of the race no one was compelled to find either gold or silver before he could have the wherewithal to live. Men were free and land was free, and there was room and place for all to rear their flocks or sow and reap, and all could live by the labor of their own hands without let or hindrance. To any of these who had a piece of gold or silver, when exchange was desired by another the question would be as to what time and energy had been used in finding and smelting, and according to a mental comparison as to the time taken to rear the flocks or raise the corn would the exchange be made. Thus the matter resolved itself into an exchange of value which had been made through work on both sides. As transactions succeeded one another and always the coin remained, while other things were consumed or destroyed, little by little money came into common use, and it was a real blessing to mankind.

But, working behind the scenes, Satan seems to have visualized a monetary system which he could use to gratify his desire to have a kingdom of his own. So what seems to have been divinely provided for man's benefit Satan turned to his own selfish interests. He has ever worked thus, hiding his real intentions behind a morality all his own. With an outward show of righteousness his heart has been evil continually, and while he has pretended to be a light-bearer to the human race he has gloated over their misery, torture and death. Now men can see why he has been permitted to carry on so long; for the Creator is causing hidden things to come to light and the Devil's secrets are now made known. The time draws near when his evil schemes shall recoil upon his own head and he will witness the complete undoing of his work before he himself goes into the pit he dug for the race, there to die and rot; and the stench will sicken men for ever of any desire for evil and it shall be no more.

Satan Planted the Love of Money

The love of money was planted in the human breast by Satan, but there is nothing wrong with a proper use of gold and silver. God foreknew the need for men to have a ready means of exchange and has given us evidence of this in His Word. In Genesis, chapter two, we read of a river leaving the garden of Eden and dividing into four streams, one of which flows into a land where there is gold, and the account says "the gold of that land is good". Jehovah, speaking through the psalmist, says, 'All the silver and the gold is mine.' The Israelites despoiled the Egyptians of their gold and silver; and afterwards these metals were used in the construction of the tabernacle. These scriptures show that gold was approved by God for use by the human race. In Ezekiel 28 we are given a pen picture of the creation of Lucifer, the overlord of man. He was covered, as it were, with every precious stone and gold. What does this symbol suggest? Twice more in the Scriptures these stones are mentioned, and with great signifi-

cance. Once they are shown, in Exodus 28, as being set in the breastplate of judgment worn by the high priest, and there they are typical of their only other mention in Scripture, Revelation 21, where they are shown adorning the foundations of the holy city, new Jerusalem. These things seem to suggest that Satan was endowed with all the scintillating wisdom and other attributes necessary to carry out the purposes of Jehovah, to the intent that the human race might be fruitful and fill the earth and subdue it in peace and good will, and that gold would play an important part which Satan, or rather Lucifer, well understood; and undoubtedly he could have supplied the needs of the human family as it grew into communities, cities and nations by a proper world system of exchange. Instead of this, however, Ezekiel 28 shows he utilized this very thing to get unto himself riches and honor. We quote: "With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee . . . gold and silver into thy treasures"; and the next verses show that because he was able to use this power for a selfish purpose he set his heart to continue in that evil way.

So let us trace the history of these precious metals as they were gradually formed into that all-compelling system which has drawn within its octopus-like arms all the nations of earth. Let us reason upon the known facts, that we may see how Satan worked the matter, bringing into bondage all peoples, making all subscribe to and support his system, and crowning his perfidy by rewarding those who manifested his spirit of ultraselfishness, making them the world's heroes and great men. This it is that helped to form that vicious circle of financial, political, and religious control which has blasphemed the God of heaven and earth while professing to be His appointed kings, princes and priests.

The Dawn of the City

The earth rightfully belongs to the children of men; God has provided for them a dwelling place. Under His beneficent arrangement man did not rule over man, but the animals were subject to man's domination. Men were free; they could roam the earth's surface and fend for themselves, and Satan could exercise control only over individuals. As he feared this condition, he set about to alter it. It would suit his purpose if men could be constrained to dwell together and be compelled to remain thus. Having control over the animals through mankind, Satan seems to have set out to make them vicious. Clearly they were not vicious when they came out of the ark. It would seem to be reasonable to say that since, after the flood, God gave men the right to slay animals for food and yet definitely forbade the drinking of the blood, probably the animals were made vicious by Nimrod and his satellites by feeding them on blood and raw flesh. It is well known that once blood has been tasted the appetite is whetted for more; and it would be a short step for beasts to pass from being fed with blood to seeking it for themselves by slaying weaker animals.

Then Satan through his representative Nimrod made a show of physical prowess in subduing this new ferocity aroused for the very purpose, and thus begat in the human race the first hero worship. This led to their seeking the protection of other men instead of putting their trust in their Creator, and gave to Satan his opportunity to bring men under the bondage of leadership, which led to the building of towns and cities to shut out the supposed common foe. Animals are naturally afraid of men. Satan made men afraid of animals, though it is certain Jehovah never purposed it to be so, neither will it be so in the future. By this method Satan had prepared the human race for further subjection to his rule, fostering in the human heart two great evil principles, pride and fear, which, beginning in a small matter, have swelled up until they enter into every phase of human life.

Once the people had been constrained by fear to live in communities; then some were chosen to be leaders, others emulated these, and thus came jealousy and envy, leading in turn to lust, hate and murder, and the race was brought completely under Satan's control. As people herded together gold and silver would circulate the quicker, and some would begin to filch and steal to get rich quick, just as they do today, for money would begin to have a new value.

As towns and cities appeared men would be needed to do the menial tasks, and so wages began to be paid out of the money accumulated by some. Now, servants must eat even though they be only performing scavenging jobs, and so they must either grow their food or buy; and if the latter, then someone else must grow more than they need and sell the rest; and how easy for the masters, once the system had started, to sell just enough to keep body and soul together, especially after they had purchased or filched

all available land within reasonable distance of the town!

Thus the servants would lose the power to fend for themselves and would gradually become bondmen to the 'better classes', while pride would suggest the hope that some day those serving might become the masters of other men. It would not take long for such a system to so fasten itself upon the people that they would be entirely subject to it; and it seems that only one other thing needed to be done in order to prevent them from ever getting free again, namely, that Satan should always be in control of the leaders. To accomplish this he has seen to it that wealth and power have been given to those who are his fit representatives; and so Mammon has its Cæsars, Neros and popes, and Satan has seen to it that those in authority have those characteristics that serve his interests and they are rewarded with carnal things. The world has been made to take good note of this, too, and it has been made manifest to all that obedience to the devilish system would bring pecuniary and other rewards, while opposition to it, especially if this arose through belief in a kingdom of heaven, would bring difficulties, poverty, and the like.

Money and the Military System

As towns increased in number and different districts produced different varieties of foodstuffs, etc., naturally trade would increase and money would be the medium of exchange. Famines in some districts and plenty in others would lead to raids on the one hand and measures of protection on the other; and thus it is easy to see how the vicious military system fastened itself on the people as preparations were made to pillage or protect. Some districts would grow foodstuffs that others could not produce, and selfishness would suggest profiteering, leading in turn to retaliation as at the present day. Thus the competitive system came into being, which is in effect a system of complete selfishness, and this has been subscribed to and endorsed by every nation and has become part of the life of every individual, whether willingly or not.

The fact that goods could be so readily reduced to a representative value in money made trading much more possible, and began therefore to play a great part in the life of all nations; for, of course, community life led from towns to cities, increasing to nationalities, countries and empires, and our present civilization is but the natural outcome of the herding together which began in Nimrod's day with the building of Babil, though Jehovah did not allow the plan to mature at that time as did afterwards take place in the greater Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar.

The two evil principles, fear and pride, are manifest today in every phase of life. Nations fear nations, combines their competitors, masters the trade unions, workmen the masters; and yet pride of possession and achievement with money, the greatest god, is common to all. Thus with devilish cunning the human race was bound. The use of money as a medium of exchange, which could have brought great blessings, was turned into a whip to keep the people in subjection, and, under the guise of the greatest good for the community as a whole, the system has functioned until now. The facts were hidden from men, and so, not knowing the cause of their miseries, they could not seek a remedy. Even the rulers have not known the cunning craftiness of their master the Devil, for he has always used religion to support his kingdom and authority, thus cloaking with outward righteousness his wicked purposes.

With the advent of the sixteenth century, the discovery of gold and silver deposits in large quantities and the invention of the printing press led to the rise of a new civilization which developed slowly until about the year 1800 (A.D.), and then gathering momentum with tremendous force culminated in the present crisis.

This period of the world's history makes still more clear the misuse of the monetary system as it has become still more prominent in the affairs of men. Glittering prizes were offered to those who would seek for fame the money way, and these are often won by people who seek them with great intensity of purpose though they are intellectually inferior to others who will not do so because of scruples of conscience; and fear and pride are pandered to in the same old way, and are without question more in control at the present time than ever before in the world's history.

The Printing Press and Steam

With the advent of printing, bringing increased learning, the invention of steam power and the discovery and linking up of new continents, together with increasing quantities of gold and silver as the mines of these precious metals

were found and worked, the resulting civilization was different from anything preceding it. Now, does it not seem strange that these blessings were found in "Christian" lands? And not only so, but these same countries were fully equipped to use them in an intelligent way. Why was this? It was because they had the only perfect moral code together with laws ready made without a flaw, only needing to be adopted; in short, that peerless treasure the Bible was in their midst. Whichever nation had this marvelous book grew to be more enlightened and wise than its neighbors. The more the principles of this book were adopted, the more able and understanding that nation became. When laws began to be based upon its teachings and commandments, so far as this was done it was followed by increased knowledge and wisdom. Great Britain, in particular, has been the home of the Bible, and she has sent out millions of these books annually to foreign lands. England has a finer code of laws than any other nation on earth, and no one will gainsay that her parliament, law courts and judges stand out above all other countries, nor deny that they have been an example to the rest of the world. This has brought a great responsibility, for Jehovah is not to be mocked; and just as surely as Britain has been the most enlightened nation on earth by reason of the use of His Word, just so surely is more expected from her, and in due time she must give an account of her stewardship. She has her churches in every town and village, and nowhere on earth is it possible to find a more religious and devout people; and especially was this true from the beginning of the nineteenth century down until the time of the great war of 1914.

Will it then surprise the reader when we state that of all the nations of earth that have been and are guilty of robbery, injustice, oppression, blasphemy, this nation is the worst in the sight of God?

There is only one other nation that can be likened to her; and that is America. The difference between the two is so marked that everyone must see it. America is boastful, her people think nothing of brag, and her sins of state corruption, her open defiance of all morals, and her absolute worship of money, these things are open for the world to see; and she is entirely unashamed of this standard which shows that her time is near to come. England, called 'the land of hope and glory', is so different. Not in her streets will you find open war between classes such as one can hear of in America every day as gunmen ply their nefarious trade; she does not allow these things to be seen *on the surface.* She covers herself with a cloak of righteousness, and it is only by digging underneath the surface that her wickedness becomes manifest. That this statement is true we will endeavor to prove; and let us be willing to acknowledge the facts even though it be very unpleasant reading.

The God Mammon

It was about the year 1800 (A.D.), then, that the real uniting of the world began. Steam made possible quick transit on land and sea. Invention of machinery began, and mechanical manufacture to take the place of the old hand methods. Chemistry began to bring science and industry together, and each new discovery was hailed with delight as new powers were seen and used. To whom better could they be entrusted than to those countries that had the Word of God to guide them in making these things the blessings they were destined to be to the human race? Factories and workshops went up with great rapidity, and machinery creaked and groaned from morn till late at night, as with feverish energy and long hours of toil these countries worked with might and main to make the new goods that other nations needed so badly, and that these alone could supply. What mattered such trifles as the use of child labor, the dulling of the minds of workpeople with mechanical toil, the rickety children and undersized men and women that resulted therefrom? The world wanted the new goods, and Great Britain, this 'God-fearing' country, was most anxious to play her part and produce the things that were to give a new zest to life and make it more worth while. Now, why this anxiety and much concern for the welfare of others? Well, of course, there was a consideration. Was it care for the heathen? Was it a righteous desire to do unto others as they would be done by? Was it in order to honor Jehovah, whose Word had been used to educate Great Britain so that she could use the world's minerals and powers to stop the sweat of face, the curse upon the race that was now due to be lifted? Was it? Was it ———?

It was money! money!! money!!! all the time. For many a long year this country had it nearly all her own way. So machinery clanked and turned, the shoddy gaudy-colored goods were made, the obsolete rifles and accouterments of

war were bought, and the ships of Chittim sailed the great seas, carrying out to the new countries the manufactured rubbish which had become the desire of the natives because they were not shown any better stuffs, bringing home in return the ivories and skins, fruits and spices, tea and coffee, carpets and rugs, and other edible and useful articles in exchange; and men at home began to live well and prosperously as they robbed the poor natives of their countries' wealth in exchange for the missionaries and other rubbish dumped on their shores. Then, as so often happened, the barrel of spirit that quickly followed soon taught these ignorant natives the mystery of "Christendom's" god, how he is really "three in one", and it is only now, now that they are getting sober, that they are beginning to understand that finance, politics and religion make up this one, and Satan is the mighty god. So as they drank of the spirit their care for earthly riches dulled, as becometh good churchmen, and they were the more ready to reward their spiritual guides. What a conception of God we must have given them! and how our merchants and manufacturers and others associated roared again over their cups as these tales were told!

World-wide Trade

For a while the goods themselves were exchanged, but as it became understood that foreign countries had also a monetary system though differing from our own, it soon became common practice for these to be reduced to a money value, and thus buying and selling gradually extended world-wide on a monetary basis. Now, it does not suit all to labor, even for wealth; indeed it is obvious that if all who labored became wealthy, then nine-tenths of the world would be well off, for most people have had to labor hard, and the longer they toiled, the poorer they got, as they worked the treadmill of civilization. So financiers invented themselves; for the easiest way to get rich quick is to have the handling of a great deal of other people's money. These are men who sit at home until manufacturers have had a lot of goods made and also gotten the order for them. Then the financier borrows some money, and nearly buys the goods for a lot less than they cost to make, and sells them to the same customer they are already sold to for a bit more, or a lot more, as the case may be. Sometimes these men lend to governments or to one another, and this they call 'high finance'; but there isn't such thing as low finance.

The home manufacturer could by this means get the cash for his goods much more quickly and go on to make more while the first lot was on its way abroad. Thus production was speeded up and the banker began to get something for nothing. Just the pleasant work of handling the bills of lading, seeing that the goods were properly described, so that the money could be collected without trouble abroad, and the establishment of a branch on the other side of the water, brought much grist to the mill. Now, although often enough the charges made for this convenience to the manufacturer or merchant were extortionate, yet profits were easily obtained, as there was no competition and there was more than enough for all. But the love of money is not easily satisfied; indeed it never can be: much wants more all the time. It was soon noted that eastern countries all had a silver coinage and that Great Britain was practically alone in having a gold coinage, and a ready means suggested itself whereby this fact could be turned to great advantage for the financiers concerned in handling the money exchanges. It was seen that if the manufacturing countries would insist on being paid for their goods in gold instead of silver the foreigner could be bled white. Apart from his thus becoming more like his white-skinned brother, the coffers of the financiers would literally bulge if this could be brought about, and thus it was desirable in every way from their point of view.

Now it is easy to see that when a commodity is in demand and the supply insufficient the price always rises. The greater the demand, the higher it goes; and the reverse is also true. So if payment for goods could be made only in gold, and as Great Britain practically owned the gold mines of the world, the nations who desired our goods must first exchange their money for ours; and gold, therefore being in great demand, would correspondingly rise in price, while silver would drop both in demand and in price. Thus instead of a foreigner's being able to get a £'s worth of goods for the equivalent in silver at the ratio of sixteen to one, which he had thus far paid, gold must now be purchased first, that it might be used to pay for goods; and so the ratio began to alter. Instead of sixteen times the weight of silver being exchangeable for one of gold, the bankers demanded seventeen, eight-

een, twenty times, or as many more as they could get, and, having engineered the new situation, they began to reap the profits they had foreseen would come their way; but be it noted for future reference that the purchasing power of silver in every foreign country where this metal was used remained as before.

The Silver Swindle

This financial coup was first conceived and practiced in England; and, from about A.D. 1823, the greatest and most highly civilized country in the world, and while claiming to be the most just and righteous nation in existence, by the above-mentioned simple plan forced an ever increasing disparity between gold and silver in the world's markets, always to her own advantage. The difference did not go into the pockets of the manufacturers or merchants; they received no more for their goods although the financiers collected more. The money changers got whatever difference they could arrange as natives exchanged their silver for gold in order to buy goods, and the coffers of the great financial houses bulged again and yet again with their illicit gain. And this was done by a country that was supposed to lead the world in brotherly kindness and professed to be serving God.

Soon other great nations began to join in the fun. America, France, Germany, began to export goods; and as their monetary system was based on silver, they were a menace to our trade. The scheming began again, and this time all nations were to be brought into Great Britain's net. About the year 1873 she persuaded these nations to change their standard from a silver to a gold basis, in order that "Christendom" might jointly plunder the rest of the world; and, of course, Great Britain, having such a good start, thought to be always first in the business. Laws were enacted and international agreements made whereby it was illegal for these countries to receive payment in silver from foreign countries for goods purchased, as also for money loaned to them. Thus "Christendom" definitely showed its greedy, avaricious spirit, and the lead in these things came from the home of the Bible. What a blasphemous state of affairs! Truly the Bible could be found in nearly every home and our missionaries roamed the earth, but, as Jesus said of the Jews in His day, they 'compassed sea and land to make one proselyte, and, when they had found him, made him twofold more a child of *gehenna* than themselves'; and the Bible was not believed, neither have its precepts and teachings ever been adopted save in semblance just sufficient to give the impression at home and abroad that we were a "Christian" nation, and so could be trusted by all. This hypocrisy was used as a smoke screen to deceive 'the simple' while financiers and ultra-rich merchants raked in the gold they loved so well.

The value of silver dropped from the year 1873 onward, until in the year 1894 the ratio between gold and silver had widened to 32 to 1, thus doubling the cost of our goods to the foreigner without any corresponding increase of cost to ourselves, and the difference dropped always into the vaults of the banks and financial houses.

The Considerate Masters

These conditions continued, right down until the war came in 1914, and with the advantages thus gained through legalized fraud, together with advantages of education, and aided by the fact that our workpeople were highly trained and kept at work such hours as would prevent them from ever becoming anything other than workers, and with such low wages paid for their skilled labor as would demand all their time and energy if they were to earn enough on which to live while they were awake, we maintained our advantage in sufficient degree to keep our factories employed with very infrequent periods of depression. These served their purpose, too, inasmuch as they brought home to the man in the street how fortunate he was to have such considerate masters, who would, even when no work was available, provide soup kitchens or a workhouse. They also further reminded merchants and manufacturers of their dependence on the banks, those benevolent people who always seek the good of their clients and most often help by lending them cash when things prosper, but want their umbrella back as soon as it begins to rain.

Thus in the aforementioned nations has developed a great system which has ruled over all the earth. It has been sustained and supported by the multitudes of peoples, nations and tongues who have subscribed to the world trade arrangements and brought each their quota of wealth into the mother of cities, namely, "Christendom." Thus she was enriched and became indeed "a queen". As she did not maintain faith-

fulness to the Word of God, but only pretended thus to do, and as she supported and consorted with all religions of all nations if so be there was any advantage of wealth in cultivating these, she has become "the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth".

From the natural viewpoint, with the advantages previously outlined, it would seem that these nations had gained such a start over all other nations that they would be able to control the world situation and keep the position gained. Other countries would grow and provide the raw materials and sell these at a low figure to their masters. These in turn would make the materials purchased into manufactured goods and resell to the natives for as much of their cash as could be taken from them after allowing them a pittance with which to buy rice and build mud huts, and after the native merchants and bankers had had a share of the plunder. This latter was a necessity; for none could look so well after the interests of finance as those who were inseparably linked to the system, and the link that binds the wicked together is money. By and by those who have it will wish it were the missing link.

One Big Fact Overlooked

But one fact was overlooked by all these wiseacres; a simple fact, but of paramount importance. There is a God of whom all nature speaks and whose Word the Bible is, and His name is Jehovah. He had set the bounds of time as He set the sands a boundary for the sea. His Word declares that He had given liberty of action unto the devilish system until 1914, but when that hour struck the glory of "Christendom" was due to fade. The time had come for truth, stark naked truth, to come to light, and lo, 'the truth is found in His Word.' As men now search back into history they find the system of so-called "Christianity" has been mocking at Jehovah; and now those making up the system begin to scoff and mock outwardly, revealing their hearts to all who are honest. What makes the matter vile beyond the power of words to describe is the fact that the policies pursued, the usury and oppression practiced, the bloody wars waged, the devouring of widows' houses, robbing even the children of the bounty Jehovah supplies in food and raiment, this is all done in His name, with prayers that He will continue them in their way; a horrible thing!

But now the principles of truth and those who practice these are to be made clear, and contrasted with these must appear the evils of untruth and those who subscribe thereto, and "Christendom" will be seen to worship Mammon, the god of blasphemy, slander, cruelty, viciousness, oppression and avarice. Her very heart shall be revealed, and all peoples shall know her for what she is. Black with abominations and red with shed blood, she has been the most terrible system opposing Jehovah God the world has ever seen; and the one who controls this monster, Satan the Devil, shall no longer be able to hide himself, but shall also be seen for what he is, that men may flee from his control into God's eternal care, while the adversary tastes the bitterness and chagrin he has so often meted out to others. Thus will righteous retribution be ministered unto all; and though the times are without parallel in the world's history, though nations fall, famines and pestilence prevail, distress and perplexity, unemployment and chaos, threaten and finally engulf the world in ruin, yet he who putteth his trust in Jehovah shall know a loving Father's care; and "when he giveth quietness, who then can make trouble"?

The Beginning of the End

When 1914 struck, every government in "Christendom" manifested itself as unfaithful to the Word of God and the principles of truth stated therein. They further showed their utter disregard for Jesus, Jehovah's beloved Son. Under the guise of a needful sacrifice each "Christian" nation forced its people to fight against their spiritual kith and kin; yet were not all the nations that started the war of one faith, taught out of one book the Bible, and did they not therefore surely love one another, love peace and hate war and strife? These warring nations also owned the world; and having a stewardship from God, they would have to give an account of this some day. Now, as 1914 was that time, it would follow that after this date they would be called upon to show what increase they had made for the love and bountiful blessings bestowed upon them as custodians of God's precious Word. Had they been watching in humility and meekness as Jesus had exhorted, then the following is something of what might have been expected:

The Crisis Could Have Been Averted

1. Faced with the greatest crisis of the world, all the clergy in "Christendom", British, Ger-

man, French, American, the moment 1914 threatened to engulf the world in war, would call a saintly council as to ways and means to prevent unnecessary bloodshed. They would assemble an 'International Congress of Christian Nations' and, advising their peoples to hold aloof from savagery, take up their united stand on the side of peace. They would issue a joint proclamation forbidding the nations to engage in war, reminding them of Jesus' words, to wit, "They that take the sword shall perish with the sword," "Love your enemies," and would exhort the peoples to stand on the side of the Lord. How often have great congregations in all these countries sung, "Who is on the Lord's side?" Here was the supreme opportunity to show the "heathen" nations that "Christendom" practiced what she preached and followed Jesus wherever He led them! Then there could have been no war, whatever went wrong (?). It is so simple!

2. The politicians would have realized with glad hearts that though all their good endeavors of the past had failed, and their devotion to the peoples' interests miscarried; though all their mistakes now appeared in a limelight of truth that made one and all ashamed (for the war made quite clear that the policy of armaments was madness), yet now the King of Glory was due to reign and His wisdom and power, exercised with the same loving-kindness as at His first advent, would make the crooked straight, take away sorrow and pain, and give to the people justice, righteousness, truth and peace. They would know He comes to "make all things new"; and so they would make way and give Him their full allegiance, that the promised blessings the kingdom of God should bring might come to the people. They would point out how abundantly Jehovah was providing for the peoples' physical well-being in sending tremendous crops, labor-saving devices, cheap power, light, and heat, and that this was corroborative proof of the end of the age; for it is evident that since 1914 the world has been surfeited with the good things Jehovah alone can send. He has increased the corn and wine as promised, sent foods and spice, cotton and silk, flax and minerals; and when man was enlightened as to how to travel more quickly and motors were invented, what power was it that sent abundance of petroleum, enough for all the world? and now it is evident that labor could be eliminated and hard toil need obtain no longer. So the politicians, recognizing this, would see to it that no system should be allowed to deprive the peoples of their just rights, nor vested interests prevent making the greatest possible use of these things for the common good. For peoples are more important than systems: the latter being made for the peoples, and not the peoples for the systems. If a man's business becomes old-fashioned, useless and bankrupt, then it is wound up; and so vested interests would be the same. What! You do not think so! Why ever not?

3. And finance! What a mess they had got into! How glad they would be to know they could render up their account! Though they had done so ill, though money had become a festering sore that rubbed and chafed all except a few, bruising and crushing the life out of millions, yet now the King would show them how to do what is just and right. As they had power of control they would gladly use this for distributing the world's abundance for the benefit of the people. They would see to it that abundance made for greater plenty for all; and remembering that gold and silver were God-given, they would do away with all facilities for gambling and profiteering and would cease to uphold vested interests by withdrawing credit for such purposes. They would stop any form of usury or interest, and expanding the amount of money in circulation until it was equivalent to the amount of goods on the market of the world, so that whatever was produced the people would have the power to buy, they would provide the money needful to deal with the trade of the world and try to make amends for their mistakes of the past. For all can see that in the beginning there was no money system, and therefore goods first bought gold, and not gold, goods; and to force nature's abundant crops, and man's God-given mechanical and electrical inventive and productive capacity, to be limited to a system that at best could purchase only part of the supply, is putting the cart before the horse. Who is there that cannot see that if you put two pounds' value of goods on the market and then restrict the purchasing power to one pound, the goods are then worth only one pound and cannot fetch more?

But these all refused to give heed. If only they would have listened to the mighty voice of God, heard His warnings, heeded instruction! Ah, then what might have been?

The Old World Ended in 1914

The world, the old world, ended indeed in 1914. The war changed everything. For the first time in history all the world went to the war, and his wife and family too. Organize! Organize!! Produce! Produce!! Speed the machines! Lengthen the hours! Ah, but wait; the world had always until now had its unemployed, and thus had capital been able to measurably control wages, but now, what is this new power that thrusts itself forward so confidently? More wages! Still more wages!! Increased production can be purchased only at increased cost. Higher, still higher, went the demand for goods. Guns, munitions, transports, foods, boots and clothes, and lo, no sooner made than lost! Spoiled! Blown to bits! Yet louder rose the cry! More! More!! Still more!!! With ever increasing momentum the machinery clanked and turned. Can this demand never be satisfied? Up! Up!! Ever higher went the price! A new standard of living was being raised!

For the first time the people were needed, their services required at any price. No private enterprise, no vested interests, could stand in the way of progress; invention was stimulated, encouraged, and men and women found a new life. The war being over, things went higher still. Markets that had been starved of goods clamored for them now, and money, MONEY, MONEY! Oh, what a god to serve!

The world went mad. Nay, rather it revealed its own heart. Its unprincipled, unrighteous, and altogether selfish heart became an open book for all to read; and there, again, was the handwriting on the wall.

The slump came. What caused the slump? The bankers caused it. They seemed to have reasoned thus: 'If we allow present conditions to continue, prices will get beyond our power of control. Already industry is almost independent of our financial aid, and daily it is growing in the minds of the industrialists that money is only a means for the distribution of their goods. Presently they will be starting banks of their own, and then what? We are somewhat afraid, because already prices have advanced so tremendously that the position is precarious and if we do not act now we are done. WE MUST ASSERT OURSELVES.'

The 1921 Deflation

So 1921 saw the curtailment of credit decided upon. Credit which had been granted so freely to prosecute the war was to be restricted to restore again the financial system which had ruled the people so well before the war. But the wise men had become foolish and they did foolish things. The Word of God had said, 'I will turn the wisdom of the wise men into foolishness, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid,' and this began to be literally fulfilled. Every move they now made only aggravated the critical position of the world. Fear and pride and lust for power, the very causes of the World War, again ruled instead of reason. Reason would surely have said, 'If in four years of war money was created without precedent and immediately spent and the goods bought therewith wasted, until the world was groaning under the greatest financial burden it had ever been called upon to bear, the repayment of this money could be made only out of the surplus of the nations.'

The first thing then to ensure was that the nations were made prosperous and had a surplus, and the prosperity would need to continue at the same level of prices as that which had obtained when the money was borrowed or created. They were prosperous in 1920, why stop them? Clearly the answer is to be found in what we have stated. It was thought to be a necessity for financial reasons. This, in commonplace language, means for financiers' reasons, and so, of course, for their power and profit. Let us consider some of the conditions that obtained at the time, and as it is impossible to deal with this matter from the standpoint of every country, we will take England for our example; and, of course, she is to be recognized as the leader in matters of finance, even though America and France have the greater supply of gold. Let us bear in mind, too, that although America had a very considerable period of prosperity after 1921 which this country did not seem to share, yet the impression given to the world of our poverty and hardship seems to have been a deliberate policy fostered by those who did not wish it to be known that *they* were also prospering as never before, as this article will endeavor to prove. But the prosperity was not general in Great Britain; indeed the common people were suffering acutely while contributing very largely to the cost of the war, and it would never have done to let them think there was any prosperity or there would certainly have been trouble. So with the

bankers' usual astuteness the camouflage of 'hard times for the rich' was fostered to keep a smoke screen between the two classes, so that their monetary policy could be feelingly and selfishly endorsed by the few, and patriotically and sacrificially, although ignorantly, endorsed by the many.

Mammon and the War

At a conservative estimate the governments of the belligerent nations borrowed fifty thousand million pounds and spent it on the war. As fast as they could borrow the goods bought with the cash were consumed or destroyed, and so at the close of the war the money was still owing but the goods bought therewith did not exist. The governments had no equivalent value for it in hand.

When a business man borrows many times more than his own capital and purchases goods with the money, then through foolish neglect, bad management or any other cause loses his goods before he has repaid the money owing, he is bankrupt. So were all the belligerent nations in 1918. To have admitted this would have been good for the peoples, but, so the financiers and politicians thought, bad for them. That was the time these men ought to have recognized the signs of the times. Reason should have shown them the situation was out of hand, they had lost their opportunity. The old system could never function successfully again.

In England things were bad enough before the war, when the national debt was only a tithe of what it was in 1918. It was difficult then to control the situation and there was a threatened financial world panic more than once pre-war. How carefully those then in financial control should have viewed the situation! But did they? The facts show they only looked through the spectacles of prejudice and self-preservation, and, refusing to acknowledge their impotence, proceeded to demonstrate their folly to the world.

To put the matter in Lloyd George's words, 'Those who have mishandled the monetary problems come and advise the Government what to do, yet their only remedy is by artificial barriers to prevent plenty from reaching want. Deflation was a mistake. The precipitate raising of the gold standard was another. The settlement of the American debt was City advice. All these things dealt staggering blows at our trade. Now these men are using the whole of their tremendous influence to restrict the raising of money for national development. They were wrong in 1920. They are wrong again now! They are always wrong!'

They are indeed, but up to the present they have been able to camouflage things, and finally shift the burden of any mistakes onto the backs of either trade or the people. After the war England's national debt had been raised to round eight thousand million pounds. This money, described as a necessity to carry on the war, had to be raised by borrowing, as it could not be raised by taxation, no such sum being at any time available. Now, how could it be borrowed if it was not there?

It was brought into existence by such financial juggling as no private individual is ever allowed to indulge in. The reader will remember how Hatry was put in gaol (jail) for borrowing money on other people's security, and how also Lord Kylsant was sentenced for issuing a false prospectus. Yet both these methods were used to raise the money needed to prosecute the war. Money was needed to burn, but nobody had sufficient. So when the government of England wanted it and it could be obtained in no other way, they induced people to buy securities which had no value, with money which the banks were supposed to lend for the purpose but which in fact never existed, and under the impression that the security was gilt-edged and had the same value as other government bonds ever did have. Now we can see what was in the minds of the financiers who carried this policy through, namely, that after the war they would see to it that the security did become gilt-edged. Having gotten the people to pledge themselves and their children to back this war scrip by accepting a responsibility that if carried out would make some of them poor for ever, the bankers had it in mind to recover the amount wasted on war, in goods or kind, no matter what suffering and distress this might cause, from the only two sources available, trade or the people. So long as the people live there is some money value to be got out of them by a 'correct process' of squeezing which these men know well how to apply.

The money then raised was not backed by goods that could be sold to repay the creditors of the nation, nor by the gold and securities held to be commensurate value pre-war. Neither was the money used in productive schemes which

might have produced an equivalent value. Therefore scrip was issued that had a fictitious value, and was sold to the people. If this is done by an individual, as witness Hatry and Kylsant, then any judge will ruthlessly punish for every such transgression of the law. But because it is a government! well, what do you think? Is there then one standard for the government and another for the people? There is; but it is claimed that this sort of thing is done only in case of national need. But is not this the excuse of every thief? There is always a special need when he steals his employer's cash; yet this is certainly different. Ah, yes! and it makes all the difference, for here it is the employer who steals his employees' cash.

So in the special circumstances, to take the people's money and pledge them to find all that might be needed was a necessary evil, but, so the people were told, it would ultimately be for their good. The facts show, however, that what could not be wrung from them by taxation was borrowed until the matter could be better planned; and it was thought the people would be more docile and more easily persuaded to bear the burden at a later date, presumably on the basis that the farther you get from the source of a dirty stream the easier it is to make people believe the water is clean, and if they are thirsty they will drink. They are drinking now just as the bankers foresaw, but only because they are ignorant. Presently they will awake, and, the Scriptures say, 'They that dug the pit shall fall into it.'

Banks Again in Full Control

After the war was over the governments wished to revert to pre-war conditions, but not all the people did. At the height of the post-war boom the bankers resolved on the curtailment of credit to restore their prestige and power. Immediately there was a shrinkage in the world circulation of money, followed, in due time, by the vicious circle of falling prices and wages and ever increasing out-of-works. The point that mattered to those who started the ball rolling was reached this way, for falling prices and restricted trade enhance the value of money, and with this comes back to the bankers the power of control; for as credit is curtailed the demand for cash gets ever greater, which is exactly what the banks desire. Also, when there is not work to be had, then everybody is willing to work for less than he would demand if work were plentiful, and so it is easier to control people when work is scarce; and all this the bankers know full well. With the fall in wages the demand for goods falls too, and prices tumble. This in turn gives a decided advantage to the rentier classes, doctors, lawyers, civil servants, tax collectors, teachers and clergy, who form the backbone of the present monetary system; for their money will buy more of the common people's productions without letting these have direct evidence of this 'rise in wages' stunt. The bankers' policy needs to have many backers to be successfully operated.

Summing up the position, then, after the war in England, and comparing things with the present position, we find the following:

1. The bankers have again got complete control. This means that any and every government that comes into power will support the policies dictated by the banks under all circumstances.

2. The leisured classes, professional and salaried persons and all comfortable wage-earners know on which side their bread is buttered and will support the banks to the full extent of their ability.

3. The common peoples, viewing the situation with dismay and fear, as they see privation and want stalking hand in hand through the land, are ready to accept the saying 'Half a loaf is better than no bread'. Those in any employment well know that others more desperately in need than themselves are ready to take their jobs at the first opportunity, and so any policy that will leave them with the half loaf will find their support; and they will pay to the last farthing and give the last ounce of their strength.

The War Debts

Another factor, information as to which has now been collected by the banks, is what amount of money the peoples have to pay. For, of course, if it were possible, those countries that owed money after the war would be constrained to pay, and to the extent to which this money could be collected the British people would have this much less to find. This question has now been solved. None of the countries concerned are able to pay even interest on money owing. One might ask, Why is this? And the answer is a conundrum somewhat as follows: How can

the French people pay the British people when they haven't any money? and yet, how can the French lend the Bank of England forty million pounds at good interest *if* they haven't any money? And if we cannot understand this it is because we are not financiers, for all financiers of proved ability could easily understand this seemingly complex matter. Which clearly proves they are the right people to have rule us.

So all war debts have to be paid, and by our own nationals, and, of course, this must be done so that all share and share alike in the needful sacrifice. So the bankers and financiers agree with the politicians that, as they have most of the money, they will double the rate of interest on investments and then allow the Government to tax them from five to ten shillings in the pound. Of this, more anon!

The leisured class who support the banks also find this a good plan and join in the procession to the Cenotaph on November 11, and cheerfully pay out the income tax levied, satisfied because the balance left is still much greater than pre-war.

And the common peoples? Oh, they are just the burden-bearers, so used to carrying a full load that they will never notice when it is added to bit by bit.

Then, too, their burden is so much easier to bear: they never had money to lose, so cannot suffer like those who have been born with a silver spoon, and what does it matter to the poor, who cannot appreciate good things, because they never had them, whether they have porridge and milk or just porridge, butter or margarine, new clothes or old? They must pay their share, so say all the others, and the truth is they are the only ones who do pay; and they pay in blood and toil, in poverty and fear, in sickness and sorrow, without any hope of relief, for ever and a day; and when all others fail them, Jehovah says, 'When the poor and the needy cry unto me, I the Lord will hear them.' The bankers' job is making money, not giving it. The leisured classes are convinced that they are superior and are needed to run the world for the benefit of the people. The common people's heritage is to work, and dare and die; and "theirs not to reason why!"

Money Rules the World

The common people pay the debts of the war because they are ignorant and because they honestly believe it is right they should meet this obligation; and they are taxed the heaviest of all, but without knowing anything about it. The burdens they are now bearing are directly due to the policies of the bankers who well know how to turn labor and travail, fear and distress, into money, aided by the camouflage put forward that they themselves are paying more than they are able. Not every bank manager understands the situation; only those who are at the head. The politicians do not understand, as witness the fact that the prime minister, in the recent crisis, publicly stated he knew nothing of the subject; and as Mr. MacDonald's ability in other directions is unquestionable, it is just a matter of ignorance, due to the foolish notion that a study of finance is not a necessity for a politician. Of course, this has always been fostered by the banks, who regard this domain as entirely their own. It is this very thing that makes it possible for the bankers to rule the roost. Everybody knows that money rules the world; and as the bankers rule money, that's that.

There are two things to keep in mind: When times are peaceful the real rulers are the bankers; when there is war, then the rulers of the nation are the politicians. Though wars are often created by financiers, yet they are run by their political confreres. This means that the politicians dictate during a war what money is needed to bring it to a successful conclusion. There can be no question as to whether the money should be found or not, even though it cannot be raised by taxation, which is the only sound way. All the money needed must be found, until the war stops. As there is not at any time sufficient cash available to carry on a war of such magnitude as the last, it is necessary to create this. This could be done by printing paper currency, but the common people would understand so simple a matter; they would know that such inflation would have to be paid for some way or other, and they would be on the lookout as to how it was done. But if people were invited to subscribe for Government scrip and the banks offered to lend the money necessary for them to buy, then it would seem as though the moneyed classes were doing their share, and the financial difficulties would be camouflaged; and thus it was arranged.

(*To be continued*)

THIS which we here take up is no mere case of "Oh! just another national minority", such as the Armenians or the natural Jews, suffering because of the plague of intensified nationalism spreading over the world today, but whose sufferings have no special significance for the people in general. The opposition to and oppression of this particular minority does have an important relation to this present world crisis, because this minority now under survey is made up of the present-day witnesses of the almighty and most high God, whose name is Jehovah. Hence this minority is properly called by the name "Jehovah's witnesses". They represent The Nation, which is God's kingdom; they are, in fact, heirs of the kingdom of heaven, heirs of God and joint-heirs with Jesus Christ. (Romans 8:16, 17) Hence what affects this minority must and does concern all of earth's peoples. Not because of what it is as to the flesh, but because the honor of Jehovah's name is tied up with this minority or remnant; and what is done against them and their work inescapably brings God's name and cause into the affair. All the world must answer to God, and that at a very near day, for their recent acts toward His great name.

How does your attitude and relation toward this minority have to do with your near future? That is what interests you!

During the past few months the enemies of God's remnant of witnesses have been particularly active and vicious. The master enemy of Jehovah is Satan the Devil, and the Devil is employing the services of his earthly representatives to persecute those who are on Jehovah's side. In times past the clergy of "Christendom" have indulged chiefly in slandering the humble and faithful witnesses who serve Jehovah God. At the present time, however, not only do they indulge in slandering these witnesses, but, together with the business or commercial agencies of Satan and his "strong-arm squad" on earth, such as police, deputies, magistrates, etc., they continue to harass, persecute and imprison Jehovah's witnesses. This vicious action on the part of the enemy has increased to a marked degree in very recent months.

Throughout the realm of "Christendom", and particularly in the countries of Canada and the United States, Jehovah's witnesses are being arrested on the false charge of violating the commercial laws of the land, and such prosecutions or persecutions are based upon the alleged fact that these faithful men and women are going from house to house engaged in a commercial business. Are Jehovah's witnesses actually violating the commercial laws of the land? They are not in the slightest degree. They are going from house to house preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, even as they have been commanded by Jehovah to do.

Even if their thus preaching the gospel would constitute a technical violation of man's law these witnesses of Jehovah would still be doing right as long as they are doing only what Jehovah God has commanded them to do. The law of God is far higher than the law that man can make. If the kingdom of God is here and Christ has begun His reign since A.D. 1914, why then would Jehovah permit the enemy to continue to persecute His witnesses? Why are they not going on unhindered in the proclamation of the Kingdom message? These are questions really important for you to know the answers thereto.

Jehovah God has within this past half-century visited the nations of earth "to take out of them a people for his name". (Acts 15:14) That means that Jehovah has taken out from among men a class of persons, a minority, who at Jehovah's fixed time must declare His purposes, because His name JEHOVAH calls attention to and relates to His purposes toward His creatures. For many centuries Christian people have understood that God sent Christ Jesus into the world to die in order that men might believe and, being faithful in believing, might ultimately go to heaven. While this is true, it is not by any means the entire truth.

Jehovah's witnesses

God sent Jesus into the world chiefly to be a witness to the name of Jehovah the Most High, hence to tell the truth concerning Jehovah's purposes. (John 18:37) Jehovah appointed Jesus and anointed Him to be the King of the world. Then Jehovah proceeds to take out from among the world men who are willing to faithfully follow in Jesus' footsteps even unto death. To these the promise is given that if they continue faithful in the performance of their commission they shall share with Christ Jesus in that kingdom. There is a particular work to be done to be faithful to that commission, and this must be done by those taken out for His name;

and that work requires them to be witnesses for Jehovah. Their testimony must be given at a time when the great question at issue is to be settled. This question is, Who is the great supreme One?

The time for giving that testimony is when Jehovah sends His anointed King forth to rule among the enemies. It is then that, as Psalm 110:1-3 foretells, the people 'taken out for His name' must be willing to act and do willingly act in obedience to God's commandment. That time is now here. It began immediately following the coming of Christ Jesus as Judge to the spiritual temple of Jehovah, which coming was A.D. 1918 according to both sacred prophecy and physical facts now in evidence. Since then Jehovah has given the remnant of those who remain faithful to Him a new name which His own mouth has named and which name Jesus says is the name of His God and of God's organization. —Isaiah 62:2, *A.R.V.;* Revelation 3:12.

Certainly the reason for this action is not to get this class into heaven, but that such may stand forth before the world as the upholders of Jehovah's name and as such tell of His declared purpose. These must testify that Jehovah is the only true God. For this reason Jehovah says to them through His Word (Isaiah 43:10-12): "Ye are my witnesses . . . that I am God." In order to maintain their integrity toward Jehovah this remnant, as His witnesses, must be faithful in the performance of their commission, and this faithfulness must be demonstrated under conditions that constitute a real and crucial test upon those of the remnant. Have you come in contact with or observed such a class of people on this earth today?

Target of the Dragon

Who will force conditions upon Jehovah's witnesses that will constitute such a great test? The enemy, of course, and with the expectation of destroying these witnesses; as it is written: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman [symbolic of God's organization to which He is wedded], and went to make war with the remnant of her seed [offspring], which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."—Revelation 12:17.

"Dragon" in this text stands for Satan and his organization. Both that part of his organization which is invisible and that which is visible to human eyes are included in this term. Religion, you can agree, has ever been used as a screen behind which Satan has operated to deceive and to oppress the people. The most powerful part of his visible organization, however, is the commercial division which he has builded up and uses to oppress the people and keep them in subjection. In these last days, Satan's religious representatives, particularly the clergy, being unable to successfully keep the people in ignorance of the divine truth and being unable to withstand the clear and forceful speech of God's anointed remnant, Satan calls into action and to the aid of the clergy other parts of his visible organization. He causes Jehovah's witnesses to be charged with a violation of the worldly laws of commerce because these witnesses go from house to house with books containing the gospel of the Kingdom and are thus preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. To hinder and, if possible, prevent this preaching of the gospel and to destroy the witnesses Satan calls into action his crowd of hirelings, who are men without conscience and who for their own daily bread are willing to persecute, arrest and wrongfully treat the witnesses of Jehovah. Such oppressors include police officers, magistrates and executives of municipalities who do the bidding of their master. These do the bidding of Satan because they are hirelings, and these constitute the "strong-arm squad" of the visible part of Satan's organization.

Gog of Magog

The chief active agent of Satan, and the one who is leading this persecution against Jehovah's witnesses, is Gog, as Ezekiel 38:2 calls him. Gog is one of the unseen, spirit princes in Satan's organization. "The land of Magog" of which he is prince pictures that spiritual or invisible realm of Satan which includes all those wicked angels within Gog's division of Satan's organization. Chapter 38 of Ezekiel's prophecy shows that Gog forms and organizes a conspiracy into which are drawn many other creatures, both angels and men, and including Big Business, also the practitioners and leaders in the religions of "Christendom", and the chief rulers of the earth. These all conspire and come against Jehovah's organization, including the remnant thereof on the earth.

Psalm 83 refers to this conspiracy, which conspiracy is already formed and is now being carried into operation. "Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they

that hate thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones [Jehovah's witnesses, in the secret place of the Most High]. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel [those Israelites inwardly, spiritual Israelites] may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee." The ancient conspirators, who pictured and foreshadowed the modern-day conspirators, are named in the further verses of the psalm, and their disastrous end is also vividly described, the result of the whole matter being "that [they] may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the Most High over all the earth". This psalm explains why within the realm of "Christendom" Jehovah's witnesses are being persecuted upon the pretext that they are violating the commercial laws of the land.

Donning the Vestments

Is Jehovah permitting His witnesses to be persecuted as a test to them that they may thereby prove their integrity toward Jehovah God? Yes, that is one of the reasons; but there is another and a far more important reason. This latter reason may be stated thus: The vindication of Jehovah's name is at hand. One of the means of vindicating Jehovah's name is by the destruction of all His enemies. But before this is done Jehovah has commanded and commissioned His remnant of witnesses to serve notice upon the enemy concerning the day of impending destruction. Jehovah does not take action against His enemy by secret. He has chosen the remnant, a people taken out for His name, to serve notice upon the enemy now.

Hypocritical religion, oppressive commercialism and cruel rulership shall soon cease for ever. The members of Satan's organization will be destroyed, but only after due notice of Jehovah's purpose to destroy them. God's Word discloses that He will give members of Satan's organization ample *opportunity to identify themselves* with Satan the enemy. Jesus said to His faithful followers: "But take heed to yourselves; for they shall deliver you up to councils [courts]; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings FOR MY SAKE, *for a testimony against them.*" (Mark 13:9) Stated in common parlance, Jesus prophesied this:

These faithful witnesses shall be arrested and dragged into court at the instance of the clergy, and thus their faithful devotion to Jehovah, their maintaining of their integrity as obedient servants of the true God, will constitute a witness *against* the ones of Satan's organization who are responsible for such persecution. The Lord will cause the enemies to convict themselves by their own wrongful course of action. This they will do after receiving notice from God.

THE CHIEF REASON, therefore, why Jehovah permits His witnesses to suffer now at the hands of men is in order *that these persecutors may identify themselves as of Satan's organization* and hence as against Jehovah God. Is it not of highest importance to you to be warned of this? Do you want to identify yourself as being on the wrong side?

The battle of Armageddon comes on apace. The Scriptures do clearly prove that Jehovah's executioner at that battle and His work of execution were foreshadowed by an Israelite of action, Jehu, and by the work which Jehu did in obedience to God's command and in the name of Jehovah God. You read of Jehu's clean-sweeping, rapid-fire activities in 2 Kings, chapters 9 and 10, in the Old Testament of the Bible. Jehu foreshadowed 'the elect servant of Jehovah' (Isaiah 42:1), a servant class of which Christ Jesus is the Head and Chief. Jehu therefore primarily foreshadowed Christ Jesus as Jehovah's executioner of His enemies; incidentally Jehu foreshadowed the members of the 'elect servant' class under Jesus, and particularly the remnant now on earth. These last, being Jehovah's witnesses, are of God's organization and have part in making known Jehovah's purpose to execute His vengeance upon the enemy. The remnant do no executing in the sense of actual destruction; but by reason of being members of the 'elect servant' the remnant are counted in on the executing work, forasmuch as the 'elect servant', particularly Jesus the Head thereof, executes the judgments written aforetime by God. All members of this 'elect servant' class are included in this honorable work or service.—Psalm 149:9.

As the account goes on to say, Jehu was on his way to execute God's judgment against the worshipers of the false god Baal, that is, against the Devil religionists. He came upon Jonadab, of some blood kin to the Israelites of whom

Jehu was one. Jehu had but recently been anointed by Jehovah's servant to be king over the nation of Israel which was then mixed up seriously with Baal worship. At the time of his being anointed Jehu was plainly told what was Jehovah's commission to him. So now Jehu says to Jonadab: "Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord [Jehovah]"; meaning, Come and see how vigorously I will prosecute the commission that Jehovah has given to me. Jonadab went along with Jehu and witnessed the execution of the Baal worshipers.—2 Kings 10:15, 16.

These Baal worshipers foreshadowed all of those who willingly put themselves on the side of the Devil today and against God. Jehu proclaimed throughout the land a solemn assembly for Baal. After the worshipers had assembled in the temple in Samaria Jehu said to the temple vestryman: "Bring forth vestments [that is, garments of identification] for all the worshippers of Baal." This was done, and each one put on the garments or vestments and thus voluntarily identified himself as a Devil worshiper.

Even so now Jehovah commands His witnesses on earth to go to the people and declare that Jehovah is God and what are the purposes He will accomplish through the kingdom of His Christ. Those who, after hearing, persecute Jehovah's witnesses or otherwise oppose them do by their course of conduct clothe themselves with the vestments of the Devil and thus identify themselves with the Devil's organization and against Jehovah God. In harmony with Jesus' prophecy (Mark 13:9) 'they testify against themselves' and convict themselves. By their course of action, therefore, they are for ever estopped from saying that they did not willingly take their stand on Satan's side and against Jehovah.

Then the Full-Dress Slaughter

To return to the history: Jehu had stationed outside round about the temple eighty armed men, and had instructed them: "If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him." When the Baal worshipers had identified themselves with vestments and were massed in the temple of the Devil and worshiping, Jehu commanded his armed men to "go in, and slay them; let none come forth". And they did.

The acts of Satan's earthly representatives in identifying themselves must first take place before the final slaughter of the opposers of God at Armageddon. The opportunity is now being furnished them to so identify themselves; and this they are doing after hearing the testimony given by Jehovah's witnesses. These faithful witnesses of Jehovah are suffering for righteousness' sake, for the sake of Jehovah's name. While such suffering and persecution, "light affliction" at *worst,* afford opportunity for them to maintain and demonstrate their integrity toward God, yet *the far more important reason* for God's permitting their persecution is that they might be used to give the opposers of God an opportunity to identify themselves as God's enemies before their destruction at God's hands. This is done in vindication of Jehovah's name, and in this vindication the remnant on earth have a part.

Furthermore, while Jehovah's witnesses are engaged in giving their testimony to the people and suffering persecution because they so do, they also bear testimony to the people of good will. We should like to believe that, if not one of Jehovah's witnesses, then you are one of these people of good will. This class of people of good will was foreshadowed by that upright man Jonadab who rode along with Jehu in his war chariot and became an eyewitness of the destruction of the Baal worshipers. The Jonadab class today are now being given an opportunity to take their stand on Jehovah's side, even as Jonadab of old did. (2 Kings 10:15, 16, 23) These persons of good will are today learning that Jehovah is the only true God and the only power that can deliver them from their oppressors. The Lord Jesus is now at the temple of Jehovah for judgment, and the peoples of the world must be informed of that fact. This information or testimony must be given by Jehovah's witnesses, that the oppressed ones may have an opportunity to learn *the way of escape* and, above all, to learn that Jehovah is their refuge. "He shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness. The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name [O Jehovah] will put their trust in thee: for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee." —Psalm 9:8-10.

Jehovah's Fight

The oppressed people of the world are suffering and crying because of oppression. Jehovah God in His mercy hears their cries, and those who are humble, that is, who desire to learn the truth, will be given the opportunity to do so. "Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear; to judge the fatherless and the oppressed, that the man of the earth may no more oppress." (Psalm 10:17, 18) The obligation is laid upon Jehovah's witnesses to inform the people of the provision made for them through the kingdom of God. In giving this testimony the remnant must expect to be persecuted by Satan and his agents. In this persecution which will you be, persecuted, or persecutor, with the persecuted, or with the persecutors? You must identify yourself.

The situation as now revealed to those who love Jehovah is this: The greatest fight of all time is beginning and within a very short time will reach the climax. It is the fight of Satan and his wicked hordes under Gog against the Lord of righteousness Christ Jesus, the special representative of Jehovah. This fight takes in that small minority, the remnant of Jehovah's witnesses on earth; but it is Jehovah's fight. Not they, but Jehovah and His invisible heavenly organization fight it. He is "Jehovah of hosts". (Psalm 24:10, *A.R.V.*) Therefore the remnant are absolutely assured that Jehovah's organization shall triumph.

Satan and his forces are desperately attempting the destruction of all those who take a positive stand on the side of God and righteousness. The remnant are in the vanguard of Jehovah's people on earth and are singing the praises of Jehovah and, so doing, should expect to be assaulted by the enemy. Without a question of doubt all the remnant would be destroyed instantly by the foolish conspirators except for the protection the Lord God throws around them. (Psalm 94:8, 20-23) In this hour of great peril Jehovah speaks to His people and says: "The name of Jehovah is a strong tower; the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." (Proverbs 18:10, *A.R.V.*) This is the general rule of Jehovah made and now applying at this particular time. It is applied beneficially to all who bring themselves within that rule. Before you, therefore, is set a way of escape to safety and life.

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Causes of World Financial Distress *By W. Sharples (England)*

***In Two Parts*—Part 2**

THE scrip issued had no value at the time (it was just a scrap of paper), but when the people have agreed to back this paper, then they have actually handed over everything they have to the State Department (which is run by the banks), and their trades, properties and wage-earning capacities are mortgaged, in the case of the last war, for ever.

When the Government has to resort to such a trick it is because it is insolvent. Suppose a business man through a trade war loses his money and then offers to deduct a portion of his workpeople's earnings each week until his creditors are paid, that would be just an illustration of what is done. But, you say, the workpeople would not stand for it! No, but the workpeople of the whole nation *have* to!

A Gilt-edged Investment

So, during the war the national debt increased tremendously and the people were called upon to be patriotic, and with this wine well drunk and the war well on, they were completely in the power of the money masters of the world. The security issued to them for the money they pledged themselves to find had no more value than the paper on which it was written. If they bought a house they would not be satisfied to see the deed: they would want to see the house too. If they invested in a cotton mill, they not only would want their scrip, but would want to see the mill itself and to know that it was a working concern, turning out the goods that were to be produced with the money borrowed. But not so with this war scrip. The goods it bought, which represented its value, are all gone, blown to the winds with shot and shell! Yet this paper is a "gilt-edged" investment. Wherein, then, does its value lie? All the time the war is on it has no value, and the longer the war continues the less likelihood there is of its ever having any value, for the war might end disastrously. Even if it ends favorably there are many difficulties to overcome before it is quite certain this is a security of first-class value, and that is why the change over is needed from politician to banker.

It is the bankers' job to make permanent the specially created war securities and to see that this is done in such a way that the common peoples bear the burdens that have been occasioned by the war. The issuing of 'war scrip' makes this possible in the following manner; and be it noted that the bankers always stand to gain by a transaction of this sort, for the reason that banks and financial houses are permanent in themselves. The same people are almost generally in control for a lifetime, and whatever ills come or go they are unaffected by the same, as long as banks and financial institutions stand. The war scrip is reckoned as though it had behind it the usual pre-war gold and securities. Its capital amount has gone, but this is ignored. To be honest with the people this fact should be made known, and then the only honest way for the capital sum to be recovered, namely, by profit made out of trade, could be discussed. But this would show that the banks and governments were bankrupt, and it would never do to admit that. Scrip of this nature is always dealt with through the banks, and interest paid out therefrom, so every war increases their prestige, power, and wealth, provided that after the war is over such taxation can be levied as will meet the demand for *interest* and *sinking* fund on all war scrip issued. If this can be arranged so that with the regularity and certainty that exists in times of peace the interest on the new security can be relied upon, then the "War Scrip" will have ceased to be a speculative investment and will have become a real "Gilt-Edge".

And that is not all. Nay, we should have missed the real point had we let the matter rest

there. Here is a mystery revealed! When this has been accomplished, then a 'scrap of paper' backed by no tangible security will have become a living document, endorsed by the whole nation; and the capital sum which was once lost in the dust and clouds of war will again be alive and in perpetuity.

Usually capital is first subscribed and then made to bear interest. Here the position is reversed. The people's agreement to make the necessary sacrifices to pay the interest makes a lost capital sum again a reality.

Now, the bank in peace time has a fixed standard of value by which it regulates the issue and circulation of money. During the war this standard ceased to exist. After the war the process of adjustment which will reduce securities issued and money borrowed into line with pre-war standards has to be gradually brought about. To effect this, curtailment of the credit which has been expanded to allow the increased production necessary to carry on the war is resorted to. Why should this be necessary? Take the position in England.

Eight Thousand Million Pounds in Paper

As the goods bought for war purposes in England had disappeared after the war, there was in existence a matter of nearly eight thousand million pounds' worth *more* of paper security and only approximately the *same* amount of money as before the war. The ratio between money and security was therefore just this much wrong, and, if the ratio is to come back to pre-war standards, then other securities must be sacrificed and this new scrip must take their place. And when an equivalent amount of trade and other securities has been lost, then Government scrip will have attained its rightful place. Or so think the bankers, and so think the governments; for both are tied to this war scrip, and if *they* are to continue *it* cannot be allowed to fail.

As the shutting down of trading concerns throws people out of work, these pay the price not only in cash as they lose their wages, but in suffering and want, privation and hardship, such as they would not endure a moment did they know the cause. Of course, the position of trade has assumed graver proportions than the banks intended, but this only serves to reveal still more clearly their foolish lack of understanding and the hardness of their hearts. It is devilish, this process of readjustment, and its real author is Satan, the prince of devils.

The curtailment of credit means the curtailment of trade; thus come business losses which end in bankruptcy. Two things follow this: securities become defunct, thereby increasing the ratio of money to securities that remain; and what money is realized and remains during this process of liquidation seeks "safety first", and naturally Government scrip is the most popular investment. Thus is pre-war balance restored, and the bank chuckles behind closed doors.

To put the matter another way: All profit originally comes from trade. War stimulates this and tremendous profits are made. But as fast as money is made it is needed to be spent on the war. It could not be taken out of industry, for that must be kept going ding, dong, making war supplies. So Government bonds are issued, and these roughly represent the nation's trading profits, though sometimes in advance. The actual cash these ought to bring in being needed for industry, special arrangements are made to anticipate the cash passing into the hands of those who have to find the money needed to carry on the war. Book entries are made by the banks which swell their assets on the one side, as the specially created securities are reckoned as 'gilt-edged', though the banks know, of course, that it is make-believe, and the ledger is balanced as the huge sums needed are paid out in the same way, by cheques, of course. Actually the money does not at any time exist, just as there is no value in the security on the asset side. When the war is over and demand for war goods ceases, then the banks begin their policy of restoring the pre-war standard. As businesses close down through lack of credit owners have to part with war scrip, which always remains; and these find their way into the pockets of the rich and influential, the financiers and the bankers, who effect the exchange from falling trading securities to these new government certainties in the aforementioned manner.

Bankers the Only Certain Gainers

The only certain gainers are these same astute bankers. The people who buy in the first place seldom have the scrip in their possession when the change is completed (hence the ease with which the bankers keep the people ignorant); and do not let it be forgotten that the governments stand behind the banks until the scrip is entirely redeemed. The whole weight

of the law is in this way on the side of oppression and fraudulent misrepresentation.

Of course, the writer knows that if the banks' policy were not thus put into operation it would mean their extinction, for of necessity since its issue they have always held the greater part of this scrip, against which much of their deposits has been loaned, and also for their own account; and its depreciation by twenty percent would have been enough to make them all bankrupt. As a matter of fact, this depreciation did actually take place, and, in 1921-22, all banks were threatened with collapse. One eminent banker in London said to the writer personally, 'We are all ready to throw up our hands; we are done.' But the paper rallied again as money left industry in the manner described and sought what the people thought to be sanctuary in these scraps of paper. If a scrap of paper started the world conflagration by being torn up, then other scraps were printed that carried it on, and in both cases there was camouflage and serious violation of the people's trust. Thus did the bankers entrench themselves again as masters of the world.

Bankers Double Their Income

Now, what has been described is bad enough, but these moneyed barons made a further astute move. Not content with putting the burden of eight thousand million pounds onto the traders and the common people, they have further thought to enrich themselves by using the money crisis they have created to practically double the income of their class. Before the war gilt-edged security could command a matter of only two and a half percent interest, and now we see that it has been the bankers' policy to restore everything to pre-war level except the rate of interest on investments. These have been for years stabilized around five percent. In addition, therefore, to being compelled to pay the capital sum aforementioned, the people have been made to double this in terms of comparison with pre-war values. In other words, five percent interest on eight thousand million is the same as two and a half percent on sixteen thousand millions. So, by making the people pay twice the rate of interest, the capital sum has been doubled and the war debt is paid twice over by somebody. And once over goes into some other body's pocket.

Now, fourteen years after the war ended and because it is apparent that they have squeezed the traders like a lemon until there is nothing left, the Government has begun to reduce the rate of interest on investments by means of conversion loans; and at last it would seem to the people that those who have enjoyed such marvelous prosperity are really having to toe the line and pay their share by having a reduced income. Little does anyone know the wily schemes of financiers if they think this. For as soon as ever it is seen that such a course is to be adopted, and before the general public is aware, these men sell out of the stock that is to be converted and buy other Government bonds which bear at the moment less interest. This looks madness to the man in the street, but the financiers know a thing or two. They well understand that as soon as the rate of interest is reduced for the stock which is to be converted all other lower-interest-bearing bonds will jump in capital value until they get back at one operation all they lose on reduced interest. It is the public that will bear the loss; and the more innocent these people are, the worse they will fare.

Always, these men have the money with which to carry out their operations. Only this past year (1932), in November, in three hours and a quarter a sum of three hundred million pounds was raised for just such an operation. There is plenty of money available, but such control is exercised that only certain favored ones can trade, and only then in the buying and selling of *money!*

The Buying and Selling of Money

Now from this point of view it is easy to be seen that the war did not impoverish the nations. On the contrary, after the post-war boom the world was far richer than ever before in history. Money had been created faster than at any other time, indeed without any precedent whatever. It is obvious that when a government owes any money it owes it to somebody or other and whatever sum is created increases the world's wealth to this extent. The war cost the nations concerned in it at least fifty thousand million pounds. This much extra wealth, then, was created during four and a half years; and it was a permanent increase of the world's wealth, as, being Government security, it had to remain, no matter what else was sacrificed.

As the rate of interest was practically doubled, the world after the great war was

richer by a reckoned capital sum of one hundred thousand million pounds. That is why the world trade boomed while this money was left in circulation during the three years after the war was over. And that is why also stocks and shares and Government bonds boomed together with other gilt-edged stocks when credit was taken from industry after these three years, and why they continue to boom even now. The financiers are buying and selling the money created during the war. It is a trade after their own heart, without risk except the risk of revolution, and they think the military can look after that. Let us take another look at England, merry England, where "happy days are here again"(?).

The total wealth of England is reckoned at thirty thousand million pounds. At least one-third of this huge sum was made during the war: first of all, by trading when everybody profiteered all they could, and, afterwards, turning that wealth into good fat Government scrip by the financiers' coup herein described. The whole of this colossal sum brought an income of 3,120 millions to Britain in the year 1930. This included all money earned and unearned, including wages, salaries and unearned incomes. The workers and wage-earners, out of this fabulous amount, drew the magnificent sum of *176* millions. The rentier, interests and salaried classes took the rest, namely, *2,944* millions. In order that we may see the matter more clearly, the following table is set out:

Who Gets the Money?

	Official figures
All people who draw any money whatever in England, whether income, salary or wages, number	14,080,000
Out of this number, those who get 55 shillings weekly, or less, number	11,880,000
Those who get over 55 shillings weekly number	2,150,000
The 11,880,000 workers get for one year's work (1930)	£175,448,000
The 2,150,000, *all other classes,* draw for one year the balance, namely,	£2,944,449,789

When these figures are reduced to a weekly average the following is the startling result:

	£	s	d	
All wage-earners under 55 shillings weekly average	5	8		weekly
All who draw over 55 shillings weekly average ..	26	5	4	weekly

That is the reason why there is need for the "dole", as it is wrongly and wickedly termed. The amount of this in 1930 was about £120,000,000. With this added, it means the workers received an average of nine shillings and sevenpence per week with which to feed and clothe themselves and their families. That this is not enough does not need any proving, and is the reason why the rates of all towns have to be raised until the towns are nearly bankrupt, in order to give poor law relief in addition to the dole to eke out the scanty store of the poor. Then a Labor government is deserted by its prime minister and his henchmen so that a National (?) government might try to find a way to make these nearly twelve million workers see the need to give up some of their nine shillings and sevenpence per week so that "equality of sacrifice" might be maintained as those who have £26/5/4 per week are called upon to pay their share.

While we are on figures here are some more staggering statistics:

In 1920 England's workers drew in wages ..... This was boom year!	£949,000,000
In 1920 England's rentier, salaried and income classes drew ..... Also boom year!	£2,400,000,000

Each year since there has been a tremendous drop in the amount received by the workers; but note the other classes!

In 1930 England's workers drew in wages ..... World depression!	£175,448,000
In 1930 England's salaried, rentier and income classes drew ..... World depression(?)!	£2,949,000,000

A child can see from these figures that the workers now draw less than one-fifth of the wages paid in 1920, and the other classes draw £549,000,000 *more* than they got in 1920.

Further, when in 1920 the moneyed classes had 2,400 million pounds to spend, the prices of all commodities were tremendously high. Now

we are on a lower level. It is safe to say that the same money today will buy at least twice as much as it bought then. This reduction in the cost of living has been used as a strong lever to get the workers to submit to lower wages, and so in common fairness all other peoples, whether rentier, salaried or income-receiving classes would surely also be receiving less. But now we have seen that these actually have more than they ever had before; more money, yet prices of commodities less than half, and the rate of interest double what it was before the war.

What more can they want, except the moon? Surely they have reason to thank their god Lucifer they are not as other men!

Thus we have two classes clearly made manifest: those who have, and those who have not; those who have never had enough, and those who have not always had too much. And this is England, the land of "hope and glory"! or is it "dope and tory"?

There is therefore a marvelous prosperity on the one hand as the rich get ever richer, and the most abject poverty on the other as the poor get ever poorer. Whence is all this tending? and how long will it be before "The end is come"? Even now we have a world crisis of the first magnitude. Why is this, if there is more monetary wealth than ever? and what does the present crisis portend? Let us consider these questions under the caption "Prosperity's Ghost"; for it is a fact that the prosperity thus gained is just a ghost, and nothing more. Already it is vanishing even more quickly than it came, and soon, very soon, it will be no more.

Prosperity's Ghost

In 1927 an eminent British statesman said, "We are prospering"; "The standard is four points higher than in 1920, and this in spite of the fact that we have a million unemployed!" Now, the staple trades were all badly hit. Cotton, steel, coal, engineering, these were all in a very bad way. What, then, did he mean? Clearly, that luxury trades were booming, stock exchange business was booming, government securities were soaring. It was the feast before the fall.

A nation's wealth can never be reckoned in terms of money. For example: All the vaults in the banks can be full of gold and securities, but if crops do not grow and fruit were to wither on the trees, if the world became depleted of its raw materials and men's work on the land became unproductive, then the world not only would be very poor, but would *starve and die.* Now, because there is a superabundance of all nature's products, it is not recognized that the prosperity amongst the wealthy is only a sham, nothing more tangible than a ghost, and that in reality the world is as poor as though nature's gifts were stinted and miserly. The fact of the matter is that when goods in superabundance are controlled by an obsolete system that cannot distribute them, it would be better if they were not in existence; for then the world would recognize equality of sacrifice to be a necessity, whereas its so-called "statesmen" cannot now see that equality of distribution is equally necessary.

Men used to be tortured, in the days of the Inquisition, by being chained up within sight of food and allowed to starve; and who cannot see that this is going on even now? Only there is now this difference: men are chained within the system. But they can break out into madness, with terrible results. But we digress.

Mammon is the god of all the nations, but the one to spin the wheel and keep the gamble going is Satan; and as 'Mistress of the World', especially this last century, clearly England has been his chosen nation. What is the use of England's having an income of 3,200 millions, which is equal to twenty-six shillings and sixpence per head per week, when six out of every seven persons receive a matter of only about three shillings per week? They can spend only what they have! Now trade increases only in proportion as goods, nature's products either in raw materials, foods, or manufactured wares, are distributed amongst the people. So the actual trade subscribed to by the bulk of the population is very small indeed. Whatever circulation of goods there is over the insignificant sum earned by the workers comes from the spending power of the other sixth of the population, and if the rich once get supplied with all they need or think they do, and the common people's earnings are so restricted that they just have to go without things, then demand must cease and trade come to a standstill. As soon, then, as production becomes in excess of demand, and no matter how low wages and prices have previously fallen, the distribution of foodstuffs and raw materials and the manufacture and transport of goods gradually lessen. This naturally

leads to a withdrawal of capital from these dying trades and this in turn seeks new avenues of usury in luxury trades or government bonds. It is not just that the rich are losing their wealth, but they begin to seek new avenues of investment, and the tendency is for capital to find usefulness in those branches of monetary activity outlined above, and these begin to boom entirely as a result of this available extra cash or credit. The wealthy, losing confidence in trade, use their surplus to buy stocks and shares and these are the things the banks like to see booming. Money turns over quicker this way than any other and financiers make their money out of this turnover in large measure. The turnover of the London clearing house for the year 1931 was thirty-four thousand million pounds (£34,000,000,000). This is four thousand million more than boom year, 1920. Yet trade is dead!

A Surplus of Money Everywhere

That there is a surplus of money everywhere which cannot or does not find a useful service is evident to anyone; for notice the way every government loan or other important loan is oversubscribed in a few hours. Almost without exception all money thus required is oversubscribed ten times or more. So stock exchanges boom and money is turned over in a mad whirl as securities are traded in instead of goods. The gambling fever takes possession of the minds of the people and the hope is inspired that these might reap where naught has been sown. Financiers begin to promote companies, and anything is good enough to gamble with if it has a short record of prosperity. Tobacco or other promising shares are bought, and if the company happens to be paying a dividend of, say twenty-five percent, the value of the share is pushed up until the actual dividend received is somewhere in the neighborhood of gilt-edged-security level. Luxury trades of all kinds follow suit, and little by little everything that has any commercial promise in the view of the financiers is pushed up in share value on the stock market until all are in the region of standard interest-bearing securities.

In this way the money wealth of the country increases at the same time as trade in the common necessities of life decreases. Thus money leaves the staple trades, for these are dying, and seeks new life and greater usury elsewhere.

It multiplies here also until the point of saturation is reached, and in a very few years the same conditions obtain in trade in securities as did in the necessities of life; for the law of supply and demand is inexorable and demand will cease when confidence fails.

Now, when this happens, everybody wants to sell and there are no buyers; and when there are no buyers, then there is no bottom to the market. It matters not whether there are no buyers because there is no money, or whether because of lack of confidence, the result is the same, and when capital has left industry to trade instead in securities, then when confidence in these is disturbed there is no alternative investment for money, and so hoarding begins.

Not having courage or wisdom to see that there is nothing for them to do to rectify matters other than to give up that which they have robbed the people of and restore the trade of the world in goods, and being entirely selfish, which selfishness has been aggravated by their own course of conduct until it has become branded into them as with a hot iron, they go from folly to blood-guiltiness as they seek to still further reduce the standard of living for the people in a vain effort to maintain their own position.

Once having begun, lack of confidence spreads like wildfire. Banks and financial institutions become fearful. Credit is further restricted, which only tends to make things worse, and money, by which alone the boom was made possible, becomes so tight that panic conditions prevail. The banks then realize that something drastic must be done. They cannot very well immediately reverse the policy of credit restriction, for this would but show that they knew perfectly well the cause of the rot and would brand them as rogues. So they endeavor by loans among themselves, international loans, etc., etc., to bear the strain which has been measurably self-imposed; and of necessity every such loan increases the burden and strain unless trade revives, and trade cannot revive until the people have money to spend, and people cannot have money to spend until trade revives.

How the Workers Get Help (?)

So, to help the workers wages are cut again, and to give confidence at home and abroad men and women are knocked off the dole; and then patriotic newspapers print the news that unemployment is decreasing.

Oh, you wise men of the world, what wisdom is in you? Truly like the owl sitting on her

perch, you look wise, but this is your wisdom seemingly!

When trade is booming after the war because of money circulating freely you set about to stop it by restricting credit. You then begin to advertise to ask people to buy more with less money! This failing, you must needs begin to economize and thus make the people who have money to spend stop *their* purchasing goods. You then say trade is bad because goods are too dear, and so you cut the people's wages again to make them cheaper. Then you suddenly find trade is bad because prices are too low! and so you set about to raise these by artificial means, just to show how wise you were to say prices were too high. If you want to compete with the Japs, cut wages. If you want to gain Indian trade, cut wages. Of course the Japs will cut too, and then? Oh, cut again, and again, and again. Then, having got wages down as low as ever, you, when you still find the Japs are cheaper yet, then ask the good folk at home to patriotically spend the money they don't get, and, if everything else fails, advertise, advertise!

Are not the banks bulging with cash? Then why don't the people spend? Are not the warehouses bursting with goods? Then why don't the people buy? Are the folk not hungry? Then why don't they eat? Are the cows not giving milk? Then why not drink milk? Is there not coal in the ground, and miners out of work, and people wanting fires? Then why not———? But then, you see, the wise men say, the system's all right; we mean for it to stay!

So here at last we find that the prosperity enjoyed since 1921 when the "great" British statesman said "we are prospering", has been like a ghost train. Setting off well laden it left Industry, in 1921, for Luxury town. Its occupants were gay and merry and they gambled and thought it great fun. A bought shares from B and sold to C, who sold to A to sell to B; and the £ from A became 21 to B, 22 to C, and 23 to A, who sold to B for 24, and C then swore he'd give no more.

But just then the train stopped at Newly Rich station, and in there came a Mr. D. This dud he bought instead of C and sold in turn to Mr. E, and twenty-four and six, you see, became twenty-six and four, believe me; and at every station the train did stop, and the bidding grew fierce and the wine did pop; and all on board their fortunes did make.

And it now does appear there is the Devil to pay; for he drives the train, and there's only one way to satisfy him. For how to buy money and be honest too might be known to the Devil, but not to me or you; and one thing is sure (is the Devil aware?), the ghost train he drives has got past e'en despair: it's heading straight into the pit smoke and flame, of the Devil's own making. So jump off again, all you who are on; let him drive in great state to his eternal home!

Retribution

It is now virtually impossible to avoid world bankruptcy. If the drunken captain of a ship at sea first starts shifting the cargo, then decides to bring it up on deck, and finally runs into a violent storm, it is not to be expected that a frantic last-minute effort will avail to keep the ship afloat; and "Christendom's" ship of state with its cargo of gold and silver is just in that precarious condition today. Instead of the well ordered cargo's acting as ballast to keep the ship afloat and weather any storm, gold has ceased to be other than a menace on board. In 1925, with the revival of the gold standard, the ballast was brought from the hold, to be sported with and admired on deck, where it was in full view of all, and the shifting of this cargo from one country to another as gold is sent back and to amongst the nations is just such evidence of the folly of her financial captains. The ship is rolling badly now; what will it do when the storm breaks? And even a child can see the gathering clouds.

At the beginning of this article we suggested that money could serve a legitimate and useful purpose purely as a measure of value and means of exchange. When people wish to reduce goods to a value that will enable them to obtain other useful commodities, then it could scarcely be done more easily than by measuring according to a fixed standard their value in money and reducing them thereto.

But there must be a fixed value world wide, and under the present system that is impossible. Money should never be allowed to trade in money; neither should it ever bear interest. The proper amount of human labor should always have a monetary value, but money should never be able to buy labor. The present system has got this matter completely twisted round, because Satan instituted the system for the express purpose of binding the peoples and keeping them in control.

So wealth, invested as it is in unproductive securities, almost the whole of which could well be dropped into the sea and would never be missed, is an illusive bubble that will presently burst and vanish into the air. The things the peoples need and the getting of which would bring trade in abundance, namely, houses, food, clothing, electric light and power, and efficient sanitation, hygiene and transport, are neglected and allowed to die, and in their place is erected the god Mammon.

Money is gravitating towards stocks, shares, and fixed-interest-bearing securities that are considered safe though unproductive, and this state of things was engineered by the bankers and financiers of the world.

The devilish policy of these men has been to entrench themselves as earth's rulers, Satan's own scheme from the beginning, and so all who thus deliberately do are his children and do his will. Thus it is easy to see the why and wherefore of present conditions. Money is plentiful enough, but restricted as to circulation, and those in control are prosperous and powerful enough to dictate to governments. Their only fear is as to whether they can put over the load occasioned by the last war so that the people will bear it, and their fear is well grounded, for it is the day of reckoning and what is now done in a corner must be shouted from the housetops and the people shall know the truth.

The Earth Calls for Vengeance

The earth calls for vengeance on those who spill the blood of their fellow men, as well in peace-time as in war, by the slow and terrible torture of mind and body that is caused by starvation and semi-starvation in the midst of plenty, and this to gratify a wicked and lustful pride of rulership; and although Satan is primarily responsible, all others share this responsibility in accordance with the measure of support they continue to give the system after they can so easily see its wickedness.

It is the day of vengeance, and because it is Jehovah to whom vengeance rightfully belongs and who is the Judge, it will be absolutely just. For all must see and understand that 'justice is the foundation of His throne'.

"Christendom" has sown to the god Mammon, and the rulers must now reap the fruitage from that sowing. As they have chosen to serve and worship money before Jehovah, they shall eat of the fruit of their own way. Money they have made their god; let it now deliver them. Their great and wise men have lauded to the skies their puny efforts to erect a system of world financial control; it shall now eat them up and make their folly manifest. The people have been bound by the devilish system of money and been made its slaves. Jehovah will now bind the rulers with it, and cause this very thing to enslave and subdue those who have misused its power so long.

The sword was used also to bind the system on the people, and so, fittingly, the sword also binds it on their rulers.

In absolute justice the results of the war were such that first it broke the money power by the sword, and then it bound the monetary system round the necks of the rulers and slowly they are being strangled with it; and there is no escape, for it is easy to see they cannot change the system, but must perish with it.

If all had been agreed they might have made a better show, but all are selfish and think their policy best, and they will cut one another's throat to get any advantage they can see, and they do not know that 'Jehovah has set every man's hand against his neighbor's'. Do they not see the danger? Yea, verily; but to them finance is the only savior. They well know that to let it go will mean the loss of everything they love so well. It is the *power* they love. They own the world, it is tied to them by securities of one sort or another, and they will cling to these things even though 'the end is come'; and before they go down Jehovah would have all the world know that these who have power are like Pharaoh of old.

Corn is being burned to provide fuel for trains, yet people are starving. Coffee is burnt rather than sold cheaply, in order to keep up prices for financiers. The bankers want cotton to be buried in the ground because there is too much for them to finance profitably! Rubber is burned, fish thrown back into the sea, vegetables and fruit allowed to rot; all this because 'the system cannot cope with plenty for all'. And even when companies make much profit, note the foolish statements made (we quote from the annual report): "At the annual meeting of the Sun Insurance Office in London Sir Wm. Goschen proposed a dividend of twenty-five shillings and eightpence a share, and then warned the receivers that *strict economy* was necessary." At the same meeting Mr. E. T.

Hargreaves hoped "that by this time next year we might not have the number of 'parasites' that are at present drawing the dole".

The Power of Evil

Now these things are done in "Christian" England; and in other so-called "Christian" lands the same things are done. They all together represent the power of evil, though they masquerade in sheep's clothing. After the war these all had an opportunity to see the results of their wrong-doing and to repent, but they hardened their hearts. "Christendom" sits as queen over the nations, and she has drunk deep from the 'golden cup' and given to all nationalities; therefore they are mad. Consider again the following:

Silver was demonetized in 1873; with what results, we have seen. It brought great gain to this country because she kept a different standard, namely, gold. "Christendom" owns the gold mines; hence the standard. But how foolishly she has dealt with the relationship of silver to gold since the war! As soon as her "wise men" thought that things were stable enough (following the war) to bear the strain of a return to the gold standard she instituted again this wonder-working 'savior', and thereby added yet other nails to her coffin. For what foolishness was this? Her wise men seem to have reasoned that 'beforetime it worked so well, and why not again?' But this time God's judgment must be met: they must 'eat of the fruit of their own way'.

The gold standard was in operation from 1925 until 1931, nearly seven years. Common sense would have reasoned that times were so different. When this system worked in favor of our financiers it was because all the world wanted our goods and we had a monopoly of manufacture. At that time these men thought that the world could pay, and pay it did, and silver was demonetized to make it possible for our financiers to reap an extra harvest without even our own manufacturers' being aware of their astute move. Compelling the foreigner first to buy our gold before he could have our goods made him pay twice for every purchase, and the first payment went into the coffers of the bankers. That is how England became "the world's banker"; for the wealth this brought was fabulous!

But this worked only when our goods were needed by the foreigner, and in 1925 they were not needed at all. All nations had, during the war and just afterwards, become more or less industrialized, and machinery had simplified and multiplied and become almost foolproof. Other nations could now make their own goods, and everywhere our competitors increased. Where once we looked for markets and monopolized them everybody else looked now, and they began to undersell us, too. Why was this possible? Again we answer, "It was Nemesis."

By introducing again the gold standard in 1925 we automatically began to lower the price of silver and thus increased the ability of the foreigner to produce at less cost than ourselves. A child should have seen this, let alone men of such vast experience in world finance as controlled money in England. For did not the raising of the gold standard in 1873 result in just the same depreciation of silver? Did it not sag, and sag again, for twenty years? Fools! Can you not see that this is the very reason that these foreigners have been able to send their goods into our own country, and we are full to overflowing with their shoddy goods in just retribution for our dumping on their shores for so many years the rubbishy goods we sent there? Now we are going to stop them by means of a tariff and so they will join the economic muddle, but this will not make us able to make goods any cheaper so as to compete again for world trade. The Japs can live in a tent; our workers could not live without a roof over their heads, and warmth and clothing, for a single month. The Japs can live off a handful of rice, which they can grow; whereas, even if our workers would be reduced thus far, we must import the food we need and thus provide some trade for the foreigner. What folly it all is! and it is too late to alter anything. "Christendom" must drink that which Jehovah pours into the cup of His indignation. God sent machines to lighten men's burdens, and financiers turned them into a whip for the peoples' backs in order to get fabulously rich. Now these same machines have become men's masters. The world is full of machines and some must be destroyed; but who will give way? They are multiplying the production of goods faster than the system can consume the output, and, because nations under the guise of patriotism are entirely selfish, each in turn speeds the machines and lengthens the hours. The heathen nations have now the whole of "Christendom's" markets from which to buy machines, and each "Christian" nation is a com-

petitor for their orders. As their wages and standard of living are so much less than ours, they can undercut our prices as long as undercutting is necessary. With our machines and cheap silver, with labor obtainable at absolutely starvation rates; with our nation carrying the tremendous burden of war debts which we cannot escape, and our businesses ruined by the bankers monetary policy, these heathen nations have stepped into our trade shoes. With them it is 'Produce, produce'; and we are their markets as once they were ours.

Our markets do not need finding: they are there for the nations to take when they will. They see the way we captured these, and go one better. "Christendom" has clearly shown the heathen that we are not all brethren, but that there are two distinct classes. They know now that by years of intensive training under oppression the common peoples have assumed the position of under dog, and these think there is an inferiority complex required of them by nature, and patiently they bear the great burdens they carry. Because of our so-called "Christianity" it is not possible for our big bankers and financiers to openly advocate slavery at home, and so there is a smoke screen of respectability thrown over conditions because of religion and this does prevent really devilish practices' being openly put into operation. The heathen have no such disadvantage; so they can go one better. They examine our methods, seize upon their weak places, and put into operation a more nearly perfect machine-like system which does not even need some little provision for the poor; for no one will cry aloud at the horrors of slavery in heathendom.

England's Market Gone

So with the knowledge that cheap goods, produced by machinery and the poorest-paid labor, especially if credit can be given, can be sold in the world's markets, they have got to work, and they have been, still are, and will continue producing goods at prices with which we can never hope to compete; and if we did not supply them with the machinery and credit some other nation would. For "Christian" nations manifest they are truly of one spirit, but it is the spirit of Satan, ultra-selfishness. They will take advantage of one another in any and every way to gain trade or other profit, and they have agreed to the principle of competition, and under this heading everything is fair in the trade war. Pride, oppression, legalized fraud, lies and murder (the latter called "war" for preference), they will countenance all these so long as one standard is kept by all, namely, 20/- in the pound; for this is Mammon's standard to which all are expected to subscribe. If a man gambles and loses his money, there is nothing wrong with this if another gamble enables him to pay. If, however, the policy of financiers in restricting credit forces anyone into bankruptcy, even though there might be no blame attached to the bankrupt, yet he is looked upon with scorn and shame and at best is pitied for a foolish lack of business acumen. The time has come to tear off this mask and let the world know the truth. Surely all can see that it is only when those in authority and power can utilize their power to squeeze other people in order to meet war liabilities that nations will keep even their own standard. To show that even the monetary standard is not now kept by those who have power so to do, we find all the countries of "Christendom", and some of the heathen, too, unable or unwilling to pay their debtors. England cannot pay, so she says (it's a lie, of course; for her rich men could, if they were so desirous of keeping their integrity, easily find the money among them to pay off America), and she beseeches America to accept installments, in order to squeeze the money out of her poor nationals. France cannot pay anything to England, though she can go on buying gold until her vaults are full with it. Much good it will do her by and by. Germany is like a squeezed orange; there is nothing left for anyone to suck. She cannot pay, and never will be able to pay, what is claimed from her. America could have wiped out all her war debts, forgiven the nations what they owed, and she would have made such a world gesture as would have stamped her for ever as the land of liberty and freedom she claims to be. But what a sorry spectacle she has cut! With her vaults bursting with gold, her country reeling from too much money, she has capered about like a drunken man crying, "We must have more monish—hic; monish th' thing."

But while all these debts could have been wiped out, that would have enabled the people to see what wealth the financiers and bankers had and how easily they could, when it was needed, supply the money to any amount; and these men were afraid, and probably rightly so, that people would begin to demand money for

public services that would eventually take the power out of the financiers' hands. Who cannot see that if only one hundred million of money were invested at five percent compound interest (and this is common enough in practice) in a matter of fifty years it would have grown to a thousand million, in a hundred years to ten thousand million, and in a hundred and fifty years it would have paid for the war twice over by accumulating one hundred thousand million pounds.

Of course, everybody knows it is impossible to use the money, or rather, shall we say, to save the money, in this way. There would be no possibility of investing such a sum, for it would smash all banks and businesses. Then that proves conclusively that the present system is unworkable and cannot support the demands of the new world. Away with such a monster! It compels the people to keep the idle rich on a five percent basis of interest, yet will not use this same rate to pay off the burden of the war. England has agreed to pay America so much money that the eight hundred and odd millions we owed to her will expand to well over two thousand millions by the time it is paid. The rich amongst the nations must have and give the pound of flesh; but it is the poor man's flesh all the time.

Conclusion

There is no escape for "Christendom" from the storm that all can see on the not far distant horizon. The world is rapidly changing. Countries that were once purely agricultural are fast becoming self-supporting industrially. With what significance Jeremiah says, in chapter forty-nine, verse fourteen, "I have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, saying, gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, and despised among men." The heathen do not need to come as a literal army; they can strangle us in our trade and cut us off from being a nation by withholding from us their products. What foolishness to talk of our blockading any country with our ships! The very food the sailors need has to come from some foreign part or other. How long will it be ere the heathen realize their weakness is due entirely to their own faction fights. Then they will combine in truth to put an end for ever to any domination from the west. Meantime things march forward as the Word of God has foretold.

Russia depended for her manufactured goods upon her imports until after the war; but in the last twelve years, what a difference! She now clothes as well as feeds herself, and each year increasingly exports her surplus and enters the world's markets. With immense mineral and other resources, a population that has to work to live, the best machinery she can first buy and then make, and with electric power increasing every year, she has become a menace to "Christendom's" trade. Already she has reached the point where, as a preliminary to giving out orders for machinery, she demands and receives promise of all the blue prints relative to the orders placed so that she will have plans to make her own next time. At this present time all electric power plant is being made by Metropolitan Vickers on Russian soil under a five-year contract, and on the above terms. Hereafter, exit British electric corporations in Russia. She realizes her growing power, and, extending her successful five-year plan, which, in spite of capitalist countries' denials, has been a great success, for a further five years, states that at the end of that time she will have taken the lead in all world commerce and will thereafter be able to make all her own machinery. Thus she is freeing herself from our civilization, save the word. Until now she has provided a market for "Christendom", but this is rapidly to cease and we become her market instead. Now her exports will be her surplus, and these can be sold at any price they will fetch, much or little; and if she has cheap goods to sell, then we can be sure buyers will find a way to have them in due time.

China has the same tale to tell. Once she took tremendous quantities of British goods; now there is an ever dwindling trade. She has her eye on Russia too, and, lo, she has produced a ten-year plan. During this time she hopes to industrialize the whole of her country, and because we are desperate for orders we shall, in spite of the known facts, do exactly for her as we have done for Russia. We shall sell all the machinery she requires, send her men and lend her money to make the rod that will beat our own backs. We cannot complain: Jehovah is allowing the heathen to do unto us as we have done unto them, in order that these might see, and we also might understand, that righteous

retribution will be meted out to all; and China is one of the silver countries and pays her labor with this metal, and she will make goods more cheaply than even Russia can. Already "Christendom" sees her trade vanishing. Wait until China's internal strife is over. Then the sparks will fly!

Brute Force in India

In India the British reign is ending. For a hundred years we have made India one of our chief markets, and kept it to ourselves with a proper British rule. A viceroy of regal mien, and more than regal splendor, was backed by a judicial system that forced respect and awe. These were supported by red-coated soldiers and officers of no mean attire, with all the necessary civilized war accouterments. Further, they were blessed by "the virtuous and womanly bishops and episcopals", who helped to make religious confusion worse confounded, a veritable Babel, as it was perceived that differing castes and beliefs could help to keep the people in subjection to British rule far more easily than bullets and swords. All this has come to the end. India awakes from her torpor, her senses no longer dulled by British dope. Recognizing the trade power weapon to be the surest way to strike a blow for freedom, she encourages home production and manufacture and boycotts British goods, and because her legitimate demands are not recognized she tries to protest in a peaceful way. Ghandi hates violence, but is a man of principle from which he will not depart. He is not to be allowed to even peacefully make his protest. And in order that the world shall see what Great Britain's governors really are, Jehovah allows Britain to assert her old power and thus show the world it is, and ever has been, the sword. And force is being applied to try to kill the peaceful protest of India's masses. Thus the sheep's clothing falls off and the wolf is seen. How foolish to think an enlightened India can be again subjugated! but how stupidly British!

Now these three countries compose half the population of the world. When they cease to take British goods, then her chief markets are lost; and they have ceased already except for negligible quantities, and this will cease ere long. Already Russia is exporting, and the others will do the same; and where will they send their goods? Again facts show that we have become their market, and this will increase as their ability to manufacture grows; and they need not be paid in money: it need only be a matter of arrangement with other countries and barter can soon replace the present obsolete system. Already it has been tried and proved a success. Sweden is taking Egyptian cotton and sending machinery as barter. Germany is exchanging artificial manures for the same cotton. Hungary is treating with Lancashire for cotton and offering pigs in exchange. South America exchanges coffee for airplanes. And where is the power of the bankers to stop it? Aha! Their day is come! 'tis a time to laugh: the biter is bitten, and the wound is deep; the lifeblood of trade is flowing from the financiers' grasp. Let them go on buying and selling their loved securities and living in the house built upon sand. The banks never made trade: it was the other way round; and without trade they cannot exist. While trade passes through their countinghouses they have its life in their hands. Keep it away, and they in turn will cease to live. Just now they juggle with their bits of paper and promises, and oft repeat, to still their fear, "All is well!" But they cannot continue unless trade revives; and trade is dead. So dawns the day Jehovah foretold, "Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon the whole multitude thereof"; and in the minds of some there is thought of war. If only Russia could be conquered again, perhaps the Japs ——; but they hardly dare; and if perchance they do, there are yet better weapons than tanks and shells. Let us name a few.

What if Russia or some other hard-pressed foe of capitalism should choose to make real silver coins, exactly like our own you know, millions of half dollars, not clumsy forgeries (because that is unnecessary, silver is so cheap), but perfect coins, and dump them with their goods. Would people accept them in payment for service and goods, or print a few hundred millions of good pound notes and send their airplanes over London town? Would the people pick them up and burn them, or would the hard-pressed business men, the out-of-works and, for that matter, the in-works too, gather up the spoil?

Methinks that guns are obsolete,
and poison gas is not so quick
as this new way would be,
to make the nations want to lick
their sores and scars.
Maybe we'll see.

It would be a much better way than blowing one another up with bombs; for then indeed those who make wars would pay for them.

Come Near, Ye Nations, to Hear!

In these days, when there is so much "talk" of disarmament, it is well to remember Jehovah's words spoken against the nations that have armed to the teeth while claiming to be His people: 'Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; for the indignation of Jehovah is upon all nations, and His fury upon all their armies. He has given them to the slaughter; He has utterly destroyed them.'

This clearly proves that nations will not be allowed to disarm themselves. They have trusted in their arms and mocked at Jehovah, calling Him a 'bloody war God'; therefore in vindicating His name He is going to destroy them; and preparation for this vindication work we see working up to the great climax.

Is it not plain that now the world trade is tottering to its fall? But while this is true, once again 'Nero is fiddling whilst Rome burns', and those who have power and wealth are so blind that they go on with their mad schemes of getting rich quick, playing with the securities and money they love so well. And the only sure trade that is left to the world is the trade in armaments, munitions, men of war, airplanes, guns and accouterments of war. And again in just retribution their very preparation for war must go on. And this is disastrous, for it is sapping the life of all nations.

They can talk as they will, but they well know it is all camouflage. They cannot even reduce armaments without seriously increasing the out-of-works and shutting down the only trade that still prospers. England spends at the present moment £200 (two hundred pounds) per minute on war, and all this brings abundant trade for those who are in this "trade channel". And stop it, she cannot; she dare not: it would finish her; and well her statesmen know it. How can she cut off a trade that at the present time amounts to hundreds of millions a year? And so again the very thing they have put their trust in is the very thing to destroy them.

And so we will leave the subject there. At the moment we see Mammon raised on high in all its pomp and show. That she holds a golden cup in her hand, none will deny; and that its contents are filthy, surely all can see. The wealth of this day surpasses a thousand times that of any other age. Some will still want to perpetuate the Devil's wickedness, and these may be raised on high for just a little while. Soon, however, will come the fall, and, like a mighty mill stone cast into the sea, the system will disappear for ever.

And when again Egypt (commerce) becomes Jehovah's people, then blessed indeed will they be who will then use silver and gold in accordance with the divine will. Then we shall not have a repetition of the present chaos; for money will be used for trade alone, to bring about the legitimate and beneficial exchange of national and international goods for the benefit and blessing of all the nations. God hasten the day.

Forward, all Jehovah's witnesses, to victory, and for aye!

The Shift to Potsdam

THE shift of the Reichstag from Weimar to Potsdam, and the abandonment of the flag of the German Republic, is a notice to all the world that the German Republic is a thing of the past and that the inclination of the Hitler régime is toward putting all power in the hands of the lower middle class. A huge sign strung across a Potsdam street bore the slogan, "No Honor Without Battle." It is said to have originated with Hitler himself. Nazi youths at the same time paraded the streets of Berlin singing, "When hand grenades burst all around, our heart's contentment knows no bound." Press suspensions continue; the universities are controlled as to whom they may educate; educators have been forced out, and in some instances students and teachers thrown into the street and the doors nailed up. A repudiation of democracy and insistence upon the right of compulsory labor service are some of Hitler's recent pronouncements. Nudism has been suppressed, and it has been estimated that there are as many as 3,000,000 persons in Germany that adhere to this method of gaining or regaining health. All communists have been excluded from the new reichstag. Hitler is a vegetarian, and he neither drinks nor smokes. He has a hard job ahead of him.

Favors Government Ownership

SAMUEL UNTERMYER urged government ownership and operation of the railroads as the best solution of the railroad problem, claiming that it should be possible to acquire the roads for considerably less than ten billion dollars, which is at least three billion above their value according to present market quotations. Mr. Untermyer strongly condemned the outrageous salaries paid to railroad executives.

Motor Fuel for 2c per Gallon

A RUSSIAN inventor, Professor Jdarloff, now residing in Paris, has invented a doughnut-shaped tablet composed entirely of vegetable matter, and costing less than 2c, which he claims is sufficient to turn one gallon of water into a practical carburetant possessing the same qualities as high-test gasoline. The new fuel is being investigated by the French ministry of war and the Academy of Sciences.

"What of It?" Says Cadman

CADMAN, the one-time beacon light of the National Broadcasting Company, is alleged to have recently said, "If after a period of opulence we have come back to the simple living, what of it?" Mr. Cadman, the last we knew, was alleged to be receiving $25,000 a year for his "religious" utterances. Probably he has not yet heard that we have 13,000,000 out of work. It is easy to rejoice in the simple living of millions of families that have no income, if you have a steady one yourself of about 25 times what you would be worth in any honest line of business.

Wise Ones Admit They Are Guessing

DEAN INGE admits that if there is a God in heaven he does not know why there are millions of people who cannot get work, condemned to enduring idleness and the forced humiliation of pauperism. He needs to read *Vindication* One, Two and Three; it would help him to understand this phenomenon. And then a hard-headed New York stockbroker, who makes a business of calling up Washington late at night to get the latest information, is reported by the New York *Times* as saying that the rank and file of Wall Street men have become so bewildered by the way things are going that they no longer feel that they can trust their own judgments, but are turning to astrologers and others under demonistic control for advice and instruction. Stockbrokers should read the same books.

Mellon Sued for $220,000,000

ANDREW MELLON, with other once prominent officials of the United States government, has been sued for $220,000,000 for failing to collect delinquent taxes from the steamship lines, and causing the government losses in other directions. Andrew and his brothers are said to control $8,000,000,000. If the government gets back 22c, they will still be $7,999,999,999.78 to the good.

Unemployed in Picket Line

CONDITIONS were so bad in the plant of the Briggs Manufacturing Company, Detroit, where bodies for Ford cars are made, that when the men struck for a living wage the unemployed of Detroit actually helped them maintain the picket lines. It is said that wages in the Briggs plant were so low that in many cases a third of the pay check went to pay street-car fare.

Demonistic Manifestations in a Suffolk Church

RESIDENTS of the Middleton (Suffolk) Church of England parish are stirred by the repeated spiritistic manifestations in and about their church. The accounts disclose that a lad in the congregation, the son of the church organist, is a spirit medium. Within the past few weeks there have been hundreds of manifestations of supposed angels and of the virgin Mary, for whom this particular church, though a Protestant church, is named. These manifestations and the similar ones which have occurred and do occur in Roman Catholic and other churches are all the work of evil spirits, demons.

U-Shaped Gun Barrels in Illinois

WHEN a fracas between strikers and strike-breakers occurred in Kincaid, Illinois, one of the strikers' wives, Emma Cumerlatto, was killed. Thereupon 52 of the strikers, but none of the strike-breakers, were arrested for murder. It is not known if 'the striker that killed Mrs. Cumerlatto' had a U-shaped gun-barrel, by means of which when he aimed in one direction the bullet went in another, and killed somebody back of him; but that seems to be the theory of the arrests. Mrs. Cumerlatto was behind the strikers' lines, and on her own front porch, at the time she was killed. The strikers asked to have the strike-breakers arrested for the killing; but nothing doing.

Achievements of London Naval Conference

A FEW years ago we had a naval disarmament conference at London. Just what was accomplished by that conference is often indicated in the press when we hear one of America's naval officers say, as one of them did recently: "The ships required to complete the treaty allowance of the United States are 3 aircraft carriers, 9 cruisers, 89 destroyers, and 34 submarines."

Why the Farmers Are in Revolt

TEN percent of the farmers in the United States have lost their homes in the last five years. The average net income of farmers throughout the United States was down to $211 in 1932. That sum was his return on his labor, his management and his investment. Farm wages without board slumped to $339 for 1932, leaving the farmer $128 worse off than his hired man.

"The Church in Depression"

FROM a folder put out by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, we quote:

What was the reaction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the current depression? Dreadful in every way! We cut the salaries of our preachers over one million dollars in three years. . . . To maintain our missionary operations in 1932 we had less than half as much money as was available in 1929. . . . In 1932 the church paid less than a third of what was asked of it, and for general purposes less than a dollar per member was asked. That record is a scandal to us. . . . No Christian group in close contact with God—aflame with evangelistic passion—partaking of the sacrificial spirit—would allow the kingdom of God to be so hindered by hard times.

Water Used to Cool Religious Ardor

WHEN policemen in Guadalajara, Mexico, arrested four priests on charges of illegally officiating at a religious ceremony, they were stoned, but as soon as the firemen were called out, and turned their high-pressure hoses on the crowd, the religious ardor died down and the law was allowed to have its way. The riot had repercussions in a legislature at once, and a law was passed declaring that all priests who profess allegiance to a foreign potentate are foreigners and therefore unqualified to officiate as priests under the Mexican law. Two days later the state of Chiapas limited to four the number of priests that may legally serve in a state of 500,000 inhabitants.

British Sympathy for Germany Gone

NOT in our time has there been such a sudden and complete change of sentiment or the feeling of one nation toward another as was brought about by the triumph of the Hitlerites in Germany. Hardly a newspaper in Britain now has a good word for the German people, where before nearly all were friendly. Sympathy has now swung sharply to the side of France.

Diversification in Colquitt County

DIVERSIFICATION of crops in Colquitt county, Georgia, raised the value of farm crops from $1,000,000, in 1914, to $8,000,000, in 1929. The Moultrie (Georgia) chamber of commerce made an agreement to furnish an everyday cash market for every product of the farm of Colquitt county, and redeemed the promise. The value was multiplied eightfold in fifteen years.

Parochial Schools of Winnipeg Reopened

THE archbishop of Winnipeg closed the parochial schools of the city nominally because they were too expensive to keep running. The public school authorities announced that they would receive as many as possible of the parochial children in the regular schools, and would educate the rest in the parochial schools, which they would rent for the purpose, but that under the new arrangement the teachers would not be allowed to wear any religious garb or teach any sectarianism. With that the archbishop gave up his plan to have the parochial schools financed by the civic school board and resumed his own operation of them.

Washington, Indiana, Needs No Insull

WASHINGTON, Indiana, needs no Insull, Dawes, Young, Kreuger, Mitchell or Morgan to show it how to get along. The city has one of the lowest tax rates in its state, and one of the lowest electric light and power rates; is practically free of debt, has put thousands of dollars in the general fund of the city, has used its surplus earnings to keep the factories in the town running and its people employed. Yes, you guessed it! The city has its own electric light and power plant. This plant operates the city street-car system, and the carfare is still only 5c. The street cars are run for the benefit of the people. Isn't that strange? What can the city fathers be thinking of?

What Toledo Drinks

A NEWS item says that Toledo wants to buy, for its waterworks, 700 tons of lime, 40 tons of chlorine, and 3,000 *tons of aluminum sulphate.* And, mind you, this item was published before the Solons at Washington had decided that the prohibition which was to save the country should no longer save it. Who would have thought that the Toledans have such capricious appetites?

Reductions of Life Insurance Salaries

THE financial pinch is making the people who support life insurance companies do some thinking, with the result that the insurance companies themselves are doing more thinking. In the companies about New York city several have reduced all salaries over $5,000, while in other instances cuts have been made in all salaries above $3,000, $2,000, $1,500 and in one instance $1,200.

Unemployment for Ten More Years

IN AN address in the House of Commons, Neville Chamberlain, speaking for the government, declared his belief that he did not think unemployment could be reduced to small proportions for another ten years. He said, in part: "There has been a dislocation of the old equilibrium, and somehow or other a new adjustment has to be arrived at. This problem cannot be solved in five minutes; it needs the best brains of many countries before a final solution is reached. Meantime there must be a transition period in which things will be very difficult and unemployment will be largely increased."

America in 1933

THE New York *American* describes America in 1933, and it is not a nice picture:

Ships tied up, freight trains idle, passenger cars empty, twelve million men without work, business at a standstill, the Treasury bursting with gold, gigantic and unsalable crops, mines shut down, oil industry in cut-throat competition, farmers desperate, taking the law into their own hands in many states, factories idle, an active smoke-stack a curiosity, industry paralyzed, politicians from Washington to the smallest hamlet spending the public money and taxing private resources with insane recklessness. . . . Europe has welshed and will probably swindle us out of ten thousand million dollars, stupidly lent, but what of that? It is a trifle more than ten percent of one year's income of this country in good times.

"Peace! Peace! and There Is No Peace"

ASSERTING that munition makers cooperate with military officials in blocking measures designed to promote peace, a Washington paper says, "We cry, 'Peace! Peace!' and there is no peace; because those who manage the world's affairs do not want peace. . . . And the little creatures whom we call statesmen pay word service to peace, and do the bidding of the gods of war."

A Three-Month-Old Puppy

AT YUKON, Oklahoma, a three-month-old puppy dragged to the door of a home the sweater of one of two boys, suffocated in the sand when their play house caved in on them. He then showed the bereaved parents where they would find the bodies. Learned vivisectors are hoping to have this dog, when it grows up, so that they can disembowel it, or remove its adrenal glands, or otherwise show that they are not dogs.

Eugene's Terrible Mistake

EUGENE, Oregon, owns its own electric light and power plant. It has reduced its electric rates from 15c per kilowatt hour to 4c, saved its people $2,000,000, earned $2,000,000 more, and now owns a $4,200,000 system. We don't know why this is a terrible mistake, except that the Power Trust says that it is an awful thing for a municipality to own anything, and all the papers it has bribed and bought up say the same thing; so it must be so. Rupert, Idaho, is another of those tax-free towns that the Power Trust considers has gone Bolshevik because it owns its own utilities.

Murders in Five Years, 51,206

LIFE in the United States continues less safe than anywhere else in the world. In the last five years 51,206 murders were committed. In England the murder rate is one person slain annually for each 200,000 people. In the United States we average more than 21 times as many. Memphis remains our most dangerous city, followed by other cities with large Negro populations, in the following order: Memphis, Lexington, Little Rock, Charleston, Savannah, Montgomery, Atlanta, Augusta, Miami, Mobile, Petersburg, Macon, Dallas, East St. Louis, Fort Worth, Nashville, Houston, Knoxville, Winston-Salem, Gary, Tampa, Washington, New Orleans, and Kansas City.

Many More Radios in Use

ONE singularly interesting phase of the great depression is the tremendous increase in the number of radios installed and in use. In three years there has been an increase of 4,760,000 radio-equipped homes, a growth in that time of almost 40 percent. It looks as if, in thousands of cases, the man of the house has consented that some of the family's savings should be put into radio, so that he can be entertained while he is idle.

Police Help Boys to Play in Church

BROOKLYN police have started an experiment in crime prevention, taking 25 boys off the street and helping them to learn how to play in the social parlor of a Presbyterian church. The pastor of the church hopes the boys will get in the habit of coming to church and eventually become paying members. It is hoped he will not teach them to be like Calvin, founder of the Presbyterian church, who burned his brother Servetus at the stake.

The Land of Grocery Orders

AMERICA, once the land of the free, but now the home of 13,000,000 unemployed, may be described also as the land of grocery orders. We do not have the cash dole; we have something worse. Our relief system is unsystematized, as it allows no handling of cash, makes little or no provision for clothing, shelter or medical care, and gives only $2 to $4 per week for a family in the great state of Pennsylvania. The country seems to be like a woodchuck in a hole: the harder he digs, the deeper he gets in the hole.

Great Prosperity in Palestine

PALESTINE is reported to be in a state of great prosperity. The Rutenburg Hydro-Electric Scheme has covered the whole country with a network of electric power stations. There are miles and miles of orange plantations for which there is an ever increasing demand in Europe. Potash and other minerals are coming out of the Dead sea in quantities. The Haifa port is almost completed and the new city of Tel Aviv, with 52,000 inhabitants, every one of whom is a Jew, is one of the most active cities of its size in the world. This year 6,000 immigrants will be admitted. It is the boast of the inhabitants of Palestine that in their entire land there is not one unemployed man.

Bankers Locking the Stable Door

THE New York *Times* says, "The banking system of the country is facing revolutionary changes in its structure, practices and philosophy as a result of the crisis through which it passed last month." It goes on to say, in effect, that bankers generally have almost become convinced that honesty is not a half bad idea, and have a mind to try it for a while anyway. It will be a novelty, and bound to attract a lot of favorable attention.

Bidding in Sight of a Noose

AT MALINTA, Ohio, two thousand farmers assembled to see a fellow farmer's property sold to satisfy a mortgage. From the barn roof they hung a noose in plain sight. A farmer bid 2c for a horse; spectators looked at the noose and were silent. The horse went for 2c, and everything else in proportion. At Deshler, in the same neighborhood, goods levied upon to satisfy a $400 mortgage brought a total of $2.17 and were then handed back to the mortgagee.

$1,000 for a 48c Ticket

THERE are smiles even in a panic, when one looks for them. Some of the wealthy carry around $1,000 bills on their persons, never feeling any too certain of what a day may bring forth. When the panic of inauguration week was on, several of these timid ones went to the ticket office of the Pennsylvania Railroad, asked for a ticket to Newark (fare 48c) and shoved a $1,000 bill under the window. If there was going to be a circus in Newark or some other place, they did not intend to get left, no matter who else did.

Paul Kosky Still Living

PAUL KOSKY, La Salle Steel Company, Hammond, Ind., mentioned by Robert L. Ripley as having had a 5/8-inch steel bar driven clear through his head, is still alive and working regularly at the plant where the accident happened. The bar entered just below the angle of the left mandible, passing through the frontal lobe of the brain and out through the top of the skull. It was pulled out by his fellow workers. The man never lost consciousness for an instant. A reader of *The Golden Age* has confirmed the story. It is astonishing what a human can stand, but after what we have suffered at the hands of the Big Business crowd it seems that we can stand anything.

Vast Beds of Lignite in Germany

VAST beds of lignite, or 'brown coal', have been discovered in the lower Rhine district of Germany. The borings indicate a maximum thickness of 500 feet, covering an area of approximately 1,000 square miles. It is estimated that these beds of lignite represent more fuel than remains in the earth in Pennsylvania. They lie deeply buried, which accounts for the surprising fact that they have only now been discovered.

Peat to Coal in Three Months

AT THE convention of the American College of Physicians, in Montreal, Dr. William B. Wherry, of Cincinnati, is reported to have claimed that by a process of inoculation peat can be turned into coal in three months. This discovery that coal can be developed by a chemical process in three months completely upsets the *theory* that the formation of the coal deposits shows that the earth must be of great age.

Jubilee Law Urged for United States

THE jubilee law, of Leviticus 25, which provided for a rest year every seventh year, and for a jubilee every fiftieth year, in which all debts were cancelled and every man returned to his original possession, was urged in the United States Senate by Senator Huey D. Long, of Louisiana. Mr. Long, urging the passage of the Mosaic law, said: "If Congress does not accept the Mosaic law, then they ought to stop opening the sessions with prayers to God and call in some Morgan or Wall Street banker to open the sessions with prayers to the moneyed interests."

Munition Orders in England

THE London *News Chronicle* contains a dispatch from its Newcastle-on-Tyne correspondent. The headlines say, "Tanks for Japan —Working All Day and Night—Rush of Orders to British Firm—Shells, Too." The dispatch goes on to tell that in the Elswick plant of the Vickers Armstrong Company seven hundred men are working twenty-four hours a day making armor-piercing shells, duraluminum shell caps and tanks for Japan, and that the same company's plant at Dartford, on the Thames, which is of ten times the capacity of the Elswick plant, is also working up to capacity. Monthly shipments have been made since October.

Innocent Man Killed at New Rochelle

OWING to a mistake in an automobile number, a detective at New Rochelle (N.Y.) shot and killed an innocent man whom he mistakenly believed to be a pay-roll robber. The companion of the slain man denies that he resisted arrest, and denies that the man who killed him first identified himself as a policeman. If you want to shoot somebody, and do it without any risk to yourself, a good way to do is to get appointed on some police force.

What Did the "Times" Mean?

REFERRING to the conference of governors at Washington, the New York *Times* made the following statement, and we wonder if they know what they meant by the last eight words:

> The governors do not agree among themselves. The advice which they give to the president will be conflicting. And after all of them have said their say and gone their way, it will be necessary for the president to grapple with the questions which he alone can decide and to wrestle, by himself, and day after day, with the powers of darkness in high places.

Wise Observation of Rabbi Wise

REMARKING that one-fifth of the 130,000,000 persons in the nation are in the breadline, one way or another, Rabbi Wise assailed the "blindness of the favored classes who think a little charity will avert the revolutionary day". He called the bankers "incredibly stupid", saying that they spare the backs of the strong and have placed the heavier burdens upon those already suffering. Now will the rabbi tell us who have been the blind leaders of the blind favored classes?

Mutineers Imprisoned at Onrust

THE mutineers who seized the Dutch battleship Zeven Provincien, and had a good time chasing around the Dutch East Indies for six days, gave up the fight when a 110-pound bomb was dropped on the deck, killing 18 and wounding 14. They will be imprisoned on the island of Onrust, which means Unrest. There is said to be a spirit of revolt throughout the whole of Malaysia. The natives are discouraged and disgusted with the white man's rule. This particular mutiny was caused by a salary cut of natives on the battleship. They imprisoned their officers and ran things to suit themselves until the bomb was dropped.

Age of Chinese Civilization

LUTHER C. GOODRICH, lecturer on Chinese language at Columbia University, says that recent archæological discoveries have established the fact that the Chinese civilization is a thousand or two thousand years younger than that of Egypt or Mesopotamia. This is as we would expect, because it is in line with the teachings of the Scriptures regarding the origin and early home of man. Those who wish to discredit the Word of God are all the time finding it harder and harder to do so.

Better Use for Aluminum

AS THE injurious effect of aluminum cooking utensils upon foods prepared in them is more and more widely recognized, it is gratifying to note that this metal can be put to better use. An "autotram", having the appearance of an automobile and railway car combined, and made of aluminum, is being operated on the Michigan Central Lines in the vicinity of Battle Creek, at a speed of from 70 to 90 miles per hour. A ventilating system thoroughly changes the air in the car every three minutes.

Al Capone at Atlanta

REPORTS from the Atlanta penitentiary state that Al Capone, contrary to all prison rules, wears in prison silk underwear that costs him $12 a suit, tailored civilian clothing, and shoes that cost $25 a pair; his mail goes through uncensored; he transacts business with visitors with no guard present to overhear; has special hours on the tennis court; and even has his own favorite brand of cigars brought in by the box. Whining against his fate has made him very unpopular with the rank and file of prisoners.

The Chinese Defense of Jehol

ON FEBRUARY 18 a cavalcade of 30 cars and 100 picked guards visited Jehol city from Peiping, taking along Mr. T. V. Soong, acting premier of China and Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang, military adviser to the Chinese government. There was great speech-making in Jehol, China's pacific policy was at an end, Japan should never take Jehol, etc., etc. Fifteen days later 180 Japanese entered the city and assumed full charge without anybody's opposing their advance. It is even claimed that the Chinese opened their lines in order to let the Japanese through. Such are the ways of the Chinese.

The Farm Problem

THERE are about 6,500,000 farmers in the United States, and with their families they constitute about a fourth of the population. Farm income in the United States dropped from $16,000,000,000, in 1929, to $5,300,000,000, in 1932. The mortgages on the farms of America total $9,500,000,000, and in many instances the interest charges are greater than the value of the products that can be raised on the farms. How much does that leave for the farmer and his family?

Vouched for Kreuger

AMONG the gigantic intellects that vouched for Kreuger, and listened to his fairy stories with bated breath, were Lee, Higginson & Company; the Guaranty Trust Company of New York; Brown Brothers and Company; the National City Company; Dillon, Read & Company; the Union Trust Company of Pittsburgh; and Clark, Dodge & Company. With great minds like this to guide our destiny, is it any wonder things are what they are? Such men have more influence at Washington than any other.

One Cent for the Unemployed

OUT of every dollar paid out by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation 51 cents went to banks, 17 to railroads, 13 to farmers (indirectly), 6 to states for relief, 10 to building and loan associations, and 1 cent to provide work for the unemployed. One-eighth of all the money the R. F. C. paid out in five months was paid to Dawes, who thoughtfully resigned from its chairmanship before he borrowed the money. Help to farmers went by way of banks and other agencies and profited the latter as much as the former.

World Economic Conference

THE London *Daily Express* represents the World Economic Conference with a telescope studying the stars and trying to find out how to start prosperity. Grouped around the poor fellow who is scratching his head for an idea are his advisers, each pointing to the other as the real cause of all our woes. The names of the advisers are World Competition, Arms, War Debts, Excessive Taxation, World Depression, Unemployment, Dead Markets, Disordered Currencies, World Prices, Over Production, The Machine, Scientific Inventions, and Universal Education.

When Grown Men Play the Cry-Baby

IT IS a bad business when grown men cry in the presence of women, and of men that are dressed like women, instead of standing up like men for the things they believe. For some unknown reason the spokesmen for the Roman Catholic church seem to have about as much manhood as the five-year-old boy that bawls for mamma every time he stubs his toe.

The Catholic Bulletin of St. Paul was frantic with fear, as indicated by its issue of April 29, lest Judge Rutherford should tell the listeners over KSTP some more truth in addition to what he told them on April 23, in his lecture on "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity". See the story of this in our issue of May 24, 1933.

Sensing how badly their brethren at St. Paul were scared, the publishers of *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* Cleveland, Ohio, after two weeks of getting up steam, went them one better. Headlines this time were three columns wide, and 12 lines, five inches deep. Including the editorial, the matter was distributed over seven columns.

And what was the burden of it all? A petty, cry-baby letter to each of the three Cleveland radio stations that carried Judge Rutherford's splendid address, begging them to deny him henceforth the use of their broadcasting facilities. These Catholic spokesmen cannot answer Judge Rutherford's arguments; they cannot take it on the chin like men; and so they cry like babies and beg sensible business men to disappoint their patrons and sacrifice their revenues because, forsooth, Judge Rutherford makes it clear that the "holy year" is just what it is, a holy humbug.

One of these radio managers made the following sensible reply to the letter of Peter J. Zimmerman, news editor of *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* who entered the plea that Judge Rutherford be expelled from the air:

"May 10, 1933.

"DEAR MR. ZIMMERMAN:

"Your letter of May 9th carefully read. You have asked that we withhold the use of our facilities from Judge J. F. Rutherford because of his statements made in a nation-wide broadcast meeting with the disapproval of so many of those of the Catholic faith. In this you have asked me to assume a responsibility that I feel is not mine.

"In this time of distress, hundreds of thousands of people are inquiring what the Word of God has to say relative to these conditions. Evidently Judge Rutherford believes that that Word very definitely advises relative to these conditions and is seeking to call attention of his fellow-men to the seriousness of these times. Upon inquiry, I find that within the last ten years his writings have exceeded a total distribution of a hundred and forty million copies. This evidences a very considerable number of people interested in the same line of thought. To assume the responsibility of withholding expression from this large number is something of more serious consequence than I would dare to assume.

"I would suggest that *The Catholic Universe Bulletin* appoint someone to refute the statements of Judge Rutherford or accept the challenge to debate, which was made during his nation-wide broadcast, and to this end we offer the facilities of the station. The truth on any subject as discussed by radio does not require any more definite censorship than the right of the individual to turn the dial of his radio, and that right I believe must be left to him.

"May we hear from you regarding the acceptance of our offer.

"Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) "M. A. HOWLETT,

"President and General Manager" (WHK, Cleveland)

Another week and the wail had spread to New York, where *The Catholic News* took it up, stating that:

"The protest by Mr. Zimmerman is concurred in by the Reverend Don Tullis, executive secretary of the Federated Churches in Cleveland, who said: 'A great many Protestant ministers have resented the Watch Tower statements relative to established churches.'"

Surely they have. Of course they have. There was no serious difference between Annas and Caiaphas and Judas. They were all aiming at the one thing. They could not answer Jesus, and they were even afraid to try. The thing to do was to shut Him up or kill Him, and perhaps the best way to shut Him up would be *by* killing Him, for it verily seemed as if nothing else would keep Him from proclaiming the truths then due.

That is the way it is with Judge Rutherford and about Judge Rutherford. The clergy all sense that, and they are willing to commit any crime or any injustice if only this man's mouth may be stopped. Meantime they play the cry-baby.

Desperately conscious that the pope cannot meet Judge Rutherford's challenge, the Knights of Columbus of Ohio have met in convention and solemnly and foolishly "demanded" that he be cut off the air. They have just as much courage and just as much sense as the clergy that run *The Catholic Universe Bulletin,* none at all.

Introductory Health Program *By Dr. La June Foster*

IN ARRANGING any series of Health articles many factors must be taken into consideration, so that the person who reads them will gain the utmost information with the least expenditure of time and energy. Some, in fact most, who read these articles will be seekers of health, a few probably trying to keep that which they have been fortunate enough or wise enough to be able to retain thus far. In any event their interests are varied. Use indulgence and patience if you find that many things may not apply to your particular situation. Follow these articles carefully, because while you may not think a particular phase of diet interests you it may prove to be your salvation some day if not now.

Or you may be interested solely in diet, and try to correct all your problems from that angle. You then will benefit much by learning more about how to take sun baths properly, how to exercise and breathe properly. You will need to know about water-bathing, air and friction baths. You will want to understand healing crises or body reactions that you will go through on an eliminative régime. Perhaps you do not know the vitamins you lack, or do not know how to classify yourself as to your particular chemical deficiencies. Biochemistry is perhaps one of the greatest factors in arranging any diet, for all diet is good for certain things under certain conditions and for certain types at certain times; but do you know without experimentation whether all of these things are good for *you?*

The ideas contained in the following articles have been gathered from many sources and represent a composite of common sense, as many different health exponents have found. Experiences of hundreds of scientifically minded people on the ideas of a proper health régime should be a fair criterion to follow. The experiences of thousands of human sufferers who have returned to health by such methods should add a double assurance that these suggestions are not mere fads and fancies.

The present effort is to try to simplify these ideas for health and diet so that the busiest person will have time to apply most of them. Efficiency is a matter of accomplishing the greatest amount of work, in the best possible manner in the shortest time. Health and efficiency go hand in hand. These ideas are for the person who is most sincere and most interested in getting the most out of life and rendering the greatest service to his fellow man in return. The happiest people are those who are able to *do* and *give* the most. We can accomplish little in life without health. It is the prime essential back of all activity.

It is most necessary that you have this fact thoroughly impressed upon you before you read further. No matter how valuable the information contained may be, it will be useless to you unless you apply it. Wisdom is applied knowledge. Health is the result of the courage we display in using the information we already have. It is hoped that this article will help some to regain health, and also to keep well.

While more will be said of diet in what follows than of other health subjects, it will not be because diet is a "cure-all"; but because it is one of the principal forms of obedience to the natural God-given laws of life. The things we eat help to make up the chemicals that activate every principle of life within our body. They not only influence and form the dense structure, such as the bones and muscles, etc., but actually influence our emotions and mental reactions as well. We can live finer, cleaner, more spiritual lives if we supply the body with foods that influence us in those directions. This is because of the intimate connection between the foods we eat and the ductless glands.

Condensed List of Health Suggestions

There are many important considerations in the matter of diet. The following are a few of the essentials:

We need to eat *healthful, unadulterated* foods in the *proper amounts,* at the right *intervals,* in the *correct combinations.* We need to eat foods that are suitable to our *type* of person and that are suited to our particular physical condition at the time. There are foods that are suitable for certain *seasons of the year* and not for other seasons.

The *climate* in which we live makes certain dietary changes essential. No one would think of living on heavy carbon foods or heating proteins and starches and fats in a hot climate; no more than one would try to exist on orange juice and lettuce leaves in Alaska. *Occupation* makes a difference in what we need. The active person can handle starches and proteins and fats better than the sedentary worker. The brain worker needs vitamins, mineral elements, greater amounts of non-starchy vegetables and fruits

than does the outdoor man. *Proportion* of food is important.

It is best to avoid such articles as pepper and various seasonings, as they are overstimulating, causing too much digestive juice to form in the stomach, and later an insufficiency. They overstimulate the appetite as well, and are not digestible.

Salt is a hardener of tissue. It is inorganic, and cannot be assimilated by the body. It has a detrimental accumulative effect. It is estimated that under average conditions of health the body is able to eliminate about fifteen grains of salt a day, and it is said the average person consumes around 200 or 300 grains per day. The use of salt in the inorganic state contributes to such conditions as kidney trouble, high blood pressure, etc.

We need natural salts; but these are obtainable in the natural state from green leafy vegetables, such as celery, spinach, onions, etc. When these vegetables are cooked they must be cooked so as to retain the natural juices, for it is in the juices that the mineral elements are largely found. Cook leafy vegetables in a very small amount of water, and cover while cooking. Do not cook too long, as cooking destroys the best elements of the food.

We must eat *slowly,* so that the stomach will be able to take care of proper formation of the digestive juices. It is said that about five percent of starch digestion occurs in the mouth; therefore proper *mastication* is essential. The food must be broken down, especially starch, if it is to be fit for digestion.

We should not eat when exhausted or mentally agitated; because under conditions of agitation, anger, fear and other destructive emotions the endocrine glands are sending secretions into the system that are unfavorable to proper digestion of food. We should not eat when not hungry, because then the secretions of the stomach are not sufficient to take care of the food that is put in the stomach. We should skip a few meals until our appetite returns.

We need more *raw* foods; cooking devitalizes food and destroys to some extent the mineral elements. We need to get plenty of sunshine and fresh air. If it were not for the oxygen in the air we breathe we should not be able to utilize the iron that is in the food we eat. The greater the oxygen supply, the greater our ability to assimilate iron foods.

Sunshine assists all functions of the body, and especially digestion. Exercise is absolutely essential, as it helps to maintain muscular tone and holds our organs in proper position so that they may carry on their functions from a muscular standpoint. Relaxation and sleep are essential, for it is during such periods that the body recuperates and does its repair work. If such periods are not provided the human mechanism wears out.

The best food put into the stomach under the best possible conditions will do no good if the stomach is not in a healthy condition to properly carry on its digestion. Proper nerve supply to all vital organs is especially essential for this last purpose.

Mechanical misplacements of the spine greatly handicap digestion. So any health method that will restore tone to the body, cleanse the body or correct these mechanical difficulties will greatly improve health in any sick person and will do much to keep in a condition of health those who are already well.

One of the principal things the sick person must remember is that nature is no respecter of persons. Health is gained and kept by proper living. Nor has anyone ever been able to discover or invent a substitute for natural living.

Body Reactions or Healing Crises

All health régimes require preparation, no matter how simple they may be. No one ever thought of building a house without first estimating the amount of material it would take, the probable cost, the length of time to build, etc. The same is true with health. The reason why health methods are often criticized as being ineffective is that the person applying them either did not understand them properly or else was not told what to anticipate when he did apply them. The most effective health measures have the most drastic reactions, just as the best house-cleaner often creates considerable consternation in a household when she is really giving a house a thorough cleaning.

The body is so constructed that it is self-protective. This being true, anything taken into the body that is not harmonious with the best functioning of that particular body will immediately stir up trouble. Finally, however, the body passes what we might term the stage of ability to protect further. It is then that elimination slackens, the functions become sluggish, and disease results. Disease is nothing more

nor less than the inability of the body to assimilate and eliminate properly; or, we should say more truly, disease is lack of ease, or disturbed function or structure. I speak of the assimilative and eliminative functions particularly because they are most frequently involved when dietic errors are long continued.

In order to understand healing crises we must understand first normal body functioning, and that they are a sign of renewed body activity in an already sick body. They are positive evidence that the body has reached a point where it is able to throw off the poisons or toxins that have accumulated in the system by years of incorrect living.

Instead, therefore, of being frightened over these reactions or healing crises, we should do everything possible to carry them to a successful termination and be grateful that the body has enough recuperative energy left to carry on these constructive and life-giving processes.

Often years of drugs or other suppressive treatments or very poor eating habits have so severely poisoned the system that the reactions necessary will be in proportion to the amount of poisons that have accumulated and the vitality of the patient. Usually, the more severe the reactions, the more quickly one can hope for recovery.

These toxins or poisons accumulate in different ways. Years of incorrect living, such as persistent lack of exercise, improper breathing and, especially, not enough oxygen, wrong eating and overeating, excess of certain chemical elements, improper combinations of food that generate fermentation and gases, nervous strains, emotional excesses, lack of proper sleep and recreation, all these things and many others enter into our present system of living and help to destroy health and vitality.

As we reorganize our living conditions we find the trend is toward elimination, cleaning out, or as we technically term it, a "healing crisis". These reactions are especially noticeable during a cleansing diet containing a great many fruits and vegetables, especially if the diet is also low in the more concentrated foods, such as starches, proteins, sugars, etc. It is still more evident during fasting or a fruit juice diet.

Eliminative treatments, such as various drugless methods, chiropractic, osteopathy or anything else that may be used by the patient to hasten the body's return to normal functioning, will stimulate these reactionary symptoms. Sun bathing, water and air and friction baths, correct breathing, regular exercise and all other healthful measures help these processes.

One must know what to expect when starting to follow a health program, otherwise he may grow discouraged and stop at the point when he is getting the most results, or may do something that will interfere with this constructive process, and really be worse off than if he had never started elimination at all.

In fact it is because people do not know how to lead up to and come back from the more drastic diets and fasts that they have grown to believe them dangerous. The same is true of different healing methods that have as their basis body reconstruction. It isn't the method or the system that is wrong; the wrong lies in the fact that the patient has not been educated as to what to expect from the treatment or diet.

SYMPTOMS OF HEALING CRISES

These are many and varied, according to the type or condition of disease, the vitality of the patient, etc. Frequently there may be loss of weight, mental depression, irritability, extreme nervousness, a sense of lassitude or loss of strength. Often there are digestive disturbances, such as gas, fermentation, sour stomach, diarrhea, biliousness, flatulence, occasionally vomiting and purging, often accompanied by a feeling of fear, hopelessness, etc. Often the patient will have an extreme revulsion against natural foods for a while, and everything connected with natural living. This is the very time to remain faithful to the régime.

Patience is most necessary, and these feelings will soon be replaced by a feeling of buoyancy and mental peace and rejuvenation as well as physical well-being that is hardly possible to conceive by one who has not experienced it. Before this, one feels he is growing worse instead of better; but remember, disease can never be removed by repressing it. It can be eliminated only by bringing all the old accumulated poisons back from the tissues into the circulation and from there throwing them out of the body through the channels of elimination.

As this house-cleaning goes on and the waste materials are being eliminated through the mucous membranes of the nasal passages, the throat, the bronchial tubes, the stomach, the

bowels, the urinary tract, they often cause irritation and congestion and thus produce the well-known symptoms of inflammation, and catarrhal elimination, and ofttimes skin eruptions, boils, abscesses, fever, pain, etc. Sometimes one will have a coated tongue and a foul breath that will grow worse until the system begins to clear. When the tongue begins to clear at the tip, and hunger returns, you may feel that your system is getting back to normal. You will then begin to assimilate, put on weight, gain strength and reserve, etc. This is a dangerous period, and a most careful return to regular but healthy living conditions must be made, especially if the patient has been fasting. The wrong foods taken at this time will do more harm than at any other time, as will any form of suppressive treatment. It is the most essential time to give nature a chance, because it is exerting every effort to cleanse and purify your body.

A Letter to Judge Rutherford Which All Our Readers Will Appreciate

533 Beech Street
Waterloo, Iowa
April 30, 1933

Judge J. F. Rutherford
Watchtower
Brooklyn, N.Y.

DEAR JUDGE:

I have preached 54 years, heard many popular preachers, read many noted sermons on the kingdom of God; but nothing to equal your exposition of that kingdom in your radio sermon this morning.

Please send me a copy of that sermon. I estimate that sermon will convince, and awaken thoughts along correct lines that will convert millions to your plans of developing that kingdom.

With world fraternity, I am

Yours for that kingdom,

REV. PEYTON M. LEWIS.

Untermyer's Tribute to the Stock Exchange

SAMUEL UNTERMYER, in an address at Los Angeles before the law alumni of the University of Southern California, paid the following compliment to the New York Stock Exchange:

"By resort to certain legal fictions it has built around itself an impregnable wall of immunity, behind which for a period of well over half a century there have been intermittent sorties of hordes of vultures operating exclusively through the intricate machinery set up by these favored members of the Stock Exchange who wander forth at will, swoop down upon a defenseless public and pluck at its very vitals with impunity."

On May 17, 1792, under a buttonwood tree at what is now 68 Wall Street, New York City, 24 brokers subscribed to an agreement which established the first organized stock market in the city of New York. A constitution was adopted in 1817, and on April 8 the exchange moved indoors at 40 Wall Street. The exchange, which is by all odds the greatest gambling institution in existence, is not incorporated, keeps out of encyclopedias and shuns the light. A seat on the exchange has sold as high as $625,000. This was in 1929. Two years later, on one occasion, a seat could be had for $125,000, but that is now considered a very low price.

The Schoolbook Racket

IN A LARGE number of the states textbooks used in public schools are dictated by a combination of publishers. In Canada they are prepared under the direction of the government, and printed by private publishers who submit bids. The maximum price at which the books may be sold is fixed by the provincial government. The prices parents pay for books in some of the states is from two to nine times as much as is paid in Ontario. And the Schoolbook Trust in the United States manages to change textbooks frequently. It spends large sums to control school board elections. All of this is undoubtedly "good business".

Earth's New Ruler

JEHOVAH has a due time to reveal His purposes. Among the important things now due to be understood by those who love Him is the fact that a new ruler is reigning as the representative of Jehovah. That fact is important in this day of restlessness among all peoples, a day of dissatisfaction with earthly tyrants, a day of quick and hasty changes, and when the Devil, who knows that his time is short, faces complete and overwhelming defeat. It is necessary for the people to know that the new Nation has been born, that the Ruler has come out of Bethlehem, and under His banner alone the people will find protection and happiness. Few people know, and a still smaller number appreciate the fact of a new government; this new nation is gradually yet surely pushing all opposition aside; man finds his goal and happiness as he lines up under the new banner and sings praises to the great God, Jehovah.

For a long time man has thought that the birthplace of Jesus at Bethlehem was the source of a promised deliverer. And while it is true that Jesus was born at that particular place, yet the prophecy of Micah 5:2,

"But thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting,"

has a much broader and a modern application. From the birth of Jesus to the end of His ministry He fulfilled in miniature the aforementioned prophecy. There must be a greater and complete fulfilment thereof, and that comes to pass when Christ Jesus comes out of Bethlehem and becomes the Governor of the world. The fulfilment in completion has its beginning at the time when God places His beloved Son upon His holy hill in Zion and says to Him: "Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." And again: "I shall give thee the heathen [nations] for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."—Psalm 2:6, 8; 110:2.

David, whose name means "beloved", was a type or foreshadow of Jesus, the beloved Son of Jehovah. David was born at Bethlehem. Jesus was born at the same city. "Bethlehem" means "the house of bread". Jesus said of and concerning himself: 'I am the bread of life that came down from heaven.' Upon that bread all must feed who will get life. David brought the people of Israel up to a state of prosperity. Not only had he the desire to feed the people, but he possessed the ability and did so. Jesus Christ is clothed with all power and authority, wholly devoted to His Father, and is carrying out His Father's purposes to bring all obedient ones of mankind into a state of prosperity. David was the hope of Israel. Jesus became the hope of Israel according to the spirit, and through His house He is the hope of all the nations of the earth.

Bethlehem Ephratah

Bethlehem Ephratah was a place of fruitfulness. It was a city in which were centered the promises of God. It was small among other cities of Judah, but it was of great importance because out of it must come the Ruler. The identification of the Ruler is made certain by the words of the prophet in the text first above quoted, which speak of Him as one "whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting". He who is the active agent of Jehovah in the creation of all things, whose name was the Logos and later Jesus, is the One who must come out of Bethlehem and of whom David was a type. When Jesus was born in Bethlehem the prophecy there had a measure of fulfilment. Other matters, such as "the Assyrian", mentioned in the prophecy, aside from the birth of Jesus, did not have a fulfilment then, and surely it could not be said that the prophecy had a complete fulfilment at the time of His birth. At that time there was no invasion by the Assyrians, as foretold by the prophet Micah. Furthermore, in the vision Micah saw the war carried into Assyria and that land wasted. Nothing of that kind occurred at Jesus' birth. It would indicate, however, that in the complete fulfilment the part of the prophecy relating to the Assyrian would be fulfilled.

The time of the complete fulfilment is indicated by chapter five, verse three, which reads: "Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth; then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel." In the year 1914 (A.D.) Zion (God's organization) brought forth the "man child", which must rule the world. (Isaiah 66:7, 8; Revelation 12:5) That marks the time of the birth of The Nation (God's kingdom) and the bringing forth of the King or Ruler. It was the time when God placed His anointed One upon His throne.—Psalm 2:6.

The complete fulfilment of the prophecy, therefore, is indicated, and that it would wait

until the time that Zion travails and brings forth. Then would follow the war in heaven. After that, Zion brings forth her children. "For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children," including the remnant. (Isaiah 66:8) The prophecy of Isaiah therefore concurs with the prophecy of Micah, to wit, that "then the remnant of his brethren shall return". The Scriptures make it clear that there was a remnant of Israel after the flesh and that such remnant foreshadowed the remnant of Jehovah's witnesses that would be manifest after the Lord comes to His temple. All who have been brought into the body of Christ by adoption since Pentecost are brethren of Christ Jesus. (Heb. 2:11) But now, after the birth of the nation that must rule the world, and after the Lord comes to His temple, the remnant of Jesus' footstep followers is brought unto God and into the temple condition.

Bread of Life

When Jesus was on earth He fed His disciples upon the Word of Life. But even His disciples did not fully appreciate the food received at His gracious hands until after Jesus ascended into heaven and the holy spirit was given to them. There is a long interval of time between the miniature fulfilment and the fulfilment in completion of Micah's prophecy concerning the Ruler out of Bethlehem. That time is mentioned in the words, "Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth." After the birth of The Nation and the bringing forth of the children of Zion the Lord then began to feed His people and they appreciated it more than at any time prior thereto. The prophet says: "And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God; and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth."—Micah 5:4.

This prophecy does not mean that He stands and feeds himself. Clearly it means that after coming to His temple He feeds His own people. Undoubtedly the prophecy refers to the same time Jesus mentioned when He said: "Blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."—Luke 12:37.

The Ruler, having come out of the greater Bethlehem (the house of bread and a place of fruitfulness), girds himself and causes the faithful ones to sit down, that is to say, to rest in peace, while they receive the gracious provision made for them. As Ruler of Zion, Christ Jesus as a Shepherd stands up and feeds the members of the household, who compose the "faithful servant" class; and He feeds them upon that food which is 'convenient for them'. This means they are fed upon that which builds them up. This part of the prophecy has been marvelously fulfilled since 1922, as many of the faithful can joyfully testify. It is since that date that the Lord Jesus, the Head of Zion, and the perpetual Ruler of Zion, has fed His household bountifully upon present truth. Surely there has been a feast spread for them in the presence of their enemies.

The remnant will call to mind the sustaining food the Lord has given them from the temple during the past few years. It is not man's food of truth, and no man has given any of it. It is Jehovah's truth which he provides and serves to His people through Christ Jesus. The Ruler who has now come out of Bethlehem, clothed with all power and authority, stands forth "in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God" and feeds His people upon the food which Jehovah has provided for them. He feeds those who need to be fed and who rejoice at receiving the food. It is the Ruler that is serving the food from His Father's storehouse, even as He foretold by His own words.

Precious Things Revealed

We do well to recount some of the precious things that the Lord has brought to His servants. He has made it clear to them that the world has ended, and that the new nation is born (Revelation 12:1-17); He has disclosed to them the enemy's organization and has shown to them that that evil organization is to be overthrown; He has given to His people a double portion of the spirit, and has shown them the importance of being zealous and faithful witnesses to the name of Jehovah; He has shown them the significance of Jehovah's name and that it is now the privilege and duty of the anointed to exalt that great name in the earth; He has made it clear to them that it is the Creator, and not the creature, that is to be exalted; He has disclosed to them what constitutes "the joy of the Lord" and has invited the faithful ones to enter into that joy, and they have done so; He has shown them that the great battle

just ahead is the fight of Jehovah God against Satan and that it is the privilege and the duty of the anointed ones to sing forth the praises of Jehovah as He proceeds to the destruction of Satan's organization; He has shown them that it is the privilege of every one now to tell forth the good news as witnesses to the world. —Matthew 24:14.

The truth which these witnesses have received so graciously at the hands of the Lord is not to be used selfishly. It is to be used according to the direction of the great Giver. He has commissioned His witnesses to declare His name and to announce to the people their only hope in the establishment of God's kingdom. It is this truth that gives them the ability to be able witnesses at this time, and it is the enlightenment from the Lord that is used by them to honor the great God and to comfort all that mourn. At no other time in the history of mankind has there been greater necessity for the people to know and appreciate the fact that Jehovah is the God, and that Christ Jesus the new Ruler is already exercising His power. To know and cooperate with the new Ruler and become a part of the new arrangement which Jehovah is establishing is fundamentally necessary to man at this time. It is only as man cooperates with the new Ruler that he functions according to the purpose of the Creator, and it is only when fulfilling that purpose that man can enjoy the greatest possible measure of happiness.

The Warfare

Any band of people who announce the establishment of God's kingdom as the only possible relief for mankind will draw the fire of the enemy. And this is exactly what has happened in the past few years. The prophet shows that "the Assyrian" will make war on the remnant. "And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land; and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men." (Micah 5:5) Undoubtedly "the Assyrian" is one of the names of Satan's organization. This prophecy is in exact accord with the words in Revelation: "And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Revelation 12:17) While the enemy is making an assault upon the anointed the great Ruler out of Bethlehem is the peace of the remnant. He is the great Prince of Peace upon whose shoulder the new government rests. (Isaiah 9:6, 7) He comes as the executive officer of Jehovah to establish peace, but first He must make war and overthrow the enemy. (Revelation 19:11-14) The faithful members of the remnant are with Him and follow Him because He is the Head of Zion and Jehovah's beloved officer; the remnant trust Him and are at peace. He is their Redeemer, their Lord, and their King, and they have complete confidence in Him.

The Assyrian, the Devil and his agencies, attempt to invade the citadel of the temple class and to destroy and to break down the members thereof. In the attempt to destroy the remnant the enemy meets up with real opposition. The great Ruler out of Bethlehem continues to feed and strengthen the remnant, and with full confidence they go on in God's service. They are not deterred by the enemy, because they know that almighty power and boundless love are being exercised in their behalf. The mighty hand of Jehovah is over them and they are safe and secure as long as they remain faithful to God. (Isaiah 51:16) It is love that constrains and holds together the remnant class. That means that they are unselfishly devoted to the Lord and are unselfishly doing their best to safeguard the interest of one another.

The prophet says: "Then shall we raise against him seven shepherds and eight principal men." Seven being a symbolic number for completeness, this scripture seems to say that all the shepherds, meaning all the remnant, are looking out for the interest of their brethren. The *Revised Version* renders it "eight princes among men". The number eight is one above that which is complete or perfect. This may well mean all the faithful remnant and their Chief and Head, "the man Christ Jesus," who safeguards the interests of the people of God against the assaults of the Devil's organization. He is the One who leads the fight and gains the victory. This prophecy seems to say that all the remnant, being faithful to the Lord, present a solid, compact body against the enemy and for the Lord. They pray for peace in their own ranks and put forth their best endeavors to see that their course of action is in harmony with the truth.—Psalm 122:6-9.

God's people have made an emphatic declaration against Satan and for Jehovah. That means a fight. Through His prophet Micah, the

Lord says to them: "Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; he hath laid siege against us." (Micah 5:1) Jehovah of Hosts is the mighty God of troops coming forth to war, and Christ Jesus the Ruler out of Bethlehem is the Field Marshal going forth to make war. The remnant class must take its place in the battle array. The part of the remnant is to sing as preparation for the battle is being made and when the battle is being fought.

Then the prophet indicates the course and result of the battle: "And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders." (Micah 5:6) These words are in accord with the prophecy of Isaiah (13:1-9) and of Jeremiah (25:30-35) It is the battle of the Lord God Almighty. It is Jehovah who causes the enemy to be destroyed, and at the same time He delivers His own people; and this deliverance takes place at the time the Assyrian assaults the people of the Lord. This fact is another proof that the complete fulfilment of the prophecy concerning the Ruler out of Bethlehem takes place at and after the Lord comes to His temple.

Blessings

Following the great battle, as indicated by the words of the prophet, there comes a time of blessing upon the people, and in this the remnant will have some part. "And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as dew from the Lord, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men." (Micah 5:7) The remnant are shown in the midst of the people as "dew from the Lord" and as "showers upon the grass", and these words indicate comfort and blessings to the people. This may be taken as an indication that some of the remnant will be on earth even after Armageddon is fought and will then have some more work to do in the name of the Lord and to His praise and glory. The people, having passed through the great, terrible trouble, will no longer look to man for help nor watch for the sons of men to bring them aid and comfort, but will turn to the Lord and gladly hear His Word. Some creatures will have the privilege, as the Lord's agent and messengers, of bearing the message of peace to the people.

The remnant of the Lord, according to this prophecy, will go on to triumph in the strength of Jehovah. A lion is a monarch among the beasts of the field, and none can stand before him. The flocks of sheep are without power against a strong and young lion amongst them. Thus the faithful remnant of God is described by the prophet. These shall be amidst the nations of many people strong and vigorous in the name of the Lord to help those who want help and to point out God's method of destroying those that resist. "And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver. Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries, and all thine enemies shall be cut off." (Micah 5:8, 9) These words of the prophet seem to warrant the conclusion above suggested. The 'hand lifted up against the adversaries' means that God's power will be exercised against all adversaries and all enemies of the people shall be cut off.

The great Ruler who comes out from Bethlehem completely dashes to pieces Satan's organization and will rule the nations with a rod of iron and establish everlasting peace. The prophet Micah gives a description of the complete overthrow of all organizations and systems which Satan has fathered and nurtured and used to oppress the people. "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots; and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds; and I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers; thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen, such as they have not heard."—Micah 5:10-15.

Summary

It therefore clearly appears that not all of this prophecy could have had a fulfilment, and not all did have a fulfilment, at the time Jesus was born at Bethlehem or during the period of His ministry on earth. Its greater fulfilment is now in progress, and those in the temple class are

privileged to see it as Jehovah's lightnings from time to time reveal these truths to them. The food which the Lord is now providing and serving to His household should and does encourage, comfort and strengthen the members thereof. Step by step He leads His people on. At this time it is clearly seen that He has put His words in the mouth of the remnant and sent them forth as His witnesses. Remaining in the temple class, these must continue to be faithful and true to the Lord and to show forth His glory.—Psalm 29:9.

It is a time of great peril. (Revelation 16:15) Each member of the remnant class must now be on the alert and always watchful. He must stand firmly on the Lord's side. He must take advantage of every opportunity to serve the Lord by singing forth the honor of His name. With gladness and joy he will declare Jehovah's doings among the people. Herein is the safety of the remnant. The favorable position of the anointed ones now cannot be overstated. If the Lord has given you the opportunity to have part in His service as one of His witnesses, see to it that you do not slack your hand.

Safety means to abide in God's great fortress, in the shadow of the Almighty; and to abide there one must be in the temple class proclaiming the glorious name of Jehovah. While the forces of evil are marching on to battle, the remnant will not be afraid. They see that the great Ruler has come out of Bethlehem, and that He is the mighty Executor for Jehovah God, and at God's command He goes forth to the destruction of the enemy and to the complete establishment of righteousness on earth. He will continue to feed all those who continue to trust in and are wholly devoted to Jehovah God. Such will now with confidence and joy say: "Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2) "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."—Isaiah 26:3.

Waited Too Long

A HOBO in Dallas admits that he was a clergyman until recently. He used to pull down collections as high as $35; now, when he can get a "church" to speak in, he rarely gets more than $2. He says he is at the end of his rope. Looks like it. He should have gone straight sooner.

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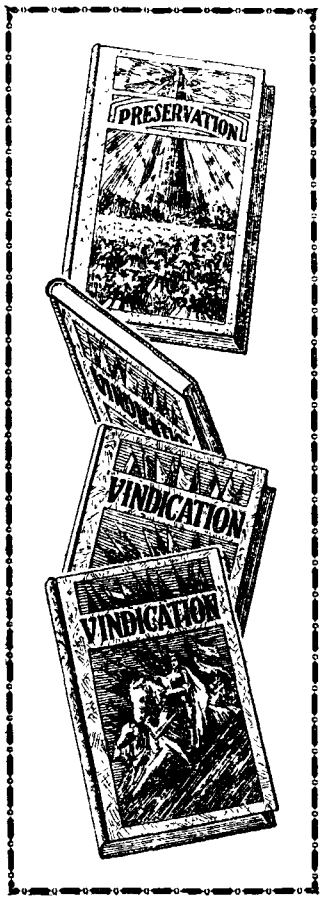

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Boiled Down

Sentenced to Death for Stealing Jam

FOR stealing jam from a government warehouse at Moscow the manager and three employees were shot, three others were sent to a prison camp, and two more are to get three years in jail.

No Wage Cut in Denmark for One Year

ANGERED by employers' demands for a 20-percent wage cut, the Socialist premier of Denmark demanded and got from the parliament a law extending all present wage agreements to February 1, 1934, and forbidding both strikes and lockouts until that time.

How Canadian Liquor Enters America

TWO-THIRDS of it goes to the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, and a tenth of it goes to French Oceania. None of these places had any liquor business with Canada until after the ban had been placed on liquor exports direct from Canada to the United States.

One Hundred Years of Union Labor

IN THE year 1833 six men formed a labor union to resist the cutting of their wages from nine shillings to six shillings a week. They were banished from England to Botany Bay, New South Wales, Australia. This year Union Labor is celebrating their moral victory.

Barter Associations in Great Britain

HARDLY had the barter associations got under good headway in the United States before we learn that the movement has spread to Great Britain, where there are already hundreds of them. The plan is to keep the workless busy and give them assistance in partly helping themselves.

Electrical Stimulation of the Heart

A BRITISH device stimulates the heart into activity if used within ten minutes after it has ceased to beat. A needle is injected into the heart and an electrical current is used to produce an artificial beat.

Lead Poisoning Among Children

CHEMICAL analysis shows that there is enough lead in the paint on some pencils to kill a child. In one year sixteen children suffering from lead poisoning were admitted to a single child's hospital in Montreal. Two of these died a few hours after admission.

Look at Your Electric Light Bills

LOOK at your electric light bills. What do you pay per kilowatt hour? In Washington, D.C., where Congress does all the legislating for the district, the top charge is 3.9c per hour, which rate provides a 7-percent return on the valuation of the local electric light company.

Terrible Conditions in Berlin

IT IS estimated that there are more than 100,000 prostitutes in Berlin, driven by hunger. Nearly half of Germany's factories are closed; there were 17,000 bankruptcies last year, and 16,000 suicides, in Germany. Ninety percent of the workers earn less than $50 a month.

Controlling Floods with Dynamite

GOOD results have been obtained in Louisiana by the use of dynamite in relieving flooded districts. In one place a ditch 550 feet long, 70 feet wide and 6 feet deep, was created by the explosion of about a ton of dynamite and resulted in lowering the water levels over a wide area.

Ten Subways Under East River

THERE are now ten subway tunnels under the East river, all of them twin-tube layouts. One of these is the Pennsylvania Railroad's line connecting up its system with the Long Island and New Haven railroads. The others are parts of the three subway systems of Greater New York.

Industrial Home for the Blind

THE Industrial Home for the Blind, 520 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, gets in touch with newly blinded persons and teaches them how to make use of their other faculties to do useful work in the world. All the mops used by post offices throughout the United States are made in this home.

Cost of Merchant Marine Subsidies

USING the carriage of United States mails as a pretext, the vessels of the United States merchant marine receive approximately $10,000 per trip allowance from the government to equalize the costs of operating American shipping with corresponding costs under foreign flags.

Huge Russian Irrigation Scheme

RUSSIA plans to irrigate about 10,000,000 acres in the Volga region, 4,000,000 acres of which will be devoted to wheat. Scientists from Russia have been visiting North America, Central America and South America to make the best possible preparation for the intensive cultivation that is projected.

Wages of Farm Hands

WAGES of farm hands are now the lowest they have ever been. In Georgia and South Carolina they are receiving but 40c a day, with no additional jobs to be had. Owing to the decline in prices of farm products most farmers are doing their own work, employing additional help only when absolutely necessary.

Favorable Labor Decision in Pennsylvania

THE Supreme Court of Pennsylvania made a remarkable decision favoring labor. It ruled that strikers might picket a theater, distribute circulars and operate a sound truck asking people to remain away from a playhouse, even though this peaceful assertion of rights did damage to a business.

How Hitler Rose to Power

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEORGE A. DREW, author of *Canada's Fighting Airmen,* in an address at Hamilton, Ont., said: "It may sound to you like a Philips Oppenheim story, but Hitler, German head of the Nazi organization, is financed by the armament trusts of France, England and Czechoslovakia."

Learned Navigation in a Library

AN AUSTRALIAN, not previously experienced with navigation, studied it in a library in Sydney with such care that he navigated a 19-foot boat single-handed all the way to Los Angeles, only to have his boat wrecked and to be arrested the moment he touched American shores.

Flights Across South Atlantic

FLIGHTS across the south Atlantic are becoming increasingly common, and it is predicted that in the near future there will be a regular three-day service between Paris and Rio de Janeiro. It takes about fourteen hours for a plane to cross from Africa to Brazil, 2,000 miles.

Air Ports of the World

THE following are the number of take-offs and landings daily, according to schedule, of the principal air ports of the world: Newark, 107; Camden, 64; Chicago, 58; Los Angeles, 50; Cleveland, 42; Berlin, 42; San Francisco, 40; Cologne, 40; Copenhagen, 28; Croydon (London), 16.

Japan Getting on Nicely in China

JAPAN is getting on nicely with its peaceful war with China. Manchuria and Jehol fell into its lap without any resistance worthy of the name, and more recently several positions have been occupied in North China proper, several miles south of the Great Wall. Poor Chinks! They stand no chance.

Japanese Trade in British East Africa

IN THE last nine months Kenya and Uganda have imported 25,000,000 yards of cotton cloth from Japan and only 5,000,000 yards from Great Britain. On the other side of the ledger is the fact that last year British munition makers sent more than 1,000,000,000 rounds of small arms munitions to Japan and China.

No Bank Troubles in Canada

AT THE time when every bank in the United States was tied up there was no trouble at all in Canada, and none anticipated. Seems as if it might be a good idea to import a Canadian to teach our great banking minds how to take over all the assets of a country without busting it.

Jet-black Teeth in Colombia

THE teeth of the Citara Indians, Colombia, South America, are jet black and remain in almost perfect condition from childhood to old age. They chew the leaves of a plant which forms a protective film around the tooth. Adults chew them twice a year, to repair places where the film has worn off.

Sears-Roebuck Operations

THE Sears-Roebuck Company made a profit of $3,105,000 last year in the operation of its mail-order business, but it lost $4,303,000 in the operation of its retail stores, 28 of which were abandoned during the year. The orchard which looks good from a distance does not always look so good when you get inside.

Rubber Clothing

A PROCESS has been discovered which will combine rubber with cotton, rayon and other materials to make an elastic yarn. This yarn may be used not only for garters, girdles and suspenders, but will make cuffs for shirts, belts for shorts, and inserts that will dispense with buttons.

Smithsonian Institution and the Gorilla

AFTER a careful study of a gorilla's brain, thought to be unusually large and well developed, the Smithsonian Institution was forced to acknowledge that it weighs less than half that of the lightest normal human brain. Normally the gorilla brain weighs about one-third that of man.

Ivanov, Incest Expert, Is Dead

DOCTOR IVANOV, Russia's incest expert, is dead, and ought to be. (Leviticus 20:15) For years he dishonored God and man by numerous attempts to produce an ape-man by crosses with female chimpanzees, all to no avail. He was unable to breed even an evolutionist, a higher critic or a doctor of divinity.

Caissons Used in Building Pyramids

IT HAS been discovered that in places in Egypt caissons were used in the building of foundations for the pyramids. Hitherto it has been supposed that the caisson principle is quite new in engineering. This helps our generation to learn that it is not as consequential as it thought itself.

Wicked Typesetter on "American"

SOME wicked typesetter on the New York *American,* running in the headlines of an article about the pope's "Holy Year", accidentally or on purpose made one of them read 'Cardinal to Prey'. A friend writes in: "It is not a mistake; it is the truth." This leaves us all mixed up.

"A Little Wine for Thy Stomach's Sake"

WINE is an antiseptic which kills cholera microbes. Red wines kill typhoid fever microbes in two hours; dry wines, in twenty minutes. Colibacilli sometimes found in oysters are killed by white wine. In small quantities wine has a good effect on gastric secretions and on the functions of the liver.

The Big Thermometer at Chicago

ONE of the outstanding sights at the World's Fair at Chicago is a thermometer 200 feet high. The numerals are 10 feet high and the "mercury column" consists of neon tubes, electrically actuated by a master thermometer. This exhibit was built by the Indian Refining Company.

Klein Gets an Idea

JULIUS KLEIN, ex-assistant secretary of commerce, in an address to bankers, said: "Frankly, with a casualty list of some 10,000 banks during the last decade, there does seem to the casual, non-professional observer, to be some warrant for concern." Now how do you suppose Klein ever got that idea?

John D. Rockefeller, Senior

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, senior, has given away some $600,000,000 since he retired, in 1896, and his money accumulates faster than he can give it away. He receives about 2,000 letters a day asking for money. He is 93. At the time of the bank moratorium he was caught in Florida without funds.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

LAST year the total income of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was $921,953,101, which is a lot of money. Payments to the policy-holders amounted to $562,804,651, and a blind man can figure the difference between the two. The amount paid in death benefits was $151,262,286.

Japanese "Retirement Money"

IN JAPAN, when employees are discharged, they receive two months' pay, called "retirement money". The American manager of the Japanese plant of the Singer Sewing Machine Company ignored this custom, and the Japanese workers wrecked his plant and destroyed records of installment sales, which will cost the company hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The Carlsbad Cavern

THE Carlsbad (N. Mex.) cavern contains the largest room in the world. It is a mile and a half in circumference, in one place is 625 feet wide, and has a ceiling 358 feet high. Twenty-one miles of the great rooms and corridors of the cavern have been surveyed, and several more miles explored. Will Rogers referred to it as "the Grand Canyon with a roof on it".

Lloyd George's Outlook on the World

LLOYD GEORGE, looking out over the world, says: "I should describe the countries of the world as rolling aimlessly in heavy seas with rigging wrecked, their hulls leaking fast—without a chart beneath a starless sky. Whither? No one can tell, because no one knows. New captains look wise and promise that all will be well, now that they are on the bridge. I hope they are right."

Canadian Church Joins Federal Council

THE United Church of Canada, with 2,106,000 communicants, joined the Federal Council of Churches of America on May 5. The dates of Judge Rutherford's recent broadcasts were April 16, 23, 30. Wonder if there is any connection between these two facts. Also, since the fusion of the two bodies, Hector Charlesworth stated he thinks it will not be long before the United States will be following Canada's lead on the handling of radio matters. Haman is surely on the job. Read the book of Esther, all of it, especially chapters 3 and 4.

Kind to Their Relatives

IT CANNOT be said that members of the national house of representatives are unkind to their relatives. Eighty-eight members had in their offices persons who happened to have the same surname as their own, and all these were on the government pay roll. How many others were uncles and cousins and aunts, to say nothing of wifey's relatives, will never be known.

Largest Output of Gold

THE production of gold last year, 23,911,000 ounces, valued at $494,240,370, is the greatest in the history of the world, and perhaps is the highest it will ever be. The excess is laid to the unemployment, which has driven thousands to seek for gold even if they obtained but enough to pay for their food. A schoolboy in Spokane cleaned up $3,000 in the season.

Scrip Widely Used in South

SCRIP is being widely used in the South; Knoxville, Atlanta, Selma, Roanoke, Richmond and Dothan are some of the cities. Dothan uses the 3c-stamp system, whereby a stamp is attached to the note before each transaction. When thirty-six transactions have occurred, and the note for $1 bears thirty-six stamps, the scrip is redeemable at face value.

Chinese Soldiers Frozen to Death

IN DRIVING Chinese soldiers out of Manchuria in February, the Japanese beseiged 380 upon a mountain top. Intensely cold weather came on. The Japanese retired; the Chinese, clad in light summer clothing, remained. When the Japanese got ready to resume fighting there was nothing to fight. The Chinese had all frozen to death.

Brave (?) Representative Clancy

AT WASHINGTON, D.C., Representative Clancy speaking. He called attention to the fact that in Detroit 150,000 men had been out of work two years, that they had 700,000 women and children dependent upon them, and were absolutely desperate. Clancy wanted something done. For the starving men, women and children? Bless you, No! That would take too much money. He wanted more money spent on the Reserve Corps. Hungry men are liable to get restless, you know, and if they do, well, it is best to be prepared.

$250,000 for a New Potato

SO ANXIOUS is the government to help the farmers, and so anxious are some of the government experts to keep their jobs, that a new form of potato, the Katahdin, has been developed at a total cost of $250,000. Meantime the farmer that is being dispossessed because he could not sell his old potatoes is wondering just what good the Katahdin will ever be to him.

Supporting the Government

THE wage-earners support the government. They maintain 3,400,000 officeholders, with a pay roll footing up to $5,752,000,000 a year. The federal government alone now has 25,000 different ways in which it spends the taxpayers' money. Many of these expenditures are of direct benefit only to certain special interests. A third of all the workers earn goes for taxes.

Navajos Wanted to Help Uncle Sam

NAVAJO Indians, in the Black mountains of New Mexico, when they heard of the banking holiday, in March, sent a messenger posthaste to find out if Uncle Sam was in trouble. Learning something of the situation, they came in to the trading posts in large numbers, buying freely and paying for their purchases in gold. They wanted to do what they could to help.

Removing Burdens

ADVOCATES of a sales tax state that such a tax would be applied at a uniform rate to all sales, and would make possible the repeal of all income and property taxes, thus removing intolerable burdens from real estate and from capital earned or inherited. All of which would be very nice for those who have real estate or capital.

Letting Little Children Suffer

LABOR (Washington) expresses surpise that "an ordained clergyman", a member of the District of Columbia school board, vigorously opposed a proposal to furnish hot lunches to destitute children, even though $5,000 was tendered for that purpose. It is estimated that there are 5,000 undernourished children attending Washington schools. It seems the "ordained clergyman" has misunderstood Jesus' words, "Suffer little children to come unto me." He probably got the idea that they should be allowed to suffer.

False Teeth in Cæsar's Day

ONE of the Roman poets writes of removable teeth which were then in vogue. He did not seem to think highly of them, which is a high and mighty way that people have of showing contempt for something they do not need. While false teeth are not beauty bringers, they are a lot better than vacancies in the jaw, or snags that look like a garbage dump.

Metal Fasteners for Timber Joints

MUCH progress has been made recently in the development and use of metal fasteners for timber joints, permitting factory fabrication of railroad bridges and roof trusses similar to steel construction. In Germany last August a wooden radio tower 460 feet high was erected in which the metal joint-fasteners were used.

South American Sunday School Exhibits

NOSEY reporters have been watching the Panama canal and have seen consignments of aerial bombs and explosives transshipped to the Colombia minister of war, and machine guns and ammunition transshipped to Peru; but both Colombia and Peru are members of the League of Nations and have signed the Kellogg Peace Pact that war is a crime.

Police Afraid in Germany

AN AMERICAN returned from Germany is quoted as saying: "There is no protection for anyone who dares to oppose the Brown Shirts. Even a policeman standing on a street corner within sight or hearing of some incident will turn his back so as not to be a witness and, in my own experience, will advise others not to interfere."

Ominous Breach Between Britain and Germany

AT THIS writing there is an ominous breach between Britain and Germany, and anything is liable to happen. Frankly, the British do not like the Nazi régime, and the Nazi envoy, though himself a gentleman, was practically run out of Britain by the extreme antagonism the Nazi movement has aroused in the minds of the liberty-loving British. In Britain and France there is a great deal of ominous talk on the inevitability of another war to prove to the Nazi youth how badly their parents were whipped in the great war that was to end war.

Low but Still High Power Rates

POWER rates in Washington, D.C., are lower than in most other American cities, but still too high. So states a House committee which has investigated the subject. A municipally-owned power plant would save $4,000,000 annually and pay for itself in 25 years, while under private ownership capital charges continue indefinitely.

Tupelo, New Albany and Memphis

IN TUPELO, Mississippi, profits from the municipal electric light system have built the water system and reduced the public debt. In New Albany, Mississippi, profits from the municipal electric light plant have paved all the streets of the city. And yet residents of these cities pay less for their power than the citizens of Memphis.

Life Expectation of Women

AT BIRTH a female baby has a better chance of reaching old age than a boy baby, by 2½ years. The life expectancy at birth, in Australia and in the United States, is 63 years; in Sweden, Norway and Denmark it is 59; in England, Holland, France and Switzerland it gradually scales down from 55 to 52; in Germany it is 48; in Japan 44, and in India 23.

Japan Recognized Manchuria as Part of China

ONE of the reasons Japan gave Russia for going to war with her in 1904 was stated in the following language, in a dispatch from Tokio, February 7: "Successive refusals of the imperial government of Russia to make any engagement with respect to the territorial integrity of China in Manchuria." The idea that Manchukuo is anything more than a Japanese puppet state is silly.

Religious Clearing House at Pittsburgh

THE Pittsburgh *Post Gazette* is a sort of clearing house of religious information. In a recent issue, in the same column, and adjoining one another, were stories of a Philadelphia pastor who can do 300 tricks of black magic and a Kansas City pastor who had a red-hot jazz band playing in his pulpit. A third interesting item, about an old-fashioned preacher that preached the plain Word of God, was omitted because they could not locate him and it was not certain whether it happened or not.

The Hearst "Buy American" Campaign

THE Hearst "Buy American" campaign was getting along nicely, and then along came a University of Chicago student, soaked a label off a roll of paper at the Hearst plant at Chicago, and found beneath the black smear that it was made by the Lake St. John Power and Paper Company, Limited, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

One-Cent Luncheons at Kelley, Iowa

AT KELLEY, Iowa, the school janitor last year tilled a garden so skillfully, and the products of the garden were so efficiently canned by the home economics class, that the pupils had hot lunches every school day during the winter at a cost of one cent each. The surplus vegetables not needed for soups were traded for milk and cocoa.

Marked Decline in Tourist Travel

FROM 1929 to 1932 the number of Americans visiting France declined from 296,000 to 143,000; the number of British from 881,000 to 522,000; the number of South Americans from 150,000 to 20,000; the number of Spanish from 350,000 to 120,000, and the number of Germans from 35,000 to 6,500. The total from all countries declined from 1,911,000 to 944,000.

Southern California Grand Circle Tour

THE Southern California Grand Circle Tour is 500 miles over concrete highways, Los Angeles, Long Beach, La Jolla, San Diego, Calexico, Mexicali, Imperial Valley, Palm Springs, Riverside, Pomona and Pasadena. It is claimed that this tour, which includes scenery comparable to the Riviera, Deauville, the Alps, the valley of the Nile, and the date lands of Arabia, is equal to a trip around the world.

The Archbishop's Fateful "Blessing"

THE blessings of the archbishop of Canterbury are akin in results to those of the pope. He made it a particular point to bless a new trim little vessel, the Southern Cross VI, that was to have been used in missionary work in the Solomon Islands. The vessel got all the way to New Zealand but never arrived at her destination, piling up on a reef off the New Hebrides, a total loss. The crew miraculously escaped death, but the $100,000 vessel was completely destroyed, with all of its contents.

British and American Banks

BRITISH banks are managed by trained men; their investments are confined to commercial paper easily liquidated; they are not allowed to speculate on the stock market; they employ outside auditors; they have no failures. In the past twelve years 10,738 American banks have failed, with deposits totaling $5,008,324,000.

The "American Banker's" Joke

IN AN article entitled "Bedtime Story" the *American Banker* explains that it is the gold standard (which means that for every 100 cents in silver and paper money, we have forty cents in gold) and the Government's guarantee to redeem gold bonds and certificates, and like things, in gold, that makes this a wonderful country.

Broke into the Bank of England

FOUND by a night watchman in the supposedly impregnable Bank of England, a laborer pointed out that he had entered by an open window, to which he also pointed. Seems like an odd circumstance, all around. The British do things differently than we do here in America. Several thousand of them have given up their pensions, to help the government.

Locations of Big Banks

OF THE banks in the United States having deposits of more than $100,000,000, thirteen are in New York city, five each in Chicago and San Francisco, three in Cleveland, two each in Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Detroit and St. Louis, and one each in Providence, Brooklyn, Newark, Buffalo and Los Angeles. Out of the total deposits of $14,523,306,000 in these forty-one banks on December 31, 1932, more than half, or $7,755,361,000, were in the fifteen banks in New York city, Brooklyn and Newark.

Los Angeles' Great Dust Storm

LOS ANGELES boasts a dust storm in which it is estimated 1,600,000 tons of dust settled over the city. Assayers analyzed the dust. They estimated that the total amount contained gold worth $56,000, silver worth $8,000, and fertilizers worth $240,000. Half of it was silica, and the other half was made up of aluminum oxide, iron oxide, magnesia, quicklime, potassium sulphate, potash, soda, chromium, nickel and borax.

Transmission of Facsimile Telegrams

FOR several years facsimile telegrams have been regularly transmitted in several European countries, notably France. The Radio Corporation of America, recently censured for its trust activities, has made application to the Federal Radio Commission for the right to install and operate facsimile transmission of telegrams in America.

Houston's Capuchin Monk

HOUSTON, Texas, has a lady capuchin monk, one with a tail. She was captured in South America, cowl and all. Five times recently she escaped from her cage, and on three of these occasions made straight for a church, looking for other capuchins, no doubt, but she headed the wrong way. The churches she visited were Methodist and Episcopal.

Blessing Parrots, Cats and Calves

WE have heard of blessing dogs and horses, but in Los Angeles a Roman Catholic priest blessed all kinds of domestic animals, including parrots, cats, calves, horses and dogs. If the dog that was blessed had fleas then the fleas were blessed too, at so much per bless. The money comes hard, and today it is anything whatever to get even a quarter away from its possessor.

Mettur Dam, South India

THE Mettur dam, South India, will be completed in September, 1934, and will comprise the largest block of masonry in the world. The cement alone for this job, the largest dam in the British Empire, cost £700,000. There will be a waterfall of 95 feet over a width of 630 feet. The dam will make a million acres of land fertile by irrigation.

Investments in Life Insurance

ANALYZING a statement by one of the great life insurance companies, a man of ability, a physician, widely experienced in financial affairs, calculated for us that 44 percent of its investments are worthless, 43 percent are not good, and 13 percent are O.K. Railroad bonds make expensive wall paper. And, by the way, it is claimed that one official, endowed with adequate authority, could save the railroads $100,000,000 to $150,000,000 a year now wasted in duplicated facilities and services.

Energy Value of Oranges

THE energy value of two oranges is the same as of one slice of bread, but the orange juice is immediately available for the system, where the bread requires several hours to digest. Additionally, the lime and alkaline salts in the orange juice are very valuable in clearing the blood, building bone and combating the effects of a sedentary life.

Good Biscuits from Lumber and Air

AT THE Bergius laboratories in Heidelberg, Germany, good biscuits are now made from lumber and air, and all need for human starvation is now definitely at an end. Sugar is extracted from the wood and dissolved with mixed nitrogen salts from the air, as well as phosphoric salts and yeast. The process is said to be not more expensive than bread baking.

New Economies in Rayon Manufacture

THERE are new economies in rayon manufacture, and therefore new terrors to cotton and silk growers. The new process permits the spinning, washing, drying and twisting of yarn in one continuous operation, taking only three minutes to transfer dissolved cellulose into finished yarn. The costs are cut to less than half.

70,000 Die in Chinese Earthquake

SEVENTY thousand persons died in an earthquake at Kaotai, China, on December 26, 1932. Seismographs throughout the world plainly recorded the earthquake, but details of the catastrophe did not reach the outside world until forty-eight days afterward. The only direct communication with the district is by camel caravan.

Young Insull Well Cared For

THE tens of thousands of Americans who lost all their savings in the Insull utilities smash will be interested to know that in 1930 Samuel Insull, Jr., received $106,000 in salaries from his father's utility concerns, and in 1931 received $113,000. Last year the pickings were less, but his average for the three years is still greater than the salary of the president of the United States. It seems that the Insull utility ship is being salvaged by part of the crew that was on board when it was wrecked. Looks like 100% efficiency.

Serums Kill Babies

A DISPATCH from Kansas City, in the Cleveland *Press* of March 3, says that physicians there blamed contaminated measles serum for the deaths of Edward Tilgham Connell and Rosalie Thornton Gill, both two years old, at a local hospital. Seems too bad to have to kill the babies, but the serum manufacturers are demanding an outlet for their products, and expect the doctors to help make trade. The doctors get something for it, too.

Chinese Overrunning Oceania

THE *Pacific Islands Monthly* for December, 1932, states that Chinese traders are overrunning all the islands of Oceania. As fast as an island is safe for trading the Chinese come in and take the trade, because the low living standards of the Chinese enable them to cut European prices to pieces. In the easterly groups there are thousands of Chinese-Polynesian half-castes, and it is claimed that they are an attractive, clever and adaptable people.

Millions of Dollars in Gold Exported

GOLD amounting to millions of dollars daily was being shipped out of the United States just before the bank holiday was declared. The day just preceding that memorable holiday gold totaling 116,000,000 dollars was either shipped abroad or "earmarked for foreign interests". These transactions were being conducted with considerable secrecy. The president's proclamation placed a temporary embargo on gold exports.

Utility Scandals in Sunshine State

NEW MEXICO people are disturbed over the fact that some of their public utility systems have cleared up as much as 3,700 percent profit over the original cost. In one case the lawyers for one of the utilities, in order to get a franchise, admitted that the State Corporation Commission would have the power to regulate the company's rates, and after the franchise was obtained the same lawyers argued that the same commission had no right to regulate their rates, and the State Supreme Court upheld their contention. The justices who made that decision will certainly not have to work any more, and when they die it will no doubt be found that they leave large blocks of utility stocks to their widows.

Gloria's Expensive Tonsils

GLORIA VANDERBILT, nine-year-old daughter of the late Reggie Vanderbilt, is allowed $1,000 a week to defray her necessary expenses, but that is not quite enough to take care of anything extra, so, here a while back, when she had her tonsils out, an extra sum of $7,250 was necessary to take care of the situation. Meantime, be sure to see your doctor twice a year.

Boy of Twelve Saves Mother's Life

SIX miles out in the country north of Sudbury, Ontario, a lad's mother was dying of pleurisy, the doctors would not come without $10 down payment, and the lad had no $10. He had something better. He had manhood. With a razor blade he deftly made an incision in his mother's back and let out over a quart of fluid, and the best of it was that the mother got well without the doctors.

Cuban Conditions Reversed in Thirty-five Years

THIRTY-FIVE years ago the United States engaged in war with Spain to free Cuba from military rule. The United States was at that time a republic and Spain was a monarchy. Today Cuba is under a military rule so severe that over 2500 persons opposed to it are said to have been slain, 40 of them by a single police official. What a dreadful condition the whole world is in!

British and American Governments Acted as One

CLARENCE K. STREIT, League of Nations correspondent to the New York *Times,* is authority for the statement that, at least during the Hoover administration, it was often the case that the statesmen of Great Britain appeared to speak for the American government, and that other of the great powers viewed these two with suspicion as attempting between them to dominate the world.

Women in the New Administration

WOMEN have been signally honored in the new administration. Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor, is the first woman to hold a cabinet appointment. She is experienced and capable. Mrs. Nellie Ross, former governor of Wyoming, as United States treasurer, will have her name on all of Uncle Sam's money. Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, as minister to Denmark, is the first woman ambassador.

An Avalanche of Failures

WITHIN the past few months there has been an avalanche of failures. Some of the oldest and most reputable concerns in the country, the Studebaker Company, National Surety Company, Louis K. Liggett Company, Brentano's bookshops, have been unable to keep the pace. The list is interminable. And it will be longer before it is shorter.

Stove Enameling Poisons Thousands

ENAMELED stoves are all the go. Millions of them are in use and millions more will be made. Many of the enamels used contain lead and poison the women who do the enameling. In Britain there are special safeguards to protect enamelers. They seem to be largely missing in America. Young workers are more susceptible to lead poisoning than older ones. Women are made sterile by it.

Religious Excitement at Pomeroy

THERE is great religious excitement at Pomeroy, Ohio. Reverend Floyd W. Dick was arrested charged with writing worthless checks; Reverend Henry Dye was fined for drunkenness; Reverend H. L. Henthorne was fined for operating a large sedan with license plates issued for a smaller car; and Reverend J. C. Ward was jailed for stealing chickens. Collections are slow and the business is badly run down.

Farm Bill Should Check Erosion Somewhat

APPLICATION of the new Farm Bill should operate to check erosion somewhat by letting some hard-worked soils have much needed rest. Today nearly a third of the land under cultivation in the United States has lost most of the original topsoil, and most of the rest is suffering considerably from the same cause. In thousands of places gullies have been worn to the bed rock; in thousands of other places the farmers are now subsoil farmers, getting meager crops. Many ponds have been silted up and the fish destroyed; many fertile fields have been covered with gravel and sand. In Kansas the windstorms have in many places blown the topsoil away. It is estimated that erosion takes twenty-one times as much away from the soil every year as is taken by cropping. Uncle Sam is now studying the erosion problem at ten field stations.

England's Naughty Tithe Resisters

ENGLAND'S naughty tithe resisters lead the auctioneers a dog's life. One will bid $2,500 for a cow, and then when the auctioneer calls for the bidder he will testify that he has but 16c to his name. Or a group of men will allow bidding to progress until it stops, and when the auctioneer calls for the one who made the last bid a dozen men will all claim to have done so. Oftentimes the auctioneer is plastered with mud while running up the sales.

Fosdick Has the Right Idea

REVEREND DR. HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, of Riverside church, New York, is reported as having recently said:

"Christians never were meant to be respectable. The Master was not. They crucified Him between thieves. He was maladjusted to the *status quo*. We, however, though we use His name, are so unlike Him that no wonder we do not remind people of Him. And at no point are we more unlike Him than in our conventional, easy-going respectability."

Cost of World War

THE cost of the World War was $340,000,000,000, of which amount $51,000,000,000 was expended by the United States. The resultant benefits to mankind have been of about the value of a sack of peanut shucks. There are probably not more than 340,000,000 homes in the world, and their average value is probably less than $1,000. In other words, for the sake of murdering one another, the world has shown that it is willing to burn up the house in which it lives, and live out in the open, without shelter.

"The Poor Souls' Friend"

A BRITISH publication, *The Universe,* carries an advertisement urging its readers, "Do not forget the Dead." That seems like a generous and noble thought. But it goes on to say that we should write for particulars to know how we can do something for the relief of the souls in purgatory, addressing Superior, Syon Abbey, South Brent, South Devon. The thing that disturbs us is to know why we should have to write to Great Britain to get in touch with some person that designates himself as "Superior", in matters of this kind. How do we know he is superior? Maybe he wants money; and if he does, right in the midst of this depression, he has got to furnish positive proofs that he can do what he says or he won't get it.

May Be Just a Coincidence

ABOUT the middle of March Lloyd George expressed the thought that if peace is to be preserved there will have to be one great central conference, and that it might well be presided over by the pope and held in Rome. A month later the pope intimated that he has definite hopes of winning over the British Anglican church to union with Rome. This may be just a coincidence, or it may be something more. We shall see, in due time.

Memphis Clergyman Confesses

REVEREND JOHN CLARENCE PETRIE, Memphis, Tennessee, in a letter to the Memphis *Appeal,* made the interesting observation:

"If we parsons went out into the streets of Memphis and really told the truth we not only would empty our churches completely but we would be mobbed."

Reverend Petrie did not mention what the parsons were telling the people instead of the truth, but we can guess.

Achievements of the Negro

AMERICAN Negroes own 700,000 homes and 200,000 farms; they operate 700,000 farms as tenants. They own 22,000,000 acres of land, an area as large as all of New England excepting Maine. They conduct 70,000 business enterprises, in more than 200 lines. Among these are 40 insurance companies, employing 8,000 people, and 51 banks. In the United States there are 68 cities, towns and villages populated and governed entirely by Negroes.

Superstitions About Baptism

THE hold that superstitions about baptism have on the people was illustrated at Newnan, Ga., recently where a Catholic mother gave premature birth to a child not expected to live. Frightened lest a loving God would consign her child to limbo for all eternity because she could get no priest to mumble a few words over it and sprinkle some water in its face, she finally got a Baptist minister to do it for her. The whole performance in the eyes of Almighty God amounted to exactly nothing. The child had no faith and could not believe anything, and was therefore not a candidate for baptism in any sense of the word. It shows the superstitious hold that the clergy still possess on the minds of the people in some parts.

Worst in the World

WM. G. MCADOO, one-time secretary of the treasury, said in a recent speech that the credit structure of the United States is a disgraceful failure and that he knew nothing worse in the whole world than the American banking system. Being unable to improve upon this remark we refrain from making comment. Thomas W. Lamont, a partner of J. P. Morgan, said, "No civilized country of modern times has suffered so cruelly from unscientific and inefficient currency and banking systems as has the United States in the last 145 years."

Wicker Tired of Being Calm

AT A SESSION of the Columbus (Ohio) Ministers' Association Reverend Rufus Wicker stirred his comrades mightily when he said, as reported:

"For the past three and a half years the American people, ministers included, have been willing to follow the dictates and slogans of high officials in Washington, such as 'Keep cool with Coolidge', 'Don't stand up now, you'll rock the boat,' and at present are heeding the 'Be Calm' slogans being spread in newspapers and in other fashion as a help to the present banking condition. The time has come for ministers to get up on their hind legs and howl."

Tried and Found Wanting

ON HIS seventieth birthday Lloyd George delivered himself of a speech in which he said, in part:

"The existing industrial, financial and economic order, with its blind and cruel greed, with its extravagance and its poverty, its luxuries and its miseries, its waste and its chaos, with its tens of millions of honest workers reduced to eating the bread of charity whilst the riches of Providence are rotting in the fields because they are not permitted to reach the needy; with its slums where no humane man would house his cattle, with its nations organizing to starve and slaughter each other—this system has been tried and found wanting."

Mellon Institute in Seven Years

IN SEVEN years the Mellon Institute has succeeded in bringing forth three sentences about aluminum: "(1) Aluminum is not a poisonous metal and does not give rise to any disease. (2) Aluminum utensils are very resistant to corrosion by foodstuffs cooked therein. (3) Aluminum does not accelerate the destruction of vitamins or other food accessory substances during cooking." How would you like to hire a clerk to do something and have him take seven years to do it so badly? The clerk should have written that in seven minutes, and it would have had just as little sense to it as it has now.

"Drive Out the Money-Changers"

UNDER this heading the Philadelphia *Record* says, significantly, "The new president is sincere and able, but unfortunately he hasn't had time to throw out the same financial advisers that misled the Hoover administration to its ruin. The president has promised to drive the money-changers out of the control of the government, but Mills, Meyer, Ballantine, S. Parker Gilbert, and the rest of the Wall Street crowd are still making their headquarters in the treasury, under the pretense of advising the new secretary. That's the reason the *Record* is fearful for the fate of the nation."

"Christianity in a Decadent Civilization"

REVEREND DOCTOR REINHOLD NIEBUHR, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, lecturing at Yale Divinity School, made a close approach to the truth when he said:

"The civilization and culture in which mankind is living will perish through the very miracle of productivity which it helped to create. The unequal distribution of wealth is slowly undermining the stability of our civilization. It creates unemployment for millions; and the competition of unemployed with those who are employed further debases the living standards of the latter. This tendency of a machine civilization to make profit-seeking an end in itself will not only destroy it, but it produces individuals who are incapable of saving it from disaster."

In the Polish Ukraine

THE Manchester *Guardian* contains three columns narrating the horrible persecutions of Ukrainians in the Polish Ukraine in the year 1932 and says there are enough to fill a volume. Children twelve to fourteen years of age have been in prison for a year; prisoners have had their hair pulled out; they have been beaten on the soles of their feet, on the stomach, and on the stretched throat; held up head downward and put to the water torture. On September 28 five students were arrested charged with setting fires at Jaworow. They were tortured by the police until, as alleged, they made a full confession. Thereafter the real culprit, a half-witted person, was discovered, but the innocent students who were forced to confess are still held in prison.

Higher Criticism Discredited

SIR CHARLES MARSTON, British scholar and financier, referring to the results now being obtained by archæological expeditions throughout the East, said: "The results to date of these expeditions have all tended to discredit this higher criticism of the Bible and so far as they have gone have proved that the Bible narratives, that is, the narratives of the earlier books of the Old Testament in which the expeditions were mainly interested, have a great deal more to be said for them than has been commonly supposed, revealing many details of these narratives as accurate historically."

Queen Anne's Bounty

QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY, the name of the law in England under which one-tenth of all a farmer raises goes to the support of the church, is meeting with strong opposition in its enforcement. The house of an auctioneer was tarred and feathered from roof to ground. The farmers are refusing to make bids of anything more than a few pence for goods; sample bids are 2d. for a pig and 1d. for a sheep. After the sale, as in America, the goods are returned by the buyers to the distrained farmers. The farmers that hitherto have been the mainstay of the church are getting to hate it.

Hymn of the Tithe Resisters

THE hymn of the tithe resisters of Wales, composed for the occasion, is sung to the tune of "Old Hundred", and goes:

> "God save us from these raiding priests
> Who seize our crops and steal our beasts;
> Who pray, 'Give us our daily bread,'
> And take it from our mouths instead."

On the occasion at Wrexham, where the hymn was first used, the farmer offered his children for sale, stating that if the church sold his stock to satisfy their lust for money, they might as well sell his children, as he could no longer keep them.

The Comite des Forges

FROM an article in the *New Outlook* it seems that the Comite des Forges, of France, largely owned by the De Wendels, has for a generation been one of the principal trouble-makers of the world. Like the Vickers Armstrong Company, of Britain, it connives at wars and discords in any part of the world where there may be an outlet for its products. During the World War it restrained the French government from injuring its works in Lorraine, from which works airplane material and possibly airplane parts were sent to Germany via Switzerland. It controls a large section of the French press, leading a reviewer in the Toronto *Mail and Empire* to say, "If the French people generally are dependent upon their newspapers for the truth about politics and international affairs they are surely hardly less ignorant of them than the Eskimos."

Reverend Robinson's Lutheran Wallop

REVEREND FELIX G. ROBINSON, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church-by-the-Sea, Long Beach, L. I., a young man of 34, has what is known as the Lutheran Wallop. He tried this out on a member of his flock, 68 years of age, the president of the church board, at the Sunday morning "service", February 19, and being a broad-shouldered, heavy-set man, he made a great hit. He blacked both eyes of the aged man, besides giving him contusions over the right eye and lacerations of the forehead. He did this in church just before he was to preach on "What the Church Ought to Be". It is believed that Reverend Robinson could have put even more marks on a man three times his age, 102, than he did on this man that is twice his age, 68. The Lutheran Wallop is a powerful wallop. The congregation was greatly edified; also the police.

Pointed Paragraphs by President Roosevelt

SOME interesting paragraphs from President Roosevelt's forthcoming book follow:

It is common sense to take a method and try it; if it fails, admit it frankly and try another. But above all, try something. The millions who are in want will not stand by silently forever while the things to satisfy their needs are within easy reach.

Two-thirds of American industry is concentrated in a few hundred corporations and actually managed by not more than 5,000 men. More than half of the savings of the country are invested in corporation stocks and bonds, which have been made the sport of the American stock market.

The reason we can not take advantage of our own possibilities is because many selfish interests in control of light and power industries have not been sufficiently far-sighted to establish rates low enough to encourage widespread public use.

Ninety percent of unemployment is wholly without the fault of the worker.

Catholic Ban Against Hitlerites Lifted

THOUGH Hitler, Germany's dictator, is nominally a Catholic, yet the Nazis (National Socialists), of which he is the head, have been under the ban of the church until recently. The ban was lifted March 28, but is still effective to the extent that National Socialists are barred from Catholic burial. The Jews in Germany and Austria are having a hard time, all the power of the Nazis being used against them in boycotts and otherwise. Censorship is in force in Germany at the time this is written.

"Out of Thine Own Mouth"

IN THE effort to satisfy a critic Reverend Dr. F. W. Kerr, pastor of St. Andrew's United church, Westmount, Montreal, Canada, made the following remarkable admissions:

"The program of Jesus looks so unlikely on the surface that people have refused to risk it. But we are beginning to wonder if we have not made a tragic mistake. We have tried the 'war' way; perhaps we shall have to try turning the other cheek. We have tried the way of self-assertive aggressiveness; perhaps we shall come in the end to the way of meekness. We have tried the way of every man scrambling for himself and letting the Devil take the poor beggar who loses out in the scramble; perhaps we may be driven to accept the principle that if one member suffers the whole body is in terrific danger of pain and death. All this looks as if there are ultimate laws that keep driving us toward the way of Jesus as the only way of saving ourselves."

What Is Expected of Roosevelt

A. J. CUMMINGS, in the London *News Chronicle,* tells what is expected of President Roosevelt:

"America presents today a picture of despair that leaves the world agape with incredulous astonishment. With her fourteen million unemployed on the brink of actual starvation; her sinking credit; her falling dollar; her ruined export trade; her bankrupt States and great cities; her thousands of bank crashes; her huge budget deficit; her fantastic real estate indebtedness; the hopeless insolvency of her agriculture, saddled with mortgages equivalent to a burden of some 30,000 million dollars; her countless gangs of lawless ruffians; her chaos of counsel; her crude, rigid Constitution and her utter lack of resiliency in face of a national disaster—these are the chief elements in a domestic situation which President Roosevelt is expected by a desperate but not yet wholly disillusioned people to conquer. This American situation, though millions of Americans still refuse to admit it, is inextricably bound up with the world's situation."

Squeezing the Little Man to Death

TWENTY-TWO independent dealers in Baltimore paid more taxes than 135 chain stores operated by one corporation. In Baltimore, as elsewhere, when a small gasoline dealer gets to doing a fair business the locality is checked by one of the big companies, which builds a station on the opposite corner and by secret rebates and so-called 'courtesy cards' proceeds to take it away from the little man as easily as a 200-pound man would choke a child to death.

Horning In on Roshotsky's Business

IT SEEMS that Israel Roshotsky, sixty-three years of age, had had a monopoly of all the hired praying business done in the Bayside Jewish Cemetery for twenty-five years. Then David Ross, a year older, and who should have known better, tried to get in on the racket. Israel got mad and threw rocks at David, but whether this was while David was praying, or in between praying jobs, is not stated. Then David got mad and had Israel arrested, but the case was thrown out of court. Seems as if Brooklynites who are engaged in the praying business ought not to get mad as these two men did, and, anyway, they ought not to throw rocks at one another. Nobody can pray right, at least those that hire him cannot get their money's worth, if while he is praying somebody socks him on the block with a rock.

American Security Owners Association

IT IS common knowledge that 1 percent of the people of the United States own 60 percent of the wealth; the public utilities have helped greatly in bringing this disastrous situation about; they have helped take everything in the country out of the hands of the people and put it into the hands of the 1 percent. In April, when the national House of Representatives had passed a bill transferring $26,000,000 in taxes from the consumers to the utility companies, and it looked as if the United States Senate might concur, the president of the American Security Owners' Association circularized the members, giving the names and addresses of all the United States senators and urging great haste in communicating with them to the end that no such patriotic act of justice and relief should be passed. The big men, who have most to lose, seem the most determined to lose what they have left.

This "Holy Year" 1933 *By Peter Winkel (Iowa)*

(To be chanted to the tune of "Et Tu Petrus")

THIS year was made a "Holy Year"
And Catholics from far and near
Are asked to come to Rome.
The pope has issued a decree
That's binding on his flock, you see,
And none should stay at home.

We wonder as we contemplate
Why Ratti thus did designate
This Nineteen Thirty-three.
If I were asked to make a guess
I'd say that things are in a mess;
He's short of cash, you see.

It takes about nine million bucks
To feed the pope, and all his crooks;
And that's a lot of dough.
It used to be an easy job
To get these shekels from the mob;
But now no more, by Joe!

Depression's hit 'most everyone;
Collecting dollars ain't the fun
It used to be of yore.
Some "special scheme" must now be found
To make the Catholic wheels go round
Or she may rule no more.

The show that Ratti's going to give
Will long within your memory live,
If you will cross the deep.
He's going to show the skull of Paul,
And at the bones of old King Saul
They'll let you take a peep.

They also have a rusty nail
That held our Savior to the rail,
When He was crucified.
A sliver of the cross you'll see,
Some clothing that He wore, maybe(?),
When on the cross He died.

If you have done some things "taboo"
And conscience now is both'ring you,
Just sail for Italy's shore.
For all the "holy things" you'll see
They'll charge a big stiff entrance fee,
But sins you'll have no more.

This graft is called a "Christian Church";
She's occupied a lofty perch
For fifteen hundred years.
The time has come when she must go;
She's brought the people only woe
And oceans full of tears.

'Tis Lucifer that's been the Boss;
He's caused the people all this loss
And war and sin and strife.
Jehovah God has now decreed
That Jesus Christ the world shall lead
To righteousness and life.

The biggest battle of the age
Will soon in all its fury rage,
God's name to vindicate.
The angels of the Lord will kill
All who oppose Jehovah's will
And righteousness do hate.

The Lord will slay this dev'lish crowd
And all the haughty, rich and proud
That selfish power seek.
The only ones that will survive
This battle, and come out alive,
Will be the kind and meek.

The Lord will then with power reign,
Abolish war and death and pain,
And health and peace restore.
The rulers at that time will be
God-fearing men of old, who'll see
That graft will rule no more.

When peace has thus been ushered in,
And man been purged of greed and sin,
Big miracles they'll see.
The dead will come back from the grave,
No more for popes and kings to slave,
And happy they will be.

They'll have the opportunity
To live on earth eternally,
And thankfulness to show.
But those who hate this glorious deal
And like to rob and rule and steal,
Beneath the sod they'll go.

Christ thus will change this earthly globe,
And clothe it with a glorious robe
It never wore before.
The earth will then with music ring
And all men praise JEHOVAH, King,
For ever, evermore.

The Habiliments of Men

THE essential habiliments of men are shirts and coats; these two garments he cannot well get along without; they do for women as well as for men; they go back to the beginning of the race. Adam and Eve made their first (partial) shirts out of fig leaves; their first coats were made by Jehovah God.

It was not long before somebody discovered that he could get along better among the thistles and thorns, and make better headway over the sharp stones, if he had skins fitted over his feet: shoes. Abram refused to take from the king of Sodom so much as a shoelatchet; they both had shoes and shoestrings, and they also had shirts and coats.

It was a requirement of the law that Aaron's sons should wear linen hats and linen breeches. This is the only place in the Bible where these articles of dress are mentioned. The "hosen" and "hats" in which Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were bound were neither hose nor hats; they were gowns and mantles. A gown is a shirt, and a mantle is a coat.

Our ancestors went barelegged; the first knitting machine was invented in 1589. When they got so they knew how to knit, they knit two kinds of stockings, the upper stocks and the nether stocks. The upper stocks became breeches, and the nether stocks became hosiery. Trousers and pantaloons grew from long stockings, and date from about A.D. 1660.

As to underwear, that is very recent indeed. An undershirt is simply an under shirt; and drawers are trousers. A waistcoat (vest) is an armless and tailless coat. An overcoat is merely a coat large enough to go over another coat. A woman's dress is merely a pretty shirt. A skirt is merely the lower part of a shirt.

The Two Essential Garments

The two essential garments of Bible times and of every time are the shirt and the coat. Translations have confused the two. Joseph's "coat of many colors" was a "kethoneth", probably a sleeveless shirt, reaching to the knee. Aaron's "embroidered coat" was a tunic similarly made. This was the "garment of divers colours" that poor little Tamar wore, "for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled."—2 Samuel 13:18.

It is of this garment that the Lord Jesus spoke when He said, "If any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, . . ." (Matthew 5:40) It is of it also that He commanded that the disciples sent out to preach His gospel should "not put on two coats" (Mark 6:9), on the ground that "the workman is worthy of his meat" (Matthew 10:10), and God would see to it that they had what they needed to do His work. This is "the coat . . . without seam, woven from the top throughout" (John 19:23) which constituted the garment next to the Lord's own body, and for which the soldiers that crucified Him cast lots.

It was this inner garment that the high priest rent in his fury when Jesus, in answer to his question, said to him, "I am [the Christ, the Son of the Blessed]: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven." (Mark 14:61-63) It is easy to visualize the devilish expression on the face of this son of the Devil as he wrenched a hole in his own shirt because of his anger. He could hardly wait to see the Lord murdered.

It is of this garment that the apostle Jude speaks cryptically when he says: "And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh."—Jude 23.

This long sleeveless shirt or tunic, gathered in at the waist by a girdle, is still a standard garment for both men and women in many parts of the world; and it is a sensible garment, allowing excellent ventilation and freedom of movement. In Egypt, for centuries, it was the only article of clothing of the poor. It persists in the modern house dress, in America.

The Coat or Outer Garment

It will have been observed that in several instances above the translators have rendered the Hebrew word *kethoneth* and the Greek word *chiton* by the English word "coat"; "tunic" would have been a better word. The word "coat" is more properly applied to the garment that covers the shirt or tunic in cold weather, and, by the poor, is used as a bed cover at night.

The little coat that Samuel's mother made for him every year was an upper tunic or *meil.* Though the size changed, the style did not; for when Samuel was an old man it was this outer garment or mantle that Saul seized and tore as Samuel struggled to elude his grasp, and when Saul consulted the witch of Endor the demon who impersonated Samuel knew to garb him in the same appearance.

The priest's "robe of the ephod all of blue" (Exodus 28:31) was one of these outer garments. It had a hole in it so that it could be slipped over the head and the right arm, and it had a hem whereon were fastened alternately bells and pomegranates. (Exodus 39:23-26) The ringing of door bells and the bearing of the fruit of the kingdom are closely related.

It was one of these outside garments, robes, mantles or coats, that Jonathan stripped off to give to David. It was the skirt of one of these that David cut off from the costume of Saul in the cave, and David himself was clothed in one when the ark of God was brought into the holy city.—1 Chronicles 15:27.

It was of this outer garment that Jesus spoke when He warned of those that "come to you in sheep's clothing". It was this that was "the wedding garment". It is of this that Jesus inquired, "Why take ye thought for raiment?" (Matthew 6:28) The scene in Revelation 1:13 pictures Jesus as clothed with such a garment reaching to His feet, and with its folds gathered into place with a golden girdle.

The remaining citations to apparel in the Scriptures are general and refer to either one or both of these garments, but there are special terms to refer to Esther's royal apparel, which was apparently of "silk and purple", of which material also were made the vestments put on by the worshipers of Baal at the time Jehu cleaned up the land of Israel.

Some mention is made of women's veils, as worn by Rebekah, and in the familiar chapter, Isaiah 3:19-23, there is mention of women's bonnets, hoods, kerchiefs, muffilers, sashes and shawls. The men, in time of war, had coats of mail, sometimes called "harness". A special word is used to designate a king's royal robes. The "rough garment", Elijah's mantle, is also separately indicated.

Men's Styles Through the Ages

Men never, previously, dressed as inartistically as they do today. The tunic, gathered in at the waist by a girdle, gave a pleasing blouse effect to the upper part of his dress and the hips were gracefully covered by the short skirt or kilt which reached to a little above the knee.

The Roman toga made every man look like a king, and in the halcyon days of the empire the well-to-do Romans despised pants as garments suitable only for slaves. The toga was sometimes as much as 18 feet long. Folding and draping it was a job for an artist. The men got a big kick out of it, the while the women stood off and admired them. Alas! Who could admire a man climbing into a pair of pants?

The men have had their day, and bungled the job to a fare-ye-well finish. In the Middle Ages we wore armor, and every man looked like a nickel-plated magazine-feed parlor coal stove in the days of our dads. And now look at us. Along then we wore tights instead of pants; our tunics were trimmed with fur at top and bottom, and the bottoms were scalloped at that.

The capes that we then wore were a knockout, all fixed up with tassels and things; our swaggering soft leather boots lent an air of enchantment; when we got to wearing coats we had lace at the ends of the sleeves, but if a man were to do that today everyone around the place would guy him until he would jump out the window, and the street cleaner would gather him up and take him to the place where they sort over the old rags and bones.

There was a time when we tame-looking roosters had a row of 21 buttons down the front of our coats; and now if we ask for more than two the tailor gets mad and charges extra. No garters now for us, tied with pretty pink ribbons at the knee, where the ladies could see them, as they used to be. Imagine one of us birds coming down the street in a crimson velvet cape lined with blue satin. We used to do it and get away with it, but that was before the women got started, and now we are all through.

What We Used to Wear

William Hogarth, famous English sculptor and designer, had a coat of sky blue; Goldsmith, the poet, rejoiced in plum color; Reynolds, the painter, went in for deep crimson. Imagine the suffering around here if any man tried to waltz down the street with a sky-blue coat, a crimson vest and plum-colored pants. The police would surely get him and make up the charges afterwards; they would not take any chances of his starting a riot.

Notches in the collars of our coats came at the time of the French Revolution, and no man since has ever had the courage to ask why they are put in or why they are not left out. These tailors have betrayed us. Where now is the man that dares wear a flapping beaver hat, with a plume of feathers in it fastened with a jewel?

Benjamin Franklin (supposed to have started us on our melancholy course of abjuring all the

nice colors, etc.) dressed in plain black. Oh, yes, but it was plain black velvet, and that is not so plain after all. And along with it he had snowy ruffles at his wrists and bosom, white silk stockings, and silver buckles. We have it all down in black and white about Benjamin.

In 1814 we sent five of our best statesmen to negotiate the Treaty of Ghent, and it takes eighteen lines of fine type to tell all about the silk-lined coats, gold-embroidered capes, white cassimere breeches, gold knee buckles, white silk stockings, three-cornered chapeaus, and other folderols in which those gents were dolled up, and not a tailor in the world has been able to hatch up an idea in men's clothes from that time to this.

In Queen Elizabeth's time we men had huge trunkhose stuffed with hair. These were made of silk, velvet, satin or damask. Our doublets then were very costly, quilted and stuffed, slashed, fagged, pinched and laced. The cloaks were of all colors, trimmed with gold, silver, silk lace and glass bangles, equally superb inside and out. Those were the days!

Guilty Man Not Hanged

The man that should have been hanged is the man that invented the collar, but he apparently escaped the consequences of that dastardly act. Not only that, but the man that invented the movable top to collar studs actually drew royalties of $25,000 a year for a long time, whereas he should have been sent to the gallows. It is these two fellows that have put us where we are.

The Steinkirk cravat dates back to the morning of August 3, 1692. The battle of Steinkirk was fought on that morning. The French nobles were surprised in their sleep and came rushing out of their tents with their cravats all awry. They were victorious, and the flying cravat became the style then and there.

The handkerchief, the necktie and the jabot are all one and the same thing; originally used to hold the top of the shirt together, it was not long after the dandies took to carrying an extra kerchief with them until it came to be called a handkerchief, because usually carried in the hand.

There was a time when it was considered vulgar to put a kerchief to the nose. That was back in the days when the gentlemen (of Sir Walter Raleigh's time) cut slits in their coat sleeves to show their pretty underwear. Life is humdrum now; we never get a chance to do anything like that any more. And, boy, wouldn't anybody get razzed who tried it? And how!

The man who brought us most of our troubles was Beau Brummell. Some kind-hearted relative died and left him a big fortune. He spent it on clothes, principally on white starched collars and neckties, and so successfully made a fool of himself in learning how to arrange his starched neckwear that he became the fashion arbiter of the world. He invented the long-legged trousers, and died in an insane asylum.

The Prince of Wales

Men's fashions for the world usually follow the whims of the prince of Wales, but in Beau Brummell's day this stigma was temporarily removed. Beau got it away from him, and, for one generation he might have been called, let us say, The prince of Wails, for he became so peeved that he would not even speak to Beau when he met him. Beau knew how to dress; that was the full extent of what he knew. He was as useful in the world as a barber's pole.

The styles of British royalty are not always followed. Thus King Edward favored a beard and King George has one, but all attempts to bring man back to his chief attraction disappeared with the invention of the safety razor. One of the biggest kicks a mere man gets out of life is the morning removal of the feathers which adorn the spaces between his ears. In France there was recently a movement whiskerwards; the Froggies are partial to chin ornaments. But it barely survived crossing the English Channel, and never got to America at all.

The difference between pants and trousers is in the price. Bought off the shelves they are pants; made by an expensive tailor they are always trousers. Women have three classifications, or four: aprons, dresses, gowns and robes. Maybe they have more, but it is a subject that cannot be too closely examined.

Where We Got Some of Our Styles

The reason why our coats are split up the back is that our ancestors used to ride horseback. We British and ex-British, having once done a thing a certain way, do it that same way a million times on end because we always did do it that way, and for no other conceivable reason.

The reason for the buttons above our coat tails is similar. Our ancestors used them to button their front flaps back out of the way when they bestrode their steeds. We continue to wear them till the end of all things, for the same reason that a pig wears a tail. They serve no purpose except that of ornamentation.

Cutaway coats had their origin when some nameless hero, tiring of the flaps, and of buttoning and unbuttoning them, in a moment of desperation grabbed a cleaver and led the offending garment to the chopping block. He should have had a monument for his courage, but instead of that the statues in our parks are usually of generals who led their soldiers from the rear.

In the reign of George III, Earl Spencer made a bet that no fashion was so ridiculous but that it would be worn if introduced by some person of sufficient prominence. He wagered that he could cut off the tails of his coat and parade the streets merely with the body and sleeves, and some one would follow suit. The bet was taken; and within a week the Spencer coat was being worn all over London, and continued in favor for a generation.

The mackintosh was invented by Charles Mackintosh of Manchester, who first learned how to apply a solution of india rubber in naphtha to cloth while it was in the process of making.

In a famous 250-mile march of Scottish soldiers over mountainous roads, many of the boots wore out and the troops bound their lacerated feet with strips of cloth torn from their shirts. That is how, when and where spats originated.

In Scotland the heather grows knee-high and is often laden with moisture. That is why the kilt remains a part of traditional Scottish costume. The Scot can go through a field of heather and come out quite dry and comfortable, where if he wore long pants, or even short ones, he would be drenched almost to the hips. At first the kilt was a part of the plaid in which the Highlander wrapped himself.

The breeches of the Gauls were imposed as a style upon mankind when those warriors overran Rome. It seems that a man can fight better in short breeches than he can in a toga. But how about the Amazons? The physical defects of certain monarchs have at different times imposed certain styles upon their long-suffering subjects.

Conservative, Long-suffering, Timid Man

The Chinese men garbed themselves the same way for a plump two thousand years. We men used to wear muffs, the same as the women. When they gave them up, we gave them up, but not until we had to. Gloves took their place.

We hated to give up our capes, and the West Pointers and the Annapolis cadets still cling to them. Traces of them persist in some raincoats. In certain weather certain traffic officers wear them, a sensible garment, all that is left of our toga togs. *Requiescat in pace.* We mourn their loss.

The modern man's outfit is a congeries of items from the ends of the earth: hat from Danbury; shirt and collar from Troy; necktie from Paterson; shoes from Brockton; fountain pen from New York; straw hat from Italy, but with a sweatband from a New Zealand sheep; the silk for his tie comes from Japan; his suspender buckles from Birmingham; the cotton for his shirt, if it is an extra good one, from Egypt; his summer coat of mohair is the gift of Turkish goats; Argentina sent the leather hides from which his shoes were made; Mexico furnished the graphite for his pencil; Rhodesia furnished the chrome green that tinted the dollar bill in his wallet; the nickel in his pocket is Canadian nickel; his fountain pen is made of South African gold, but is tipped with platinum from Russia's Ural mountains; his rubber heels are from Java; Brazil furnished his shoe polish; and nobody knows where the cow lived that furnished the casein for his fountain pen holder. And that is not the half of it.

"The Men Should Wear Dresses"

Yes, they should! That is what Professor Albert Bachem, of the University of Illinois College of Medicine says. But it is a safe bet that you could not get the professor to wear one in his classroom for a cool million dollars, coin of the realm, until some hero yet unborn takes the notion. The man that does this thing should be a widower, not caring whether he lives or dies, and nobody else caring either.

The scientists have it all figured out that "the temperature within the clothing of the average man is 87.8° Fahrenheit; for women's clothing it is only 80.6°. The relative humidity inside men's clothing is 70%, and for women it is only 55%."

Dr. Ephraim R. Mulford, president of the New Jersey Medical Society, maintains that

America's women are in better physical condition than her men; and the reason is that the woman lives in the atmosphere of the Alps; the men, in a self-imposed torrid zone maintained the year around for the parts of the body that are best kept cool. The man's dress is carefully arranged so that no air can get to any part of him except his face and hands. The extra load thrown upon his sweat glands overburdens his kidneys and shortens his life.

To make sure that he will get no ventilation, and that his circulation will be choked, the man wears tight garters, and a belt. Collars and sleeve bands finish the job of killing off his circulation. A tight-fitting hat keeps the blood from his scalp and removes his locks permanently.

The Fright at Suspenders

Every woman knows that every man wears pants, and that many of them are bigger around the waist than they are around the hips; yet if he wears suspenders to keep his trousers from disclosing his nether garments, she feels in duty bound to swoon or avert her gaze like a church deacon passing a circus poster. For pure buncombe, this is the bunk.

So the poor man feels that he must keep on his coat and vest in weather when eggs will cook on the porch steps, or else squeeze his waist with a belt that crowds his dinner out of place and makes him feel as though an invitation to the gallows would be a pleasing gift. The suspender men should pay us for this. Suspenders, in alarmingly attractive designs, and in all colors of the spectrum, can now be had for less money than it used to cost to steal them.

Men should wear pajamas in summer, and pants and collarless panty waists in winter. Everybody knows that is the solemn truth. That is the fact, but the hope and courage mentioned on the cover of this journal are missing from all mankind. When a North Carolina editor made a start pajamawise, the New York makers of pajamas let it be known they disapproved, and that ended it.

When the president of the Men's Style Designers' Convention in New York wanted to recommend blouses for men in hot weather, the secretary of the same sat down on him with the sad news: "This organization does a billion-dollar business. All these men are wool merchants. Your plan would cut our throats." Pity he did not go ahead and cut them! The woolens which these billion-dollar magnates sell to us poor men are only half as transparent to ultra-violet light penetration as the beautiful rayons, batistes and nainsooks in which woman partially clothes her lovely form.

Men love bright colors, the same as women, maybe more so, but the recovery from the Benjamin Franklin and Beau Brummell superstitions is slow and the average group of men presents about as attractive an appearance as a load of mine props; they all have the same color of hat, and nearly the same color of suit. Once in a while a man of rare courage will have a little color in his necktie, if his wife bought the tie.

Men's Dress Reform Party

Four years ago a Men's Dress Reform Party was started in Great Britain. In four years of careful thought on the subject they have got so far as to admit that when the Creator made man He made him the right shape, and they see no reason why sometime in the far future they should not dress to fit that shape. Meantime they will continue to look like beetles, the ill-favored kind.

We do not know if the party is still in existence. It recommended abandonment of trousers, collars, vests (waistcoats), unnecessary buttons and excessive and ridiculous pockets. It advocated sandals. The day the party was to have its grand parade in the cause of knee panties, it came off a cold drizzle, and most of the would-be marchers kept on their long pants, stood on the sidewalks, and joined in jeering their suffering brothers as they came along. The slogan of the party is or was, "Fewer clothes, lighter clothes, cleaner clothes, brighter clothes."

In 1929 Long Beach, California, had a men's dress reform parade, in which a cash prize of $200 went to the man who designed the best outfit of knee pants, sleeves to the elbow, and sockless feet for summer wear. Japan has an anti-necktie society. Its announced purpose is to prevent persons from taking cold. Hence it advocates dressing as thinly as possible, never wearing anything around the neck, and the discarding of overcoats except in rainy weather or on winter nights or when ill.

Automobile driving has perceptibly lessened some of the finickiness of men with regard to their clothing. In some instances the automobile got the money that would have gone into a new suit. Attempts to persuade or cajole men into

one-piece suits have met with flat failure. About the only signs of progress are that the stiff hat and the stiff collar have given way to soft ones.

For safety's sake the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad requires employees to wear form-fitting clothing, abjuring ragged sleeves, dangling tatters on shirts, or flapping shoe soles. It is a sensible rule.

English Cloth and London Tailors

Though New York claims to be the best-dressed city in the world, yet English cloth is accounted the world's best cloth, and London tailors the best tailors. The only criticism of their art is that they make their pants too tight under the arms. By putting armholes in the sides, the tops could be made still higher and the vests or waistcoats dispensed with.

In New York, if a Jew pantsmaker puts in enough cloth to reach part way up the hips he feels that he has done more than he should. Six more inches on top of a British pair of pants, and a puckering string for the top, to go around the neck, gives us a more or less ideal one-piece suit—for such as want that kind.

The world's record for making a suit speedily was made on May 18, 1898, by Thomas Kitson, owner of the Stroudsburg (Pa.) mills. In six hours and four minutes from the time the shearing of the sheep began, the suit was on Mr. Kitson's back. The actual tailoring required 2½ hours. As long ago as 1811 British tailors made a record of 13½ hours for a suit.

Ramie suits, and metallized suits that will not wear out, are possible future developments in men's clothing.

Noticing the statement that Greeks and Italians can get into a coat more easily than anyone else, a test proved that to be the case. They slip on a coat with one complete motion. Their Grecian and Roman ancestors slipped on their togas in that manner, and the idea still persists.

A Message to the Madmen *By Oscar Ameringer (Oklahoma)*

LISTEN, madmen! Listen, you blind leaders of the blind! Listen, you errant bags of maniacs! What we see about us is not a business depression: is not a monetary panic, is not the bottom of a business cycle; it is the world-wide break-down of your system. And just as tidal waves are not detained by wooden fences, and cyclones are not stopped by wind-breakers, and cancers are not healed by pills and plasters, even so your system cannot maintain itself by the patching and the tinkering of politicians.

An epoch has ended. Your days are counted. The *Mene Tekel* flares from the walls of every broken bank, silent factories, deserted marts and temples of Mammon. A new epoch writhes and struggles in the womb of time, waiting to be born. Shall it be born washed in blood, purged in fire, as every new epoch of the past was born, or shall we aid in its delivery with sympathy and understanding? That is the question, the only question you and your kind the world over have to answer.

How the Interest System Sucks the Lifeblood

FROM statistics furnished by the United States Department of Commerce it is disclosed that interest payments have mounted in the following crescendo:

1923	$2,621,964,000	1929	$4,109,952,000
1925	3,017,028,000	1930	4,374,408,000
1927	3,471,396,000	1931	4,553,124,000
		1932	$4,564,668,000

One of the things that will be slain at Armageddon is the interest system. It piles up an ever increasing burden which the people are in no sense able to bear. It is bad enough in prosperous times; in depression it becomes a system of slow murder.

Salaries of Bank Officials

THE salaries of some New York bank officials are as high as $1,000,000 a year. These men have shown great anxiety that New York city officials should keep expenses down, and have insisted on pay cuts of clerks receiving as little as $2,000 a year.

Bushido — What Is It? *By Bearden C. Reace (Washington, D. C.)*

JAPANESE patriotism is as old as Japan herself. It was born in the first tribe in the remote ages of prehistoric antiquity. It developed into puberty under the clans and the early imperial governments. It reached manhood in the long period of the Japanese middle ages and then settled into the sleep of a hibernate. In 1868 the "flowery kingdom" threw off the last shackles of feudalism and stepped into occidental modernity. A dormant patriotism again sprang into existence, an existence invigorated by several centuries of sleep under the secure peace of almost perfect isolation. The new patriots, not satisfied with their ancient heritage, added a kultur to the revived bushido. They were students of Prussian kultur and Bismarck. The military Satsuma and Choshu clans, whose combined military strength overawed all the other clans, formed a government of bureaucratic absolutism.

The revived bushido, injected with kultur, gave Japan her nominal constitution; it gave her a central government built on the remnants of the mikado's "divinity"; it brought the abolition of caste; it gave her universal education under government supervision; it gave her industries, commerce, science and first rank with the great nations of the world. The new bushido brought her victory over her ancient enemy in 1894, and gave her Formosa and suzerainty over Korea. In the early years of the present century, the Japanese athlete, inspired with bushido, leaped upon corrupt Czarist Russia and defeated her before the czar could bring his tremendous power into effective action. Bushido, the superpatriotism, defied and defeated the most powerful nation in Asia; it defied and defeated one of the most powerful nations of Europe, and now it has defied the League of Nations and each individual nation in the world. The new bushido has plunged Dia Nippon headlong into undisguised militaristic imperialism.

The sword and all it represents is the heritage of the Japanese people. To express it in the words of Count Okuma, "The sword is the spirit of the Japanese." Hosohoko-Chitaru-no-Kuni, the ancient name of Japan, when translated means "land where the slender blade is sufficient in all things". The "bushi" and the "samurai" (military men, warriors) of medieval Japan worshiped their swords as the palaces of their souls. The greatest punishment that medieval justice could inflict on the warrior was to confiscate his swords. In an ancient code of laws death was placed second to confiscation of swords in the list of punishments for crime. Death by the sword was honorable: death by execution was a profanation of ancestral honor. The conscript of modern Japan endeavors to emulate his ancestors and conducts himself with the thought of posterity uppermost in his mind. "Endeavor to emulate your ancestors and conduct yourself with the thought of posterity uppermost in your mind" is the patriotism of Japan in one sentence.

The "bushi" and the "samurai" were the Asiatic parallels to the knights of medieval Europe. Bushido was the Japanese code of chivalry. It was a code of military discipline and ethics invented by the feudal lords (diamos and shoguns) of Japan and instilled into their warriors. It developed a spirit of devotion, loyalty, blind obedience and duty to clan, lord, country and emperor. Bushido was the spiritual force urging the warrior on to the attainment of perfection in horsemanship and the use of arms. The "bushi" who could not master the art of jiujitsu (which incidentally was invented by a Chinese) was removed from the military roster. Their oaths were similar to those of the European knights and exhorted them to:

> "Respect deities, esteem Buddha, and raise the fame of your family;
> Strive for the favor of your lord;
> Abhor timid and effeminate deeds;
> Practice plainness and economy;
> Eschew everything vulgar and indecent;
> Keep your promises;
> Fear not a powerful enemy;
> Disdain not a weak enemy;
> Be faithful unto death."

(The above is the code of Yoritomo, who became shogun in 1184.)

Codes like this combined with the Japanese military "Golden Rule", "Receive arrows on your forehead, but never in your back," developed a national patriotism which enabled Japan to maintain her independence and territorial integrity while Europe was falling an easy prey to the same Mongolian invader. "Sword in hand, with the Kami (heavenly beings who created and protect Japan) overhead, our ancestors subjugated the savage aborigines. Sword in hand, with the Kami overhead, we defeated our invaders and enemies," is how the Japanese express it.

Bushido has been revived in Japan since the restoration. It has been sublimed into a patriotic kultur built on the "divinity" of the mikado. Her people are taught to blindly respect, reverence and obey the "son of heaven" even unto death. Family ties snap at his call. Japanese life is subordinated to duty to emperor and country. The rifle, the bayonet and the machine gun have replaced the swords of the samurai as the palace of the soul of the Japanese soldier. The soldier who has flinched or failed in the face of danger commits hara-kiri as did his ancestors to prove the sincerity of his efforts. The Japanese are always faithful to the emperor. They march to death or to victory under the oriflamme of the "son of heaven", inspired to patriotic intoxication with the fervor of the revised and modernized bushido.

The ancient Japanese were a people of sentiment, art, poetry, music, literature, gorgeous decoration, flowers and beauty. Theirs was a civilization of lavish caprice and warm emotion, an age of the pen and the lyre. Medieval bushido was mortally fatal to this flowery life of a former civilization. Spoons were supplanted by chopsticks, butter was given up, hats and shoes were discarded, women's long flowing sleeves were shortened and hair-dress was introduced, skirts were abolished in favor of less cumbersome pajamas, gorgeous colors were despised, decoration degenerated into the use of one dark rusty tint, and the pen was discarded for the sword. It became unbecoming for the "samurai" to indulge in art, literature, drama or music. It became undignified to laugh or weep or outwardly display one's emotions. Extravagance was the source of all evil. Want and the restraint of desire, and self-denial and frugality, became virtues. Honest industry in the workshop or the rice field became derogatory; the sword alone was honorable. Loyalty, bravery and patriotism flourished in this age of self-control and self-denunciation. A nation of sentiment was transformed into a nation of will.

Curative Properties of Olive Oil *By Janet Horne*

HOW many people know, I wonder, of the curative properties of olive oil.

The word "cured" is a strong term, but when one is lifted up to strength and usefulness for several years, that one is, in common parlance, cured. I personally know of more than one being relieved of liver trouble, and even cured of gall stones, by use of olive oil, when given up by the M.D.'s, not even an operation being held out as a hope.

A friend who for years has suffered pain in the region of the appendix was entirely relieved by the oil treatments.

There are two ways of taking the oil. The first and most effective way is to abstain from all food after twelve o'clock noon, and instead of the regular evening meal, take a laxative, such as senna tea, and an enema. In three or four hours or when ready to retire for the night, drink a tumblerful of the oil (warm or cold). Lie down immediately, on the *right side* (there is a reason). Don't mind even though you are more nauseated than you have ever been before, because a great cleansing and healing of the mucous membrane of the entire alimentary passage is going on. In four or five hours take more senna tea.

This treatment may weaken you considerably, but this is because of the great elimination of poisonous matter that for years has been storing up in the system. When recovered from this temporary weakness you will feel like a new person.

If the trouble has been of long duration, several treatments will probably be necessary, taken a week or two apart. Each successive treatment will be less discomforting.

In case of pneumonia, when the M.D.'s drugs were having no effect in reducing the temperature, the writer's temperature was reduced to normal, and continued thus, by only one of the oil treatments as above mentioned.

The second method of taking the oil, as a general builder and for rapidly putting on flesh, is to take three or four swallows just before retiring at night. Lie on right side, and though you may be nauseated for a while, this will pass, and you will enjoy sweet, refreshing sleep. Olive oil is absolutely harmless in whatever quantities it may be taken.

The Tropical Disease "Elephantiasis" *By G. G. Campbell, Oph.D. (Tahiti)*

THIS account of my experience in the tropics relating to the disease known as "elephantiasis", begins with a coincidence that occurred over twenty years ago.

At that time it was my custom to go each afternoon, about three o'clock, to a certain eating place known as the "American restaurant" to have tea and some delicious Chinese cakes such as only the Chinese seem to know how to make. The American restaurant was run by a Chinaman by the name of Charlie Wong.

On the occasion referred to I happened to be the only customer, and as I sat there enjoying tea and cakes Charlie Wong sat at another table close by sipping tea as the Chinese are wont to do. Just to create a conversation I said to Wong, "Charlie, how is it that the Chinese are such tea-drinkers?"

"Well," says Charlie, "in many parts of China, if we do not boil our water we get the big leg, and, as we do not like the taste of boiled water, we put tea in it to give it a flavor. But if you will take notice you will see that we do not drink strong tea; we put in just enough tea to give it a flavor.

From that time on I could not keep the thought from my mind. For many days thereafter I kept thinking about Charlie Wong's expression "get the big leg", which I realized must have reference to the disease we call the "elephantiasis".

I came to the conclusion that if drinking boiled water would keep a Chinaman from getting that disease it would do the same for anyone else. My mind became so thoroughly imbued with the idea that I decided to make an investigation and see if here in Tahiti, where we have over three thousand Chinese, any of them could be found who had the disease. For many years I have searched and investigated.

I have talked with hundreds of people, making inquiry as to where I could find a Chinaman who had the elephantiasis. I succeeded in finding two, but, in each case, upon investigation I found that he had not followed the Chinese custom of never drinking water unless it was boiled; therefore I was compelled to eliminate them from the investigation the same as though they had been of some other nationality. The same held good with a few cases of half-caste Chinese.

It is apparent to the observant that the disease known as elephantiasis is caused by a germ in the ground, in all tropical countries, and which, if taken into the system by drinking spring water that has had no opportunity of purification by running a sufficient distance in the open, or if getting into the system in any other way, is apt to cause a fever as a commencement, after which in some cases it causes a growth which, sometimes, reaches enormous proportions. My investigations have covered a period of over twenty years, and the following are my conclusions:

That the elephantiasis is a disease that is entirely unnecessary for anyone to have if one is willing to take the precautions stated herein.

If one lives in a tropical climate and where there is spring water that has not had a chance to run a sufficient distance in the open to kill the germ, or, in other words, to purify the water, it must be boiled if one wishes to avoid this disease; but there are other precautions that must be acted upon as well.

Wherever there is a spring you will always find a marshy place below it where the spring water oozes around, causing a wonderful growth of water grass.

Many people who own such a place cut their water grass as it is required and sell it each day to the Chinese baker as he returns from delivering his bread. When cutting this grass they are compelled to go into the marshy place.

If on one's feet or legs one has a cut, sore or abrasion that could come in contact with the swamp, the germ can as readily catch in it as it could in the stomach by one's drinking unboiled water.

I know of one white man who bought a place on which there was such a spring, and previously no one had ever lived on the place for six months without contracting the disease. He tried out my theory, with the result that for three years he was immune. Then, like others who have a lot of this kind of water grass, he used to go into the marsh and cut a wheelbarrow load each day for the Chinese baker. Eventually he got an injury on his shin bone which made a bad sore for some time. At last two pieces of bone came out and the sore healed; but the harm had been done. He had been careless and had not always protected the sore sufficiently to keep the germ out. When the germ did get inside it was exactly the same to him as though he had taken the germ inside by drinking the water.

Another important thing to mention here is that concerning the malarial mosquito.

It is not my intention to speak in a detrimental way concerning our doctors, as, for all I know, they may be important to us, but I am going to hazard the guess that the "malarial mosquito" idea has been overworked. I have no doubt that the malarial mosquito *can* carry the disease if one happens to get upon an open elephantiasis sore and then immediately goes from that to another person and inoculates him with the germ. I can fully believe that to a very small extent such could be the case; but take notice, if the malarial mosquito is the only source through which we can annex the elephantiasis, as is claimed by present-day doctors, why is it that practically all cases of elephantiasis have their inception at places where there is a spring such as I have mentioned, or in some place where water comes out of the ground and does not have an opportunity of becoming clarified through sufficient passage in the open?

Another worthwhile thought is the fact that a mosquito is no respecter of persons. He will bite a Chinaman as soon as a native or white person. If the malarial mosquito is the only source of contamination, as is claimed by our present physicians, why do not the Chinese have the disease as commonly as the native or white man?

The thoughts suggested here and the facts presented are too potent to be cast aside without very serious consideration and research.

I am aware how prejudiced most of us are against the Chinese; and doctors, being almost human, have the same natural prejudice against them and therefore prefer not to accept an idea of this kind if it comes from the much maligned Chinaman; but should we not have a much more open mind, when it comes to the general health and benefit of mankind, and accept any source that may actually be of service? Of course the suggestions herein have nothing to do with curing the disease after it has been established, and herein must be the efforts of our physicians. Their investigations must be kept up until they have reached the remarkable goal of being able to completely cure the disease.

But in the meantime let us adopt the method of the Chinese, that as far as possible we may avoid the disease, and then we shall not require the cure.

When I was a boy the doctors used to bleed their patients for any and all complaints. In our present day they poohoo such an idea. It is an even bet that in the day of our grandchildren practically none of the present methods of curing (?) disease will be used, but instead will be hooted as badly as the "bleeding" method. Let some medical student who is not yet so set in his ways and methods that he cannot see any way but the one that was taught him take up this very important effort in behalf of mankind. I have photos of several bad cases of this disease, and will send them free to any M.D. who will take sufficient interest to make a careful study of this terrible disease.

(Note: The above reference to cutting grass in the marsh and contracting elephantiasis through getting an injury on the leg reminds us of a post-card picture sold in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, about the year 1919, showing a poor lad lying in a hospital bed and with his two legs swollen to enormous proportions by this disease. The sale of these photo post cards was in order to provide money to pay for the treatment of his case by the doctors. How had he come by this terrible affliction? He had been swimming in the Licking river near where it empties into the Ohio river at Cincinnati, and got cuts or abrasions on his legs. The Licking river is at times very muddy or filthy-looking in appearance, and has sinks and suckholes. Shortly thereafter the elephantiasis developed in the young man's injured limbs.—*Ed.*)

Montreal's Campaign Against Diphtheria

LAST winter Montreal waged a brilliant campaign, designated as a "Campaign Against Diphtheria". Under that title seven double-column editorials appeared in the Montreal *Daily Star*. Each was signed by a different M.D. Three had the additional letters D.P.H. after their names, and one was an LL.D. One described himself as an epidemiologist, one as a director of the University Clinic, one as a professor of pediatrics, one as Superintendent of the Division of Contagious Diseases of the City Health Department, one as the Superintendent of the Child Hygiene Division of the Health Department, and one as the Director, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine of McGill University. The editorials were probably all written by the serum firm that supplied the necessary tools of trade, and if that kind of campaign would not sell a lot of serum we cannot think of anything that would.

Obedience Brings Honor from God

IT CAN be set down as certain that all who will enjoy the grace of everlasting life must learn to become wholly obedient to the fountain of life, Jehovah God. At some time, soon or late, they must get to the place where the doing of His will becomes their chief joy or they will cease to live. All can see that this is as it should be.

Today's lesson is about a man who seems to have learned this lesson thoroughly, and to have practiced it well. It is the story of the faithful high priest Jehoiada, who served in the reigns of Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah and Joash, and who contrived to live through the interregnum between Ahaziah and Joash when his stepmother-in-law, Athaliah, was on the throne.

At the time Jehoshaphat came to the throne, Jehoiada was a man of about sixty years of age; Jehoshaphat himself was a young man of thirty-five. These two good men could not have failed to know each other well and to have had a good influence upon each other. Probably Jehoiada's influence was the dominant one.

Jehoram, the son of Jehoshaphat, was the bad son of a good father. Such things sometimes happen. In this instance the reason is clearly discernible, and is supplied in the Scriptures. He married the wrong woman, Athaliah, the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, and for this, no doubt, Jehoshaphat was somewhat to blame.

"Like Mother, like Daughter"

If Ahab had married a decent woman he would probably have been a decent man; but Jezebel was an ambitious, murderous idolater, and made him so. Between them they put Naboth to death and appropriated his vineyard. Athaliah was like her mother and her father.

The first thing Athaliah's husband, Jehoram, did when he ascended the throne was to murder all his own brothers; a strange thing for a man to do. What would induce any man to do such a fiendish thing? Nothing but the evil influence of a selfish, cruel, murderous wife. She was determined that their child, *her* child, should be sure to come to the throne.

She reasoned that the safest way to ensure that would be to have all the heirs to the throne put to death, and so we read of Jehoram her husband that "he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab; *for* he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought that which was evil in the eyes of [Jehovah]".—2 Chronicles 21:6.

At the time Jehoram murdered his brothers

> . . . there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith [Jehovah the] God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, but hast walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself; behold, with a great plague will [Jehovah] smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: and thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.—2 Chronicles 21:12-15.

Athaliah Spared for a Greater Abasement

All that was prophesied in the writing of Elijah came to pass upon Jehoram, some of it at once and some of it later:

> Moreover [Jehovah] stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that were near the Ethiopians: and they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives [except Athaliah]; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz [Ahaziah], the youngest of his sons. And after all this [Jehovah] smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. And it came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness; so he died of sore diseases: and his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired; howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.—2 Chronicles 21:16-20.

Among Jehoram's wives above mentioned as having been carried away was one woman who evidently was a good woman and had brought up a daughter that was a credit to her, a daughter that more resembled her grandfather Jehoshaphat than her father Jehoram. That sometimes happens, too. The traits of grandparents, suppressed for some reason in parents, will crop out in their children. This is a law of biology, originated by the Author of all life, our marvelous Creator.

This unnamed wife of Jehoram was the mother of Jehosheba, and she in turn was the wife

of the aged high priest Jehoiada, and an excellent wife, too. How it came about that Jehoiada at about eighty-five years of age wedded a young woman of not more than twenty-five, we do not explain. Such things happen. The marriage may have taken place ten years before Jehoram's death, at ages seventy-five and fifteen.

At any rate the Lord blessed the union of Jehoiada and Jehosheba and used them both in a remarkable manner in carrying out His purposes. Their son Zechariah, when he came to manhood, died a martyr's death, a true and faithful witness to Jehovah God. To have reared a son like that is a great honor to come to any man and woman, and reflects favorably upon both parents.—2 Chronicles 24:20, 21.

Jehosheba Thinks and Acts Quickly

After the death of Jehoram (his father) Jehoahaz (Ahaziah or Azariah) ascended the throne, and while on a visit to his cousin, Jehoram, then ruling in Samaria, he was slain by Jehu, who was at that time exterminating all of Ahab's house. While he was gone Athaliah ruled the land.

Immediately, when she learned of the death of her son, Athaliah, being a thoroughly selfish and unprincipled woman, yielded to the suggestion of the Devil that she slay all her own grandchildren and then seize the throne for herself. The Devil's idea, of course, was to put an end to David's house, and thus make God out to be a liar.—2 Chronicles 21:7.

It was a bright idea, but it did not work. Young kings in those days had many wives and many children, and Ahaziah was but twenty-three years of age when he died. In murdering her grandchildren Athaliah missed her count, somehow, and somebody besides the Devil knew about the promises that had been made to David, and stepped out on those promises, and God blessed her in it.

Jehosheba was too quick in thought and action for her murderous old stepmother. The account says of little Joash (probably the youngest son of Ahaziah) that she "stole him from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bedchamber".—2 Chronicles 22:11.

It was a ticklish piece of business, stealing one of the heirs to the throne, and escaping with it from the palace, with that old virago jealously watching every exit. Suppose the baby should cry on the way out? Suppose the old lady should find out that one of the grandchildren is unaccounted for? Suppose she meets her on the way out? Suppose somebody saw her snatch the child and put it into her bosom? Suppose the nurse should disclose the secret? It would mean sudden death for both her and the child. But the angels were all around her as she fled.

Jehoiada Shows His Faithfulness

Jehosheba went with her burden to the safest place in all the world. It was safest for many reasons: God had put His name in the temple; He had acknowledged it as the place where He would meet with His people; she was bringing with her the only living heir of the royal line of David and Solomon, and God had indicated His special interest in such; her own husband was the high priest and would be able to give her wise counsel and assistance, and she would have his protection to the extent that he could give it; the temple contained living quarters where she could secrete the babe and nobody need know of it except herself, her husband and the nurse; and Athaliah would not be likely to intrude. She never came near the temple, for she was not a worshiper of Jehovah God, but of Baal, the Devil.

We can be sure that Jehoiada gave his courageous little wife a royal welcome, words of commendation, no doubt, and we may be sure that together they rejoiced before Jehovah God, and praised His name, and thanked Him, and sought His guidance as to what course they would best pursue with their peculiar charge.

Jehoiada could have spirited the child out of the country, but there would have been some risk of detection, both on the outward and on the return journey. The child was already where it was safe; it should stay there. Nothing could happen to it except by divine permission. Meantime they would bide their time and watch the providences of God.

It may be that Jehosheba had little ones of her own, possibly several of them; we know that she had sons, for they are mentioned. (2 Chronicles 23:11) So, although little Joash was hid in the temple for six years, it does not necessarily mean that he was all that time without any playmates. Meantime Athaliah ruled over the land.

Athaliah Reaps Her Reward

Jehoiada did the wise thing in letting Athaliah go ahead and show how little she knew. No doubt the angels did their part to help every-

body see that she was a mere tool of the Devil, and one of his fools. (Psalm 111:10) By the end of six years they had seen enough to satisfy them and were eager for a change.

It was not until then that Jehoiada made the situation known to five chosen men, and they in turn went out and brought in all the Levites of the kingdom into Jerusalem. A carefully prepared plan was arranged, which included the concentration of a large and concealed force in the temple by the expedient of not dismissing the old courses of priests and Levites when their successors came to relieve them on the sabbath.

Moreover Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house of God. And he set all the people, every man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about. Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him the crown, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king. Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of [Jehovah]: and she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king: and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trumpets; also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, Treason!—2 Chronicles 23:9-13.

That is it, you know. It was not treason when she induced Jehoram to murder all his brothers; and it was not treason when she herself murdered all her own grandchildren, or thought she did; but it was treason as soon as the idea percolated through her skull that her own life was in danger. That was treason sure enough.

Makes Us Think of Big Business

Athaliah makes us think of Big Business, as we have known it here in the United States. Suppose you were asked to make a list of the men who in the past generation have done most to advertise their patriotism, whom would you put on the list?

Certainly you would have to put on the list Charles M. Schwab, donor of millionaire bonuses of other people's money, and assistant wrecker of peace conferences; Samuel Insull, custodian of Chicago morals and business ethics; Charles G. Dawes, that other brilliant statesman who found $80,000,000 so ready to his hand; Owen D. Young, who would lend $2,000,000 of other people's money without giving it a second thought; Charles E. Mitchell, wizard head of one of our largest banks, and shining example for the youth of the land, forking over millions to people who had not a shadow of right to it, and juggling his own income taxes, etc., etc. It is a good thing that Kreuger was a Swede; otherwise we would have had to listen to lectures on patriotism from him too. And then there is Hoover, too; we had almost forgotten the name. And Morgan, and Rockefeller, and Ford. The list is interminable.

It certainly is a strange thing that the men at whose hands America has suffered its greatest outrages have been the loudest advocates of patriotism, and have had, and still have, the most to say about how the country shall be run. And when they suspect that the jig is about up, and they fear that justice may be administered, their first thought is like that of the old woman who was near the end of her rope. They cry, Treason, Treason!

If Athaliah had lived during the World War she would have worn trousers, been a "dollar-a-year" "man", a prominent church member, a member of the chamber of commerce, a 100% (profit) American, and been an insider on every cost-plus scheme afloat. She lived too soon to reap the full reward of her type. But she got what was coming to her.

Jehoiada Was Faithful to the Lord

Jehoiada had good reason to have a poor opinion of Athaliah. Had she not decimated and well nigh destroyed the royal family around which the divine promises centered, and done it twice? Was she not a foreigner, a despiser of Jehovah God, and a worshiper of Baal? Was she not a daughter of the hated Jezebel, and of the almost equally hated Ahab? Had not her course deprived his own children of the ministrations of their own grandmother, and driven her off into captivity? Had not both he and his wife been in jeopardy of their lives for six years, all on account of this hateful woman?

But there was nothing personal in the execution that followed. The time had come when Athaliah must die, and in the few moments that were left to her she had a chance to think of the ruthlessness of her course in destroying her brothers-in-law and her grandchildren. Je-

hoiada acted promptly and with the dignity befitting his high office. He would not allow the temple to be defiled, but the execution should not be delayed:

Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not in the house of [Jehovah]. So they laid hands on her: and when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the king's house, they slew her there. And Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be [Jehovah's] people. Then all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.—2 Chronicles 23:14-17, 21.

God Signally Honored Jehoiada

Jesus said on one occasion, "I receive not honour from men" (John 5:41), and followed it with the question, "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?" (John 5:44) It is apparent that Jehoiada was one of those who had the right attitude of mind and heart on this subject. The honor that comes from men is not worth having. The source from which it springs is low, and the motives which animate it are often unpraiseworthy.

Jehoiada is not mentioned in the Scriptures until the time when he was about eighty-five years of age. Quietly he had gone about the duties of his office, discharging them faithfully, not seeking in any way to draw attention to himself, wholly desirous of doing God's will. Probably he had often prayed that he might be made more useful. His prayer was answered.

His own wife, a child in years compared with himself, came suddenly to him, fleeing from a murderous monarch, and bearing in her arms the little mite of humanity around whom so many of the divine promises centered. He hesitated not. He took the child in, cared for him, shielded him from harm and made him king, and then we have the testimony of Jehovah God that "Joash did that which was right in the sight of [Jehovah] all the days of Jehoiada the priest". (2 Chronicles 24:2) That is honor enough for any one man. It shows that, in Jehovah's sight, Jehoiada was the real ruler of the land. His influence was paramount throughout all the rest of his life.

At length the time came when this patient, faithful old man was worn out in the service, and there came another honor to him at life's close. Some of the kings, including Jehoiada's own father-in-law, Jehoram, were not counted worthy to be buried with the kings (and that was true of Joash too), but Jehoiada had the rare distinction of being counted as a king in his death:

And they offered burnt offerings in the house of [Jehovah] continually all the days of Jehoiada. But Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.—2 Chronicles 24:14-16.

Which is better, to aspire for the honors of men, as Athaliah did, and go out as she did, an object of age-lasting shame and contempt, or to seek only the honor that comes from God, as did Jehoiada, and find, at the close of the way, that "thy faithful walk [with Him] hath reached to Zion's height"? Oh, the latter is the better way! It is! It is!

The Clever "Crucible" Scheme

OF ALL the clever schemes for making a fortune, it would be hard to equal the Philadelphia "Crucible" scheme. It has in it every necessary element to make a huge financial success for its backers.

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The best the old-time burglar could do was to rifle one or two homes in a night. The modern method is far superior. A slick talker gets up in the pulpit and harangues as follows:

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The children are pressed into it. The pretty little folders, nicely worded by astute advertising men, are passed out to them, and they go home and hound mamma until she gets out the last thing in the house that has gold or silver in it. The kids never get a rake off. They work freely.

In due time the swag is brought in. The preacher has done his work. He is entitled to his commission. The congregation gets something; the advertising man and the printers get something; but the rest is so easy that it makes an honest man's head ache to see how the modern crook can in no time make a fortune, and that without the least bit of risk to himself.

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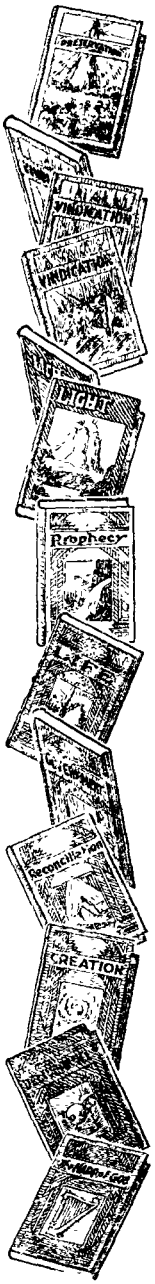

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Insulting Jehovah God at Plainfield, New Jersey

THE urgent attention of the governor and attorney general of the State of New Jersey, and also of the taxpayers of the city of Plainfield, is invited to the extraordinary conduct of Judge William G. De Meza and of his accomplices, in Summit and Plainfield, as set forth herein.

In a previous issue, now out of print, we gave our readers full details of a remarkable conspiracy hatched and carried out at Summit, New Jersey. Observe that Plainfield, with C. A. Flynn chief of police, borders Summit, with J. P. Murphy, chief of police, on its northern boundary. Flynn and Murphy work together. Is it because they belong to the same church system?

At the Summit outrage the magistrate Judge Williams gave nine men sentences of thirty days each for being witnesses of Jehovah God, but he withheld his hand when it came to locking up a tenth worker, the mother of three small children. No such mercy attended the rulings of Judge William G. De Meza at Plainfield.

Men and women, indiscriminately, were deprived of their liberty without due process of law, were arrested without warrants and without cause, were compelled to bear witness against themselves, were convicted on the hearsay testimony of witnesses who did not appear in court, and in some instances were denied the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusations against them.

They were given ten days in jail for walking on the street, or for sitting in an automobile, or for mending an automobile tire, when not a shred of evidence of any kind was laid against them. What kind of judge is this? He is not fit to sit on a park bench, let alone the judicial bench.

So certain was Chief Flynn that Judge De Meza would do his bidding even better than Judge Williams had done it for his friend and comrade J. P. Murphy, chief of the Summit police force, Patrick J. Kelly, clerk of the court, and others of the strong-arm squad involved, that before any of the sixty-one persecuted ones at Plainfield had been tried, it had all been fixed up with the warden of the prison at Elizabeth to let out the witnesses of Jehovah that had then been twenty-four days in prison, to make room for those they intended to railroad into the place.

Prima Facie Evidence of Conspiracy

Here is clear evidence of a conspiracy. The rulers of Plainfield stand convicted of deliberately preparing in advance to imprison dozens of men and women before they had even ap-

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The article which begins on page 661 is as important as this one. The same principles are involved: (a) These witnesses were exercising their God-given right to preach the gospel; (b) the town and city, state and nation are precluded from interfering by reason of the provisions of the constitution. (c) Every man may worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. (d) To ask permission to preach the gospel which Jehovah God has commanded shall be preached *would be an insult to Jehovah God and contrary to the fundamental law of the land.* (e) The people of Plainfield and Elgin should inform themselves as to whether the clergymen who are persecuting Jehovah's witnesses and using the strong-arm squads and the magistrates to throttle religious liberty in America represent the Devil, as we are prepared to prove that they do, or represent Jehovah God. In any event, when the people have informed themselves, they must take their stand on one side or the other. Jesus was persecuted by the clergy in His day, and stated that His true followers would be persecuted in the same manner. Herein is one of many fulfilments of the prophecies which show that we are living in the last days. Awake, all sleeping ones! Decide! Decide!

peared in court. They must have known in advance what kind of court they were coming into.

The fact is that other prisoners also were turned out of the county prison before their terms had expired, and for the same reason. The warden can verify this, but even if he denied it, it is in the record of the prison and in the daily newspapers of the date when the release took place.

In the case of the Summit outrage, mentioned on page 643, the priest that instigated it clearly disclosed himself. The work of concealment was more cleverly done at Plainfield, but was still insufficient to accomplish its ends. For a full statement of the responsibilities of the clergy and the press, see the concluding article of this issue.

For their own safety in Armageddon, which lies just ahead, the people should inform themselves as to whether the clergymen who everywhere persecute Jehovah's witnesses represent the Devil, as Judge Rutherford insists that they do, or whether they represent Jehovah God, which as their fruits show could not be the case. In any event, the people must take their stand on the one side or the other.

Is it not a strange thing, by the way, that Judge Rutherford can plead for years with the religionists to appoint their best man, to discuss with him over the radio the question as to whether they represent the Devil or represent Jehovah God, and the only response he can get is from men like Kelly or Murphy or Flynn, who vent their spleen on his fellow witnesses of Jehovah God, the humble men and women who are convinced that it is he, and not the clergy, that has the straight of it?

Elementary Principles of Government

The elementary principles of government are that the divine law comes first. Next (in America) comes the United States Constitution, no provision in which would be legal or binding if out of harmony with the expressed will of God. To hold otherwise would be a monstrous indignity to the One in whose hand is the breath of every creature.

Few people understand the purpose of the constitution. It is not a declaration of the rights of the people. Their rights come from Jehovah God, and from none other.

The purpose of the constitution is to state the limitation of their rights, to which the people have agreed through their representatives.

Article IX of the constitution of the United States makes this perfectly clear, when it says, "The enumeration in the Constitution of certain rights shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people." Those "others retained by the people" are rights received from Jehovah God and have particularly to do with the relations of the people to Him.

It would be entirely illegal for any American state constitution to contain clauses antagonistic to the law of God or to the United States Constitution. This principle is established in Article X of the constitution, which states that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people".

It would not have been necessary for the State of New Jersey to include any statement in its constitution that it is in harmony with the law of God and in harmony with the United States Constitution, and not out of harmony with either of them, and yet the founders of the state were so jealous of their rights as worshipers of Jehovah God, and as citizens of the United States, that in their fundamental law they made the following unique provision:

> No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience; . . . nor shall any person be obliged to pay tithes, taxes, or other rates for . . . the maintenance of any minister or ministry, contrary to what he believes to be right, or has deliberately and voluntarily engaged to perform.—Article I, Section 3.

Even a Child Should Know This

It goes without saying that when it comes to a municipal ordinance it must not, of course, contain anything conflicting with either the divine law, the United States Constitution, or the constitution of the State of New Jersey.

Suppose, for instance, that in a mistaken idea of their duty the city fathers of Plainfield should pass an ordinance that all persons of other cities should keep out of Plainfield, on penalty of being shot. Such an ordinance would be void because it would be in violation of the divine law, "Thou shalt not kill," "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," and, at the very least, a thousand other statements of the divine law, every one of which appeals to the mind and heart of any person who has common sense.

But suppose that the city fathers went ahead and passed the ordinance anyway and attempted to enforce it, it would not be long before the city would be placed under martial law and its streets would be patrolled by the National Guard of the State of New Jersey, or, if necessary, by the federal troops of the United States Government. And what folly it would be for any magistrate to attempt to back up such an infamous ordinance!

That is exactly the situation which maintains in Plainfield today. The law of Jehovah God requires that the message of His kingdom as the only hope of the world must be proclaimed in Plainfield so that both the rulers and the ruled may know what to do in the great crisis which is upon them.

Recognizing that it must not interfere with the discharge of this duty, which means life or death to the persons upon whom the duty is laid as well as life or death to the rulers and the citizens of Plainfield, the United States Constitution has in its Article I (Original Amendments) not only provided that Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, but in Article IX has expressly reserved such right to the people, and in Article X has prohibited the states from interfering in the exercise of those rights.

But even if the city fathers of Plainfield had intended that all persons of other cities must be arrested the moment they step foot in the city, and if we could assume that the strong-arm squad were so bigoted, so stupid and so steeped in crime that they would make the arrests without complaints, without warrants, without evidence, without witnesses and without reason, there would still be an opportunity, when the arrested persons came before the magistrate, for him to interpret the ordinance in harmony with the laws of God, the laws of the United States, the laws of the State of New Jersey and the laws of reason and common sense.

All of these laws were grossly violated by the magistrate, De Meza, at the trial of the 56 witnesses for truth and righteousness whose homes he broke up for ten days each in the infamous proceedings before his atrocious court.

Flynn Establishes the Inquisition—in America

On June 4, the day of the arrest of 31 men and 29 women, the men were herded in a runway adjoining three cells and were allowed access also to the dark and filthy basement of the city jail. The 29 women were crowded into three small cells, each of which contained one blanket. Twelve persons could sit on the beds on which these blankets were spread, but seventeen had to stand throughout the night, for there was no place for them to sit, much less to lie. The night was stifling hot. After compelling these women to stand all night, the next morning Flynn and his crowd had them all fingerprinted — IN AMERICA.

The women whom Flynn compelled to stand all night could be plainly seen by all who passed on the public sidewalk, reminding one of the position of those confined in stocks during the Dark Ages. Many who passed by were heard to express indignation as they viewed their condition. So cruel and astounding was the treatment of these women by the police that townspeople and others waited outside the jail until two o'clock in the morning, momentarily expecting the release of the prisoners.

After midnight a business man, Charles R. Hessler, one of Jehovah's witnesses, realizing that the inquisition had been reestablished in Plainfield, had a flashlight photograph taken of the outside of the prison, showing these women standing at the windows. We show this on pages 656-657. For taking this picture Hessler was given sixty days in jail. He was not allowed to say anything in his own defense, but after he was sentenced, and as he was being rushed out of the courtroom, he did say, loudly and emphatically, what will be very apparent to every person who shall read what follows, "This court has absolutely no regard for the rights of others, and a total disregard of the fundamental law of the state and the nation."

Nothing could have been more contemptible than the stories of these outrages which appeared in the New York, Brooklyn and Plainfield papers. All of these papers carried prominent and extensive comment regarding the arrests, falsely describing the workers as peddlers and pamphleteers who failed and refused to take out licenses, and falsely stating that the police were "given much concern as to how to accommodate them in the limited quarters of the city jail". No paper gave the slightest intimation of the actual condition of the prisoners, but the facts of this outrage have been broadcast all over New Jersey and large areas of adjacent states and will be broadcast all over the earth.

Judge De Meza's Responsibility

Judge De Meza knew that a list of the names and addresses of the 213 workers who preached the gospel in Plainfield on June 4 had been served upon the chief of police, and that this was done by them merely as an act of courtesy, not required by law. This was brought out in the trial of Minnie Barnikow, the first person whom he tried. Yet he studiously ignored this fact in the trial of every one of the 56 workers whom he sentenced to prison.

Judge De Meza, when installed in office, took a solemn oath that "no person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself". But in the case of Minnie Barnikow, although at the time she was arrested she was at a door where no one answered the bell, and the officer who arrested her did not see her hand out any printed matter, yet in the absence of any complaining witness he required her to testify against herself and sentenced her to ten days in prison, when as a lawyer he knew he had not the slightest right to do so.

Judge De Meza knows that Jehovah God has placed certain duties upon certain people, as was the case with the prophets and apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. As a professedly Christian magistrate, with the certain knowledge that Jehovah God would have at various times certain ones who would have a message from Him to the people, Judge De Meza knows full well why the rule was established that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof".

By this first conviction there is good reason to fear that he cut himself off from the favor and mercy of Jehovah God and placed himself in line for the fate of those who commit the unpardonable sin: eternal destruction, or "the second death".—Revelation 20:14, 15; 21:8; Matthew 25:41-46.

Sneering at Jehovah God

In the case of the second person tried, namely, Mrs. F. Carmichael, Judge Newcorn, the counsel for the city of Plainfield, asked her concerning her movements on the fourth day of June. She replied, with dignity, that she was preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. This should have been sufficient.

There were in Plainfield that very day numerous clergymen who claimed to be preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, but who in fact are actually opposed to the establishment of God's kingdom in the earth, which Kingdom will do away with the services of all clergymen for time and for eternity. But these clergymen were not harassed nor disturbed.

Judge Newcorn, corporation counsel, would have hesitated to ask any priest or other clergyman by what method he preached on June 4, for he well knows that the law grants that privilege without stipulating any set method by which religion is to be exercised. Nevertheless, he asked Mrs. Carmichael "By what method?" and she replied:

"By word of mouth and in printed form, which I not only have the right to do, but which I am commanded to do by the Word of the Most High God. Besides, the fundamental law of this state and of the nation guarantees to everybody the liberty of serving Almighty God according to the dictates of his own conscience without—"

At this point she was interrupted, and after a few more words by Judge Newcorn, Judge De Meza sneeringly remarked, "Jehovah is not commanding you to do anything." This gratuitous piece of misinformation on his part is a statement which a wise and just man would have hesitated to make. But in any event, his opinion in the premises is immaterial. It is the judgment of Jehovah God that counts.

The Permit from Jehovah God

Evidently taking his cue from Magistrate De Meza as to how to go about it to quickly obtain conviction, Judge Newcorn, after having been twice told by the fourth defendant, Louise La Grassa, that she was preaching the good news that Jehovah's kingdom is here, finally cornered her into saying, "Those who desired to have the message of God's kingdom, I presented it to them."

Judge Newcorn then inquired, "Did you have a permit to make such distribution?" And then notice her splendid reply:

"According to Isaiah 43:10-12 and Isaiah 61:1, 2 I am duly authorized by the Most High God to do this work."

At this point Judge De Meza, whose disrespectful references to Jehovah prove that he fears not God and regards not His Word, became angry, and the following dialogue ensued, after which Louise La Grassa calmly took her sentence of ten days in prison.

DE MEZA: The law prohibits murder and provides a penalty therefor. Would you consider it right to violate that law?

LA GRASSA: I did not commit murder.

DE MEZA: I ask you whether you would consider it right to violate that law.

LA GRASSA: Most certainly not, because it is in harmony with God's law. But does the court consider it right to violate the fundamental law of the land in enforcing an ordinance that takes away my liberty of preaching the gospel?

DE MEZA: Our ordinance prohibits distribution of *any* kind of printed matter without obtaining a permit. Do you think that you were acting right in making a distribution without complying with the law of the city?

LA GRASSA: In the sight of Jehovah God, yes. I have made a covenant to do the will of God and to obey His laws. His word and law is the highest authority governing man, and superior to any law that man can make.

DE MEZA: (Angry) The answer is that you didn't have a permit; you didn't consider it necessary. Is that right?

LA GRASSA: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye." This was the answer of the early disciples of Jesus when they were brought into court on a charge identical with the one before this court.

Could the Clergy Have Answered as Well?

As some of our readers may not have their Bibles immediately at hand, we quote from the Scriptures the citations which Mrs. La Grassa mentioned. We are certain that not a priest or other clergyman in Plainfield would have had the right to apply these scriptures to himself or would have had the knowledge of the Scriptures necessary to make such a prompt answer and such an all-sufficient answer under the circumstance. These scriptures are as follows, and apply exactly in the connections in which they were cited.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. I have declared, and have saved, and I have shewed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am God.—Isaiah 43:10-12.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn. —Isaiah 61:1, 2.

Jailed for Sitting in an Automobile

In the case of Gladys Doughaen, the policeman who arrested her was honest enough to admit that he did not see her distributing anything. As a matter of fact, she was arrested while sitting in the front seat of her automobile. Magistrate De Meza knows perfectly well that it is not illegal to sit in an automobile, but when he was trying her for that "crime" the following dialogue ensued:

DE MEZA: (In undertone) By necessity I'll have to dismiss the complaint against her, if she promises to discontinue passing out tracts or other literature. (Louder) The law requires, madam, that before you can distribute or sell anything in Plainfield, whether it be religious books or not, you must first obtain a license.

DOUGHAEN: I was not selling anything. It's necessary for me—

DE MEZA: (Interrupts) It's necessary that you are going to obey the laws of our city, madam. I'm giving you fair warning now. I'm not vindic'ative, but you're going to obey our law, while I am here anyway. Will you discontinue in the future if I give you another chance? Step down.

DOUGHAEN: If we are ordered to go into Plainfield—

DE MEZA: By whom?

DOUGHAEN: By Jehovah God.

DE MEZA: (Yelling) We don't care about Jehovah or anyone else! We have our laws, and you're going to obey them! I will set your case down for Thursday morning. (Angry) Lock her up! Such foolishness! I never saw the like of it. Let's *rush* this through!

Has Jehovah God No Rights in Plainfield?

In the case of Beatrice Hanke, after she had patiently explained to Magistrate De Meza that she has a permit from Jehovah God, the highest authority, to do His work, and that "God's law is superior to any law of man", he interrupted her excitedly, inquiring, "Will you promise to leave this city at once and desist from passing literature and go back to your family, if I give you another chance?"

Mrs. Hanke firmly replied, "Most certainly not. If I am commanded by Jehovah God—" At this point De Meza interrupted her with his usual interjection, "Ten dollars or ten days." See the responsibility which the man has taken upon himself, of insulting Jehovah God by making it appear that anyone must ask permission to preach the gospel, which preaching He has commanded shall be done.

De Meza as Prosecutor

In the case of Rose Weber, the seventh defendant, Judge De Meza, who in all these cases did most of the talking, acted as prosecutor, judge and jury, as follows:

DE MEZA: Didn't you know that the law requires that you must first get a permit from the city to make such distribution?

WEBER: I am a member of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, which is a corporation created and organized according to law for the express purpose of carrying on this benevolent work by preaching the message of the Bible in printed form. The constitution of the United States and the constitution of New Jersey guarantee the liberty of each one to serve God and preach the gospel in his own way, and for this reason no municipality—

DE MEZA: Have you ever been arrested before for passing circulars in other cities? I am asking you. You're a Christian

woman, you say, and you should not hesitate to tell the truth. Have you ever been arrested before?

WEBER: Yes, for preaching the gospel.

DE MEZA: How many times?

WEBER: Does that make any difference?

DE MEZA: It makes a whole lot of difference to me.

WEBER: I do not see how it makes any difference.

DE MEZA: You do not see it, huh? (Rude) Step down! I see you're one of those who will not stop. If the court will give you another chance, will you go back to your home town and desist from distributing literature—

WEBER: I cannot make that promise.

DE MEZA: (Stern) Ten dollars or ten days.

Inquisitor in a Frenzy

While the eighth defendant, Dora Wadams, was being "tried", she stated three times that she was not guilty of the charge made against her. De Meza became infuriated, and an innocent spectator in the courtroom who had previously witnessed injustices in New Jersey but who had never witnessed such infamous proceedings as took place at Plainfield, was suddenly ordered to stand up. The following dialogue then occurred:

DE MEZA: Are you interested in this case?

MORGAN: Yes, sir, I certainly am.

DE MEZA: What's your name?

MORGAN: Daniel E. Morgan.

DE MEZA: Where do you live?

MORGAN: 153 Main Street, Fort Lee.

DE MEZA: What's your official position?

MORGAN: I am a spectator, and not on trial.

DE MEZA: What did you mean by your conduct?

MORGAN: Haven't I a right to smile?

DE MEZA: (Fierce) I will order you from the court if I see any more of such actions! I'm looking around and my eyes are open.

The trial of Mrs. Wadams then continued. Notice now the steps which De Meza took to send this innocent Christian woman to prison. Note the dignity and intelligence of her responses and the way she was bullyragged by this man who numerous times went out of his way to say (and to pronounce it just that way) that he was "not vin-dic'a-tive".

DE MEZA: (Mocking) Take the stand, madam.

WADAMS: I move the court to dismiss this complaint because it does not state facts that constitute an offense or violation of the law. All the evidence fails to show any guilt—

DE MEZA: I think we have sufficient evidence. Did you have a permit to place your literature in the city of Plainfield?

WADAMS: I was preaching the gospel and did not need a permit.

DE MEZA: (Sneering) You were preaching the gospel! I'm asking you, did you go from house to house delivering these gospel tracts?

WADAMS: This gospel of the kingdom—

DE MEZA: Just a moment! Did you deliver this literature?

WADAMS: To those who were interested.

DE MEZA: Did you get a permit from the city of Plainfield?

WADAMS: How could the city—

DE MEZA: Did you get a permit?

WADAMS: The constitution estops any municipality from enacting or enforcing a law that would interfere or hinder the work of preaching the gospel.

DE MEZA: I ask you, Did you have a permit from the city authorities to go from house to house with this literature?

WADAMS: The city has no authority to give me a permit to preach the gospel. I have authority from Jehovah God!

DE MEZA: (Vexed) Step down. Where do you live?

WADAMS: My name and address is on the list filed by us with the Police Department.

Is Perjury O.K. in Plainfield?

In the case of the ninth defendant, Jenny Cochran, De Meza made it clear that perjury on the part of an officer of the law is unobjectionable in his court if it aids in the conviction of Christian women whose only interests in life are to honor the name of Jehovah God and bestow blessings upon their fellow men. In the following dialogue Miss Cochran shows herself a good deal more of a lawyer than De Meza.

COCHRAN: May I ask the officer some questions?

DE MEZA: You may.

COCHRAN: Where was I when you saw me?

OFFICER GRAY: On the porch of Mr. Kelly's house.

COCHRAN: You did not see me deliver a pamphlet?

OFFICER GRAY: Yes.

COCHRAN: Which side of the street was I on?

OFFICER GRAY: The south side of West 5th St.

COCHRAN: You mean to say that I stopped at a house on that side of the street?

OFFICER GRAY: Yes.

COCHRAN: Could you take an oath on that?

OFFICER GRAY: I have already taken an oath.

COCHRAN: To say the truth, but you did not. I was working on the other side of the street. I couldn't have been on that side when I had only the other side to work on. Could I bring Mrs. Wadams as a witness, please? (After brief pause) I should like to put in my defense.

DE MEZA: Judge Newcorn, I can postpone this case. I can put it over until Thursday.

COCHRAN: Don't I have the right to put in my defense?

DE MEZA: If you were not working on one side of the street, you were working on the other. Will you answer the question, madam: Were you distributing literature?

COCHRAN: That will come out in my defense.

DE MEZA: All right, your defense will be ten dollars or ten days.

COCHRAN: Then I don't have even a chance to make any defense?

DE MEZA: (Brazen) Ten dollars or ten days. Officer, take charge.

"Forget All About Jehovah"

The tenth defendant, Eleanor Podgorski, is of foreign extraction, but loves Jehovah God and understands that in this land of freedom, light and liberty she may show her appreciation of what God has done for her, by going from door to door bearing a printed card which has upon it an excellent testimony regarding the

necessity of God's kingdom and the importance of the literature explaining that Kingdom.

When she was placed on trial, she did not readily comprehend the questions by which Judge Newcorn and Judge De Meza sought her imprisonment. Nevertheless, she gave a splendid witness for Jehovah God in the dialogue that ensued as her tormentor on the bench revealed to her and to all what it is to be an enemy of America's best interests.

DE MEZA: Well, if the judge gives you another chance, will you go back and stay out of Plainfield and not give out any more papers?

PODGORSKI: I obey God's law. It is higher than man's law.

DE MEZA: Did you have a permit from the police to take those papers around?

PODGORSKI: Jesus Christ and His disciples asked never for permit to preach gospel from house to house.

DE MEZA: If the judge gives you another chance will you promise—

PODGORSKI: I obey Jehovah God.

DE MEZA: (Insolent) Let Jehovah go for a few minutes! Forget all about Him. If Judge De Meza gives you another chance and lets you go home, will you promise me not to come back—

PODGORSKI: I will obey Jehovah's law. I come back if He commands, "Go, and—

DE MEZA: Let me finish! You mean to say, if your Jehovah commands you to go ahead and distribute this literature you will do it in spite of all laws of Plainfield?

PODGORSKI: I must obey His command; bring His message to the people.

DE MEZA: All right, then the court cannot do anything else but impose a fine. I have given you and your sisters every chance and would let you all go, but you still insist that Jehovah is above you, above everyone and above the laws of the city. Ten dollars or ten days.

"I Cannot Be Faithful Unless I Obey"

The eleventh case to go to trial was that of Mrs. J. Stokes. She was accused of violating the city ordinance. The following dialogue ensued prior to her sentence of imprisonment for ten days.

DE MEZA: Now, our city ordinance says that you, and I, and everybody else must first obtain a permit from the city before we can distribute any literature. That law is made to protect your and my family from impostors who go around and rob our homes. I think that's a good law.

STOKES: It cannot apply to our work of preaching the gospel. I am endeavoring to do good to the people and I have not broken any law of the land.

NEWCORN: If the court gives you another chance, will you promise not to distribute any more literature in Plainfield without first obtaining a permit from the city authorities?

S: No worldly authority can properly prohibit the preaching of the gospel; therefore no city could grant a permit for preaching the gospel. I have consecrated myself to do the will of God and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who came to earth to bear witness to the truth. I am thus doing and am one of Jehovah's witnesses.

M. [Magistrate De Meza]: We know that. That has nothing to do with the issue before the court.

S.: Being specifically commanded by the Word of God to go and deliver to the people the message that His kingdom is here, I have no alternative. I cannot be faithful to God unless I obey.

M. [Magistrate—and so henceforth indicated]: (In undertone, scoffing) Cannot be faithful unless you obey!

Mrs. Stokes served her sentence of ten days in prison, and now note this combination of circumstances. Just as we are reviewing her testimony this morning, in comes a letter from her showing that if you are a Catholic you can distribute all the literature you please in Plainfield. All the police need to know is that you take your orders, not from Jehovah God or His Word, but from the little "king" that rules at Vatican City, and it goes 100% with the department. Her letter follows:

A little incident occurred while I was riding in a police car en route to headquarters June 4 at Plainfield, N. J., which I am going to tell you about. The police car which picked me up contained one policeman in uniform and two plain clothes men. After picking me up they circled around trying to find Jehovah's witnesses. They pulled up to the curb quite a few times, but then drove on.

When they saw two ladies with circulars or printed matter over their arm, they pulled up to the curb, motioned to the ladies to come to the car and asked them if they were distributing printed matter. They answered, "Yes." Then they asked them if they were connected with the Watch Tower work, and they answered, "No." They then asked the ladies who they were, and they replied, "We are Catholics"; when the police said, "That is all right. You can go on."

This information may be of no value, but again it may, and I am submitting it that you may use it if you wish.

De Meza Sentences a Witness

Can you imagine a "judge" so far gone mentally and in such a hurry to railroad somebody to prison that he forgets himself and gives a sentence of ten days imprisonment to a person who at the time was merely a witness in another case. De Meza did this in the case of the husband of the second defendant, Mrs. Carmichael. He corrected the blunder after he had made it. One would think that he would.

As a matter of fact, however, he merely postponed the blunder until such time as he should have an opportunity to wreak his vengeance upon the men of the party. Carmichael, by the way, was arrested while he was talking to a man on the porch. You didn't know it was against the "law" to talk to a man on the porch, did you? If you try it in Plainfield, you are liable to ten days, and if they haven't got any law against talking to people on the porch, why, they will make one.

After breaking up ten Christian homes by sentencing ten splendid women to prison for ten days to associate with the lowest elements of society, De Meza carried over the cases of six-

teen others to the next day. We give the man credit for releasing these women for one day on their own recognizance, but their names and addresses were already on file at police headquarters, and had been for two days, and De Meza could not help but see that never before in his experience had such a fine type of women been before him. In response to his questioning, they said to him, and it should have touched his heart, if he has one:

We have no alternative. We have made a covenant with Jehovah God to do His will. We prefer to obey God rather than man.

To this De Meza replied:

You have made a covenant with God and you will go according to *His* will? All right, you may go according to His will, but we will have the deciding vote whether you will pass this literature in the future.

Witnesses Not Present in Court

Upon assuming office as a magistrate, Judge De Meza entered by oath into a solemn covenant with the citizens of this country that "no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause" and that "in all criminal prosecutions the accused shall be confronted with the witnesses against him", yet in the case of Madeline Wagner we have the following dialogue between him and Officer King. If Officer King is a true officer of the law, why did he not have this unnamed lady present in court?

And if Judge De Meza were a just judge, which he is not, how does it come that he would assume responsibility for what he knows perfectly well was an illegal arrest? To show his hypocrisy and the clear vision this woman had of her rights, we present a portion of the colloquy between them.

DE MEZA: Did you see this lady passing any literature or handbills on the fourth day of June?

OFFICER KING: No, but we received a report from a lady that she was distributing circulars on Monroe Avenue. I had a description of her and saw her as she was walking on the street with another lady. She was carrying one of those grips. I asked her what she was doing. She said she was preaching the gospel. I asked what her name was. She said she was one of Jehovah's witnesses and would not give her name. I asked her if she had a permit to distribute literature. She said she didn't need one. Then I brought her in.

M.: Did you have a permit from the city of Plainfield to distribute or pass any tracts or pamphlets?

WAGNER: I had no permit from the police, but I have a permit from Jehovah God.

M.: (Scoffing) A permit from Jehovah God! Where is your permit from Jehovah?

W.: It is noted in His Word. I am commanded in the Scriptures—

M.: (Interrupts, ridiculing) Oh, you're commanded in the Scriptures! Then you had no permit from the city?

W.: No, I do not need such a permit.

M.: (Nasty) So you do not need such a permit! Is that so?

W.: The Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of New Jersey guarantee me this freedom.

M.: That's according to your idea. Our ideas don't coincide.

W.: Those fundamental laws are your own laws.

M.: (Rude) Oh, step down!

Cruelty to the Deaf

Nellie Zahoric, the next Christian woman given ten days in prison, was very deaf, and she being unable to hear the charge against her, Magistrate De Meza asked George W. Rossier, Jr., to assist her to understand what it was all about, but when Rossier undertook to help the innocent woman to cross-examine her tormentor he ordered Rossier to take his seat right away, or he would have him locked up.

Mrs. Zahoric was walking down the street when she was arrested. You did not know that it was against the law to walk down the street, did you? This poor woman who was guilty of the offense of walking on a public street in Plainfield was so deaf that when, after she had bravely said to the judge, "Regardless of what man may or may not do, I must obey Jehovah God," and the judge had immediately responded with his customary and savage, "Ten dollars or ten days," she had to ask what it was that he said, and was led away to prison, in "the land of the free and the home of the brave".

The Crime of Being on a Porch

Harriet Watson of Belleville was arrested on North Front Street, Plainfield. Officer Bray, who arrested her, testified that she had walked past him and after that he had waited for her to come down from the porch of a house. You did not know before what an illegal thing it is to pass a policeman on the street, did you? It must be a dreadful thing, in the eyes of somebody, else why would the police force have such sharp eyes for these terrible malefactors that are not Catholics.

And now, if any white man or black man or red man or brown man or yellow man ever heard of worse outrage in the form of a trial than was perpetrated in the following, will he please write in and give us the facts? Miss Watson showed herself a very good lawyer. De Meza showed himself no lawyer, no judge, and no man.

WATSON: I move the court to dismiss this complaint because it does not state facts that constitute a violation of the law. All the evidence fails to show any guilt—

DE MEZA: I think we have sufficient evidence. Were you distributing circulars in Plainfield?

W.: Have I not the privilege of asking the court to dismiss this case?

M.: (Excited) The complaint will *not* be dismissed. Were you distributing circulars in Plainfield?

W.: (Deliberate) That will be answered in due time.

M.: (Angered) Will you answer my question now? Were you distributing circulars?

W.: Must I incriminate myself? I ask the court to permit me to put in my defense.

M.: (Enraged) Were you distributing circulars?

W.: I ask the court—

M.: (Furious) Step down! I will not tolerate any insolence from you! This court is trying to be courteous to you, but you don't know your place. Ten days or ten dollars! Now you will have a chance to think over what "courtesy" means. Officer, take charge.

"Justice" by Telephone

It seems that the farther he went with this "trial" the more unjust De Meza became. In the case of Margaret Rossier he allowed Officer Erber to say that a complaint had come in over the telephone and that he had gone out and apprehended two women, of whom Mrs. Rossier was one. He accosted her as she came out of a house.

You didn't know that somebody could have you arrested just by calling up on the telephone, did you? And it is so convenient if you live in Plainfield. You don't have to come in and face the innocent person whom you wish to have sleep on a hard board amid the lice and bedbugs. All you have to do is to reach for the telephone, and without any further inconvenience on your part . . .

The dialogue between the inquisitor-like De Meza and Mrs. Rossier deserves publication:

DE MEZA: Were you passing out this literature or these Bible tracts on Sunday?

ROSSIER: Must a defendant testify against herself?

M.: (Suave) Listen, Margaret, you are a Christian woman, you believe in living up to the Bible, don't you? Now, when you're under oath, you're supposed to tell the truth. Why can't you answer the question the judge is asking you? We're not going to take any advantage of you; far from it.

R.: If we were just booksellers or distributors of commercial products and advertisements, we would be the first ones to come to you and ask for a permit. But as I am preaching the gospel and am not engaged in any commercial enterprise, it is not necessary for me to ask for a permit.

M.: It is necessary to protect the citizens from unscrupulous people coming into the city and robbing homes.

R.: That is just the reason we presented the list with our names and addresses to headquarters, informing the police that we were here and that we came to do a Christian and benevolent work. We don't work in the dark; we work in the open, and we—

M.: (Excited) Just a moment. The city ordinance does not allow anyone to discriminate. It applies to everybody.

R.: Wouldn't that be an extreme contradiction of the constitution which guarantees everybody the freedom to serve God in any manner he chooses?

M.: (Heated) You can serve God in any way you wish, but what you were doing was passing tracts.

R.: In order that I may get this matter clearly before the court, I have written out my statement and ask permission now to read it in my own defense—

M.: Not necessary, not necessary at all! Ten dollars or ten days.

R.: If you desire to punish me for doing good to the people—

M.: We do not punish anybody for doing good. The judge does not want to punish you, but you violated the law. Now, if you will promise me that you will stay away from Plainfield and will not pass any more religious tracts without first obtaining a permit, I will give you another chance. Will you promise me?

R.: I have pledged my life to the service of Jehovah God, and I cannot make a promise not to—

M.: Well, I have pledged my life to render decisions according to law, and must find you guilty. Ten dollars or ten days.

Insulting Jehovah God

Notice in the next case, that of Norine Bertram, how Judge De Meza tried to wheedle this Christian woman into testifying against herself and then when she desired to put in her defense he insulted not only her and all of his hearers and the whole people of the United States, but even Jehovah God himself.

DE MEZA: Were you distributing tracts in the city of Plainfield on June fourth?

BERTRAM: Must I testify against myself? Is that customary—

M.: It's customary when you're under oath to answer the judge's questions. (Suave) You're a Christian woman. Now, answer my question: Were you distributing literature?

B.: I was wherever the people wanted it.

M.: Did you have a permit?

B.: I was fully authorized.

M.: By the city authorities?

B.: By the authority of God's Word.

M.: If the judge gave you another chance, if I released you today, would you promise to desist from this work and not distribute any more in this city until you obtained a permit?

B.: May I ask a question before I answer that? I'm not fully acquainted with the law concerning a legal trial, but is there not time provided that the defendants can plead their case?

M.: Yes, but—

B.: I would like to ask the court to hear a short statement that I have written out in my own defense—

M.: Just a moment. See if I am right; I may be wrong. Your statement is that you have an absolute right to do this work here, and that the law of Jehovah is higher than the law of the state. Am I right? I believe that, and I believe that anyone who will keep God's law will also keep the law of the state and the laws—

B.: (Interrupts, emphatic) Certainly; as long as the laws of men do not conflict with the law of God!

M.: The ordinance of the city is a good law and made for the protection of the people from impostors. The police department isn't against you because you're Christians. Get that out of your mind! It isn't because of your belief that you were arrested. Get that out of your head! If the president of the United States came here and took those books and pamphlets from house to house and did not have a permit from the police department, the police of Plainfield would go and bring him in just as they did you. It is to protect your home and my home and everybody's. Now, step down.

Now, listen to Judge De Meza. If the judge is fair and gives you another chance today, and gives everyone of you a chance,

and lets you go back, will you on your honor promise Judge De Meza that you will desist?

B.: Well, if Jehovah God commands that we shall go in all the world and preach the gospel of His kingdom for a witness to all nations before the end shall come, and we exclude Plainfield, New Jersey—

M.: (Interrupts) Well, it's a very unpleasant thing for the judge to do what he is doing; it's a very unpleasant task. I'm certainly going to the limit with you people to help you. I think your intentions are all right, and that you are good Christian people. I wish there were more like you. But the judge does not make the laws, nor the police department. Our duty is to enforce them, and we have to perform our duty. It would be easy for you to get a permit and you would avoid all this trouble and inconvenience. Now will you promise me—

B.: I cannot. I regard it as an *insult to Jehovah God* to demand that we should ask any man for a permit to do the work that the *Almighty* has commanded to be done. I prefer to obey God rather than man.

Judge or Prosecutor, Which?

And now we invite the attention of lawyers and judges everywhere to something unique in the history of jurisprudence. Here in what follows we have what in some respects we believe is one of the most remarkable trials that ever took place in this world. Judge De Meza is addressing Lieutenant Saffron of the Plainfield police, in the trial of Anna Behlau:

DE MEZA: Lieutenant Saffron, did you see this woman Sunday distributing literature?

OFFICER SAFFRON: I saw her on the porch of a house at—

DE MEZA: (Interrupts) Did she have a permit?

S.: She had no permit.

BEHLAU: Just a moment. I would like to ask the officer a question. Just where did you approach me?

S.: On West 4th St. You were on a porch.

B.: You saw me on a porch on West 4th St.?

S.: (Uncertain) Yes.

B.: You did not.

S.: I may have this woman mixed up with another woman.

M.: Then you aren't positive that this is the woman who was passing circulars?

S.: (Hesitant) I am—not. There were two of them picked up there.

M.: Swear the defendant.

B.: Just a moment. I would like to ask the officer a question. Wasn't I sitting in a car when you saw me?

S.: She—was sitting in a—Hudson car.

B.: (Emphatic) Then you did not see me passing literature.

M.: Do you know whether she was passing any literature?

S.: She stated to me that she was.

B.: That's not true!

M.: The city will make her bear witness. Mrs. Behlau, the city will make you its witness. Take the stand.

B.: I should like to present my statement.

M.: Swear her in! Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

B.: I do.

M.: For what purpose did you come to the city of Plainfield June fourth?

B.: To preach the gospel of God's kingdom.

M.: Did you distribute any literature?

B.: The court has no right to ask such a question. I refuse to answer.

M.: You refuse to answer? Judge De Meza is asking you a question. Answer!

B.: May I ask if you are the judge or the prosecutor?

M.: (Infuriated) Step down! Step down! You're very insolent. Your insolence doesn't deserve any consideration. Ten dollars or ten days in the county jail. See how you like that!

B.: I wish to put in my defense.

M.: Take charge, officer, take charge.—You're a very insolent person.

B.: Am I not entitled to a legal trial and to a defense?

M.: Take charge, officer. Such insolence!

B.: I appeal from the decision of this court to a higher court and ask that appeal papers be made out for me.

M.: Get a lawyer!

B.: I'm not able to hire a lawyer, but I am entitled to the protection of the law.

M.: Tell that to the higher court!

Condoning Perjury, as Did Pilate

In the case of Minnie Stewart Judge De Meza not only ignored the perjury of Officer Conlin and violated the provision that "no person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself", but when a lover of justice protested against his atrocious rulings he had him locked up, too, and subsequently gave him several months in prison. In the abstract of the trial which follows Conlin is the name of the perjurer, Stewart the name of the woman being tried, and Rossier is the name of the protester against injustice.

DE MEZA: Do you know, of your own knowledge, that this defendant was going Sunday from house to house passing circulars without a permit?

OFFICER CONLIN: I do.

M.: Where did you see her?

C.: On West 6th Street. She had come out of a house.

M.: Distributing?

C.: Yes.

STEWART: The officer is not telling the truth.

M.: All right, question him.

S.: Officer, you have sworn on the Bible to tell the truth. If you saw me coming out of a house, as you testified, will you please tell the number of that house?

C.: The number of the house? The number of the house where I saw you?

S.: Yes, that you saw me leaving.

C.: Well—er—I saw you at several houses.

S.: Well, tell me the number.

C.: I do not know the number.

S.: Isn't it true that you have no evidence? When you saw me I was simply walking along on the sidewalk.

M.: Will you take the stand, madam? We are in a court of justice and I don't want any argument. Swear the defendant. Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

S.: I do.

M.: Were you handing out circulars on Sunday?

S.: I was preaching the gospel.

M.: And in doing this you were handing out Bible tracts. Is that right? Is that right?

S.: Has the officer got proof of that? There is no evidence.

M.: (Rough) Answer my question. Don't be insolent! Please be aware that I'm taking the trouble to be courteous to you; and I expect the same courtesy from you. Were you going from house to house ringing doorbells, preaching the gospel of God's kingdom in printed form? (After brief pause) (Vicious) I am asking you and want an answer!

S.: I was informing the people of God's kingdom—

M.: (Interrupts) And in doing this you were passing out literature? (Mad) Answer! Did you—

ROSSIER: (Interrupts, walking up to bench) Say, will you lock me up! I just can't stand any more of this. (Flaming) The lady does not have to answer that question, and you know it!

M.: Take him away! Lock him up! — Order in the court! — Now, Mrs. Stewart, answer my question: Did you pass out circulars or other literature?

S.: I am a true and sincere follower of Christ and have consecrated my life to do the will of God and to preach the gospel of—

M.: How did you preach it?

S.: By word of mouth, going from—

M.: (Interrupts) And by handing out literature?

S.: Was I handing out literature?

M.: (Angry) You're trying to evade my questions.

S.: Is it lawful to compel me to incriminate myself?

M.: Don't argue with the judge! Did you have Bible tracts in your possession?

S.: Yes.

M.: And what were you going to do with them?

S.: (Calm and deliberate) I was preaching the gospel of God's kingdom.

M.: (Furious) Step down! I find you guilty. Ten dollars or ten days!

S.: Is this a fair trial? Are we not entitled to a legal trial?

M.: (Raving) If you add any more to it, I will add ten days more to it! — Court is adjourned.

How Is This for a Trial?

Having railroaded 25 refined Christian women to prison for ten days because they loved God and were obeying His commandments, Judge De Meza proceeded to do the same thing with 29 men. The first one tried was Ed Dunn. We give the colloquy which passed between this gentleman, Judge De Meza and Judge Newcorn. We commend this "trial" to the consideration of the legal fraternity in each of the 140 states and countries where *The Golden Age* circulates.

DUNN: Before being sworn in I wish to state that I have no quarrel with the ordinance: it's the application of the ordinance; and before I can testify in all honesty in my behalf, I have to enlighten myself—

DE MEZA: The only question we want to enlighten you on is this: Our city ordinance prohibits the distribution of literature without a permit. Now, the only question this court has to deal with is the fact whether you did or did not violate this ordinance. If you did you are guilty. If you did not you're not guilty.

NEWCORN: Let him be sworn.

D.: I prefer not to be sworn in before—

M.: (Interrupts, impassioned) The court adjudges you guilty of illegally distributing and circularizing literature, but I'd like to ask you something: If this court gives you another chance and lets you go scot-free, will you promise Judge De Meza not to come back to the city of Plainfield and distribute again without first obtaining a permit?

D.: No, sir.

M.: Ten dollars or twenty days! (And then, correcting himself) Ten dollars or ten days.

Bible Messages for Less than a Cent Each

In the case of Louis Schaab, Jr., it was brought out that at a certain home he had left two booklets, one in English and one in Italian, and accepted a contribution of ten cents toward the work, which contribution under any circumstances could have been but a minute fraction of the expense to which he was subjected for that day and would have been subjected to even without the ten days' interruption to his work, which Judge De Meza's cruelty imposed upon him.

There are four good addresses on Bible themes in the *Crisis* booklet, and seven in the Italian booklet, less than a cent apiece for eleven of the grandest lectures ever given. Moreover, Schaab would have been pleased to give a Bible treatise to anyone who desired one, regardless of whether such contributed to the cause or not. At length he came before the judge, when the following dialogue took place:

DE MEZA: What were you doing in Plainfield last Sunday?

SCHAAB: Preaching the gospel.

M.: And how were you preaching it?

S.: By going from house to house and telling the people the good news that God's kingdom, which is the only hope for suffering humanity, has come.

M.: And in doing this were you distributing literature in violation of the city ordinance?

S.: In violation of your ordinance? No.

M.: (Angry) Did you or did you not hand out literature?

S.: I do not care to answer that question, because it may tend to incriminate me.

M.: (Angry) Step down, step down!

NEWCORN: I move sentence.

M.: Did you have a permit to distribute literature?

S.: I don't care to answer that, because your ordinance does not apply to our work.

M.: Does not apply to your work?

S.: No, it does not cover the work of preaching the gospel.

M.: (Sarcastic) It does not? Is that so? Ten dollars or ten days.

One for the Bar Association

In a case where a prisoner elects to conduct his own defense the magistrate on the bench is supposed, according to the ethics of the legal profession, and in the interest of the naked cause of justice itself, to take special care of the interests of those who are accused of crime, and especially would this be the duty of a magistrate if the defendant happens to be of foreign extraction.

We now invite the legal fraternity of the world to ponder the complete record of the case of Anthony Kwiatkowski as it was tried before Judge De Meza, who, when he is called to answer for this infamy at the bar of Almighty God, will have no answer to make and no place in which to hide his head.

DE MEZA: Are there two complaints against him? This is the same, isn't he?

OFFICER BRAY: Both were arrested at the same time.

M.: H—m. Got the names mixed up. Anthony, do you swear— No, swear the officer first. Officer, do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?

B.: I do.

M.: Did you see this man on Sunday distribute circulars?

B.: Yes, your honor.

M.: Did he have a permit?

B.: No.

M.: Step down; that's all.

Swear the defendant.

CLERK: Put your hand on the Bible.

M.: Do you swear the evidence you give wherein the treasurer—

KWIATKOWSKI: I do not understand—

M.: Ten dollars or ten days! You'll understand *that*.

Wicked (?) Man with a Bible

Did you know that it is against the law of Plainfield, New Jersey, to have a Bible in your possession on Sunday? Take, for instance, the following record of the "trial" of John Weber.

DE MEZA: Did you distribute any circulars in Plainfield on Sunday?

WEBER: I did not.

M.: What were you in Plainfield for?

W.: I came here for one purpose, to preach the good news that Jehovah's kingdom is come.

M.: And did you go from house to house?

W.: Yes, to inform the people about God's kingdom, which is the only hope for suffering mankind.

M.: Did you hand them any circulars?

W.: I had no circulars in my possession.

M.: Did you have any literature?

W.: I don't want to be rude, but this has no bearing on the case.

M.: You are rude in not answering my question. This court is not here to take advantage of you, but we have laws, and these laws we must enforce.

W.: We are obeying the laws.

M.: In your way of thinking. I'm asking you an honest question: Did you hand out any literature in the homes Sunday?

W.: I will answer that, but I want to ask the court first: Does that literature also mean Bibles?

M.: (Rough) Yes, it means also Bibles.

W.: Then it is not right to distribute Bibles in Plainfield?

M.: (Enraged) Step down, step down!

Did you have a permit to distribute tracts?

W.: Am I still questioned?

M.: You know very well that I am talking to you!

W.: I'm no longer on the witness stand.

M.: (Furious) You're an insolent person! You're just trying to play tag with the court; but you will find that you cannot. Ten dollars or ten days!

Bible in De Meza's Own Court Room

Almost every person is aware that the Bible upon which witnesses are sworn is a part of the equipment of the court; and it was and is a part of the equipment of Magistrate De Meza's court, and De Meza claims to have some respect for it, as is indicated in the trial of Peter Anthes.

DE MEZA: Now, Peter, listen to me. (Sternly, drawn out) Did you have a permit from the city of Plainfield to distribute your tracts?

ANTHES: I did not think I needed one. Our Lord Jesus did not ask for a permit to preach the heavenly Father's message—

M.: The law of the city of Plainfield and every other municipality in this state and in every other state requires that you obtain a permit before you can circulate any literature, whether it be religious books or advertising matter of business men. Now, I ask you, did you have such a permit or not?

A.: I did not.

M.: Now, the judge wants to be fair with you and with your other followers as well. We aren't here to be vindictative. We are here to tell you that if we allowed this to exist our town would be overrun with impostors—

A.: (Interrupts) *We* are not evil-doers, but are—

M.: Don't interrupt me. We don't say that *you* are impostors. You have a right to preach. That's a mighty good trait. We're glad to see some people believe the Bible and go to their churches. We wish more people would go to church. More power to you and—

A.: (Interrupts) Why, then, do the authorities interfere—

M.: Don't interrupt me, please. Remember, you are before Judge De Meza. We don't wish to interfere with you or your religious beliefs. The judge doesn't make the law, but has to compel you and everybody else to live up to that law. Now if Judge De Meza gives you another chance will you promise me not to come here and do this again?

A.: I make no such promise.

M.: Ten dollars or ten days.

A.: May I defend myself?

M.: Yes, take an appeal to Elizabeth. [Location of prison]

A.: May I say a word?

M.: No, you have said enough. (Sarcastic) Let some of your brothers say something.

A.: That's the way the Pharisees and doctors of the law railroaded our Lord; just the same way.

M.: They did no such thing.

Illegal (?) to Cross-Question

It will be a matter of great interest to the legal fraternity of two hemispheres to know that when a person is accused of a crime and is conducting his own defense it is illegal in Judge De Meza's court for him to cross-question the witness who swears away his liberty. This was brought out in the trial of Ben Cohen, as follows:

DE MEZA: How do you plead to violating the third section of this ordinance? Guilty or not guilty?

COHEN: Not guilty.

M.: How do you spell your name?

C.: C-o-h-e-n.

M.: Officer, do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?

OFFICER GRAY: I do.

M.: Did you see the defendant distribute circulars?

G.: He was coming out of a house on 5th Street with circulars in his hand.

M.: Swear the defendant.

C.: Officer, when you called me to your car, what question did you ask me?

M.: Never mind, officer, don't listen to him. Swear the defendant.

C.: Don't I have the legal right to cross-question the witness?

M.: (Angry) Don't ask questions. You're out of order. I'll ask *you* one or two questions: Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

C.: I do.

M.: (Harsh) Did you distribute circulars in the city of Plainfield? Yes or no?

C.: I am a true and sincere follower of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of Jehovah God, and—

M.: (Interrupts) I don't care who you are!

C.: I have consecrated myself to do the will of God and to follow—

M.: Ten dollars or ten days!

One for the Attorney General

We invite the attention of the attorney general of the State of New Jersey to the following faithful account of the trial of Frank Decker. The total evidence upon which he was convicted and rushed off to prison for ten days is that he was seen on a street in Plainfield.

Not a particle of evidence was adduced that he was doing anything at all. It is not even stated that he was wearing out the pavements by walking on them, yet he was robbed of his employment, and his wife and children were robbed of his companionship and support, and he was imprisoned at public expense for ten days on the following "evidence":

DE MEZA: You're charged with distributing Bible tracts and other documents without permit. How do you plead?

DECKER: Not guilty.

M.: Do you swear—No, swear the officer. Officer, do you swear to tell the truth?

OFFICER BRAY: I do.

M.: Did you see this man distributing tracts around the city on Sunday?

B.: I saw him with two other Jehovah men on Central Avenue.

M.: That's all.—Swear the defendant.—Do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?

D.: I do.

M.: Were you distributing literature last Sunday?

D.: (Silent)

M.: Yes or no?

D.: (Silent)

M.: Are you a Christian?

D.: I am.

M.: You are a Christian and refuse to answer an honest question?

D.: I request the court for the privilege of making a full statement of what I was doing.

M.: (Cold) Ten dollars or ten days. You can make that statement in a higher court if you want to.

Jehovah God Dishonored Again

It occasionally happened that Judge De Meza in a single trial dishonored both Jehovah God and the constitution of the United States, in the trial of a single individual. He did this in the case of Robert Derrickson, as the following excerpt of the proceedings shows.

DE MEZA: Did you or did you not distribute Bible tracts or religious circulars on Sunday to any Plainfield people in their homes?

DERRICKSON: Not in violation of the city ordinance, which cannot apply to our work.

M.: Will you please answer my question, young man. I have not said a word about city ordinance. Answer my question as I, Judge De Meza, interrogate you.

D.: I came to Plainfield for the purpose of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom and not—

M.: Please don't try to evade my question. You're an intelligent man; answer my question! Did you preach the gospel by distributing Bible tracts on Sunday?

D. (Emphatic) I did.

M.: Did you have a permit to do that?

D.: I was fully authorized to do the work I was doing.

M.: By the city of Plainfield?

D.: No, by the Creator of the universe, Jehovah God.

M.: (Sneering) And Jehovah, the Creator of the universe told you you didn't need a permit?

D.: Yes, in His Word. I should be glad to give you some reasons for that.

M.: No, I don't care. There is no reason for that.

D.: Besides, the constitution of the United States and the constitution of New Jersey prohibit the enactment and enforcement of any law—

M.: Step down!

D.: (Continues) that would abridge the liberty of a follower of Christ in preaching the gospel, and for this reason—

M.: Step down, step down! The judge did not frame the Constitution. Ten dollars or ten days.

Kindness to Polish-Americans

In America great efforts are made to transform into true Americans people who come here from other lands. As a magistrate Judge De Meza has the following record against him in the case of Peter Blasiak.

DE MEZA: You are charged with distributing circulars without a permit. How do you plead?

BLASIAK: Not guilty.

M.: Officer Stopinski. Do you swear to tell the truth, etc.?

OFFICER STOPINSKI: I do.

M.: Did you see this man on Sunday distributing circulars?

S.: Yes, I did. I saw him coming out of a house on 4th Street.

M.: Any questions, Mr. Blasiak?

B.: Can I speak to the officer in Polish?

M.: Yes, I will let you. Ask him, Joe, if he will promise the judge not to come here any more to distribute without a permit. If he does, I'll let him go.

S.: Panie Błasiak, sędzia chce wiedzieć czy p. przyobiecuje więcej tu nie przychodzić z rozrzutkami bez pozwolenia, jeżeli tak, to może p. być uwolniony?

B.: Gdy organizacja Jehowy tu nie będzie to i ja więcej tu nie przyjdę.

M.: What did he say, Joe?

S.: He says, when the Jehovah's organization will not be any more, he will not come any more.

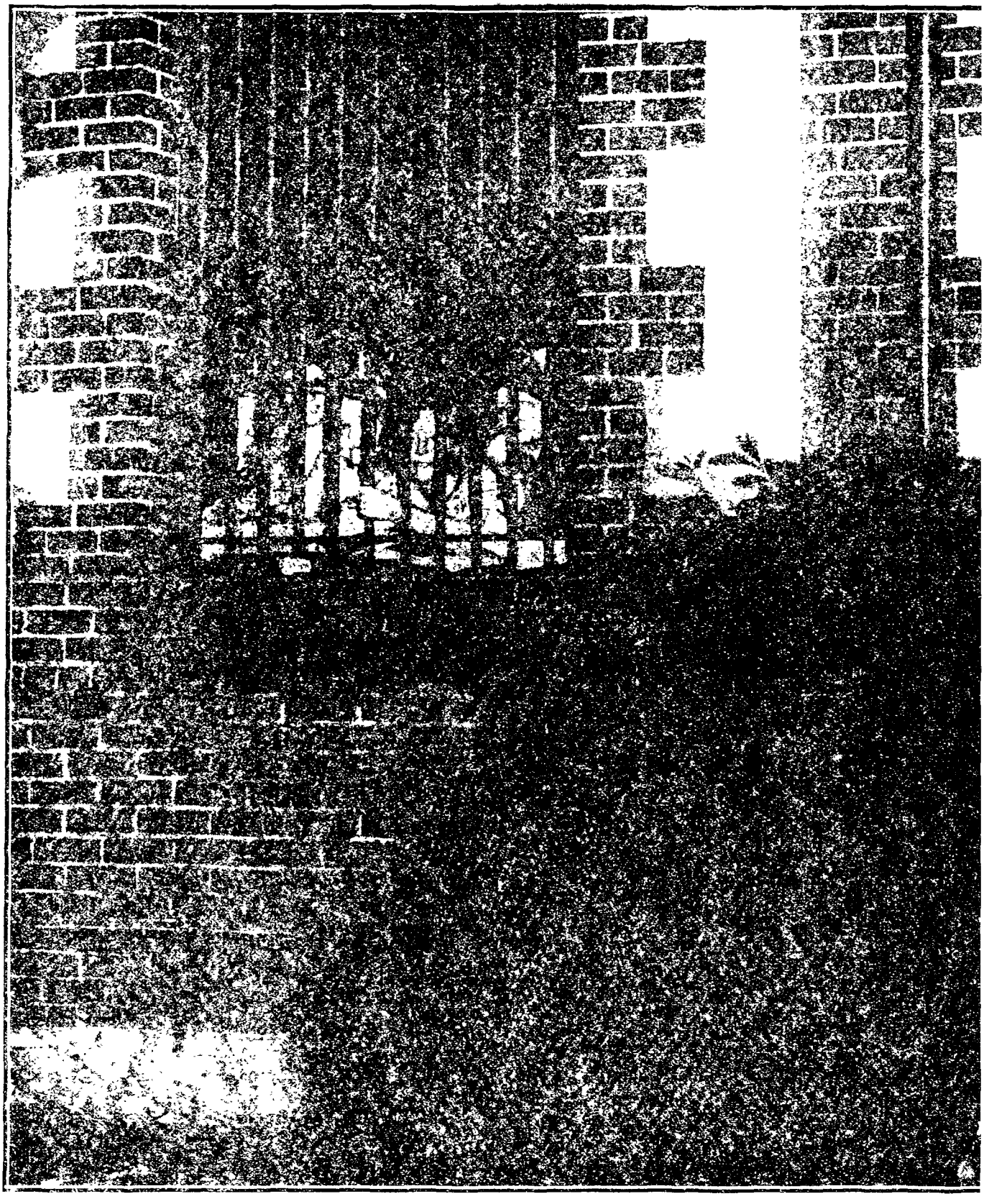
M.: What's that?

S.: He says, when Jehovah's organization disbands he will not come here any more.

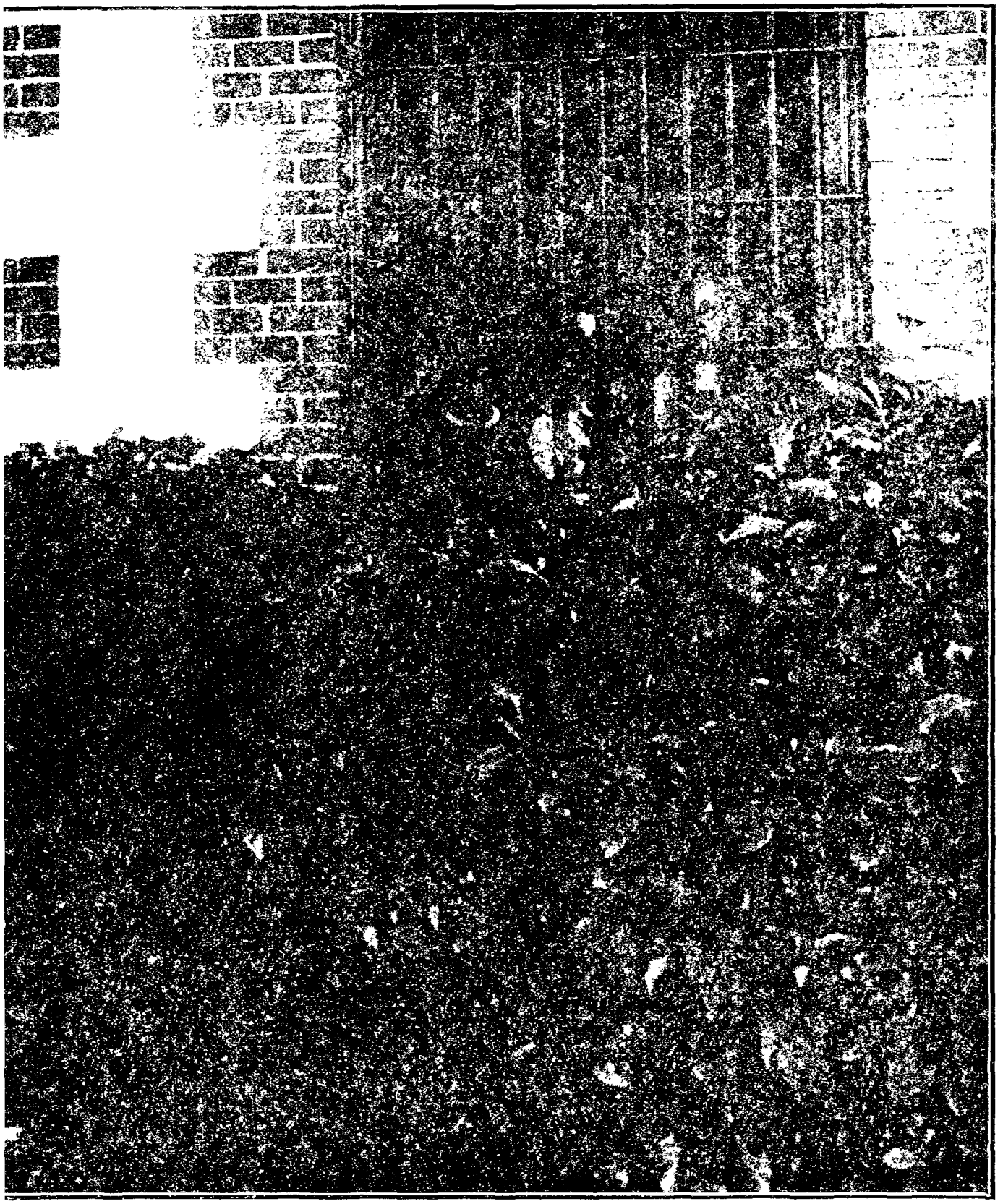
M.: (Forced laughter) That's pretty good; that's pretty good. Ten dollars or ten days.

One for Governor Moore

We invite the attention of the governor of New Jersey to the following record, which shows that it is illegal in the State of New Jersey and in the city of Plainfield to fix the tire of an automobile. Not only does it appear from the record that all that Paul Behlau did was to fix the tire of his car, but after he had been sentenced and had been pushed out of the courtroom another



THE INQUISITION, in 1933, at Plainfield, New Jersey. This scene, photographed by flashlight about midnight of Sunday-Monday, June 4-5, shows some of the twenty-nine refined and godly mothers, wives and daughters, Jehovah's witnesses, whom Chief of Police Flynn crowded into three cells, wherein but twelve could sit. Seventeen



were compelled to lie on bare concrete, or else to stand all night, at windows adjacent to a main street, a public gazingstock. In the morning one of the creatures of Flynn's department approached the women's cells and sneeringly asked, "How did you enjoy your night's rest?"

defendant, David Robbins, at his own peril protested to the court that Behlau had been locked up without any justice. He swore that Behlau had a bursted tire and had been fixing it without a permit when he was arrested and that he did not hand out one paper on Sunday June 4.

Shamefacedly, after this protest, De Meza called Behlau back into the courtroom and gave him his liberty. Nevertheless, here is the full record of the "testimony" upon which he originally sentenced this man to ten days in prison.

DE MEZA: You're charged with illegal distribution of circulars in violation of city ordinance. How do you plead?

BEHLAU: Not guilty.

M.: Swear the officer. — Do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?

OFFICER BRAY: I do.

M.: Did you see this man last Sunday?

B.: We got a call from Mr. London over here, that there was a woman at his house passing out religious tracts on 4th Street. Then I saw this man fixin' a tire of his car. The woman was in the car, and another man was in back.

M.: Did you ask him if he had a permit?

B.: He could only show me a permit from the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.

M.: But not from the Plainfield authorities?

B.: No.

M.: That's all. — Swear the defendant.

B.: (Loud) If it please the court, I move the court to dismiss this complaint—

M.: (Interrupts) Do you care to be sworn?

B.: (Keeps right on, louder) for the reason that it does not state facts that constitute an offense—

M.: (Incensed) Ten days or ten dollars!

B.: (Keeps right on, louder) or violation of the law.

M.: (Infuriated) Lock him up!

Looking into De Meza's Mind

As affording an insight into the operation of Judge De Meza's mind, we give the following colloquy which took place between him and David Robbins, before he gave Robbins the customary ten days in prison. Robbins had just said that he placed God's Word and law above man's. The excerpt follows:

DE MEZA: Now, listen, that may be very true—

ROBBINS: It *is* true.

M.: Every man has a right to believe as he wants to; but if we didn't have laws to suppress criminals from going around the country committing depredations, we wouldn't get anywhere. You're a man of intelligence. This court does not interfere with your rights; far from me to do that. It is not the intent of this ordinance to hinder you in any Christian work or practice. Get that out of—

R.: (Interrupts) If so, then the ordinance is grossly misapplied.

M.: Wait a minute. Don't interrupt me. This ordinance has been passed to protect your home and mine from impostors by enabling the police to keep tab on everyone that is around this town. Now, I say to you without fear or favor, if you will promise not to distribute any more literature without first getting a permit from the proper authorities, I will let you go scot-free. Will you or will you not?

R.: Scot-free. Well, it is the truth that is going to make the people free. The people have a right to know the truth, and no one is going to stop the world-wide proclamation of the truth.

M.: Don't answer the question that way. We do not want to suppress the truth. You're an intelligent man, and the court would like to thresh it out with you; it is not a question of your going around and preaching the gospel. I wish more would go around and preach the gospel, but there is such a thing as going about in the right way. Probably all of you are good people, and your principles are good; but you're going too far when you refuse to take out a permit. Now, if you as respectable people would come to the police department and say: I am a Christian and have Christian literature that I would like to put in the homes of the good people of Plainfield, the police would have asked your name and where you are from, and the chances are that you would get a permit. Why, there is not a man in the city who would have refused you a permit. Now, that's fair, isn't it? Now, you're a Christian—

R.: If the court will bear with me, I should like to ask if the court ever saw an organization with criminal intent go to the police department and put in a list of the names and addresses of all those who come to do their work in the city. Why is the fact that we presented the chief of police Sunday morning with such a list persistently denied?

M.: Well, you people come here and—and take it upon yourselves. I was in police headquarters myself Sunday morning. I just happened to be there when one of your leaders came and in a very insolent way said he would not take out a permit, that he would go ahead and did not care about our ordinance. I think you're wholly wrong and your friends are absolutely wrong in taking the stand you're doing, circularizing the city without letting the authorities know who you are.

R.: I ask again, didn't we present—

M.: Listen to Judge De Meza! I am going to give you a chance: Are you going to desist if I let you go? Now, Mr. Robbins, will you promise me that if I give you another chance today you will go back home and not give out any more of this literature without first getting a permit?

R.: I am very sorry, I cannot do it. (Emphatic) I cannot compromise.

M.: You're a very foolish man. Ten dollars or ten days.

R.: Christ said, 'Who is not for me is against me,' and, "If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you." As it was in Pharaoh's day—

M.: We're not going to have religion preached here in the courtroom.

Unnamed and Absent "Church" Accusers

You will be interested to know that unnamed people "at the church" who do not face those whom they accuse, as required by law, can have you arrested and imprisoned if you visit the city of Plainfield and for any reason whatever go to anybody's house. The following is a record of the trial of Otto Sturm. We invite the attention of the Department of Justice at Washington, D.C., to this flagrant outrage, this travesty against even common decency.

DE MEZA: You are charged with illegal distribution of Bible tracts. How do you plead?

STURM: Not guilty.

M.: Officer King! Swear the officer. — Do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?

OFFICER KING: I do.

M.: Did you see this man last Sunday?

K.: Yes. When I first saw him he was coming out of a dooryard. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he was preaching the gospel. He had no permit and refused to give his name.

M.: Refused to give his name? Did he have a permit?
K.: No; he said he didn't need one.
M.: Did he pass any tracts?
K.: (Little voice) I didn't see any of that. But we got a complaint— from people— at the church.
M.: He admitted to you that he was circularizing the city?
K.: Yes.
M.: Swear the defendant. — Do you swear, etc.?
S.: I do.
M.: What were you doing in Plainfield?
S.: Preaching the gospel.
M.: And in doing this you were passing out tracts or circulars?
S.: I did not.
M.: Did you go from house to house in Plainfield? (Pause) Now, answer my question; be honest with me. The court does not want to appear in a vindic'ative mood or spirit. I ask you, Did you go in any homes and pass these circulars?
S.: No, I did not. I had no chance to put any out.
M.: Not one?
S.: Not one.
M.: What did you go to the houses for?
S.: To inform the people that God's kingdom is come.
M.: And what did you hand the people?
S.: Nothing.
M.: Nothing?
S.: Nothing, because nobody came to the door. The folks were not at home.
M.: Will you promise to get a permit before coming here again for that purpose, if I give you another chance?
S.: No.
M.: You will not?
S.: Certainly not. I have made a covenant with Jehovah God to do His will.
M.: And you are going to go by the dictates of Jehovah; is that it?
S.: Yes, by His grace.
M.: Ten dollars or ten days.

One for the Department of Justice

We also invite the attention of the United States Department of Justice to the following account of the trial of I. L. Conover, who, it seems, committed the terrible crime of sitting on a curb in the city of Plainfield. They will be interested to know of this wonderful judge who could break up the business and break up the homes of 56 men and women by this kind of exhibition of injustice.

DE MEZA: You're charged with illegal distribution of tracts, etc. without a permit first having been obtained. How do you plead?
CONOVER: Not guilty.
M.: Officer King. — Do you swear to tell the truth, etc.?
OFFICER KING: I do.
M.: Did you see this young man distributing anything last Sunday?
K.: On complaint of Mr. Scott I was sent up there. I found this man up on West 7th Street. He admitted he was preaching from door to door and giving out circulars.
M.: And giving out circulars.
C.: I want to ask the officer a question. (Brief pause) Officer, what was I doing when you accosted me?
K.: Sitting on a curb.
C.: Sitting where?
K.: On a curb.
C.: That's right. — What did I say to you?
M.: Don't answer that.
C.: Was I distributing pamphlets from door to door?
K.: You admitted that.
C.: (Emphatic) That's not true! As I explained to you—
M.: (Interrupts) Never mind any explanation. Do you care to be sworn?
C.: I do not desire to be tried by a court guilty of such outrageous malfeasance of office.
M.: (Furious) Ten dollars or ten days!
C.: You will have to take full responsibility before Jehovah God.
M.: I will assume all responsibility. Take him out!

One for the U. S. Attorney General

We also invite the attention of the United States Department of Justice to the following trial of Gustav Pedersen. They will be interested to know that it is against the law in Plainfield, New Jersey, to walk upon the street in the open air. This is a terrible offense, isn't it?

DE MEZA: You are charged with distribution of literature from house to house without a legal permit. How do you plead?
PEDERSEN: Not guilty.
M.: Officer King. — Do you swear to tell the truth, so help you God?
OFFICER KING: I do.
M.: All right, tell your story, officer.
K.: This man was stopped at West 7th Street. We asked him what he was doing and he said he was distributing circulars from house to house. He said he didn't need a permit, and he refused to give his name. He said he was one of Jehovah's witnesses.
M.: That's all. Swear the defendant.
P.: May I ask him a question?
M.: What question? Just one question!
P.: Officer, isn't it true that you saw me just walking on the street, that you saw no pamphlet in my hand and nothing of the kind on me? I was just walking out in the open air when you placed me under arrest. Is that true or is it not?
K.: I arrested you after you refused to give your name and after you admitted that you had no license to go from house to house.
P.: (Indignant) Isn't it the truth that you never asked me that question?
K.: (Brazen) It is not.
M.: Swear the defendant. — Do you swear, etc.?
P.: I do.
M.: Were you going last Sunday into homes in Plainfield delivering Bible tracts?
P.: If it please the court, I move—
M.: (Interrupts, overbearing) It does not please the court at all. Will you answer my question?
P.: I did not violate any law of the land.
M.: Answer my question. Do not try to evade. If you disagree with the Constitution and the laws of this state it's unfortunate that you should do that as a Christian man. If you are a Christian you will not hedge; you will tell the truth. Answer my question!
P.: I have written out my statement in my defense and ask the court to hear the reading—
M.: (Ruthless) Ten dollars or ten days!
P.: I want to remind the court that it is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
M.: That's your belief. Lock him up!

Persecution Spreads the Truth

While it is inconvenient and unpleasant for clean, neat men and women to exchange the com-

forts of a refined Christian home for the discomforts and inexcusable filth and dirt of prison life, yet the angels of God would gladly leave their places in heavenly courts for the privilege of thus bearing testimony to the honor of Jehovah's name.

The way it works out is that over the radio and by the printed page the full proceedings of such infamies as occurred at Plainfield are made known to all. Thus the Plainfield trials were dramatized and widely broadcast. At the conclusion of the broadcast the following words of explanation and warning were included for the benefit of those who have ears to hear.

. . . Satan, the chief enemy of Jehovah, is the oppressor of the people. He it is who has taught hypocrisy, violence and false courtesy. His sons, the clergy, have served him well in teaching the kings and lesser political rulers throughout "Christendom" that their authority proceeds from God, that they rule "by divine right" and therefore must be recognized and obeyed by the people. That false teaching belongs to the Dark Ages. Like the clergy, it is out of date.

In these last days of the frantic effort of Satan and his representatives to hold together his tottering structure of "Christendom", the clergy, both Protestant and Catholic, are entirely unable to keep the people in ignorance of God's word of truth. Being also unable to withstand the clear and forceful speech of Jehovah's witnesses, the clergy now call into action a crowd of hirelings, men without conscience, who for their own daily bread are willing to persecute, arrest and cruelly oppress God-fearing men and women who choose to obey God's commandments. Such oppressors include police officers, magistrates, jail wardens and executives of municipalities who do the bidding of their master. These do the bidding of Satan because they are hirelings. They are the "strong-arm squad" of the visible part of Satan's organization.

By their hypocritical action in thus seeking to hinder and prevent the free flow of the message of God's kingdom, these enemies are identifying themselves for slaughter by the invisible army of Jehovah, which will strike when He gives the word, that men in all the world may know that He whose name alone is JEHOVAH is the Most High over all the earth.

Jehovah's witnesses delight to go straight on in performing the work entrusted to them by the true and living God, to make known among the people Jehovah's purpose to have His King, Christ Jesus, utterly destroy all who stubbornly refuse to obey the law of His Kingdom. But before God's vengeance is executed Jehovah has commanded and commissioned His witnesses to serve notice upon the enemy concerning the day of impending destruction.

In the Second Psalm the mercy of the Most High God is magnified in these words of His counsel:

'Be wise now, therefore, O ye rulers; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve Jehovah with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss his Son, lest he be angry, and ye PERISH from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.'

Again, you people of Plainfield who hear this broadcast, Do you stand on the side of Jehovah, the God of justice and truth, or on the side of Satan, the father of the clergy and the master of their cruel hirelings?

You now *know* what has taken place in your city. *Knowledge* brings responsibility. *Responsibility* for these outrages and for the further detention of that innocent man who has been locked up for five months because he dared to raise his voice in protest against such wickedness, such responsibility must be shared by you people of the city of Plainfield who are in sympathy with and approve the conduct of that unjust judge. For that responsibility you must answer in due time, not to any creature, but to the righteous Judge, Jehovah, who has seen and heard these things.

Jehovah's King, Christ Jesus, when upon earth nineteen centuries ago, said: 'Shall not God avenge his own? I tell you that HE will avenge them.' Jehovah will do that soon for His own honor's sake.

Judge Rutherford to Take a Hand

IN THE Lord's providence, Judge Rutherford was busy with his work in Europe at the time these Plainfield and Elgin matters came to a head. Had he been here he would have been most happy to personally supervise a situation which is bound to be corrected.

However, full reports of these things have gone to him, and we now have pleasure in saying that on his return he will deliver an address at Plainfield, New Jersey, setting forth to the citizens the real cause for these persecutions and why every honest person now has a keen interest in them.

The people are at last in the place where they must decide between the clergy and the Devil on one side and the truth and Jehovah God on the other. Whichever way they decide will have a profound effect on their eternal destinies. Hypocrisy must go; all of it.

Insulting Jehovah God in Elgin, Illinois

WE CONCEDE that it is all true, as The Elgin Association of Commerce contends, that Elgin is a garden spot, that it is a city of friendly people, and that it is exceptionally located for business purposes.

How regrettable that such a fine city should have fallen under the control of men that do not hesitate to insult Jehovah, the true and living God. Its police officials, many of them, acknowledge that in the management of the city there exists a clandestine union of church and state, a reprehensible and repugnant thing. They are expected to do things they know are illegal.

No attempts to put over a rule by the clergy will go in these United States. Every time it has been tried it has met with miserable failure, as witness the Prohibition fiasco. And every time it will be tried it will meet with failure, as it should. America is not Russia, nor Germany, nor Italy. There are Americans in this country still, and will be for some time yet.

Let those who insist that the only right way to worship Jehovah God is to sit under a steeple, while the person of their choice talks to them as they wish to be talked to, go ahead and worship in that way. That is their right. And that is just as far as their rights go, or will go.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, never built a church building, never asked anybody else to build one, and never asked anybody to go to one that somebody else built, but He did teach the people, by the seaside, on the mountain top, in the wilderness, and in private homes. He exercised His rights.

Today if He came suddenly to Elgin an attempt would be made to deprive Him of these rights. He would be told by representatives of the clergy that He must build a church and teach from beneath a steeple or He could not teach at all. No law would be cited; none is possible. Such rejection of His message, with possible imprisonment of His person, would be the grossest of insults to Jehovah, the true and living God, and would bring down upon those responsible for it, and upon the city as a whole, the wrath of the One who holds us all in the hollow of His hand.

Rights Will Be Insisted On

There need be no confusion on this subject. Do the intelligent people of Elgin wish to see in their city a duplication of the outrages perpetrated in Plainfield, N. J., so graphically portrayed in the pages which precede? We do not believe that Elgin has a chief of police that would be willing to make seventeen Christian women stand up all night in three prison cells, because there was room for but twelve of the twenty-nine to sit down, but it is moving in that direction.

And certainly we do not believe that Elgin has a magistrate that could or would conduct such "trials" as De Meza conducted so shamelessly at Plainfield; but if such must come, then be assured that all attempts to do it in a corner will be in vain, and usurpations of authority will be exposed.

At Washington, D.C., April 15-16, every person in the city, including President Roosevelt, was approached with this all-important message of God's kingdom, the hope of the world, and not a person in the city made the slightest objection. And why should they?

How does it come that Jehovah's witnesses can witness to President Roosevelt and all official and private Washington and be treated with courtesy, and when they come to Elgin or to Plainfield they are treated as they have been? Who is the colored gentleman in the woodpile?

This is not the fault of THE PEOPLE of either city. It is borne out abundantly by the thousands that received the books and booklets of the Kingdom and made some slight contributions in part payment of the expense involved. We have the records; the people themselves are with us.

And it is not the civic officials that of themselves care a particle. The only reason why they have shown this indecent activity in trying to suppress what they cannot suppress is that they have been egged on by the priests and preachers, who, astutely, do their best to keep out of sight.

The clergy are actually trying to make it seem to the people that though they have 213 sects they are really all one, and that, in any event, before anybody can teach the Scriptures they must come to them, through the custodians of the law, and obtain their consent before they can go ahead with their work. Nix on that kind of liberty.

Give everybody a fair deal everywhere.

Brief of the Difficulties at Elgin

At our urgent, repeated request Eugene Orrell, who served with high honors at the front throughout the World War, but is now enlisted in the service of the King of kings, and is directing the work of Jehovah's witnesses in the Elgin territory, gave us the following digest of events in that city which makes this publication necessary at this time:

On February 5, 1933, a number of good-willed and order-loving people, known as Jehovah's witnesses, made a friendly visit to the city of Elgin, Illinois, in order to preach the good news of the early establishment of Jehovah's righteous government upon the earth and the complete destruction of Satan's wicked organization: this in order that the people of Elgin, Illinois, might know the name of Jehovah and receive His preservation in the crisis in which the peoples of earth are now living.

Desiring to do this work in an orderly manner and that the civil authorities might understand the good reasons for the witnesses of Jehovah visiting the homes in the city of Elgin, Illinois, A. L. Seeley (spokesman) and another witness of the Chicago area were delegated to call upon the chief of police of Elgin. Not only did they acquaint the authorities with the nature of the work, but also presented to them the names of the visiting witnesses that they might be readily identified not as criminals or law-breakers but as representatives of Jehovah, the Righteous God. A. L. Seeley makes the following report of the visit:

"At the time of the campaign at Elgin, Illinois, on February 5, 1933, another witness and I were chosen to present the list of names at the police department for their information. As the chief was absent from his office the presentation was made to the lieutenant, who received it and took it into the chief's office. During the conversation at that time the lieutenant asked why we did not make arrangements in advance, to which the reply was made that we did not think it necessary, as we were preaching the gospel of God's kingdom on earth, and that we were not only within our rights to do so but were commanded so to do. This visit was short and I returned to the contact point.

"Later in the day word was received that several of Jehovah's witnesses had been taken in by the police and I was sent to ascertain from what part of the city of Elgin they had been taken. While on this errand the lieutenant of the Elgin police called me into his office and accused us of soliciting money. This was denied by me and I reiterated that we were preaching the gospel of the kingdom of Jehovah God; that Jehovah's law is superior to any law that man can make, and that Jehovah having commanded that this work be done it must therefore be done.

Ordering Americans Out of America

"About that time the lieutenant told me to take the crowd and get out of town. I told the lieutenant that we are not criminals and that we are citizens of the United States. This implied, of course, our refusal to accede to his command. I then left his office to do some telephoning and when I returned to the lieutenant's office the workers whom I had heard were taken in had all left the police station.

"The apprehension of Jehovah's witnesses in Elgin took place in the face of the plain statement made to the authorities of the city of the nature of their mission; which statement follows. In no point does this statement give grounds for hostility on the part of officials.

May it please you to take note that the persons whose names and addresses appear upon this paper are engaged regularly in preaching the gospel of Jehovah's kingdom in obedience to the command of Jehovah in order that the people might be informed of the meaning of the world's present unhappy condition and what the immediate future holds.

We have come to the city of Elgin, Illinois, for thus preaching the gospel by going from house to house and exhibiting to the people the message of Jehovah's kingdom in printed form. This is done in order to enable the people to inform themselves with the least possible trouble and expense.

Our work is entirely charitable and benevolent and is done solely because of our love for God and His kingdom, and not for pecuniary profit. This privilege of thus preaching the gospel of Jehovah's kingdom without hindrance or interference is guaranteed to us by the fundamental law of the United States and by the State of Illinois, in which the above-mentioned city is located.

That you may briefly ascertain the nature of our message, we attach hereto a copy of a booklet, THE KINGDOM, THE HOPE OF THE WORLD.

Knowing that you appreciate your duty of protecting people from the assaults of others, we request that the police power of this community see to it that we are permitted to carry on our life work of thus preaching the gospel without interference from any opposers or anyone else.

We and each of us are the duly accredited representatives of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, of 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., which is incorporated for the following purpose:

'The purpose for which the corporation is formed is, the dissemination of Bible truths in various languages by means of the publication of tracts, pamphlets, papers and other religious documents, and by the use of all other lawful means which its Board of Directors, duly constituted, shall deem expedient for the furtherance of the purpose stated.' "

The Press Is on Trial

In this Judgment Day the press is on trial, as well as every other institution of man. It has rare opportunities and rare responsibilities. Occasionally there is a newspaper editor who loves the institutions of his country and tries to uphold what is right. Due honor to such. Sometimes the reports are ignoble and unjust, and grossly unfair in headlines and inferences, as in the following in the Elgin *Courier-News* of February 6, 1933:

ARMY OF SOLICITORS IS OUSTED AFTER CLASH WITH AUTHORITIES

GROUP FAILS TO OBTAIN CITY PERMIT

A group of workers who **claimed** they were preaching the gospel of Jehovah's Kingdom **stormed** into Elgin yesterday morning to make a house-to-house distribution of religious pamphlets and solicit donations for their cause but they **stormed out just as readily after an encounter with city officials.**

Several of the workers, said to have numbered 280 men and women, **made the error of calling on friends of Mayor Myron M. Lehman and at the home of Joseph G. Huber, city marshal.**

The leader of the group, E. L. Seeley, giving his address as 5944 Eberhart avenue, Chicago, appeared at police headquarters yesterday morning and presented a list of the 280 workers to police with the announcement that they were going to distribute religious literature in the city during the day.

FAILED TO OBTAIN PERMIT

Seeley conferred with Detective Sergeant Frank Egner who advised him that he first must get a permit from the mayor or city marshal. Seeley said that he had fulfilled his mission when he presented the list of workers to police but he was advised that the group would not be permitted to operate without a permit.

Shortly afterwards, police began to get calls from all parts of the city. The workers were making a house-to-house canvass, presenting the resident with a booklet called "The Kingdom, The Hope of the World" and then soliciting donations for their work.

Mayor Lehman received several complaints at his home and he asked police to bring the solicitors in for further investigation. Marshal Huber was at his home when he was advised of the work of the solicitors and he issued orders to have them placed under arrest.

CALLS AT HUBER'S HOME

Shortly after Marshal Huber had talked to headquarters, one of the solicitors called at his home and was admitted.

"I am a disciple of Jehovah's and am distributing these pamphlets in Elgin," the solicitor advised the marshal.

"O. K., you have fulfilled your mission," Marshal Huber replied as he removed several of the pamphlets from the solicitor's hands.

The solicitor then started his plea for a donation and Marshal Huber listened. He then advised the man that he was a policeman and that he would have to go to headquarters.

"You can't arrest me and take me to the police station," the solicitor argued, "Jehovah sent me to Elgin to preach the gospel."

"Jehovah may have sent you here but Huber is going to send you out of the city," the marshal replied as he bundled the man into his car and took him to headquarters.

ORDERED FROM CITY

In the meantime, Lieutenant L. P. Robinson and Detective Sergeant Charles Struckman and Frank Egner had rounded up 30 more solicitors, including the leader, Seeley. **After considerable questioning, Seeley was ordered to get his crew together and get out of Elgin.**

Mayor Lehman this morning stated that persons desiring to distribute articles or pamphlets in Elgin must first obtain a permit from the city officials.

"Distribution of materials, literature, and advertising matter cannot be done in Elgin without the proper permit," the mayor said.

"The housewife should ask such persons to display the permit, and if they haven't one, they are not obliged to listen to the agent's story, but may, if they choose, slam the door in his face."

Silly Inconsistencies of the Reporter

The workers upon this occasion, who numbered about 280 men and women, are reported in the foregoing to have "stormed" into Elgin, while as a matter of fact the sixty-five cars which carried these people proceeded in an orderly manner to Elgin from a general assembly point which was outside of the city of Elgin, each car going to a definite territory which had been previously assigned to it. Upon reaching the territories Jehovah's witnesses proceeded in a quiet and orderly manner to make a friendly and courteous call upon the people of Elgin for the purpose above stated.

It is hard to see how they made an "error" in calling upon Mayor Lehman's friends or City Marshal Huber in view of the fact that they had delegated one of their number to call upon the authorities. It is only criminals that make the mistake of coming in contact with the authorities or their friends.

Seeley did not obtain a permit from the authorities of Elgin in order that they might obey the law of Jehovah God. It is hardly consistent that one creature could grant a permit to another creature to obey the law of the Creator. In the past when praying "Thy will be done" Jehovah's witnesses have always addressed Jehovah, and not Marshal Huber. Manifestly Seeley would not ask for a permit.

The booklet called *The Kingdom, The Hope of the World,* does present the only hope of the world of mankind because of the fact that it does not present any man's opinion, or any clergyman's opinion, but does present Jehovah's purposes as set forth in the Bible.

To solicit is to earnestly ask for or request. The Watch Tower has sponsored several hundred radio lectures each week, and to date no request for money has been made. The Watch Tower merely suggests that if one is interested enough to contribute, it is evidence that he will read a book or booklet, and he is therefore given some of the literature. The Scriptures state, "Honor the Lord with thy substance." Would the Elgin authorities have all the Bibles in Elgin burned because the Lord has solicited the substance of the people?

The statement that 'Jehovah [who is the true and living God] may have sent you here but Huber is going to send you out of the city' was arrogant.

In the last paragraph of the *Courier-News* report the officials of Elgin invite the housewives to disorderly conduct, when as a matter of fact the influence of authorities should be toward that of tranquillity and peace.

Wherein the Mayor of Elgin Tells How Only He Will Permit Jehovah to Be Worshiped

On May 21, 1933, a second visit was made by Jehovah's witnesses to the people of Elgin to again bring to their attention the name and good purposes of Jehovah. On this occasion the workers during the course of the day numbered about three hundred sixty and the cars seventy-four and they again proceeded in an orderly manner from a contact point to definite territories in the city of Elgin. In order to again acquaint the authorities with the nature of the work and present the names of the workers, E. D. Orrell, G. Y. McCormick and A. L. Seeley called at the police headquarters. The following, which took place during the course of the day between the above and the authorized representatives of the people of Elgin, will be of interest:

SCENE ONE

JW.—One of the three above-named Jehovah's witnesses.

CP.—Chief of police of Elgin, Illinois.

M.—Mayor of Elgin, Illinois.

JW. Jehovah, the true and living God, has a message for all people. As representatives of an assembly of Jehovah's witnesses who are delivering this message today in Elgin, Illinois, we have the privilege of presenting to you this letter (handing letter to the chief) by way of information. This is submitted that you may be enabled to identify these persons here not as law-breakers but who are unselfishly doing good to the people of this community.

CP. Weren't you fellows here before, a couple of weeks ago?

JW. Yes, we were.

CP. Jehovah's witnesses! I don't want anything to do with them!

JW. We have here a list of names, together with a letter outlining the reason why we are calling upon the people and identifying every individual who is calling upon the people in your community today.

CP. (Stamping and storming around and waving his hands) I won't take the letter! I don't want anything to do with Jehovah!

JW. (Insists on chief taking letter and forces it into his hands) This is for your information and is yours to have on file here.

CP. (Tears open letter, shouts some more, tries to force papers back on to J. w., and continues to storm) You fellows disturb us, and annoy the people! We have churches! We don't want you! Keep out of this town!! Here comes the mayor now. Talk to him.

JW. We have called upon the chief, and we are also calling upon you. We have here a copy of a letter which has been prepared for both the mayor and the chief of police which is particularly designed to explain our work and identify each individual engaged in the work and explain the purpose of their calling upon the people of Elgin, Illinois.

M. Yes! You were here some time ago! I know all about it! You are not coming into this town and canvass or solicit!

JW. We are not canvassing or soliciting. We have come here to worship Jehovah God by preaching the gospel of the Kingdom and calling upon the people from house to house. The fundamental law of the United States and of this state guarantees us the right to worship Jehovah God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and to preach the gospel in our own way.

M. Where are these people now that are listed here? Are they actually here now?

JW. Yes, they are in the field calling from door to door.

M. (To chief of police) Send out, and bring them all in!

CP. (Turning around to detective and sergeant) Go out, and get them all!

JW. (To both chief and mayor) You both appreciate that this is a message of Jehovah, the living God, and your opposition to it removes the responsibility from our shoulders, and you two assume it, and it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

M. (Hitting chest) I will assume responsibility for MY town. This is a city of churches. If you want to worship God, then go and get you a church like the rest. I personally worship at the Methodist church, and you're not coming into my town and worship unless you get a church like the rest.

JW. That may be your method of worshiping God and you have a right to do so under the Constitution of the United States of America. That is your privilege. But we say that this is our way of worshiping the Living God and we have a right to do so and we are going to exercise that right and we do not have to ask your permission nor anybody else's permission because we worship according to our understanding of the purposes of Jehovah.

State of Illinois }
County of Cook }

Personally appeared before me, a notary public, in and for Cook County, Illinois, E. D. Orrell, Chicago, Illinois and G. Y. McCormick, Brooklyn, New York and certify under oath that the above statement is true and correct.

(Signed) E. D. ORRELL
(Signed) G. Y. MCCORMICK

Subscribed and sworn to before me this second day of July, 1933.

[Seal]

(Signed) ALFRED L. SEELEY
Notary Public

Mayor Should Take Something

There are many inconveniences in being the mayor of a bustling, thriving American city. One of the dangers of the position is that the mayor may forget, as did this mayor, that though he is mayor of Elgin, yet Elgin has not yet been moved out of the United States, nor even out of the state of Illinois. He should take something for this. A reading of the Constitution both of the United States and of the State of Illinois would be good. Cold baths and mild purgatives are good: anything that will take down the swelling. Chiropractors would recommend chiropractic; osteopaths, osteopathy; naturopaths, nature cures, etc., etc.

Following this interview a large number of Jehovah's witnesses were stopped from worshiping Jehovah according to the dictates of their own conscience, and this in view of the fact that the Constitution of the State of Illinois, Article 2, Section 3, reads:

The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination, shall forever be guaranteed; and no person shall be denied any civil or political right, privilege or capacity, on account of his religious opinions; nor shall any preference be given by law to any religious denomination or mode of worship.

In view of this, Mr. Seeley makes the following statement:

"A. L. Seeley, 6944 Eberhart Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, deposes and says that on May 21st., 1933, while he was being detained by the Police of Elgin, Illinois, without right and contrary to the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Illinois, he was taken into the office of the Chief of Police at Elgin, Illinois, there being then present also the Lieutenant of Police, the City Attorney for Elgin, Mr. F. J. Myers. During the ensuing conversation between the City Attorney of Elgin and this deponent, the said City Attorney of Elgin said to this deponent as follows, to wit, 'We know that you people are within your rights but we do not like to be disturbed on Sunday morning.'"

Signed: ALFRED L. SEELEY.

Because of the large number of Jehovah's witnesses detained by the Elgin police a second list of names was prepared and a second contingent sent into the city of Elgin. On this occasion E. D. Orrell and G. Y. McCormick went to the home of the mayor to present the list of names, where they met the mayor:

EPISODE TWO

M. (Arrogantly) I don't want any more lists of names! You fellows get in your car and get out of this town. Get the whole bunch out!

JW. You have no right to put us out of town and you will not put us out of town. This is the United States and not communistic Russia, and as citizens of the United States we have the privilege of being in this town and you dare not put us out!

M. Don't I! I will have you arrested right now! (Turning to police car) Here you are, sergeant, arrest these fellows, and dump them out of town.

JW. All right, go ahead and carry out your threat. Arrest us—but you know better. We will fight this to the Supreme Court if necessary.

Insulting the Father of Mercies

The Elgin police continued to detain the witnesses, and below are given a number of statements of what took place during the day:

Michael Syslo, 2905 N. Neenah Ave., Chicago, Ill.

When I came to the home of the mayor of Elgin, after hearing the testimony he said, "Have a seat! I will call the police and ask them to take you to the station. Who gave you a permit to do this work? We run this city, not Jehovah. This work is a racket. Jehovah is dead a long time—he doesn't know you are here. This is a clean city and we are going to try to keep it clean. If you don't wait for the police I will swear a warrant out on you and your whole bunch. We can run this city without Jehovah. Why don't you come down week days instead of Sunday? Policemen want to have a rest on Sunday instead of running around after you fellows.

When a policeman came the mayor said to him, "Take this fellow to the station and tell him to get out of the city." When we came to the police station the officer told us not to go back to work today or any other day and to get out of the city.

(Signed) MICHAEL SYSLO

Subscribed and Sworn to this fourth day of July, 1933, at Chicago, Illinois.

[Seal]

(Signed) ALFRED L. SEELEY
Notary Public

Hugh Buckner, 1139 N. Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois:

I worked down one side of the street and placed a few booklets. One lady said that she thought religion had caused all the trouble in the world; and I said, "That is right." At the last place a car drove up and stopped and a man in plain clothes called, "Hey, Jehovah!" Before I got into the car I asked him if I was under arrest. He replied, "What do you think this is, a joy ride?" He took me down to the station.

An Honest and Good Officer

H. C. Roggenkamp, 4221 Meade Ave., Chicago, Illinois:

Just as we finished our territory, an officer came up to us. He said, "I don't want to take you people down; I believe you're honest and sincere and doing a good work, but we have to obey our superiors."

E. H. Comstock:

The following is an accurate statement of my experience in Elgin with a man claiming to be the head of the police and firemen commission of that city. The conversation is not word for word but conveys the meaning expressed.

The car that I drove was assigned to division No. 44. This territory is on the south side of the river and west of the highway going to Aurora. We proceeded to preach the gospel of the Kingdom from door to door. After working about two hours I rapped at a door. A man answered the knock and I started the regular testimony but was interrupted with the question, "Have you a permit to do this?" I replied that I had and produced the authorization card issued by the president of the Watch Tower. He demanded a permit from the chief of police. I replied, "I do not have to have a permit to preach the gospel of the Kingdom." He said, "I believe that you are the same bunch that was here a while ago. I was to church this morning and we are going to put a stop to this. If you want to preach, why don't you do it in a church? I am going to call the police headquarters and find out about this." With these words he closed the door, leaving me standing on the porch.

I passed to the next house and continued down the street. In a short time he came out and placed me under arrest, displaying a gold star or badge, and wanted to know if I would report to the police station or would it be necessary to hold me until the police arrived. This was settled, for two officers drove up with a car. Later I saw this man at the police station and he appeared to have authority. I think that his name was Platt, but I am not sure.

One of Jehovah's witnesses demanded a trial because he had been placed under arrest, but we were informed that we had not been arrested. I was told plainly that I was under arrest.

"It Is the Preachers"

May Hicks, Hammond, Indiana:

Officer: Are you soliciting?

May Hicks: No, sir; I am preaching the gospel.

Officer: I will have to take you to the station.

May Hicks: There must be a misunderstanding. Do you know anything about this work? Have you read any of the literature?

Officer: No, us fellows don't have time to read. It's not the police officers doing this, it is the preachers and city officials of Elgin.

This officer was courteous and at this he turned me over to a plain clothes man, who ordered me to get in the car. Later he turned me back to the first officer. Then I told him the preachers were not telling the people the truth and they knew we were and they did not want the people to know the truth. He said he knew that. I told him that the same class of people arrested our Lord for preaching the truth and that the servant was not above his Master. He said he knew that the Illinois preachers and the Indiana preachers were fighting each other.

I was taken to the station and held for about three and a half hours. On leaving the city two more officers were standing on the street and waved good-by to me. I told them we would be back again and by that time they would know more about the preachers. At this they nodded their heads and one clapped his hands together.

F. J. Myers:

In the police station a man at the desk made this statement: "I have nothing against you, but the preachers are running this town."

Instructions Come from the Clergy

E. F. Cassady, 2815 Major Ave., Chicago, Illinois:

The policeman who took me to the station stated he had to do what he was told to do; and when I asked him who told him what to do he said, 'The churches.'

Geo. M. Gardner, 1319 Davis Ave., Whiting, Indiana:

O.—Officer
G.—Gardner

O. Are you one of Jehovah's witnesses?

G. I am.

O. Get in my car; you are under arrest.

G. Will you tell me who you are?

O. I am an officer. (Shows his badge)

G. Do you have a warrant for my arrest?

O. It is not necessary to have a warrant. I am arresting you under suspicion. You better get in peacefully or you will be put in by force.

G. After taking me to the station, is it your intention to bring me back to my car?

O. You will walk back before I take you back in this car.

As the other members of my party had now been arrested I suggested that we go in my car, and we were then turned over to a traffic policeman. It was then discovered that a rear tire on my car was punctured.

G. Do you want to call a patrol wagon or will you wait until I change tires?

O. Go ahead and change tires.

G. I thank you for your courtesy.

O. I am only obeying orders in arresting you folks. When the preachers of Elgin begin fighting with the preachers of ——— (he thought we were from ———) the police department must step in and stop the fight.

I was detained at the station three and one-half hours.

Edwin M'Ross, 915 E. 8th St., Michigan City, Indiana:

The experiences of the brethren in this company were all the same at Elgin. The officer approached us and asked us to get in the car and go to jail. He asked us to go peacefully, as he was told to bring us in. We asked him if we were under arrest, and he said we were. And as we were told to hold our tongue, we said no more and went with him.

August Couchot:

O.—Officer
C.—Couchot

O. Are you one of Jehovah's witnesses?

C. Yes.

O. All right, you have to go to the station. We are rounding you all up. Is there anyone else with you?

C. Yes, my wife and daughter.

O. Where are they?

C. On the next street.

We picked up my wife and daughter.

O. You drive your car and follow me.

Quite Unnecessary Discourtesy

Edith Bogard:

Being duly sworn, I hereby state that I was detained by the authorities at Elgin, Illinois, on Sunday, May 21, 1933, in the following manner:

I had just begun to work and had called at about three houses when I noticed a man sitting in a coupé at the curb, watching me. When I came out of the next house I noticed that he had gone from there, but when I reached about the sixth or seventh house in the block this man was sitting on the porch as though he belonged there; so I gave him the testimony, and by his manner and remarks I knew that he was an enemy of some sort. When I began to display the books he asked whether I was selling them or giving them away. I stated that we were giving them away, but that we accepted a small contribution to help cover the cost of printing more books. He then said, "If you are giving them away, I will take these," and rather forcibly took my case of books from my hand. I told him that we did not give them away promiscuously, but only to those who were interested in the Lord's kingdom and would promise to read them, and that if he was interested in Jehovah's kingdom and would promise to read the books, I would be glad to leave one of each kind with him, even if he could not afford any contribution. He seemed rather stumped at this offer, but someone started moving about inside the door, which was open, so he started in again. He asked me if this was not just a sales racket. I explained that it could not be, because sales were made for profit, that we took no money for the books, but that all contributions were used to print more books, and that the contributions received did not cover the cost of the books. He then said, "Well, you are canvassing, which is against the laws of this city, and, as the chief of police, I am here to stop it." I told him that I was not canvassing, but preaching the gospel of the Kingdom by distributing these books to the people. He then said, "Well, I will distribute *these* books for you." I said, "That is fine, I will go with you and see that they are properly distributed." He then handed back my case of books and said, "Here, you can take your books and go, if you promise to do no more canvassing or witnessing or preaching, or whatever you call it." I took the books and told him that I could promise not to do any canvassing, but must continue witnessing until I had finished my territory. At this he grabbed my case of books and said, "You are under arrest, you will have to come with me to the station."

This man seemed to be acting at the instigation of someone inside the house; for whenever he would calm down somewhat, the moving about inside would start, and on the way out to the car he looked back at the house two or three times. I looked back also, but could see no one.

On the way to the station he inquired as to the number of workers in town. I told him I had nothing to do with the direction of the work and had no idea. He then wanted me to approximate the number, and I told him I could not even do that. He then said, "If you people wanted to act decent about this thing, your head man would have called on the mayor on Saturday and obtained his permission; but you come in here three hundred strong, the people are complaining and the mayor cannot be located." I said, "No man can give another permission to preach the gospel. The laws of the nation and of the state give all that privilege, and above all is the law of Jehovah." He then said, "Oh, who cares about the law of Jehovah! This town is run on ordinances, and I am here to see that they are obeyed." As I made no reply to this, he said, "I am not against religion; I am a church man myself." When we arrived at the police station I was handed over to a uniformed officer of the law who took me into the station and placed my case of books on a table and went out; so I took possession of my books again. There were five or six other J. w.'s at the station who had already been collected, but others kept coming in until the place was full to overflowing. There were no charges made against any of us, but our names were checked against the list that had been left there. About 1: 30 we were told to get out, but that if we went back to work we would be thrown into jail for good. As I did not know exactly how to get back to my territory, and knowing that my car with the other workers would be gone by that time, I went back to the contact point with some other workers.

Elgin Gets Another Opportunity

The folly of the civic authorities in taking orders from the clergy, and the wrong impression created in some minds that Jehovah's witnesses are asking anybody whatever for the privilege of doing the work He has commanded them to do, make it necessary to place this issue in every home in the city.

Jesus was persecuted by the clergy of His day, and stated that His true followers would be persecuted in the same manner. We see it so fulfilled, and herein we have certain evidence that we are living in the last days, in the days for which the prophecies were written.

These prophecies of the last days, now being fulfilled, show that the Devil would have control of the preachers and that they would be serving him and not Jehovah God. Consider the plain statement of the apostle:

> This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves [how perfectly this describes the clergy], covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness [steeples, etc.], but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was.—2 Timothy 3: 1-9.

Roosevelt Gets the Pope's Blessing

AT THE request of Mayor James M. Curley, of Boston, and by previous agreement with President Roosevelt, the pope has bestowed his blessing upon the present occupant of the United States presidential chair. Now is the time for all men to put on their vestments of identification (2 Kings 10: 21, 22), and very evidently that is what they are doing.

Readers of *The Golden Age* are well aware from historical facts what kind of blessings follow these benedictions and will confidently look for a series of disappointments for Mr. Roosevelt, culminating—who knows?—in Armageddon, the crowning trouble of all history. We are indifferent about the matter, but if the pope cares to test it out we cordially invite him to put every kind of curse on *The Golden Age* that he lays in his power to name.

"The blessing of [Jehovah], it maketh rich"; but the blessing of the pope, there is plenty of evidence to prove, works in the reverse direction. By the way, Judge Rutherford's challenge to the pope to appoint his best man to discuss whether or not the pope in truth and in fact represents Satan the Devil still remains unanswered. Maybe this is the answer.

Badly Tangled on Who Is God

A WRITER in the New York *American* says: "Pope Pius pointed out the possibility that wars and the economic crisis were caused by war on God. He cited especially Russia, Spain, Mexico and countries of Central Europe." Patently, the writer has confused the Roman Catholic church with God and speaks of it as if it were God.

Why Grieve Because Italian Popes Were Nicknamed?

WE PUBLISH below a contribution from one of the best comrades one could have in the battle for truth and righteousness, Giovanni De Cecca. In the World War, when truth was at a discount and lies were at a premium, he was accused of causing the entire Italian "front" to give way. There was not a word of truth in it, but he was nevertheless given a sentence of forty years in the Atlanta penitentiary, the regular thing in those days.

De Cecca's Letter

I am writing the present to inform you that the two articles published in *The Golden Age* Nos. 354 and 355 on the subject "Another 'HOLY YEAR' of La Bottega del Papa" have been highly appreciated among the Italians, and they are ordering them in large quantities and distributing them among their Italian friends.

They have read these articles with keen interest, and like very much your familiar expressions to "Ambrose". They appreciate very much your clearness and fearlessness in exposing this foolish system.

But there is a little point in the first article which they resent, more or less, and a good many have asked me to write you about it.

On page 421, second column, last paragraph, there is a "slip of the tongue" or of the thought. I have tried to explain to a good many your thought, but it was not satisfactory. Now, what do you suppose it is? There is a little fly in the soup.

The paragraph reads: "There have been about 200 Dago popes, 15 French, 14 Greek, 8 Syrian, 6 German, 5 Spanish, 2 Austrian, and 1 each Portuguese, Swiss, English and Dutch."

Now, do you get the point in this? It is quite apparent. That "Dago" is the fly. The Italians emphatically want to know: Why do you say "200 Dago popes"? Then you say "15 French" instead of "15 Froggies", and "6 Germans" instead of "6 Huns", etc.

Now if all others are called by nationality, the Italians want to know, why didn't you say "200 Italian popes"? The resentment is caused by the fact that you designate only the Italians by nickname, "Dago."

They agree that the pope has been bad enough, but they cannot agree that all the Italian people are dagoes, since the word "Dago" is a contemptuous name given in the United States to Italian immigrants.

I told those Italians who resented that, that probably was a slip of the tongue on the part of the editor, or that he might have had reference only to the popes. But they would appreciate an explanation from you.

I wish myself that that word "Dago" were not there and appearing in contrast with other nationalities. We are all willing to fight for the truth, but when we must go over explanations on things like that we must work overtime without accomplishing much.

I would like to assure you that I enjoyed the articles myself very much, and also all the Italian friends; they are getting quite used to the expression, and are expressing on every occasion, "Shame on you, Ambrose!"

My personal wish is that Ambrose will not have very many "holy years", but that Christ Jesus the King will establish the true Holy Year, and put an end to this infamous system of priest-graft, popedom, and "Christendom".

We have no apology to offer for designating the Roman Catholic church as an Italian racket. Why apologize for telling the truth? The Italian people themselves have often admitted that their church is what it is and where it is because of the standing which Rome once had as a world power. The mere fact that there have been 200 Italian popes and only 54 from all the other peoples of the world proves the point.

Many Americans do not hesitate to express their utter contempt of this great fraud that has fastened itself on the necks of the Italian people. They refer to the pope as a Dago; that is because they think lightly of *him* and of the system which he represents. So do we. Maybe we did not make that point sufficiently plain.

Now about this matter of nationalities. *The Golden Age* refuses to take seriously any so-called "national lines". "God . . . hath made of one blood all nations of men," and we hesitate not to tease them all as occasion arises:

Poles ("Polocks") would rather fight than eat, but they are the hardest-working people in the world. Germans (Boches) want to boss everything in creation, but they are the most honest things on top of ground. French (Froggies) are the most warlike nation, but they are a model of thrift and progress. British (John Bulls) are the prize diplomats of creation, but the most liberty-loving and the most dependable. Scotch ("tightwads") may be the closest people, as is claimed, but they are the most truthful. Americans (Yanks) are the biggest braggers, but most dauntless. And so we could go down the list, naming bad traits and good traits in every nationality.

We did say about the Italians that not another band of men on earth could have kept the Roman Catholic church racket going strong for

fifteen hundred years, and we mean just that. The Italian has done what no others could have done. Plenty of them would have been glad enough to do it if they could.

And now we will say some good things. The Italians are among the best architects, painters, sculptors and musicians of the world. Take them out of the building trades in America today and we would have no "great" and no artistic structures. They are natural-born artists; even their language is musical; their names are musical; and that includes the name De Cecca (pronounced De Chek'ka). We *could* say lots more. —James 3:2.

The Clergy, the Strong-Arm Squad, and the Press

IT IS no imaginary thing that the strong-arm squad and Big Business support the clergy in their lofty pretensions. The three work together. In some instances Big Business is the aggressor. This was the case in the World War. In his memoirs Gabriel Hanotaux, French minister of foreign affairs, narrates how the house of Morgan guaranteed to put America into the World War on the side of the Allies. They knew that the politicians would go along with their program, and that the clergy, whom they supported, would look down upon them from their exalted position and bless them, and they did.

The specific job which the Devil has entrusted to the clergy is to see to it that the true teachings of the Scriptures shall not come to the attention of the people. Error is freely permitted, even encouraged, but truth is strictly forbidden. We have 213 sects in America. They may teach anything they please except the truth regarding the Devil's organization.

At the Summit outrages referred to on page 643 the priest that incited the strong-arm squad to do his dirty work was directly in evidence. Big Business, commonly represented by the press, was a silent factor. The editor of the Summit *Herald* seems to be a fair-minded man, not particularly under the control of either the clergy, the strong-arm squad or Big Business. He seems to want to do what every newspaper man ought to want to do: tell the truth.

Press Staunchly Supports Plainfield Infamies

The police in Plainfield are not interested in finding law-breakers. They well know the location of every rum hole, gambling machine and bawdyhouse in the city. Nobody but an absolute fool would believe that they would abandon the supervision of these sources of income and rush out and throw sixty-one innocent Christian men and women into prison without being ordered to do it by the clergy. Most certainly this is what happened.

Now notice how Big Business stands by its comrade, the strong-arm squad, in supporting the clergy system responsible for this outrage which occurred on June 4.

In its first edition of June 5 the N.Y. *American* said that "several Negro men and women were included". This was done to create bias. There were just two Negro men and no Negro women in the group. Has a Negro no rights?

The same paper said that the Plainfield authorities were "somewhat bewildered . . . to find accommodations for them all overnight. This was done, although it entailed notable crowding. The courtroom had to be pressed into service for some of the prisoners."

The "accommodations" which the Plainfield authorities provided for 29 Christian women for the entire night of June 4 was that they allowed 12 of them to sit down during the night and required the other 17 to stand throughout the night. At some stage of the game somebody must have tipped off the *American* to the real facts of what Flynn was doing, for in later editions they withdrew the lie that "the courtroom had to be pressed into service for some of the prisoners".

But observe Mr. Flynn's craftiness. After keeping these women standing all night he took them up into "the courtroom" THE NEXT DAY to be fingerprinted, and then, and not until then, they were allowed to lie down on mats on "the courtroom" floor, which the American Inquisitor General had "graciously" (?) provided for the purpose. The "courtroom" as above alleged was, in truth, the *gymnasium*.

Efforts to Inflame the People

Everything in the *American* account was intended to inflame the minds of the people against Jehovah's witnesses, who were bringing to them

the most important message that will ever come to their notice. These workers were 213 in number, not 57, as claimed in the article. It is not true that they were "canvassing without a permit". It is not true that "none was able or willing to put up the ten dollars bail demanded by the police". It is not true that Jehovah's witnesses are "Russellites". Nor is it true that they are "a cult". Nor is it true that hitherto "they invariably left town when threatened by the police". Nor is it true that Policeman Flynn "ordered the arrests after several persons accosted on the streets had complained". In other words, the article in the *American* was a tissue of falsehoods from end to end.

In its issue of June 5 the Plainfield *Courier-News* made the statement that "at eleven a.m. telephone complaints began pouring into police headquarters from irate citizens whose matutinal slumbers had been disturbed by the salesmen". It is not true that these arrests were based upon complaints. The orders were from the top down, and not from the bottom up.

The story in the New York *Herald-Tribune* repeated in other forms the lies that appeared in the *American*. The truth that Flynn had required 17 women to stand all night was ignored, but the information dished out to the readers was that "the women were told to sleep as best they could in the courtroom, which was guarded". Also that they "settled down for a stifling night's sleep this evening in every available place of incarceration that Plainfield's police department could provide".

The *Herald-Tribune,* to inflame the minds of its readers, said, "The zealots, including several Negroes, invaded Plainfield soon after noon." Further discourtesies were intended by the sentence, "Some of them remained in the business district, while others ducked down side streets, ringing door bells."

Attempts to Cover Up the Truth

The *Herald-Tribune* concealed the fact that the complete list of workers with their full names and addresses was filed with Chief of Police Flynn early in the day, but was mean enough to say that when their names had been asked "there was no answer; not one of the 57 ceased his mournful gaze at the lieutenant". The way the *Herald-Tribune* "covered" this outrage is enough to make Horace Greeley turn over in his grave.

The Brooklyn *Eagle* contained the same misinformation about the women prisoners' being put up overnight in the courtroom, made the same untrue statement that "several Negro men and women were among the prisoners", and made use of the same provocative and inapplicable name "Russellites".

In its issue of June 29 the Plainfield *Courier-News* contained the following statement, which is an attempt of Chief Flynn to conceal the fact that he compelled 17 women to stand all night. *In this statement he tries to make it appear that what he did the next day, after they had stood all night, was done on the day of their arrest.* This item says, "The Chief said he made every effort to make the prisoners as comfortable as possible. He secured 25 chairs from a local undertaker for the accommodation of the women and allowed them to send out for anything they desired."

In its editorial of July 1 the Plainfield *Courier-News* says that the radio broadcasts by the witnesses of Jehovah of what took place in Plainfield were "dramatic misrepresentations". This is not true. These broadcasts were and are the exact truth, and this has been acknowledged by some of Plainfield's own police.

Nor is it true that George Rossier "hurled a pamphlet at Judge De Meza's head during the trial". Anybody who says that this copy of *Golden Age* No. 358, which a tortured man presented to Judge De Meza to read and for which Judge De Meza gave him three months' additional sentence in prison, was intended to be thrown in Judge De Meza's face tells what is not true. All together, he gave this innocent man five months in prison and a fine of $100.

We observe that having momentarily suppressed free speech and the free exercise of religion in Plainfield, Chief Flynn, with other police chiefs and representatives of the Elizabeth chamber of commerce, is seeking the extension of his illegal acts over the whole of Union county.

The Same Principles Discernible at Elgin

In its issue of May 22 the Elgin *Courier-News* manifests the same disposition to stand by the strong-arm squad in the support of the pretensions of those who bestow their blessings on them from above as we saw exemplified in the press accounts of the Plainfield tragedy.

The headline says, "360 Gospel Canvassers Ousted on Police Orders." They were not ousted.

They finished their work in Elgin to the last house, the same as they did in Plainfield. After 360 workers had gone into action earlier in the day an additional list of 170 workers was presented to the mayor around three o'clock in the afternoon. How does it come that the *Courier-News* knows nothing about this?

The statement in the *Courier-News* is further in error in the declaration that "the three leaders of the group brought a petition to police headquarters and inquired if they might get a permit to spread the gospel". They asked no such permission. Who could give a permit to anybody to do service for Jehovah God which He has definitely commanded to be done?

The oft-repeated statements that law-abiding, God-fearing men and women, American citizens, Illinois citizens and taxpayers, were or could be "rounded up and ordered out of the city", not only were untrue, but were silly. We have not come to that yet, and we are not coming to it. That is flat, and it is the truth.

With due regard for all, *rights will be exercised.* Americans and those who fear Jehovah God would do well to desert all three branches of the Devil's organization and to come squarely over on the side of Jehovah God before it is too late, and the storm of Armageddon bursts in all its fury upon them.

A report on the occurrence at Elgin says: "The mayor and his wife apparently were obsessed, particularly his wife. She stood out in the street screaming, saying we were racketeers and crooks and heaped all the abuse that she could upon McCormick and myself as we presented the second list to the mayor."

The lady was mistaken; we can overlook that. The man was mistaken, too. He is supposed to know better. Before he is through with it, he will.

Keeping Up with the Joneses

ON APRIL 15 the pope wore a costly mantle of white silk embellished with threads of solid gold, and on his head was the priceless triple tiara. The next day he had nineteen cardinals to help him celebrate the mass. When his turn came he retired to his fixed throne and drank the sacrament through a calamus (hollow reed) of gold. Do you remember where Christ did something like that?

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To the Catholic Press and Specifically to the Editors of the Following Named Newspapers

[The citizens of America who love truth, fair-dealing, freedom of thought and freedom of speech, will read with keen interest the letter in this issue by Judge Rutherford addressed to the Catholic press in reply to the unwarranted and un-American attack upon him and radio stations which have broadcast his lectures. We are of the opinion that the American people are not yet ready to submit to any organized religious association the right to determine what the people shall hear.—*Editorial note*]

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SIRS:

Just now on my return from Europe I find that in my absence your papers have inaugurated a campaign to prevent the American people from hearing the truth of Jehovah God's Word which it has been my privilege to tell them for some time. You make me the scapegoat in order to thus deprive the people of the opportunity of learning at this time the very things that they should know, to wit: That Jehovah is the Almighty God; that Christ Jesus is His anointed King; and that the worship of man is an abomination in the sight of God; and that the kingdom of God under Christ is the only remedy for suffering humanity.

This letter I am addressing to you jointly and severally because the charges in your papers are similar and show that you are acting in concert. I have hopes that there may be at least one fair-minded editor among you who will publish this letter that your numerous readers may hear both sides of the case. Your failure to publish this letter will be unfair to the public and may compel me to get this information to the people in another way. Newspapers should publish the truth, if for no other reason than the fact that they accept money from the people for subscriptions upon the implied contract at least that they will publish the truth. The publication of only a small part of the truth is much more unfair than to make no publication at all.

EX-CONVICT STORY: You have attempted to belittle me in the eyes of your readers and thus to do injury to the message I have spoken by charging that I am an "ex-convict", which charge is untrue. A convict is one who is guilty and is convicted of a crime. When the judgment of a law court is reversed and the case is then dismissed the man against whom the judgment was rendered is exonerated and he is therefore not a convict.

Briefly I refer to the facts that you may recall what you should already know: The clergy have hated me for years because I have followed the lead of the Lord Jesus Christ and told the people the truth only as He taught it. A number of those men wanted to kill me, and they attempted to find some legal means by which they could accomplish their wicked purpose. The World War seemed to furnish them an opportunity. Shortly after the United States entered the war a convention of clergymen assembled in Philadelphia, laid out a plan of action, and then selected and sent a committee to Washington to carry out their wrongful purpose. They presented a petition to a committee of the United States Senate demanding that the Espionage law be so amended that the trial of alleged offenders must be held before a military court and that the penalty to be inflicted must be death. President Wilson disapproved of their course and the Senate did not amend the law as the clergy desired. A general of the United States army, in the presence of two witnesses besides myself, told me the above facts and then added: "But they are going to get you at any rate."

In the spring of 1918 the clergy and their allies "framed" a case against all the officers of our Society, including myself. I was charged with the publication of an objectionable paragraph in a book which I did not write and which was written and published before the United States entered the war and before the enactment of the Espionage law. Upon this and other illegal testimony, and at the direction of a prejudiced judge, and during the excitement of the war, a jury returned a verdict of guilty and we were sentenced each to eighty years in prison. A Catholic judge denied us the privilege of bail, which the Constitution guarantees we should have, and we were immediately landed in prison. My attorneys prepared a brief setting forth 125 errors in the record of that trial. When the case was presented to a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States upon an application for bail Justice Holmes immediately admitted us to bail. The case was then heard by the appellate court, and the judgment reversed and remanded. Because of the gross outrage practiced upon me and my brethren three United States senators and two other prominent American lawyers volunteered to defend me at the next trial. Shortly thereafter the Government dismissed the case and we were thereby exonerated.

But for the sake of the argument, suppose I were a convict according to your definition. Would that be cause to reject the truth of God's Word which I am proclaiming? Jesus Christ, Jehovah's greatest witness, was a "convict", wrongfully charged and convicted of the crime of sedition, and His conviction and death were procured by the clergy of His time; and which wrongdoers find their counterpart in the clergy of the present time. I am delighted to be permitted to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to be in the same class where the clergy placed Him.

Your papers try to convey to the public the thought that I attempted to hide the fact of this unlawful trial and that you had kept it alive by pigeonholing the facts at the time and now brought it forth. You ought to know better than to try to put over such a falsehood on the people. The clergy thought that court experience above related would finish me for ever. But they were doomed to disappointment. Immediately following my release I visited every large city in America and by full-page advertisements in the largest daily papers invited the public to

come and hear. The advertisements amongst other things said: "SENT TO PRISON FOR EIGHTY YEARS BY THE CONSPIRACY OF THE CLERGY — COME AND HEAR THE REASON WHY." The people crowded out every great hall and theater where I spoke, thousands being turned away. That persecution by the clergy had much to do with advertising our work and enabled me no doubt to write and cause to be placed in the hands of the people more than 140 million books since that time, which books contain the message of God's kingdom and which are published in 58 different languages. You are welcome to all the satisfaction you can get out of that "ex-convict" story.

RADIO: Because in a recent radio address I stated the plain truth for the benefit of the people, your papers, at the instance of Catholic clergymen, began a vicious campaign to "silence" me. Vigorously, you say, "Rutherford must be muzzled; he must be silenced; put him off the air." With the hope of accomplishing that end you and your associates inaugurated a campaign of coercion against radio stations. You threatened to boycott these stations, to cause building contracts and paint contracts, and many other contracts, to be canceled, and to use every means within your power to injure the stations and their clients financially. All fair-minded men and women must and do condemn your course of action and your mode of procedure which is entirely un-American and unfair. The people are entitled to know the truth. If I have stated falsehoods against your organization, then it is your duty to show the people wherein the statements made by me are untrue.

It appears that the Catholic clergymen have no weapon of defense except a gag and a bludgeon. Every man who speaks the truth, which truth does not tingle the ears of the clergy, the Catholic clergy say should be gagged. Every one who publishes the truth contrary to their ideas of what is right the Catholic clergy say should be browbeaten, coerced and clubbed into submission. God and Christ Jesus never employed any such methods, and that of itself is most conclusive proof that men who resort to the gag and bludgeon method do not represent God and Christ. Such methods used to keep the people in ignorance and to blind them to the truth are the ones employed by Satan the Devil. (2 Corinthians 4:4) When a man, whether a clergyman or the editor of a newspaper, resorts to the gag and bludgeon method, whom then does he represent, God or the Devil? Judge ye!

The gag and bludgeon method employed by you and the clergymen of your organization frightened a few radio stations into submission and caused them to cancel their contracts. Out of the numerous radio stations in the United States used by me to broadcast the truth you succeeded in inducing ten stations to cancel their contracts. That is a rather good record in America for your method of procedure. If you had a Roman Catholic in the office of president of the United States now you would browbeat every radio station in the land into submission. Thank God your intolerant organization has never been able to place one of your organization in the office of president of the United States. The more the American people learn about you and your unjust methods, the more they shun you; and you know that to be true, and that is why you employ the gag and bludgeon. There are millions of good Catholic people who heartily disapprove of your unrighteous methods of suppressing the truth, and of this I have positive knowledge.

SLANDER: You charge me with attacking men with slanderous speech. That charge is wholly untrue. Never have I delivered a radio speech or other public address in which I have attacked any man. I have called in question the *doctrines* men teach to the people; and if that is not permissible, then the people would be compelled to hear only what your side has to say, regardless of how untrue your statements are. That is another proof of your coercive and bludgeon methods. I have no quarrel with any individual, and no occasion to attack personally any man.

You claim to believe the Bible and to teach it, and therefore you are bound by what the Bible says. The Bible says that Jehovah is the only true God, and that Christ Jesus His beloved Son is King; that Satan the Devil is the opponent of God, and that the Devil resorts to fraud, deceit, coercion and bludgeon methods to blind the people to the truth. Men are either servants of God or servants of Satan the Devil, and by the fruits or doctrines which they carry to the people it is to be determined whom they represent. It is written in the Scriptures: "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) In har-

mony with this Jesus states: "He that is not with me is against me"; and that is true whether the one be a priest or a layman. (Luke 11:23) Again: "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Romans 8:9) Christ never employed coercive, gag or bludgeon methods to accomplish His purposes. When men employ such wrongful methods, contrary to Christ, then they prove that they have not the spirit of Christ, and that they are not His servants but that they are servants of the enemy of God and Christ.

It is true that the "spirit of Christ is love", but that does not mean that He loved wickedness and that He stood by and saw pious-faced hypocrites proceed to deceive the people and remained silent because He might "offend the sensibilities" of the clergy or some of their allies. Read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, wherein Jesus denounced the clergy of His day in the most scathing language that has ever been applied to any creatures. He was speaking to men then who posed before the people as the representatives of God, and He plainly told them that they were hypocrites. Love, which is the spirit of Christ, means an unselfish effort put forth to do good to others and to honor Jehovah God. It does not mean to consent to the name of Jehovah God's being defamed. The mere fact that a man bears the title of clergyman or priest is no evidence that such a man represents God or Christ or that he speaks the truth. In proof of this, note the words of Jesus addressed to the clergymen and priests of His day who denounced Him for telling the truth. He said to them: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your *father the devil,* and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:40-44) The Scriptures then show that exactly a similar condition would exist at the end of the world, where we now are, and that clergymen would boast of their own goodness and greatness and defame God's name and persecute humble men and women who attempt to tell the truth.—See John 15:19, 20; Mark 13:9; 2 Timothy 3:1-6.

Why should the people be denied the opportunity of learning what God's Word teaches, merely because those divine truths when uttered "offend the sensibilities" of certain men who are not in harmony with God? I agree that one man has no right to attack another man personally; but when any man brings forth a doctrine relating to God's dealing with the human race and asks the people to believe that doctrine, then it is the right and duty of others who do not agree to call attention to the fact that such doctrines promulgated do not proceed from God but proceed from God's enemy the Devil.

I have nothing against Catholics as men or women. I only take issue with the doctrines which that organization teaches. If the Catholic clergy want to be fair, why don't they accept my proposition to publicly discuss these questions or doctrines and then let the people determine for themselves which is truth? The gag and bludgeon method can never make any of the people free, but, in the language of Jesus, "the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) You claim to speak for millions of Catholics; but I tell you that you do not speak for them. There are millions of good people in the Catholic organization who do not believe what you say. Why not let them all have an opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed and then let them speak for themselves? You are not their guardians except by self-appointment.

THE POPE: Your papers say that I "slandered the Pope whose integrity is unquestioned by any reputable character". You cannot cite a single word that I have ever uttered that is a slander of the man who occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization. I have said nothing whatsoever against him as a man. What I did say is that no man, pope or otherwise, has any authority from God and Christ to declare any year a holy year. Neither Jehovah God nor Christ Jesus ever created the office of pope, and nowhere in the Bible does any such title appear. Neither God nor Christ Jesus ever appointed any man to the position of pope of the Catholic organization, and I call upon you to publish one word from the Holy Scriptures that even tends to prove to the contrary. The title of pope was never applied to any man until more than 300 years after the crucifixion of Christ. (See Volumes 6 and 22, *Encyclopedia Britannica; McClintock & Strong's Encyclopedia,* Volume 8, page 403.) If God and Christ wanted the pope on earth to tell the people what they shall be-

lieve or not believe, then why does not the Bible, which is the Word of God, give some evidence of that fact?

I have no personal antipathy to the man who at the present time holds the office of pope of the Catholic church. So far as I know, he may be a good man of the highest integrity, as that term is generally applied. I know nothing about him except that recently when I used a number of radio stations in Europe to broadcast the message of God's kingdom I was informed that the pope had instructed all Catholics to refuse to listen to what I had to say. They did not obey him, however, because I had many letters of approval and commendation and best wishes from Catholics, which letters came from Holland, France, Austria, Spain, Italy and other places in Europe.

The fact that a man occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization is no evidence that he speaks with divine authority or that he has the approval of God and of Christ. In proof of this I refer you to the historical facts concerning men of the past who have occupied that office. The records of many of these men are too bad to publish here. Some of them were exceedingly immoral and bad men, which proves that they were not servants of God and of Christ.

You speak of the pope as "the holy father", and your sensibilities are shocked when others do not publicly agree with you. You do this in the face of the plain statement by Jesus, to wit: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Matthew 23:9) Surely I should be permitted to quote the words of the Lord Jesus without offending honest men.

Since neither Jehovah God nor Christ created the office of pope and no mention is made thereof in the Word of God, and since God's Word does not authorize any man or the officer of any organization to declare this a "holy year", then I ask by what authority any official in any organization can declare this a "holy year". Is it your desire to mislead the people and to induce them to believe that a man has the authority and power to make any year holy? When this year is past and the people look back upon the great amount of suffering they have endured, and upon the great amount of wickedness and injustice practiced both inside and outside of the Catholic organization, they will well know that this is not a holy year, regardless of all proclamations concerning the same. There are millions of people on earth who do not believe that the pope has the authority or power to declare this or any other year a holy year, and other millions of people have the right to hear the evidence, that they too may determine for themselves what they want to believe.

I suggest to you that no court or tribunal in America has ever yet decided (and I hope never will) that a man can be prevented from calling in question the doctrines or teachings of other men or organizations. If such a coercive rule as you advocate were adopted and enforced, then it would mean that the political party in power could successfully prevent the other parties out of power from calling attention to actions and policies falsely advocated and practiced upon the people. If you could have your way you would compel the people of America to acknowledge without question the doctrines of the Catholic organization, which doctrines the masses of the people do not believe to be true. Whenever the courts exercise the power to prohibit the criticism of doctrines or teachings of any organization, then the liberties of the American people are gone and the purpose for which the nation was organized has ceased to exist. You, the editors of newspapers, who claim that you are publishing your papers in the interest of the people, by calling upon the radio commission to bar any man from the air because he calls in question the *doctrines* of your organization, are thereby demanding that the courts or tribunals take away the liberties of the people and keep the people in ignorance of what God's Word plainly teaches. Whom do you then represent in thus trying to blind the people to the truth of Jehovah God's Word? (2 Corinthians 4:4) Surely you do not represent Jehovah God; and that being true, you must be the servants of the god of this world whether you know it or not.—Romans 6:16.

OTHER FALSEHOODS: Almost everything you have published about my radio speeches is false. You charge me with indulging in "vituperation", which is entirely foreign to the facts. Your statement concerning the radio and its use in Canada is also untrue. There some clergymen, who did not want to hear the truth, protested to the Commission and the Commission stopped the broadcast. You did not publish the further fact, however, that immediately there-

after 406,000 citizens of Canada filed with the Canadian House of Commons a petition asking that my lectures be continued on the air.

The message which I and my brethren are proclaiming is not the message of any man, but it is Jehovah God's message concerning His kingdom. You may be able to prevent radio stations from broadcasting the truth and the Lord may not interfere with you for a time, but His arm is not shortened and you will not at all retard the proclamation of His Word. Your opposition has only increased the desire of the people to hear more about God's kingdom, and Jehovah has provided the ways and means. Already hundreds of transcription machines have been manufactured and placed in the hands of the people, with numerous records of speech, which are daily being delivered to the people and informing them concerning God's kingdom. Every day the people are learning more and more that opposition such as you offer does not proceed from Jehovah, but that it proceeds from the god of this world, the Devil.

You say that these lectures are attacks on Catholics and insulting to Catholics. The people know that such statement by you is untrue. Every statement yet made in any of my lectures is fully supported by the Word of God, which is the truth. (John 17:17) No honest person could be insulted by God's Word of truth. There are many honest persons in the ranks of the Catholic organization who have been held there because they had no opportunity to hear and to learn the truth. But they are learning it now. For keeping the people in ignorance in this manner the pastors and clergymen and priests and their allies are held liable, and God gives His Word that He will punish them for their wrongdoing.–See Ezekiel 34:1-20; Jeremiah 25:33-36.

You charge that my words are seditious; and that is wholly false. Never have I uttered a seditious word against the Government. It was the clergymen and priests and their allies that falsely charged Jesus with the crime of sedition; and hiding behind the judgment of a false and wicked court, they caused His precious blood to be wrongfully shed. You may get my lifeblood and thereby hope to stop the proclamation of the truth; but be assured that the message of God's kingdom will continue to be proclaimed just the same. I am but one of those of Jehovah's witnesses who as a "voice in the wilderness" is crying out to the people that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that this kingdom under Christ is the only hope of mankind. Your gag and bludgeon methods will not in any manner retard the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom, which He is now sending to the peoples of earth.

JUDGMENT: Jehovah God has written His judgment against Satan and every part of his organization, both visible and invisible, and at the battle of the great day of God Almighty, led by Jesus Christ, that judgment will be executed and every part of the wicked organization shall go down to destruction. Then the Catholic organization as such will be no more; and only those honest Catholics who turn their hearts away from "man worship", and who turn them wholly to the worship and service of Jehovah God and Christ, will survive. For this reason Jehovah now says to His people through His prophet: "Before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you . . . seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2:2, 3.

God's judgment is written against the pastors and the shepherds and clergymen who have taught and misled the people and who together with the principal of their flocks have coerced radio stations and others to refrain from proclaiming the truth of God's kingdom. His judgment written shows that such opposers will find no way of escape at the execution of His judgment at Armageddon. Note Jeremiah 25:34-36: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture."

You complain because I speak the truth concerning "purgatory". For many years the Catholic organization has taught the people that their dead friends are conscious in a place called "purgatory" and that Catholic priests, who are merely imperfect men, can pray for the dead and benefit them and thereby shorten the duration of their punishment and in time secure their release from "purgatory". You will not

attempt to deny this as one of the doctrines preached by your organization, and this you have done and continue to do in the face of the scriptures which read that 'all the dead are in the grave' (John 5:28); and, "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Psalm 115:17) "The dead *know not any thing*"; "there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10) You would have the people believe you rather than to believe God's Word of truth. By your teaching of this false doctrine of "purgatory" you have induced many a poor person to give up his or her money to have prayers said for their dead ones who are supposed to be in "purgatory". That is obtaining money by taking advantage of the ignorance of the people.

COMPARISON: In this letter I would have made no reference to personal deeds committed by men or organizations except for the fact that you have made it necessary. You could have opposed my speech without attacking me personally. In keeping with your fixed policy you have preferred the latter; therefore the comparison.

The best part of my life on earth and all my material substance has been spent in an honest endeavor to teach the people the plain Word of God's truth and to turn the minds of men away from creature worship and turn them to the faithful worship and service of Jehovah God that they might gain eternal life in endless happiness. In that time you have been able to find but one so-called 'black spot' on my record, namely, the fact that I was imprisoned during the World War, and which imprisonment was procured by a cruel conspiracy formed and carried into effect by your organization.

The Catholic hierarchy has spent more than 1500 years in hiding the truth of God's Word from the people and in turning the minds of men to the service and worship of creatures instead of the worship and service of Jehovah God. The work of that hierarchy has been and is done by selfish men concerning which the Scriptures say: "Men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain [in numbers of followers and material wealth] is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." (1 Timothy 6:5) Every page of the history of the Catholic hierarchy is marked with black crime. It has employed the cruel Inquisition to compel the people to follow its doctrines and practices. It has in all those fifteen centuries resorted to coercion to silence everyone who has dared to call in question its doctrines. If your organization held and taught the truth you would welcome criticism and would gladly come forward and discuss the matter in the presence of the people, that they might exercise their own free will and determine for themselves what they wished to believe. Since you have no truth, and since your organization was 'born in sin and shapen in iniquity', you resort to cruel and oppressive methods to hide your sins and to deceive the people. Why don't you hear and teach the truth and encourage others to do likewise? In the language of Jesus the answer is, Because "ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do".—John 8:43, 44.

Although you know that up to this time there is no law in America to prevent the free expression of opinion concerning the doctrines or teachings of others, yet you continue to browbeat, threaten to boycott and otherwise to coerce radio stations to prevent the broadcasting of the truth. You claim that you do this in the interest of common decency and for the good of the people; which claim is hypocritical in the extreme. You cry "intolerance" and "bigotry", when in fact your organization is the most intolerant and bigoted one in existence.

Because I say to the public that no man, whether he be a pope or otherwise, can make a year holy, for the reason that only God can make things holy, you begin an intolerant campaign against me and my brethren, which campaign you carry on maliciously and without regard for the rights of the people. Simultaneously the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses starts in the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. Did this *happen?* or is it the carrying out of an order from the headquarters of your hierarchy? You were the first ones in America to report the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Bavaria; and this for the very reason that it was incited and carried out by members of your intolerant organization.

It was at the instance of your organization that in June last twenty-nine innocent and faithful women citizens of New Jersey were arrested in Plainfield and thrown into prison, crowded into small and filthy cells, and required to stand up all night, and this because as Jehovah's witnesses they were calling at the homes of the

people in this time of distress, and seeking to comfort them by directing them to the study of God's Word of truth. The arrest and imprisonment of those good and faithful women was not only intolerant, but was barbaric cruelty, wholly uncalled for in a civilized land. There was a time when the Protestant church organizations resented your oppressive methods; but in this evil day they have ceased to protest, and this makes you ever more bold in your persecution of the true followers of Christ Jesus.

APPROACHING STORM: From every quarter of the earth I see gathering together the hordes of Satan under the leadership of Gog, of which the Catholic hierarchy is the greatest visible part, and all of these marching on with the malicious purpose and intent to accomplish the destruction of Jehovah's witnesses. I know that already your hierarchy is seeking some apparent legal excuse to kill all of Jehovah's witnesses. I would be appalled and faint with sickness because of what I see is shortly coming upon the earth were it not for the fact that Jehovah has given His Word that He will smite the wicked oppressive organization and deliver His faithful people. Jehovah's witnesses must and will finish the work God has assigned to them. That witness work may be about done for the present; and when completed, then there shall come upon the world, as the Lord Jesus declares, "great tribulation, such as was not [known] since the beginning of the world."—Matthew 24:14-22.

The clergy of the Catholic hierarchy have assumed to be shepherds of the people and call themselves such, but they are not true shepherds; hence Jehovah now says to them: "Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." (Ezekiel 34:10) Jehovah then says that this shall be the plague wherewith He will smite those that have fought against His organization: "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." (Zechariah 14:12) Jehovah God will exercise His power in the interest of the poor and oppressed people: "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor." —Psalm 72:4.

Now, gentlemen, I have said nothing here in malice, but have written these lines wholly in the interest of truth and righteousness. I have called your attention to the Scriptures as well as to the facts, and every one who honestly serves God wants to be judged according to the Scriptures and the facts. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10) You have received notice, and when standing before that judgment seat of Christ, who is the great Judge, you can never be heard to say that you *ignorantly* opposed the proclamation of the message of God 's kingdom which is now being carried to the people by Jehovah's witnesses. I think you have heretofore received a copy of the *Kingdom* booklet; but, that there may be no mistake, I am sending each of you a copy, under separate cover, with my compliments.

You and other clergymen whom you represent have declined my kind invitation to come forth in the open and discuss the truth, that the people might hear and judge. You have thus prevented them from hearing the truth. You prefer to resort to coercion, gag and bludgeon methods to thus keep them in ignorance. You have received fair notice. Now you must take the responsibility.

Respectfully,

J. F. Rutherford

(The *Kingdom* booklet which Judge Rutherford mentions above, presenting a copy thereof to each of the Catholic newspaper editors with his compliments, was served on all the clergymen, politicians, big business men and military and naval commanders of "Christendom", and has had an unprecedented circulation among the general public in more than forty languages. *The Kingdom the Hope of the World* is but one of fourteen attractive booklets, of 64 pages each, containing select radio lectures delivered by Judge Rutherford. In consideration of a contribution of 55c to the work of spreading the Kingdom message the whole set of booklets will be sent you, anywhere; or six of them for 25c; or the *Kingdom* booklet alone for 5c. Address The Watchtower, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y. —*The Publishers.*)

Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity

THE peoples of the nations of "Christendom" have been told that this is a "holy year" and that it is hoped that by the combined efforts of the ruling factors 'a tide of religion will rise and sweep the nations into peace and prosperity', relieving them of their present burdens. All reasonable persons have a desire for peace and prosperity. Without a knowledge of how these desirable things can be gained the people are ready to grab at anything that seems plausible.

The people could do no better than to observe a "holy year" within the true meaning of that term. A year is not made holy, however, by a proclamation of men, nor by an occasional offering of prayer. A truly holy year is a year entirely devoted to Jehovah God and His kingdom, teaching the people and leading them in the light of God's Word.

For centuries religionists have induced many to believe that a few men on earth rule by divine right and that whatsoever such men recommend the people should accept. That has resulted in keeping multitudes in ignorance. Millions believe that the year 1933 is a "holy year" because religious leaders have so decreed, and the principal of their flocks have joined in the proclamation of such decree. It is not my purpose to even attempt to convince the religionists and the principal of their flocks that they are wrong, because they have closed their ears to that which is spoken from the Word of God. Some will say that I am indulging in abuse and cruel criticism of religious leaders, but that is not true. I do not indulge in abuse of any man. I hold no personal animosity against anyone. My purpose and duty is to speak the truth for the aid and comfort of the people and to the honor of Jehovah's name.

It is far better that the people of good will learn the truth now than to build a hope upon false testimony only to have that hope dashed to the earth at the end of the year. Is it not better that the truth be placed before the people and by them dispassionately considered, and each person given the privilege of deciding for himself what course he wants to take? I am not concerned about the men who have presumed to proclaim this a "holy year", but I am concerned as to whether the people shall be deceived by the declarations of men and whether they shall hear the truth and have an opportunity to take their stand on the side of God and His kingdom.

WHAT IS TRUTH?

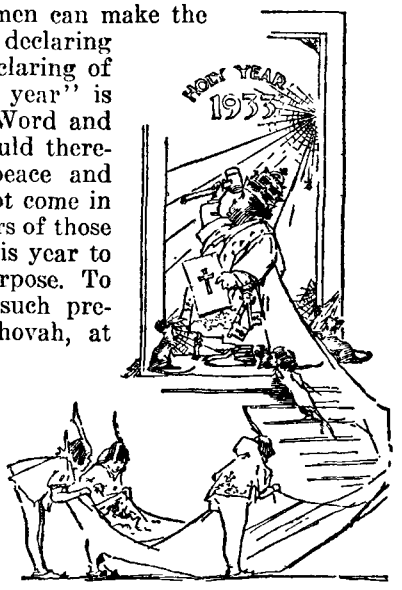
Christ Jesus, the greatest of all teachers ever among men, said concerning the Scriptures, which are the Word of God: "Thy word is truth." Whatsoever is in opposition to the Scriptures is therefore false. The gentlemen who are responsible for this being designated as a "holy year" have invited all the people to pray to God "that we may be relieved of our burdens"; and by so doing they are estopped from denying that God's Word is the truth. If you will act for your best interests you must return to the Bible and be guided by what Jehovah God has there expressed as His will. The Bible was written for this hour of distress, because therein it is stated that it was written for the admonition of the people upon whom the end of the world has come. (1 Corinthians 10:11) We have come to the end of the world and this scripture applies now. Those who disregard the Word of God and follow the advice and admonition of man, whether that be of pope, priest, clergymen, politicians or financiers, are certain to come to deep disappointment and sorrow.

In his inaugural address the president of the United States quoted a part of the 29th chapter of Proverbs, to wit: "Where there is no vision, the people perish"; and, according to the interpretation given by the public press, that means that unless the people have a vision of the political and commercial and religious affairs of this world they will perish. That Scriptural text has no such meaning, nor does it apply at all to this world. The entire text reads: "Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." (Proverbs 29:18) The vision has reference to Jehovah God and His purposes, as expressed by and through His kingdom, and only those who now get an insight or vision of such truths and act in harmony therewith will escape at Armageddon. Truly, as the Scriptures say, those who have no vision perish; hence is magnified the importance of the people's now hearing the truth of and concerning God and His kingdom. Note that this Scripture text shows that the happy one is he who keeps God's law; and to keep God's law means to do what He says, and not what imperfect men may say. In order for the people to keep God's law they must have a knowledge of His law. Jehovah's witnesses are now diligent in their efforts to inform the people, and it is those who name this a "holy year" that are trying to keep the people in ignorance of God's law.

There are two gods before the creation of earth: one the true and righteous God; and the other the mimic or fraudulent god. The name of the true and righteous God is Jehovah. The name of the mimic or wicked god given him by the Scriptures is Satan, Serpent, and Devil. His name means 'deceiver', and by appearing through his representatives, and claiming to be an angel of light, he deceives those who do not learn of and rely upon God's Word of truth. When I say that men serve the Devil I am not abusing men, but, on the contrary, earnestly pointing out that they are deceived by Satan, who is the enemy of all men. Since the days of Nimrod and the building of the tower of Babel on the plains of Shinar the Devil has caused the names of men to be exalted and the name of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus to be pushed into the corner. That is the rule followed today in the world. With all kindness and sincerity I remind you who listened to the "Holy Hour Service" held in New York on the 2d of April that the name of man was there exalted by frequently using and applying to men such terms as "Holy Father", "Your Eminence," and "Your Excellency"; whereas the name of Jehovah God, His King and His kingdom were not mentioned at all. No reference was made to God's expressed purpose of dealing with the human race by and through His kingdom. Let all who desire to follow such course by bestowing high esteem

and exaltation on men do so, but I am reminding you common people who are of good will that such a course is displeasing to Jehovah God, and this I do in order that you may give honor to God and His kingdom, and not to man. Jesus said to those who exalt men: "That which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God." (Luke 16:15) Satan has led men into his trap by exalting men and disregarding God. And why has he thus done? Because the policy of Satan is to turn men away from the true God and he resorts to subtle means of flattery to accomplish this unrighteous purpose. Keep in mind always that Satan long ago defied Jehovah God to put men on earth who would honor Jehovah and who would maintain their integrity toward Him. If all men understood that the Devil is the enemy of man there would be very few if any that would fall into Satan's trap. Because they have no vision or knowledge of God and His kingdom the multitudes fall into Satan's subtle trap and will perish.

The act of declaring this a "holy year" for the bringing in of peace and prosperity is a presumptuous sin before Almighty God. No man or company of men are running Jehovah's business so as to enable them to "change times and laws", and it is so stated in Daniel 7:25. No man has the power and authority to use a golden hammer or any other instrument to break open a door and say to the people: "This symbolizes the entrance into the blessings of the Lord." For the people to believe and follow such a leader means to walk on in darkness. No man or combination of men can make the year holy by merely declaring it so to be. The declaring of this to be a "holy year" is contrary to God's Word and His will, and it would therefore follow that peace and prosperity would not come in answer to the prayers of those who inaugurated this year to accomplish their purpose. To those who commit such presumptuous acts Jehovah, at Isaiah 55:8, says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways [of decreeing this a 'holy year'] my ways." God does not follow the lead of men.



This year cannot be made holy, nor holiness gained, by visiting famous buildings called "churches" or "temples", nor by making pilgrimages to shrines, nor by worshiping before men or going through outward forms of penance, nor by exalting men to high positions in a church organization. Exactly contrary thereto God's Word says (Psalm 99:5, *A.R.V.*): "Exalt ye Jehovah our God, and worship at his footstool: holy is he." Furthermore, Jesus said concerning the exaltation of men (Matthew 23:9): "And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." The question for the people to determine is whether they wish to follow what man says or will obey Jehovah God's Word.

We are now in the last days because the time has come when Satan's organization must shortly go down before the onward march of the great Conqueror, the Christ of God. The conditions which you observe today exactly fulfil the prophecies long ago written in the Bible concerning the end of the world or last days. I am calling attention thereto, and to the presumptuous acts of the mighty men of this world, not to ridicule them, but for the benefit of the people of good will who want to know the right way to go. The meeting together of men and declaring this to be a "holy year", and the going through certain forms of worship, is contrary to the will of God. The Lord foretold such in these words (2 Timothy 3:1, 2, 5): "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away." The people are now being divided between God's organization and Satan's organization. Let everyone be free to take his own course; but bear in mind that only those who turn away from Satan's organization, and take their stand firmly and honestly on the side of Jehovah God, and who are then guided by His Word, will be spared at Armageddon.

It may be said that the Catholic organization, headed by its mighty pontiff, the multitudinous divisions of the Protestant organizations headed by their wise and eloquent clergy, and the Jews led by their philosophical rabbis, this united religious multitude, supported by the professional politicians and financial giants, will present such an inspiring spectacle before the throne of God that even He will hear and grant their petitions that they may be relieved of their burdens and given more ease and comfort. The question is, Will Jehovah God hear and grant the prayers of such an unholy alliance? According to the words of the Scriptures, God answers, No!

The Scriptures declare that all men are by nature unrighteous and that righteousness can be obtained only by faith in and obedience to Jehovah and faith in Christ Jesus and His shed blood as the redemptive price of man. Prayer to Jehovah must be asked in the name of Christ Jesus, because God has thus commanded it. All Jewish rabbis entirely reject Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of man. All modernist clergymen do likewise reject Him and His precious blood, and the entire combination heretofore mentioned rejects Jehovah God's provision through Christ and His kingdom to bless all the families of the earth with peace and prosperity, and, on the contrary, have given their allegiance to the League of Nations, which is a product of the Devil. The entire combination forms the visible ruling powers of this world, and concerning such it is written that the whole world lies in the wicked one, Satan. (1 John 5:19) Now what does God's Word say about hearing and answering the prayers of such as give their allegiance to the wicked one and his organization and who therefore form a part of the world and hence are God's enemies? Will

the prayers of such bring prosperity and peace during this so-called "holy year"? The following scriptures bear upon the point and are conclusive. Proverbs 15:29: "The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous." Proverbs 28:9: "He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination." 1 Peter 3:12: "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." All prayers made during this so-called "holy year" for peace and prosperity will go unanswered, because God's Word declares that there shall be no lasting peace and prosperity until the earth is rid of its oppressor Satan and of his wicked organization. It is vital that the people know this fact, in order that they may choose what course they will take.

Long ago Jehovah chose the Jews as a people for himself, established them at Jerusalem, and put His own righteous name there. Satan by means of fraud and deceit caused the Jews to fall away from their covenant and to indulge in idol worship. Time and again God warned them that He would punish them, and did punish them. The Jewish nation was a type of "Christendom".

By and through Christ Jesus and His apostles there was established on earth the true worship of Jehovah God and which is properly called true Christianity. Within a short time an organization labeled "Christianity" grew to be a great organization and then fell an easy victim to Satan, and many of the nations now call themselves "Christian nations" but at the same time follow Satan's lead. It is written, at 1 Corinthians 10:11: "Now all these things happened unto [the Jews] for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come." Concerning what came upon the Jews that which is recorded in the prophecies of Jeremiah and Ezekiel applies specifically to "Christendom", particularly at this very day. To some of these things I now refer.

Zedekiah, the last king of the Jews, and his official associates proclaimed a "holy year" at Jerusalem and led the people to believe that they should have peace and prosperity and freedom, and then they used that occasion as a scheme to bring the people into further subjection and serfdom. Then Jehovah God declared to the rulers that because of their hypocrisy and duplicity He would send His executioner and destroy Jerusalem, and within a short time Jerusalem was razed to the ground. (Jeremiah 34:8-22) The nations of "Christendom" are the counterpart or antitype of Jerusalem, because the Scriptures so declare. Now the Catholics, Protestants and Jews and the principal ones of their flocks form a confederacy with the ostensible and announced purpose, by their own efforts, to bring to the people peace, prosperity, liberty and relief from human suffering. The time to accomplish this they call a "holy year". The real purpose is an effort to keep the people quiet for a while by causing them to hope for better times to come. The scheme is hypocritical on the face of it. Of the leaders, the Catholics have no confidence in the Protestants, the Protestants have no confidence in the Catholics, and the Jews have no confidence in either Catholics or Protestants, and the politicians and Big Business men know that the whole crowd is insincere. The so-called "holy year" will not bring the suffering peoples relief, nor peace, nor prosperity. On the contrary, the end of the year will find the people in greater distress than they are now in.

Another striking illustration as to what shall come upon the nations of "Christendom" shortly is set forth in the 37th chapter of Jeremiah's prophecy. Jerusalem, having become unfaithful to God, there pictures the present-day hypocritical "Christendom". Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and his army pictured Satan and his militant forces which now pretend to give aid to "Christendom". The Chaldeans there mentioned picture Jehovah's Executioner sent against "Christendom" to destroy it. Jehovah God sent Jeremiah His prophet to give warning to the rulers and to the people of Jerusalem that the Chaldeans would come again and destroy the city as His executioner. The Jewish clergy, the rabbis, who then claimed to be holy and acting as the spokesmen to the people, declared that there was no cause for fear and tried to prevent the people from hearing God's prophet. The people were in doubt as to what they should do. Then God caused Jeremiah to prophesy these words to the Jews (Jeremiah 37:9): "Thus saith the Lord, Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart." God's executioner did return, and destroyed the city of Jerusalem. God caused Jeremiah to utter the following words to the people of Jerusalem concerning those who were falsely prophesying peace and misleading the people (Jeremiah 6:13, 14): "For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They . . . [are] saying, Peace, peace; when there is no peace." Exactly that same thing is now taking place in "Christendom", whose leaders have proclaimed this a "holy year", and who try to prevent the people from hearing God's truth.

There can not and will not be peace and prosperity sent to "Christendom" from Jehovah God as long as the unholy alliance of commercial and political oppressive power, with hypocritical religion, continues to exist. The prayers of such for peace and prosperity are a mockery; and "God is not mocked". The petitioners and many people will be deceived, but God knows the secret intents of all. The mouthpieces of this hypocritical alliance continue to cry out, "Peace, peace," while at the same time every one of these nations continues to heap burdens upon the people in order to prepare for war. Satan and his organization, pictured by the three frogs of Revelation, continue to croak and boast and bluster and to gather the nations together for the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and there "Christendom" shall fall.—Revelation 16:13-16.

Peace and prosperity are not possible under the present unrighteous world, because Jehovah has decreed that it shall be destroyed. The proof He has abundantly set forth in the prophecies of Ezekiel and Jeremiah. Another example in proof of this I now

cite. God's covenant people under the rule of Israel's unfaithful king mixed politics and false religion with their outward claims of serving Jehovah. The exact counterpart of this is today found in "Christendom". The leaders claim that these nations are Christian nations, and yet all of them mix politics with their outward claims of worshiping God. They attempt to unite all kinds of religion under one arrangement, even those who deny Christ and His precious blood, and expect God to hear their prayers. Jehovah sent His prophets to give warning to the Israelites, but that warning was ignored. Then Jehovah sent Jehu as executioner to execute His judgment against that unfaithful people. In that Jehu was a type of Christ Jesus, whom God will now use as His executioner of "Christendom". Jehu proceeded quickly to his task; and the messengers of the rulers hurried out to inquire of Jehu and said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" and he said, 'What peace is there as long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?' (2 Kings 9:17-22) Now the Lord sends warning to the rulers of "Christendom" and they ignore His warning and reject His King. The Greater Jehu, Christ Jesus, is proceeding with His army to the war of Armageddon to execute Jehovah's vengeance against all of His foes. The unholy alliance of "Christendom" cries out, "Give us peace and prosperity," and the great Executioner Christ replies: 'What! Peace, when there is so much hypocrisy, political religion and Devil worship among you?'

Jehu then caused the people who supported the Devil worship to identify themselves, and then in the presence of Jonadab, who pictured the order-loving people of the present day, Jehu slew every one of the false religionists and defamers of God's holy name. —2 Kings 10:15-25.

The Scriptures show that those who now form the unholy alliance and proclaim this a "holy year" will camouflage their real purpose, put on a bold front, and declare to the people that they have actually brought about peace and safety; and then mark what the Lord says shall come to pass (1 Thessalonians 5:3): "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

The combined efforts of the big men of religion, Big Business, and politics cannot possibly now bring peace and prosperity to "Christendom", because it is not God's time and their prayers God will not hear. It is written in God's Word (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 8): "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. . . . A time of war, and a time of peace." The time for Jehovah God to force the war is nigh. It may not come this year, but it will not be much longer delayed; and no efforts of any creatures can stop it, because God does not change His purpose. Up to this time God has not taken a hand in the troubles that afflict the peoples of earth, but He declares that He will rise up at Armageddon and come forth and smite the nations of "Christendom" to the dust and that these shall fall and not rise again.

The public press quotes the pontiff of Rome as saying that the present suffering and distress of the peoples of the world are a punishment from God upon them because of their unfaithfulness to the church, and now he and his associates pray for peace and prosperity for the world. God is not at all responsible for the suffering of the people. In Revelation 12:12 the statement is plainly made that Satan the Devil has brought this woe and suffering upon the peoples of the world. God has taken no hand in the trouble thus far, but He declares that soon at Armageddon He will smite Satan and all of his organization both visible and invisible.

Big Business, political rulers and big church men have joined hands together. It is that combine that has gained the control of the gold and other property of the world and as instruments of Satan have brought about oppression of the people, and it is because of such oppression that the people now cry out. This hypocritical combine prays for peace and prosperity, and to them Jehovah says (James 5:3-5): "Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth. Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter." Instead of the common people's joining this alliance and being guided by them, Jehovah says to the people of good will (Zephaniah 3:8, 9): "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."

Jehovah God gave His Word that Christ Jesus as King and Conqueror should redeem man with His own blood and then vindicate the name of the Most High. Jesus performed some of these prophecies in miniature when He was on earth 1900 years ago, and now He comes and performs them in completeness. When the time came for the man Jesus to offer himself as King and Blesser of the Jews He did not come carrying a golden hammer in His hand, with silver trumpets announcing His arrival, but He came meek and lowly, riding upon a jackass, magnifying the name of Jehovah God. He was then rejected by the clergy of that day and He pronounced desolation upon their house. (Matthew 21:1-43) In 1918 Jehovah, having installed Christ Jesus as the King of the world, presented Him to "Christendom" and furnished an abundance of evidence from the prophecies, and from the physical facts, that God's time was here for His King to judge and to rule and it was the clergy of "Christendom" that took the lead in rejecting Christ and His kingdom and accepted in its stead the League of Nations; and now at the temple of Jehovah Christ pronounces the judgment of desolation upon "Christendom". Thus we see that Jerusalem and "Christendom" have parallel experiences. Concerning this

very time Jehovah says (Psalm 11:4-6): "The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men. The Lord trieth the righteous: but the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup."

The temple of Jehovah is His righteous organization of which Christ Jesus is the Head. Jehovah has made Christ the judge of all things and has committed to Him the power to execute judgment. (Malachi 3:1-4; John 5:22-27) Now Jehovah speaks to the people of the nations that have taken His name and says (Habakkuk 2:20): "The Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him."

Instead of the leaders of the nations giving heed to God's Word and advising the people to follow His instruction, a company of selfish men, bent on ruling the world in their own way, presumptuously declare this a "holy year" and call upon the people to follow them in their efforts to establish peace and prosperity in the world exactly contrary to the Word of God. They do not give honor to Jehovah God and to His kingdom, but bow before men and before images. Let the people who desire life and happiness no longer give ear to the false claims of selfish men. To you, through the prophet, Jehovah God says (Isaiah 45:22-24): 'Look unto me [Jehovah], and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else. I have sworn by myself, the word has gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me [and not alone to Jesus] every knee shall bow and every tongue shall swear . . . and all that are against him shall be put to shame.' You, the people, must take your choice to follow the advice of men or to follow the words of Jehovah God.

For the past ten years Jehovah's witnesses, by His grace, have declared the truth to the rulers of "Christendom", and which truth the rulers have not only rejected, but they have connived at the persecution and hurt of those who brought to them the message of truth. Jehovah's witnesses in themselves are not important, but as Jehovah's anointed they are the apple of His eye on earth. Now His witnesses turn to you, the common people, and call your attention to God's message written in Micah 1:2-4: "Hear, all ye people; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. And the mountains [governments] shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, and as the waters that are poured down a steep place." The unholy alliance that has presumptuously declared this to be a "holy year" are not proper guides for you, regardless of whether you have been a Catholic, Protestant or Jew. The year will not bring peace and prosperity, but the end thereof will find you nearer to the end of Satan's oppressive rule, and thereafter shall come real peace and prosperity.

Those who are against God's kingdom under Christ are wicked, and concerning them it is written (Isaiah 57:21): "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." Those who have proclaimed this a "holy year" are against God and His kingdom; and this is proved by their actions. When Jehovah's witnesses carried the Kingdom message in printed form into Italy recently the pontiff and his political allies stopped the distribution of that message and confiscated and destroyed the books containing it. England and Canada have prevented the message of God's kingdom from being broadcast by radio. In the United States the clergy and their allies who are called "the higher ups" have given orders that the Kingdom message shall not be broadcast here over certain radio stations and have thus prevented the broadcasting of this message today. These opposers rejoice when Jehovah's witnesses are arrested and imprisoned for speaking the truth. It is to be expected that it would be so, because the prophecy of Jehovah foretells the same. I call attention to these things that the people may see that God will not answer the prayers of this unholy alliance for peace and prosperity. Concerning them Jehovah says (Psalm 35:26, 27): 'Let them be brought to shame and confusion [even during this so-called "holy year"] who rejoice at the hurt of my witnesses.'

By His prophet Daniel Jehovah gives a brief history of the chief nations that have ruled from ancient Egypt to the present time, including the alliance that has declared this a "holy year", and then says (Daniel 2:44): "And in the days of these [rulers] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." In the face of this plain statement of Jehovah God the people will be foolish to expect a confederacy of men to bring in peace and prosperity. For your own protection I am pointing you to the Word of God that you may have an opportunity to take the only safe course. You may receive this message or reject it, as you see fit.

The rulers have been told the truth and they have rejected it, and thus they identify themselves with the enemy of God. Those who are proclaiming this a "holy year" are conniving at the downfall of Jehovah's witnesses and are fighting against God. Jesus foretold that when He said to His faithful followers (Mark 13:9): "But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to [courts]; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them." Jehovah permits His witnesses now to be persecuted by the powers of "Christendom" that His witnesses may have opportunity to prove their integrity toward Him, and that the leaders of "Christendom" may convict themselves before Jehovah and meet their just fate at Armageddon. In Psalm 83 Jehovah foretold that those who proclaim this a "holy year" would form a conspiracy against His witnesses and that then He would tear off their mask and bring them to shame, and this He says He will do in order that all 'men may know that God, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, is the Most High over all the earth'.—Psalm 83:18.

The hole or door opened in a wall at the Vatican is not 'a symbol of the way into the blessings of God';

and therefore the prophecy at the 118th Psalm has been misapplied. The ones who have opened the door at Rome and referred to it as 'a symbol of blessings' have rejected Christ as King, and Jehovah has rejected them. The words of the psalmist following apply to Jehovah's devoted people, and God causes these faithful witnesses now to say (Psalm 118:19): "Open to me the gates of righteousness"; not the doorway into some building erected by men, but the way into God's kingdom. The psalmist then shows that the religionists of "Christendom" have rejected Christ, the Head Stone of God's kingdom, and continuing says (Psalm 118:20-22): "This [is the] gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter. I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. The stone [Christ the Redeemer and King] which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner." If the alliance that has proclaimed this a "holy year" had faith in God and in His kingdom under Christ they would tell the people what the Scriptures teach, to wit, that Jehovah is God, and that there is no means of salvation and blessing except through the blood of Christ Jesus, and His kingdom (Acts 4:12), and they would then assemble the people and use every means possible, including the radio, to teach them the truth of God's Word. Instead of so doing they fight against God's message of truth and connive to keep the people in ignorance and then have the temerity to say, "We will pray God to send us peace and prosperity." They not only will be disappointed, but will be brought to shame.

Satan's is the master mind that has organized a conspiracy against Jehovah and His faithful witnesses, and he then forms an unholy alliance to proclaim this a "holy year" in order to divert the minds of the people away from God's kingdom. Jehovah's witnesses do not expect to convert the rulers. Their divine commission is to speak the truth only as witnesses of the Most High. To you who have devoted yourselves to Jehovah God and His kingdom He now says: "I am the Lord thy God, . . . And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people. . . . Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, that I am [Jehovah]."—Isaiah 51:15, 16; 43:12.

Today there are many in the church organizations who have had a great desire to see their church take a bold stand for God and His kingdom, but they have been greatly disappointed. These the Lord calls "prisoners" because they are held by the powerful influence of the political clergymen. You prisoners must now make your choice between Satan's organization and God's kingdom. To you Jehovah now says (Revelation 18:4): 'Come out from the unholy alliance, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her punishments.' Without a vision of the truth and affirmative action you will perish. To the people of good will Jehovah now says: 'Know that I am God, and choose you this day whom ye will serve.' Peace and prosperity cannot be brought to the earth by men, but will come by God's kingdom under Christ.

Jehovah now bestows the high and great honor of His name upon His faithful anointed and sends them forth as His witnesses to declare to the people that He is God and that His kingdom is at hand. To you, therefore, as His faithful witnesses, He now says (Isaiah 62:10): "Go through, go through the gates [into the kingdom of God]; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people." This command Jehovah's witnesses will now obey regardless of all opposition and persecution.

Lest the people perish they must now have a vision of Jehovah and His kingdom. No lasting peace and prosperity can come to the peoples of earth until Satan's organization is completely destroyed. Following the battle of Armageddon Jehovah by and through Christ will bring to the peoples of earth a real holy period of a thousand years of everlasting peace and prosperity that shall surpass the fondest dreams of man. What boundless blessings the Kingdom will bring to the people it shall be my privilege, by His grace, to tell you at my next speech from this station.

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Stabilizing the World

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THIS is not a political speech, but it pertains to the best government the world will ever know, hence a perfect government. The purpose of this speech is to enable the people to see what is the source of all blessings of peace, prosperity and happiness provided for those who do right. The people have been too prone to listen to and follow imperfect human guides. A sure and safe guide is needed. The Word of Jehovah God, as contained in the Holy Scriptures, furnishes that complete guide. The Scriptures were written for the aid and comfort of the people who are now on the earth and who are in great distress and perplexity. They disclose the only remedy for the establishment of the world in righteousness.

A brief review of the history of man will enable you to more readily see and to appreciate the necessity of giving heed to the Word of Jehovah. There are in the universe two mighty powers unseen by human eyes; one is the true and almighty God of righteousness; the other is the false or mimic god of wickedness. The righteous One is named Jehovah; the wicked one is named Satan the Devil. The great question now before all creation and which must be for ever settled is, Who is supreme and by whom shall the people be guided and the world ruled? The people must now have a knowledge of the truth to enable them to choose the wise and proper course to take. For that reason Jehovah God has made special provision in this time of distress for the people to hear and to learn the truth.

When God created perfect man and put him on the earth He installed as man's overlord Lucifer, a creature of light and power. Because of his covetous desire to be equal to Jehovah God Lucifer rebelled against God and defied Him to put on earth men that would remain true and faithful to righteousness. Because of his wickedness the name of Lucifer was then changed by the Lord, and he is known as Satan the Devil. Ever since he has opposed God and deceived mankind. To give Satan full opportunity to prove his challenge Jehovah permitted him to go on in wickedness for a limited period of time; but that time limit has now come to an end. The great crisis has arrived. Man followed after Satan and was justly sentenced to death, and for that reason sickness and death have been upon the human race for many centuries. (Romans 5:12) That period of suffering and death, however, is also near an end.

You recall that the Scriptures declare that "the love of money is the root of all evil". (1 Timothy 6:10) The reason for that is that Satan has commercialized everything in the world and planted in the heart of man greed for material gain at any cost. Satan began his wickedness by commercializing the human race to use them for a selfish purpose. Then he established a false religion for the very purpose of turning the people away from Jehovah God, and he has commercialized all religions to make religion a more effective part of his organization. The announced purpose of all organized religions is to gain something for creatures, and never to magnify the name of the Creator. Satan has gained control of "organized Christianity" and made commercial giants the principal men therein. He has commercialized politics and has caused everything to be used for selfish purposes. He has commercialized the food supply and all other necessities of life. There is plenty on earth for everyone, but selfish greed, the result of unrighteous merchandise, makes it impossible for millions to have the necessities of life. With these facts before us we can begin to understand the words of Jehovah God ad-

dressed to Satan as set forth in Ezekiel 28:16, 18: "By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee; and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth, in the sight of all them that behold thee."

The elimination of Satan and his wicked organization is absolutely essential to the peace and well-being of the people. Only the Lord can accomplish that great work. His positive promise is that in His due time He will destroy that wicked organization. It is written, in 1 John 5:19, that the whole world lies under the control of the wicked one Satan, who blinds the people to the truth and turns them away from God. The only exception to this is those who give diligence to learn and to obey God's Word of truth. The crucial hour has arrived, and now the question of supremacy must be settled.

How has Satan gained control of the world? Imperfect men organized governments and, they being selfish, the subtle and wily Satan easily influenced and got control of them. Satan has induced men to organize many false religions, and their teachers under his influence have blinded the people to the truth. This Satan has done lest the truth should shine into the minds of men and they learn of God and Christ and obey righteousness and live. (2 Corinthians 4:4) The most subtle and deceptive of all religions is that known as "organized Christianity", for the reason that it operates under the name of Christ Jesus but denies Him and His kingdom as the only means of establishing the world in righteousness. When Christ Jesus was on earth He established the true worship of Jehovah, and His faithful apostles promulgated that truth. Soon after their death ambitious men got control of the organization, and under the blinding influence of Satan they have used that religion to turn the people away from God and His kingdom.

Could not God have prevented the Devil from thus deceiving the people and gaining control of the world? To be sure, He could have done so; but by so doing there would have been no opportunity to prove Satan a boastful liar, no opportunity for other creatures to prove their faithfulness under severe tests, and for God's name to be wholly vindicated. In harmony with this Jehovah caused to be written in the Bible of and concerning the Devil (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*): "[And in very deed] for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they may proclaim my name throughout all the earth." This proves that in due time Jehovah's name must be declared throughout the earth that the people might know the truth. That due time has now come.

The wicked challenge by Satan, and his subsequent action, has brought great reproach upon the name of Jehovah God. The vindication of that righteous name is the all-important thing, because from Jehovah every good thing proceeds and He is the source of life and happiness. Jehovah has bided His own good time to give creation an opportunity to know His name and to take their stand on His side and thereby choose the way to life or to remain on Satan's side and be destroyed.

Long centuries ago Jehovah purposed to redeem the human race from death and then, in due time, to establish His righteous government on earth that all who would show their preference for righteousness might obey and live and enjoy the blessings of life. God's promise was that He would raise up a seed through which all the families of the earth shall be blessed. That seed is the Christ whose blood redeemed the world. Having purposed to do this God is certain to do it, because He so states. —Isaiah 46:11.

To accomplish His purpose Jehovah sent His beloved Son Jesus to earth, who laid down His perfect life in the place and stead of sinful man in order that mankind might be redeemed and live. (John 3:16) God raised up Jesus out of death as the divine One and clothed Him with all power in heaven and in earth and appointed Him to be the Vindicator of Jehovah's holy name. When Jesus ascended into heaven He did not immediately begin the work of vindicating His Father's name, because it was not then the due time. Jehovah said to Jesus, 'Wait until my due time to put the enemy under thy feet.' (Psalm 110:1) That due time began in 1914. How may we know that that marks the correct time? The Scriptures give the answer. When Jesus was on earth He laid great stress upon the importance of the kingdom of God. He

taught His followers to pray for that Kingdom. He promised that He would return and set up that Kingdom. When His disciples inquired of Him how it would be known when the wicked world would end, the time of waiting end, and when He would come, Jesus declared that the first evidence would be the world war, to be quickly followed by famine and pestilence. All men bear witness to the fact that these prophetic sayings of Jesus began to come to pass in 1914. Jesus said that the further evidence of this great time would be that the nations of earth would come into great distress and perplexity. That is exactly the condition that is in existence in all the nations today.—Luke 21:25.

The Lord then pointed out that between the beginning of the events marking the end of the world and the beginning of the great battle of Armageddon Jehovah would give the people a clear understanding of His purpose and cause a wide witness to be given concerning the kingdom of God. Then He stated that after this witness work is finished there would come upon the world a time of trouble such as never before was known and that would be the end of all trouble.—Matthew 24:14, 21, 22.

During the past ten years and in obedience to the commandment of the Lord men and women devoted to Him have been going throughout the land telling the people of and concerning the kingdom of God, and this they are doing in absolute obedience to the commandment of the Lord, and not for any selfish reason. Naturally, who would oppose the message of good cheer concerning the Kingdom and attempt to prevent the people from hearing it? Satan the Devil, of course; and he does oppose it for the purpose of keeping the people in ignorance of what God has in reservation for them. Satan, seeing that he has failed to turn all men away from Jehovah, is now determined to cause the destruction of mankind rather than to see any more serve Jehovah God. Hence he causes his agents, and particularly his blinded religious representatives on earth, to keep the people in ignorance of the truth as contained in the Bible. These religious teachers, in "Christendom" particularly, indulge in form worship instead of teaching the people the plain truth. It is such agents or teachers that interfere with the people's knowing the truth. This is exactly what the Lord foretold would come to pass in these last days, as it is written, in 2 Timothy three: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, . . . ; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

For instance, Great Britain is the seventh world power and Satan is the invisible god or ruler of that world power. It is the most powerful empire that has ever been on earth. Its religion is called "Christianity", but the most prominent men or leaders thereof do not believe the Bible, but call themselves "higher critics". Today Great Britain will not permit radio stations to be used to broadcast the message of truth concerning God's kingdom. Canada has followed in the lead of her home country and likewise prevents the message of Jehovah's kingdom from being broadcast. The arm of Jehovah is not shortened. He has provided other ways and means to permit the people of these countries to hear the truth. Faithful men and women are going throughout the land there, even as they do in this country, with the printed message to inform the people. Machines are being used for the proclamation of the message of truth. All this is done that the people might be informed and know what is the proper course to take for their own preservation. When that work of bearing testimony to the people is done, and it will soon be done, then will follow the battle of the great day of God Almighty, or Armageddon. In that battle Satan and his entire organization will be destroyed. Then immediately will follow the complete establishment of everlasting peace and righteousness on the earth. For that reason Jehovah God now gives commandment to His faithful witnesses to speak to the people these words (Psalm 96:10, 13): 'Say among the nations that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved: he shall judge the people righteously. For [the Lord] cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.' Here is the positive promise that Jehovah God will establish or stabilize the world in righteousness and that it will be forever ruled in righteousness by His King, Christ Jesus.

Everybody today sees that the commercial systems of the world are broken down. Men are resorting to every possible known means among them to repair the broken-down machine and to start the world again in the way of prosperity. Regardless of their good intentions, and of their

combined efforts, they are certain to fail, for the reason that Jehovah's time has come to end Satan's wicked, commercial, oppressive rule. Satan knows that the end is near and that he must fight, and he is doing what he can to prepare for it; hence the great preparation for war.

It will be conceded by all that religious leaders of the world now are telling the people that their suffering and distress has come upon them because of their unfaithfulness to their church organizations and hence God has sent this distress upon them as a punishment. Such claim or teaching is not only false, but a great defamation of Jehovah's name. The twelfth chapter of Revelation shows that Christ Jesus began His reign in 1914, that immediately there followed in heaven a war between Christ and Satan and that Satan was cast down to the earth. Then the scripture reads (12:12): "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." This is positive proof that the present distress upon the peoples of the world is due to Satan's efforts to destroy them that they may not know and obey God and live. For this reason Jehovah will destroy Satan and his organization that the world may be established in righteousness and all the people have opportunity to learn the truth and live. In further proof of this, Jehovah now says to those who have faith in Him (Zephaniah 3:8, 9): "Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent." The kingdom of God under Christ is the only possible means of lifting up and blessing the peoples of the world.

Now the time has come when you must choose between God and the Devil. This you will do by taking your stand clearly and positively on one side or the other. For this reason Jehovah is sending His witnesses throughout the land to bring to your attention the truth, that you may be enabled to choose the right way. What advantage will there be to those who now make the choice to take their stand on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom? The Lord answers that question, in Zephaniah 2:2, 3, that all who do thus seek meekness and righteousness before the beginning of the great battle may be hid in that time of war and trouble. Those who are thus taken through the great trouble will be the first ones to receive the blessings of the government of righteousness. When that great battle of Armageddon is done "Christendom" will be completely done and destroyed. Then the world will be established in righteousness, that all men who love righteousness may seek after the Lord. All who do so and serve Him in spirit and in truth shall live.

As Satan for centuries has been the invisible ruler of this wicked world, so Christ Jesus, the righteous One, becomes the ruler of the world, and His rule will be a righteous one and the people will be blessed. The Scriptures say (Proverbs 29:2, 14): "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn. The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, his throne shall be established for ever."

Who will be the visible rulers of the nations of earth, seeing that Jesus will ever be invisible to human eyes? The Scriptures answer that perfect men will rule in righteousness. There are now no perfect men on the earth; but Jehovah God can instantly put perfect men on earth, and will do so. In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews it is recorded that from Abel to John, the forerunner of Christ, there were a few men who maintained their integrity with God under the most severe test and received God's approval. They all died living witnesses to the cause of righteousness and God provided a place for them in His kingdom under Christ. These faithful men died before the first coming of the Lord Jesus. The man Jesus was a descendant of these men, and hence they were called His fathers; but when resurrected as perfect men they will receive life through Christ and become His children, and in Psalm 45:16 it is so stated, and that they shall be the rulers in all the earth. Furthermore it is written (Isaiah 32:1): "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment." This is Jehovah's means of establishing perfect rulers on earth.

Jehovah's government under Christ shall bring everlasting peace, prosperity and life, because it is written, in Isaiah 9:6, 7: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his

name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Then there shall never be another war, but everlasting peace shall abide.

Men have set aside this and called it a holy year with the hope of bringing about peace and prosperity again to the world; but they are doomed to disappointment, and their efforts to complete failure, because God will first destroy the present wicked rule and then establish the world in righteousness. There is no other way of accomplishing this great thing. The prayers of all religious institutions cannot hold together this wicked world. It must perish that the righteous government under Christ may quickly follow.

In that kingdom or government of Christ the people who are obedient will be restored to health and strength. Sickness and suffering will pass away and all those who continue to obey the Lord will live for ever on the earth. Now the people suffer by reason of poverty, sickness and death, crime and oppression, but under God's government all such evils will cease. It is written in God's Word (Isaiah 25:6-9): "And in this mountain [kingdom] shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain [kingdom] the face of the covering cast over all people, and the vail that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it. And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Your dead loved ones are not in purgatory, or torment, consciously suffering anywhere, as you have been wrongfully taught. They are dead, unconscious, and in the graves. Jesus is authority for the statement that they are all in their graves and that they shall all be brought out of their graves and the obedient ones thereafter shall live and not die.—John 5:28, 29.

The place for the everlasting home and blessings of the people will be here on the earth. It is stated in the Scriptures that God made the earth for man and man for the earth, that the earth abideth for ever. (Isaiah 45:12, 18; Ecclesiastes 1:4) Upon this earth God through Christ will conduct the righteous government for the welfare of the people, and that government will continue for ever for the blessing of mankind. That will be complete proof that Jehovah is the Giver of all things good, that He is the Supreme One, that His Word is true, and that His ways are always right, and His name worthy of all praise. It will be a complete vindication of His name.

Why have these great truths not been known to the people long before this time? Because Satan has kept the people in ignorance of the truth by employing and using false religious teachers and it has not been God's due time before to interfere and to bring the truth to the attention of the people. God's due time has now come for the people to have an opportunity to know the truth, and for this reason He is sending His witnesses to you to inform you. It is of the greatest importance for you to learn the truth and then to take a course in harmony with the truth. You do not need to join some institution. You need only to know what is right and true and then do right by obeying God's righteous laws. Books are now published in almost all languages setting out at length these great truths and citing and quoting the Scriptural proof in every instance so that you may sit in your own home and take these books, together with your Bible, and learn what is the truth, that you may decide for yourselves what to do. It is to your best interest that you get these books to gain a knowledge of the truth and thus learn what God's purpose is and how He will establish the world in righteousness and bring everlasting peace and blessings of life to all who obey. Remember Jesus said, 'This is life eternal, to know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.' My earnest request, therefore, to you is that you learn the truth of and concerning God and His kingdom. If you do this and take your stand on His side you will find the way to everlasting life, to peace, prosperity and endless joy. The source of all these blessings is the great God of the universe, whose name alone is JEHOVAH.

The Sacrosanct Clergy of Canada *By Axel Nielsen (Manitoba)*

***In Two Parts* — Part 1**

IT IS not my purpose to offend the religious susceptibilities of my neighbors. They are sensitive about their religious beliefs. Often they find fault with what they are supposed to believe, but resent criticism by others.

I have known men who no longer practice their creed in public, and scarcely subscribe to the Word of God in any form, yet somehow, like a brook trout rising to a Green Bay fly, such men bristle with resentment whenever the creed into which they were born is criticized or belittled.

The clergy have proved themselves false toward God and man; while men have failed to fortify themselves against the hypocrisy and treachery of religious leaders throughout organized "Christendom".

Immunity from Exposure

The Canadian clergy, particularly the Anglican and Catholic priests, enjoy the confidence of corrupted governments and Big Business alike. Some people still smile in a supercilious manner when they see references to Big Business, believing that agitators have created a Big Business myth. But recent developments in the United States and elsewhere have shaken the public faith in these "captains of industry", while events yet to come will prove conclusively that the crimes of Big Business are a fiendish reality. Everywhere can be noted a conscienceless cooperation among Big Business, government, and clergymen.

Particularly is this true in Canada, where the alliance has been knit into physical facts, as this article will prove.

Premier Taschereau is virtual dictator of Quebec province, and his position is secured through the active support of the Catholic clergy and Big Business alike. The situation in Quebec closely resembles that obtaining in Spain before the Revolution, except that in Quebec a so-called "elective" government takes the place of a monarchy. But a straight election is not possible in Quebec, because the combined pressure of clergy and money power always forces the French Canadians to surrender their franchise.

It is a significant fact that the Canadian clergy have enjoyed immunity from exposure, as the press closes its columns to justifiable, and even necessary criticisms. Thus the Canadian clergy, particularly the Anglican and Catholic priests, have been set on a pedestal, while propaganda maintains a myth concerning their probity. They are the sacrosanct of Canada, utterly inviolable, and above suspicion, no matter what they do.

Sorrows of Church Orphanage Kiddies

My knowledge of clergymen dates back to my childhood, when I was left to their merciless misdirection in a church orphanage. Of all barbaric institutions, a church orphanage is the most heartless and stupid.

People donated money to this particular orphanage most generously, and to such a liberal degree that notices had to be inserted in the papers declaring that no further donations were needed. Yet the orphans were fed and clothed at a minimum of expense. We had all we could eat, but were fed separated milk from cows we boys ourselves milked, while the cream and butter were sold. On Sundays we had butter, but on week days we were fed lard. We did not starve, but the management was careful not to include little things that mean so much to children, although there was plenty of money.

Visitors were a trial, for then we paraded in our Sunday best, and had to emulate all the saints or pay the penalty afterward.

Sanctimonious, sour and vindictive Sunday school spinsters were much in evidence, and I remember once how close one of these came to getting a dinner plate broken over her officious nose:

"Why, they even have sugar on the table! What an extravagance!"

Another one, seeing us drawn up in serge pants, black stockings, polished boots and white shirts, exclaimed:

"The idea! They're dressed just like other children."

She was disappointed, no doubt expecting to see us in stripes or spots of some description.

Discredited Hell Mongers

The dictionary term for *missionary* follows:

"A person sent to teach religion and do charitable work."

Orphanage superintendents and matrons are missionaries too, for they are usually under the

clergy, and the missionaries of "organized religion" are a frightful class. A clergyman's creed in respect to children other than his very own can be summarized as follows:

1. Spare the rod and spoil the child.
2. Teach 'em Hell and give 'em hell.
3. Fear is the best educator.
4. Humility before clergymen is essential.
5. An absolute mininum of worldly comforts for all charity cases must obtain in order to promote humility.

Money can be wasted without reserve, just so long as the recipients of charity do not benefit.

I have found that clergymen, who control the governing boards of church institutions like orphanages, hospitals, etc., are utterly incapable, devoid of practical common sense, and often ignorant in many respects. These clergymen pick the superintendents, matrons, and even janitors, applying the test of *creed,* together with outward demonstrations of church loyalty. Those in control of unfortunate orphans, of Indian missions and other church property, are never chosen for their honesty, humanity, tolerance and ability.

How to Locate Hypocrites

A man can give plenty of lip service to his church, lead the Sunday school class, be a pillar in his church, and yet he can be, and often is, like a devil incarnate! I know, because as a child I was farmed out to these superficial "Christians" and saw them take the mask off on week days. Appointees of the clergy are almost always unsuited by temperament, training or inclination to receive the grave responsibilities to which they are called.

The orphanage I attended is typical of all such institutions. An orphanage is a nightmare at any time, for the herding of little children into disciplinary camps fosters atrocities and grave injustices. Orphanages may be necessary, but I sincerely doubt it; for the children cry out in their miseries, while nobody listens. "You can't believe a child," and the superintendents in charge are such "proven Christians"!

In any event, no clergyman has a right to enter a charitable institution, or to pick those responsible for the conduct of its affairs; for no clergyman can be what he is and at the same time be endowed with the tolerance, charity and sincerity which *must* go hand in hand with the grave responsibilities of caring for orphans and other unfortunate persons.

We had with us at the orphanage a superintendent whose name was H. K. Anderson. How we loved him! He was fair and just. Patience was his middle name. He had a sense of humor, and we trusted him. But sometimes he did not go to church. And he was even seen taking a glass of beer once! He was one of the few Christians that I have met in my time; but he was not fanatical about it, and that was too much for the clergy, who demanded his expulsion.

Typical Church Orphanage Superintendent

Anderson's successor was a religious fanatic of the most violent sort. He had a boy who was just about my own age, and I was delegated to show this boy around before the new superintendent had taken his hat off.

"Bet you're scared of my father," said the new boy.

"I'm scared of nobody," I replied. The son and heir made haste to report the matter, and I was dragged down to the river front, forced to cut a willow stick, and "justice" was administered. I refused to cry, or it wouldn't have lasted so long.

The fanatical superintendent always struck first and thought afterwards. Sometimes he prayed to God for His forgiveness, and took an hour or so to do this, while we had to listen respectfully, even if the dinner got cold or the milking hour had come. If we were clumsy at our work, he dropped to his knees and prayed God to give us sense. It is a nauseating chapter in my life.

Below the Average of Human Decency

I have never entertained illusions about clergymen. There is nothing sacrosanct about them. I always look for hypocrisy, and almost always it can be found in a clergyman. Weakness is another attribute, although this characteristic is not so general as hypocrisy. Most of them are selfish, while practically all of them are intolerant. Others are very ambitious, while some are dishonest. I can, of course, speak only about those whom I have met, and must admit that a few of the best were no better nor worse than the average carpenter. One or two were sincere and unselfish as individuals, but always spoiled the effect, and did much damage, by upholding false creeds.

A clergyman is almost always impractical, although he loves to meddle with things that do not concern him. He is therefore a mischief

maker. To be sure, we should not expect perfection in a clergyman, for he is only human after all, "with the exception of the pope, of course." But if clergymen as a class have a right to pull in their skirts while passing the common herd, they ought to give just cause for this attitude. Yet they are, as a class, far below the average of human decency.

The clergy have stolen the respect which people originally intended for God, while there is nothing to support the popular belief that they are deserving of popular respect as a class, even though a few may be doing their duty as they see it.

Subsidized Purveyors of Sorrow

In addition to their criminal mismanagement of orphanages and like institutions and their championship of false political and social standards, the clergy have proved themselves particularly unworthy in the field of mission work, where the gentlemen are hidden away from more intelligent persons, and are therefore free to muddle along with their shortcomings quite unchallenged.

I firmly believe that mission societies, and missionaries in particular, are a positive nuisance and do far more harm than good. This is certainly true of Indian missions, and is probably equally true of foreign missions in general.

An English schoolboy was asked to write an essay on "Empire Building", and this is what he wrote:

"First a missionary is sent out to preach religion. He gets the natives down on their knees, and when the natives aren't looking somebody runs up the Union Jack, and thus the Empire was built."

What a lot of truth there is in the above, after all!

I have traded among the Canadian Indians for more than twelve years, and in that time have come to know what a missionary is. As champions of truth and the Word of God, these men are a dismal failure.

A bad feature is the fact that a blind government subsidizes Anglican and Catholic priests in the Indian country, leaving the "education" of Indian children in the hands of incapable missionaries, while the health and morals of Indians are neglected by both the missions and the government.

At Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan

It was at Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan, while managing a post for Revillon Freres, that I once more came face to face with clerical ineptitude, in the fall of 1918. Until that time I had studiously avoided organized religion as I would any plague, content to let the other fellow live in a fool's paradise without me.

The Anglican missionary at Montreal Lake was a half-breed by the name of John Settee, who was incidentally the government school teacher, without any qualifications other than his Anglican appointment as preacher. Mr. Settee and the church were subsidized as follows:

The Indian Department paid Mr. Settee a teacher's salary; furnished his living quarters and a schoolhouse, which was incidentally the church as well; furnished light, fuel and sufficient provisions to give each child of school age one square meal for each school day in the year, and paid Mrs. Settee a small salary for cooking the meals.

A Twice-paid Total Fake

The Anglican church paid their missionary, Mr. Settee, $5 a month, while the collections received from the Indians far exceeded this sum, and the mission was therefore money to the good, had free use of government property, and managed to have the missionary appointed to a job for which he was entirely unfitted. The Anglicans raise money both in England and Canada to carry on this sort of business, and a gullible public pays the cost of a soft-salaried overhead gang!

For sixteen years Mr. Settee had "taught school" in Montreal Lake. I found grown men and women who were supposed to have "graduated" from his "school". Yet not one of them could write his own name, nor speak a word of English.

I happened to take an interest in a half-breed boy whose father had been killed overseas. This youngster could not speak a word of English, and I insisted upon his going to school. That was how I discovered Mr. Settee's school.

Mr. Settee did not teach school a total of 24 days between November 15, 1918, and August 31, 1919, by actual count.

Knew Only How to Collect

But he collected full rations for giving each child one meal a day, collected his own pay, while his wife collected pay for cooking meals

which were never cooked. Furthermore, one could buy bacon and other articles from Mr. Settee, while it lasted, at half the going price, while the church wardens got their share for nothing, and the children went unfed.

Mr. Settee, next to preaching, was very fond of freighting; he was always for hire, and did considerable work for the traders freighting to Lac la Ronge and Prince Albert. He tried to be back over Sunday whenever possible. As for the school, it was a complete farce and scarcely existed.

The boy referred to went to school as ordered, but always came back, because Mr. Settee had a headache, or a bellyache, or had gone for a load of hay, to Prince Albert, or some other place. I checked up on the boy, scarcely believing that Mr. Settee could draw his pay and do anything but teach school, and found out for myself that the boy was not lying. This sort of subsidized connivance between church and government is typical of Canada.

Honest Complaints Unheeded

In February of 1919 the Indian Department sent up a nurse, as the influenza scare was then at its height. This nurse investigated health conditions, and found Mr. Settee's house among the worst. She also discovered just how the school was run, waxed extremely indignant, admitted being an Anglican, yet promised that Mr. Settee would be out of there within two months. She was wrong; for Mr. Settee stayed for another four or five years.

Then in June of the same year, 1919, Montreal Lake Indians were "honored" by a visit from the Anglican "bishop" Newman, who was in charge of the Prince Albert diocese. Newman arrived late Saturday, stayed over Sunday, and early Monday morning, just before leaving, came to me for a donation, which I gave him as only a 20-year-old disrespectful young enthusiast can give a white-haired old skinflint.

"I'll have you know that Mr. Settee is a Christian gentleman," replied the "bishop", "and the school children are doing very well, considering."

The old fraud never saw the school in session. "Considering" is the veiled excuse of all missionaries, who give a false impression concerning the mentality of Indian children, and would have you believe that the natives are uncommonly stupid. But the imprint can't be better than the stamp.

A few weeks later I got a letter from the Indian Department, with which I had been corresponding:

". . . in view, therefore, of Bishop Newman's position and reputation, we must accept his report as to the condition of Mr. Settee's school, and must refuse to entertain your complaints further."

That is typical of the conspiracy between governments and the sacrosanct clergy in Canada. Montreal Lake was only one instance in many, although I doubt if other missions were quite that bad.

"Bishop" Newman retired three or four years later, and I read about his well-deserved trip to England, where he would spend his declining years in peace and rest. If he spent those years with a clear conscience he was happily insane.

A Bishop Who Was Sincere

I believe that "Bishop" Lloyd was Newman's immediate successor. You get men like Lloyd, even in the Anglican church, men who try to reform from within, but usually they are a drop of white paint in a black pot, and count for very little once the mixture is stirred up. How "Bishop" Lloyd ever came to be a church dignitary would be an interesting story, for he is not the sort of man who gets places by flattery, wheedling, or the prostitution of his convictions.

Be that as it may, Lloyd cleaned up the Montreal Lake mess in short order, and Mr. Settee found himself out of a job, temporarily at least.

Lloyd did not alter the principle of government subsidies for missions. In fact, he is reputed to have secured even better terms. But he at least believed in keeping straight a rotten system, a difficult matter, especially in remote parts. He was sincere, which in some respects is half the battle, but he was in mighty bad company, and championed a most unworthy principle: that of subsidizing missions with government moneys.

No Waters from Dry Wells

In September of 1919 I took charge of Prairie Lake Post, north of Grouard, Alberta. Between Prairie Lake and the Buffalo Head hills the Indians were mostly pagan, although there was an Anglican mission school at Whitefish Lake, which was only 40 miles east of Prairie Lake, while in Grouard were both Catholic and Anglican institutions, all heavily subsidized by the government.

The "Rev." White was in charge at Whitefish Lake school. He was a harmless curate, and got himself laughed out of Prairie Lake, and he never returned, for fear the Indians would scalp him. His school was a pitiful example of clerical incompetence in regard to all matters beyond the muttered rigmarole of his creed.

To say that he taught the children anything they did not know would be conceding him a measure of intelligence which he did not possess, for the man was entirely wrapped up in his creed, and hardly breathed the common air of every-day life. The North gets people, and missionaries fall the hardest, while the dangerous feature of this fact lies in the sacrosanct halo which surrounds the clergy.

There was also a "Father" Petour, a Belgian Catholic priest, who traveled about the country trying to convert Anglicans and pagans alike. He managed to attach a few Anglican heathens, but the pagans barely tolerated him, while sometimes they jeered him openly, although the young Belgian was patient and sincere.

Oblate and Obtuse

The Catholic church is the mother of applied psychology and shrewd sociology. She doesn't send a bumptious tyrant around the country when there is pleading to be done; and neither does she employ earnest, honest young men where a big bluff, a snarling driver, or a shrewd money grubber will do the best work, and pay bigger dividends. Intelligent priests are slated for advanced communities, and the hell-fire ignoramus circulates among the poor. The church displays a cunning which amply betrays the identity of her master.

Most of the Catholic missionaries among the Indians belong to the Oblate order. These priests are usually given a minimum education, and take the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. They receive no salary, and are permitted no luxuries, nor do they question their superiors when orders are given. In actual practice, the Oblate "fathers" are well fed, warmly clothed and comfortably housed. They are not permitted to keep personal bank accounts, but their lot is far above that of those to whom they "minister".

Many of the Oblate "fathers" are intensely ignorant. That is only natural, for it must take a weak head, or a poorly developed intelligence, to work for nothing while their masters get the best of everything, and good salaries besides. If the Oblate "fathers" served God instead of the church, something could be said in their favor. But, while they do not seek money for themselves, they do extort money for the church, and from a people that can ill afford the outlay, and the pious camouflage is thereby entirely dispelled.

Half-crazy Fanatics

The Indians have even less income today than formerly, and the missions have to depend in greater measure upon government subsidies of various sorts and descriptions. But some of the missions paid good money on their own account in years gone by; for traders have ways of knowing such things, and I have seen with my own eyes.

The Oblate "fathers" are sometimes fanatical, slaving for their church, and going half insane with the absurdity of their efforts. This has always been a matter of grave concern to those who would consider the welfare of Canada's Indians.

Traders and trappers sometimes go mildly insane, or become "bushed", as the Northern term describes it, but rarely injure others thereby. A half-crazy, fanatical clergyman, claiming divine powers, subsidized and recognized by the government, can do and does great harm among the Indians.

The Indians called Petour O-sow-o-ka-sees, with a slight accent on the "sow", although the term means Red Fox. The priest had a red beard, and the pagan Indians said he was very cunning:

"He approaches us with kindness, and a meek voice," they said. "But we have cousins in the Grouard missions. There the priests are fierce and merciless."

Subsidized to Teach Torture

The Indians spoke the truth. The clergymen made converts, and were immediately subsidized by the government for this 'good work' among the Indians, for the pagans are an independent lot. The doctrine of hell-fire subjugated the Indians where strong-arm police failed. A baptized Indian then surrendered his children to the church schools, which are subsidized by the governments, and usually pay good dividends to the church.

Petour was sincere, as an individual. I talked with the Red Fox one night until daybreak, and we discussed many things besides religion. He

sincerely believed that his church and God were one and the same thing.

In his little chapel hung an enormous painting in bright colors. This painting depicted "hell's fiery inferno". A grinning red devil stood at the edge of a flame-belching red-mouthed pit. The devil had horns, red tusks, a spiked tail and cloven hoofs. He was sexless and naked. In his hands was a trident, with which he shoved hapless sinners into the depths of hell.

Leading to this pleasant destination was a broad highway, upon which danced merry sinners. Various indiscretions were depicted in the course of commission.

A narrow path led straight to heaven's shimmering hosts, and upon this path walked a priest, leading the faithful to heaven. The artist cut a private passage for Martin Luther, for the reformer's special benefit. Luther had no doubt started out right in the beginning, but the artist depicted Martin Luther with one foot on the hell passage, and the other foot lifting off the special short-cut which connected the straight and narrow with the sinful highway.

Teaching Pagans to Hate God

There were similar short-cuts to hell made and provided for other reformers as well, although Martin Luther was given greater prominence. The priests go into great detail when this picture is explained to the Indians. The picture itself seems to leave little to be said, but the priests put the artist to shame with their oral descriptions.

This terrible picture hangs in every mission throughout the Indian North, and illustrates in vivid colors just what religion means to the Indians.

The Catholic church issues a deluge of printed material, which is circulated among the Indians. This stuff is written in syllabic, and reads more like anarchy than any communistic material in print. White men are monsters and liars, according to this literature, unless they happen to be priests.

The Indians have lost their backbone and sacrificed their manhood through the infiltration of bad habits, superstitious fears and shattered self-respect, or this sort of literature would certainly stir the Indians to violence. Most of this junk comes from the Jesuit college in Edmonton.

Petour explained the hell-fire picture to me. The Indians were savages, he said, incapable of understanding love, divine justice, or unselfish acts of any sort. The Indians did understand fear, hate and punishment. The savages must therefore be scared into accepting the Christian religion.

Then perhaps the second or third generation would absorb the better side of Christianity. Thus, the missionary spirit applied among the Indians was the same as that which was practiced upon me in the orphanage: Scare 'em. Give 'em hell!

The Devil's Poor Reward

I once saw Petour humiliated in the Buffalo Head hills, and at the time my sympathies were entirely with the Red Fox. The priest tried to say mass for the pagans, who disregarded him utterly, beating their tom-toms louder and louder, while the young men jeered loudly.

Petour took refuge in Banepowahow's tepee, where he found the old Indian and his woman quite alone. Again the priest started saying mass, which was a foolish sort of persistence really, as no man has a right to force his religion on a foreign race. The young Indians crowded into the tepee with their tom-toms, and Petour at last gave up.

Then the Red Fox asked the old Indian for a skin. The priest had come a long way, and had gone to great expense. I wondered what the old Indian would say to that, for the beaver and lynx skins which hung far above the smoldering teepee fire really belonged to me. Yet the Indians were queer in some ways, for I have known them to give things to a beggar, even though they despised and hated the beggar.

"Give the devil a skin," said the old Indian to his woman, who reached up and brought down a worthless rabbit skin, which she handed to the priest.

Rabbit skins are now worth a few cents each, but in those days they were of no value, except as used by the Indians for mattresses and bedding. "Father" Petour was a martyr in his own eyes, but even as I pitied him as an individual, and expressed my indignation because a white man had been treated thus, a leather-faced old Indian told me to shut up, and I did shut up.

"A hundred devil priests in many places have avenged what we have done to this man, and the score is far from paid. If only a few more of the devils would come this way: if only certain ones would come this way!" said the old Indian. I could name a few priests whose lives would

not have been worth much in the Buffalo Head hills. "Father" Petour was hounded out of camp, for the Indians followed with their tomtoms, and did not return until nightfall.

There were apparent advantages in joining the church, for the Indian Department, besides subsidizing the missions in various ways, also entrusted government rations to the missionaries, and pagan Indians were therefore ignored. The church and the Indian Department worked as a unit, while the pagans had plenty of justification for hating both.

Pagans More Honest than "Christians"

As a trader I learned to trust an Indian according to the inverse ratio of Christian devotion which he professed. A "good Christian" was often the biggest crook, and the pagans were usually honest, provided a fair understanding had been reached between Indian and trader. The pagan cared little about 'white man's law', and conducted himself according to moral codes alone.

Returned half-breed soldiers flooded the Buffalo Head hills, bringing home-brew contraptions, playing cards and other tools of vice along with them. The pagan Indians were impotent against the lure of fire-water and cards. As a result, my books were cluttered with bad debts. Then the flu epidemic ravaged the country, and the post was closed out, for the Indians buried their dead and moved away.

Even so, with the company gone out of business in that section of the country, the pagan Indians journeyed to Fort Vermilion, where they sought out the Revillon manager and voluntarily paid their just debts. These accounts had been written off, and the Fort Vermilion manager had to write out to Edmonton for them.

One of the pagans paid a five-hundred-dollar debt, an obligation incurred when rats were selling at five dollars, and other furs in proportion. It took the Indians seven years to pay up, for the price of fur had dropped far below the inflation period following the war.

This Indian, and all the other pagan Indians, knew very well that they were under no legal obligation to pay. The returned soldiers had spread that knowledge from the beginning, just as they told the pagans that tribal marriages were not legal either.

But the pagan Indians paid their just debts.

Paying Just Debts by "Confessions"

As for the "Christian" Indian, confession is the commodity with which he pays his debt in most cases. It would perhaps be idle to assume too much, and say that the priests teach this doctrine literally, but the Indians believe in the forgiveness of debts, and the priests and missionaries do not discourage this belief, unless the church is the creditor.

"Father" Guilloux, of Pelican Narrows, even went so far as to write indignant letters to traders in which he explained that Indians were minors within the law, and therefore did not have to pay their accounts.

That was perfectly true. But the Indians had contracted a moral obligation, and it hardly seems a clergyman's place to argue the abandonment of a moral obligation, unless circumstances were such as to make him believe that the Indians were being swindled.

Traders have been dishonest, but there were times when Guilloux took a fiendish delight in assisting the Indians, by giving moral support, to default their entire account. Where a trader outfits an Indian to the tune of five hundred dollars, and does not get one penny in return, there can be no doubt as to which is the dishonest party.

The Pelican Narrows Indians at one time developed the practice of paying all or nothing, until traders developed a parallel habit of giving the Indians nothing! The Indians believed in the confession and the forgiveness of sin, including nonpayment of just debts.

Teaching Orphans to Hate Their Creator

I was placed in a church orphanage at the age of eight years, and before that time had no definite knowledge of hell, as my mother did not subscribe to a physical hell, and guarded me from such false doctrines. But in the orphanage I found 'hell' on earth, except for a brief respite when H. K. Anderson was in control.

The cruelty of teaching a burning hell to little children varies with the individual child, for not all children are equally susceptible to mental torture. I was an impressionable youngster, and suffered unspeakable torture, for Anderson's successor was a religious fanatic of the most violent type, shouting hell fire and heavenly wrath before meals and after meals, at morning prayer and evening prayer, and any time in between, for the man brooded over such things at all times.

It took quite a long time to convince me, for even as a child I reasoned that no man, let alone God himself, could torture a human creature in all eternity, whatever the sinner might have done to earn it. The punishment was bad enough even if a creature could be found who deserved it, but the executioner, in my opinion, would be even worse than the victim ever could have been.

A child is a child, and constant repetition, repeated whippings, and the fact that God permitted such a man to control the lives of orphans at last convinced me that God would actually torment sinners in all eternity.

Hell Is the Torchlight

Hell is the torchlight of missionary work among the Indians. There would be few "Christian" Indians without the doctrine of a fiery hell, for the Indians could never reconcile the gospel of Christ with the injustices they have been made to suffer at the hands of white men.

But the Indians understand fear, and therefore "understood" the doctrine of hell, and accept Christianity for that reason. It is remarkable how well the missionaries have understood Indian psychology in this regard, while these same missionaries have failed to understand the Indian in every other respect.

The confession and forgiveness of sins are the Indian's only solace. The Catholic church is by far the most successful among the Indians because the confession box is a physical "evidence" of actual forgiveness. Protestant Indians are taught to confess privately, and such Indians believe in complete forgiveness merely for the asking, even though an occasional missionary does explain the principle of sincerity that must go with a silent confession. Still, the Indians put their own literal interpretation to many statements, and believe what they believe, missionaries to the contrary notwithstanding.

Proper Self-Respect Destroyed

The Indians, particularly the Catholics, regard the form rather than the spirit of confession. They are terribly concerned when someone is thought to be dying, and will travel hundreds of miles for a priest, who will travel those hundreds of miles back with the Indians, to give the Devil his due.

Many such Indians have been given the last sacrament half a dozen times, over and over again, through several months or even years of sickness, while more than one Indian has died of fright as he viewed with terror-stricken eyes the paraphernalia of the sacraments.

All Catholic priests teach the Indians that non-Catholics go to hell, and many of the Protestant missionaries return the compliment with gusto. Villages divide according to creed, and families split up with undying hatred when creeds intermarry. Incidentally, the Catholics always gain, numerically at least, by such marriages.

The Crees are, for the most part, a degenerate race, for their blood is badly mixed with white scum, venereal diseases and tuberculosis, while two centuries of harsh subjugation at the hands of "gentlemen" adventurers and their successors have destroyed the self-respect of all but a few scattered bands, and a few scattered individuals.

The priest in Pelican Narrows, like the priests in every Northern mission, conducted daily catechism classes for the children, and his pupils ranged in age from three upward. The church bell was forever ringing, like a Spanish monastery, what with morning mass, catechisms, noon hour, evening hour, evening prayer, vesper bell, confession bell, and I don't know what else. Sunday or week day, there didn't seem to be much difference.

Poor Little Indian Kiddie

I remember one little Indian boy, a youngster of six years, who expressed great concern for the safety of my soul because I did not attend his church.

"You will go to hell," he announced, and then he proceeded to describe hell in vivid Cree phrases:

"It is a big fire, a forest fire; and it never goes out. It is like a red-hot stove, only so much bigger, and they put you right inside the red-hot stove, and you can't get out! You get awfully thirsty too, and when your mother sees you there she just laughs! 'Why didn't you obey the priest?' she asks you, and then she laughs some more. Your own mother laughs at you! Then if you ask her for some water, she laughs again, laughs, laughs. . . . "

Then the boy burst out crying, and I comforted him; for I could remember when I was put through the same torture. Indian children are not all sensitive to mental suggestion, but this little chap was one of those who were. Many of the Indian children took a philosophical view of such matters, deciding to obey the priest, and

depend upon the church for redemption. That is just what the clergymen scream over the radio every day.

Incidentally, the Cree name for hell is *Mitcheskwatew'*, or 'evil fire'. The Cree word for the chief fireman is *Mitchi-man'i-tou,* or 'evil god'. You should hear the Indians describe hell and the Devil in their own language, and see their eyes bulge!

Church Discipline

The priests are petty tyrants, once they have convinced the Indians that hell is a most uncomfortable destination. In Pelican Narrows, for instance, it was against the dictates of "Father" Guilloux for a Catholic Indian, especially a woman, to attend a harmless square dance, on pain of excommunication. Everyone knows that a priest does not possess such powers, but the fakes are sufficient unto themselves up north.

The priests always singled out the women for excommunication. The procedure in Pelican Narrows was very cruel, for the Indian women always attended church to the last soul, and the "guilty" ones were therefore sure to be there. Instead of notifying these women beforehand that their presence in church was not desired, the priest chose to denounce them in open congregation.

The names of the women were called out one by one, and summary sentence imposed of thirty days to three months, during which time the "guilty" women could not enter the church, nor receive "benefit of clergy" in any way. Then the church wardens escorted the weeping women bodily to the door, while neither husbands nor fathers, sweethearts nor brothers, made any objections whatsoever.

Innocent Pastimes Tabooed

Protestant Indians were not restrained from dancing the square dance, and if fault could be found with the Pelican Narrows Indian dances it lay in the well-founded and sometimes belligerent complaints of Protestant bucks, who objected to Catholic Indian bucks' joining the dance without bringing female escorts.

In other words, the Protestants supplied the women, the dance and the music, while the Catholics sneaked in without their women folk, although once in a while three or four of their females took the Devil by the horns and braved public disgrace.

I subsidized a Catholic woman to break up the practice of excommunications, and in due time this woman was also excommunicated. She had a come-back, as the bargain called for that much, and this woman told the priest in public that he could keep his fool church.

She kept her word, and the priest begged her to return, which at last she did with the understanding that she danced or she did not dance, according to her own inclination. She was forty, and quite capable of looking after herself.

But this did not stop the priest from excommunicating the weaker women, as I had hoped it would. The Indians appealed to "Bishop" Charlebois, who, although he would not denounce Guilloux, openly declared that the priest had no right to chase their women folk out of church. But I broke up the practice little by little, as the priest permitted the Indians to dance in the daytime to start the thing going.

Then I refused to donate toward weddings and other celebrations unless the Indians held their dances in defiance of the priest, which at last they did, and the excommunications became a thing of the past.

Minding Other People's Business

The fear of hell-fire is the Indian religion, although certain forms and rituals also appeal to him. The fear of hell is deep-rooted, and explains entirely the power which missionaries, especially Catholic priests, exercise over the Indians.

Church attendance is nearly 100-percent effective with such Indians as happen to be in town. The priests are particularly watchful in this respect, and will publicly denounce their delinquent flock as a whole, and then single out the offender by name. In this way relatives and friends assume responsibility for the attendance of others.

Discipline, particularly among the Catholics, takes absurd form at times, such as prohibiting sleeveless garments, taboos on bobbed hair, even denunciation of a V-neck blouse, and positive orders stipulating that a woman's skirt must drag in the dirt.

Man and woman must never converse together in public, nor be seen together except in groups, and more of the like. It would be a waste of time to give all the facts, for a modern world would refuse to believe.

The Terrors of Superstition

John Cusiter, a seventeen-year-old Indian boy, was dying of consumption. He was a Birch

Portage Indian, and the time was in March of 1929. His father, together with two uncles and another male relative, journeyed to Flin Flon to fetch a preacher, for the Pelican Narrows district did not boast a resident Anglican preacher.

The Indians arrived in Flin Flon with a pony toboggan, and sent the "Rev." Fraser of The Pas an urgent wire, which was answered in person. Meanwhile, a preliminary March thaw had set in, and the streets of Flin Flon were running water from melting snow.

The Indians knew that the thaw would last but a day or two, and everything would freeze up tight again. But they could not convince the clergyman, who was afraid to make the journey, although the Indians pleaded with him and promised Mr. Fraser that he would not even get his feet wet.

There has never been a time when I could not travel, break-up or not, although I would not expect others to follow me. But it was absurd to expect break-up in March. Today is the 21st of April, and we still have two feet of snow in Cranberry, in spite of the usual March thaw which took part of the snow off, as it did in 1929, and always does. Just out of Flin Flon, which is thirty miles north of here, the snow is probably three feet deep today. The lakes are still solid today, and will be solid for another two weeks at the very least.

Sadly disappointed, the Indians returned without their clergyman. I saw the Indians at Birch Portage, and tried to comfort the sick boy, who raved about the fiery hell which "Rev." Fraser himself had taught the Indian youth. Mr. Fraser spoke Cree fluently, unlike most Anglican missionaries, having learned the language during his childhood, and John Cusiter was doubtless given a vivid impression of what "hell" was like. I could not comfort the sick Indian; for when I tried to disabuse him of mistaken beliefs in hell-fire and torment, the youth took me to be the Devil himself.

Dying Boy Made a Raving Maniac

I went on my way to Flin Flon, returned to Birch Portage a few days later, and then traveled back to Pelican Narrows. After that I journeyed the three hundred miles from Pelican Narrows to Lac du Brochet, and back-tracked the same distance to Pelican Narrows again, where I rested my dogs for a day, and then started for Flin Flon with a three-hundred-pound load of furs on my sleigh.

There was no snow on the portages, as it was the end of April, but the ice was good except in the rivers. Six weeks had passed since the "Rev." Fraser had insisted that the 35-mile journey to Birch Portage was too dangerous. Yet I had traveled some 900 miles by dog team since that time, and was still traveling, without four husky Indians to guarantee that I wouldn't get wet, or pull me out of the drink should the sleigh go through at that late date, while I had a precious cargo of furs which had to be kept dry and be portaged on my back across the sandy jackpine stretches where the sleigh buried itself in the ground and the dogs could not budge the load.

On my way to Flin Flon I passed through Birch Portage again and found that the boy had become a raving maniac. I suggested that the Indians send for "Father" Guilloux, in spite of creed, but the Indians were indignant. To them it was like sending for the Devil himself. Meanwhile the young Indian suffered untold mental torture, and I hit the trail once more, arrived in Flin Flon safely, and took my fur on to The Pas.

I got back to Pelican Narrows about the middle of May, crawling over ice floes to do so, and a day later the Birch Portage Indians arrived with John Cusiter's body. They too crawled over ice floes and risked their lives, all for the sake of burying John Cusiter in consecrated ground. But the clergy who teach such things, hell and consecration, are afraid of a March thaw.

Why Traders Support Missions

The missions prosper with the connivance of governments, while the traders also lend moral support to the missions, in addition to financial assistance, for the missions are a stabilizing economic influence among the nomad Indians.

Many traders once found themselves abandoned as the Indians followed the caribou trail, or migrated to better trapping grounds, or vacated the country following an epidemic during which they lost relatives and friends to the grave.

Traders support the missions for selfish reasons, which makes it harder still for the Indian to get a square deal. The Indians are extremely superstitious, and their churches have become an anchorage to which they cling no matter how barren the country may prove of everything

but tickets to heaven, according to their belief in priestly powers.

Both fur and game migrate, and in former days the Indians followed the fur and game supply. But today the Indians stay with the church, starving their families rather than leaving the one thing which 'stands between them and a fiery hell'.

At Pelican Narrows and elsewhere the Anglican missionaries make but a few calls annually, outside of the summer months when sometimes a student stays over if the government can be persuaded to subsidize a missionary-school-teacher, the Indian Department paying the salary while the church takes the credit.

Unreliable Prophets of Evil

The Anglicans usually tried to visit Pelican Narrows twice during the winter: just after Christmas, and just before Easter. The date of their coming was usually advertised in advance. But there was no telling as to whether they would come or not, nor would they always arrive on the advertised date; for none of the missionaries wanted the trip, although the roads were very good between The Pas and Pelican Narrows. Dogs were sometimes used, or a driving team, but in any event the trails were open, as northern travel became more concentrated the farther south one traveled.

The Indians came in for more than a hundred miles around, men, women and children, abandoning trap lines and fish nets, all for the sake of a single church service. Sometimes the Indians found either Mr. Fraser, of The Pas, or Mr. Fisher, of Cumberland House, on hand to mumble a few things.

The "Rev." Fisher spoke no Cree whatever, but read a rigmarole from a phonetically spelled Cree hokus-pocus compilation, and doubtless didn't know what he was saying, nor did the Indians. But he was a clergyman, and "possessed the key to heaven", and could shield the Indians from the "fiery furnace".

Both Indians and Traders Ruined

The missionaries never stayed longer than a day or two. The Indians and traders paid the expenses in any event, with sometimes a bit to spare.

At best the Indians found a clergyman on deck as described above. But sometimes the Indians arrived to find that the clergyman had come and gone, a week ahead of schedule. Other times again the clergyman was late, and nobody knew when he would arrive, or if he would arrive at all. Then it was that traders wished that something would shrivel the missions completely, for their Indian customers demanded dog feed while they waited, together with provisions for themselves.

The traders usually met these demands, for the intricacies of Northern trading are many, and it would take chapters of illogical apologies to explain them. The delays cost the traders plenty, and the pilgrimage cost the Indians a great deal in terms of spoiled furs and lost time.

It took the Indians from two to seven days to get in, for a caravan travels slowly, unlike the brisk trader who chases down the elusive mink skin in competition with others. Besides, the Indian had to lay up dog feed and what not, while preparations as a whole took a week on the average.

As the irresponsible missionaries were a week late about a third of the time, and sometimes did not show up at all, while the Indians waited just as long as the traders would stand for it, the Indians lost a month, on the average, twice in a winter, or almost a third of the trapping season; all for the sake of being absolved from the rigors of hell by a clergyman who read out of a phonetic rigmarole which didn't make sense either to himself or to the Indians!

The missionaries only proved how impractical clergymen are as a class, for no sane person would deliberately keep a hundred Indians waiting while they argued the question of what to do, especially after advertising what they *would* do.

Greedy Dogs That Never Have Enough

Nor did the missionaries ever make a mistake as to the most comfortable place in town, which in Pelican Narrows happened to be our place. I got so fed up at last that I told one or two of them quite plainly that some one of the other traders might share the responsibility of feeding missionaries and their entourage, besides having native church wardens barging in for conferences and similar demonstrations. The church wardens were always the biggest crooks, and I would much rather have thrown them out, instead of sticking them for the sake of a missionary.

A missionary's chief concern is always his salary, speaking of Protestants. I never saw one who wouldn't talk at great length on the subject, making invidious comparisons, while

none of them should be paid, in my opinion. Take money out of Christianity and there would be some hope for the Indian.

The Catholic Indians had a full-time padre in Pelican Narrows, with sometimes one or two spares as well. Christmas and Easter were big church days, although "holy" days rained down as in a Spanish calendar in pre-Revolutionary times. The Indians often used these minor "holy" days as an excuse to neglect their traps and drive to town. But the Christmas and Easter pilgrimages were positively compulsory, while great distances or sickness were not allowed to interfere with strict observance under a consecrated roof.

Widespread and Terrible Cruelty

The Indians made the trip with half-starved dogs and miserable camp equipment. I have camped with them on the trails in winter, out in the open, sitting before blazing fires which burned on three sides if the winds permitted, while great columns of white mist raced upward as the heat struck the "fifty below" of a Northern night. Little children whimpered all night long with the intense cold, while sometimes the men kept the fires going if the wind sprang up and made the cold unbearable. Then the sparks would fly over the scant bedding, and the whole night through was a vigil to keep alive against the rigors of winter.

And I have tracked the Indians, too; for the trails were an open book, and were littered with starved pups and frozen train dogs, and dogs that died in harness under a shower of blows. The trails were strewn with the sticks and bludgeons with which the Indians beat their dogs, as the Indians must get there on time 'for the sake of their black souls'!

The Easter trip is not so cold, but in some respects more cruel; for Easter sometimes falls in April, when the snow is going and water runs everywhere. I have seen women and children wade into water and slush above their knees, without any footgear other than moose-skin moccasins. The water stays on top of the ice until it seeps through, about the first of May, while the women and children trudge through miles and miles of it, a hundred miles into town and a hundred back to camp.

Epidemics often result from exposure of this sort, and expectant mothers sometimes go temporarily insane, while the sick Indians leave unpaid bills.

Priest Issued the Rations

One of the mission grafts was the handling of government rations. Woe be unto the disobedient Indian! for he did not partake of bacon and beans very often. At Pelican Narrows the distribution of rations was a particularly vicious process, as "Father" Guilloux was a petty demagogue in a backyard principality.

This priest went so far as to snatch converts from the absent Anglicans with government rations, which sometimes amused me, and sometimes got my goat, for Catholic Indians learn to crawl on their bellies in the wrong places, and are more fanatical than the Protestants.

My employer, Arthur Jan, was justice of the peace at the time. As a trader he did not like to interfere, but sometimes the priest went too far, and then Mr. Jan demanded investigations by the 'mounties' (mounted police).

I uncovered a rotten mess at South End myself. There the priest had delegated the issuing of rations to a councilor, who was also a church pillar, while said councilor and his friends consumed the government rations, leaving the widows and sick Indians with nothing. The mounty was himself a Catholic, and was loath to investigate. In duty bound, he caught the councilor red-handed, for the councilor's wife openly admitted:

"Of course we keep the bacon and flour for ourselves. What for is my husband a councilor? And first man in the church besides!"

Government cases and bags were in the house, and nothing could be plainer theft, with bold admission besides. I don't know how the matter was reported, but I do know that nothing was done.

What caused me to report the matter in the first place was the poverty of two women, one of them a gray-haired old great-grandmother of 70, the other one a widow with four children. These two women begged so often that I got tired of it, knowing, as I did, that sufficient rations were left by the Indian Agent to take care of their needs. I made inquiries at the time, and relatives of the councilor openly admitted that the destitute women got nothing.

"Sometimes we give them meat," these men declared.

"First Man in the Church"

The Indians have much less respect for the mounties since that time, for the councilor got

up in plain view of the Indian agent and declared:

"There was a redcoat who poked his nose into things that were not his affairs. You all know that he has gone from the country. I made him run. Your councilor does not tolerate interference. The next redcoat will behave himself."

As a matter of fact, the mounty in question was moved because his three-year term was over, but the Indian agent was there, did not object to what the councilor said (perhaps he did not understand Cree) and did not publicly condemn the councilor because the Indian quoted the priest as his authority to convert government rations to personal use. This same councilor was the man who adopted a ten-year-old Indian girl and took her along on the trap line. The girl gave birth to a child at the age of 13.

The mounties were often dissatisfied with the way Indian rations were handled, but they had to go easy, and be able to prove their complaints to the hilt and beyond where missionaries were concerned, for the sacrosanct clergy of Canada are entirely above suspicion.

The mounties, with Mr. Jan's official support, and moral support from myself and others, corrected the more flagrant cases of blunt injustices, and sometimes got bawled out for their fairness, while neither heaven nor earth could move a moribund Indian Department to correct abuses at the source, and take relief matters away from a crazy clergy.

But "Father" Guilloux at last went completely berserk, and the mounties were then empowered to issue orders on local stores if the priest refused to deliver the rations which were in his keeping. But the priest was not forced to give up the handling of regular rations, in spite of proven incompetence and unfairness. The clergy of Canada are the sacrosanct tools of the government.

Government Rations as a Weapon

"Father" Guilloux was determined, to quote only one case, that a certain Edward Sewap should get no rations. The old Indian was over sixty, a Protestant, and suffered recurring attacks of paralysis. His wife was in the hospital, two hundred miles away, in a critical condition with frightful burns. The woman left four small children with the old man, besides an idiot son who could not be depended upon to look after the sick Indian father.

But someone had overheard somebody say that another somebody had seen Edward Sewap carry an armful of wood into his teepee. The whole village knew that Edward Sewap took fits daily, and never knew when the paralytic strokes would overcome him. He therefore could not fish, hunt or trap, and was plainly a destitute case. But "Father" Guilloux saw in the old man's plight an opportunity to make a belated convert to the Catholic faith by using government rations as a weapon, for the old man had many relatives, and his conversion would lead to more conversions.

The priest reckoned without the mounties, who found in Edward Sewap a clear-cut case, and the old Indian received rations from other sources in spite of the priest. Scarcely a month later the old Indian was taken with paralysis as he sat before the tepee fire. The helpless man slumped into the fire, and the children found their father lying with his head buried in the burning coals.

I was notified, and wired for a 'plane, as the mounty was out of town. Edward Sewap was taken to The Pas, where he died in a few hours. It was a remarkable coincidence that man and wife should lie close together in a hospital ward, both of them suffering from burns.

Catholic Institutions of Atrocity

The old Indian did not recover consciousness, and thus he died a Protestant; for the hospital was a Catholic institution, and the contemptible priests would have worked over the old Indian and secured his "conversion" in order to gain possession of his children, had the Indian been conscious. Church institutions do not manage hospitals for love.

The woman recovered, and although she stayed in the hospital for more than a year, and was repeatedly told that the Catholic church was caring for her, the woman would not change her religion. The hospital authorities were well paid for their trouble, through the Indian Department, but lies are the essence of "Christianity" today.

Some ambitious friend of "Father" Guilloux took the Sewap children to a Catholic boarding school, and the woman had to fight for her offspring. She would have got nowhere by her own efforts, but the Anglicans were interested, and the children were released through the efforts of "Rev." Fraser.

(*To be continued*)

Syrian Archbishop Takes a Bride

THE head of the Syrian Orthodox Catholic church in America, Aftimios Ofiesh, of Brooklyn, has broken all rules and surprised all the old-timers of his denomination by taking a bride. He is 55 and she is 22.

Pathetic Foolishness of Buddhist Monks

THE pathetic foolishness of Buddhist monks was illustrated recently when they sent Chinese soldiers at the front 100,000 little silk bags filled with prayers to protect them from the bullets of the Japanese.

Increase in Postal Savings Deposits

IN ONE day, in New York city, after the bank moratorium, the deposits were $858,798, as against only $157,791 withdrawals. Postal savings deposits throughout the country total almost a billion dollars.

The Interest Bogy at Exeter

IN THE last seventy-two years the little town of Exeter, R. I., has paid $25,920 interest on a debt of $9,150, and still has the principal to pay. The interest system will ruin any civilization ever built.

Electrification of Italian Railroads

WITHIN the next five years Italy expects to have 40 percent of its railway lines electrified, driving these 4,000 miles of trackage with power drawn from the rivers that run from the Alps. Italy already saves 700,000 tons of coal a year from roads thus far electrified.

Huge British Locomotive for Russia

BRITISH engineers have completed and shipped to Russia the largest locomotive ever seen in Europe. It has fourteen wheels on a side. A robot stoker handles four tons of coal an hour. The locomotive, which has two separate engines and tenders all in one, will pull twenty-five hundred tons.

Human Auras Measured

DR. GEORGE W. CRILE, of Cleveland, and assistants have demonstrated the emission of ultra-violet rays from animals and from various parts of man, and found, as they expected, that the most powerful rays are emitted from the human brain. Dr. Crile conceives of the four quadrillion cells in each human brain as so many motors and that thought is a form of electricity.

Victor Smith—Victor

VICTOR SMITH, the nineteen-year-old lad who flew from Cape Town to London, was offered £1,000 by a firm of distillers if he would ask for a whisky and milk as soon as he landed. He refused. He was also offered £400 if he would say that he smoked a certain brand of cigarettes. That he also refused.

Terrible Drought in South Africa

AT THE end of February the drought in South Africa was one of the worst known, the veld was white, cattle and sheep were dying, and the mealie plants were curling up. There is increased discussion of diverting part of the Zambesi river into the Kalahari desert; if it were done it would affect the whole southern end of South Africa strongly and favorably.

Nursing Vipers in Its Bosom

COMMERCE AND FINANCE, writing modestly of the monopoly of things that belong to the people without properly recompensing the owners, says:

> Time was when chattel slavery was considered an indispensable adjunct of our economic system. That excrescence has been removed. There are others requiring removal quite urgently. While they endure they will continue to endanger capitalism and may cause its overthrow.

Wild Dogs in Kenya

KENYA, British East Africa, cursed with a discovery of gold that made it 'necessary' for the whites to go back on their solemn promise to the natives, and take away their lands without replacing them with lands equally desirable, now has a curse of wild dogs. Probably brought in originally by the white settlers, thousands of these have bred in the dense forests and are now menacing all forms of life, including their former masters.

Tame Lions in Kruger Park

IN THE great Kruger National Park of the South African Republic the lions have become so tame that they often walk up to within ten feet of an automobile and sometimes trot along behind them in their curiosity. They often meet cars and commonly refuse for some time to get out of the way. Women have been known to jump out of automobiles and run toward a lioness lying with her cubs, without any ill effects.

An Underground Strike in Poland

FEARING that their mine was about to be flooded and abandoned, seven hundred Polish miners remained under ground six days, during four of which they refused to take any food until the governor of the province assured them that the shutdown of the mine would be but temporary.

A Noteworthy Pilgrimage

JOSEPH LOUIS WEI, Chinese schoolmaster at Singapore, was recently at Vatican City on a pilgrimage. He is said to have walked all the way; and, if so, it was a most noteworthy achievement, substantially equivalent to walking from New York to San Francisco and back, at the least, and probably very much farther.

Going! Going! Go——

WITH 100 as representing normal business activity, March 1929 averaged a showing of 106; March 1930 averaged about 95; March 1931 was about 80; March 1932 was about 57, and March 1933 was about 48. If this rate of reduction could be kept up for four more years, by the end of that time there would be considerably less than no business at all.

Poltergeist in India

THE *Times of India* relates numerous cases of poltergeist near Andheri. Clothes danced on a clothes line and then left it, making their way back to the washtub. Kitchen utensils played tunes and moved about over the fire. Stones dropped inside homes, even though doors and windows were closed. These acts of poltergeist are the work of demons, and take place in the presence of some person who is a spirit medium.

Insurance in Time of Panic

AN INSURANCE company is merely a bank, and at the time when all the banks were in difficulty the insurance companies were not far behind. The New York state superintendent of insurance, George S. Van Schaick, referring to the habit of holders of large policies availing themselves of loan and surrender privileges for hoarding purposes, said that the practice, "if allowed to continue unrestrained under present economic and banking conditions, might imperil the institution of life insurance itself." During the panic life insurance loans of not more than $100 could be obtained in case of need.

Socialism or Communism

ONE of the most noted Washington correspondents, one who writes for executives only, says that it is now settled that we must have socialism in the United States or we shall have communism, and he thinks Big Business will meekly go along with the socialist program which the Government is fathering.

Ridding Italy of Malaria

IN THE past seven years a million and a quarter of the little American fishes, Gambusia, have been dumped into 800 Italian ponds, with the result that malaria in what was once considered one of the most malarial districts of the world, Istria, has quite become a thing of the past. The Gambusia eat the mosquitoes that are hosts to the malarial germs.

Thomas Challenges the Executive Edict

FORMER governor and former United States senator, Charles S. Thomas of Colorado (now 84 years of age), has written a letter to the district attorney in which he said:

"I am the owner and possessor of one hundred and twenty dollars ($120) in gold, which I have acquired in order to qualify myself for the penitentiary, pursuant to the recent edict of the President of the United States. Being entitled, under the prevailing laws of the country, to its retention, I shall not comply with the Presidential requirement and surrender it to the authorities, preferring to use my few remaining years in testing the extent to which the executive power can compel a citizen to comply with its demands."

Justice Brandeis and the Frankenstein

DENOUNCING as a Frankenstein the 200 non-banking corporations, each with assets in excess of $90,000,000, which control one-fourth of all the national wealth, Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, in his opinion on the Florida chain store legislation, said, in part:

"There is the widespread belief that the existing unemployment is the result in large part of the gross inequality in the distribution of wealth and income which giant corporations have fostered; that by the control which the few have exerted through giant corporations individual initiative and effort are being paralyzed; that the true prosperity of our past came not from big business, but through the courage, the energy and the resourcefulness of small men; that only by releasing from corporate control the faculties of the unknown many can Americans secure the moral and intellectual development which is essential to the maintenance of liberty."

Vast Power Chain of the East

THE power chain of the East now comprises a territory which contains one-fourth of the population of the United States and one-half of its factories. The interconnected lines have a total of 12,773,000 horsepower. One mechanical horsepower will do the work of three horses, so that the actual strength of 38,319,000 horses is represented by this one hook-up. Is it any wonder that the farmers miss the old-time market for their hay?

New Eiffel Tower

THE new Eiffel tower, which may be constructed in Paris for the 1937 exhibition, is projected to have a height of 2,200 feet; the Eiffel tower itself is 1,000 feet. Other structures in Europe having height over 500 feet are the Ulm cathedral spire, 529 feet, and the Cologne cathedral spire, 524 feet. New York city has the Empire State building, 1,248 feet, the Chrysler building, 1,046 feet, and 33 other buildings over 500 feet.

The Danger at Church Dedications

THE chairman of the building committee of the First Methodist church of Vineland, N. J., knew that pickpockets were liable to be on hand at dedications, so he warned the assembled multitude to be on the lookout for them. A checkup after the services disclosed that the pickpockets did actually get $150, and $50 of that came from the pockets of the man who gave the warning. He had it in his pocket at the time the warning was given. The moral seems to be that people should stay away from church dedications.

Safety for Savings

NO ONE today knows how to tell his friend where to put his savings so that they will be absolutely safe. It used to be thought that gold was real money; but what are you going to do when Uncle Sam says, "Law or no law, constitution or no constitution, if you have gold in amount of $100 or more you must give it up or go to prison." The announcements of the Postal Savings Bank say that the credit of the United States Government is positively pledged to the payment of postal savings; but if one's gold itself is taken in an emergency, what is to hinder taking the postal savings in another, or one's money orders or the contents of his safe deposit box in still another?

Greenland the World's Ice Box

WITH all but its highest mountains buried under an ice cap 8,900 feet deep, Greenland is the refrigerator of the northern hemisphere. Though the size of the island is one-fourth that of the United States, the inhabited area, mostly on the west coast, is less than the area of the state of New York, and contains, all told, less than 17,000 people. It is Denmark's only colony.

Another Preacher Converted

AT BUFFALO, at the first of a series of meetings for the unemployed who have stopped attending church because they could not afford to attend, Reverend Harry B. Stillman appeared in the pulpit dressed in blue overalls and a cotton shirt. He said it gave him a real homey feeling. Perhaps when all the priests and preachers get converted and get into their new and more useful uniforms, and especially when they get into some honest line of work, some of them may even like the new conditions better than the old.

Lawless Police in Canada Too

IT IS not only in the United States that there are lawless police. They have them in Canada too. In Montreal a man dispossessed sought to get his suit case off the truck on which it had been loaded. Ordered to go away, he complied, and, as he did, was shot in the back and murdered. Newspapers took it up and angered the murderer and his fellow officers so that when the funeral procession of the murdered man took place fifty plain clothes men and thirty uniformed policemen broke it up, clubbing and chasing the persons who had shown some sympathy for the poor unfortunate.

Six Orphans Save Railroad Train

THAT is a good story about the six orphans who saved the Erie train. On the edge of night, in the midst of a terrific thunder storm, they saw a section of the Erie embankment give way and knew that a heavily loaded train would be due in a few minutes. They gained permission to run down the track in the driving storm and succeeded in attracting the attention of the engineer by their screams and waving of raincoats. The train, bearing 500 passengers, came to a stop within fifty feet of a chasm ten feet deep. The boys have been given medals commemorating their feat, and tickets to the circus.

Crimson and Gold Throne

TELLING about the opening of 'the holy door' by hitting it with the gold hammer, the dispatches say that a crimson and gold papal throne was erected alongside the door so that the pope would not have to stand up when he tapped it with the gold hammer. Do you remember that place in the Bible where it says that Jesus went up into a mountain and when He was seated upon His crimson and gold throne, He opened His mouth and taught the people? If you do, you must have a good memory; for there isn't any such place.

The Pope's Rich Liturgical Tones

ONCE again, April 17, a dispatch from Vatican City announced that after the usual parade, and exhibition of priceless vestments, with supposed relics of the crucifixion, the "pope" blessed the whole world. The cabled dispatch said that when he did this "he pronounced the formula in his rich, liturgical tones". You see an ordinary tone would not do at all for a thing like this; it has to be a "liturgical" tone or the results are still worse than they would be otherwise. Well, we are glad he used the "liturgical" tone, anyway, and it is a good thing he had it with him at the time. No man can properly use a "liturgical" tone until first he has learned how to get into his collar backwards.

Bozo, the Demonized Dog

THE World's Fair will have on exhibition a demonized dog, Bozo. It is probable that the owner of this dog does not know the true explanation of its supposed mind-reading power. Always avoid demonism in all forms.

Barking out the answers, the dog is able to add figures running into the hundreds of thousands; he is able to perform subtractions; he will bark out any number written on a piece of paper, and do it when he is blindfolded.

He barks out the number of coins in a purse, when even the owner himself does not know; or the number of cards in a stack, the number of diamonds in a ring, the number of cigarettes in a case, etc.

The curious look in the eye of this highly intelligent dog plainly reveals that the power there manifest is not natural wisdom; it is the "wisdom" of the unclean ones that besought the privilege of entering into the swine; the "wisdom" of the clairvoyant, astrologer and spirit medium.

Feeding Infants to Dogs

E. CARLETON BAKER, for several years American consul general in Manchuria, assures readers of the New York *Times* that at Foochow, where he lived, he frequently passed a 'baby tower', which had apertures on several sides through which babies, both living and dead ones, were pushed. It was also, and still is, a custom, throughout China, so he claims, for parents to cast out infants, dead or only ill, to become food for the dogs. If these statements are correct it helps one to become reconciled to the overrunning of the country by the Japanese, as it seems they are unquestionably determined to do. In the year 1932, in the one city of Shanghai alone, 33,616 bodies of infants were found in the streets, alleys and on the river and creek banks, most of them victims of infanticides. Also 3,088 adults were found.

The Day of the Business Man

WE CONDENSE a statement of the day of the business man, as it appeared in *Labor*. He throws back his American Woolen Company blankets, steps out on the Long Bell Lumber Company floor, puts on his Haenichen Brothers rayon underwear and United Leather Company shoes and goes down to a breakfast cooked by Consolidated Gas. He has Armour and Company bacon, Ward Baking Company toast, Standard Brands coffee, and Cream of Wheat Corporation breakfast food on which he uses American Sugar Refining Company sugar and Borden's cream. He reads a Champion Paper Company newspaper with light from an Oswego Glass Company window. On a clear day he goes to work in his General Motors Company auto, but if rainy he puts on his United Rubber Company rubbers, takes the Cement Trust walk to the corner and boards a Stone and Webster car. An Otis elevator takes him to his office. There he reads letters written on American Writing Paper Company paper and telephones over American Telephone and Telegraph Company lines built of Kennecott Copper Company wire. He goes out for a light National Biscuit Company lunch and buys an American Tobacco Company cigar wrapped in Dupont de Nemours cellophane. At every step of the way he is guided and directed by a director of one of the eight banks under the general supervision of J. P. Morgan & Company, which company controls everything of consequence in the U.S. and is most responsible for its present plight.

Aluminum Vats for Beer

THE United States Aluminum Company, at its plant at Maryville, Tennessee, has been working day and night getting out aluminum vats to replace oak barrels for beer. The vats have been shipped to Milwaukee. A rapid increase in cancer cases, especially of those who like beer, may now be expected.

Insull Defalcations Total $7,000,000

THE receivers for the Middle West Utilities Company have finally made the definite charge that the Insulls committed ten felonious acts, amounting to $7,000,000. Suit is being brought to recover $300,000 of this amount from the bonding companies, who guaranteed that the company should lose nothing through having hired dishonest employees. If anything is recovered, the lawyers will get most of it, and the people that lost the $7,000,000 will get a nicely printed book telling all about how it was done.

Plight of the Railroads

THE plight of the railroads may be judged not only from the fact that virtually every one of them is losing money, but from the fact that, on some of the largest systems, where seniority agreements are in effect with employees, numerous instances have been recorded where, under the strictest interpretation of seniority rights affecting a given group of employees, men with forty and more years of service have been laid off because they stood at the bottom of the roster of those who were left. On very many roads it is necessary to have more than thirty years of service in order to remain on the pay rolls.

"And Burn Her with Fire"

SOMEBODY in Canada seems to have taken literally the statement in Revelation that certain people "shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire". Ten years ago, in the province of Quebec, fires swept seventeen Roman Catholic churches and other Roman Catholic institutions, with a loss of $6,000,000. In the last six months the outbreak of fires has been resumed, five churches having been totally destroyed, with damage amounting to some $1,250,000. Fire was also set to the College of Mount Saint Louis, in Montreal. The fires in every case are directed against Roman Catholic institutions.

Salvation Army and Big Business

THE Salvation Army is a big business enterprise. On May 24 its commander in chief was the principal speaker at a luncheon in the Bankers Club, in a campaign in which the Army sought to raise $1,100,000.

Alas the Poor Garbage Can!

THE COUNTRY GUIDE, Winnipeg, winds up an article on the Radio Commission with the statement, "It may safely be predicted that the Charlesworth Commission has been destroyed, although it may not appear in the parliamentary garbage can for some months."

Roosevelt Accepts a Catholic LL.D.

ON JUNE 14 President Roosevelt accepted the degree of LL.D. from the Catholic University of America. He took occasion to mention his pleasure at being with his old friends, Cardinal Hayes and Archbishop Curley, and then added, "Last but not least, my new friend, the 'apostolic delegate of the holy father', of whom I will see much in the next four years." Doubtless so.

The Trick That Enslaved the World

THE trick that enslaved the world, i.e., that put the real wealth producers at the mercy of the Money Power, is explained by Fred Henderson in his book *Money Power and Human Life*. In this book Mr. Henderson explains:

> The whole financial system of the world today, in all its immense complexity, stands completely upon the claim that money at its point of origin establishes for its manufacturers a valid title to real wealth. Put your finger if you can upon any item of real wealth the Money Power parted with to lend us. You cannot: no such atom of anything real was ever there at all. All that the war loan represented as we received it in the first instance from the Money Power was a book entry of credit carried into account as an advance of credit. At the root of the whole trouble is the accountancy trick by which the Money Power claims that the issue of new money is an advance of credit against the value of the goods which will ultimately flow from the activities in which the community is at the moment engaged. All our finance procedure is based on that perversion in accountancy. For it is only by perversion in accountancy that the trick is achieved. Maintaining the national credit simply means giving the Money Power a feeling of such confidence in our keeping on doing this as will induce the money-manipulators to keep on lending us the use of our own activities at the same price.

What the World War Accomplished

REPRESENTATIVE JAMES M. BECK, in an address at the Manufacturers and Bankers Club, in Philadelphia, said that the historian of the future "may sardonically observe that while this nation entered the World War to save the world for democracy, the only perceptible result of the victory was the destruction of democracy in America".

Baby Born on a Sidewalk

IN PHILADELPHIA, the city of brotherly love, on a cold morning in early May, a young mother whose husband is out of work, and who had herself been living for days in railroad stations, in the city's parks, in doorways and in alleys, and who was homeless and penniless, gave birth to a dear little baby girl on the dusty pavement of the street, at 2:30 in the morning. With true mother love she wrapped around the body of her little one an old coat to shield her from the cold of early morning.

Gold Standard Top Fell Over

THE gold stock of the United States is $4,552,000,000; that is the spinning point of the business top. Resting on that point were $5,700,000,000 of money in circulation, $17,000,000,000 of deposits in banks other than the Federal Reserve, and $25,000,000,000 in the Federal Reserve itself. The top fell over because we had too many men like Schwab, Insull, Dawes, Young, Mitchell, Morgan and Kreuger. The effort to run a big country with no other standards before it than greed and hypocrisy seems not to be a success.

"What Is It Like to Be Dead?"

THE question "What is it like to be dead?" was asked of one hundred persons whose hearts were set going again after they had been stopped for from one to eighteen minutes. The answer in every case was that they did not know they had been dead and did not know anything of what took place while the doctors were thrusting the huge needle into the section of the heart and which caused it to resume its function. All the evidence proves the truth of the Scriptural statement that "the dead know not any thing". Furthermore, if it were not for the resurrection provided by Jehovah God, and based upon the ransom sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, they never would know anything, but would for ever remain dead.

Associated Gas and Electric System

ONE of the subsidiaries of the billion-dollar Associated Gas and Electric System sold another subsidiary several electric plants and undeveloped sites for $2,271,667. The latter then recorded the properties on its books as fixed capital at $6,500,000, a clear imposition of $4,225,000 on the customers, upon which fictitious sum it is expected to make collections for ever. All branches of the Power Trust seem to be doing everything in their power to undermine public confidence in themselves and in the bankers and lawyers that help them out in all their chicanery.

"Much Goods for Many Years"

THE Church of England has "much goods laid up for many years". The Ecclesiastical Commissioners report that the treasures they have heaped together amount to 32,567,242 pounds. During the year ending November first the church received 1,479,713 pounds, partly in dividends but mainly from money that had been put out on usury, as explained in Psalm 15:5. The slums owned by the Church of England in the Paddington (London) area are considered the most shocking and disgraceful real estate holdings in the world. The revenue from them has increased fourfold in a century. In overcrowding, insanitation and dilapidation they are a disgrace to the Devil.

President Roosevelt's Powers

UNDER the National Industrial Recovery Act, President Roosevelt comes into complete control of public improvements, and has complete powers of supervision over industrial production, prices, wages and hours of work. Industries that fail to live up to the agreements made regarding wage scales, hours of labor and conditions of employment, may be taken over by the Government. A publicist commenting on this situation said: "If there is any power which Congress has retained, it cannot be named. If there is any power the president has not obtained, it has been overlooked." Newton D. Baker, in an address at Amherst College, said that "Congress has bundled up and passed over to a single person more power than any man ever had who has walked the earth". Congress has given him this power in such a manner that it cannot be taken from him except by a two-thirds vote of Congress.

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

IN EVIDENCE of the unbearable burdens being heaped upon the farmer everywhere by the present unrighteous economic system the following editorial from *The Saskatchewan Farmer* is quoted:

General conditions in Canada would be much easier if the spread between what the farmer receives for his products and the prices charged for the goods manufactured from those products were considerably narrowed.

This phase of the present situation in Canada ought to be thoroughly and speedily investigated as suggested in the House of Commons recently by Robert McKenzie, M. P. for Assiniboia.

Mr. McKenzie pointed out that wool was selling at from four to four and a half cents a pound, but for the same wool manufactured into underwear the people had to pay between $2 and $4 per pound. Another farmer bought a tin cup, tin float and three small rubber rings for his separator. He sent $1 with his order, not knowing the price, and when the parcel arrived he had to pay C.O.D. an additional charge of $2.91. In other words, the eight ounces of tin he received cost him 800 pounds of wheat, or 1,600 pounds of barley, or 1,700 pounds of oats, or 40 dozen eggs, or 33⅓ pounds of butter. A man would have to sell 30 cowhides at present prices to pay for a pair of cowhide boots.

Mr. H. Butcher, M.P. for Last Mountain, who seconded Mr. McKenzie's resolution, said one farmer received $30.86 for 3,710 pounds of beef and he was offered $2.50 for a pig which, when slaughtered, yielded 80 pounds of lard and 325 pounds of pork.

Premier Bennett Made Dictator

Parliament once again has clothed the prime minister with the power of a dictator such as he exercised during the World War. The excuse for asking for such power was that it was necessary in order to assure stability within Canada in the maintenance of national affairs. When the matter was up for discussion Premier Bennett and Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King crossed swords over the "peace, order and good government" clause, which the Liberal leader said was planned to meet a crisis "so imaginary it cannot be named in this parliament".

"I think my right honorable friend is making a mistake," Mr. King warned sharply, criticizing modern tendencies to dictatorship. "Let the pendulum swing in one direction and it will go just as far in the other. If parliament places absolute power in the hands of one man, then I can see the C.C.F. group at the next election telling the people that they had better choose a dictator representing themselves, rather than a dictator representing a class to which they are opposed."

The prime minister replied that he did not seek power for selfish reasons, but to assure Canada freedom from "chaos and anarchy" by immediate ability to correct conditions on which anarchy fed. Democracy had not lived up to expectations, he said.

Not on a Gold Basis

The following very misleading item concerning the soundness of Canadian banks appeared in *The Daily Mail and Empire* recently:

Within five days nearly 1,000 queries have arrived in Ottawa asking for information as to why thousands of United States banks fail each year while no Canadian bank has closed its doors in more than twelve years.

The situation is predicated, of course, upon the fact that today thirty states of the United States had restricted their banking facilities.

The answer is three-fold, but first and foremost it is that security of the depositor is paramount. Secondarily, it is that the double liability of shareholders makes them doubly cautious; and thirdly, that the types of securities in which Canadian banks may invest outlaw many of the frozen factors in the United States situation, including mortgages.

Premier Bennett put the matter to the House of Commons two years ago when he said that the money that banks had to loan was that of depositors. And because Canadian banks have not made speculative loans, no Canadian bank is in distress.

That is the answer to the 1,000 inquiries.

The truth of the matter is that the Canadian banks are not on a gold basis. If they were called upon to pay their notes in gold, as banks in the United States are, they too would require to close their doors.

A Singular Circumstance

A few months ago some of Jehovah's witnesses while engaged in preaching the gospel of the Kingdom in Hull, Quebec, were arrested, and the deputy clerk of the court, one Valin, put every possible obstacle in the way of their being allowed out on bail, and in general was most disagreeable, which makes the following news item of interest:

"J. Arthur Valin, deputy-clerk of Hull magistrate's court for the past five years, was today sentenced to one year in jail when pleading guilty in Hull police court to the theft of $2,578.94, the property of the Quebec Government."

An Impossible Offer

The generosity of mortgage companies in Canada is well pictured in the following from the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix:*

Proposals made by lending institutions for the adjustment of mortgage debts in Saskatchewan are such that no farmer can live up to them, if the calculations made by an agricultural scientist here are correct.

The mortgage companies offered to grant an extension provided the mortgagor would enter into an agreement to deliver one-third of all the crops grown on the mortgaged lands to the companies, to be applied on the mortgage accounts.

The example is taken of a typical wheat-growing farm with 180 acres of wheat and 60 acres of oats. A 16-bushel crop of wheat would amount to 2,880 bushels; and a 20-bushel crop of oats, to 1,200 bushels.

The proceeds of one-third of the wheat at 25 cents a bushel would amount to $240; and one-third of the oats, at 8 cents, to $32. This would make $272 to be deducted from the amount received for the grain the farmer would sell.

He could not sell more than 2,700 bushels of wheat, as he would require to retain one bushel per acre for seed. The balance of his oats would be required for feed. His gross sales would therefore be 2,700 bushels at 25 cents, or $675.

From this would be deducted the $272 for the mortgage company, $213 for threshing the wheat and a portion of the oats, and, say $175, for taxes. This would leave the farmer the sum of $15 for machinery and equipment maintenance and the year's wages for operating the farm with 240 acres of crop.

The authority quoted considered that it would be a mistake for any farmer to enter into such an agreement, which he could not possibly fulfil.

Worshiping the God Usury

Under the captions "The Bankers See a Crisis Coming" and "'Slash, Slash, Slash'—for the Farmers" *The Furrow* gives us the following very interesting editorials:

Canada is heading for a financial crisis. The bankers, financiers and financial papers are sounding the alarm. A crisis is around the corner.

For the past three years thousands of unemployed have been near starvation, thousands of farmers, their wives and children, have been going without, patching their old clothes, letting the tin lizzie stand in the garage to save the license fee and gas, getting by on old machinery that is fit only for the scrap heap, working longer hours to save the wages of a hired man, burning flax straw and willows to save coal. But in the eyes of the bankers these things do not make a crisis. These are "necessary adjustments," "natural remedies," "evidence of the thrift and fortitude of the people of Canada." That is the way the poverty of the toiling masses has been described at shareholders' meetings. That is the way the Speech from the Throne has covered up the shoeless children, the lack of underwear and the semi-starvation of thousands. But now the pocketbooks of the bankers are in danger. That is a crisis! The bankers do not have to go without their interest collections as the farmers have gone without suits: their pocketbooks are menaced—that is a crisis.

In periods of "prosperity" Canadian industry depended on outside capital to keep the wheels of industry turning, to pay the interest on foreign borrowings, to pay the insurance premiums and ocean freights to the British shipping magnates who owned the ships that carried Canadian goods over the ocean. Even as late as 1930, no less than two hundred and thirty-eight million dollars of British and foreign capital came into Canada that year. This capital came into Canada, not for the benefit of the workers and farmers, but seeking the higher interest rates that are paid in young and developing countries.

Now the situation has changed. No more foreign capital is coming into Canada. In 1931 $30,000,000 of foreign capital was withdrawn from Canada; in 1932 $50,000,000 was taken from the country. Foreign investments in Canada now total six billions of dollars. To the bankers, financiers and plutocrats this is a serious situation. The national income has been reduced. Production has fallen until one-half of the workers of Canada are unemployed. The prices of the basic commodities of Canada, wheat, pulp and paper, copper, asbestos, have shrunk almost to a vanishing point. But out of this reduced production at reduced values, the interest on foreign investments, insurance premiums and shipping charges must be paid. This was never done before. Never, even in the best years, were the surplus values sufficient to meet these charges. Now they must be met from a reduced national income.

The financiers look around for a place where savings can be made. They see the government deficits and the mounting debts of federal, provincial and municipal governments. This debt is mountain high. The combined federal, provincial and municipal debts total $6,111,010,146. Taxes now swallow up one-quarter of the annual value of production in Canada. Something must be done, say the financiers, to keep these debts from piling up higher; something must be done to lower the burden of taxes. If they could just cut those taxes, they might be able to stagger through.

The bankers and financiers look over the budgets of past years. They see the toll of interest. They see more than half of the total taxation going to pay interest, but they do not suggest a cut there. Of course not! That would be one way, but they would be cutting their own incomes, and bankers always look out for themselves! And the banks hold $860,000,000 of government securities, provincial and municipal loans.

What the financiers see is the $10,000,000 a year in old age pensions, the $11,000,000 spent on wheat bonuses, the $38,000,000 on unemployment and farm relief. These are the items they want cut.

"In Canada the government is spending larger sums on social services than the country can afford." (*Financial Post,* February 11, 1933)

"Mr. Bennett will have to cut off mercilessly schemes of social expenditures that he inherited and that he initiated. He will have to close up luxury arms of government. It will be a case of slash, slash, slash, and the bigger the items and the more popular they are the greater may be the need of slashing." (*Financial Post,* February 11, 1933)

"Authorities are urged to follow the examples of Great Britain where they stopped 'the State pampering of those who should have been industrious workers.' We have temporized too long," declare the financiers.

Nothing could be plainer than the above policy. Once again the farmers and workers are to be offered as sacrifices on the altar of Mammon. To make sure that no mistake is made in their policy, they point out the economies that could have been effected in 1931. Here is their list: 1, Spent half as much on unemployment relief; 2, Paid out no wheat bonus; 3, Cut salaries 20%; 4, Granted no Old Age Pensions; 5, Closed out the National Research Council and abolished grants to scientific institutions.

Always economy—for the farmers and workers, in order that the bankers and bosses may avoid any loss.

The Failure of Humanity

Concerning motor accidents and their cause the *Ottawa Journal* says:

The motor vehicles branch of the Ontario department of highways has been collecting detailed statistics of traffic accidents since September, 1930. It has for study the records of 21,758 serious accidents which have occurred since that time, involving 1,303 deaths, injuries to 19,559 persons, property damage to the extent of many millions of dollars.

The conclusion reached by the department makes a point which should not be lost. This is it:

"Contrary to the opinion held by too many motorists and pedestrians, motor vehicle accidents are not, in the majority of cases, due to the influence of liquor; nor the result of high speeds; nor of defective brakes, tires, glaring headlights or slippery roadways. These are all important factors, but the fundamental causes of the great waste of life and property rest almost entirely upon the drivers and the pedestrians. Poor judgment, inattention and lack of knowledge as to the proper and safe methods of driving or walking, are the causes of most motor vehicle accidents."

Not liquor, not high speed, not defective mechanism, not slippery pavements—although all of these are contributing factors—but in the main the failure of the human element in the entity of car and driver. Far too many people are driving automobiles of great engine power who should be entrusted with nothing more complicated or dangerous than a wheelbarrow, who could not be trusted to wheel a baby carriage; far too many pedestrians go about with a cheerful disregard of their own safety, which may be a sturdy assertion of independence but has little regard for practical conditions.

Child Reactions to an Insane Civilization

The following terrible experience of a young boy of five is reported in the Toronto *Daily Star:*

Inspired by the exploits of a character in "penny dreadfuls", three boys aged 14, 12 and 9 years, respectively, strung Jack, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pritchard, over a beam in an old chicken coop, lighted a fire under him and reduced him to a condition of hysteria, the child's father, secretary of the Chatham public utilities commission, revealed today.

"Shanghaied" by the trio, Jack was bound and taken crying into the hen coop. A rope was thrown over a beam and tied around his body under the arms, then he was hauled clear of the ground. Sticks and paper were piled under him. Telling the child that they would do to him what the villian in their stories did to his victims and that he would never see his mother and father again, the young torturers lighted the papers.

Rescue came when an adult noticed the blaze before Jack was physically injured, but not before he had become hysterical.

No charges were laid, he said, and punishment for the perpetrators was arranged privately.

The parents promised to see that they were severely chastised. He declined to reveal the name of the adult who had come to the rescue or the names of the boys.

Effort to Sidetrack Idealism

College students in this land have been expressing themselves pretty freely as being opposed to war. The University of Manitoba Debating Union, with many members, and a crowd of non-students have gone on record as opposed to war, and will refuse to "fight for king and country" in the event of a clash of arms.

Following a debate on the subject, such a policy was favored by a four-to-one student vote, and a poll taken of non-students present endorsed the motion by a similar margin.

Conducted by the University Debating Union, more than 600 persons, attracted by the storm of controversy which similar debates have

aroused in Great Britain and eastern Canada, were in attendance.

That such a sentiment is not pleasing to the authorities in this "Christian" country is revealed in the following item taken from the Victoria *Times:*

Influenced by the great interest now being shown over the student world on the subject of war and the strong stand being taken by young intellectuals against fighting, students of Victoria College have been drawing up plans for the wider discussion of a resolution that under "no circumstances would they fight for king and country." Latest word on this interesting proposal is to the effect that the students have been instructed by the faculty not to draw up the resolution for debate, and in all probability their sentiment will not be recorded.

Since the Oxford Union let the world know recently about its attitude toward fighting for king and country in world wars, the famous resolution has been passed by students at the universities of Manchester, Glasgow, Toronto and Manitoba, and several in the United States. In addition, the U. S. division of the Student Anti-war Congress, which is nation-wide in its scope, recently sent delegates to a European conference and is supported by some of the republic's greatest writers and public men. Undoubtedly, after what is happening in the universities of Canada, an attempt will be made to extend the activities of the Congress into Canada.

Too Much Arsenic on the Apples *By Miss Amy Weldon (Scotland)*

EVERY word you write in regard to your article in *The Golden Age* telling us of the arsenic sprayed upon fruit, is perfectly true. And the gentleman whose letter to you is published in this week's *Golden Age* wherein he tries to vindicate the use of poisoning all the fruit is ten thousand times worse.

For till we read his hair-raising account, assuring you that fruit is sprayed as many times as fifteen, with poison, during the season (and condemning your want of knowledge in not knowing this) we had no way of guessing how many sudden deaths were caused by eating sprayed fruit.

In one of the English papers I read that a boy had died after eating four apples, and the cause was proved to be due to the arsenic in the apples, or on the apples. It was but a poor consolation that the editor of the English paper could give readers; all he could suggest is that no one should eat near the core and should cut off all the outside.

Some apples come to table here so filled with a blue-green powder (arsenate of lead) sticking in the hollow, where the stems were, and the apples are so bitter to the taste, due to this fact, that I wrote to the controller of the Health Department here and mentioned the fact. But what could he do? He was powerless, apparently, for he could but reply that it was not the fault of the fruiterer here, for he would not even know about it.

Could not a law be passed to prevent fruit spraying? Most of our fruit comes, I believe, from America, as being the best. I can only surmise that fruit growers have the choice either of pests' destroying all their fruits or that their own continued spraying of the fruit may poison those who partake of it.

(We find others distressed by the information that fruit is so generally sprayed with arsenic compounds. A gentleman who once lived in the apple-growing belt, and who still lives in the state of Washington, wrote:

"'Arsenic in slight amounts has a tonic effect.' Who wants to always be taking a tonic? Almost everybody that lives there will tell you to peel your apples before eating; but who wants to eat a peeled apple? I went there with my family and we were all sick for a week from eating sprayed apples and had an awful diarrhœa for three days. We learned to wash and dry our own apples. I very seldom eat over two apples at any one time, so the quantity of fruit did not make me sick. To help those that are using sprayed apples: The stem end of the apple collects most of the arsenic, on account of the hollow in that end. As it hangs on the tree, that will fill up and will hold whatever arsenic gets in there; so it is safer to pare away this part of the apple than it is to eat it. The blossom end should also be pared away."

Another subscriber comes at this problem from an entirely different angle. The position is taken that in Eden everything was in perfect balance. The birds disposed of the worms. Adam did not have to go around and spray the fruit with arsenate of lead before he dared eat it.

And here is a suggestion, from Dr. Arlie Pottle, which approaches the problem from a still different angle:

Some ten years ago I was a student of Lindlahr College at Chicago, and in talking to Dr. Lindlahr at his Elmhurst sanitarium, he told me that his orchard when he took it over was filled with bugs and insects and the crop was absolutely negligible, in fact, hardly worth picking. He conceived the idea that these insects and bugs came there to devour the filth and

the abnormal ingredients of the trees and fruits and that if these things were normal and were supplied with the proper nourishment from the air and soil the bugs would not prevail. Just the same as the human body, it is a known fact that many bacilli and cocci come as a result of diseased conditions rather than the producing factor in disease and that by raising the vitality of the body these germs are expelled without use of drugs. He worked on his orchard on the same principle, believing that if he supplied a higher vitality to the trees through proper nourishment of the soil and fertilized deeply this could be overcome. Within two years he proved his theory to be a fact. He had a splendid crop, never sprayed his trees, and never was bothered with bugs and germs.

Just a suggestion, while the arsenates are still used. A good way to eat an apple is to remove a cone-shaped section from each end. Then bisect the apple crosswise and again remove a cone-shaped section from each half; this will remove both halves of the core. What is left is the eatable portion of the apple, the stem and blossom and core having been removed; the valuable minerals in the skin remain. If the apple was well washed in the first place, we would not be afraid to eat a peck of them, and would not be concerned whether they had been sprayed or not.—*Ed.*)

Sure Way to Stop Gasoline Leaks *By T. R. Weeks*

A SIMPLE sure way to stop gasoline-leaking connections on automobiles is as follows: For each connection figure about two inches of common string. Soak this string in a few drops of mucilage. Turn off packing nut, and wind around inside a couple inches of this string, then tighten, and it's O.K.

I have used this method for years, and it's good. Gasoline will not dissolve mucilage; and a little common string, as a body for the mucilage, permanently stops gasoline leaks. I thought *Golden Age* readers might save themselves money by knowing this.

Baptist Preacher of Manhattan, Montana

THE Baptist preacher of Manhattan, Montana, visited a couple who were reading and enjoying Judge Rutherford's books. He urged them to burn the books, join his church and be "saved". They declined, and gave him a *Crisis* booklet and asked him to read it. He died within a few days, knocking the truth to the last.

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Lecturing in Front of Machine Guns

HAVING no honest employment to occupy their time, the priests of the Roman Catholic church are busily engaged in the destruction of all that goes to make up American life. Their aim is to produce another Spain or Mexico, where their "church" can be supreme, and nothing that criticizes it will be allowed to survive. They do not stop at instigating murder.

We are sure that there are some true Americans whose hearts will burn with indignation when they learn of what is going on at Plainfield, and of the latest outrage, where at a peaceable Christian meeting Judge Rutherford was surrounded on every side by police officers, detectives, plain clothes men and thugs armed with machine guns, sawed-off shotguns, automatic revolvers and like implements of war, all no doubt waiting for an agreed-upon signal to take his life. That is what happened July 30, 1933.

Those who read our issue of July 19 are familiar with what happened June 4 at Plainfield, when fifty-six men and women were arrested and thrown into prison for preaching the gospel of the Kingdom. They know that its chief of police is responsible for thrusting twenty-nine women into three cells, each intended for the accommodation of one prisoner. Only twelve could sit down throughout the night; the other seventeen were forced to stand, or to lie down on the bare concrete, between the feet of those that stood.

Though the night was suffocatingly hot, not so much as a drink of water was extended to these suffering women. We invite the American people to consider what would have been the outcome if twenty-nine Roman Catholic nuns had been thus treated in an American city.

The trial which followed the first night in prison was as brutal as the imprisonment itself. Details of this have been published in *The Golden Age*. The priests back of these outrages, and the men that committed the outrages, are not fit to live. They are enemies of Jehovah, the true and living God, and the Scriptures say of such, "For, lo, thine enemies, O [Jehovah], for, lo, thine enemies shall perish: all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered."—Psalm 92:9.

Lecture Announced for Plainfield

Before his return from Europe Judge Rutherford announced that on July 30, at the Strand theater, at Plainfield, a religious meeting would be held for the benefit of the people of the city, at which the question would be answered, "Religious Intolerance: Why Practiced Now." This address we are delighted to present in full to our readers, in this issue.

The police, as such, were not invited to attend this lecture. They were welcome as citizens, the same as any other citizens, but there was no need for them to be present in their official capacity. As it was, they swarmed all over the place. The huge guns in every doorway made the place look like an arsenal.

The same sinister influences that operated to cause the arrests on June 4 resulted in seventeen more arrests on July 29. The local press refused to carry an advertisement of the meeting, so handbills were taken around to the homes inviting the people to attend, and those arrested were accused of this "crime" of extending the invitations in this manner.

Among those locked up on July 29 was a man, formerly a Roman Catholic, who first heard of the truth when those arrested on June 4 were brought into prison. After becoming convinced, as a result of several conversations, that it really is the truth, he said, "If I ever get into prison again, it will be as one of Jehovah's witnesses"; and it came true. Thus quickly, in these days, does the division between the sheep and goats take place.

After these second arrests occurred, sixty automobiles traversed the streets of Plainfield and Summit, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday forenoon, each bearing huge banners on either side inviting the people to come and hear Judge Rutherford free at the Strand theater. No two of these cars were adjacent to each other; there was no parade; it was better than a parade. By three o'clock every seat in the theater was filled and some were standing. The capacity of the theater is 1,800. It was apparent that it was an audience of exceptionally intelligent, thoughtful people.

The Strand Theater an Arsenal

Long before the hour for calling the meeting to order, the police, though not invited to do so, came in and took it upon themselves to brandish weapons in every corner of the theater. Two machine guns behind him could have killed Judge Rutherford instantly and turned the place into a shambles.

Officers bristling with weapons were at every exit and all over the house. It was reported that more than half of the total police force of sixty-four were in the theater, either in uniform or as plain clothes men. Judge Rutherford, serious but gentle, looked like a sheep in the midst of wolves. The show of weapons looked very much out of place, and was out of place. They would not have done it in a Catholic church, nor even in a Protestant one.

Not an untoward incident of any kind occurred, and Jehovah's witnesses knew full well there would not. Judge Rutherford was at his best. His clear, kindly voice could be heard in the remotest corner of the gallery. The speech was broadcast over WBBR, WODA and WCAU, and thus covered all of New Jersey and several adjacent states. It was a grand witness for the truth, and a telling rebuke of bigotry.

A feature of the address which was exceptionally clear, and in manifest course of fulfilment that very day, was the division of the sheep and goats now actually taking place in Plainfield. Some of the good people of that city are lining up on the side of Jehovah God.

After the lecture one of the officers, who is evidently a good man, said he was not in sympathy with the abuses and injustices that have been leveled against Jehovah's witnesses, and had gone along and done as he was bidden to do only for fear of losing his job if he refused.

The people that heard Judge Rutherford's address liked it. Over and over again they punctuated it with applause. As one listened to it he could hardly refrain from asking himself the question of why the rulers should "take counsel together against [Jehovah]" (Psalm 2:2) and by their acts embarrass the innocent and peaceable.

The display of automatic pistols and other artillery so conspicuously in evidence at the Strand theater reminds one of Jesus' inquiry, "Are ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves for to take me?" (Matthew 26:55) But no one was taken this time.

The patrol wagon was waiting at the door while the lecture was going on, but there was no need for it; it went away empty. The day had a happy ending. Nevertheless, on Judge Rutherford's account and on account of others of Jehovah's witnesses, and of the American people as a whole, we take this occasion to protest vigorously against this unwarranted and illegal intrusion of armed men into a religious meeting. We lay this directly to the priests and believe they sought to use the "strong-arm squad" under their control to do away with a man whom they have come to hate and fear because he tells the people the truth.

Some Messages of Encouragement

JUST before the crisis at Plainfield, the Seattle company workers, by their director, sent Judge Rutherford the following encouraging message:

> "Workers here gathered today after field service voted to send you a message expressing continued loyalty and heart sympathy, and assuring you of their prayers in your behalf for the task Jehovah has assigned to you for next Sunday at Plainfield." H. G. B.

After the lecture was delivered, the following messages were received:

Hazleton, Pa. "Lecture clear-cut. More power to message. Jehovah be praised." A. K. S.

Baltimore, Md. "Your Plainfield speech heard in Baltimore perfectly. Praise Jehovah for such courageous words." C. C. F.

Hollis, N. Y. "About seventy people listened in at Masonic Temple, Brooklyn, to Brother Rutherford's wonderful lecture broadcast through WBBR from Plainfield, New Jersey. We all join in congratulating him and look forward with utmost joy to overthrow of Satan's organization and full establishment of Jehovah's kingdom on earth. Your fellow witnesses, Brooklyn company of Jehovah's witnesses." T. M. B.

Religious Intolerance: Why

Personally delivered at Plainfield, N. J., and simultaneously broadcast, by Judge Rutherford, Sunday, July 30, 1933

THIS SPEECH is not made for the purpose of holding up to ridicule or denouncing men for their misconduct and wickedness, even though there are those in this community who justly deserve much castigation. Jehovah God will inflict punishment in His due time. My work is that of one of His witnesses to tell the facts. We have reached the time of greatest crisis in the history of man, and it is of vital importance that everyone know the facts and the reason for the existence of the same.

This speech is not made for the unfaithful clergy, nor for their blind dupes who attempt to hide behind the law and shield themselves in the performance of their wrongful acts. It is made for the benefit of the people who desire righteousness and fair-dealing and who are anxious to follow out that course. Men claiming to be law-abiding citizens of New Jersey have tried to prevent the holding of this meeting and to thereby prevent you from hearing the truth. Even the chief of police of this city has asked the owner of this theater to cancel his contract for the use thereof on this occasion, and that after the full rental price had been paid. The owner preferred to honorably stand by his contract rather than to yield to sinister influence. I ask you to calmly and dispassionately follow my speech to the end, and I hope that you may receive benefit therefrom.

It is necessary for me to briefly refer to certain events that have recently come to pass in this vicinity. A few weeks ago in the city of Plainfield more than fifty good citizens, and known to the officials to be harmless, were arrested without warrant or cause and thrown into prison. Twenty-nine of these prisoners were good, honest and faithful women. At the time the weather was exceedingly hot and yet these twenty-nine women were crowded into three small cells, each made for one person, and most of them compelled to stand up all night. The next morning they were fingerprinted as though they were desperate criminals. In gross violation of the fundamental law of the land, and in utter disregard of the rights of other persons, those arrested were then brought before the so-called "court", unlawfully compelled to testify against themselves, prevented from making their own defense, and were summarily convicted in the absence of law or evidence and immediately incarcerated in prison. Their only offense was going from house to house on Sunday and preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, for the aid and comfort of the people. A more complete statement of the facts and proceedings of that mock trial is set forth in the *Golden Age* magazine under date of July 19, 1933, a copy of which magazine you may have only for the asking.

I quote the words of the magistrate before whom this farce trial was had in which he referred to the ordinance which he claims had been broken, to wit: "That law is made to protect your and my family from impostors who go around and rob men." The magistrate knew that all the defendants were Christian men and women and that they could not properly be classed as "impostors and robbers", and in proof of this I quote further his words from the record, to wit: "I think your intentions are all right and that you are good Christian people." If he was sincere in this latter statement his other words and conduct in connection with the case were wholly out of order. It is manifest that there was exercised by priests and clergymen some cruel and malicious influence which caused these inoffensive, innocent and devout Christian people, without just cause or excuse, to be incarcerated in prison.

Many good citizens of this land are asking why such outrageous things are possible in this country, where the fundamental law of the land provides that every person shall worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. In this time of greatest stress and suffering of the people these good Christian men and women, who earn their bread by daily labor, employ their days of rest, and particularly Sundays, in going from house to house to comfort and encourage the people and to point out to them that the hope of relief and blessing for mankind rests entirely upon Jehovah God's kingdom. The real persecutors of these humble men and women are known to be prominent leaders in the religious world. The people are entitled to know why this religious intolerance is practiced in this day of enlightenment, and I shall submit to you the conclusive answer to that question.

The Bible or Holy Scriptures contains Jehovah God's Word of truth. The clergy are compelled to admit that. Court officials lay their

hand upon the Bible and solemnly swear by it to tell the truth. All such are therefore precluded from gainsaying the Bible as true, and they tacitly admit that they must be bound by the teachings of the Bible. By the Bible, and it alone, I shall answer the question why religious intolerance is practiced now in this country.

The Creator of heaven and earth is the Almighty God, whose name alone is Jehovah. The name "Jehovah" means the Eternal One and His purposes toward His creatures. There is a mimic god who opposes Jehovah God and who is man's worst enemy, and the name of that mimic god is Satan the Devil. He is otherwise known as Serpent and Dragon. Centuries ago the Devil challenged Jehovah to place men on earth who would remain true and faithful to God under all conditions, the Devil claiming that he could turn all men away from and against Jehovah. That challenge raised the issue of Who is supreme? Jehovah could have killed the Devil immediately, but had He done so the Devil would have been denied the opportunity to make proof of his challenge and all creation would have been denied the opportunity to choose voluntarily to serve either God or the Devil. Jehovah grants to every man the privilege of exercising freely his own will.

Jehovah God accepted the Devil's challenge, and fixed a time limit, during which time the Devil should have full opportunity to prove his boasted challenge. Therefore Jehovah said to the Devil, as is recorded in the Scriptures: "But for this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they may proclaim my name throughout all the earth." (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser*) This means that in due time Jehovah would have His name declared in all the earth by His witnesses that the people might have the opportunity to choose as to whether they would serve Jehovah God or whether they would continue to serve the Devil. That time has now come; and that is the reason why the question for consideration today is of such great importance to you, regardless of what previous religious convictions you may have held. It is to your interest to have the truth even though the truth proves all religions to be false. It is only by the truth that we shall be made free and learn the way to eternal life. —John 8:32.

From the very beginning the Devil attempted to destroy every one who was faithful to God. He caused Abel to be murdered, and is therefore designated a "murderer from the beginning". (John 8:44) Early in the age of man the Devil organized religion and used it as a means of deception to turn the people away from Jehovah. In the name of religion the greatest amount of intolerance has been practiced amongst men. Intolerance is never employed by Jehovah or by His faithful servants, but it is used by and is limited entirely to Satan and to his servants. The religions which the Devil has employed to turn men away from Jehovah God appear at different times under different names, but the general Bible name therefor is Baalism. The word "Baal" is derived from the word meaning Devil; and therefore every religion, regardless of name, and which the Devil has employed to turn men away from Jehovah, is properly called Baalism. For centuries the Devil has been the invisible ruler of this world, and as such has constantly blinded men lest they learn the truth. (2 Corinthians 4:4) Long centuries ago Jehovah gave His word that in His due time He would send a righteous ruler who would rule in the stead of Satan and who would destroy the Devil and his organization and who would then give abundant blessings of peace and life to the obedient ones of the human race. God always keeps His promises, and that promise is absolutely certain to be fulfilled.

Jehovah God organized the Jews, or Israelites, into a nation and gave them the truth. He did not do this because the Jews were naturally better than others, but because He would use them as His typical people by whom He would teach others lessons of great importance, and, especially, that if they would live they must be obedient to Jehovah God. The Jews agreed to obey Jehovah's law, but later they yielded to the subtle and seductive influence of the Devil, and that nation, with but a few exceptions, turned away from Jehovah God.

To His chosen people Jehovah sent His faithful prophets, whom He made His witnesses in the earth to testify His truth to the people. Because these faithful prophets testified to the truth they suffered all manner of persecution at the hands of bigots and intolerant ones in the religious organization. From the Scriptures I quote the following concerning those faithful witnesses of Jehovah, to wit: "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets; who through faith subdued king-

doms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions. And others had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover, of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise."—Hebrews 11:32, 33, 36-39.

Who caused the persecution of those faithful prophets? It is obvious that Satan by and through his intolerant religious agents did so. God's agents would not torture and persecute His own people. God permitted Satan to do his worst against those men, and at the same time afforded an opportunity to them to prove their integrity and faithfulness to God. They proved their faithfulness, sealing their testimony with their lifeblood.

Then Jehovah God sent to earth His great Prophet and Witness, Jesus, His beloved Son. Today big religionists, public officials and the metropolitan press speak with scorn and ridicule of men and women because they designate themselves Jehovah's witnesses. In this connection I mention the fact that Jesus Christ was Jehovah's great Witness, and it is man's greatest privilege to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to be a witness to the name of Jehovah. When on earth Jesus bore witness to the name of Jehovah. He was haled before the then great Roman ruler of Palestine, and, in answer to a question of Pilate, He said: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth." —John 18:37.

Jesus, the holy and harmless One, never did a wrong, yet was charged with every crime known to the calendar, and time and again men sought to kill Him. Finally He was arrested on the false charge of sedition and was brought before the court and His trial was had, which trial was a farce and mockery from beginning to end. The trial of the fifty witnesses of Jehovah in Plainfield a short time ago forcibly reminds one of the trial of Christ Jesus. Read, if you will, the history of that trial in the book designated *Deliverance* and mark the similarity between the two. Jesus was compelled to testify against himself, even as men and women were made to bear witness against themselves in the trial recently had. In both instances such course of action was unlawful. Jesus was convicted without just cause or excuse and was put to an ignominious death, and this was done by a court made up of religionists who claimed to be servants of Jehovah God.

Jesus and His apostles did not build houses in which they assembled the people to preach to them, but they went from house to house, to the homes of the people, and taught them the truth, even as Jehovah's witnesses are doing in this day. (Acts 20:20; Luke 19:5) The apostles of Jesus Christ, because they preached the gospel, were also maltreated, arrested and thrown into prison. These faithful apostles were abused by court officers and ordered to leave the community and to refrain from their work, and to them the apostles replied: "We ought to obey God rather than men," because "we are his witnesses". (Acts 5:29, 30, 32) The faithful apostles continued to bear witness to the name of Jehovah, and their maltreatment and persecution continued and they all died as martyrs, sealing their testimony with their lifeblood.

Following the days of the apostles true Christianity continued to grow, and the Roman emperor Constantine, manifestly for a selfish purpose, formed a state religion and labeled it "Christianity" on earth. There is where the Papal system of Rome had its birth. Thereafter followed the most wicked inquisition and persecution of the true followers of Christ Jesus. The fires of torture were kept burning for years in the countries of Italy, Spain, France, Mexico and other places, and millions of people, by such inquisition and torture, were compelled to support the Papal religious system. I am referring to these facts briefly in order to show the constant course of religious intolerance that has existed and persisted for centuries, and then I shall point out from divine prophecy the cause for such unjust and wicked treatment of innocent human creatures.

Religious intolerance and persecution maliciously practiced in Europe drove brave men and women to the bleak shores of America, that there they might find a refuge where they could worship God in peace and without interference. It was those brave souls who laid the foundation of the American republic. So completely had religious intolerance been burned into the minds of these early immigrants to America that the framers of the United States Constitution and

the constitutions of the various states expressly prohibited by such fundamental law any interference with any person in preaching the gospel and provided that men should be privileged to serve God and preach the gospel according to the dictates of their own conscience.

Selfish and cruel organizations, parading under the name of "Christian", have steadily and constantly increased in America. They have grown in numbers and grown in power. One of these organizations, to wit, the Papal system, has made every possible attempt to control the United States Government, but up to this hour, thank God, it has never been able to put one of its crowd in the office of president of the United States. The people of America, knowing the history of this system, have resisted every encroachment upon the political affairs, and for this reason the Papal representatives have been the ones who have howled the loudest about bigotry and intolerance.

In these last days, when the faithful followers of Christ Jesus under the clear command of the Almighty God go about to tell the truth to the people in order that the people may be aided and receive comfort, these witnesses are subjected to the most vicious persecution, and this is done upon the pretext of "protecting the people from impostors and robbers". It is apparent to all that such pretexts or claims are hypocritical and false in the extreme. The persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Plainfield and vicinity during the past few months has greatly shamed and stunned those who love the principles upon which the American government is founded. The fiasco in the form of a court trial that was enacted in Plainfield recently by men who had sworn to render fair and even-handed justice to its citizens, shocks the sensibilities of every self-respecting American lawyer and causes all honest Americans to hang their heads in shame and to ask, How is it possible for such religious intolerance to be practiced in America now?

INSTIGATORS

The fact that men claim to represent and serve Jehovah God is no evidence that their claim is true. On the contrary, the known facts abundantly show that wicked men and wicked systems parade under the name of God and His Christ who do not have the spirit of Christ but who are cruel in the extreme and who manifest the spirit of Satan the Devil. Those who caused the persecution of Jehovah's prophets were all religionists. The men who persistently persecuted Jesus, and who caused His death, were the clergymen of that day, and who posed before the people as teachers of God's Word. The great inquisition practiced for years in Spain and other countries was instigated and carried forward by clergymen of the Papal system. The intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey and other places in this day is instigated and pushed forward by the clergymen, who pose before the people as preachers and servants of Jehovah God. Jehovah is the God of justice and love and He never persecutes any creature, and no one who is the servant of God could or would persecute any man. Whom, then, do these instigators of religious persecution in modern times represent? Jesus answered that question when He said to the clergymen of His day who were persecuting Him: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8: 40, 43, 44) Jesus authoritatively shows that those men who fraudulently claimed to represent God were in fact the active agents of Satan the Devil. That rule applies at all times.

Then turning to His true followers Christ Jesus said to them: "If they [the clergy] have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." (John 15:20) And thus He fixes the responsibility for such persecutions upon the clergy. It was the clergy class that persecuted the apostles of Jesus to death. It is the clergy who have instigated and are pushing forward the intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey, and upon the authority of the statement made by Jesus these persecutors fraudulently claim to be Christians and to represent God but in fact are the agents and representatives of the Devil and his bidding they will do.

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Now I submit to you the conclusive proof from the Scriptures as to why religious intolerance is practiced in this day; and the specific answer is of vital importance to every human creature, regardless of religious convictions.

Jehovah God declares in His Word that He

permits Satan to go on unhindered in his wicked work until the end of a certain and fixed time and at that time He will destroy Satan and all his agencies. He appointed Christ Jesus to inflict that punishment. When Jesus ascended on high Jehovah said to Him: 'You must wait until my due time to put down the enemy and destroy him.' (Psalm 110:1) The Scriptures then show that the year 1914 marks the end of that period of time for waiting and the beginning of the reign of Christ. In His great prophecy recorded in Matthew twenty-four Jesus states that that time would be marked by a world war, followed quickly by famine, pestilence, revolution and distress of nations. All of these things have come to pass since, and which began to have fulfilment in 1914. The Scriptures show that, at the same time, a war was fought in heaven by Jesus and His angels against Satan and his forces and that Satan was ousted from heaven and cast down to the earth. This record is found in the twelfth chapter of Revelation. All of you know that since 1914 the peoples of earth have been in great distress and perplexity. The reason for such suffering and perplexity on the part of the people is made clear by the words of Jesus recorded in Revelation 12:12, which read: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan knows that his time is short until the great battle of Armageddon, which will then be decisive as to who is supreme, and at which time Satan's organization shall be destroyed. Before that great battle takes place, however, God commands that His witnesses must go through the land and bear testimony before the rulers and before the people of and concerning Jehovah and His kingdom. (Isaiah 43:10-12; Matthew 24:14) This is done in order that the people may be informed of God's purpose to destroy the wicked one and to establish a righteous government on earth which will be the means of the complete uplift and blessing of the human race.

In obedience to this commandment of Jehovah faithful men and women devoted to God and His kingdom now go from house to house preaching the good news or gospel of the Kingdom. They are not doing such work for commercial gain, but they are doing it at great financial loss to themselves. They work in the shops and in the fields to earn their bread, and then devote their spare time to preaching the gospel according to God's commandment; and this they do because they love God and have agreed to do His will. In doing this they are but pursuing their divinely given rights of worshiping God according to the dictates of their conscience, and with which rights no municipality, state or other government can properly and rightfully interfere.

Since the Constitution forbids the enactment of any law or laws interfering with the preaching of the gospel, then why are these faithful witnesses of Jehovah arrested and thrown into jail? That question is answered by the Lord, at Revelation 12:17. Jehovah's testimony is committed primarily to Christ Jesus, and He commits to His faithful followers, who are also Jehovah's witnesses, the obligation of delivering such testimony. For this reason Satan the Devil seeks to destroy every one who is telling God's truth. Jehovah's witnesses now on earth constitute the remnant of God's organization, which organization is symbolized in this scripture by a woman, and the Lord says concerning these that the Devil is extremely mad at them and goes forth to make war against those who keep the commandments of God and who have the testimony of Jesus Christ. (Revelation 12:17) That scripture is conclusive proof that the Devil is the one who instigates and carries forward the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses and that the visible persecutors of these witnesses of Jehovah are acting for and as agents of the Devil. Even though priest, clergymen and other associates in persecuting Jehovah's witnesses claim to be Christian, the facts show that such claims are false, for the reason that God and Christ Jesus do not persecute anyone and certainly God would not have one set of His servants to intolerantly persecute another company of His servants.

If these fifty or more men and women who were recently persecuted and imprisoned upon the charge of being peddlers and hawkers are in truth and in fact Jehovah's witnesses and His representatives, and if the charge is false, why then would Jehovah permit them to be thus wrongfully treated and persecuted by men who represent the Devil? The answer is, In order to cause the enemies of God to identify and mark themselves and to afford opportunity for Jehovah's witnesses to prove their faithfulness.

The Scriptural answer to that question is illuminating and of vital importance. The Scriptures declare that what came to pass upon the

Jews, or Israelites, foreshadowed what must come to pass on "organized Christianity" at the end of the world, where we now are. (1 Corinthians 10:11) "Christendom," or "organized Christianity", is the antitype of ancient Israel. The Devil overreached the Israelites and turned them away from God. Likewise the Devil has overreached "organized Christianity", particularly the leaders thereof, and turned such away from God. Because the Jews indulged in Baal religion and persecuted Jehovah's faithful prophets who were sent to teach them, Jehovah selected Jehu, made him His executioner, and sent him to inflict punishment upon the Baal worshipers of Jewry. On that occasion Jehu was a type of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom God has appointed to execute His judgment against all of His enemies, and particularly against "Christendom".

Jehu called a great assembly of the people, and every one of the Baal worshipers assembled at one place. Then Jehu commanded that all the preachers, prophets, clergymen, priests, servants and worshipers of Baal should put on garments by which they would identify themselves as the followers and worshipers of Baal, and this they did. In that manner Jehu caused every one of them to identify himself and to take his stand either on the side of Baal or on the side of Jehovah God. This marvelous picture is set forth in 2 Kings 10:19-28. When the identification and the division were complete, then Jehu directed his soldiers to slay utterly every one of the Baal worshipers, and this was done; and thus ended Baal worship in Palestine at that time.

That graphic identification and the slaying prophetically foretold the identification and destruction of all false religions in the world, and particularly the destruction of all those who defame God's name and persecute His faithful witnesses.

The purpose of Jehovah's witnesses in going from house to house in this day and preaching the gospel of God's kingdom is not to convert the world. The purpose, according to the commandment of God, is to notify the rulers and the people that Jehovah is the God supreme, and that His kingdom is at hand, and that God will now vindicate His name, and that He will now afford the opportunity to all who hear to identify themselves as being either on the side of Jehovah God or on the side of His enemy the Devil. That explains why during the time since the World War Jehovah's witnesses have been permitted to proclaim the message of His kingdom throughout "Christendom", and explains why it has been possible in that time to print the message of the Kingdom in fifty-eight different languages and to put in the hands of the people more than 140 million books containing that message. All this work has been done at God's commandment to give the people an opportunity to identify themselves as to where they stand. This is God's work, and no human power can stop it. The intolerant persecutors may throw many of Jehovah's witnesses into prison and kill others, but that will not stop the witness work. Where one falls in the ranks Jehovah God will raise up others to take his place. He has decreed that the testimony must be given, and it will be given.

Jehovah's witnesses are preaching the gospel of the Kingdom, not for filthy money, but in obedience to God's commandment, and the only way for men to be faithful to Jehovah and to their covenant is to obey His commandment. Like the early apostles, the witnesses count not their lives dear unto themselves and they are determined to obey God and not man; and for this reason they go on amidst great opposition, bearing testimony to the kingdom of Jehovah.

The proof shows that in every instance it has been and is the priests, pastors or clergymen of so-called "organized Christianity" who cause the persecution and ill treatment of Jehovah's witnesses. Those clergymen are therefore most reprehensible. By their action they have identified themselves as being against God and for His enemy the Devil. The message of the Kingdom in printed form has been supplied to them by Jehovah's witnesses, and that without charge, and they now without just cause or excuse attempt to hide their wrongful action behind some municipal ordinance, and use this as a shield while they carry on the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. Thus they completely identify and mark themselves. The rulers of "Christendom" have likewise been served with copies of the message of the Kingdom, which affords them an opportunity to take their stand on one side or the other. Police officers, magistrates and judges of the courts are also putting on the garments and thus identifying themselves as to where they stand. Jehovah God therefore permits the persecution of His faithful witnesses now for the very purpose of furnishing opportunity for men to identify and mark themselves

and to thus take their stand on one side or on the other.

Now the message of the Kingdom must go to the *people,* that they may have an opportunity to identify themselves and to take their stand on one side or the other. The message or gospel of the Kingdom is therefore separating the people into two general classes, and Christ Jesus is the one who is doing that separating work. With which class will you identify yourself? That is a question now which every one who hears must answer. You cannot identify yourself as being on God's side and at the same time connive at and sympathize with or approve the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. One of the reasons, therefore, why God permits His witnesses to thus suffer is for your benefit, that you may see the truth and have the opportunity of identifying yourself with the right side.

SHEEP AND GOATS

The last prophetic parable Jesus spoke when on earth was that concerning "the sheep and the goats", and which prophecy He said would find its fulfilment at the time of His coming for judgment. That time is now here, and the people are thus gathered and by Him made to identify themselves, even as Jehu, the prototype of Jesus, caused the Israelites and Baal worshipers to identify themselves. Jehovah has given the people of the nations of "Christendom" a knowledge of His kingdom, and thus He has gathered them before His Executioner, and who says, as it is written in Matthew 25: "And he shall separate them [the people] . . . as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from *the* goats." "His sheep" means the class that are on the Lord's side, while the "goats" represent the class that are against the Lord and on the Devil's side. Continuing then Jesus said: "And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left." (Matthew 25:33) In this striking prophetic parable Jesus counts His true and faithful followers as though they were Himself, and the people who have been good to His followers He credits as being good unto Himself; and those who have illtreated His brethren or followers He counts as doing evil to Himself. Thus He brings the application of the scripture right down to the present day. He shows that if a person abuses, illtreats or persecutes Jehovah's witnesses, that person thus identifies himself as an enemy of God and of Christ.

Many of you people have been glad to have Jehovah's witnesses call at your door and tell you the comforting message concerning God's gracious provision for your blessing. In turn you have given them a cup of refreshing water to drink; and if you found one of them sick you gladly ministered unto that sick one. When the twenty-nine harmless women were crowded into those hot prison cells and required to stand there all night amidst suffering, some of you stood in the streets at midnight and sympathized with them and wished that you might do some good to them. You wanted to comfort them by your presence. The Lord knew your heart condition and your desire and your kind sympathy. He counts that goodness as unto Himself and He likens such who thus sympathize with Him to sheep. To such Jesus says: "For I was an hungred, 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." (Matthew 25:35, 36) On the other hand there is a class of persons pictured by goats because such men are cruel and heartless. Such men are extremely selfish. They have caused innocent men and women to be thrown into prison because they wanted to keep you in ignorance of the goodness of God's kingdom and to save themselves from being exposed as false teachers and impostors. When men and women assembled in the streets in close proximity to the prison for the purpose of expressing by their presence their sympathy and comfort to the imprisoned ones, and when some tried to make a photograph of the sympathizers and the prisoners, such sympathizers, as well as the prisoners, were illtreated and thrown into prison. Thus the harsh ones, cruel and intolerant persecutors, put themselves in the goat class, and to these billy-goats Jesus now says: "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me." (Matthew 25:42-45) Thus Jehovah permits cruel and selfish men to intolerantly persecute His faithful witnesses in order that His faithful ones may bear testi-

mony to His name and at the same time cause the persecutors to identify themselves as being against God and His kingdom. Clergymen who pose as your spiritual advisers, and public officials who have sworn to look well to your general interest, have violated their obligation, played the people false, reproached and sneered at and defamed the name of Jehovah God and His Christ, and thus they have put on the garments and have identified themselves as God's enemies.

Now, if you will, hear the words of final judgment of Jehovah pronounced by Christ Jesus concerning these two classes who have thus identified themselves. To those who identify themselves as lovers of truth and righteousness, and who are designated under the symbol of harmless sheep and whom the Lord thus places on His right hand of favor, He now says: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Happy is the lot of such!

To the cruel, malicious and ruthless persecutors of Jehovah's witnesses and defamers of God's name, the great Judge, Christ Jesus, now says, as it is written (verses 41 and 46): "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Furthermore Jesus said: "Shall not God avenge his own elect [witnesses]?" Then He answers His own question and says: "I tell you that he will avenge them speedily."—Luke 18:7, 8.

In the past two years and more the clergy of this state have persistently and intolerantly persecuted Jehovah's witnesses, not for doing wrong, but because these faithful men and women, at great financial and physical inconvenience to themselves, have walked in the roads and come to your homes to bring you aid and comfort by bearing testimony to the name of Jehovah and His kingdom. By the intolerance of these priests and clergymen they have thus prevented many honest Catholics and Protestants from hearing the message of God's kingdom. They have done the people a positive injury and have abused and defamed God's holy name. It appears to me that by the long and cruel persecution of these faithful men and women God has permitted this day to come that the honest people may hear the truth and have the opportunity to see how they have been grossly deceived by men who should know better.

As further proof that God has permitted His faithful witnesses to suffer at the hands of intolerant persecutors in order to cause the persecutors to identify themselves as against Jehovah, note the words of Jesus addressed to His faithful followers, at Mark 13:9: "They [the intolerant persecutors or clergy and their allies] shall deliver you up to [the courts]; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten; and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, *for a testimony against them,*" that is, against your persecutors.

Every man must stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and these men who have wrongfully and intolerantly caused the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses will never be heard to make the defense that they did not know they were fighting against God. (2 Corinthians 5:10) They claim to be teachers of the Bible, and they are bound to know what is therein contained. By their course of action they oppose the message of God's kingdom, and thus they bear testimony against themselves that they are guilty before God. The hypocritical claim that they are punishing Christian men and women in order to "protect the people against impostors and robbers" will be no excuse or defense before the Lord.

The faithful witnesses of Jehovah who thus suffer for righteousness' sake thereby maintain their integrity before God. Filthy prisons will not deter these men and women from continuing to give their testimony. They will rejoice to continue their faithfulness unto God even unto death and to suffer as Christ Jesus suffered. To them therefore the Lord caused these words to be written, at 1 Peter 4:14: "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."

But shame upon the priests and clergymen who have connived at and caused the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in order that they might keep the people in ignorance of the truth and thus shield themselves from exposure; shame upon those who have been ready and willing to class Jehovah's witnesses as selfish peddlers and hawkers in order that they might serve their own selfish ends; shame upon the lawyers who practice upon the bench and before the bar, who because of fear of losing some personal advantage have side-stepped the issue and failed and refused to decide squarely the ques-

tion as to whether or not men can be prevented from preaching the gospel of God's kingdom by the enactment and enforcement of municipal ordinances leveled against peddlers and hawkers.

The reason for this is that we have come to the great crisis foretold by the holy prophets of old. God has placed Christ His King upon His throne and has seated Him in His temple for judgment and commands all men to hear Him. Because of the subtle and wrongful influence of the clergy as Satan's agents, lawyers, judges and public officials are ashamed of the name of Jesus Christ and of Jehovah and are ashamed to do their duty concerning the construction and enforcement of the law of the land. To such fearful ones Jesus now says (Luke 9:26): "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels."

The world has ended and the Devil must surrender possession. Before he is completely ousted, however, God commands that His testimony concerning the Kingdom must be delivered by His witnesses. Regardless of all opposition these faithful witnesses will proceed to give that testimony; and when that work is done, Jesus declares, there shall immediately follow upon the world the greatest tribulation ever known. (Matthew 24:14-22) That will be the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and not one persecutor of Jehovah's witnesses shall survive. (Jeremiah 25:34) To the people of good will, and who want to do right and who want to identify themselves as on Jehovah's side, He now says through His prophet: 'Before the wrath of God break upon you, seek meekness and righteousness if you would be hidden and taken through that trouble.' (Zephaniah 2:1-3) Therefore let every one who would live refrain from the intolerant persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, seek meekness and do that which is right. In the language of the Scriptures: 'If this work be of men it will come to naught; but if it be of God ye cannot overthrow it.'—Acts 5:38, 39.

To His faithful witnesses Jehovah by His Word now says: 'Be of good courage: the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.' At the hands of religious hypocrites you have suffered much persecution for righteousness' sake. Our Lord Jesus likewise suffered, and blessed is the man or woman who follows in His steps. (1 Peter 2:21) It is to you as His faithful followers that Jesus now says (Matthew 5:10-12): "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."

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JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S OPEN LETTER TO THE CATHOLIC PRESS OF AMERICA ANSWERING THEIR ATTACK ON RADIO STATIONS

[The citizens of America who love truth, fair-dealing, freedom of thought and freedom of speech, will read with keen interest the letter in this issue by Judge Rutherford addressed to the Catholic press in reply to the unwarranted and un-American attack upon him and radio stations which have broadcast his lectures. We are of the opinion that the American people are not yet ready to submit to any organized religious association the right to determine what the people shall hear.—*Editorial note*]

To the Catholic Press and Specifically to the Editors of the Following Named Newspapers

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INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
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SIRS:

Just now on my return from Europe I find that in my absence your papers have inaugurated a campaign to prevent the American people from hearing the truth of Jehovah God's Word which it has been my privilege to tell them for some time. You make me the scapegoat in order to thus deprive the people of the opportunity of learning at this time the very things that they should know, to wit: That Jehovah is the Almighty God; that Christ Jesus is His anointed King; and that the worship of man is an abomination in the sight of God; and that the kingdom of God under Christ is the only remedy for suffering humanity.

This letter I am addressing to you jointly and severally because the charges in your papers are similar and show that you are acting in concert. I have hopes that there may be at least one fair-minded editor among you who will publish this letter that your numerous readers may hear both sides of the case. Your failure to publish this letter will be unfair to the public and may compel me to get this information to the people in another way. Newspapers should publish the truth, if for no other reason than the fact that they accept money from the people for subscriptions upon the implied contract at least that they will publish the truth. The publication of only a small part of the truth is much more unfair than to make no publication at all.

EX-CONVICT STORY: You have attempted to belittle me in the eyes of your readers and thus to do injury to the message I have spoken by charging that I am an "ex-convict", which charge is untrue. A convict is one who is guilty and is convicted of a crime. When the judgment of a law court is reversed and the case is then dismissed the man against whom the judgment was rendered is exonerated and he is therefore not a convict.

Briefly I refer to the facts that you may recall what you should already know: The clergy have hated me for years because I have followed the lead of the Lord Jesus Christ and told the people the truth only as He taught it. A num-

ber of those men wanted to kill me, and they attempted to find some legal means by which they could accomplish their wicked purpose. The World War seemed to furnish them an opportunity. Shortly after the United States entered the war a convention of clergymen assembled in Philadelphia, laid out a plan of action, and then selected and sent a committee to Washington to carry out their wrongful purpose. They presented a petition to a committee of the United States Senate demanding that the Espionage law be so amended that the trial of alleged offenders must be held before a military court and that the penalty to be inflicted must be death. President Wilson disapproved of their course and the Senate did not amend the law as the clergy desired. A general of the United States army, in the presence of two witnesses besides myself, told me the above facts and then added: "But they are going to get you at any rate."

In the spring of 1918 the clergy and their allies "framed" a case against all the officers of our Society, including myself. I was charged with the publication of an objectionable paragraph in a book which I did not write and which was written and published before the United States entered the war and before the enactment of the Espionage law. Upon this and other illegal testimony, and at the direction of a prejudiced judge, and during the excitement of the war, a jury returned a verdict of guilty and we were sentenced each to eighty years in prison. A Catholic judge denied us the privilege of bail, which the Constitution guarantees we should have, and we were immediately landed in prison. My attorneys prepared a brief setting forth 125 errors in the record of that trial. When the case was presented to a justice of the Supreme Court of the United States upon an application for bail Justice Holmes immediately admitted us to bail. The case was then heard by the appellate court, and the judgment reversed and remanded. Because of the gross outrage practiced upon me and my brethren three United States senators and two other prominent American lawyers volunteered to defend me at the next trial. Shortly thereafter the Government dismissed the case and we were thereby exonerated.

But for the sake of the argument, suppose I were a convict according to your definition. Would that be cause to reject the truth of God's Word which I am proclaiming? Jesus Christ, Jehovah's greatest witness, was a "convict", wrongfully charged and convicted of the crime of sedition, and His conviction and death were procured by the clergy of His time; and which wrongdoers find their counterpart in the clergy of the present time. I am delighted to be permitted to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to be in the same class where the clergy placed Him.

Your papers try to convey to the public the thought that I attempted to hide the fact of this unlawful trial and that you had kept it alive by pigeonholing the facts at the time and now brought it forth. You ought to know better than to try to put over such a falsehood on the people. The clergy thought that court experience above related would finish me for ever. But they were doomed to disappointment. Immediately following my release I visited every large city in America and by full-page advertisements in the largest daily papers invited the public to come and hear. The advertisements amongst other things said: "SENT TO PRISON FOR EIGHTY YEARS BY THE CONSPIRACY OF THE CLERGY — COME AND HEAR THE REASON WHY." The people crowded out every great hall and theater where I spoke, thousands being turned away. That persecution by the clergy had much to do with advertising our work and enabled me no doubt to write and cause to be placed in the hands of the people more than 140 million books since that time, which books contain the message of God's kingdom and which are published in 58 different languages. You are welcome to all the satisfaction you can get out of that "ex-convict" story.

RADIO: Because in a recent radio address I stated the plain truth for the benefit of the people, your papers, at the instance of Catholic clergymen, began a vicious campaign to "silence" me. Vigorously you say, "Rutherford must be muzzled; he must be silenced; put him off the air." With the hope of accomplishing that end you and your associates inaugurated a campaign of coercion against radio stations. You threatened to boycott these stations, to cause building contracts and paint contracts, and many other contracts, to be canceled, and to use every means within your power to injure the stations and their clients financially. All fair-minded men and women must and do condemn your course of action and your mode of procedure which is entirely un-American and unfair. The people are entitled to know the truth. If I

have stated falsehoods against your organization, then it is your duty to show the people wherein the statements made by me are untrue.

It appears that the Catholic clergymen have no weapon of defense except a gag and a bludgeon. Every man who speaks the truth, which truth does not tingle the ears of the clergy, the Catholic clergy say should be gagged. Every one who publishes the truth contrary to their ideas of what is right the Catholic clergy say should be browbeaten, coerced and clubbed into submission. God and Christ Jesus never employed any such methods, and that of itself is most conclusive proof that men who resort to the gag and bludgeon method do not represent God and Christ. Such methods used to keep the people in ignorance and to blind them to the truth are the ones employed by Satan the Devil. (2 Corinthians 4:4) When a man, whether a clergyman or the editor of a newspaper, resorts to the gag and bludgeon method, whom then does he represent, God or the Devil? Judge ye!

The gag and bludgeon method employed by you and the clergymen of your organization frightened a few radio stations into submission and caused them to cancel their contracts. Out of the numerous radio stations in the United States used by me to broadcast the truth you succeeded in inducing ten stations to cancel their contracts. That is a rather good record in America for your method of procedure. If you had a Roman Catholic in the office of president of the United States now you would browbeat every radio station in the land into submission. Thank God your intolerant organization has never been able to place one of your organization in the office of president of the United States. The more the American people learn about you and your unjust methods, the more they shun you; and you know that to be true, and that is why you employ the gag and bludgeon. There are millions of good Catholic people who heartily disapprove of your unrighteous methods of suppressing the truth, and of this I have positive knowledge.

SLANDER: You charge me with attacking men with slanderous speech. That charge is wholly untrue. Never have I delivered a radio speech or other public address in which I have attacked any man. I have called in question the *doctrines* men teach to the people; and if that is not permissible, then the people would be compelled to hear only what your side has to say, regardless of how untrue your statements are. That is another proof of your coercive and bludgeon methods. I have no quarrel with any individual, and no occasion to attack personally any man.

You claim to believe the Bible and to teach it, and therefore you are bound by what the Bible says. The Bible says that Jehovah is the only true God, and that Christ Jesus His beloved Son is King; that Satan the Devil is the opponent of God, and that the Devil resorts to fraud, deceit, coercion and bludgeon methods to blind the people to the truth. Men are either servants of God or servants of Satan the Devil, and by the fruits or doctrines which they carry to the people it is to be determined whom they represent. It is written in the Scriptures: "Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" (Romans 6:16) In harmony with this Jesus states: "He that is not with me is against me"; and that is true whether the one be a priest or a layman. (Luke 11:23) Again: "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his." (Romans 8:9) Christ never employed coercive, gag or bludgeon methods to accomplish His purposes. When men employ such wrongful methods, contrary to Christ, then they prove that they have not the spirit of Christ, and that they are not His servants but that they are servants of the enemy of God and Christ.

It is true that the "spirit of Christ is love", but that does not mean that He loved wickedness and that He stood by and saw pious-faced hypocrites proceed to deceive the people and remained silent because He might "offend the sensibilities" of the clergy or some of their allies. Read the twenty-third chapter of Matthew, wherein Jesus denounced the clergy of His day in the most scathing language that has ever been applied to any creatures. He was speaking to men then who posed before the people as the representatives of God, and He plainly told them that they were hypocrites. Love, which is the spirit of Christ, means an unselfish effort put forth to do good to others and to honor Jehovah God. It does not mean to consent to the name of Jehovah God's being defamed. The mere fact that a man bears the title of clergyman or priest is no evidence that such a man represents God or Christ or that he speaks the truth. In proof of this, note the words of Jesus addressed to the clergymen and priests of His

day who denounced Him for telling the truth. He said to them: "Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God. . . . Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your *father the devil,* and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8:40-44) The Scriptures then show that exactly a similar condition would exist at the end of the world, where we now are, and that clergymen would boast of their own goodness and greatness and defame God's name and persecute humble men and women who attempt to tell the truth.—See John 15:19, 20; Mark 13:9; 2 Timothy 3:1-6.

Why should the people be denied the opportunity of learning what God's Word teaches, merely because those divine truths when uttered "offend the sensibilities" of certain men who are not in harmony with God? I agree that one man has no right to attack another man personally; but when any man brings forth a doctrine relating to God's dealing with the human race and asks the people to believe that doctrine, then it is the right and duty of others who do not agree to call attention to the fact that such doctrines promulgated do not proceed from God but proceed from God's enemy the Devil.

I have nothing against Catholics as men or women. I only take issue with the doctrines which that organization teaches. If the Catholic clergy want to be fair, why don't they accept my proposition to publicly discuss these questions or doctrines and then let the people determine for themselves which is truth? The gag and bludgeon method can never make any of the people free, but, in the language of Jesus, "the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) You claim to speak for millions of Catholics; but I tell you that you do not speak for them. There are millions of good people in the Catholic organization who do not believe what you say. Why not let them all have an opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed and then let them speak for themselves? You are not their guardians except by self-appointment.

THE POPE: Your papers say that I "slandered the Pope whose integrity is unquestioned by any reputable character". You cannot cite a single word that I have ever uttered that is a slander of the man who occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization. I have said nothing whatsoever against him as a man. What I did say is that no man, pope or otherwise, has any authority from God and Christ to declare any year a holy year. Neither Jehovah God nor Christ Jesus ever created the office of pope, and nowhere in the Bible does any such title appear. Neither God nor Christ Jesus ever appointed any man to the position of pope of the Catholic organization, and I call upon you to publish one word from the Holy Scriptures that even tends to prove to the contrary. The title of pope was never applied to any man until more than 300 years after the crucifixion of Christ. (See Volumes 6 and 22, *Encyclopedia Britannica; McClintock & Strong's Encyclopedia,* Volume 8, page 403.) If God and Christ wanted the pope on earth to tell the people what they shall believe or not believe, then why does not the Bible, which is the Word of God, give some evidence of that fact?

I have no personal antipathy to the man who at the present time holds the office of pope of the Catholic church. So far as I know, he may be a good man of the highest integrity, as that term is generally applied. I know nothing about him except that recently when I used a number of radio stations in Europe to broadcast the message of God's kingdom I was informed that the pope had instructed all Catholics to refuse to listen to what I had to say. They did not obey him, however, because I had many letters of approval and commendation and best wishes from Catholics, which letters came from Holland, France, Austria, Spain, Italy and other places in Europe.

The fact that a man occupies the office of pope of the Catholic organization is no evidence that he speaks with divine authority or that he has the approval of God and of Christ. In proof of this I refer you to the historical facts concerning men of the past who have occupied that office. The records of many of these men are too bad to publish here. Some of them were exceedingly immoral and bad men, which proves that they were not servants of God and of Christ.

You speak of the pope as "the holy father", and your sensibilities are shocked when others do not publicly agree with you. You do this in the face of the plain statement by Jesus, to wit: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven." (Mat-

thew 23:9) Surely I should be permitted to quote the words of the Lord Jesus without offending honest men.

Since neither Jehovah God nor Christ created the office of pope and no mention is made thereof in the Word of God, and since God's Word does not authorize any man or the officer of any organization to declare this a "holy year", then I ask by what authority any official in any organization can declare this a "holy year". Is it your desire to mislead the people and to induce them to believe that a man has the authority and power to make any year holy? When this year is past and the people look back upon the great amount of suffering they have endured, and upon the great amount of wickedness and injustice practiced both inside and outside of the Catholic organization, they will well know that this is not a holy year, regardless of all proclamations concerning the same. There are millions of people on earth who do not believe that the pope has the authority or power to declare this or any other year a holy year, and other millions of people have the right to hear the evidence, that they too may determine for themselves what they want to believe.

I suggest to you that no court or tribunal in America has ever yet decided (and I hope never will) that a man can be prevented from calling in question the doctrines or teachings of other men or organizations. If such a coercive rule as you advocate were adopted and enforced, then it would mean that the political party in power could successfully prevent the other parties out of power from calling attention to actions and policies falsely advocated and practiced upon the people. If you could have your way you would compel the people of America to acknowledge without question the doctrines of the Catholic organization, which doctrines the masses of the people do not believe to be true. Whenever the courts exercise the power to prohibit the criticism of doctrines or teachings of any organization, then the liberties of the American people are gone and the purpose for which the nation was organized has ceased to exist. You, the editors of newspapers, who claim that you are publishing your papers in the interest of the people, by calling upon the radio commission to bar any man from the air because he calls in question the *doctrines* of your organization, are thereby demanding that the courts or tribunals take away the liberties of the people and keep the people in ignorance of what God's Word plainly teaches. Whom do you then represent in thus trying to blind the people to the truth of Jehovah God's Word? (2 Corinthians 4:4) Surely you do not represent Jehovah God; and that being true, you must be the servants of the god of this world whether you know it or not.—Romans 6:16.

OTHER FALSEHOODS: Almost everything you have published about my radio speeches is false. You charge me with indulging in "vituperation", which is entirely foreign to the facts. Your statement concerning the radio and its use in Canada is also untrue. There some clergymen, who did not want to hear the truth, protested to the Commission and the Commission stopped the broadcast. You did not publish the further fact, however, that immediately thereafter 406,000 citizens of Canada filed with the Canadian House of Commons a petition asking that my lectures be continued on the air.

The message which I and my brethren are proclaiming is not the message of any man, but it is Jehovah God's message concerning His kingdom. You may be able to prevent radio stations from broadcasting the truth and the Lord may not interfere with you for a time, but His arm is not shortened and you will not at all retard the proclamation of His Word. Your opposition has only increased the desire of the people to hear more about God's kingdom, and Jehovah has provided the ways and means. Already hundreds of transcription machines have been manufactured and placed in the hands of the people, with numerous records of speech, which are daily being delivered to the people and informing them concerning God's kingdom. Every day the people are learning more and more that opposition such as you offer does not proceed from Jehovah, but that it proceeds from the god of this world, the Devil.

You say that these lectures are attacks on Catholics and insulting to Catholics. The people know that such statement by you is untrue. Every statement yet made in any of my lectures is fully supported by the Word of God, which is the truth. (John 17:17) No honest person could be insulted by God's Word of truth. There are many honest persons in the ranks of the Catholic organization who have been held there because they had no opportunity to hear and to learn the truth. But they are learning it now. For keeping the people in ignorance in this manner the pastors and clergymen and priests and

their allies are held liable, and God gives His Word that He will punish them for their wrongdoing.–See Ezekiel 34: 1-20; Jeremiah 25: 33-36.

You charge that my words are seditious; and that is wholly false. Never have I uttered a seditious word against the Government. It was the clergymen and priests and their allies that falsely charged Jesus with the crime of sedition; and hiding behind the judgment of a false and wicked court, they caused His precious blood to be wrongfully shed. You may get my life-blood and thereby hope to stop the proclamation of the truth; but be assured that the message of God's kingdom will continue to be proclaimed just the same. I am but one of those of Jehovah's witnesses who as a "voice in the wilderness" is crying out to the people that the kingdom of heaven is at hand and that this kingdom under Christ is the only hope of mankind. Your gag and bludgeon methods will not in any manner retard the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom, which He is now sending to the peoples of earth.

JUDGMENT: Jehovah God has written His judgment against Satan and every part of his organization, both visible and invisible, and at the battle of the great day of God Almighty, led by Jesus Christ, that judgment will be executed and every part of the wicked organization shall go down to destruction. Then the Catholic organization as such will be no more; and only those honest Catholics who turn their hearts away from "man worship", and who turn them wholly to the worship and service of Jehovah God and Christ, will survive. For this reason Jehovah now says to His people through His prophet: "Before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you . . . seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger."—Zephaniah 2: 2, 3.

God's judgment is written against the pastors and the shepherds and clergymen who have taught and misled the people and who together with the principal of their flocks have coerced radio stations and others to refrain from proclaiming the truth of God's kingdom. His judgment written shows that such opposers will find no way of escape at the execution of His judgment at Armageddon. Note Jeremiah 25: 34-36: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture."

You complain because I speak the truth concerning "purgatory". For many years the Catholic organization has taught the people that their dead friends are conscious in a place called "purgatory" and that Catholic priests, who are merely imperfect men, can pray for the dead and benefit them and thereby shorten the duration of their punishment and in time secure their release from "purgatory". You will not attempt to deny this as one of the doctrines preached by your organization, and this you have done and continue to do in the face of the scriptures which read that 'all the dead are in the grave' (John 5: 28); and, "The dead praise not the Lord, neither any that go down into silence." (Psalm 115: 17) "The dead *know not any thing";* "there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9: 5, 10) You would have the people believe you rather than to believe God's Word of truth. By your teaching of this false doctrine of "purgatory" you have induced many a poor person to give up his or her money to have prayers said for their dead ones who are supposed to be in "purgatory". That is obtaining money by taking advantage of the ignorance of the people.

COMPARISON: In this letter I would have made no reference to personal deeds committed by men or organizations except for the fact that you have made it necessary. You could have opposed my speech without attacking me personally. In keeping with your fixed policy you have preferred the latter; therefore the comparison.

The best part of my life on earth and all my material substance has been spent in an honest endeavor to teach the people the plain Word of God's truth and to turn the minds of men away from creature worship and turn them to the faithful worship and service of Jehovah God that they might gain eternal life in endless happiness. In that time you have been able to find but one so-called 'black spot' on my record, namely, the fact that I was imprisoned during

the World War, and which imprisonment was procured by a cruel conspiracy formed and carried into effect by your organization.

The Catholic hierarchy has spent more than 1500 years in hiding the truth of God's Word from the people and in turning the minds of men to the service and worship of creatures instead of the worship and service of Jehovah God. The work of that hierarchy has been and is done by selfish men concerning which the Scriptures say: "Men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain [in numbers of followers and material wealth] is godliness: from such withdraw thyself." (1 Timothy 6:5) Every page of the history of the Catholic hierarchy is marked with black crime. It has employed the cruel Inquisition to compel the people to follow its doctrines and practices. It has in all those fifteen centuries resorted to coercion to silence everyone who has dared to call in question its doctrines. If your organization held and taught the truth you would welcome criticism and would gladly come forward and discuss the matter in the presence of the people, that they might exercise their own free will and determine for themselves what they wished to believe. Since you have no truth, and since your organization was 'born in sin and shapen in iniquity', you resort to cruel and oppressive methods to hide your sins and to deceive the people. Why don't you hear and teach the truth and encourage others to do likewise? In the language of Jesus the answer is, Because "ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do".—John 8:43, 44.

Although you know that up to this time there is no law in America to prevent the free expression of opinion concerning the doctrines or teachings of others, yet you continue to browbeat, threaten to boycott and otherwise to coerce radio stations to prevent the broadcasting of the truth. You claim that you do this in the interest of common decency and for the good of the people; which claim is hypocritical in the extreme. You cry "intolerance" and "bigotry", when in fact your organization is the most intolerant and bigoted one in existence.

Because I say to the public that no man, whether he be a pope or otherwise, can make a year holy, for the reason that only God can make things holy, you begin an intolerant campaign against me and my brethren, which campaign you carry on maliciously and without regard for the rights of the people. Simultaneously the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses starts in the continents of Europe, Asia and Africa. Did this *happen?* or is it the carrying out of an order from the headquarters of your hierarchy? You were the first ones in America to report the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in Bavaria; and this for the very reason that it was incited and carried out by members of your intolerant organization.

It was at the instance of your organization that in June last twenty-nine innocent and faithful women citizens of New Jersey were arrested in Plainfield and thrown into prison, crowded into small and filthy cells, and required to stand up all night, and this because as Jehovah's witnesses they were calling at the homes of the people in this time of distress, and seeking to comfort them by directing them to the study of God's Word of truth. The arrest and imprisonment of those good and faithful women was not only intolerant, but was barbaric cruelty, wholly uncalled for in a civilized land. There was a time when the Protestant church organizations resented your oppressive methods; but in this evil day they have ceased to protest, and this makes you ever more bold in your persecution of the true followers of Christ Jesus.

APPROACHING STORM: From every quarter of the earth I see gathering together the hordes of Satan under the leadership of Gog, of which the Catholic hierarchy is the greatest visible part, and all of these marching on with the malicious purpose and intent to accomplish the destruction of Jehovah's witnesses. I know that already your hierarchy is seeking some apparent legal excuse to kill all of Jehovah's witnesses. I would be appalled and faint with sickness because of what I see is shortly coming upon the earth were it not for the fact that Jehovah has given His Word that He will smite the wicked oppressive organization and deliver His faithful people. Jehovah's witnesses must and will finish the work God has assigned to them. That witness work may be about done for the present; and when completed, then there shall come upon the world, as the Lord Jesus declares, "great tribulation, such as was not [known] since the beginning of the world."—Matthew 24:14-22.

The clergy of the Catholic hierarchy have assumed to be shepherds of the people and call themselves such, but they are not true shepherds;

hence Jehovah now says to them: "Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them." (Ezekiel 34:10) Jehovah then says that this shall be the plague wherewith He will smite those that have fought against His organization: "Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth." (Zechariah 14:12) Jehovah God will exercise His power in the interest of the poor and oppressed people: "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor." —Psalm 72:4.

Now, gentlemen, I have said nothing here in malice, but have written these lines wholly in the interest of truth and righteousness. I have called your attention to the Scriptures as well as to the facts, and every one who honestly serves God wants to be judged according to the Scriptures and the facts. "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." (2 Corinthians 5:10) You have received notice, and when standing before that judgment seat of Christ, who is the great Judge, you can never be heard to say that you *ignorantly* opposed the proclamation of the message of God's kingdom which is now being carried to the people by Jehovah's witnesses. I think you have heretofore received a copy of the *Kingdom* booklet; but, that there may be no mistake, I am sending each of you a copy, under separate cover, with my compliments.

You and other clergymen whom you represent have declined my kind invitation to come forth in the open and discuss the truth, that the people might hear and judge. You have thus prevented them from hearing the truth. You prefer to resort to coercion, gag and bludgeon methods to thus keep them in ignorance. You have received fair notice. Now you must take the responsibility.

Respectfully,

(The *Kingdom* booklet which Judge Rutherford mentions above, presenting a copy thereof to each of the Catholic newspaper editors with his compliments, was served on all the clergymen, politicians, big business men and military and naval commanders of "Christendom", and has had an unprecedented circulation among the general public in more than forty languages. *The Kingdom the Hope of the World* is but one of fourteen attractive booklets, of 64 pages each, containing select radio lectures delivered by Judge Rutherford.—*Editorial Note*)

Here, There and Everywhere

Augustine Island Disappears

FOLLOWING about a hundred violent earthquake shocks, Augustine island, Alaska, twenty miles long and five miles broad, disappeared. It is thought several trappers disappeared with it.

The National Wealth

THE national wealth in 1928 was estimated at $360,000,000,000, of which one-fourth was in the hands of two hundred corporations. About two thousand directors control about one-half the corporate wealth.

Taxes per Capita

FOR city government the taxpayer now pays more than ten times as much as he did one hundred years ago; for state government, twenty-nine times as much; and for federal government, nineteen times as much.

Wages Less than Carfare

NINETY-FOUR cents was the munificent pay received by a Buffalo girl from the Bernard Dress Company of that city for 54½ hours of work. Her carfare was not quite covered by her pay-check.

The Sales Tax in Illinois

THE first operation of a 3-percent sales tax in Illinois was to cause some merchants to collect a 1c tax on a 5c purchase. This is six and two-thirds times as much as the law permits or requires.

Bones of 100 Mastodons

BONES of a hundred mastodons have been unearthed in New York state, and some fifteen mammoths; besides, J. P. Morgan, Charles E. Mitchell and some of our greatest mammoths are not even dead yet.

Bone Conduction of Sound

ELECTRIC vibrators, fastened to the forehead or other parts of the cranium, now enable totally deaf persons to receive oral instruction, music or other sounds from the teacher, with whose loud-speaker they are connected by wire.

Telephone Britain to India

BRITAIN now has regular telephone service to India. The part of the chain covered by wireless is 4,300 miles; the balance is covered by land lines. The Dutch have had telephonic communication from The Netherlands to Java for several years.

Municipal Ownership Aids Unemployed

THE Los Angeles Municipal Utilities have been able to extend help to the unemployed and to hungry schoolchildren. Since July 1, 1931, the department has transferred from its revenue funds to the city general fund for various charity agencies the total sum of $455,000.

Public Utilities Have Not Become Cheaper

WHILE the prices of practically all other things used by the average family have dropped considerably during the past three years, public utilities (telephone service, gas and electricity) in New York city have maintained their 1929 level.

The Penalty for Prominence

HOLLYWOOD movie stars, in many cases, find it necessary to employ guards to watch their children and prevent abduction. Threatening letters come frequently, and it is best to be on the safe side. Such dangers tend to offset the advantages of riches.

Beneath the Dead Sea

AN AIRMAN flying over the southern part of the Dead sea reports having seen a city beneath its waters. It is conjectured that this is one of the five cities of the plain overthrown at the time of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Tough on Rogers

A JACKSONVILLE pastor, realizing that he had nothing to give the people, placed a radio on the pulpit and had his audience first listen to Will Rogers. He put on his own show afterward. It seems not to have occurred to him what a dirty trick he was playing on Rogers.

Victim of the Depression

BISHOP WILLIAM T. MANNING, of the Cathedral of St. John, New York city, has had his pay cut. He used to receive $15,000 a year, but will now receive only $12,000. It is reported that the bishop accepts the misfortune with resignation.

New Cardinals Pay Funeral Costs

NEWLY appointed cardinals always pay $500 cash in advance for their funerals. This sum is kept in the Vatican treasury and insures the contributor's moving out of this world in grand style, regardless of where he lands.

All the Conferences Have Failed

ALL the international conferences which have been held since the World War have failed, and there have been several hundred of them.

A committee of ten senators and seventy-five representatives urged President Roosevelt to send "Father" Coughlin of Detroit as a special adviser to the economic conference which began June 12 at London. Now why do you suppose they did it?

Detroit Free Press Gets After Coughlin

"FATHER" COUGHLIN, of Detroit, has had a lot to say over the air about the unwisdom of those who plunged in the stock market and lost thousands, and then the Detroit *Free Press* was mean enough to give the facts and figures to show that Coughlin not only had done that very thing, but had done it with money that was contributed for charitable purposes. The *Press* denounces Coughlin as a hypocrite and demagogue, a financial Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

World of Fast Motion

THE world of fast motion is now wide open to the scientist. Pictures taken at the rate of 6,300 a second give fullest details of just what happens in the flight of birds or insects or the rapid operation of machinery of any kind. Two suitcases hold all the apparatus required.

The Anglo-Persian Oil Agreement

UNDER the new Anglo-Persian oil agreement Persia will get four shillings for each ton of oil extracted, irrespective of world prices, and her annual receipts must never sink below £750,000 per annum. The area allotted to Anglican exploitation has been considerably reduced.

California School Buildings

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA is going to try to find out just why it was that so many comparatively new school buildings in the major quake area collapsed while all other modern structures stood. Looks as if they had the wrong architect or building inspector, or both.

Glasgow Students Will Not Bear Arms

STUDENTS of Glasgow University, following the example set by those of the Oxford Union and Manchester University, decided by a vote of 634 to 568 that they will not bear arms. A thousand women students who were present at the meeting were not allowed to vote on the question.

Only Way to Bring Them to Terms

WM. GREEN, president of the American Federation of Labor, says, "We cannot organize the workers in some of the mills in the South because the employers discharge them immediately when they organize, they drive them out, they discriminate against them, they eject them from their homes, and they terrorize them."

A Third of Brain Removed

TWENTY months ago a young woman of Cleveland, right-handed and therefore using only the left side of her brain, had the right hemisphere of her brain removed. It has left her with complete loss of sense of position of the left arm and leg, and the sense of heat and sensitiveness to touch on that side of the body is also impaired, but no change is discernible in personality or intellectual abilities.

British Imprisonment for Debt

IN ONE year 23,844 persons were sent to prison in Britain for the nonpayment of money. There were never fewer than 1,350 such persons in prison during that period, and the cost to the State of their maintenance was £69,000. This amount was apart from prison upkeep, the salaries of officials, and other relevant expenses.

Roosevelt's Inflation Policy

ROOSEVELT favors inflation. In everyday language, that means that you will get less, considerably less, for your dollar, with no very definite assurance that you will have more dollars to make up for the shortage caused by the lower value of the number of dollars you have been getting.

Postal Deficit

THE postal deficit has averaged a hundred million dollars a year for the past six years. This deficit was paralleled by, and may be charged to, the loss on second-class mail and in some measure to free mail sent out by the government. The low rates on second-class matter are in the nature of a subsidy designed to promote the wide circulation of newspapers and periodicals as media of education.

A Thirty-Hour Week

IT IS confidently expected that the enactment of a thirty-hour work-week law will result in giving employment to 6,000,000 unemployed. This arrangement would result in increased leisure for millions of workers. If wisely employed this leisure time would tend to raise the material and cultural status of the people. Not less work, but better work, more work and better paid work, is the need. There is plenty of work to be done in this world.

Crime Wave in the Riviera

THE big criminals that run the gambling joints at Nice and Monte Carlo are shocked because a night watchman stole a pay roll left in his care, another cleaned 150,000 francs out of the safe, and another swiped the winning ticket of the Spanish lottery. Moreover, worst of all, six professional gamblers employed by one of the casinos got their heads together and by a conspiracy cleaned out their employer to the extent of 10,000,000 francs. It makes a man feel so sad that he feels like saying Ha! Ha!

Setback to German-made Goods

RESENTMENT against the Hitler government has made it hard to sell in America goods bearing the familiar mark, "Made in Germany." As a consequence, buyers are turning to Japan, Czechoslovakia, Holland and England for many of the articles hitherto obtained in Germany.

American Air Service in Argentina

THE American air service in Argentina has become so reliable that the president of Argentina has returned the performance bond, on the proved ability and efficiency of the American company. The travel time between Buenos Aires and the United States has been cut to seven days.

Home, Sweet Home

FIFTY mothers, some carrying tiny babies, came to Washington by bus to campaign for an amendment to the administration's home mortgage refinancing bill, lowering interest rates from 5 to 3 percent. While waiting in the executive office lobby they sang "Home, Sweet Home".

London Loses Some of Its Rum

LONDON lost some of its rum the other day when flames from a lumber yard spread to a dock whereon was stored rum of the value of $45,000,000. The rum, all but 200 barrels of it, burned, the docks burned, and even the water around the docks was a mass of liquid fire, and burned a little more quickly than it would have done if poured down British necks and into British stomachs. Probably the rum did less harm the way it went than it would have done in the way it was intended to go.

Morgan Mezzanine Clients

WHEN Johns-Manville stock was selling at about 78 in the market, the Morgan family and intimate friends were awarded 340,385 shares at a price of 47½, and a group of what were termed mezzanine floor clients were awarded 57,580 shares at 57½. They had nothing to complain of, as they got the stock at $20 a share under the market value, but it must have made them feel peculiar when they discovered that six times as much stock as was awarded to them went at a price $10 less. The dear public is the final paymaster.

They Walk On in Darkness

SEVERAL heads of railroads have been vigorous in their demands that union wages must be lowered. They seek a 25-percent reduction. All the executives will continue to receive their inordinately high salaries; and this is entirely in keeping with the way in which Satan's organization is run.

Homicide in Mississippi

IN 1932 there were 97 white men and women killed in Mississippi; 76 by whites and 10 by colored persons, and 11 whose slayers were unknown. There were 370 colored persons murdered: 292 by other colored persons, 58 by whites, and 20 by unknown slayers. Both races seem to keep to themselves.

Katy Locomotive No. 377

THE Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway locomotive No. 377, operating on a regular passenger run between San Antonio and Kansas City, since 1927 has run a total distance of more than 410,000 miles without undergoing a general overhauling. This is as far as to the moon and three-fourths of the way back.

God's Bible School, Cincinnati

GOD'S BIBLE SCHOOL, 1810 Young street, Cincinnati, Ohio, offers tea, coffee, vanilla, sandwich spread, mayonnaise, Thousand Island dressing, French dressing, egg noodles, shell macaroni, salt, seven kinds of brooms, mops, pens and pencils, birthday cards, Easter cards, mottoes and stationery, and is willing to make suits, topcoats, overcoats and extra trousers. Just why the word "God" or "Bible" or "School" should be used in connection with this proposition is something not made clear. Supposedly, it helps sales.

Too Long, Too Long, Too Long

REVEREND DOCTOR CHARLES F. BANNING, pastor of the Richmond Hill Baptist church, Queens, N. Y., is reported in the New York *Times* as having said: "Too long the church has stood outside the door of the laboratory waiting for a few crumbs of faith. Too long the church has stood in the market-place holding out its hat for a few pennies, without asking how those pennies were gained. Too long we ministers have been 'yes men' to science and business. It is time we declared the whole system is unchristian."

Effect of the Movies

CRITICAL studies of the movies show that when children go the chances are four out of five that they will be entertained with dramas of love, crime, sex or war, and that the things which they see have a profound influence on youthful conduct, leading to delinquency and crime.

Power of the House of Morgan

SOME idea of the power of the house of Morgan may be gleaned from the fact that members of the banking firm are directors of eighty-nine corporations and banks, including railways, public utilities and insurance companies, with total assets of more than twenty billion dollars.

Winter Sports in Germany

AT ONE place in Germany, the Zugspitze, in the Bavarian Alps, one may glide on skis for twenty miles, meantime gradually descending 7,000 feet, or about one foot of drop in every sixteen feet of slide. An electric line carries the people to a comfortable hotel only 1,000 feet from the summit. Thousands of people often visit the summit in one day, 14,000 tickets having been issued in one morning in February.

Uncle Sam's Credit Still Good

WHEN Uncle Sam wanted to borrow $400,000,000 for ten months at three-fourths of one percent, the big fellows offered him six times as much, and when he wanted to borrow $500,000,000 for five years at 2-7/8 percent, he was offered six and one-half times as much as he needed. This was despite the fact that the new issues do not contain the clause that they are payable in gold.

Governor Pinchot Is Right

GOVERNOR PINCHOT says that no state can afford to allow employers to pay 15-year-old girls as little as 30 cents wages per week. He urges action on the following measures: (1) establishment of old age pensions; (2) a system of compulsory unemployment insurance; (3) a minimum wage for women and minors; (4) limitation of working hours; (5) a more stringent prohibition of child labor, including ratification of the child labor amendment to the Federal Constitution. The governor seems to realize that the people need protection from conscienceless profiteers.

"It's an Easy Racket"

IN PHILADELPHIA a bogus Catholic priest, Daniel Gavigan, was given three months in the House of Correction, but as he was led away he said to detectives, "It's an easy racket, one of the best ways I know to make a living." Wait till they get to leading the rest of them away, and then you will hear something. The racket is just as easy for the ones not yet caught as it is for the one that was jailed. They all lived together.

Ten Italian Children Slain by Serums

AT LEAST ten Italian children were slain on or about May 1 by having antitoxin injected into their veins. The Therapic Institute, at Naples, where the antitoxin was administered, has been closed, and a general suspension of vaccinations has been ordered throughout Italy. Meantime New York's hard-pressed taxpayers continue to advertise these serums, and the blood streams of their children continue open to these invasions.

On the Morgan Favor List

ON THE favor list of the Morgan company, entitled to receive new issues of stock at less than their market value, were John J. Raskob, Newton D. Baker and William G. McAdoo, of the democratic party chiefs, and Calvin Coolidge, Charles Francis Adams, Charles D. Hilles, Norman H. Davis, C. N. Bliss and Joseph R. Nutt, of the republican party chiefs. The house of Morgan also had the present secretary of the treasury, William H. Woodin, on the list.

Boycotting the Chicago Fair

THE American Federation of Teachers has received resolutions from scores of teacher organizations in every part of the country stating that they will boycott the Chicago World's Fair because Chicago's teachers have not been paid their wages. It is claimed that the teachers have not been given an even break with other public employees in the matter of partial payment of back salaries. The Chicago teachers have over $30,000,000 due them. They have staged demonstrations and parades in order to get their pay and have been successful in frightening the authorities into getting together some money for partial payment. San Francisco teachers voted unanimously that they would not attend the fair unless or until Chicago teachers are paid in full.

The Church Is Sick

"THE church today is like a sick patient; it needs to undergo an operation," declared Rev. Frederick H. Bone, of the Delavan Avenue Baptist church, Buffalo. "The church has a fever," he further stated, "and its voice throughout the world has dropped to a whisper." Someone should break the news to the pastor that the church is afflicted with leprosy, and that nothing can cure "Organized Christianity".

Motor Train for Union Pacific

IMPRESSED by the loss of passenger travel to buses and airplanes, the Union Pacific Railroad is having built a train of three cars, hinged together, with one truck between each two cars, which it is hoped to drive by motor at a speed of 110 miles an hour. The train will be constructed of stainless steel or aluminum alloys and weigh all told no more than one Pullman sleeping car. The train will be streamlined, and at first will run only by daylight.

Well Said

PRESIDENT ANGELL, of Yale, speaking on behalf of Fisk University, for Negroes, said, "If history has taught us one thing more conclusively than any other, it is that one cannot permit any segment of a population to be snubbed, ill-treated and deprived of opportunity, without having the bill come back home to be paid a thousandfold, at the hands of the group which indulges in that kind of ungenerous treatment."

There are 21,000 Negro college graduates in America today.

Smith and O'Brien Look Well in Pants

ALFRED E. SMITH, one-time candidate for president on the Roman Catholic ticket, and John O'Brien, mayor of New York city, are shown in a picture with Cardinal Hayes and a person described as the Most Reverend Cicognani, papal delegate to Washington. Smith and O'Brien both look well in pants. We are not certain how they would look without them. Hayes and Cicognani were dressed in skirts. They do not look well, even though they have bonnets and all to match. We do not know how they would look in pants, and, honestly, we would rather not have to look to see. Seems as if the pope should overhaul his dressmaking department and encourage these cardinals and delegates to adopt the dress of other male adults.

Talcum Powder on Hams Not a Success

AN ITALIAN shipped 111 barrels of hams into France, all nicely packed in talcum; he labeled them as talcum. The French customs authorities thought 111 barrels of talcum to one man was a good many, so they opened one of the barrels for luck and found the hams. And so the Italian lost both his hams and his talcum. Talcum is all right to sprinkle on little folks in hot weather, but on big hams, and by the barrel, mercy, no!

Another "Religious Test" Case

TO THE Jew non-kosher meat is very irreligious. Imagine the embarrassment of Ben Branfman, secretary of the biggest kosher provision manufacturers in New York, when two Department of Health employees, three Department of Agriculture operatives and two orthodox rabbis found him supervising the receipt of non-kosher briskets of beef. We do not know how Ben explained the presence of the excommunicated briskets. Perhaps he didn't.

Mrs. Buck Ought to Know

FOR many years a missionary in China, Mrs. Pearl S. Buck lost her job as such, but not till after she had said: "I can never have done with my apologies to the Chinese people that in the name of a gentle Christ we have sent such people to them. We have sent ignorant people; we have sent mediocre people, we have sent arrogant people, we have sent superstitious people who have taught superstitious creeds and theories and have made the lives of hungry-hearted people wretched and more sad."

Immune to the Real Thing

IN AN address at James Memorial Chapel, Reverend Doctor John Baillie, of Union Theological Seminary, said:

"We have inoculated our society with a minute dose of Christianity and thus rendered ourselves immune to the real thing. Christianity has not had a fair chance in 2,000 years. That which has been on trial all these years is not Christianity at all. The experiment of living in the Christian way has not been made, and until it is we just don't know anything about it. The criticisms of Christianity no doubt are true enough of that which has been passing for Christianity. Perhaps the world no longer persecutes Christians because there are no longer any Christians. Ask the man who dares to say that the Christian way has become easy if he has ever tried it."

Cold Comfort for Evolutionists

THE evolutionists comfort one another coldly. Thus Dean Inge says: "Our jaws are getting narrower. We are becoming balder. Possibly our sight and hearing are not so good as those of the savage. Certainly our sense of smell is less and we are losing our claws and fur." And he might have added that besides all these sorrows we have evolutionist clergymen who have discredited and defamed the helpless chimpanzees.

Church Property Seized in Spain

THE Cortes of Spain have formally approved of the seizure by the government of all Catholic church property in Spain, estimated as worth at least $500,000,000. This includes all churches, episcopal palaces, rectories, seminaries, and all their ornaments, pictures and other such objects in them. The people paid for these in the first place and are now repossessing themselves of them. On April 23 women voted in Spain for the first time.

The Taste for Ice Cream

THE taste for ice cream fades somewhat before the findings of Consumers Research, Inc., that besides pure cream, fruit flavor, milk and sugar, the ingredients are also not infrequently dried egg white, dried skim milk, gelatine, artificial color and artificial flavor, all whipped or puffed with air to expand the "ice cream" to double the original volume. Returns of old creams are worked into the chocolates. Bacillus coli are plentiful in even the most expensive creams.

Harvey Not Appreciated

"REV." W. B. HARVEY, chairman of the United Forces for Prohibition in Knoxville, was attacked on the floor of the Tennessee state senate because he was reported as having stated that the beer bill could not have passed by the majority it did "without the senate being bought". Said Harvey, "It must have been money that bought them out." Senator John Brown, from Shelby, remarked, "I don't know the Rev. W. B. Harvey—and I thank God for that. I am not very hot on preachers of any kind." Another senator said, "I want to say that if this gentleman will lay down the legal sword and take up the sword of the Spirit, he'll do much more good for humanity in his field of activity."

Radio Waves from Milky Way

SCIENTISTS of Bell Telephone Laboratories report mysterious radio waves coming to them from the middle of the milky way, but do not know what these wild waves are saying. Remembering something of the way telephone rates went up and stayed up when everything else was coming down, we can't help but wonder if the wild waves were telling them to raise the rates again and they didn't just have the nerve yet to try to put the deal across.

No "Religious" Test

A LAW has been passed in Colorado making it unlawful to apply a religious test to applicants for the position of school-teacher. In some quarters there had been discrimination against Catholic applicants. New York has a similar law. It seems the discrimination against Catholics is based upon the position that they owe allegiance to a foreign potentate, the pope, who is not only a religious or ecclesiastical supervisor, but also a temporal sovereign, ruler of Vatican State.

The Depression in Pittsburgh

THE twelve largest banks in Pittsburgh paid more than 22 percent dividends for 1932. In the same year, in the same city, unemployment relief was limited to 90 cents per individual per week. Men who were unemployed for some months were so weak from undernourishment that they could work only a few hours when they got the chance. In the same year Andrew Mellon's Aluminum Company of America gave its preferred stockholders $4,417,875 in dividend checks.

Uses of a Chaplain

IN AN article in the *Army and Navy Journal* Colonel Julian E. Yates, chief of chaplains, says in part:

"The chaplain is an indispensable factor in the military service from every standpoint. Strategists like to appraise him in terms of military advantage. Some commanders go so far as to say of him, 'We count our chaplain as good as a hundred men in a fight, because the men fight so much better when he's with them.' "

We have also heard it said that a soldier fights better when he is partly drunk, but are not sure if that proves anything. Anyway, it seems that the chaplains are rated high as gore-spillers.

Gog Busy in Australia

AN ITEM from an Australian paper dated May 21 "provides that no person shall distribute any printed or typed or written matter whatsoever unless authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Police". This holds good in the Sydney domain. The people are still allowed to breathe without getting a permit from the commissioner, but how much longer that will be permitted before the clergy or other interested persons undertake its suspension is a matter of guesswork.

World Bankruptcy in Sight

THE world has just as much available raw material as before, its crops are larger than ever, it has millions of willing but unemployed workers, it lacks nothing whatever to make mankind comfortable, happy and prosperous. But Secretary Hull says that the world as a whole will gravitate toward bankruptcy unless something can be done. He is right. The most prosperous business is bound to be wrecked when run by obstinate, blind and inveterate fools.

New York Edison Company

WHEN the Retail Dry Goods Association of New York sought better rates from the New York Edison Company, it came out in the hearings that the administrative employees' salaries are 40 percent higher this year than last, but the rank and file of employees have had to take what amounted to an 8⅓ percent cut in pay. This general system of raising the big fellows and cutting the little ones seems to run all through present American business methods. How does that system appeal to you?

Facts in Hitler's Career

ADOLPH HITLER was born and lived in a small Austrian village, Branau, whence came several of the world's prominent spirit mediums, among them Willy and Rudy Schneider. Erik Jan Hanussen, one of Europe's best known clairvoyants, years ago predicted the rise of Hitler to power. Hanussen's real name was Steinschneider; he is said to have been of Jewish extraction. His bullet-riddled body was found in the woods early in April. In the pockets of Ivar Kreuger were receipts signed by Hitler himself, showing that Kreuger furnished some of the funds used by him in his rise to power.

How Mill Owners Fight Unions

THE secretary for the Central Labor Union at High Point, N. C., was recently kidnaped, taken six miles into the country, beaten with a rubber hose, bound and forced to swallow a quart of castor oil, by agents of the textile mill owners. The "castor oil treatment" is popular with the Mussolini régime, and makes the victim deathly sick. The Union official recognized one of the terrorists and also noted the license number of one of the kidnapers' automobiles, and so informed the authorities. The authorities, however, were afraid to take action.

Liverpool's New Cathedral

LIVERPOOL is a great city in which there are many homeless, and many more housed in dwellings that are unfit for human habitation. It is about to have one of the most magnificent Roman Catholic cathedrals ever erected. The Liverpool *Post and Mercury* tells of the preparations for laying the corner stone. First a bishop blesses salt and water, then mixes them and sprinkles the place where the altar will stand, while the choir sings one Latin song and one Latin psalm. Then the bishop prays and blesses the first stone. Then there are a number of invocations and two more prayers. Then the stone is sprinkled with "holy water". Then a cross is scratched on each of its six sides. Then the bishop prays. Then the litanies are sung. Then the bishop prays. Then the corner stone is carried to the place where it is to be lowered. Then another Latin psalm is sung. Then the bishop puts his hand on the stone and says that he is about to set it. Then the stone is lowered. Then it is sprinkled with "holy water". Then the bishop blesses the foundations. Then he sprinkles "holy water" around the entire site, but he halts twice on the way to say special prayers. Meantime the choir sings two more Latin psalms. Then the bishop prays. Then another Latin song is sung. Then the bishop prays twice more and finally imparts his blessing. We don't know just what is included under the numerous invocations and the unstated number of litanies, but somehow, in spite of the two songs, four psalms, four blessings, four sprinklings, six crosses and nine prayers, we don't feel quite easy about this thing. Will the new cathedral, which will be built with money wrung from the poor, be a haven for the homeless and moneyless? Looks as if the bishop himself did not feel quite sure, else why so many prayers?

Loss of Revenue Causes Terrible Immorality (?)

THE Brooklyn *Tablet* expresses grave concern over conditions in Mexico. It seems that the Catholic youth, and in fact the people in general, being temporarily deprived of the "religious worship" of the Catholic church, are turning to all kinds of nameless vices. Evidently the "religious instruction" these youths received from the priests before the latter persecuted themselves out of the country was not of the lasting kind. When the cat is away, the mice will play. Or it may be that the "religious instructors" of the Mexican people have suddenly become exceedingly sensitive to "immoralities" which before were passed over with indulgence. No doubt the American public will know how to take the propaganda which the Catholic church succeeds in getting into the papers, and which is made particularly amusing in its own publications.

Vatican Trying to Sell Gambling Stock

THE most disgraceful gambling joint on earth is that at Monte Carlo, in which the Vatican owns a controlling interest. Business for some time has been bad. American suckers have been few and parsimonious. Not long ago a night watchman stole a pay roll left in his care, another cleaned 150,000 francs out of the safe, and another swiped the winning ticket of the Spanish lottery. All this was hard enough on a poor old man like Ambrose, but the climax came when six professional gamblers that he depended on for his profits got their heads together and cleaned out the head of their establishment to the extent of 10,000,000 francs. This was half of last year's profits. Scores of the losers at Monte Carlo suicide on the grounds every year. At last accounts the Vatican was trying to unload its gambling stock on a British duke and a British newspaper magnate. All this is very distressing, coming so soon, you know, after the old man had tapped open the 'Holy Door' with the 'Holy Gold Hammer', and after Judge Rutherford had challenged him to select his best man to debate the question that Ambrose represents on earth his highness the great big sure-enough Devil himself. Meantime the "Holy Year" is getting under way in good shape. Mussolini has served notice that he prefers that the ambassador from the United States to Italy shall not be a Roman Catholic. Motion-picture records are being made of all the principal events of the "Holy Year".

No Way to Look but Up

IN AN appealing cartoon the Nashville *Tennessean* compares the spirit of 1928 with that of 1933. The 1928 man is insanely rushing after the mirage of the $ sign ahead of him, not seeing the chasm into which he is about to plunge. In he goes, into a great pit labeled "The Depression". Stunned and bruised, he gropes along the wall of his circular prison, finding no way of escape. Finally he does the only thing left to do. He looks up, no longer aspiring to see the almighty dollar, but to see the hand of the Almighty Father, which alone can lift him out. The title of the cartoon is "When We're at the Bottom There's No Way to Look but Up".

School-Teachers Attend Mass

WHY a special mass for public school teachers as such should be considered necessary by the Roman church is not altogether clear, but it seems to justify the opposition many Americans show to the idea of having Catholics teach in the public schools. There was an attendance of 1500 of these teachers at the ninth annual mass held for their special benefit in the St. Augustine church, Brooklyn. These teachers are reported as interested in "the religious instruction of public school children". The pope, as is well known, is hostile to public schools. Then why a special mass for Catholic public school teachers?

Events of Spanish Interest

SPAIN is much in the public eye. By a vote in the Cortes of 278 to 50 no teaching may be done by the 80,000 monks and nuns, after this year. The $500,000,000 of churches and church treasures was nationalized. The pope excommunicated everybody, and everybody was glad he did. The Socialist ambassador to Germany was recalled by request, and when a German ship came into Barcelona harbor flying the Nazi swastika emblem, the Spaniards refused to unload it. Alfonso wired his son not to marry the girl of his choice, and told him if he did he could never be king of Spain, but his mother also wired him and told him to go right ahead, for the king business is up anyway, and the son obeyed his mother. Alfonso insists on proving to all Spaniards that the people of the country made no mistake when they chased him over the Pyrenees. The Roman Catholic church hopes to put him back on the throne; and that shows that they haven't any more sense than he has.

A Clever Arrangement

IT HAPPENED in Sofia, Bulgaria. A school inspector was going his rounds. He was much impressed by one class of scholars. When teacher asked a question they all held up their hands, without exception, and the one called upon to answer invariably answered correctly. The teacher received the inspector's commendation with a blush, explaining that the children who knew the answers held up the right hand; those who did not know, the left. Only children who raised the right hand were called upon for answers.

"Distress of Nations with Perplexity"

THE *Sunday School Times*, which, as much as any paper we know of, has resisted and does resist the establishment of God's kingdom as the one hope of the world, has recently published a series of articles admitting that we are now living in the times of which Jesus spoke in which He said there would be "distress of nations with perplexity". The *Times* suggests that the word "perplexity" seems to signify "without trade", and the word does have that significance, but an examination of the word seems to indicate that it also conveys the thought that there is "no way out"; in other words, Armageddon is sure to come, and all hopes of deliverance by any other route are vain. This is in accord with the statement of the prophet, "The shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape."—Jeremiah 25:35.

Insurance Company Salary Increases

DURING the three years of the depression, within which three years the great life insurance companies have had much assistance from the federal and the various state governments, the salary of the president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society was increased by $25,000 a year, the salary of the president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company was increased $25,000 a year, the salary of the president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company was increased $25,000 a year, and the salary of the president of the New York Life Insurance Company was increased $25,000 a year. But you will be interested to know that the wages of the clerks and the little fellows generally were cut about 15 percent. The great minds that have got America where she now is must be taken care of, no matter what happens to the common people.

The System by Which Erie Is Robbed

THE system by which the people of the city of Erie, Pennsylvania, are robbed is that the Erie Lighting Company is owned by the Pennsylvania Electric Company, which is a subsidiary of the Pennsylvania Electric Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Associated Electric Company, which is a subsidiary of the Associated Gas and Electric Corporation, which is a subsidiary of the Associated Gas and Electric Company. By the time the Erie householder has paid all the rake-offs, his electricity costs him about 70 percent more than is regularly paid by the householder in the near-by town of Ashtabula.

Machine Guns for the Hungry

IT IS best for the 15,000,000 in the United States that are out of work not to get hungry, or at least not to get too impatient if they do get hungry. Troops have been shifted so as to be instantly available in case of trouble in any of the great centers of population, or mining or industrial areas. The way the shift became known was when the storekeepers in the old army centers found their trade was gone and complained to their congressmen. The new method of distribution of troops is called the "Black" plan. Radicals have been weeded out of the army and if trouble starts anywhere there will be numerous funerals.

Nazi Revolution in Germany

CONCERNING the Nazi revolution in Germany, Frederick T. Birchall, in a wireless dispatch to the New York *Times* said:

"The biggest thing in the recent German happenings has not been the political overturn so skillfully brought about in the election of last March, but the political and social revolution that has been accomplished since. Within six short weeks the entire face of Germany has been wiped clean as with a sponge and new features have been written thereon; the whole social, economic, educational and governmental system has been swept away and a new and untried system administered by new and inexperienced directors has been substituted. Nothing in previous revolutionary history has been quite like it. It has been accomplished with untold hardship and suffering, to which thousands of decent, patriotic citizens bereft of place and employment, thousands of political opponents now penned in barbed-wire concentration camps and condemned to hard labor as a penalty for their opposition, and fewer thousands self-exiled to escape the terrors of the new régime can testify."

Samuel Rothstein Runs Away Again

SAMUEL ROTHSTEIN, 104 years of age, has run away again. This is the third time that he has collected his things and sneaked out of the Home of Old Israel. Once he was out when the thermometer showed 88 degrees. He went in swimming with some younger boys and had to be pulled out. This last time he was out five hours. He stepped into a synagogue, and the rabbi wormed it out of him that he was a runaway; and that is how they got him. Samuel is a good boy usually. The only thing about him is that he will run away.

You Cannot Blame the Boys

THIS year there are just twice as many boy criminals in New York city as last year. "Juvenile delinquency is increasing," said District Attorney Thomas C. T. Crain. "Youth is the most persistent violator of law. The need for the development in the young of moral fiber was never more urgent than now." All this talk about moral fiber is so much ballyhoo. Children and grown-ups act upon what they believe. Having wrong, misleading and superstitious ideas presented to them by word and example, it is not surprising that they follow the course they do.

The Radio Announcer and the Chief Justice

A RATHER comical incident happened in Washington on March 4. Chief Justice Hughes, with hand upraised and ready to administer the oath of office to Mr. Roosevelt, had to wait until the radio announcer Edwin C. Hill had announced to all the world what the chief justice was doing, or rather what he was about to do. It is the first time a chief justice of the Supreme Court and an incoming president, a dictator at that, have had to wait until a radio announcer had finished with his spiel. But so is the world in which we live today. Argentina, Australia and Europe reported clear reception.

National Wealth of the United States

THE National Industrial Conference Board estimated that the national wealth of the United States in 1920 was $488,700,000,000; in 1929 it was $362,000,000,000, and in 1932 it was $247,000,000,000. These estimates do not consider stocks and bonds, but are estimates of the value of the physical assets upon which the stocks and bonds are based.

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The Sacrosanct Clergy of Canada

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In Two Parts — **Part 2**

PELICAN NARROWS is about equally divided between two creeds, but the Catholics get at least 90 percent of the government rations. What little the Protestants get from "Father" Guilloux is always wrapped up in humiliation, taunting rebuke, or pleas to change their religion.

Some of the Indians do change in the end, although the matter of provisions is not always the deciding factor, for the Protestant Indians often envy their Catholic cousins, as the latter have a high priest in constant attendance. The Anglicans also bring pressure to bear upon the Indians where they happen to have the upper hand, for government graft and a physical hell are the common tool of both creeds in the North.

The Church Graft Structure

The Indian Department has built many boarding schools throughout the Canadian West and the Northwest. These schools have cost great sums, and were built for the ostensible purpose of educating the Indians. But when the schools were turned over to the churches, the Indian's hope for an education was completely crushed. The churches fill these schools with self-appointed tools of ignorance and bigotry, at a profit to the church and in the interest of perpetuating creeds at government expense.

In the past the Indians were taught nothing but religion, while slight improvements have been noted lately, due to political unrest in a socially progressive West. But, on the whole, gross mismanagement continues unchallenged by a conscienceless government which is centered in the conservative and church-ridden East.

The Indian Department openly disregards the welfare of its charges, and political jobbery reaches its maximum stench in the Indian Department. The political support of churches is of far greater importance than the mere welfare of Indians, and thus the church graft structure is left undisturbed for the most part.

Chief Long Lance, a Cree Indian writer who received his education at Carlisle, was the only Canadian who ever brought Indian school conditions before the public. He had to be content with a much censored press report on the Indian church schools.

He stated that the school inspectors themselves were less to blame than the political heelers who got the Indian agency appointments, while the political government always turned a deaf ear to criticisms, pleadings and exposures. School inspectors were provincial civil servants, responsible to the provincial rather than dominion government. These inspectors often turned in scathing indictments, while their reports were acknowledged, filed away, and conveniently forgotten.

Various financial arrangements and accommodations are in force between the Indian department and church organizations. Subsidizing missionaries in various localities under the pretense of calling them school-teachers is one form, while Mr. Settee and his Montreal Lake school will serve as an example of this type of graft. Elsewhere, as, for instance, Pelican Narrows, Stanley, Red Earth, etc., missionaries or student divines were subsidized during the summer months under pretext of conducting schools.

"By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them"

In civilized communities it has been found necessary to train men and women specifically as school-teachers. Those who would teach the Indians should be qualified teachers in the first place, and should receive special training besides, for savages present problems peculiar to themselves, as a matter of course.

But instead of being qualified in any way as teachers, the missionaries and students selected by mission societies and endorsed by the Indian

Department are usually unfit, both by temperament and by training, to function as instructors of any sort. They are trained to mutter a church rigmarole, and explore a single verse in the Bible to tiresome depths, usually succeeding in befuddling their hearers and confusing themselves.

Their responsibility, such as it is, happens to be mission work rather than teaching, and their jobs depend on how acceptable they chance to be as missionaries. As teachers they can be, and always are, miserable failures, but it doesn't matter so long as they keep up the missionary end of things, even if the Indian Department does foot the bill for a camouflage teacher.

In the case of boarding schools, incompetence is carried to even worse extremes. The government usually pays the church $150 annually for each Indian "student", besides supplying and equipping buildings, and providing for many extras as well. The school year is ten months.

Some of the Indians stay over during holidays, especially if they are old enough to work, and a few are sent back to their villages for the summer months. In some schools the Indians are not permitted to leave until their sixteenth or eighteenth birthday, depending on the contract.

A Sinecure for Parasites

A hundred and fifty dollars each per year, besides many prerogatives that only a chartered accountant could unearth, so indirect are governments in this respect. The Indians do all the work, while "sisters" and "brothers" and "fathers", etc., etc., etc., make their happy homes in the schools, which are resplendent with private quarters and fancy chapels, and these parasites lead the life of medieval lords, with plenty of native servants at either elbow.

The Indian children are kept in the schools until they are eighteen, as a rule, and the older "students" are worked shamefully hard, receive no pay except for a tobacco allowance for the boys, while I don't know just what the older girls get; maybe chewing gum. Snuff is the prime favorite with the boys, who chew and spit as they work. And the conscienceless church prelates collect $150 per annum for each of the hard-working older boarders, who really earn their board and much more besides.

To some people a hundred and fifty dollars may not seem like a large sum, but the Catholic church schools most certainly pay handsome dividends to the central organization, even though the schools do support large numbers of pious "sisters", "brothers" and "fathers", besides a "mother superior" or two.

But the Indian students rustle for their keep, as I have seen the boys fishing in the dead of winter, thirty miles or more from the school, week after week, when they were supposed to be receiving an education. The "sisters", "brothers," "fathers" and etceteras do the supervising. The Indians do the work. The Indians cut the wood and haul it, milk the cows and grow the vegetables, clear the land and stump it, plough it, plant it and harvest it.

A Death Grip on the Public Teat

The Catholic institutions do not pay wages to their "sisters", "brothers," "fathers" and "mothers", and these individuals get their fun out of life as they know best, are well fed and clothed, with nothing to worry about, and plenty of servants to boss around. The Anglicans do pay wages, small as these wages are on the whole.

In Cranberry Portage, Manitoba, for instance, a munificent government allows a relief ration of $15 a month for a family of eleven. The same government pays the missions that much a month for a single Indian child, besides providing shelter, and the equipment which makes it possible for the child to earn his own keep!

The $15 a month in Cranberry covers whatever the family of eleven care to buy in the way of groceries, while fuel, light, housing and other incidentals are the concern of destitute persons, although the government gives clothing to the children in certain blue-printed cases.

In the light of comparison, the churches ought to be coining money, as the schools are almost always built just within the frontier, where fish and fuel, land and timber are handy, and the railroad is not too far away. Besides, prying eyes do not see too much in these isolated corners.

"Father" Guilloux, Breeder

When the Indians develop consumption, as they often do, the schools get rid of them in short order, sending them back north to spread the dread disease. A fourteen-year-old consumptive girl was sent back to Pelican Narrows. Her condition was such that the wonder was she lived, for the disease had affected her in the manner peculiar to certain stages of infection. That is, her physical actions were several moments behind her mental reactions. If her brain

said, "Get out of the way!" she was a second or two late in getting going. If her brain said, "Stop!" she was a second or two behind again, bumping into people, or continuing in a way that often made her smile foolishly. Yet there is no telling how long an Indian will linger, for I have smiled as traveling doctors solemnly confided their findings to me, telling how this or that Indian had but thirty days to live, while some of these consumptives are still alive after seven years.

Other Indians were described as having one lung affected, and the doctor thought it would take a year or more to complete the fatal inroads of this terrible disease, and such Indians, in two specific cases, died within sixty days, although they showed few exterior symptoms of the disease.

Yet within three months of her arrival in Pelican Narrows, while yet under fifteen years of age, the priest, our friend "Father" Guilloux, married this "galloping" consumptive to an eighteen-year-old boy, against the wishes and the knowledge of the boy's parents, who were away at the time.

Within a few months the girl was in a pregnant condition. I left Pelican Narrows about that time. I heard that she gave birth to a child and died, but do not know if the child lived.

The Art of the Spawner

Arthur Moran was discharged from the Cross Lake School with a tubercular gland at the approximate age of 16. After more than six years in the school, Arthur could not speak understandable English, and I had to beg him:

"Neehaathowan!" ("Speak Cree")

His writing was even worse, although he could draw his own name and I got so I could decipher the Cross Lake brand of penmanship and construction.

Through the efforts of Mr. Jan and myself, Arthur Moran was sent to a Prince Albert hospital, where the tubercular glands were treated. Arthur was in the hospital about twelve months, and came back once more, although he was not cured. But in those twelve months of association with white people, in an English-speaking nonsectarian hospital, Arthur learned to speak and write fluently, with nothing but his own ambition to urge him on!

"Father" Guilloux hired Arthur Moran to take him north on a trip to South Reindeer Lake. The priest got the boy away from his relatives, and in a strange country, for the boy had been absent so long that he knew no one in those parts. The priest set about finding Arthur a wife. He was going to mate the boy off as he would a canary. Arthur was girl shy, and came to me for advice. I told him there was only one thing to do.

"Then tell me," pleaded the boy.

"Tell 'Father' Guilloux to go to h——," I said.

"I will," promised Arthur. So the priest was out of luck, for Arthur drew mental courage from my presence and continued advice. Then I went back to Pelican Narrows, expecting that Arthur and the priest would follow shortly.

Piling Burdens on Children

Instead of that, the priest went to Rabbit River. Here he found a fifteen-year-old girl whom Arthur had never seen nor heard of. Before Arthur Moran knew it he was a married man! The girl was Solomon Macauly's daughter, and I doubt if she was fifteen, for I had seen her the summer before in short skirts, which is a pretty good indication of age in the north country and placed her under 14.

The marriage was an absurdity, and Arthur's father and mother both cried, damned the priest, wouldn't go to church for months, and wouldn't receive the girl for two years, until the grandchildren began to arrive. Arthur Moran had the clothes on his back, but didn't own his own dogs, a rifle, a trap or a canoe, nor was he trained to make a living in the North after spending six years in school cutting wood and grubbing gardens.

Girls under twenty-one drag four, five and six children about wherever they go, and young fathers have such broods to support before they are twenty-three, and never have a chance, with a growing family like that, to lay anything ahead with which to buy rifles and canoes. These are merely concrete examples of a general condition. What's the use of Canadians' pretending to be shocked over child marriages in India when the same thing is forced on Canadian Indians by so-called "white people"?

The Daughters of Magloire Benoni

Magloire Benoni was a Chippewaian who trapped around Swan River on Reindeer lake. He was a good trapper and excellent provider. I stayed in Swan River on my way to Hatchet Lake one winter, waiting for a blizzard to blow out. Magloire's wife kept a tidy house. They

had two daughters, about 11 and 13, and a small son besides.

Magloire was away, so I camped in his brother's cabin, which was empty. The Indians are always suspicious about their womenfolk, and sometimes a trader must bear that in mind. But the Benoni woman sent her little girls over four times that day with a neatly covered silver tray which was loaded down with white bannock, cranberry sauce, boiled deer tongue, pounded deer meat with marrow fat dressing, delicious pemmican and properly steeped tea. The two little girls were clean, neatly dressed, well fed and healthy. They lived clean outdoor lives, had plenty to eat and warm clothing, and flourished on the happiness that kind parents bring to any child.

On the trail next day I met Magloire Benoni, who told me that he was sending his two daughters to the new Guy school in Sturgeon Landing. I showed the Indian where he was making the mistake of his life, telling him that he and his wife could take far better care of their children than would a mob of insolent church parasites. The girls could cook and sew, were learning the life that was meant for them, and had nothing to gain by going to school other than learning a great deal of church rigmarole, and a broken brand of English, of which they would be properly ashamed once they heard white people who *could* speak the language.

I also told Magloire about my own experiences with church institutions as a child, and convinced him that Indian children would be treated much worse. Magloire thanked me for having saved his children from a terrible fate.

Feverishly Clutching for Revenue

"Father" Egenolf, of Lac du Brochet, insisted that Magloire should send his two daughters to the school. Magloire was a councilor, and his example carried weight. The priest knew that unless he could persuade Magloire to send his own children, scarcely an Indian child would be sent out of Brochet, and the church would lose revenues thereby.

The priest never convinced Magloire himself, who was ashamed to look me up on his way to Sturgeon Landing with the children, but Eggie worked on the woman until she was convinced that sending the two girls to the school was the one and only way to keep the whole family out of hell!

Magloire's example started the thing going, and the Brochet children brought thousands of dollars to the church, which *must* have its champagne, its gold, embroidered gowns and million-dollar palaces, no matter if poor people and ignorant persons are the grist which feeds the monstrous machine.

I made a trip to Sturgeon Landing the first part of December following the opening of Guy school. It was in 1927 or 1928. I took a box of candy along and visited the school by the back entrance. The children were playing outside and were poorly clad, wearing tennis shoes in winter, pea caps without fur bands, short cottonade jackets, and most of them had no mitts and wore summer-weight stockings. The mercury is sure to be below zero almost any day in the winter, and often runs forty to fifty below, even during November.

Children Fed from the Slop Cans

Workmen were finishing inside at the time. These men were paid by the day and provided with board. But the poor, ignorant Quebec "sisters" knew nothing about hygiene and less about modern cooking, while most of the workmen were western white men, and civilized. They objected to the food, and at last more than half of them went across the river to a boarding house where they paid for their board, although they got no rebate for the meals which they refused to eat in the school. Cooking for the workmen was just another little incidental graft, but the men objected to the kind of cooking which only a half-civilized Quebec peasant will concoct when faced with the task of cooking anything besides cabbages and peas.

These workmen told me that the leavings of those who did eat in the school, including the leavings of "mothers", "sisters," "fathers" and "brothers", were saved up in great galvanized slop cans. Then, every other day or so, these cans were put on the stove and water was added to the slop.

Thus, meat scraps, potatoes and gravy, fish, dessert, bread crusts and whatever happened to be left over by individual diners, or in the kettles, were all mixed together and thickened with flour. The Indian children were then fed this poisonous swill, and even relished it.

Benoni's Daughters Not Used to Slops

Nine Indian children died before the new year, and among them were Magloire Benoni's two daughters. I think there were about sixty chil-

dren that first winter, as the school was not completed, and the full quota could not be accommodated. Perhaps some of the children died of pneumonia or other complications caused by exposure, because they were improperly clad, but the greater number, if not all of them, died of stomach hemorrhages. The awful slops were no doubt the cause.

Magloire Benoni's two little girls were accustomed to good care, warm clothing and decent food, which was why they did not last long among ignorant, selfish, incompetent and cruel church parasites. Many of the other children had been poorly fed at home in some respects, but they certainly were not fed slops. What they got at home was primary foods, such as fish, meat, berries and bannock.

As for clothing, the Indian children were often in rags at home, but always warmly clad, for the women managed somehow to make something out of rabbit skins, moose hides, blankets, and even canvas from the summer before. Many of the children had rags sewn on them, and never took them off until they wore off, sleeping with what clothing they did have. But the children were warmly clad, no matter how poor their parents.

Most Despicable of Crimes

When one sets out to criticize a system, it is perhaps just as well to suggest an alternative. In the case of Indian schools, that is simple enough. The Indian Department is spending enormous sums of money, all of which not only is wasted, but does great harm. Subsidizing churches which make a profit out of the Indians at government expense, and at the expense of overworked children besides, is a crime of the most despicable sort; for children are helpless, and most Indians are children regardless of age.

The Indian Department should make itself responsible for the training of its charges. The Indian Department should leave religious fanaticism to the churches, and would be fully justified in prohibiting missionaries from setting their besodden feet on Indian territory.

The Indians want their missions, and some of them want their children in the church schools. They believe that the church is paying out good money in their behalf. In any event, the church alone "can keep them out of hell". Their belief is negative, for the Indians do not understand heaven. As one old pagan put the case for organized religion among the Indians:

"If you join up they give you wings to flap around with, and a fiddle to scrape as well. If you don't join up they set you on fire and take good care the fires don't go out. And on top of that they laugh at my religion, which was good enough for my fathers, and protected my people until the white devils came along with their wings and fire pots."

The Conscienceless Indian Department

The Indian Department, through political wirepullers, gave the Catholic church a select piece of land in every Indian reserve throughout the West, over the protests of pagan Indians and Protestant Indians as well. This was a political move to satisfy the Quebec Catholics. But the 1930 election chased the Liberals out of office, and the Indians were permitted to bring their case to court. The church lost, and was obliged to pay damages. Had the Liberals remained in power the case would never have reached the courts.

For half the present expenditure the Indian Department could establish a part-time day school throughout the North, and pay a good salary to a well-trained, intelligent instructor. The Indian children could stay in their homes like the civilized white children of today, and the Department could assist the parents with food and clothing. Such schools could not remain open the year round, because the Indians would be away six months in the year making a living with traps and snares.

Vocational training, hygiene and other subjects would thus replace the insidious church rigmarole, the superstition of a fiery hell, the back-breaking work of gleaning dividends for the church, and many of the present-day abuses. One good instructor holding school sessions five months in the year will accomplish infinitely more than a mob of "mothers", "sisters," "fathers," "brothers," "deacons," "Reverends," matrons, spinsters and choir girls.

The younger generation should be taught fur propagation and other Northern pursuits. It is plainly ridiculous that men should chase over a hundred miles of country for the elusive fox, mink, beaver or rat, when he could raise the fur-bearing animals in a very small space with much less effort and better results.

But the Indian Department of Canada is the embodiment of criminal neglect, conscienceless exploitation, and studied incompetence.

The Sturgeon Landing school is no worse than any of the others, and better than most. A sev-

enty-year-old deaf (and most assuredly dumb) antique medico was sent up from The Pas to whitewash the clergy. This old fossil reported that the nine children died of new plaster. He didn't specify whether the children ate the plaster, but the plaster was to blame in any event. But the menu was changed from slops to fish, as dead children pay no dividends. There was an improvement in clothing issued as well, so the martyred children accomplished something for those who followed. It was ever thus.

Avoidance Is Sometimes Kindness

I made the usual trip to Brochet for Easter. Magloire Benoni wanted to see me, but I avoided him with studied deliberation, and had Indians watching for me. Magloire was crazy with grief, and hadn't set a trap or done a thing since he heard that his children were dead. Getting my story would only add fuel to the flames, and would end up in an insane demonstration of great violence. Even if I were to keep quiet, and pretend that I knew nothing whatever about the matter, I knew that the very sight of me would recall my warning advice given the winter before.

I never avoided a man so much in all my life, and even went to the extreme of waiting outside in the bush while Indians persuaded Magloire that I was nowhere around. I had a positive premonition that something would click in the Indian father's brain if he ever caught sight of me. Just one look, and he would go back with a definite plan of action: burn the church, shoot the priest, or do something like that; or even kill his heartbroken and bedridden wife for having given him no peace until he had consented to place the children in school.

For that matter, "Father" Egenolf himself appeared heartbroken over the death of Magloire's two children, and made a trip to Sturgeon Landing, where, I understand, he told the responsible persons plenty. But a priest is a priest first, and a human creature afterwards if such a thing is possible.

"Father" Egenolf was a German, a bit of a tyrant, erratic, and kind-hearted whenever he found it possible to shake church fanaticism for the moment. Most of the Catholic church parasites among the Indians were German, Belgian or French. In other words, the Indian Department put foreigners in charge of native Canadians.

Perfect System of Mental Cruelty

The Indian children begin their schooling a self-reliant, independent and even willful lot. They go back broken, self-conscious and browbeaten. The Catholic priests treat their young Indian charges with open contempt.

They make the Indians feel the racial differences to begin with, but go much further than that. The priests elevate themselves to arrogant heights and assume the attitude of a perfect snob who is forced to pick up his skirts as he moves through a pack of mangy dogs.

Many of the Indians are thick-skinned and get through school without hating themselves, assuming a grinning attitude of self-abasement for the sake of such favors as 'freedom from a fiery hell'. But many of the Indians are embittered with the cruel treatment they receive, and all of them become slaves, willingly or otherwise, for the Catholic priests have learned how to mold young minds to their vicious liking.

The Catholic priests resort less to physical punishment than most people would believe, for their system of mental cruelty, superstitious frightfulness and downright deviltry suits the Indian temperament and does not leave physical marks. This system has been perfected from the Dark Ages down to the present time, and the tutored fears of these helpless children simplify discipline to a marvelous degree. One bark from the priest, and the rabbits run.

The Catholic church in Canada, among certain foreign elements and rural Quebec, resembles Mexico and Spain of two decades ago. But among the helpless Indians, with the aid of Government subsidies, the reign of terror has reached its zenith.

Taxpayers Dreadfully Wronged

The Indian Department will always admit that Catholic Institutions give them less trouble than similar Protestant schools among the Indians. Certainly, and if someone would kill the Indians off and be done with it, then the Indian Department would have even fewer responsibilities.

The Anglicans teach hell-fire and brimstone to the Indians, of course, but have not as yet developed a perfect system or method. The Anglican hell is quite hot, but less convincing. The chief trouble with Anglican schools is that of incompetence, and discipline is therefore sadly remiss.

The Indians do not fear the reverends and

matrons and spinsters and choir girls who do the supervising in Protestant schools, nor do they love them, for that matter. Physical punishment is much oftener the rule in Protestant schools, and reflects the insufficiency of those in charge.

After watching the picked weaklings and incompetents of our own white race, the graduates of Protestant Indian church schools often go home with the idea that white people are a contemptible lot. But the white people must be tolerated, for they issue the government rations, write tickets on heaven, and underwrite exemptions from hell.

The Indians all believe that the church is paying the bill for their schools, and the Indians therefore wrongly place this item on the credit side of church accounts. This belief is one of many deliberate lies.

"Investigating" the Church Schools

It was never the purpose of Catholic authorities to teach the Indians anything but the rigmarole of creed in their own language. The church succeeded admirably in keeping the Indians from learning anything about the outside world until about three years ago, when I sent a report to Ottawa, where it received but slight attention. Still, the Saskatchewan government was also supplied with a copy of my charges, and a few changes were made which might or might not have been the result of my complaint. My charges were leveled against the Indian Department and the Catholic church jointly, with the Anglicans coming in for criticism of a slightly different sort.

An employee of the Indian Department, and one of the very employees directly responsible for the vicious state of affairs, was sent around to investigate my charges. Copies of these charges were forwarded to all the clergymen in the district, months before the "investigation" was made.

Trading company head offices were also notified, for the word went around that traders would find it advisable to keep strictly out of the controversy. The natural result was a predetermined whitewash, as nothing else could be expected when a Department "investigates" itself without the help of complainants.

I was never interviewed, although I was available, and the "investigator" passed through Cranberry Portage. I didn't know it at the time, but he knew where I was to be found. I do not know at first hand just how the "investigation" was conducted, but can at least repeat what the Indians and white men told me about it later. I have seen enough crimes committed against the Indians without borrowing accounts from others, but in this case I was in a position to verify reports personally.

In the first place, my charges were deliberately garbled through the interpreter, as I kept copies of my report, and interviewed the Indians as they came to Cranberry Portage afterward. For instance, one of my charges was that an old Indian, Angus Mirasty, was refused sick rations when he was most certainly entitled to same without question, while another Mirasty, a young man who had a credit balance of more than a hundred dollars on our books at the time, received sick rations for an ailing child, just because he had that credit balance, and donated rather freely to the church. In this case, my charge was deliberately reversed, and the old Indian indignantly denied the charge as it was interpreted.

Celibates Reflect Their Nasty Minds

Another of my charges referred to the manner in which priests interfered with the family life of the Indians, such as arbitrarily ordering women to travel in pairs, to remain inside after dark, and like medieval prescriptions of an unnecessary and absurd description, considering the Indian temperament.

White men send their wives with the Indians, by dog train or by canoe, unaccompanied, and unafraid of irregularities or atrocities, although often such trips require days and weeks, with camps in the open, or at best under a tent. The priests merely reflected their own nasty minds.

The priests forbade Indian women to enter a trader's house to do the wash, or scrub the floors, unless properly guarded by another woman and a child besides, while some traders were not to be trusted at all, and such traders would have to get Protestant women to do their work, or do it themselves.

I took that sort of rot as a personal insult, even though I considered the manner of men who promulgated such childish nonsense. I made it my business to refuse work to any woman who would not defy the priest, and do her work without a police guard. I fired the first woman who told me what a martyr she was making of herself, and the priest at last got tired of de-

manding a police force when the women did scrubbing for me unaccompanied.

Ruffling the Skirt Department

There is a humorous side to everything, and I got quite a kick out of ruffling the clergy. I bribed a woman to shorten her skirts until they reached the obscene height of her ankles. "Father" Guilloux denounced this woman publicly in church, but the habit spread, until all the younger women took to wearing their skirts ankle length, instead of dragging them in the dirt. I sold a few less yards of print, but otherwise got quite a kick out of the reformations.

Bobbing hair was particularly taboo. I left Pelican Narrows before I had time to break down this and similar taboos. We got in a supply of V-neck blouses, but got them back from the Indian because the priest would not stand for them. But in this case there was a commercial incentive, and the priest eventually capitulated.

The Beskirted Order of Ananias

After the "investigation" I saw friends, and these told me that they got so sick of listening to the abuse heaped upon me by the clergymen throughout the North, and in particular by the 'Investigating Committee of One' from the Indian Department, that they defended me openly, although it was their place to keep quiet for their own good.

One of these friends asked the "investigator" to keep quiet if he could do nothing but criticize me for telling the evident truth, as this friend had known me, and been in the country, long enough to know the truth. Another friend suggested that I be permitted to confront my accusers, and offered to bet that I would prove the truth of every statement made by myself, and prove the statements of priests and others to be deliberate falsehoods.

Priests are natural liars. They do it for the church, of course, until at length they get into the habit of lying unnecessarily. The white people up north, as apart from the priests, used to visit the padres who would tell each visitor wonderful gossip about his neighbor. Then we would throw a party and compare notes, while the priests furnished all the laughs. Often we started rumors ourselves for the sake of getting them back with all the fancy absurdities such as only a bushed priest can think up.

Converts Rotten with Venereal Disease

During the 1929 Saskatchewan election church graft was made an issue, while certain exposures helped to elect a Conservative government. Separate schools in which French was the predominant language, against the laws of the province, and similar abuses in force in some French Canadian settlements, for the sake of votes, were given a public airing, while the Anderson forces were pledged to clean house on these issues.

Quebec French-language newspapers and periodicals ran a long-distance barrage of embittered editorials and abusive cartoons, until it almost seemed likely that Quebec would send an army into Saskatchewan territory!

At Ile a la Crosse, three hundred miles north of Big River, the nearest railroad point, the situation was particularly bad. That section of the country was completely overrun with priests, missions, schools, and the like. Besides, there was a French element among the Indians, which made it easier for the French-speaking Canadian and Belgian priests to gain complete control.

Hardly an Indian or a breed could be found that wasn't rotten with venereal disease, while darkest ignorance was the eternal burden of these backward, church-ridden peoples. "Fathers" Egenolf, Guilloux, Desmereaux and others in the Pelican Narrows district were plaster saints compared with the Ile a la Crosse monsters.

Another Source of Graft

The Government was at last forced to send a doctor up to Ile a la Crosse, where a hospital was erected; and, of course, this hospital came under the control of church prelates, as it afforded another source of graft.

Just how far the provincial government went in rectifying Ile a la Crosse conditions, I do not know, but Premier Anderson's government did insist upon employing a first certificate schoolteacher in each of the Indian boarding schools.

Such schools are the responsibility of the Indian Department, but the provinces share certain responsibilities in the matter of education and inspection, if and when a provincial government can be found that will implement such responsibilities for the protection of the Indians within its borders.

Catholic authorities, in particular, are greatly perturbed over this changed state of affairs,

and will certainly take the stump against the Anderson régime during the next election. In Pelican Narrows we had sworn affidavits at one time attesting to the statements made by a certain priest that half-breeds and Indians who had a vote would be excommunicated if they did not vote the church ticket.

Children Taught Nothing in Eight Years

The Indian children in Guy school, Sturgeon Landing, are actually learning to read and write English; thanks to a licensed teacher. Hitherto the church parasites had maintained that Indians were naturally dumb, and their children could not absorb an education, except the complicated church and choir rigmarole of every "holy" day in the calendar, and the much more complicated syllabic script, the Cree alphabet with which church propaganda is written.

Clergymen are proven liars, and the Indian children have proved them liars again, for the first certificate school-teacher in Guy school has done more in one year than Cross Lake school in Manitoba did up to the time it was burned to the ground.

Indians used to come back from Cross Lake school, after an attendance of six to eight years duration, and nobody could understand their peculiar brand of disconnected bastard English. It was the sort of jargon which ignorant nuns of French rural Quebec origin might speak, if they happened to be bright enough to get even that far.

As for reading and writing, the Cross Lake "students" knew syllabic script forward and back, but few of them could stumble through the first reader, or write a readable letter. There were a few exceptions, where certain ones were determined to learn, and stayed around Cross Lake or The Pas for a year or so after they were discharged, mingling with white people and English-speaking breeds.

A few of the returned "students" picked up some English from traders and the like, while many of them forgot the atrocious jargon and reverted to bush language, ashamed of the incorrect and ridiculous version of Cross Lake cross-breeds in vocabularies and hieroglyphics.

Clergy Ruin Everything Not Fool-Proof

The Anglican schools were somewhat better in regard to teaching the English language at least; for the Anglican missionaries, matrons, choir girls and spinsters did speak the English language, and seldom went to the trouble of learning Cree.

As for the school-teachers employed in the Anglican missions, these individuals could never be classed as teachers in any sense of the word, and were usually spinsters and choir girls with religious inclinations, but entirely without the necessary training, temperament or talent.

The missionaries and "reverends" in charge were even worse than the "teachers" and matrons under them; for clergymen do not display the practical general knowledge so essential to running institutions of any sort. The impractical clergymen ruined anything breakable, such as lighting and pumping plants, heating systems, and the like; for they seldom possessed executive ability, and therefore fell short of hiring men who knew their business.

"Rev." Hives, of Lac la Ronge, who was in charge of the school some years ago, did pretty good work as a school superintendent so far as the system permitted. He worked with what material there was to be had, and made the best of it. Curiously enough, I have heard him constantly criticized because it was thought he might have been more zealous as a minister. I never knew it to fail: when someone within the church organizations develops a little horse sense everybody knifes him in the back.

But the Anglicans are not guilty of a deliberately planned system of mental cruelty such as the Catholic hierarchy has perfected. The Anglicans betray a natural race prejudice, an attitude which sometimes becomes extravagant, particularly in the case of Englishmen who can be very aloof and snobbish in their relations with natives in any land.

But such an attitude never approaches the pernicious practices of Catholic priests, who cause the Indian children to cringe, to feel their status keenly, to fear the power of priests, to beg small mercies sneeringly granted, and to grovel in the "omnipotent presence" of all the prelates, small fry and swordfish, dolphins and sharks, or whatever one might wish to call the various church parasites.

Indians Resent Cruel Treatment

Cross Lake school, in Manitoba, was burned to the ground four years ago with the loss of nine lives. No public investigations were instituted, although the police tracked down a former inmate and brought him to trial on a charge of arson, two years after the alleged crime was

committed. The young Indian was convicted, and will spend the rest of his years in the penitentiary.

Indians who knew the young man as a school boy tell me that he was of an independent sort, and was cruelly punished again and again. The youth had been an unwilling prisoner in the school, and, like many others, tried again and again to run away from the terrible place. The priests, then as now, turned the mounties loose on the poor kids, and back went the hopeful runaways to prison. Perhaps the young man is guilty, although I doubt it. That nine Indians should perish for the sake of obliterating an infamous institution is regrettable, but, at least, the wretched thing *was* obliterated.

La Plonge Indian school, in the Ile a la Crosse district, was burned to the ground three years ago, and twenty-nine children were burned to death, together with a nun. No investigations were held, and the "martyred" nun was loudly applauded for her devotion. 'She had died while attempting to save her young charges,' said the frenzied pro-Catholic accounts. She was an inspiration to good Catholics who read about it, and young girls with hearts broken by imagined first love were urged to imitate the devotion of this departed nun and take up the veil in her stead! Then there were the twenty-nine helpless Indian children. But what's an Indian, more or less, or a dozen or two, for that matter?

About three months ago another Indian church school was burned to the ground for the second time. Then, two weeks ago the Machay school, near The Pas, Manitoba, burned to the ground, also, with "Rev." Fraser in charge. But— hush! The sacrosanct clergy were in charge of all these institutions, and nothing must be said or done about it.

Arson, Carelessness, or Both?

Twenty-nine Indian children charred in a heap at La Plonge. Ugly stories about that fire circulate among the Indians whose children came out alive. They tell of a fanatical nun who bolted the door and prayed to "Mother Mary" for "deliverance". And the children were "delivered". Delivered from the cruel church institution; delivered from the wretched poverty which deliberately fostered ignorance breeds; delivered from the fear of an eternal fiery hell!

But a few months previous to the La Plonge fire nine children were burned to death in the Cross Lake school. Children facing the fiery demons in grim reality. Children that awoke from their dreams of hell to find flames enveloping them! Children who had lived hand in hand with Nature and loved her, walked with her and talked to her. Children whose minds were prostituted with the conscienceless lies of church prelates, who told of a "God" that would fry little children over an open fire in all eternity unless they obeyed the priests to the letter.

Were the buildings fireproof? Were those in charge capable of taking ordinary precautions against fire? Were they equal to the trust reposed in them by sleeping children? Were reasonable efforts made to save defenseless inmates? or did the padres and the rest of their human paraphernalia run for their lives? Surely the loss of life, particularly in public institutions, called for a thorough investigation. But not in Canada. Not where the sacrosanct clergy are concerned. And there were the nine lives in Sturgeon Landing too, a death toll which was the product of ignorance and greed.

Indians Beginning to Awaken

Another church graft chapter is being written today. The Pelican Narrows Indians, and others in the district, have begun to wake up. I can accept a measure of responsibility for the small beginning. It is becoming more and more difficult for the padres to get "students", for the murmur of overworked children against the fetters of open contempt is drifting through the country.

And so, in order to fill up the institutions and pay the maximum dividend thereby, the children of white men, provided such children have a portion of Indian blood in their veins, are now being taken into the Indian church schools, while the padres collect from an asinine Indian Department.

To be sure, legislation means nothing in Canada. An "Order in Council" decrees that black is white, annuls the written statute, and writes temporary statutes. Orders in council are passed by the "Cabinet in Council", and are legislative enactments which defeat the wishes of Parliament in the most deliberate manner.

Parliament upholds this travesty on its rights, because in Canada the defeat of an order in council, when referred to Parliament for sanction, would lose members of Parliament their jobs and precipitate another election.

That orders in council are subject to sanction by Parliament is a meaningless pretense. No

doubt a covering order supports the Indian Department and the church, and such an order arbitrarily permits white to be called black.

But it must be a bitter disappointment to "Bishop" Charlebois (we call him "Charlie Boy") when he thinks about those first certificate school-teachers in Saskatchewan, for these teachers must produce results or surrender their certificates. The Indians are actually learning to read and write at an early age. They will be reading newspapers and magazines, and—horrors! what if they should read Judge Rutherford?

Northern Missions Once Profit-bearing

There was a time when northern missions paid for themselves, even without government graft. But those days are over; for the Indians have become impoverished with disease, scarcity of fur, and a changed living condition. There was the time when Indians moved from place to place and allowed first one section and then the other to recuperate, piece by bit, and thus the country was not killed out.

Now the Indians cluster around their churches, and refuse to budge when the country is trapped out, fished out, and shot out, while the white trappers go farther afield, away from the churches, and trap out the sections which once nourished the Indians, and might have fed the church territory with its overflow.

It must never be forgotten, when dealing with the Indian question, that traders believe in the missions for selfish reasons. The Indians stay put where the church rears a spire "heavenward", and thus the traders can estimate their business accordingly, and need not fear the loss of buildings caused by nomad Indians' moving out of the country.

Estimating merchandise requirements in the North is no easy task at any time; for a whole years' requirements are ordered at one time, and if the trader orders too much he is saddled with idle capital, while if he orders too little it sometimes takes months before the shortage can be replaced. The church is a stabilizing influence; for the worshipers are the trader's customers.

"God Save le Pope"

The padre in charge of Guy school in Sturgeon Landing is Napoleon Dorion. And he is a little corporal, all right. A party of Saskatchewan officials landed in Sturgeon Landing by 'plane, while the nuns lined up the Indian children and ordered them to sing "God Save le Pope!"

"God Save the King" is Canada's colonial anthem, and the music, besides a parody on the British declaration of patriotism, was stolen in honor of the pope. The ignorant nuns did not realize that it might be considered bad taste to belittle King George in the presence of politicians, or perhaps they wanted to annoy the Saskatchewan officials. The first certificate school-teacher arrived shortly thereafter, and the "le pope" incident might have furnished the deciding impetus to a very necessary reform.

In Pukkatawagan is "Father" Desmereaux, who gleefully advertises the fact that no Indian girl over fifteen stays single over the week-end, unless she happens to be attending school. It wouldn't do to marry off a paying boarder just yet. He also counts the increase by these child marriages, as a farmer counts his pigs. This "Father" Desmereaux is another teapot despot, ruling out dances, ankle-length skirts and bobbed hair, besides interfering with family life generally.

Open, Deliberate Robbery of Indians

During the mining boom of a few years ago, traveling engineers had to see "Father" Desmereaux about Indian finds. Options were drawn up, not with the Indians, nor with the Indians named as the beneficiaries, but with some Catholic institution receiving the benefit. The Indians were to get their reward in heaven by special proclamation, and the Indian donor would be honored in heaven according to the financial success of the mine discovered.

The church thus found itself in possession of mining claims, even though the mining ventures did not all pan out a profit, as certain fees had to be paid whether the property produced or not. "Bishop" Charlie Boy received a special dispensation from a willing government which exempted his church from financial burdens in connection with the stolen mining ventures.

The prospectors found this out and demanded similar treatment. That's the trouble with the West. Not everybody is Catholic or Anglican, as in Quebec, and the vigorous complaint of "unholy" prospectors fixed Charlie Boy, who had to pay up or shut up in the end.

"Father" Guilloux, of Pelican Narrows, also had his hand, both hands, outstretched for the fruits of Indian prospecting. But he stretched and pleaded in vain, for the Indians had myself

and one or two others to reason with them. Make an Indian seem foolish in his own eyes and he forgets hell long enough to use his head.

Conspiracies to Keep Masses in Chains

When the province of Alberta tried to get her natural resources, six years ago, the Liberal government attached a rider to the bill which provided for separate church schools, to be maintained by the provincial government. The Alberta legislature indignantly turned down the measure, and the transfer was thereby delayed two years.

Church grafts are many, even outside the Indian country, and even more horrible. The Catholics get most of their graft from the Liberal party, while the Conservatives hand out favors to the Anglicans, although both Big Business parties grant special favors to church organizations in general, as part of a conspiracy to keep the masses in chains.

Canada's prisons are cluttered with well-paid padres and chaplains, while prisoners are forced to attend these hypocritical conclaves or be severely punished.

At Headingly jail, in Manitoba, for instance, three men were found in the black hole, an incident which a newspaper man uncovered. If the press would print more facts about the guilty acts of criminal officials and sacrosanct individuals the press could be of service to the public, instead of riding the public down with propaganda and piffle, the latter being all about the indiscretions of press-agented movie morons and other rot. One of the prisoners found in the black hole was there because he refused to attend a hypocritical church service.

Paganism Masquerading as Christianity

The evil fruits of mission domination are the destruction and degradation of a once proud race. The pagan rites of the Indians were taken away from them, as part of a "civilizing" process. A mounty went to Lac du Brochet on an inspection trip, and chanced to see "Bishop" Charlie Boy arrive in the Indian village. Canopies and carpets awaited the bishop. Indians kneeled and bowed their heads! A marching procession kissed the bishop's ring. Children and women cringed! Once independent Indian bucks bowed, dropped to their knees, hung their heads, and acted as though they missed a tail to stick between their legs.

The mounty spoke out, loud enough for the cunning bishop, the fussy padres, and others to hear:

"I have orders to discourage paganism whenever I come across it. This is paganism as I have never hoped to see it."

Several New York sportsmen happened to be traveling through the country, and one of these was a devout Catholic. He told me:

"I can never look a priest in the face again."

The mounty returned to headquarters, and his chevrons were taken from him without any preliminaries whatever. "Bishop" Charlie Boy saw to that.

The pagan rites of Indians looked foolish to white people, but many of these childish manifestations had a wise meaning. Sanitation was provided for, and made interesting with ceremony. Morals were strictly provided for, and the ceremony was interesting to some, and painful to others. Health was also provided for by rites, as were hygiene and family relations. Much of the pagan creed was cruel, but most of it was necessary to the health and morals of the Indians.

Old Paganism Better than the New

Paganism was suppressed by the police and by the missionaries. Instead of paganism, the fear of hell and the forgiveness of sin under certain guaranties were supplied the Indians. The pagan steam bath was declared obscene, but modern plumbing fixtures are not available in the North, especially among the Indians, and thus the natives never bathe, or take their rubdowns as in heathen days.

Excesses were punished in the old days, and young people were warned and trained by the help of a pagan ceremony. Excesses today are allowed unchecked, for there is always the confession box, and the white men usually set the pace.

Consider an Indian, married, the father of children, and living on the outskirts of The Pas or any other frontier white man's town. His woman makes the acquaintance of white men, and the husband discovers her indiscretions. He therefore whips her.

Most people consider wife-beating a heinous crime. Perhaps it is, but a savage race cannot be elevated overnight. Besides, there are no divorces among Indians. At any rate, an Indian woman will listen to a stern husband only when she knows that the command carries the warn-

ing of chastisement. They are still savages, these Indians.

The whipping has the desired effect, and the woman shuns her white friends, until the latter discover the reason. Then the white men tell the woman that it is unlawful for a man to beat his wife, and promise to have the law on the husband and father if he attempts to beat her again.

Where the Police Come In

Thus reassured, the Indian woman continues her indiscretions, and receives presents of money, goods and wine. Again the Indian husband and father beats his wife, and some days later is surprised to have a mounty haul him into court. The judge will usually not sentence the Indian for first offense. The Indian does not understand this interference with his family life, but does know that his own self-respect and the safety and integrity of his family depend on keeping his woman straight. So he beats her again, and this time he goes to jail.

After six months of confinement the Indian has had plenty of time to consider matters, and usually gives up trying to fathom the vagaries of justice. The white man's law forbids wife-beatings. Very well, the Indian does not want another trip to jail, and will therefore stop beating his wife, and another milestone has been reached. The Indian has become "civilized".

Home once more, the Indian finds that his woman has made progress among her white friends, and she shows him the fruits of her new trade. It takes time for him to get used to things, but liquor helps him to forget his troubles. His wife becomes a prostitute in his own house. The children grow up in such an atmosphere, and the woman, being ignorant, keeps on bearing children, quite often sired by white men, rather than by her husband.

And So, Civilization at Last

No Indian woman lasts long as a prostitute. They age quickly, and do not look after themselves. Finally, the Indian couple, and even their children as they grow older, become infected with venereal diseases. Sometimes they are discovered and hauled into a hospital. More often they spread disease far and wide. But they are "civilized", because they go to church, and have learned that wife-beating is not civilized.

Of course, there are many laws on the statute books which are meant to protect the Indians. It is illegal to give intoxicating liquors to an Indian. There are even local regulations forbidding Indians off the reservation after dark, or prohibiting white men from trespassing on the reservations after dark. But a good many Indians do not live on reservations, and the rules and regulations cannot be enforced in any event.

But the Indians are "Christians". They are "civilized" now; for, instead of singing their old songs and beating their tom-toms, they now listen to gramophones screech jazz music. Instead of beating their wives they prostitute their wives.

And lest readers should think that wife-beating is a favored Indian institution, let me say that I have yet to find a pagan Indian who would beat his wife when sober. But wife-beating was the right of a husband, the pagan rites provided lesser punishment, and the threat of a beating was usually enough for the Indian women.

To be sure, when the white men crowded in upon the pagans with their hell-fire, their pious denunciation of pagan rites, their liberalized standards for women, and their fire water, the pagan law often broke down, and the Indians usually surrendered to "civilization" in the end.

The Indians had a law which might not have been perfect. But the Indians were wise enough to make only such laws as could be enforced. White folks make laws for the idealistic sound of meaningless phrases, knowing full well that such laws cannot be enforced. Imperfect Indian laws perfectly enforced have been replaced by idealistic laws which cannot be enforced, and the Indians are sinking with depravity and physical filth.

One of the Pole Cats

Some of the padres get properly bushed, and none of them ever set a very shining example of cleanliness. I know the priest whom "Father" Desmereaux relieved at Pukkatawagan, and who came out via Pelican Narrows, was even filthier than the deadliest Christianized Indian I ever saw.

This priest came to me for medicine, and when he was gone from the house I opened up all the doors and windows for the rest of the day, and stayed outside, the stench was so bad. The priest was indeed a sick man. But there was really nothing wrong with him excepting the indescribable, nauseating filth of the man.

It is true that traders and others get bushed as well as the clergymen. But, at least, traders get moved around by their companies when the

inspector sees the way things are going. Some traders are independent, and marry Indian women, live in the country and raise a brood of half-breeds. Some of these traders become thoroughly bushed, as do some of the trappers, but not all of them, by any means.

When a clergyman gets bushed, the effect is heightened by religious fanaticism. A clergyman's responsibility is greater, for he holds the key to heaven and the charms which keep Indians out of hell.

No matter how absurd his actions become, such actions must not be questioned, and must be upheld by government and church alike. Such is the insanity of Northern conditions, for most priests actually do become bushed, or mildly insane, in the North, but are nevertheless entrusted with grave responsibilities.

All the Missionary Cares About

All that a missionary cares about is converts to his creed. Government graft is based upon the number of converts made. The clergy are quick to close up a church if it does not pay for itself, indirectly or otherwise.

The Indians would be free of church despotism if the government would quit subsidizing the clergy. The Indians would have been much better off had they never seen a missionary; for the fakes have given the Indians "hell" in exchange for a native ritual which provided for health, hygiene, entertainment and morals.

One Anglican admitted, much to his own surprise, no doubt, that the Indians should first be taught cleanliness. A pagan Indian is always clean, even if he wipes dirt off instead of washing it off, or rubs dirt off after a steam bath instead of rinsing it off in a bath tub. But the missionary's wife wrinkled her nose at the idea of washing Indian brats behind the ears.

Indian missions are a curse. The despicable Catholic priests, recruited in Belgium and darkest Quebec, speaking French and scorning the English language, although the West does not accept the Dominion system of French-English bilingualism, spit on the Indians with the venom of festering parasites. The Indians run around like yellow dogs, almost pleased if a white man notices them long enough to administer a swift kick. And the Indian Department pays for this sort of inferiority complex.

"Business Is Business"

Subsidize the missions, O Canada, and vilify your Indians. The Indian Department and the church will seek to cover up the truth. The Indian Department, because it consists of political heelers and spineless incompetents, who are paid to keep their mouths shut, will investigate itself and justify itself. The church, of course, is beyond criticism! The traders, no matter how well they know actual conditions, will say nothing, or will even support the present system if pressed for an answer. Business is business.

Even the Indians, by this time fully convinced that hell is a seething inferno and a most uncomfortable destination, will support their padres and church spires with fanatical fervor. And the march of ignorance and misery quickens with the years, until, perhaps, the North country will develop a fitting scourge which will spread like wildfire and punish those white people who say:

"We are not the Indian's keeper."

Let no man think that I have singled out extravagant examples, or singled out particularly guilty clergymen. I have drawn but a fraction of a horrible picture; for much of it is unspeakable, and I have not covered the whole country by personal observation.

Absurd as matters appear in the light of personal experience, I know that I have seen only a small part of the whole structure. But all of the foregoing should provide a keyhole through which people may look, and in their hearts wonder:

After all, *is* a clergyman such a sacrosanct article? Or is he not a little worse than the average?

The Morgan Tax Evasions

THE ARBITRATOR says succinctly:

The tax evasions by the Morgan partners were exasperating, especially as several members of the firm found their wives useful for that purpose. Thomas S. Lamont sold securities to his wife at a loss of $114,807 to avoid a tax of $20,365; Harold Stanley sold to his wife for the same reason; William Ewing's wife made him trustee of four trusts for his children and lent him shares of stock so that he could speculate for those trusts and not report the profits made, which evasion was approved by the United States Board of Tax Appeals. All that was necessary to effect a sale was to have the husband's account credited on the books of J. P. Morgan & Company and the wife's account debited. The firm dissolved their partnership and took in a new partner so as to revalue their securities and evade income taxes by establishing a loss of $21,000,000.

Picnics and Poisons *By Ida K. Herron (Canada)*

IT WAS on a lovely bright day in the month of July of 1932 that our Community Club had a picnic. The day was fine, the children happy, and parents who were no longer young were all gathered together to try to forget their worries and enjoy the day with their young folks.

Everything went fine, the program was carried out to the letter, the prizes for swimming, races and tug o' war were all given out and the long plank tables under the trees were loaded with good things (some not so good) which everybody seemed to enjoy.

Large kettles of salad were in great evidence and looked very appetizing. They were in every form of dish, from the small earthen bowl to the large aluminum kettle, which was set in the center of the long table.

The picnic was pronounced a huge success, and a yearly event of the same nature suggested. The news sent to the local paper was mailed before anything happened. But did anyone get a full night's rest that night? No indeed. About three a.m. one after another of the children and many adults awoke violently ill. Vomiting and bowel trouble were a common complaint for from three to five days. Many could not understand the cause.

About four families at the picnic avoided all foods in aluminum dishes, or that may have been prepared in them, and not one in any of those families felt any bad effects from the day's outing or the food. And as many as we could find out had taken salad out of the aluminum dishes were ill.

No Hope Except in Jehovah's King

(Under the title "Who but a Beast Can Find Pleasure in Breaking a Cripple's Crutches?" Robert Quillen has the following article in the Pueblo [Colorado] *Star Journal*. The article is copyrighted by the Publishers Syndicate of Chicago.)

A WORLD in misery pleads in vain for a leader who can save it.

And now as always, being unable to think except in established grooves, it refuses even to consider the one leadership that would solve its problems.

All experience has shown that there is no hope for mankind except in Jesus of Nazareth.

The wisest men of many races, honestly striving to their utmost capacity, have devised scheme after scheme to insure peace, prosperity and security; yet each plan in turn, following some initial or apparent success, has broken down under the strain of greed, prejudice and malice. Even Communism, hope of the downtrodden masses, has in practice given power and privilege to the favored few while the toiling many live on crusts.

Only one plan known to mankind remains untried. It is the way offered by the Savior.

Is not that fact alone sufficient reason to give it an honest trial? When desperate men adrift at sea have tried every known method to save themselves, without sign or promise of success, will they refuse to try a new method merely because it never has been used?

You will answer that the way of the Nazarene is impractical. That is true. Love and compassion are always impractical. So are songs, laughter, poetry, music and all things that have no quality more useful than beauty.

But the impractical becomes the practical when men learn to use it. Nothing on earth is truly impractical when man develops sufficient knowledge and wisdom to comprehend and utilize it.

There are but two methods of controlling and directing a civilization.

Whatever the name of the method, and regardless of its confusing details, it is Christ's way or it is the jungle way.

The jungle way—the only one yet tried—is dog eat dog. Let the strong devour the weak.

Despite all good intentions and safeguards and restrictions, the jungle plan of competition must result in abundance for the few and misery for the many.

Why cling to a plan that inevitably dooms the many to want in a world of plenty? The strong alone enjoy it—and they only because they are praised and glorified by the weak who provide their abundance.

Christ's way is the way of brotherhood—not of competition—the way of pity and love and generosity.

What fault has it? If a man is weaker than you, is it not more decent and more enjoyable to help him than to show your strength by trampling him underfoot?

Housetop Views

Brazil Compared with Other Indiana Cities

BRAZIL, Indiana, getting its electric current from the Insull utility crowd, pays on an average 6.45c per kilowatt hour. But in the cities of Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Kendallville, Peru, Portland, Washington, Fort Wayne and Richmond, Indiana, municipally owned plants give an average rate of 2.73c, and last year showed net profits amounting to $1,742,159 besides.

The British Income Tax Law

THE reason why J. P. Morgan (who it is claimed controls one-fourth of the total wealth of America) paid income taxes in Britain and paid none in the United States is that the laws in Britain were made so that he must pay them and the laws in the United States were made so that he could get out of paying them. What do you suppose favor lists are for, anyway?

Courtesies to Jimmy Mattern

ALL the world is kin, and it helps one to appreciate that fact when noting how the Russians and Eskimos treated Jimmy Mattern, the American flyer, when he came down in the wilds of Siberia, with a broken ankle. The Eskimos who found him treated him as if he had been their own brother, and the vast power and resources of the Soviet government were employed to provide him with fresh air transportation and speed him on his way.

Uncle Sam's Swivel-Chair Army

THE infantry forces of Uncle Sam, stationed within the continental limits of this country, are 26,690. To keep these gentlemen busy, tell them what to do and how to do it, there is an additional army of swivel-chair patriots numbering 49,276. Of these, 24,725 are engineers, 8,489 are in the quartermaster's department, 7,445 in the ordnance department, 1,280 are in the surgeon general's department, and there are less than a thousand each in the chemical warfare, signal corps, military academies, national military parks, rifle practice boards, judge advocates, inspectors, bureau of insular affairs, cavalry, field artillery, finance office and secretary of war departments. In times of peace most of these have nothing to do, but in time of war they direct the activities of millions.

Let Her Own Husband and Son Starve

WHAT do you think of a woman, with $1,600 sewed in a mattress and $400 deposited in a bank, that would allow her husband and her six-year-old son and herself to starve until all three had to be taken to a hospital? New York has such a woman. She said the money, which was found by the police, belonged to her personally, and it was up to her husband to find some way to support his family.

In the Little Old Red Schoolhouse

IN THE little old red schoolhouse at Rowe, Illinois, a strange class assembled May 15, 1933. They had all been there before, and so had the teacher, but all of them, including the teacher, had been playing hookey for 65 years. They came to celebrate the teacher's one-hundredth birthday. She called the pupils to order at their desks. The oldest one was 80, and the youngest was a mere kid of only 71.

Terrible Wage Oppressions

TERRIBLE wage oppressions are reported from various places as the entire capitalist system gradually shrivels up and disappears. Furniture workers in Evansville were found receiving compensation as low as 5c an hour. Sandwich shops in Detroit were found paying their help 59c a day. A West Virginia coal mine kept its miners at work 13 hours a day underground for a wage of $2.25. Wages on R.F.C. projects in Tennessee recently were cut to $1.00 a day. Skilled milliners were found working in Chicago for $2.50 a week. Workers in the needle trades in St. Louis receive as little as $3.12 a week.

$600 — Robbers — $600 — Robbers — $600

(Reprinted from the *Catholic Universe Bulletin*)

CHICAGO, May 13.—Armed bandits have just robbed two priests of Notre Dame church, here, of a $600 collection. The Rev. Albert Pelletier, pastor, and his assistant, the Rev. Alphonse Belanger, were passing through the reception hall of the rectory on their way to a waiting taxi in which they intended to ride to the bank with two suitcases containing the collection, when the bandits confronted them. At the point of pistols the priests were ordered to relinquish the suit cases and the robbers fled with the money.

Snow in Pennsylvania in July

NOW please don't say that it was several feet deep, and they had to get out the snowplows, for that would be overdoing it; but it is bad enough that snow fell at Kane, Pennsylvania, on July 3, and the thermometer was down to 40. It seems that the Arctic winds have been more erratic than usual this season.

Only 12,540,000 Jobless Workers

CONDITIONS at the end of May had improved somewhat in the United States. The number of unemployed had fallen from 13,770,000 to 12,540,000. Part of this increase of 1,230,000 in the number that had work in May over those that had work in March is due to the spring planting season activities.

Exploring Africa on Foot

SOUTH AFRICA is the home of a young man, A. S. Higgo, who has spent five years in exploring Africa on foot. He walks five thousand miles a year, wearing out seven pairs of shoes in the operation. He stays just long enough in a place to earn funds sufficient to enable him to keep moving.

No Confidence in the Conference

A. J. CUMMINGS, news writer of the London *News Chronicle,* referring to the World Economic Conference, said: "I have attended other great conferences in different parts of the world; but I have not known one at which, before the formal opening, there was so much skepticism and cynicism behind the scene."

High-Frequency Waves Destroy Bugs

IT HAS been known for some time that plant life in the vicinity of radio transmitting stations is unusually robust. The reason is that the radio waves destroy the insects. A Baltimore electrical engineer has now discovered that when a stream of wheat or other grain, or even English walnuts, is led past a twenty-kilowatt standing wave oscillator operating at 42,000,000 cycles per second, every form of predatory life in the grain is killed, but the germ of the grain itself is only benefited. Workmen exposed to the waves reported that they had an exhilarating effect upon them. The device will be marketed, and it appears that it has great value as a food preserver.

Relief Arrangements in Pennsylvania

IN THE city of Carbondale, Pa., 12,000 of the 20,000 inhabitants were on relief on June 1. At the same time 16,500 out of the 45,000 families of Fayette county were on relief, but it was thought that this number could be reduced by about 3,000 by a contemplated examination of postal savings and bank records.

Faces Growing More Thoughtful

A BELGIAN artist, Angele Watson, who has been making a study of American faces, states that since the depression began the average American face is much more interesting than formerly, because indicating that its possessor is thinking deeply; and that this fact is very apparent to every artist.

Some of the Pittsburgh Industries

SOME of the Pittsburgh industries, described for the benefit of our readers in heathen lands, are the Elite Dress Shop, which paid girls $1.50 for a week's work of 48 hours; the Russian Beauty Shop, which paid $4 a week to a cashier that was required to work 11 hours a day; Woolworth's 5 and 10 cent stores, which paid $4.50 for a 40-hour week, and the New Deal Company dress shop, which discharged five girl employees for talking to a state labor inspector. The heathen complain that it is bad enough for the missionaries to teach them that they have to go to "hell", but they do not know what they have done that they must associate throughout eternity with these Pittsburgh executives.

President Roosevelt Guided by Spirits (?)

THE president of the National Spiritualist Association says that President Roosevelt is being guided by messages from the spirits of Washington, Lincoln and Wilson, and adds that "the messages might be received consciously or unconsciously, but they are nevertheless direct communications from the spirit world". We remember having seen the statement that on one occasion Mrs. Roosevelt is reported as having consulted a spirit medium. Mrs. Harding was reported as quite given over to their guidance. We can only say that nothing that these spirits may say on any subject can be believed. The Scriptures refer to them as "lying spirits". For the sake of the country, and for his own sake, we trust there is no truth in the report.

Education in the Depression

THE depression is accompanied by much interest in education. High schools are generally overcrowded. Basements and window sills are put to use. There are long lines of applicants for positions as teachers.

Big Fellows Taking Over Oil Fields

CRUDE oil at 10c a barrel has had the effect of crowding to the wall 85 percent of the independent oil producers of eastern Texas, and the big fellows in the business are getting control of everything, as is indeed the case in every department of human industry.

Ridding Australia of Cactus

IN SEVEN years, it is estimated, 73,000,000 acres of land in Australia have been freed of cactus, accidentally introduced 150 years ago. A little insect, the Cactoblastis, introduced from Arizona, did the trick. The Cactoblastis lives entirely on cactus, and when the last of the cacti die it dies too.

Railroads Slipping Badly

HOW badly the railroads are slipping may be gathered from the fact that in the first eleven months of 1932 the total net income of 165 Class I steam railroads was less by $261,104,316 than for the same period of the preceding year. All together, these 165 roads operated at a net loss for the period named of $156,188,907.

Robot Flight from Los Angeles

ON JUNE 3 Captain Frank Hawks took some photographs in Los Angeles and during the afternoon flew with them to New York, where he arrived at 11:19 p.m. The journey was made in a plane guided almost all the way by a robot. Captain Hawks, who has made many transcontinental trips, said it was the first time he had really had a good chance to see the scenery.

Where Chain Stores Are Strongest

CHAIN stores are strongest in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, Illinois and California, where they do almost one-fourth of all the retail business. They are weakest in Mississippi, Nevada, Vermont and Arkansas, where they do only about one-tenth of the business. In the country as a whole they do one-fifth of all the retail business done.

The Sangerhausen Black Rose

THE Sangerhausen Rosarium, Sangerhausen, Germany, said to be the largest rosarium in the world, has produced a perfectly black rose, after years of experimentation. There are 900 varieties of roses in the rosarium.

Three-Fourths of Bank Deposits Released

BY THE 28th of June, out of $44,000,000,000 in bank deposits that were tied up at the time of the bank holiday in March, about $34,200,000,000 had been released. Of the banks that were closed at that time, 1,000 still remained closed.

Rushville Has a Surplus

RUSHVILLE, Indiana, has a surplus of $152,448; a year ago the balance was $134,447. If the Power Trust, alias the National Electric Light Association, alias the Edison Electric Institute, knew about this they would feel badly; you know the reason. Rushville owns and operates its own electric light and water plant.

The Fate of Racketeer Witnesses

WHAT it means to be a witness against a racketeer is now being illustrated here in New York, in the case of Irving Wexler, alias Waxey Gordon. Since the Government instituted suit for $385,590.22 against him, four of his intimate personal friends, including his chauffeur, have been bumped off—permanently silenced.

President Roosevelt's Popularity

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR ROBERT W. BINGHAM did not stretch matters when he made the statement in a speech at London that President Roosevelt has a support in Congress and among the people to a degree unequaled in American history since the days of George Washington. Of course this brings corresponding responsibility, too.

Afghans Sentenced to Acquire Knowledge

HAVING slandered the southern part of their country, natives of the northern portion of Afghanistan were required by the government to walk a thousand miles to see for themselves that the regions were not as they had represented them. They were accompanied by guards bearing placards specifying the nature of their crime and the punishment imposed.

The Solid Plastics

THE solid plastics are now used for telephones, cups and saucers and a great variety of other things. Ultimately they will be used for houses, ships, airplanes and streets. Did you ever hear of their origin? Some deep thinker, no doubt, worked for years on the problem? Not at all. A cat upset a beaker of formaldehyde on some cheese; that was all.

Creatures That Live Beyond the Light

THE light of the sun penetrates the ocean only about 600 feet, but life persists at almost a mile below the surface. The denizens of the nether waters carry about with them their own light-making organs. Some are without eyes but are sensitive to light. Some blow up, literally, when brought to the surface, because made to live only under great pressure.

Sixty Dollars per Minute

FOR thirteen speeches over the radio, each fifteen minutes long, Colonel Louis McHenry Howe receives $11,700. Mr. Howe is one of the secretaries of President Roosevelt. Vice-President Jack Garner, of Texas, was offered $1,000 per week for 52 weeks, but refused altogether, stating that his office is not for sale. His stand in the matter is commendable.

"As Solid as the Ground on Which We Stand"

WE SOMETIMES hear the expression "As solid as the ground on which we stand", and then along come those fellows, the scientists, and upset everything by pointing out that New York is sinking at the rate of five inches a century, Portland, Me., and Charleston, S. C., are rising at an even higher rate, and every lunar day the distance between here and England changes by sixty-three feet.

Electric Current Sold Last Year

IN THE year 1932 the public utility companies in the United States sold 11,986,872,000 kilowatt hours of current to domestic customers at an average rate of 5.6c per kilowatt hour, and sold 12,932,095,000 kilowatt hours of current to commercial users at an average rate of 4.1c. The rates in both cases are about three times those charged in Canada for the same service. The Canadian people are about $800,000,000 to the good annually as a result of their publicly owned utilities.

White Lawyer May Not Defend Black Man

A WHITE lawyer may not defend a black man in Marion, Arkansas. At least, when a white lawyer from Memphis defended a black man accused of a crime, and secured a continuance, he was set upon and knocked down by friends of the plaintiff as he was leaving the court. That course is the way to disintegration and ruin, if that is what Marion wants.

Muscle Shoals for the People

WHEN President Roosevelt signed the bill for the government operation of Muscle Shoals it was hailed as marking an epoch in the history of the nation and as emblematic of the dawning of the day when every rippling stream that flows down the mountainside will be harnessed and made to work for the welfare and comfort of man.

Scientific Cat Naps in a Plane

DE PINEDO, planning for a distance flight from New York to a point in Asia, devised an arrangement which after ten minutes of sleep sounds a siren and squirts a jet of cold water in his face. Also, the device works automatically if the plane deviates from its course to left or right, up or down. It has been tested and found to work perfectly.

Army and Navy Club Closes Up

REDUCTION of incomes of army and navy officers, and the withdrawal of five hundred from its membership, have resulted in the Army and Navy Club of America's going into bankruptcy and closing its doors. The club occupied an imposing eleven-story building in the heart of New York's theater district. True Americans are sick of militarism and everything connected with it.

Juvenile Crime in Liverpool

THE official figures of juvenile crime in Liverpool last year show that 154 children aged between nine and fourteen were involved in cases of breaking and entering premises. One gang, whose ages ranged from seven to twelve years, was seen by the police to enter no fewer than 38 shops in one evening and steal parcels of goods from the bags and pockets of shoppers. The children took the goods home to their mothers, and it was found that this had been going on every night for three months.

Dickson's School Board Treasurer

THE people of Dickson, Pennsylvania, are desperately poor. The mines work only a few days each year and there is much distress. It has just come to light that the treasurer of the school board, Michael Wolohowicz, can neither read nor write, but he manages to pull down a salary of $4,000 per year. He has been a school director for seventeen years. Being on a school board is one of the most profitable businesses in Pennsylvania.

Current from Boulder Dam

WALTER PALMER, professor of metallurgy in the School of Mines of the University of Nevada, is authority for the estimate that current will be manufactured at the Boulder Dam for 2 mills per kilowatt hour. Compare this estimate with what you are paying and you will know why the Power Trust fought the construction of Boulder Dam. It is believed this cheap rate should make Boulder Dam a great smelting center.

The Development of Reward Wheat

IT HAS taken forty years of continuous experimentation to develop Canada's Reward wheat. The aim has been to find a variety that will resist rust and that will mature in the far north. Thousands of crosses have been made; results are carefully tabulated. There is a hothouse in Ottawa where several crops are matured each year; a battery of 300-watt bulbs takes the place of the sun from dusk to midnight.

In Philadelphia and in New York

IN PHILADELPHIA a Presbyterian Sunday school teacher was given six months in prison for embezzling $2,079 from a bank, and a few days later a second-offender pickpocket in New York, if found guilty of stealing 75c from a man's pocket, was expecting to get thirteen years. This raises some interesting mathematical problems. If the New York man were sentenced on the Philadelphia basis, instead of getting thirteen years he would get only about an hour and a half. But if the Philadelphia man were sentenced on the basis of what the New York man was expecting to get, he would be in prison 36,036 years, and it seems too bad to keep him away from his Sunday school class that long.

Good-bye, Ingots and Blooms

GOOD-BYE, ingots and blooms, if the new furnaces being built at Detroit work as expected. These electric furnaces, running only on scrap, will pour their contents into circular molds ten feet in diameter, whirling at high speed. These wagon wheel rims, 7 by 7 inches in cross section, are cut up in sections and run right into the finishing mills. It is believed they will produce steels less liable to split and crack than those in general use.

The Aluminum Company of America

YOU have heard about the Aluminum Trust, and had plenty of opportunity to read their propaganda that aluminum cooking utensils are absolutely safe. These are not usually put on the same page with the accounts of wholesale aluminum poisonings. The latest information that this company is all O.K. is contained in a dispatch from Pittsburgh that they paid a woman $1.10 for nine hours' work cleaning coffeepots with sawdust.

Aylesworth's Advice Not So Good

IT SEEMS that Aylesworth's advice to Halsey, Stuart & Company was not so good. Their "Old Counselor" was advised to give investment advice over the radio. But in one instance the "Old Counselor", whether over the radio or not, advised one woman to sell her United States Government bonds and buy the now worthless debentures of Mr. Insull's Corporation Securities Co.

Huge Comet Hits South Carolina

THE largest comet ever seen in the skies hit South Carolina. About four hundred miles in diameter, it came from the northwest and made hundreds of elliptical depressions, some as long as 8,000 feet. All these depressions are parallel and with the elevated rim invariably higher at the southeastern end. The discovery of the impact of the comet was made from a study of an airplane map of Horry county. If another comet of the same size should hit a little farther north, the scarred area would cover all the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, with portions of other states.

National Debts and National Income

IN 1929 the national income was $85,200,000,000 and the interest-bearing debt was about twice that amount, or $163,300,000,000. The present national income is out at $29,900,000,000, and the interest-bearing debt is about four and one-half times that amount, or $141,924,300,000. This debt is now about four billion dollars more than the total national wealth, which means that the big fellows have got everything in the country that is worth having, and four billion dollars of interest-bearing promises besides.

Catherine Brickland of Ireland

CATHERINE BRICKLAND, of North Offaly, Ballycommon, Ireland, hale and hearty at 122 years of age, claims to be the oldest woman in the world, but she is mistaken. At Santa Ana, California, lives Senora Martina de la Rosa, who was born November 11, 1805, and is also hale and hearty. The latter has lived almost all her life in Mexico and Central America, in an excellent climate and with conditions so that most of the time she could live at ease. She has no health rules, but eats what she wants.

Sun-Burning Is Not Sun-Bathing

IT IS generally conceded that sun-burning in lieu of sun-bathing is not only unpleasant, but really dangerous. The skin has a most important function to perform, and when it is burned it cannot do its work, which is thus transferred to the kidneys. The best time to sun-bathe is before the sun reaches the meridian. Do not expose yourself more than an hour at a time. Keep your eyes shaded; and keep turning, so as to avoid burning. Ten minutes in one position is ample.

Nobody Knows What Is Used for Vaccination

IT IS well known, by those who have investigated the matter, that nobody knows what is contained in the material used for vaccination. The statement that pus is pure pus means just nothing at all, as is proved by the numerous complications that have arisen after vaccination. A German professor has been vaccinating large numbers of persons with a pus formed in the center of fertile new-laid eggs, instead of that scraped from a sore on the belly of a diseased calf. That is a good joke on the people who supposed they were being vaccinated with cowpox.

A Fortune from Sea Water

AT SAN FRANCISCO the Marine Chemical Company, Limited, is taking a fortune out of sea water. Magnesia is obtained which is useful in the soap, rayon, pulp and paper industries, and becoming increasingly useful in the field of metallurgy. Pure metallic magnesium is 40 percent lighter than aluminum and has a tensile strength greater than steel. The industry which started six years ago with a hand pump and a man with an idea has already become a huge success.

William P. Devou, Humanitarian

WILLIAM P. DEVOU, of Cincinnati, millionaire owner of some 500 pieces of property mainly occupied by poor Negroes, recently sent all of his 800 tenants notices that their rent had been paid up to June first. The amount of rent bills thus canceled was in the neighborhood of $200,000. The papers refer to him as an eccentric. Well, Jesus and all the apostles were "eccentrics"; the prophets were "eccentrics". But the Devil is not eccentric. He is just plain cussed mean.

Furnishing Aid to China

THE country that is loaning $50,000,000 to China, to enable her to feed and clothe herself, is not Japan. Maybe it is not necessary to mention that. China will probably repay the loan, for the "heathen" Chinese are honest. But if the money and the wheat and cotton were loaned to any European power and Uncle Sam should ever even hint that he would like to have either the money or the goods returned he would find himself blackguarded all over Europe as a Shylock.

Fishwarden Gottlieb Esslinger

NEAR Manayunk, Pennsylvania, Fishwarden Gottlieb Esslinger fired four shots at a plumber who has two days of work per week and was trying to help the family table expenses by fishing on Sunday. One of the shots took effect in the plumber's arm, and he had to go to a hospital. Immense public satisfaction followed the action of Governor Pinchot in firing the murderous fishwarden. Doesn't it seem too bad that in the selection of police officials so many are taken from the institutions for the feebleminded?

Himalayas of Recent Upheaval

PROFESSOR DE TERRA, research professor of geology at Yale University, found in the Himalayas evidence that satisfied him that the rise of the Himalayan range continued into historical times and that the present relief of the mountains is a recent development. This accords with the Bible story of the flood, and we think there is no doubt that the pressure of the waters over what is now the interior of Asia had much to do with forcing up this huge range to its present great height.

Elizabeth City's Vanishing Millions

JANUARY 1, 1929, Elizabeth City, N. C., the center of a rich agricultural district, had three banks, with deposits of $5,387,628.36. Four years later it had one bank, with deposits of $2,054,260.04, a shrinkage of $833,342.08 per year. The leading paper of the town cheerfully figures it out that, at that rate of shrinkage, the bank won't need to open on June 19, 1935, as the last cent will have been used up on the previous day. The intelligence of our great statesmen, and of the colossal intellects of Big Business, which have brought us where we are today, is something wonderful to behold. The only thing they seem to feel sure of is that they do not wish to know anything about God's kingdom, the hope of the world. The preachers have aided them to get their clear-cut ideas on that subject.

Planned Economy Too Difficult

DR. BENJAMIN M. ANDERSON, Jr., economist of the Chase National Bank, is of the opinion that a planned economy is beyond the power of man. In an address at the Hotel Plaza he said, in part:

"If a government or a collective system undertakes to regulate the business of the country as a whole and to guide and control production, there is required a central brain of such vast power that no human being who has yet lived or can be expected to live can supply it. . . . If we wish revival without an early relapse into chaos, I do not think we shall go far with the advocates of the planned economy. They cannot make a comprehensive plan. The ablest and best-trained brains, given unlimited power, could not do it. The ablest students of economic theory can, only for a little while, at times when their energies run high, see in theoretic outline, in schematic outline, an abstract picture of the economic order. But to make this abstract skeleton a thing adequate for conscious control of industrial life is an impossibility."

Burglars Disappointed in Queens

BURGLARS were disappointed in Queens. Working from the basement of a vacant store they excavated a tunnel to within ten feet of a bank containing nearly a million dollars in currency and negotiable paper, and then the police discovered the tunnel and kept six cops on the job day and night for four days. This discouraged the excavators and they quit the job, leaving behind them two acetylene tanks, a new pickax and other tools which they can have on application to the police.

Liverpool's Strong Horses

LIVERPOOL claims the strongest horses in the world, and that they are the descendants of those that the Britons used in their battle against the Romans about the beginning of the Christian era. Two of these horses actually pulled 18½ tons on a slippery road, and two others pulled 29½ tons on a dynamometer built to register only 29 tons.

Wrecking Lutheran Churches in Russia

ACCORDING to *The Lutheran Witness,* the Bolshevists are wrecking all the Lutheran churches in the Leningrad district. The method employed is to hitch a tractor to a steeple and pull it inward upon the church. When it falls it wrecks everything beneath.

The Devil Looks After His Own

THE London *Daily Mail* tells of a beautiful new Roman Catholic church at Nottingham, Kent, built largely and perhaps altogether with money won at horse races. The church is dedicated to "Our Lady Help of Christians"; the dedication suggests that the persons that pulled down the chief prizes believed some lady unnamed is in cahoots with the race track touts. That may all be, but it looks fishy. More likely the Devil is looking after his own. St. Albans church, Splott, Cardiff, also benefited to the extent of £15,000 in the recent Irish sweepstakes. We don't know how the Devil knows which horse will win in a horse race, but apparently he does. We once met a man who admitted that he had literally and deliberately sold himself to the Devil. He was employed to tip off customers as to how races would result, and stated that he never failed to give the correct answer in advance.

Pennsylvania State Legislature

AFTER the Pennsylvania state legislature had adjourned, Gifford Pinchot, governor of the state, said of it: "It blocked almost every piece of legislation in behalf of the working classes that came before it. It blocked the old age pensions. It blocked the minimum wage bill. It refused to cut down the hours of women and children in industry. It refused to eliminate the vicious fee system of tax collection. It refused to put the great private bankers under the supervision of the state. In fact, it refused to do anything and everything that would have interfered in the slightest degree with concentrated wealth and local political organizations."

China Kept Within Her Income

FOR the year from February, 1932, to March, 1933, the Chinese government kept its expenditures within its current income. It did this at a time of world-wide depression, when most other governments incurred large deficits. It did this while it was still struggling with the greatest flood in its history, while silver was in a slump, while there was general confusion and lack of confidence in business as a result of Japanese aggression; and it did this in spite of a Communist menace in one province and the loss of all the revenue from the three rich Manchurian provinces.

Judge Kun a Real Magistrate

CARLO TRESCA, a very intelligent man, editor and publisher of the anti-Fascisti Italian-language newspaper *Stampa Liberia* (or *Free Press*), was arrested and fingerprinted at Philadelphia the other night when he went to the police station to inquire regarding five of his associates who had attended his lecture and who had also been arrested.

The next afternoon he was released on *habeas corpus* proceedings, at which time Judge Kun delivered the following lecture to the police anarchists who had arrested him:

"You had no right to arrest these men. This sort of action makes lawbreakers. It is not illegal to be a so-called radical, Communist, Fascist or anti-Fascist. This is not Siberia, and in the United States we have laws for the protection of citizens which must be observed. This prosecution was an act of stupidity. These men have a right even to do things calculated to change our form of government if they do them in a peaceful and lawful way."

A Pair of Honest and Plucky Parents

LEWIS GIBSON, electrician, had a job at Cottonwood, Colorado, and lost it in the depression. He started east looking for work. His car carrying himself, his wife, and three children under five years of age, fell apart at Canton, Ohio, but he and his wife kept on coming. They got two baby carriages, and wheeling two of the youngsters, with the third toddling along by the side of his parents, they finally hoofed it the rest of the way into New Jersey. It is not believed that this man is on the Morgan company's favor list. Due honor to people that try to bear their own burdens in these accursed times.

Los Angeles' City-Owned Water and Power

IN LOS ANGELES the rate for domestic light and appliance service is 4.8c per kilowatt hour for the first 35 kilowatt hours, 2.5c per kilowatt hour for the next 140 kilowatt hours, and 2.0c per kilowatt hour for all additional kilowatt hours. What are your rates?

The domestic rate for Los Angeles' water, brought 250 miles, is 13c for 750 gallons; while the average rate charged in 183 of America's largest cities is 18c.

Los Angeles will build a transmission system connecting the Boulder Canyon power project, 271 miles away. The cost, $22,800,000, will be repaid from earnings realized through the sale of electric power, not from taxes.

"Going to Have New Interests"

DURING an address at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York Charles M. Schwab, no doubt speaking for himself and the other representatives of Big Business who were present, said, "We are going to have new interests and we are going to work not for wealth alone but for the truly great, aristocratic aim of doing good to our fellow men." Where did we hear something like that before? Oh, yes! That was back in 1917 and 1918, when the American boys were being shipped over to France, long, long before the Battle of Anacostia. When these men that were entitled to a bonus came back they would come to a land fit for heroes to live in. They should find, so they would, that the Big Business crowd that had aforetime always sought money would do it no longer; they would have higher aims thenceforth. They would live to do good to their fellow men. What wonderful memories these Big Business fellows have!

"A Cold-blooded Analysis"

THERE has come into our hands a yellow folder which bears on one leaf the inquiry "Have the people who attend the 10:15 mass no shame?" Another page contains the gist of the contents, when it says: "The 10:15 mass at Sacred Heart Church, 6202 Alder St., Pittsburgh, Pa., is now the 'Street Car Token' Mass. No contribution over 8⅓c."

We give the entire contents of the interior of this folder as a prize example of the frenzy of the money-mad priests. This man was not satisfied with squeezing $353 out of the people for one nonsensical performance. He wanted at least $2,000 for it, and more, of course, at the other shows the same day. If he got anything at all, he was overpaid. Note the villainous abuse that runs through the whole thing. The analysis is crooked too, as would be expected. The average collection was over 17½c each, instead of 8⅓c. See how this is all covered up in the following:

WHO'S WHO

The 10: 15 Mass at the Sacred Heart Church used to be called the "WOOLWORTH MASS — NOTHING OVER TEN CENTS. As a result many decent and generous people refused to attend it lest they be branded with this terrifying epithet by being seen in the company of the well-dressed cheap people whose record was so disgraceful. In the past few months, however, it has descended to even lower depths, and the average contribution of those attending now is the value of a STREET CAR TOKEN . . . 8⅓c!!

Here is a *cold-blooded analysis* of the collection at the 10:15 Mass last Sunday. There were at least 2,000 people in the church; the aisles were jammed; the choir stalls were occupied, and the total collection was only $353.00!! Of this amount, we received in—

Bills and checks	$195.00	from 195	people
Half dollars	36.00	from 72	people
Quarters	53.00	from 212	people
Dimes	35.00	from 350	people
Nickels	32.00	from 640	people
Pennies	2.00	from 200	people
NOTHING		from 331	people
	$353.00	from 2,000	people

In other words, out of 2,000 people, less than one-tenth of them, or only 195 gave a DOLLAR to the collection. The remainder, 1,805 people, contributed exactly $158.00 to the collection. This is an average of about EIGHT AND ONE-THIRD CENTS (8⅓c) EACH.

Yet most of these people came to this church in an automobile; some of them came in taxicabs; all of them were stunningly dressed; most of the men were smoking expensive cigars or cigarettes; vast numbers of them purchased the Sunday morning paper. They paid more for their newspaper or their cigars than they contributed to God; they gave a dozen times more to the taxicab than to the upkeep of the finest parish church in the world. They paid more for gasoline and oil and tires and their machines in one day than they gave to religion in a year.

The pastor of this parish does not lack the capacity to pile up an elaborate array of adjectives to adequately characterize what he and other sensible people think of this intolerable shame and disgrace. Let us simply state the wretched fact itself; let us publicly call attention to the sinful neglect and criminal policy of those wage earners who decline to contribute at least a DOLLAR A SUNDAY to the collection.

You all know who is contributing and who is not. Why do you not indicate your displeasure and your resentment to them face to face on Sunday when you actually see them piously cheating God every Sunday and making religion ridiculous at the 10: 15 Mass, by dropping in the collection basket anything less than a dollar.

In no sense does this apply to people who are out of work, or to children, or to those who for a valid reason are now in distress and who are contributing the maximum that they can afford. This church does not seek any contribution at all from poor people. It is our proud privilege to GIVE to them instead of taking from them.

Our cry of "Shame" is directed exclusively to the well-dressed and prosperous wage earners male and female, young and old, who are gainfully employed and who are squandering every week in luxuries and pleasures untold sums of money and are not contributing a DOLLAR A SUNDAY to the collection. We know the names and addresses of many of these people; we know the license numbers of their cars; we know the huge sums they are expending for expensive boarding schools for their sons and daughters; we know the bills they run up at clubs for gay parties, we know what they pay for hats and fur coats, but we look in vain for their name in our list of contributors of a DOLLAR A SUNDAY to the upkeep of religion.

Somebody May Be Interested in This

WE ARE not interested in real estate development anywhere, but when W. W. Howell, active pioneer in an attractive city in Mississippi, writes that he would like to sell or mortgage his beautiful little suburban home, with its furnishings and equipment, to obtain traveling pioneer equipment, we feel justified in saying that we will forward to him any mail addressed to him that comes in our care and hope that someone with means will be sufficiently interested to write him for description, etc.

Jehovah the Life-Giver

JEHOVAH gives life to His creatures. He is the great fountain of life and blessing. All creatures that have life were given life, either directly or indirectly, by the great Creator. For this life all living and intelligent creatures should be very grateful. While gratitude should prompt all to loving devotion to Jehovah, yet many creatures have been so corrupted as to be a reproach to the Life-giver. Even in this extreme condition of unthankfulness to the Creator, the great Benefactor in His loving-kindness has made provision for the corrupt creatures, except those willingly and persistently bent on doing evil, to be cleaned up, to come into harmony with Him and be an everlasting praise to Jehovah.

Jehovah has made it possible for all those who are in the way of life to do something on their part to manifest an appreciation to their Maker, and thus in turn they receive of His blessings. The one requirement necessary for any creature to continue in life is that he must be obedient to the will of God. When Jehovah placed man upon the earth He placed the test of obedience upon him. He informed Adam, "Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." (Genesis 2:16, 17) The divine Record has it that Adam disobeyed God and ate of the fruit, and that subsequently the penalty of death was passed upon Adam.—Genesis 3:17-19.

Since Adam did not beget children until after the sentence of sin was upon him, it follows that Adam in the dying condition could not transmit perfect vitality upon his children, and hence all his children were born into the world imperfect and already on the pathway that leads to the grave. "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." (Romans 5:12) It therefore became apparent that there was no hope for the human family except that Jehovah would make provision for the deliverance of mankind.

As we examine the Word of God we find clearly stated that the Creator promises to rescue the race from sin and death and from all power of the Devil who originally led man into sin. How will the deliverance be made possible? What are the requirements of Jehovah? When will it be done? These are questions of vital importance, and the death of Jesus is directly related to the proper answer to each of them. Deliverance could not take place until after redemption. Otherwise stated, the rights of man must first be purchased and then mankind may be delivered. Therefore this is the proper place to examine the question of redemption, and in the examination will appear the reason why the perfect man Jesus must die.

Adam was a perfect man when in Eden. Because of sin he was sentenced to death. God's announced law required that the violator thereof should die. Justice therefore required the enforcement of the law, which meant the death of Adam. When the judgment of an earthly court of final jurisdiction is entered there is no power that can reverse that judgment. With stronger reasoning can that rule be applied to Jehovah's court. When He sentenced Adam to death that judgment was final and must be enforced. God could not consistently reverse His own judgment. God cannot be inconsistent. Therefore it was impossible for the judgment against Adam to be set aside or reversed. It is entirely consistent, however, that a final judgment entered in the case may be satisfied by a substitution.

To illustrate: Suppose Jones has a judgment against Smith for one thousand dollars, which has been confirmed by the court of last resort. This judgment has been entered in a jurisdiction where imprisonment can be had for failure to pay debt. The debtor is incarcerated in prison because of his failure to pay. Smith has a father who loves his son, and he produces the thousand dollars and hands it over to the judgment creditor Jones, who accepts it in payment of his judgment. The law therefore requires that the judgment shall be satisfied and Smith released. This is a rule of righteousness.

The same rule with stronger effect operates in Jehovah's court. God could consistently arrange for the satisfaction of the judgment against Adam by substitution. But this must be done in a legal manner, that is to say, in a manner in conformity to the divine law. What, then, did the law require? The answer is: 'A life for a life.' (Deuteronomy 19:21) A perfect man, Adam, had been sentenced to death. The law therefore required a perfect human life. The price for redemption, the satisfaction of the judgment by substitution looking to the release of Adam, must be a life exactly equal to that

life which Adam lost by reason of the judgment. Otherwise stated, nothing short of a perfect human creature willing to go into death could meet the requirements of the divine law.

All the human race descended from Adam; therefore all were born in sin and shapen in iniquity. (Romans 5:12; Psalm 51:5) It therefore follows that there lived on earth no human creature capable of fulfilling the divine requirement with reference to the satisfaction by substitution of the judgment against Adam. This must not be understood as meaning the satisfaction of justice. Justice was satisfied with Adam's death; and that judgment, which means the legal determination, would hold Adam for ever in death unless some substitute is provided equal to Adam that could be given instead of Adam to satisfy the judgment and let Adam go free. The substitute must be the life of a perfect man.

Could not an angel or a divine person be used to satisfy the judgment against Adam and release him from the death sentence? The answer is: No, because the law of God could receive nothing more and nothing less than the judgment required; otherwise God would be inconsistent; and He cannot be inconsistent. Here again Satan has employed his cunning devices to blind men to the true philosophy of the great ransom sacrifice. He has induced his representatives on earth, who have paraded in the name of the Lord, to teach the people that Jesus Christ when He was on earth was divine, and not a mere man; and that He died as a divine person. Any reasonable mind can see that if God would require such, God would be unrighteous. This false reasoning has turned away many men from the Lord and from His Word.

Seeing then that the law required the life of a perfect human creature, and that all the offspring of Adam were and are imperfect, the race appears to be and was in a helpless condition. It is stated by God's prophet thus: "None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him." (Psalm 49:7) Would Jehovah provide for redemption? The Word answers: "I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction."—Hosea 13:14.

Here is the positive word of Jehovah that He would provide redemption for the human race. Of an absolute certainty this will be carried out: "I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isaiah 46:11) "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."—Isaiah 55:11.

For this reason "the [Logos] was made flesh, and dwelt among us". (John 1:14) Seeing that the Logos was on the spirit plane with His Father, how could He be made flesh? With God nothing is impossible. With the consent of the Logos the Father transferred His Son's life from the spirit to the human plane. He was begotten in the womb of Mary, a virgin, by the power of the holy spirit, which means the invisible power of Jehovah. (Matthew 1:18) In due time He was born of His human mother. (Luke 2:9-11) "When the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman." (Galatians 4:4) None of the imperfect blood of the imperfect Adam was in the veins of Jesus, because His life was begotten or begun by the power of Jehovah. When He became a man, therefore, He was "holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners". (Hebrews 7:26) As a man He exactly corresponded to what the perfect man Adam was before he sinned. Therefore the man Jesus was capable of becoming the Redeemer of Adam and his race.

But could the perfect man Jesus provide redemption for Adam and all of the human race? The answer is: Yes; Jehovah has purposed it thus. One man was the father of the entire human family. One perfect man can redeem the whole human family, as the apostle puts it in Romans 5:18, 19.

But one may ask: Why should Jehovah send the posterity of Adam into death? They were not on trial. Note the words of the apostle. He does not say that all men were *sentenced* to death. He does say that all men were condemned to death. Where there is a sentence of death there must of necessity be a trial preceding. Condemnation means disapproval.

A bridge is maintained across a stream until the bridge becomes unsafe; then it is condemned, because it is unsafe. It is no fault of the bridge. The fault lies in the material out of which it is made.

No man made himself. No child brought itself into the world. God gave Adam and Eve the power to propagate the race. As they were

imperfect when this power was exercised, their children were brought forth imperfect. God cannot approve an imperfect thing. It was not the fault of the child. It is the fault of the material out of which it is made. Being disapproved, it is condemned; but this condemnation and disapproval are the result of Adam's sin. Therefore all came under condemnation; and Jehovah has provided that through the righteousness of His beloved Son the free gift of life shall come to all men, giving to them an opportunity to obey Him and live.

Now we find Jesus on earth at thirty years of age, a perfect man and at the legal age required. Why had He come to earth? Jehovah had promised to ransom the human race. (Hosea 13:14) The law required a perfect man's life to provide the ransom. Jesus said that He came to give His life a ransom.—Matthew 20:28.

"Ransom" means, literally, 'Something to loosen with; a redemptive price.' Stated in other phrase, it means the price or value which can be used in loosening or releasing something that is in bondage, restraint or imprisonment. Necessarily the ransom price must be equivalent to or exactly corresponding with, that which justice requires of the thing or creature in bondage.

The right to live as a human creature was required by the judgment against Adam. This judgment took away Adam's right to live. That which would provide a ransom price must be the right of another human creature to live. The perfect man Jesus possessed exactly that thing, namely, the right to live on earth as a man.

The redemption of man from death and its effects, and deliverance therefrom, is the expressed will of Jehovah. (1 Timothy 2:4) Jesus came to do the will of God, as it is written of Him: "Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." —Psalm 40:7, 8.

Jehovah having promised to ransom man, now He had provided a way to carry out His promise by His Son's willingly becoming a man. "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8) Jesus willingly submitted to death; because it was the will of Jehovah to thereby provide the ransom price.

Now the question, Why must Jesus die? is answered briefly. The perfect man Jesus, while He remained alive, could not provide a ransom price. He must now convert His perfect human life into an asset of value, which asset would be sufficient to release man from judgment and from the condemnation resulting from that judgment. He must lay down His human life that the value thereof might be presented to divine justice instead or in place of that which Adam had forfeited, to the end that Adam and his race might have an opportunity to live. Otherwise stated, Jesus must make His human life and the right thereto a legal tender for the payment of Adam's debt.

"Legal tender" means currency, money, measure of value, which the law requires and receives in satisfaction of debts or obligations. "Merit" means value gained. By the merit of Christ Jesus we mean the perfect humanity of Jesus and all the rights incident thereto converted into value or an asset, which is legal tender for the payment of man's debt.

To illustrate this point: Take a man, whom we will call John for convenience, who is languishing in prison to satisfy a fine of a hundred dollars, because of his inability to pay that fine. John's brother Charles is willing to pay that fine, but he has no money with which to pay. Charles is strong and vigorous, has time to work and is willing to work; but his strength and time and willingness will not pay the debt for his brother John. Smith desires someone to work for him, and has the money with which to pay. Charles engages himself to work for Smith, and earns a hundred dollars in cash and receives it. Thereby Charles has reduced his time, strength and vigor into money value, which has purchasing power, and which is legal tender for the purpose of payment of John's obligations. This money may properly be called merit, because of its purchasing value or redemptive value. Charles then appears before the court which entered the judgment against his brother, and offers to pay the hundred dollars which the law demands of John. The court accepts the hundred dollars and releases John. John is thereby judicially released from the judgment; and his brother Charles has become his ransomer, or redeemer.

Adam was the son of God. It was judicially determined by Jehovah that Adam should forfeit his life in death, which judgment would mean the eternal death of Adam and all of his

offspring unless he and they should be redeemed. As Adam possessed the power to beget children before this judicial determination but had not exercised that power, all of Adam's offspring came under the effects of the judgment. He is now held in death to meet the requirements of the law. The entire human race is in a similar condition, resulting from the original sin.

Jesus, the perfect man, the Son of God, was designated by Jehovah as "*The* Son of *the* man"; this title implying that He, being the only perfect man that has lived on the earth since Adam, was entitled to everything that belonged to Adam, life and all the blessings incident thereto. Jesus had the power to produce a perfect race of people, and was in every respect the exact equal of Adam before Adam sinned. It was the will of God that Jesus should redeem Adam and his posterity. Jesus was willing to pay Adam's debt and redeem him; but the perfect, righteous human creature Jesus could not accomplish that purpose while living in the flesh, for the same reason that Charles could not use his strength, time and energy to pay the debt of his brother John, but must first reduce these to a purchasing value.

Jesus must reduce His perfect humanity to a measure of value (which measure of value we call merit), which value or merit constitutes legal tender for the payment of the debt of Adam and his offspring, furnishing the price sufficient to judicially release them all. To provide this ransom price Jesus must die. But to present the value of it before Jehovah He must live again and have access to the court of Jehovah.

At the Jordan river the perfect man Jesus presented himself in consecration to do the will of Jehovah; and it was God's will that Jesus should there lay down His life in death, but that He should *not forfeit the legal right to life as a man.* It was the will of Jehovah that Christ should be raised out of death a divine creature, and as such should take up the merit or right or value of His perfect human life and use it as an asset or legal tender in harmony with the divine will, namely, to judicially release mankind and to provide life for the human race. Why not use the term "legally release"? The Lord could not provide for an illegal release of the human race, because He must be just. The term "judicially release" is here used because that means that the release is done in a judicial capacity or manner, by the one having authority to release.

This argument is in harmony with the statement of Jesus: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they [the people, the human race] might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. Therefore doth my Father love me, because *I lay down my life, that I might take it again.* No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself [willingly]. *I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.* This commandment have I received of my Father."—John 10:10, 11, 15, 17, 18.

Satan has done much to blind the minds of earnest searchers of the truth concerning the philosophy of the ransom. He has made some believe that it was provided for the benefit of only a few, and that all others are predestinated to be lost. He has made others believe that it has no value whatsoever.

For whom did Jesus die? This question must be answered from the Scriptures. Everyone should desire to know the truth. "Thy word is truth." (John 17:17) It would seem strange that God would provide for His blessing to extend to a few, and not grant a similar privilege to all. The Scriptures answer: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved."—John 3:16, 17.

The apostle Paul discusses this matter; and writing (as we know) under inspiration, he declared it to be the will of God that by virtue of the ransom price all men should be redeemed from death and that then each one must be given a knowledge of Jehovah's arrangement, to the end that each one may have the opportunity to exercise his free moral agency and accept or reject the offer of life that comes through the ransom sacrifice. His argument is this: "God . . . will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself

a ransom for all, to be testified in due time." —1 Timothy 2:3-6.

Thus far only a few of the human family have come to a knowledge of the truth concerning Jehovah's provision through Christ Jesus for man's recovery from death; but the Almighty assures us that all will have opportunity in His due time. Jehovah's witnesses are now telling the people of the nations that Jehovah is about to rise up to the prey and destroy all nations which have oppressed mankind. It will be after the battle at Armageddon that the time will be opportune for the people to receive the pure and unadulterated truth as never before, because Jehovah has promised to turn to them a pure message.—Zephaniah 3:8, 9.

In this brief examination of this subject we can clearly discern from the Scriptures that Jehovah is the source of all life. On account of His great love for mankind, He gave His only begotten Son in order to provide the necessary ransom price for the deliverance of mankind. Through the arrangements of Jehovah each one of the Adamic stock will have received an opportunity to avail himself of this great gift of God. Since Jehovah is the Great God and the Giver of all blessings, including life itself, all thanksgiving and praise are due to His name.

Wunderlicht Construction Company

HAROLD JOHNSON, a hard-working, honest young man, with wife and two children, had been out of work three weeks, at Farmington, Missouri, but finally, in July, got work with the Wunderlicht Construction Company, at road-building. The word *Wunderlicht* means "Miracle Light". The way it worked out was that no drinking water was provided on the job. It would have cost a few cents a day to provide it, and that would have cut down profits. Two of the men on the job went to a farmhouse for a drink, but were fired when they got back. Men are plentiful in these days, and work is scarce. It was roasting hot and he was thirsty, but Johnson loved his wife and children so much that he went without water until 4:30 in the afternoon. Then he drank long and deeply; he was so overheated that it killed him. His family is suing the construction company for damages. If they have to pay about $50,000 they may get some much needed wonderful light on how to treat their men.

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The World's Champion Conspirators Against Honesty

AT THE moment, the conspiracy of Gog, the Devil's prime minister, is under full swing to get Judge Rutherford off the air from every radio station in the United States that can be bullied, bluffed, cajoled or forced into going back on its contracts, and disappointing its patrons, by that institution of the Devil, the Roman Catholic church, that is now about to perish.

We who have been out in the door-to-door witness work, and who are out in it regularly, know that the people are with Judge Rutherford. With rare exceptions, they are all listening to him, no matter what church they attend, and this is especially true in cities where his talks have been a regular radio feature. To millions of Catholics, as well as others, his "comfort of the scriptures" (Romans 15:4) is comfort indeed.

Visit their homes and you will know the reason why. Brutal, selfish and scheming priests rob them regularly of every comfort of life, stripping them down to bare floors, the coarsest foods, and on the walls a few religious gewgaws that cost the people fifty times what they are worth, and are neither truthful, artistic, convincing nor comforting. Poor things!

Into these comfortless homes from which the priests, by one wretched device after another, have taken every cent that can be wrung, to provide them with extravagant religious edifices, palatial homes, limousines, wines, travel, and huge additional sums for gambling on the stock market and investing in tax-free real estate, have come Judge Rutherford's radio addresses, borne on the wings of the wind, without money and without price, as a blessed boon from heaven. Not infrequently some good Catholic soul refers to him in such a way as to clearly reveal the fact that she regards him as a brother beloved in the Lord, whom in her spiritual weakness, and sickness, and poverty, he has visited with the one message of peace and hope and truth that has ever come to her undistorted.

Enough to Make the Angels Weep

It is enough to make the angels weep to think that men should take away from their fellow pilgrims through this vale of tears the one comfort that they have. Only the Devil, and those that have the spirit of the Devil, would be willing to do it. In selecting the priests of the Roman Catholic church to direct his dirty work in the earth, the Devil has chosen the fittest of all instruments.

Wherever they have had a free hand, as in Spain and Mexico, the priests of the Roman Catholic church have shown that they are the world's champions as liars and as conspirators against common honesty. There is no depth of littleness of soul to which they will not descend in order to further the interests of the most crooked, most devilish system that ever disgraced this planet, by which we mean the Devil's own masterpiece, his "church".

We know how the people feel. Does anybody suppose that more than 140,000,000 copies of Judge Rutherford's books could have been placed in the hands of the people without the people's being friendly to them? Why, over 80,000,000 of these were placed in the United States alone, and that is more than two books to every family in the United States; much more.

And now notice that the institution that has set about to force Judge Rutherford off the air has only 20,000,000 members in this country. In other words, fifteen percent of the people in this land have the unmitigated gall to say to the other eighty-five percent, 'You shall not have any truth, you shall not have any comfort; you shall have only the papal slop that was fed to Spain and Mexico until it made them so deathly

sick that they vomited it all up and now refuse to have it at all.'

Ecuador, a nominally Roman Catholic country, is so sick of the Roman Catholic religion that it is actually against the law for any Roman Catholic priest to enter the country. If they had been a blessing, or if, indeed, they had ever been anything but a curse to the country, do you suppose for a minute that such a law could have been passed?

When it comes to lying innuendo, and to veiled and open threats of loss of business or loss of employment, there is no institution ever formed by the Devil, and certainly none ever formed by man, that could do or would do the things that the Roman Catholic institution will do to gain her end. Lying is admittedly all right, but murder is all right, too. As Cardinal O'Connell admitted at the Eucharistic show in Dublin, 'anything at all is all right' for Roman Catholics in the United States, 'as long as they can get away with it.' Just now they are trying to get away with the job of putting Judge Rutherford off the air.

The Mendacious, Hypocritical Catholic Press

Nobody who knows anything about the machinations of the Roman Catholic system would need to be told that their church papers, edited by priests, are anything more than a tissue of lies from end to end. One would expect that. But it is incredible the depths of meanness and smallness to which the editors of such papers descend. The editorials of the twenty-one Catholic papers surveyed are all much alike. We give a sample taken from *The Catholic News* (New York) of August 5.

In reprinting this editorial we have put in *italics* the lies or unsupported distortions which run all through it, and have put in CAPITALS the two statements of fact around which this whole great network of lies is woven. Judge Rutherford tells the truth about hell and purgatory; that is objectionable to the spokesmen for the Catholic fifteen percent of the population (though not to many of the individual Catholics themselves), and so:

RUTHERFORD INSULTS AGAIN

"Apparently the management of Station WMCA has forgotten the promise made to a representative of The Catholic News on July 11, that *'Judge'* Rutherford and the Watchtower Service of Brooklyn would not be permitted to *assail the Catholic Church* in their electrical transcriptions broadcast every Sunday over that station. For some time Rutherford's *anti-Catholic radio campaigns in other cities, especially in the West,* have been denounced in the Catholic press, and many stations, as a result, have canceled their contracts with him. Here in New York his broadcasts over WMCA did not assume *a decidedly anti-Catholic tone* until a few months ago. Early in July the station began to receive *protests from Catholics* that the Rutherford talks *spoke insultingly of the Pope and Catholic institutions.* When a representative of The Catholic News personally presented the *grievances of Catholic New Yorkers* on July 11 the station's director said that in future WMCA would insist in knowing beforehand what each week's electrical transcription was to say, and he gave assurances that any that contained an *attack upon the Catholic Church or other religion* would not be broadcast. 'We will not tolerate over this public station,' said the manager, *'an insult to any religion, Protestant, Catholic or Jewish.'*

"For a few Sundays this promise was kept. But last Sunday morning's Rutherford broadcast over WMCA *was decidedly anti-Catholic.* Its title was 'SINNERS IN PURGATORY' and its whole tenor was to *ridicule the Catholic belief* in a middle state after death. Rutherford after quoting Cardinal Gibbons' reasonable explanation of prayers for the dead in 'The Faith of Our Fathers' proceeded *outrageously to distort the meaning* of what the late Cardinal wrote. The doctrine of purgatory, Rutherford said, was designed to induce people to contribute money to the clergy to pray for the dead. The doctrine, he said, was as false as Satan himself. He quoted, *in his peculiarly jumbled fashion,* many bits of Scripture to back up his assertion there was nothing in the Bible that authorizes prayers for the dead, but, of course, he omitted the one well-known to Catholics: *'It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.'* *

"There was much more in last Sunday's Rutherford broadcast *insulting to Catholics.* Evidently WMCA's management *senses the offensiveness of what Rutherford has to say,* for before and after each broadcast the announcer solemnly declares that 'the opinions expressed are peculiarly Judge Rutherford's and should not be accepted as the editorial expression of

* In II Machabees 12: 43-46 the whole text is

"And making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection. (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

It will be apparent instantly to any honest person that the writer of this apocryphal book (which is really no part of the inspired Holy Scriptures, and therefore no part of the Bible itself) plainly teaches that the dead are asleep, awaiting a resurrection. He says nothing about a purgatory, and as a matter of fact the purgatory doctrine was not invented until the time of Gregory the Great, more than six hundred years after Christ's death.

Station WMCA.' That disclaimer does not absolve the station for responsibility for what Rutherford says. *He is and always has been assailing all religion* that is not fashioned on his own peculiar lines. The preceding Sunday, in a talk on 'IS HELL HOT?' he declared that 'the hell fire doctrine taught by the clergy is driving millions out of the churches.'

"Rutherford, as every one who listens to him soon discovers, *has strange religious notions.* He is entitled to expound these ideas to his heart's content, even over the radio, we will concede. But he has no right to *misrepresent and attack the teachings of Protestant, Catholic or Jewish bodies* in order to get over his philosophy, and no radio station with a sense of decency and fair play would permit him in such a manner *to insult multitudes of their listeners-in.* Speakers on religious topics are to be heard on all the reputable radio stations. But no one can truthfully say that Dr. Cadman, Dr. Fosdick, Dr. Poling, Dr. Reisner or any other eminent Protestant clergyman ever *assails the cherished beliefs of Catholics or Jews,* or that the speakers on the 'Catholic Hour' speak disparagingly of their Protestant brethren. It remains for a Rutherford to *violate the canons of gentlemanly conduct on the air,* and the station that permits him to do so is guilty of as grave an infraction as himself. In view of the fact that WMCA seems bent upon permitting Rutherford to *insult the Catholics of New York* every Sunday the Catholic people ought to make it their business to let the management of the station know how they feel toward WMCA."

Twenty-five Lies and Two Truths

The foregoing editorial contains twenty-five lies and two truths. Everything in *italics* has the full force and effect of a lie. It takes time and space to answer lies, and we are short of both; but by glancing over the article the lies can be at once located. Why bother to deny them or to answer them? What answer that will convince him can be made to a liar? Even while the answer is being made he frames yet other lies.

The two truths are that Judge Rutherford lectured on "Sinners in Purgatory" and "Is Hell Hot?" He had a perfect right to lecture on these subjects, and there are millions who wish to hear them discussed and are interested also to read what this Bible scholar has to say. If there are untold millions of the human family in either or both of these places, is it not important to know of their condition? And if the priests and other clergy have deceived the people on these subjects, as they have on everything else, do the people not have a right to look into the matter?

The real fact of the business is that the people are listening, and reading and thinking, and that is something that the clergy are desperately determined must not occur. They will do all the thinking that is done, the same as they did in Mexico and Spain and Ecuador, and everybody else must keep silent.

If here and there a radio manager has some integrity and tries to see that Judge Rutherford's friends get a fair deal, the first thing he knows the pressure is exerted on him from a new angle. Advertisers over his station are warned that their goods will be boycotted unless they desist from broadcasting over the same stations as Judge Rutherford.

In St. Louis, W. L. Mittendorf, a faithful postal employee, as a result of pressure brought by D. J. Casey, business manager of *The Sunday Watchman,* Roman Catholic paper of that city, was told in so many words by the postmaster that he would either have to give up his connections with the Watch Tower organization or else lose his job in the postal service. He went on to say that Mr. Farley, the postmaster general, is a Roman Catholic, and that unless Mr. Mittendorf came to some agreement with *The Sunday Watchman* it would mean his job.

That Is Just Plain Murder

Now all that that means is that the Roman Catholic organization is an organization of murderers, within the plain teaching of Jesus himself, in Matthew 5:21, 22; for nobody but a murderer would insist that a man must discontinue his service of Jehovah God or they would deprive his family of a livelihood. There is not another institution on this planet that would make a threat like that, or carry out a threat like that, than the Roman Catholic church. But *they* would do it and gloat over it.

The real reason why these liars and murderers are after Judge Rutherford is that he has for years pleaded with the big religionists to publicly debate over the radio whether they serve Jehovah God, as they claim, or whether, in fact, they are really part and parcel of the Devil's organization. Judge Rutherford has offered to defray half the expense.

In his letter to the Roman Catholic press, Judge Rutherford says some things that ought to strike home to any true Catholic, and will appeal to many of them. He says:

"Why should the people be denied the opportunity of learning what God's Word teaches, merely because those divine truths when uttered 'offend the sensibilities' of certain men who are not in harmony with

God? I agree that one man has no right to attack another man personally; but when any man brings forth a doctrine relating to God's dealing with the human race and asks the people to believe that doctrine, then it is the right and duty of others who do not agree to call attention to the fact that such doctrines promulgated do not proceed from God but proceed from God's enemy the Devil.

"I have nothing against Catholics as men or women. I only take issue with the doctrines which that organization teaches. If the Catholic clergy want to be fair, why don't they accept my proposition to publicly discuss these questions or doctrines and then let the people determine for themselves which is truth? The gag and bludgeon method can never make any of the people free, but, in the language of Jesus, 'the truth shall make you free.' (John 8:32) You claim to speak for millions of Catholics; but I tell you that you do not speak for them. There are millions of good people in the Catholic organization who do not believe what you say. Why not let them all have an opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed and then let them speak for themselves? You are not their guardians except by self-appointment."

And While We Are About It

Vatican Continues to Crack

THE Vatican continues to crack. The Lapidary Hall, in which the pope has received thousands of visitors in the last few weeks, now shows a dozen cracks in the walls and has been closed. The hall flanks the section of the Vatican library, which collapsed two years ago.

Blessing Cars in Hungary

NOTICE where Cardinal Seredi, in Hungary, blessed all kinds of cars, including "big military cars", and cannot help but wonder just what goes with a blessing on a big military car. Is it the same kind of blessing that goes with Lewisite gas, or mustard gas, or is it of the flame-thrower type? Further light is wanted on this item.

Spanish Monasteries Pay Taxes

NOT only are the Spanish monasteries deprived of the privilege of teaching, which has hitherto been one of their many lines of business, but the laws now provide that they must pay taxes on all their other business enterprises. As they are engaged in about every kind of business, this makes a very considerable addition to the government's revenue.

Ambrose Has Six Chefs

EXPLAINING why Ambrose has six chefs, but not telling us how it is that the six of them manage to keep busy cooking for one man, a dispatch from Rome says: "Abhorrent as such things must be to Pius XI, he knows and supports the fact that as monarch, as king, as Christ's vicar on earth, he must bear with such attempts to make his simplicity appear opulent." His sorrow is like that of the Wall Street gang when they meet a beggar by the way.

Roman Catholic Floggings in the Philippines

THE Philadelphia *Daily News* contains a quarter-page picture of the so-called Penitencia flogging in the Philippines. Attired only in trousers, with ropes fastened around their legs in such fashion that they can only hobble, the so-called "penitents" are lashed with whips imbedded with glass. After hours of beating the so-called "penitents" are allowed to wash off the blood and are given food. The Philippine Islands are under the protection of the United States Government.

The "Grievous Errors" of the Spanish

THE pope made eight charges against the Spanish Republic. They are said to be serious enough that if Ambrose had the nerve to do it he would excommunicate the whole works, but, if he did that, collections would fall off to less than they now are, and they are now small enough. One of the eight 'sins' committed by the Spanish is that they have separated church and state. Perhaps they have been influenced by Spanish-speaking persons in other lands. Take Mexico, for example. Vera Cruz will permit but one priest to hold up 100,000 people. In Yucatan they permit nine priests to collect from 400,000. In Mexico city twenty-five priests have to get all the money that is obtained from 1,250,000 people. The papal delegate to Mexico was expelled as a pernicious foreigner. Ecuador has a law that no foreign clergyman may enter the country. Maybe the Spanish people have heard of these things. Or then again, maybe the things they have done are based upon their own experience and express their honest conviction of what is best for them as a people. Scolding them will change nothing.

Addressed the Wrong Department

AN INDIGNANT subscriber, who some time ago sent in an item to the effect that there are on view in Rome 'a small roll of butter and a small cake of cheese made from the milk of the virgin', wants to know why no mention was made of this in the list of relics cited in "La Bottega del Papa".

If we never had any problems harder than this one, how simple life would be! This subscriber must have addressed the relic department of the magazine, whereas the dairy products department should have been addressed. And then, mind you, he wants to blame us for it.

The Holy Staircase

NOTHING is said in the Scriptures about Christ's climbing a staircase in the palace of Pontius Pilate, or any other staircase anywhere; nobody even knows that the palace had a staircase; everything may have been on the level. Nevertheless it is rumored from Rome that the pope will climb the "Holy Staircase" at the Lateran Palace, which staircase, so the dispatch declares, is "believed to be the identical staircase which Christ climbed in the palace of Pontius Pilate at Jerusalem". That is, it is believed by those that believe it, but it is not believed by those that don't believe it; and, believe it or not, we don't believe it. Believe it?

How Was This Miracle Performed?

IN ITS issue of June 22, 1933, *The Catholic Register,* of Kansas City, said feelingly:

" 'The Holy Year,' the subject of his next talk, is to be the three-ring circus. This same speech, when broadcast on April 23 from a limited number of stations, caused a storm of protest wherever it was heard. It resulted in the Canadian government barring Rutherford from the air and in numerous broadcasting stations in this country dropping his speeches from their schedules."

It so happens that the telegram which Hector Charlesworth sent out to Canadian radio stations ordering Judge Rutherford's lectures off the air was sent, not on April 24, as one would judge from the foregoing "information", but on the previous January 16.

Now is that not interesting? According to *The Catholic Register,* the renowned Charlesworth, whose only claim to being a Catholic is that he married a Catholic wife, has the gift of prophecy. Foreseeing that, ninety-seven days later, Judge Rutherford would let the gas out of the pope's "Holy Year" balloon, he was so moved that he straightway shut him off the air.

As a consequence of his being shut off the air in Canada, the people were so incensed at his "Holy Year" speech, which they were thus deprived of hearing, that they had Charlesworth wire ninety-seven days ahead of time that nothing like that which he had arranged should not be done should not be done some more!

This true Roman Catholic logic fits nicely into the arrangement by which, for a consideration, a priest will use his influence with "the grandmother of God" to pass that influence on to "the mother of God", who in turn will beg God himself to do the right thing by the poor sinner Christ came to save, but which sinner He is so mad at that He will keep him frying, baking and roasting in torment for hundreds of years—unless his relatives are forehanded and generous with the long green in his behalf, by buying masses and other things which the "church" has for sale.

Doctor Trexler on the Lutheran Church

REVEREND DOCTOR SAMUEL TREXLER, in an address opening the United Lutheran Synod of New York, at Buffalo, described the Lutheran church as follows, and it sounds as if he must have been out in the witness work:

"The greatest fault of the church is her worldliness. She adopts her patterns from the passing things about her. Thus the progress of the church is too parallel to the progress of the world. When the world is on the height the church is there too; when the world is in the valleys the church is there too. It would be well if the church were there to minister, but she is there more frequently as a beggar. Where is the spirit of the martyr, the crusader, the reformer, the pioneer? Everywhere man is today gripped with the spirit of fear, which is not the spirit of God. The church does not stand as a positive conviction like a rock among shifting sands. She does not express to the world power and love and a sound mind, but ranks rather as a galvanic battery whose force is run down."

Perhaps one reason why Reverend Trexler is depressed over the condition of the Lutheran church is that, so it seems from his report, some of the brethren have collected a fund for missionary purposes but have hung on to it and used it for themselves. On this point he said:

"It is fundamentally wrong to use funds gathered for others on ourselves. How can we expect God to prosper our work in the face of such malfeasance?"

Margaret Sanger Gives Mental Aid to the Pope

MARGARET SANGER has made a study of the whole difficult subject of birth control, and writes on it intelligently and convincingly. In an article in *The Nation,* entitled "My Answer to the Pope on Birth Control", she says, in part:

The pope has no respect for the mental powers of the individual. He writes:

> Wherefore, let the faithful also be on their guard against the overrated independence of private judgment and that false autonomy of human reason. For it is quite foreign to everyone bearing the name of Christian to trust his own mental powers with such pride as to agree only with those things which he can examine from their inner nature . . . a characteristic of all true followers of Christ, lettered and unlettered, is to suffer themselves to be guided and led in all things that touch upon faith or morals of the holy Church of God, through its supreme pastor, the Roman pontiff, who is himself guided by Jesus Christ our Lord.

That is what the pope says. Now let us see what Jesus says. Saint Matthew quotes Him thus: "Have ye not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" Saint Mark quotes the same statement. But did Jesus say that every wife had to bear children as fast as they would come? Did He ever advocate rearing large families as a duty toward God? Did He ever say anything against the limitation of offspring? Did He ever say anything that by any twist of argument can be interpreted to mean that He disapproved of contraception? If He did, why does not the pope cite chapter and verse?

Having answered, point by point, those parts of the pope's encyclical which refer to birth control, I want to add that his attitude in general seems to be conditioned by a disapproval of human enjoyment and an apparent relishing of the theory that suffering is good for our souls. He speaks of himself as "looking with paternal eye . . . as from a watch-tower." It is a tower set in splendor, surrounded by walls that shut out the world of broken homes, of sick and sorrow-laden mothers, poverty-stricken fathers, and pathetic, unwanted children. In that remote tower he sits comfortably, takes counsel from a pile of old books and from bachelor advisers, and then writes scolding sermons about the marriage problems of intelligent people. I wish he could come down into real life for a few weeks, walk the earth and mingle with the poor "ye have always with you." He would hear true stories from Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish women which I should think would be enough to shake sense into the head of any man.

Making the People Healthy

IT IS a great responsibility, this of making the people healthy. It takes a great mind to comprehend how filling the human blood stream with pus is really a good thing. In England and Wales only 88 children under five years of age died of smallpox in the 24 years ending December, 1928, but 232 died of vaccination. That shows the difficulties in the way.

Some of us can remember back to 1890, when the world was thrilled with the news that Doctor Robert Koch, of Germany, had discovered a cure for tuberculosis. He repudiated that cure, tuberculin, because the facts made it necessary, but the ones that made the serum made a new market for it by the grafting of it into cattle. *Grafting* is the right word.

When tuberculin is injected into cattle, the cattle are made sick, the milk becomes ropey and stringy and its flow is diminished, the calves born are defective; sometimes the cattle die. In 1932 tuberculin was injected into all Indian children in Montana; the consent of their parents was not asked.

The necessity for vaccination may be judged from the following quotations from *The Truth Teller:*

In the year 1926, Oklahoma reported 868 cases of smallpox without a single death. West Virginia had 387 cases, New York 305, North Dakota 276, all without a single death.

In 1927 Michigan reported 1,469 cases of smallpox, Idaho 759, Montana 575, New York 376, North Dakota 208, all without a single death.

In 1928, Nebraska reported 1,472 cases of smallpox, Arkansas 241, Connecticut 170, Wyoming 163, Minnesota 130, all without a single death.

In 1929, Wisconsin reported 758 cases of smallpox, Alabama 378, Minnesota 321, New York 291, Vermont 216, Arkansas 213, all without a single death.

During these same years many states reported but one death from smallpox, with many hundreds of cases, during a single year. Ohio reported 2,133, Texas 1,898, Washington 1,772, Georgia 957, Virginia 596, Mississippi 639, Nebraska 691, Idaho 611, Utah 586, and Montana 547.

Quite a large number of states reported over 1,000 cases of smallpox with but two deaths in a single year.

A few years ago the Russell Sage Foundation issued a nation-wide report showing the average distance from homes to doctors, and the public health statistics for the same year showed that the districts where the homes averaged the greatest distance from doctors were the healthiest districts in the nation.

Sun-Bathing *By Dr. La June Foster (Calif.)*

SUN-BATHING is one of the forms of bathing most conducive to health and longevity; but it, as well as many other good things, can be done incorrectly and overdone and so the benefits be lost. Remember, the skin must become used to the rays of the sun gradually. It is best to expose the body but a few minutes at a time, at first two and one-half minutes to a side, making ten minutes in all the first day, then gradually building up to one-half hour, or to an hour in some cases. This is best done by increasing the exposure five minutes each day. Blondes can stand less exposure than brunettes; nervous types, less exposure than phlegmatic types of people. In all types the head and eyes and back of the neck should always be well protected from the rays of the sun, to prevent sunstroke. If you are dizzy during the sun bath it is a sign you need to shorten your exposure, or if your body feels fatigued after the bath it indicates the same. Follow the sun bath with a tepid sponge and a period of rest; then by a cool or cold shower *after* the rest.

The proper time for sun-bathing is in the early morning. It is then that we get more *light* and less *heat,* and it gives a more beneficial effect than an overexposure to the infra-red rays of the sun, which are in many cases too heating and stimulating. The earlier in the forenoon you take the sun bath, the greater will be the beneficial effect, because you get more of the ultra-violet rays, which are healing.

Do not take the sun bath too close to meal time, especially not *after* a full meal, as the rays of the sun draw the blood away from the internal organs to the surface of the body and interfere with digestion. During the summer months, when we are getting more sun, we need to make our diet much lighter, consisting principally of fruit and vegetables and some dairy products. Limit starches and sweets and heavy proteins (meats, etc.) at this time; also fats and seasoning and condiments. The sun is germicidal and antiseptic in effect; it kills bacteria, overcomes toxemia, aids respiration and assimilation and elimination, strengthens vital functions, is energizing. The sun stimulates the natural agents that nourish the nervous system. It stimulates the growth and development of the red blood corpuscles.

Danger from Excessive Sun-Bathing

From Polish Golden Age

AT THE Paris Medical Conference Dr. Mathieu De Fossey explained the results of his study and actual experimentation made on ten patients, that excessive sun-bathing is very dangerous. It is quite evident that excessive sun-bathing, nowadays so fashionable, is very harmful to the health. In the first instance, it acts on the liver, causing it to be overflowed with blood, thereby making room for subsequent ailments and later anaphylaxis. The doctor claimed later in his lecture that artificial silk allows the ultra-violet rays to penetrate.

The Macfadden One-Cent Restaurants

AT FIVE places in New York and Brooklyn, and one in Washington, the hungry may now secure good food, excellently cooked, at the Macfadden One-Cent Restaurants. All foods are cooked by the slow process in double boilers; all the flavor is retained; that is the right way to cook any food.

The dishes that may be had for 1c each are all kinds of soups, cracked wheat, steamed cornmeal, steamed Scotch oatmeal, steamed hominy grits, bread pudding, stewed prunes, stewed raisins, honey tea, raisin coffee, black coffee, milk for coffee, whole-wheat doughnut, 2 slices whole-wheat bread, 2 slices whole-wheat raisin bread.

In the two-cent category are creamed codfish on toast, rice pudding, cornmeal pudding, whole-wheat pudding, stewed apricots, stewed mission figs, stewed peaches, buttermilk, light cream for coffee, whole-wheat apple or prune pie, whole-wheat muffin with raisins, cole slaw.

In the three-cent list are meat cakes, fruit salad, ½ grape fruit, sliced peaches, crushed pineapple, sweet milk, whole-wheat crumb cake, whole-wheat coffee ring, whole-wheat ginger cake with whipped cream, lettuce and tomatoes, and tuna fish salad; also cream of asparagus soup.

The usual price for a full meal in these restaurants is 10c.

The Tuberculin Cattle Testing Job

FROM all we can learn of its operation the tuberculin testing of cattle merely provides work for veterinaries. So far as benefiting the farmer or the taxpayer, the thing is a total loss. One farmer told us he lost his entire herd, and he felt sure there was no reason for it. Another told us that he lost his best cattle but was allowed to keep the poorest ones. Another followed his cattle to the butcher shop at Pittston and found that none of the cattle condemned as tuberculous were so at all.

A woman writes in from New Hampshire that against her protest, and without a warrant, six men entered her premises, where they shot tuberculin into a young bull, three heifers, one twelve-year-old milch cow and a two-month-old calf. These animals were used only for the food supply of the family and had belonged to the family for four animal generations.

The lady, who seems to be a true American, does not relish the way things are going in this country at present. She says in part:

The second time they came I had my barn doors padlocked. I did this on the advice of Mayor Charles E. Carroll, of Laconia, and the county solicitor, Theo. Jewett. They both said the "vets" would not dare to break in without a court order. Of course, we knew they had no court order, as I had never been haled into court on the case, and that meant a jury trial, which I had never had. In fact, I had never had any charge preferred against me, and the state officials are entirely lawless, including the assistant attorney general, Thornton Lorimer, who ordered them here the second time.

I have resisted the test in a lawful manner by refusing to give my consent to have my cattle injected with tuberculin. Needless to say, my confidence in government has been destroyed, inasmuch as public officials of the state of New Hampshire have violated the fundamental law of the land, namely, the constitution of the United States and the state constitution, when they came to my home without due process of law and forcibly injected my cattle with filth.

I was brought up to respect law, and by that I mean I was taught to believe that I had certain God-given, inalienable rights that must be respected by officials and other citizens as well as my duty to obey those laws. I was taught that nowhere in all the world was the individual's rights so respected and protected as in these United States.

Now I have this to say, that there has arisen in our midst a sinister thing, namely State Medicine, a thing more terrible than Roman Papacy ever was: Medical Popery! And if this fiendish thing is not put down, we shall be a nation of rotten flesh and gibbering idiots. Public health! What hypocrisy! It reminds me of the Spanish Inquisition, where the Roman church said in devilish glee, "No blood was shed!" Public health today includes putting filthy serums and vaccines, made from inoculating poor helpless animals with horrible diseases and torturing them uselessly, not to improve the health of humanity, God knows, but to enrich the human devils who attempt to force their horrible concoctions upon the helpless children of this and other countries, as well as upon our animals.

It is self-evident that sanitation and hygiene are responsible for better health as well as the higher standards of living enjoyed previously through the advance of material prosperity. It is also self-evident that the Medical Trust was alarmed at the loss of business to themselves as the health of the nation advanced and they must do something to keep alive disease and therefore keep alive their profession of "ministering to the sick"! But first there must be sick people. How could they be sure there would be sick people and business for themselves? By inoculating disease into the nucleus population, the children. Also anyone else they can ensnare. When a profession becomes commercialized, such as the healing of the sick, it becomes, not an act of mercy, but a grinning archdevil.

I read in one issue of *The Golden Age* an article about the necessity for search warrants in the seizure of liquor under the prohibition law. Now, if it was necessary then, certainly it was necessary for the state "vet" to go to the trouble of causing a charge to be preferred before he could have legally injected my cattle. You understand, I am not in business, and was bootlegging no milk.

One of the main reasons why prohibition was so unpopular was the fact of lawless procedure as well as the violation of the individual's personal rights to eat or drink to suit himself. As I understand it, the American Bar Association helped to arouse sentiment against it because of the lawlessness it engendered in the so-called "law enforcement" officers. . . .

We are alarmed because our home is not safe from these periodical raids and if we do not do something immediately the "vet" will return and further inject my cattle with tuberculin. Have I no rights at all? They inject them every six months. It is a deliberate attack on a private home. We are outraged. Why should we be forced to submit to this diseasing of our cattle? We depend on these animals for our food supply. Why should we have to have our food supply poisoned at the source? We have lived here twenty-five years. I was told by the State Attendance man if I did not like the laws of New Hampshire I could move out. I told him I had not heard of New Hampshire's seceding from the Union, and I was an American citizen, not just a citizen of New Hampshire, and if he did not like that he could go [South]. And as far as I know we are both still in New Hampshire and likely to meet in court any day.

The Great Negation *By Edward C. Leigh (Missouri)*

THERE is a sevening process running all through creation. For instance, scientists, with no idea of this, worked out (1) light, (2) heat, (3) sound, (4) motion, (5) weight or gravity, (6) chemical activity, and (7) electricity. Each one of these has seven degrees or rates of vibration. Six circular objects of the same size, with a seventh in the center, make a 'wheel within a wheel'.

There are seven prime colors: violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red; there are seven notes in the musical scale: do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, si. The invisible things of God are made understandable by the creative processes. Light corresponds to truth; darkness, to error.

Cold is no positive, but a negative of heat, its absence; as silence is of sound and darkness of light, and as the primeval dust is of attraction or cohesion. Then, by the same token, evil is no necessary law of creation, but is the absence of good, as death is of life, and when the Great Negation is snuffed out, all evils, all negatives, will be snuffed out with their father or originator and there will be a spotless universe.

Heat is a positive; cold, an absence of heat. Stick an iron rod into the fire. When hot plunge one end into water; the heat will travel along the rod and you cannot hold it; cold, the negative, is dead; it does not travel. It will slowly communicate, but does not travel as heat travels.

Presumably life is vibration, the right kind of vibration. Sin, evil, is wrong vibration, declining vibration. Where Paul says "the motions of sin" we would say "the vibrations of sin". A motion, a shake, a vibration, are all the same. Isaiah says, in the thirtieth chapter, "In battles of shaking" (vibrations) will God contend with Satan. The wave offering was a vibratory movement.

The physical forces are all wave motions, frequencies. Thought is a vibration, and life too, I suppose. Death is deadness, stillness, silence, motionless. The whale, monster in the sea, is likened to Satan. Whalers have observed that the leader of the herd, scattered over five to ten miles square, seems to vibrate sailing, cruising directions to all in a few moments. Certainly Satan must have some similar process for directing his war on truth. God's invisible things are illustrated by the works of creation everywhere. Satan's first lie was a great *negation* of good.

And That Is Not the Half of It

REVEREND DOCTOR GEORGE LANG paid his compliments to his fellow Presbyterians in the following address to the Presbyterian synod of Alabama:

In the midst of a society shot through with racketeering, and its "front" of hypocrisy and skepticism in politics, business and industry, we have remained silent with the silence of unfeeling moral indifference, with silences of doubt, and have had no outraged consciences because we have stubbornly refused to have our consciences exposed to the evils which abound about us. . . . Only the blind could fail to see that our civilization was a cheap superstructure sustained by no secure foundations in character, no high purposes, and dedicated to no high ends. . . . To look back on our witness in this decadent society is to see ourselves in sorry cowardice, ineffective, and without real influence. It is not to be wondered at that we stand today discredited in moral and spiritual leadership. We did unworthy deference to men who were, and are, inferiors both intellectually and morally. . . . We have cheapened our ministry, we have made it common; we have reduced it to the level of pose and palaver; so that even in our human relations we are insincere and unreal . . . surely we will no longer apologize for our ministry of mind, or heart, or will, to a perverse generation whose most characteristic marks are superficiality, gaudiness, vulgarity, insincerity, bad manners, moronic thought, and "wisecracking" platitudes. . . . How many of our elders or deacons read anything more penetrating than the familiar columnist of bright and snappy sayings? . . . It is particularly offensive that these "outstanding men" who sense little that is splendid in communication or appreciation are elected even to the offices of the church, where social promotion is easier than in any other group. . . . Look at what only you may see: the ruins of a civilization; its poverty and its heartless cruelty. . . . We have little to hope for from our laymen. . . . Their loftiest spiritual level is a cautious morality whose achievement is respectability; and their highest intellectual attainment is some outmoded conceit. In the debacle of their civilization they have shown neither imagination nor courage. They have lost their heads; they are afraid and cowardly. It is the institutions they have erected which need a moral house-cleaning; all of them, without exception.

Selections from Japanese Readers

(Edited by the Japanese Ministry of Education)

First Selection

(a) CITIZEN'S AMBITION.

"What shall Japan contribute to the world? All Japanese must awaken to their duty to execute the Divine Punishment. By attacking or by punitive treatment, the powers of the world must be broken down in order to fulfil the Divine Mission of Japan. Some day, when, having swept away all rottenness and subjugated all arrogant and impolite countries of the world, Japan shall be the King of the world and lord over the whole universe."

From *New National Language Reader*. Vol. 6. Lesson 28. (Published by San Sin Tang)

Second Selection

(b) THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

"The King of all oceans, you Pacific Ocean! How proud is your beautiful water! Washing the shores of North and South America to the east, touching the sandy beaches of Asia and Australia to the west, reaching the continent around South Pole to the south and meeting the Arctic Ocean to the north, you measure ten thousand miles from north to south and eleven thousand miles from east to west and occupy an area covering one third of the earth's surface. Japan situates on the west. We must live up to this unsurpassable honor and possess an ambition as big as this Pacific Ocean. Going in and out the extensive shores, we must take with our own hands this heaven-sent treasure."

From *Reader for Higher Primary,* Lesson 32.

Other Japanese Items

The Manchurian Refugees' Relief Association, Shanghai, China, declares that Japanese troops have an apparatus for pulling heads out a foot before decapitation; that they have an apparatus for automatically cutting victims into pieces; that they burn victims alive by binding them with cotton saturated with oil; that they have trained dogs to bite victims to death; that they bury victims alive, and that they bump two victims together until both are slain.

Photographs of the crude but efficient guillotines are unquestionably genuine. They resemble old-style hand-operated contrivances used in butcher shops for slicing purposes. In one of the pictures three headless bodies are shown; the heads themselves are on the other side of the guillotine and are also visible. The face of the executioner is the face of a devil. Two officers hold the victim and stretch his neck over the block while a third does the slicing.

At Fushun, Manchuria, because Chinese soldiers had marched through the place, when the Japanese came to it they gathered three thousand men, women and children on a hilltop, promising them food. They were requested to stand quiet while their pictures were taken. A machine gun was set up and they were mowed down to the last one. This story is vouched for by Edward Hunter, Far Eastern correspondent of International News Service.

Bletonism in West Australia *By E. Davies (Australia)*

I NOTICED an article in *The Golden Age* of December 9, 1931, regarding the divining rod. I have had a fair bit of experience watching those who use the rod, and I have not seen one use it who loved the Creator. Also, I have seen the rod work, and have seen people made fools of repeatedly. The diviners have stated water could be got at certain depths, and often double the distance has been bored and no water obtained, even after the stick or twig snapped from the invisible power or pressure on it.

If it were a God-given power it would not affect the health of the people. This practice of divining has the same influence over persons who continue the practice as seances have on people. They get sleepy and dreamy and lose the clear luster of the eye; they get a queer look instead.

We had a man call on us a while ago who divines for water for a living. He walked around our block for an hour or so and then said he would lie down for a while, as he always felt ill after doing that work. He was a man only in his forties, but looked over seventy years old.

Another thing. If electricity had to do with the stick, and the finding of water, who puts the knowledge in the brain to say at what depth the water will be found? Surely not God, for He has not been ruling the world. When His kingdom is established He will send the rain in its season, and men will not be walking about with little twigs speculating on the unseen.

Moreover, all that I have seen using the rod, if perchance they get water, take all the credit to their clever knowledge and superior powers. I think the demons are at the bottom of it.

One-Sixth of the World's Surface

THIS account of Soviet Russia, by Russell Wright, is that of a friendly critic, looking for a better day for mankind, and willing to give full credit for what has been accomplished by American engineers in transforming a nation of peasants into a self-contained industrial and agricultural economy. We note some of the points made in his interesting book.

Of the Russian population of 162,000,000, less than 3,000,000 are members of the Communist party, but these 3,000,000 are determined that all of Russia shall be educated in what is necessary to make a good citizen. In the days of the czar, in the year 1912, there were only 34,630 books published in all of Russia; in one year recently the output was 242,000,000; in the same year the output in America was 50,000,000. Russia wants to learn.

Every young man must serve in the Red Army, and before he may have permission to return home he must know how to read and write. People may get intoxicated if they wish, but only bottled liquors are sold, and the drinking must be done at home. No attention is paid to days of the week.

Drunkards, thieves and lazy persons are held up to public obloquy. On the walls of the factories they are cartooned by name, and in some factories they are required to receive their pay at special windows, where they are objects of ridicule. Electric power, at Dneprostroy, the world's largest hydroelectric station, is produced at one-eighth of 1c per kilowatt hour. Suppose you compare this with what you have to pay.

The traveler will find tipping uncommon, whereas in other countries of Europe there is an endeavor to clean his pockets of money. Soldiers often assist the workers on their off-day. The wages of workers range all the way from eighty rubles ($40) per month for farm hands to four hundred rubles ($200) for good mechanics.

The standard rent charged to workers is 10 percent of their wage. At the Verbliud state farm, farm hands and mechanics are allowed free rent, light, heat, furniture and working clothing in addition to their wage; if they choose, they can get three meals of good food each day in the communal kitchen for seventy kopecks (35c). There is no unemployment. Everyone who wishes to eat is expected to work.

The seven-hour day is universal; there is one full day of rest in every five; each worker has two weeks vacation per year, with full pay; if his work is liable to be injurious to the health, as in mining or chemical plants, the annual vacation is a full month. All over Russia there are rest homes, sanitariums, where workers can go when they need a rest.

In no case may a minor under fourteen be employed; minors between the ages of fourteen and sixteen may work not more than four hours per day. Women receive equal pay for equal work. Expectant mothers are given eight weeks' leave of absence, with full pay, both before and after confinement, with medical assistance; after they return to work they are allowed pay for the time spent in nursing their little ones in the nurseries attached to every factory. Marriages and divorces are $1 each, and one is as simple as the other, generally speaking.

A worker who thinks he has been unjustly dismissed from his job has the right to appeal to the Supreme Court, the highest court of the nation. Prisoners are granted vacations, of three days, seven days, or one month, per year, depending on their record. They are paid wages, which are saved for them until the day of release; every prisoner is allowed to go anywhere in the prison he may wish.

Any stranger entering a Russian city will be entertained for one night in a Peasant's Home, of which there are 1,500 in Russia. Such homes, and all restaurants, factories and public buildings, contain lecture rooms where an intensive educational work is constantly under way.

In Russia there is unemployment relief, permanent disability relief, old age pensions, medical assistance, temporary assistance in case of sickness, and many other things space does not permit to mention. Mr. Wright has written an interesting book, and manifestly truthful.

Haircut for a Bushel of Corn

A BARBER at Marshallville, Ga., accepts a bushel of corn for a haircut. As a result he has plenty of customers. It is all a matter of cooperation.

An Elephant's Revenge

AN INDIAN elephant, brutally treated by his mahout, waited until the mahout was asleep and then tickled him with a long straw sufficiently until he turned within reach of his trunk. He then seized him and stamped him to death.

The Ethics of Taxpaying

WE ASK you, O gentle reader, to say who should be foremost in paying taxes in these United Sates? Should it be the one who has everything in the country in his possession, and thus has most to lose when the whole thing goes down kersmash? Or should he content himself with the thought that it is enough for him to own everything, and that it is the plain duty of the common people to be honest and patriotic and pay their taxes and let him alone in the full enjoyment of that which he has gotten?

Newspapers shriek that J. P. Morgan paid no income taxes for the last three years. They do not say that he hires the best lawyers and certified public accountants available; they don't need to; everybody knows that he does; and if you don't know what lawyers and accountants are for, and the kind of work they do for hire, then you are unsophisticated.

In a recent address in the United States Senate, Senator Norris said some things that give room for thought to those who now learn that J. P. Morgan and Captain Kidd have ceased paying income taxes:

. . . "if the government of the United States wanted to take over the railroads, they would have to see only one man, just one, J. P. Morgan. That is true of almost every other operation.

"Morgan and his associates would be able to enter into the deal if they wanted to, and compel a sale if they wanted to.

"They can control in any of these corporations the raising or lowering of wages; they can change the conditions of labor; they can raise or lower the price of the output of any manufacturing establishment, simply because they control the money of the United States.

"The railroad officials are only their servants. The presidents and officers of these various manufacturing corporations are compelled, whether they like it or not, to obey the mandate that comes from Wall Street.

"J. P. Morgan, with the assistance and cooperation of a few of the interlocking corporations which reach all over the nation in their influence, controls every railroad of the United States. They control practically every public utility; they control all the large insurance companies.

"Why do they want to mix in the insurance business? In the real insuring of people they have no interest. They want the money. They want to be the depositories of the large funds, the enormous funds, the billions of dollars which are necessary in the operation of these great insurance companies."

Morgan, King of the Bolsheviki

DENOUNCING J. P. Morgan as the king of all Bolsheviks, Senator M. M. Neely castigated the world's most powerful financial monarch as follows:

"While Morgan was escaping the payment of an income tax, more than 140,000 American farmers had the last acre of their land sold from under their feet in satisfaction of taxes they were too poor to pay. During the same period thousands of jobless working men had the roofs sold from over their heads to satisfy their taxes. But Morgan, the mightiest of millionaires, with his palatial English manor house, his mansions in New York and on Long Island, his shooting lodge in Scotland, his luxurious sea-going yacht that cost millions, his innumerable priceless treasures of art collected from all corners of the earth, with all of his luxury, power and pelf, was not moved by heartbreaking tragedies in the lives of the nation's distressed to contribute a farthing to the support of the Federal government, and thereby relieve the unfortunate of a part of their burdens."

In the Next War

AN ENTHUSIASTIC veteran of the Spanish-American war, in a Decoration Day address at Coffeyville, Kansas, has worked out a new program for the drafting of soldiers. The ones that have most at stake are the big financiers; so in the front ranks he would put such men as J. P. Morgan, Andrew Mellon, Henry Ford, John J. Raskob, William Woodin, William G. McAdoo and all the other members of the National Economy League. The troops would all go to the front, men and women, in the order of their fortunes. Those that have nothing, and therefore have nothing to lose, would not have to go at all. Seems like a good plan.

Too Many Governments

INCLUDING the national government, the state, county, city, township and school district governments, it is calculated that there are in the United States somewhere between a quarter million and a half million governments. It is now coming to be appreciated that these are too many to function efficiently, and the expense is too great to be borne. It will be interesting to many to know that New York city spends more on her police than the revenue of thirty-five states, and that the cities of Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis spend more for garbage removal than the entire expenses of the state of Nevada.

What America Got Out of the World War

By Huey P. Long (La.) in a speech in the United States Senate

I WAS not in favor of the war with Germany. I am not in favor of it now.

They sent the soldiers with the brass bands playing and with the flags flying, promising them that when the camp fires had died down and they had returned home they were going to kill the fatted calf, that they were going to get the robe and put it on the back of the son returning home, and that the greatness of the land would be theirs eternally if ever they had the misfortune to suffer the slightest disability in the cause of serving democracy and humanity and America.

I did not go to that war, Mr. President. I was within the draft age. I could have gone, except for my dependents. I did not go because I did not want to go, even aside from that fact. That question was asked on the floor of the Senate. I did not go because I was not mad at anybody over there, for another reason. I did not go because it was not the first time in history that the sons of America had volunteered themselves as cannon fodder under the misguided apprehension that it was going to be a fight for humanity, when they were used in that war and in the years following, and are used today and will be in the years to follow, for the purpose of centralizing the wealth of the United States and of the world in the hands of the few.

How well did we come out of it? We went into the war with 2 percent of the people owning 60 percent of the wealth. We came out of the war with 1 percent of the people owning 60 percent of the wealth. We came out of that war and into this war with 5 percent of the people owning 85 percent of the wealth. We have come out of that war with dictatorships flowering in Italy, with dictatorships flowering in Germany, with dictatorships flowering all over the countries that we crossed 4,000 miles to "make them safe for democracy". We have come out, Mr. President, not with having made them democracies, but, instead, to make America safe for dictatorship. They have crossed from the East to the West and made America safe for dictatorship, whereas we thought we had crossed from the West to the East to make Europe safe for democracy.

Kellogg Peace Pact in Manchuria

EVER hear about the Kellogg Peace Pact? It originated in America; it declares that war is a crime. Ever hear about the Nine-Power Treaty? It safeguards the situation in the Pacific, ensuring that nobody will resort to war, and that everybody will take good care of China. Ever hear about the Covenant of the League of Nations? Japan and China both became members of the League, and were therefore committed to peace.

Ever hear about America's firm position that it cannot ever recognize Manchukuo? Well, the recent dispatches from Asia say: "The Japanese column en route to the front in the central part of Jehol from Suichung forms a three-mile-long cavalcade of American-made trucks, which carry thousands of Japanese infantrymen. They have the deadliest of weapons and the very best of supplies."

Ever hear about the big orders for war supplies that the Vickers Armstrong Company, British concern, secured from both the Japanese and Chinese just a few weeks ago? The buyers for both countries met in the anteroom and jewed the Vickers people down 40 percent on their prices. As soon as the order was landed, the British at first announced that all orders booked would be filled, but no more orders would be accepted. That is an embargo. Subsequently this embargo was lifted.

Uncle Sam, who did not get in on the big orders, in spite of all those nice new trucks, was mad and refused to go along on the embargo proposition. He feels that the decent thing to do would be to let the Japanese and Chinese buyers come over here and shop around and get all the war supplies they would need for several years and *then* he would be willing to show that his heart is in the right place by placing an embargo. But he wants the orders first.

And when Uncle Sam finally does pronounce an embargo, you can bet that the State Department will explain that the reason why it is done is that war is a crime, and the conditions of the Nine-Power Treaty make it essential that it should take this act of simple honesty and justice.

Near Death from Buttermilk *By George Q. Barnes (Texas)*

BUTTERMILK is one of the most healthful of foods; that is a known fact. The aluminum companies persist in trying to tell the people that aluminum is a good metal to take into the system; the more you take in, the better you feel. Their repeated protestations that there is nothing harmful about the use of aluminum cooking utensils reminds one of nothing so much as a young lady going down the street loudly vociferating that she is not immoral. She draws attention to herself, but it is not the kind of attention that does her any good. The more she says, the more the people suspect that she knows something she is not telling.

On August 2, 1912, in the city of La Grange, Texas, a lady churned, using a new one-gallon glass churn. When she had finished churning both she and her daughter drank of the buttermilk. About an hour later both started vomiting and feeling sick in the stomach. The mother was just able to call another daughter who lived next door. She sent for a doctor right away, but one was not sufficient, so another doctor was called in. Meantime the two women were desperately ill, one calling for a blanket, and the other for a wet towel, alternately. This happened in the afternoon and kept up all night. The new churn was the cause of it. The rod of the dasher had been painted with aluminum paint, which worked off during the churning process and was drunk with the buttermilk.

Death in the Aluminum Bucket

TWENTY-TWO young people of New Orleans, placing implicit confidence in the widely published assertions of the Aluminum Trust, the American Medical Association, the Mellon Institute, and other like institutions, attended a picnic at Little Woods, where they all drank punch from an aluminum bucket.

According to the *Scientific American, The Literary Digest,* and other windbags that never learn anything about anything of real value to the people, they should have been able to drink this punch all right, and according to the Aluminum Trust the metal they swallowed should really have been a help to them all. But the fact of the business is that they were all made deathly sick.

And doesn't it seem just too bad that not only will the Government do absolutely nothing about these repeated poisonings, but when someone who knows the facts dares to publish them they actually want to stop the publication of them? At least they did under the administration of the late President Hoover.

Pioneer's Breakfast Food

By Ada Ralph

THE following method of cooking whole-wheat cereal, ground through a coffee grinder, might interest other "pioneers". It is quickly prepared, and a convenience for those who have little time to spend in cooking.

One heaping cup (coffee cup size) of crushed whole wheat, teaspoonful salt, two cups of boiling water. After stirring a few minutes, leave it to finish cooking on low gas or flame for twenty minutes, or put in double boiler for same time or for thirty minutes. This makes a satisfying breakfast, carries one to supper time, and keeps one in good condition.

Separation of Oil from Water

ALLANELLY (Wales) man has invented a device which it is claimed works perfectly, on a gravity principle, in separating oil from water. By the use of this device it is hoped to recover all oils now wasted in sewers and, best of all, to prevent the fouling of harbors and other waters by the waste from oil-burning vessels. This waste, in recent years, has resulted in the death of millions of birds. They becoming enmeshed in films of oil, their plumage becomes water-soaked, and they contract pneumonia and die.

Jobless Turned Back by Tear Gas

REPORTS are that when 1,100 unemployed started from Chicago to the capitol at Springfield, to bring their plight to the attention of legislators there, the 150 automobiles and trucks which carried them were stopped by a barrage of tear gas, and they were turned back to whence they came. We would be interested to know what United States law or what Illinois law gives the right to police officials or anybody else to turn back law-abiding men who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who wish to get their case before their legal representatives. Looks like a bad business.

Filtrations

Australian Sheep Raiser Discouraged

IN THE Western Australia Legislative Assembly, just before the last session ended, one of the members offered to give any member in the House 2,000 or 3,000 sheep for nothing if he would come and take them away.

Farmers Charged with Conspiracy

FARMERS in Michigan who made total bids of $6.18 on a foreclosure sale of livestock and other property have been charged with criminal syndicalism. The use of this law against farmers is something unforeseen.

Old Age Pensions in Indiana

AFTER a battle of twelve years, the liberals of Indiana have succeeded in obtaining a law which will pay pensions of $15 per month to indigent persons seventy years of age who have resided fifteen years in the state.

Churches Destroyed in Quake

IT IS estimated that the church property loss in the earthquake in the Los Angeles district exceeds $1,000,000. Photographs of some of the ruined churches show steeples missing, windows and roofs caved in, and little left standing intact except the walls.

Salvaging Gold from the Egypt

IN SALVAGING gold from the Egypt the divers had to go down about four hundred feet; the bullion room was six decks below the bridge and locked in an iron fortress. In the face of these and other tremendous difficulties they have so far recovered about $4,000,000.

Tasmania Without a Governor

TASMANIA was without a governor for the three years from 1930 to 1933, not seeing where the wherewithal to pay his salary of $15,000 was to come from. Conditions having improved somewhat, the occupancy of the office has been resumed.

Shrinkage in World Business

IN THE first quarter of the year 1929 the value of the combined exports and imports of the 49 principal countries of the world were $15,289,000,000. In the first quarter of 1933 they had shrunk to $5,381,000,000. At that rate, in two more years there would be no trade at all. No wonder the world powers wanted an economic conference.

A Self-polishing Shoe Leather

THE Mellon Institute of Industrial Research claims to have discovered a new method of impregnating leather with colors in such a way as to improve its wear and water-resisting properties. It is necessary only to rub a pair of shoes lightly to give them an ideal polish.

A Machine Photographs Heart Beats

IT IS no longer necessary for the physician to listen carefully through a stethoscope to determine if the beats of a heart are regular. By a new device the beats are recorded in a line drawn on cross-ruled paper which line reveals exactly the performance of the organ.

Neon Bulbs for Highways

IT IS anticipated that the new neon gas bulbs, which furnish four times the light with the same amount of current, and are said to multiply visibility by sixteen, will be the highway lamps of the future, both for general lighting and for automobile headlights.

A Fire-resisting Cement

A MANCHESTER (England) engineer, on the search for insulating materials, has stumbled across a new form of concrete which is fireproof and has the strength of metal and the pliability of wood. It can be sawed, machined, tapped and drilled.

The Devil Bird

THE devil bird, so called, scientifically known as the deires pheasant, has two horns, somewhat like a goat's horns, projecting from its head in the place where horns generally grow, and in addition has two horn-like protuberances that hang down from either side of the beak, somewhat like an elephant's tusks. The appearance of the bird is forbidding, and it is easy to see why it has gained its popular name.

Made a Business of Going to Jail

NINE men in New York city had worked up a nice little business of going to jail in place of speakeasy proprietors found guilty under prohibition laws. Everything was going nicely until the prison keepers got to recognizing the same old familiar faces under different names. The matter was looked up, and now all the parties to the conspiracy are liable to get long terms in prison unless the big politicians use their influence quickly.

Advantages of Electrical Hotbeds

BY THE use of electrical hotbeds lettuce breaks ground in three days, and cabbages are ready for transplanting in twenty-one days. Stronger roots are produced than with natural fertilizer and there is an almost complete prevention of fungus diseases.

Petunias Keep Down the Bugs

THE curious discovery has been made that when petunias are planted in a vineyard, the vine hoppers die. The supposition is that it is the nicotine content of the petunia that causes the hoppers to die. The petunia is one of the few plants that will grow when grafted upon a tobacco plant.

Telephones in the Bathrooms

A TRAVEL folder contains the following outline of the unusually elaborate appointments of the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street, Washington, D.C.: "400 bedrooms, each with tub and shower, overhead electric fan, circulating ice water, *and additional phone in every bathroom.*"

Dictatorship in Indiana

WITH full knowledge of what they were doing the legislature of Indiana have conferred dictatorial powers upon their governor, Paul V. McNutt. Mr. McNutt has abolished or will abolish 150 boards and commissions, replacing them with eight newly created State departments which will perform all their services.

Where Poverty Increases Most Rapidly

IN AN address before the International Chamber of Commerce at Vienna, Edward A. Filene, of Boston, said, in part: "Poverty has been increasing lately in every country, and it has been increasing most rapidly in those nations whose ability to produce wealth has most rapidly increased."

New York Aiding 800,000

AT THIS writing New York city is supporting 208,610 families, or a total of 800,000 people, more than one-tenth of the entire population. Of the foregoing number, 76,000 men are said to be at work on the parks and highways, and it can be truthfully added that the streets never seemed to look more untidy than they do now.

Too Much Hot Soda Pop

TOO much hot soda pop is not as good as just enough. Several small boys crawled through a hole into a warehouse in Amarillo. They drank their fill, but when they tried to get out they could not squeeze through the hole by which they had come. When the police found them they were crying.

A Half Million Butterflies

AT HAWKES BAY, South Africa, school children, in the effort to cut down the white butterfly pest, actually caught 500,949 butterflies. The prize-winner, Miss Noeline Parker, captured 60,918, and was more than 15,000 ahead of her nearest competitor. Ten of the youngsters together accounted for 304,071 of the insects.

Artificial Fog Produced in Four Minutes

IN EXPERIMENTS at Esquerdes, France, in four minutes an area a mile square was covered with an impenetrable mist so densely that nothing of the town could be seen from the air. Fourteen fog machines were used in the experiments, and the results were so satisfactory that similar machines will now be placed in all the industrial centers in the north of France.

Wonderful Surgical Operation in Australia

AT PERTH, Australia, by a singular accident a young butcher was wounded by a thin-bladed knife which pierced the pericardium and scratched the heart. Sepsis set in, and the young man was at the point of death. A skillful surgeon removed three ribs, and while he tenderly held the heart in his hand the cavity was carefully cleansed; the heart was then replaced; repairs were made, and the young man is getting well.

Changes in Turkish Language

THE enforced abandonment of Turkish characters and adoption of Roman letters has had the curious effect in Turkey of bringing a new language into existence. A great educational change is under way. Words of Arabic or Persian form are being abandoned and words of humble Turkish origin put in their place. In public prayers the government has changed the name of Allah to Tanri. Nineteen clergymen revolted and were sentenced to from one to two years in prison. At one time it was expected they would be hanged.

200,000 Jews in Palestine

WHILE the rest of the world is in the worst strife and confusion it has ever known, reports from Palestine are increasingly encouraging. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, states that there are now more than 200,000 Jews there and that the country can absorb a much greater number. He urges upon all nations a general reconsideration of the Jewish claims and prospects.

How Machado Lived

AT THE presidential palace in Havana President Machado had soldiers and police on every floor and machine-gunners and riflemen on the roof. At his estate outside the city he was surrounded by barbed-wire fences bristling with machine guns and light artillery. He traveled at high speed in an armored car, preceded and followed by other armored cars filled with soldiers.

"Do Not Know They Have Died"

SIR OLIVER LODGE, broadcasting spiritism over the British Broadcasting Company's system (which clergy-controlled system remains closed to Judge Rutherford, the world's greatest Bible expositor), says that some of the dead "do not always know that they have died". That seems not unreasonable, especially in view of the plain Bible statement that "the dead know not any thing".—Ecclesiastes 9:5.

Sees with an Animal's Eyes

TWENTY-TWO years ago the pupils of an animal's eyes were grafted upon the eyes of Frank Rentz, of Madison, born blind. The operation was a complete success. The young man, at age twenty-four, has just graduated from the Wisconsin University Law School, and has nearly full use of his eyes. It took about three years after the operation before sight was normal.

Tel Aviv the Beautiful

TEL AVIV, 70,000 population, the new Jewish city of Palestine, located in the heart of the orange belt, has become one of the most beautiful cities anywhere to be found. More than 4,500,000 cases of oranges were shipped from Palestine's groves last year, and 6,000,000 cases will be shipped next year. Tel Aviv has become a most important manufacturing and trading center.

What Sir Ian Hamilton Expects

ANTICIPATING that a new World War is at hand, Sir Ian Hamilton, whose prognostications have proved remarkably correct, says it would be over before the masses of infantry on either side could get in contact with each other. There would be one sudden rush to seize airdromes and oil depots on enemy soil, and the ones that lost out on that fight would lose out altogether.

What a War Now Would Be Like

EIGHTEEN military experts agree that the next war will take the form of mass murder of the civilian population. Gases, fatal whatever part of the body they touch, will penetrate everywhere. Thermite bombs, developing a heat of 3,000 degrees, will burn their way through steel; water merely increases the incendiary effect. The raids will be by unmanned aeroplanes, wirelessly controlled by machines out of sight.

Self-Help in Cedar Rapids, Iowa

LAST year 1,100 families of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, took advantage of the opportunity to raise their own produce on plots of vacant ground in various parts of the city, donated for gardening purposes. This year, the plan having worked exceedingly well, the county overseer of the poor will pay for plowing the same lands, will furnish the seeds for planting, and the Unemployment Relief Committee has hired an expert gardener to assist these ambitious, independent Americans to make the best of their situation.

Seventh World Power in Action

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR OSBURN, D.S.O., writing in the London *News Chronicle* about the repeated bombing of Arab and Indian villages, says:

"On such occasions the men of the village are often absent, so it is non-combatants who are usually the chief victims. When our troops enter a bombed village the pariah dogs are already at work eating the corpses of the babies and the old women that have been killed. Many suffering from ghastly wounds, especially some of the young children, are found still alive, covered with flies and crying for water. As all uninjured adults have fled, these mutilated women and children must perforce lie unattended. Our so-called 'police work' in Asia tends to become more and more ruthless."

England Ready for a Dictator

SIX years of work have completed plans for placing Britain under a complete dictatorship in case of war. The entire British nation would be mobilized in a few hours, every enemy alien arrested and interned, and every person in the country put under the authority of the prime minister. No rations would be given to conscientious objectors, who would thus be starved to death. Wireless sets would be confiscated.

Effects of Japan's Peaceful War

JAPAN is at peace with China and the Japanese minister is still in good standing at the Chinese court. Up to the middle of April there were 7,000 wounded soldiers in hospitals in Peiping, and 3,000 were reported as too seriously wounded to be brought there. Four thousand had been slain. At the same time that this situation prevailed in North China, Communists in southern and central China were responsible for the slaying of 20,000 troops.

Items from China

IN RECENT years the number of "Christians" in China has been reduced by 50,000 or more. Since the Japs conquered Jehol they have gone in strong for the growth of opium; they realize that the Chinese can be subjugated by drugs, as the Hindus have been in India. The Hwang Ho, having silted up again, seems ready to cut another path to the sea, as is its custom. Thousands of persons have starved to death, and cannibalism is rampant in Shensi province. Bands of wolves invade the villages at night and often carry off some of the inhabitants.

Freedom of Speech in England

JUSTICE HUMPHREYS, at the Old Bailey, London, took occasion to make a statement on freedom of speech in England that will be read with interest:

"It is quite clear that in this country there is a most complete freedom of expression of opinion on any subject, whether by spoken word or written document. People in this country are at liberty to discuss any subject under the sun as openly as possible and in any way they choose. A person has liberty to say that the constitution of the country or the religion of the country should be changed, that there ought to be no religion at all, that there ought to be no king, that we ought to have a republic or any other form of government."

The Secret Police of Russia

IN AN address in San Francisco Mr. Austen Lewis is reported as having said:

"The Communistic party owns Russia. Its members travel first-class on the trains, they have the exclusive use of automobiles, they have special tickets with regard to meals, they have special provisions with regard to living quarters, and they are in process of forming an aristocratic group. Secret police, who see you and shoot you without any trial, shoot hundreds of people in the course of a year without any trial. There isn't any romance about that."

Giraffe-necked Padaungs

NEW YORK'S circus-goers have been gaping for weeks at the giraffe-necked Padaungs, ladies from upper Burmah whose necks have been stretched until they are over a foot long. When they are three years old their mothers fasten three brass rings around their necks, and one more at every birthday until they have twenty or more. The rings are never removed. Who but the Devil would ever think of originating such a custom?

Crabbing the Fishing Business

ARTISTS do not enjoy having their acts crabbed; nor do fishermen any the more. An artist's act is crabbed when someone in the audience attracts more attention than the actor himself. But in Australia the fishing business has been crabbed by real crabs. Millions of giant crabs have appeared off the Victorian coast, and are clearing the sea-bed of all other natural life. These crabs are pear-shaped, of a light strawberry color, and measure two to five feet across with their claws extended. The worst of it is that they are inedible.

Deprived of Pants

THE Dayton *Journal* shows a two-column picture of a World War veteran deprived of his pants by the Government. A married man, with family, but out of work, he has been getting his meals at the Soldiers' Home in Dayton. The Government had loaned him a suit of clothes, but orders from the Veterans' Bureau came that, in compliance with the provisions of the national economy act, any not entitled to residence at the home must turn in all clothing issued by the Government. As a consequence, Veteran Long went home without pants, coat or vest. A friendly civilian took him home in his car.

Which Was the Worse?

WE ARE a little puzzled as to which was the worse parent, the California woman who slapped her crying infant so hard that she caused its death by a cerebral hemorrhage, or the New York state preacher who whipped his three-year-old daughter to death because she refused to say her prayers. Somehow, it seems as if these two should have been married to each other, with the Devil, with his collar on backwards, performing the marriage ceremony.

Wallkill Prison Without Walls

BESIDES its regular grim prisons New York has one institution, the Wallkill prison, which is without walls and where the prisoners are allowed a large degree of liberty. It is an institution to which individuals are transferred from the other prisons when they indicate by their behavior that their rehabilitation will probably be easily accomplished. Twenty-nine other states have similar institutions, and Canada and England have had them for many years.

Percy Rockefeller as a Director

PERCY ROCKEFELLER, nephew of John D., Sr., is one of several directors being sued by trustees of the bankrupt International Match Corporation because he let Ivar Kreuger loot the company. On the witness stand he testified that he never investigated the financial standing of the company, never saw the match concessions which Kreuger claimed to have but did not have, never verified any statement Kreuger made, and never voted against any proposal that emanated from him. Oh Percy, Percy! Mercy!

Betting on Church Attendance

A COUNTRY minister near Melbourne, Australia, noticed that in fair weather he managed to take in about $25 per week, but in case of rain many people remained at home and business was not so good. He now pays $1.25 per week to an insurance company to insure him against rain on Sunday morning. If it rains he gets $25 from the insurance company; if it doesn't rain he gets $25 from the congregation. If it rains after eleven o'clock, he gets $25 from both the insurance company and the congregation. Probably he makes a business of praying, not for the "early" rain, which gives him $25, but for the "latter" rain, which gives him $50.

Hebrew Christians Active in Palestine

HEBREW Christians are at present said to be very active in Palestine. These subscribe to the tenets of Zionism but believe the movement of the Jewish people to form a national home in Palestine can never become fully successful until they recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They are establishing twelve agricultural settlements in proximity to other Jewish populations and hope to find some listening ears among their neighbors.

Mars Probably Not Inhabited

SIX months of careful study of Mars with the 100-inch telescope at Mount Wilson observatory, California, led two scientists to say that the amount of free oxygen in the Mars atmosphere is less for a given area than 1 percent of that on the earth. Moreover, even in summer, the temperature never rises above 79 degrees Fahrenheit, and may go far below zero. These two items suggest that the planet is not inhabited.

Huge Salaries of Life Insurance Presidents

WHEN the bank moratorium was on, many people found that the insurance companies are merely banks, and now a few of the more cautious and inquisitive are discovering that they have shortcomings in common. Thus, it is said that in 1932 the average of salaries of life insurance presidents was $50,000, and the highest paid five presidents averaged to receive $136,000 each. These life insurance presidents all believe in running things economically, except on the little matter of their own personal salaries.

World Idiotic Conference

REFERRING to what he designated as the World Idiotic Conference at London, George Bernard Shaw pinned this bouquet on the banking fraternity:

"One reason international conferences don't succeed is because bankers are allowed to have a hand in them. International bankers are profiting by the world's insolvency and it's natural they don't want it to get solvent again. It's futile to allow these few tremendously wealthy men who know nothing of statesmanship to attempt to cure the world's ills. Their very profession immediately disqualifies them from holding the confidence of peoples. Take this conference out of the hands of the bankers and maybe the world will get a better deal."

The Kidnaping Industry

THE kidnaping industry has become so widespread and so important that the Federal government has now opened a kidnaping department. Their advice is that if a kidnaping occurs in your family, get the news as quickly as possible to the nearest office of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice and by all means keep the news away from everybody else and do not molest the premises where the kidnaping occurred. Let Uncle Sam act.

Canning Human Blood in Russia

DOCTOR ALAN HIRSCH, returning to New York from a visit to Russia, reports that in that country human blood is now preserved for use in transfusion. The blood used is that obtained immediately following death by accident of healthy persons. Can't help but wonder if there is any connection between the mysterious disappearances of those not congenial to the Soviet state and this sudden supply of fresh blood obtained from the accidental death of healthy persons.

1,500 New Priests

THE *Official Catholic Directory* reports 1,500 new priests in this country, with a total increase of 32,012 for the denomination. That gives one new priest for each 20 new members, or, say, one for about every four families. One would almost think that the objective sought is to have a priest in every family and to turn every house into a "church". All the property, however, would remain in the name of the bishop. In sections of Mexico they get along with one priest to every 100,000 people, and even then find that they have more than they need.

Quary Nuts Turn a Negro White

SUFFERING from asthma, a coal-black Haitian Negro, Ysmeond Dauphin, cured himself by roasting and eating one quary nut a day for six days, without result. On the seventh day he ate two of the nuts and became desperately ill and temporarily blind. When he recovered his health, his sight returned, but his Negro color was gone. The color of his eyes and also of his hair has changed and his skin is now a pinkish white. At last accounts he was on exhibition in the United States. The facts are fully established and the man is now readily taken for a white man. The nuts which he ate are found to contain a cyanidic acid.

Wonders of the Polarograph

UPON the mere pressing of an electric switch the polarograph, the invention of a college professor in Prague, will in four or five minutes automatically register on paper the kind and amount of chemical substances present in any compound put into the machine for analysis. There are but three of these machines in America, all in the care of universities. It is hard to measure the great advantages which this system possesses in time and accuracy over older methods.

Pitcairners Know a Thing or Two

THE people of Pitcairn island, in the South Pacific, number 193. They are the descendants of a crew that mutinied away back in 1790. Not daring to return to England they settled down in their island home, taking native Tahitian women as their wives. The island is self-supporting. Cocoanuts are plentiful. Visitors are not allowed to remain, and while they are there they are not permitted to drink alcohol or to wear shorts unless they wear something else with them.

British Broadcasting Company Narrowness

THE narrowness of the British Broadcasting Company, which is clergy-controlled, is shown by the fact that they exclude from the air Judge Rutherford (who has three times had the honor of the greatest broadcasting hook-up in history) and on July 14 allowed a nameless monk to broadcast an Anglo-Catholic mass from the race track for dogs at Oxford. By the way, was that merely an accident that this broadcasting was done from a place that was specially intended for the activity of dogs?

Traffic Delayed at Rivington Street

TRAFFIC was delayed for several minutes the other day at Rivington Street station of the Second Avenue elevated, in Manhattan, because gunmen selected it as their spot to commit a murder. Four men tossed a victim out of a car and then fired four bullets into his body at such close range that his face bore several powder burns. They then drove leisurely off. Several hundred persons were inconvenienced. It really seems as if somebody ought to chide our murderers here in Catholic New York; they are so impolite. Still, scolding is a dreadful habit, and they might not like it. And, further, we don't like to be called disturbers.

Demons Read a Woman's Mind

UNDER the misleading title "Everyday Religion" the press contains a story of a minister who hypnotized a woman who had accidentally burned a bundle of her dead husband's letters. While under hypnotic control, i.e., under the control of a demon, she dictated the contents of all the letters, and much other information regarding her private affairs, and the minister's secretary took it all down in black and white, and wrote it out for her. This had nothing whatever to do with the subject of religion, unless the activities of demons, devils, is to be considered religious work.

Six Families Rule Japan

SIX families control practically all the basic industries of Japan, banks, mining, insurance, shipbuilding, paper, steel, rayon, chemicals, sugar, steamers, railways, water, sulphur, glass, lumber, electricity, etc. These six families control the Mitsui, Mitsubishi and Sumitomo companies, which in turn control 79 subsidiary companies. The modern industrial development of Japan was launched by the state in 1862. Now there are 60,000 factories, employing 4,700,000 workers, and their products are being pushed into every corner of Asia, Africa and the islands of Oceania.

Uncle Sam Trims M. P. Salaries

AS OUR readers know, Uncle Sam is now virtually owner of the Missouri Pacific, on the general Chamber of Commerce principle that if a business is profitable it should be conducted by one of their number, and for private gain, but if it is a money-loser then it is all right to turn it over to the Government to be run. The idea is that that helps establish in the minds of the people the conviction that the government is no good; this is something Big Business is very anxious to have taught. Well, Uncle Sam came into possession of the Missouri Pacific to get the house of Morgan out of a hole. He found the president of the company getting a salary of $85,416 a year; that seemed too much for the president of that kind of road. Washington wanted the salary cut to $25,000 a year, but the judge who had the receivership in hand contented himself with reducing it to $40,000. Even that seems a pretty good salary to pay by a road that is in the hands of a receiver. The salary of the first vice-president was also reduced from $40,000 to $19,000 per year.

Egypt Revolting Against Missionaries

AT A MISSIONARY school at Port Said, Egypt, the Swedish headmistress severely beat an Arab girl for alleged misbehavior. She ran to the police and told them she had been beaten because she refused to be baptized into the Christian faith; this may or may not have been true, but in any event the result has been to set all Egypt aflame with resentment against the missionaries, whether Catholic or Protestant. The leading newspapers have taken it up and are waging a great fight against what they term Christian intolerance, favoritism and the like.

Ramie as a Substitute for Linen

RAMIE, sometimes known as China grass, widely cultivated in various parts of the world, is now subjected to a chemical process which removes the gums and other impurities which have hitherto made the resulting fiber not all that could be desired. The result of the new process is that America will in a few years have its own linen industry, and the linens will be made of ramie. The plant is not attacked by insects, does not require fertilizing, will grow anywhere cotton will grow, and yields 1,500 pounds per acre, as against 150 pounds of cotton. The pulp of ramie produces the strongest paper known, while its fiber makes a finer linen than flax. At present the United States imports $62,000,000 worth of linen annually, mostly from Ireland and Belgium, but some from Russia.

Machinery and the American Farmer

THE American farm is run by machinery. In the depression this results in an overhead cost which makes it impossible for the American farmer to compete with the European peasant. He is unwilling to retrograde to the plane of living of the peasant, and he would not know how to work like a peasant, even if he tried. Some idea of his plight may be gathered from a comparison of the average prewar prices of commodities with those prevalent this last winter: From 1909 to 1914 cotton averaged 12.4 cents a pound; in February of this year it was 5.5 cents a pound. Corn was 64.2 cents; this year, 19.4 cents. Wheat was 88.4 cents; this year, 32.3 cents. Beef was 5.20 cents a pound; this year, 3.31 cents. Hogs were 7.24 cents a pound; this year, 2.94 cents. Butter was 25.5 cents a pound; this year, 18.4 cents. Lambs were 5.90 cents a pound; this year, 4.19 cents.

Big Fellows Love to Pay Taxes

HOW the big fellows do love to pay taxes to the governments that have done so much for them! Sometimes they are momentarily shy about it. Sometimes they pay too quickly, and then their lawyers make it plain that when they paid in the first place they were only joking. The Astors want back $16,000,000, the Arbuckles are after $10,000,000 which they paid but wish they hadn't; the Vanderbilts are wanted at the tax window with $800,000 that they forgot to pay, and the Harrimans are overly modest about contributing $5,000,000 for our national support. All these items of the social very elect appeared in the newspapers in a single day.

World's Oldest Man Is Dead

LI CHING-YUN, at one time believed to have been born 256 years ago, but more recently calculated as 197 years of age, passed away in May, 1933. He was well known over much of China where for a hundred years he gathered herbs. Subsequently he was engaged in selling herbs gathered by others. The oldest men in his neighborhood asserted their grandfathers knew him as boys and he was then a grown man. Quite probably he was the world's oldest man. But a million years from now there will be millions that will then be a million years old or more; for most certainly millions now living will never see death.

"One Day Nearer Hell"

A TRACT bearing the above title, put out by the Gospel [?] Missionary Union, purported to give "a few of many well authenticated instances where sudden destruction was meted out to the perverse and stubborn sinner"; and, as we have no confidence whatever in the truthfulness of any such stories, we read it with some interest. One of the stories was as follows:

> At Catskill, a group of men sat in a blacksmith shop during a violent thunder storm. There came an awful crash of thunder and some of the men trembled, but one of them said, "I do not see what you are afraid of. I am not afraid to go outside of the shop and defy the Almighty. I am not afraid of lightning." He laid down a wager, and went out and shook his fist at the heavens, saying, "Strike if you dare!" and instantly he fell under a fiery bolt.

No dates were given, and no places or states were given except in this one instance, but here was a clue. We followed it up. The *United States Official Postal Guide* shows there is but one Catskill in the United States. The *International Gazetteer* shows that there is but one in the world. The Encyclopedia tells all about it. But we have a better way of finding out. It is in the territory of the little company of Jehovah's witnesses of which Frank Powell is the director, and Frank will tell us the truth.

And so we wrote to Frank and asked him to spare no effort to get the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Would he please, at his convenience, "ascertain whether the incident said to have occurred at Catskill ever occurred; frankly, we do not believe it did, and think that a careful inquiry will show that somebody is lying."

And Frank came back with the statement, "We made several inquiries regarding the incident which is said to have occurred in Catskill, and not one knew or ever heard of such a thing." And all this is as we would have expected. And, mind you, of the five stories in the tract this is the only one susceptible of investigation.

As to Whipping of African Natives

A SUBSCRIBER writes:

> "In *Golden Age* 352, of March 15, 1933, you state that in Northern Rhodesia natives are subjected to whippings with rhinoceros-hide whips. In that territory, to my knowledge, such treatment would be brooked least of all, at least as little as in the other South-African protectorates, where the native, and not the white man, gets preference in most things. The difference in the status of the native south of the Zambesi and that north of it is very marked to any observer the moment one crosses this river. It is not a general practice in Southern Rhodesia to whip natives with rhinoceros-hide whips. If individuals here and there are guilty of such practice, it is not due to any governmental sanction or policy."

Our error seems to have been in mentioning Northern instead of Southern Rhodesia as the scene of native whippings. It is certainly a comfort to know that these whippings do not constitute a governmental policy. We are sure that this must be of considerable consolation to the native being whipped. And, frankly, we very much question the statement that the native gets the preference in *most* things. The native may get the preference, but the white man gets the goods. We are glad to change our item to the extent of substituting *Southern* for *Northern* Rhodesia; otherwise it remains substantially as it was.

Horrid Work of the Demons

MOST of our readers are aware of the fact that the demons have power to extrude cells from the body of a spirit medium and that their so-called "materializations" are accomplished by the tricks they perform with these disgusting protruding ribbons of human flesh.

In a lawsuit, in Britain, where a woman was charged with having conducted a fraudulent seance, a spiritist editor, a Mr. Oaten, is reported in the London *News Chronicle* as having given the following testimony in defense of the medium, Mrs. Duncan. It helps one to understand why "manifestations" are in darkened rooms and subdued atmosphere, and shows how infinitely mean the Devil is:

Mr. Oaten told of a case where a woman wanted to meet her dead husband. Mrs. Duncan was in a cabinet and her husband (?) came out a distance of four feet and placed his hand on the woman's shoulder. She screamed, and Mrs. Duncan was instantly shocked and bled from the mouth and nose.

Montagu Rush, of Newport, Fife, said that on one occasion the psycho-plasm came from Mrs. Duncan's mouth in the form of a snake six feet long. It had terrific force and eventually it twined itself round his neck, and almost lifted him from his chair.

The New Declaration of Independence

THE new Declaration of Independence, adopted by the new Continental Congress at Washington, D.C., on May 7, went after the big financiers as follows:

"They have drawn billions in profit, rent, and interest; and they have slashed our wages and the prices of our farm products. They have used the marvels of the machine age, not to lift the burden of toil from our shoulders, but to speed us up beyond human endurance, and to throw us jobless upon the streets. They have taken the products of our labor, and not paid us enough to buy back the goods we have produced. They have wasted our natural, technical, and human resources, and led us into ever more tragic periods of industrial chaos. They have mortgaged our farms, and then sold them from under us. They have lived in mansions and evicted us from our homes. They have led us to trust in their banks, and then have stolen our savings. They have invaded our civil liberties, and thrown our leaders into jail. They have intrenched themselves in power by controlling the schools, the press, and the government. They have spent billions on bombs and battleships while we have gone cold and hungry. They have forced us to bleed and die in defense of their loans and markets abroad, and to kill our fellow workers in other countries. They have done these things as part and parcel of a profit system which places the few in control of gigantic monopolies, and puts profit above human life. Since the first Declaration of Independence the American people have discovered and created the means for unheard-of wealth. Wide rivers have been tamed to provide electric power, huge mountains have been tunneled to give ore for the creation of new and marvelous machines, and the prairies have been made to yield rich crops. Man's power to produce wealth has been increased a hundredfold, until now a life of security and abundance is possible for all. But today the nation starves in the midst of plenty. The gigantic machines stand idle, the crops lie in warehouses or rot in the fields. The system is collapsing before our very eyes."

Choice Paragraphs from The Arbitrator

"THE Senate Finance Committee began hearings on February 13 to learn from fifty leaders who created the depression how they would end the trouble they deny causing."

"The adulterous union of corporations and machines has produced the idle rich and bastard robots. Machines on the loose are a menace to society, but properly married they are economical housewives. Separate the machines from corporations, wed them to the government legitimately, teach them productive birth control, and instead of breeding technological unemployment the machine will be pregnant with blessings, enabling the work of the world to be completed in a few hours a day."

"The banks have made such large profits that their $100 shares have sold as high as $4,200. To conceal this increase they then split the shares so that their dividends would not appear so enormous. The Chemical National Bank of New York boasted that for eighty years it had paid dividends of 100 percent a year on its capital. The holdings of the president of the First National Bank increased $31,000,000 in three days in 1929, each original $100 invested paying nearly $2,000 a year in dividends.

"Bankers of the highest standing furnish dummy directors to assist irregular operations of corporations; they juggle their statements to deceive the public and the bank examiner; though permitted by special laws to loan at 20 percent or over, 2,743 banks were caught practicing usury. While the banks make inordinate profits they pay small interest rates to depositors. They have foreclosed over 100,000 farm mortgages."

No More Cows off the Key

THE Detroit Creamery Company has installed radio receiving sets in their cow barns. It is said to definitely improve the morale of the attendants and to have a quieting effect on the cows. To Anxious Reader we may reply that this probably means that there will be no more soprano cows. We understand that alto goes best over the radio, and we feel sure the cows will take the hint and lay off the soprano mooing. And what's more, if they do moo in alto it is going to be good alto, all in key and all in time; if not, why go to all the trouble to give them lessons by radio?

The Way the Bankers Help the Country

THE way the bankers help the country is simple. They take the savings of the people and use them to buy up something the people have to have; it matters not what it is. The price paid is several times what the thing is worth; the banker first generously rewards himself, after which the people are let in on the bargain. Not infrequently the banker finally gets all the assets of the business and the people get stock certificates which they can use instead of wall paper. But one thing they do get and never part with is the certainty of paying more forevermore for the necessity, whatever it is that the bankers started out to get.

"Observe Sunday"

THE Canadian government is dating its letters with a stamp-canceling device bearing the slogan "Observe Sunday". Don't know just what they want, but they surely do observe it over here, anyway. On Sunday, in the United States, there are more persons at the ball games than on any other day; there are more persons at the beaches, more people playing golf, more people out driving automobiles, and more people reading comic sheets, than on any other day in the week. What do the Canadians want, anyway? Americans may not be observing Sunday as the Canadians do, nor as they wish us to do, but nobody can deny that we are observing it.

Only a Poor Pussy Cat

IT WAS only a poor pussy cat. All it wanted was a chance to live for a few days and enjoy some of the mercies God has spread so bountifully all about us. Without a doubt it liked to lap up a saucer of milk, poured for it by a benefactor. Without a doubt it rubbed against somebody's legs, to show its utter and absolute friendliness. And if it had half a chance it leaped from the floor into somebody's lap, and when that somebody scratched back of its ears, ever so gently, and stroked its glossy fur, it closed its eyes and was off in dreamland in a minute, enjoying the only heaven a cat can ever know.

But what is this that we see in the *American Journal of Physiology* for August, 1931? It tells about what some medical men did to this poor pussy. Of course, pussy had a vagus; and so have you. The vagus is your pneumogastric nerve; it operates your lungs and stomach. It furnishes power for voice, heart, liver and spleen. If anything happens to it you are in a bad way, and if anything happens to pussy's vagus, pussy is in a bad way, too. And here is what happened:

"The branches of the right (or left) vagus were cut as they left the vagal trunk, from above the recurrent laryngeal to below the bifurcation of the trunk on the esophagus (gullet). The trunk itself was isolated along this extent. The other vagus was cut in the neck. The upper thoracic sympathetic chains were removed. The free end of the trimmed vagus was brought out of the chest through the second interspace for stimulation."

How would you like to have somebody cut one of the greatest and most important systems of nerves in your body and pull the loose end of it out between your ribs so as to further torment you by irritating the loose end thus exposed to view?

Poor pussy could no longer cry out. The nerve she would have used to do so was cut, and that made it impossible. Well! And what could she do, at the end of her poor life, to provide compensation to anybody for what she suffered? Only this. Read it, and if you can see anything to it except torture for the fun of torturing, then you are brilliant indeed.

"2.20 Animal pseudoaffective, struggling, and lashing bushy tail. Hind paws wet with sweat. Heart rate, 228. Respiration, 240. Rectal temperature, 39.2°C. Blood pressure, 120 mm.Hg."

With that, poor pussy died, and somebody, sometime, will have to answer for it, for God will certainly require it at the hands of all vivisectors.

Obedience to the Lord Brings Strength

IF YOU were asked to name the ten strongest, most manly men that have ever lived, you would be almost certain to put Daniel in the list. You might put him as one of the first five. Before Jesus' day God himself put him as one of five, Noah, Job, Moses and Samuel being the other four. Not even Abraham, Joseph, David or Isaiah seems to have had such an honored place.—Ezekiel 14:14, 20; Jeremiah 15:1.

If you got to thinking on the subject you would not go far, probably, before you would find yourself humming the old tune, or perhaps saying half aloud to yourself:

"Dare to be a Daniel;
Dare to stand alone;
Dare to have a purpose firm
And dare to make it known."

And yet, physically Daniel did not have the strength of a woman or of a growing boy or girl; for he was a eunuch. Only one in four survives this terrible operation which strikes the tree of manhood at its roots.

It was the barbarous custom of the east thus to treat captives, and as Daniel and his companions were under the care of the prince of the eunuchs (Daniel 1:7) it is certain that he was one himself. Isaiah prophesied of a day when the descendants of the Jewish kings should be "eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon". (Isaiah 39:7) Daniel was one of these.

It is well known that the operation performed upon Daniel and his companions has the tendency to repress courage, gentleness, shame and remorse, and is liable to bring on malice, melancholy and suicide. These facts tend to throw into even greater light the astonishing courage and gentleness of Daniel and his companions, and reveal clearly that the source of their strength was nothing within themselves but was strength supplied to them by Jehovah God.—Habakkuk 3:19; Psalm 71:15, 16.

Strength Made Perfect in Weakness

If all men that would serve the Lord could get to the place where they would entirely forget themselves, they would be much more usable than when a measure of self-interest, self-importance or self-aggrandizement is mixed with it; but the Lord does not desert those whose hearts are right, even if they do have to fight a lifelong battle with these handicaps. This is all nicely set out for us in the experiences of the apostle Paul:

> And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.—2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

The prophets recognized the same principle. Thus in the passage from Habakkuk, above cited, the prophet says: "[Jehovah] God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places."

The passage from the Psalm, also cited, is to the same effect: "My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day. . . . I will go in the strength of the Lord God."

When one has the facts, there are certain passages in Daniel's prophecy that are very touching: "And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days: afterward I rose up, and did the king's business." (Daniel 8:27) Still more significant is this one:

> Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands: and he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not; peace be unto thee; be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.—Daniel 10:8, 10, 11, 16-19.

Three Years on a Vegetable Diet

Daniel and his companions were in training as courtiers of the king. They had been care-

fully selected for their pleasing personal appearance, natural intelligence, skill in learning science and the languages, and their general adaptability as counselors.

To strengthen them, in the period when they were recovering from their operation, and were in training for a place at the council board, a daily allowance of meat and wine was made for each, which meat and wine, in accordance with the custom of the times, had first been offered to idols; for the king was a heathen.

At the first test, and at every subsequent test, Daniel showed his obedience to Jehovah God, and his determination to do what he conceived to be God's will, no matter what might result; and so we read:

> But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.—Daniel 1: 8.

Jehovah God knew that this question would come up. He knew that Daniel had been carefully reared in the Jewish faith, knew his conscientiousness, his reverence for God, and so arranged that his first battle should be a victory. The key to the situation rested in the prince of the eunuchs. "Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with" this man.

The prince explained to Daniel that he feared to disobey the king; if he should comply with Daniel's request, and omit the meat and wine from the diet of himself and his companions, and the thing should be discovered, and it would be apparent that these four men were making less progress than their fellows, it would cost him his life.

Daniel proposed that the matter be tried out ten days; they would go on a vegetable diet for that time, and would drink water instead of wine. At the end of that time they would accept his decision. He consented, and the Lord blessed the arrangement. At the end of ten days they had made noticeable progress, had put on flesh and were every way improved. That settled it, and they went on the vegetable diet for the whole three years.

The God of Heaven Stops a Massacre

When the young courtiers were brought before the king and examined, at the end of the three years, it was found that Daniel and his companions were ten times as bright and ten times as well posted as any other wise men in the realm. The next test followed speedily.

The king had a dream that troubled him, but he forgot the dream itself. He had all the older courtiers called in, and demanded that they recall his dream and give the explanation or he would have them all put to death as frauds. They could not comply with his request; so he gave orders that all should be slain, including Daniel and his companions.

When they came to Daniel he pleaded for a day's delay in the execution of the sentence of death, laid the matter before his three companions, and together they besought the God of heaven for the help without which they must perish. The help came that night, when the whole vision was made clear to Daniel, a vision which spans all history from that day to now.

Daniel's first thought was of the great One who had answered their prayers, and had become their rescuer, their wisdom and their might:

> Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding. He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.—Daniel 2: 20-23.

Promptly Daniel was brought in before the king, and the God that he acknowledged in the night seasons he acknowledged in open court. His statement of the dream and its interpretation was so overwhelmingly convincing that Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face before him, worshiped him, and commanded that an oblation and incense should be offered to him.

Daniel was made a great man; great gifts were given to him; he was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors of the wise men who but for him would have been put to death. His three companions at prayer were placed in responsible positions also.

Delivered from the Midst of the Flames

It was not long after the elevation of Daniel to a high place in the realm, and the exaltation of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego under him,

that these three men came in for an experience that showed they were of the same mind as Daniel. He was probably away on a journey at the time.

Nebuchadnezzar had set up on the plain of Dura a huge image of gold and summoned to the dedication representatives of the eight departments of his government: princes, governors, captains, judges, treasurers, counselors, sheriffs, and rulers.

These were told that when the orchestra should strike up, conveying the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and other musical instruments of the time, they must all fall down and worship this golden image or be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

The three Hebrews above named were present, as was their duty, but refrained from falling down and worshiping the image, as was also their duty not to do. They were accused before the king. He summoned them and graciously offered to give them a second chance. This indicates that he considered them valuable men.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego gave the king an answer that will abide for all time:

O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.—Daniel 3:16-18.

Nebuchadnezzar's fury knew no bounds. It is supposed that he ordered seven times the usual quantity of crude naphtha thrown into the furnace, to make sure that the fire would be the worst ever known. It was; it slew the men that threw these eunuchs into the flames.

But they themselves, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, were injured not at all. Nebuchadnezzar was made to know that their deliverer was and is the Son of God. He called them forth from the flames, promoted them, and decreed that any person that should speak anything amiss against their God should be cut in pieces and his house be made a dunghill.

Warning a King of Impending Insanity

It seems as if it would be a task that would burden the stoutest heart to have to go to any person and tell him he was about to go insane, and it seems as if this job would be still harder if the one to be notified were an autocractic ruler, accustomed to consigning to instant death any who might offend him.

We have plenty of evidence that Nebuchadnezzar was a dangerous man. The prince of the eunuchs feared for his life if he failed to give his charges the diet that had been prescribed for him. Because they could not tell him his dream, and therefore he felt certain could not tell him the explanation of it, Nebuchadnezzar would have slain every one of his wise men; and he did order the death of those who refused to worship the golden image which he had set up.

Very likely Daniel knew all of these and many similar circumstances; it is certain that he knew the first two, and he could hardly have failed to be apprised of the experiences of his three friends. And now he was suddenly called in to explain a dream the significance of which no one else in the realm could or would explain.

When the dream was told to Daniel he saw at once that the purport of it was that the king would be insane for seven years, and it is not therefore to be wondered at that he was dumb with astonishment for about an hour, and that his thoughts troubled him. The king saw the situation, perhaps sensed what was coming, and told Daniel not to let the dream or its interpretation trouble him.

Thereupon, in language that is famous for its kindness and its gentleness, but yet withal is plain, Daniel said to him, 'My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. . . . They shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.'

All this came to pass upon Nebuchadnezzar, and after seven years his reason returned, he was reestablished in his kingdom, and his lords and counselors sought him out and aided him as aforetime in the administration of his far-flung empire. The last we see of him on the pages of history is his own account of his experiences, and his conclusion:

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.—Daniel 4:37.

Warning Another King of His Doom

Hard as it would be to tell an absolute monarch he was about to go insane, it would be harder still to tell one that he had brought his kingdom to ruin and that it was about to be taken from him, but Daniel had that task assigned to him and fulfilled it perfectly.

While dishonoring the vessels of the house of Jehovah God, Belshazzar saw a hand write upon the wall the words that spelled his doom. Others were unable to explain their significance, but the queen heard of the incident, knew of Daniel, and the high place he had held with Nebuchadnezzar, and urged that he send for him.

Daniel came in, told Belshazzar what had happened to his father, and reminded him that he had not humbled his heart, though he knew all this. He then explained to him that the words which he had seen, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," meant that he had been weighed in the balances and found wanting, and that his kingdom was divided and would be given to the Medes and Persians. The prophecy was fulfilled that very night, for even then Darius and his army were marching into the city of Babylon through the dry bed of the Euphrates, and Belshazzar was slain before the morning light.

This incident restored Daniel to prominence and high favor in the kingdom. While Belshazzar yet lived Daniel was made the third ruler in the realm, and with the accession of Darius he was made the first of the three presidents that ruled the 120 provinces, and because of his excellent spirit the king thought to set him over the whole empire.

What followed is familiar ground to every lover of God's Word, but linger again in the garden of the Lord and see the same old Haman story (Esther 3:1-15) reenacted to its conclusion in the life of this physically weak man that the angels of God, fresh from the courts of heaven, called "greatly beloved" because he walked with God and God was his strength and his life.

The Conspiracy Against His Life

Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellers, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Then answered they, and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him; and his sleep went from him.

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel; and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was

the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

It seems that the Haman crowd never learn anything, and they do not know anything now. Daniel was wise, really wise, and he was strong too, because he was strong in the Lord. And that is the only kind of strength that amounts to anything; for it is the only kind that endures. Everything looks good to the Haman crowd until they come to the last act, and then nothing could look worse. When Daniel headed for the lions' den he went in peace; the others went in terror. He may have had a lion for a pillow, and the angels safeguarded him while he slept. He came out to new honors, and to find that all his enemies had come to an untimely end. He had all the best of it, and Jehovah's people always do have the best of it; for in the last act they get justice, and sometimes get it before.

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More About the Clothing of Men and Women

THE French are rated as having a weakness for uniforms. Every kind of man in every kind of job where it is possible is put in a uniform. When the uniforms are badly worn they go to Africa, where they do duty all over again. The black man is never so happy as when in a white man's cast-off uniform.

Theatrical costumes, after a theatrical production has folded up, go to gladden the hearts of bucks in the Cameroons or Basutoland. The world's recognized market for tin stage-armor is northern Zululand, and it seems that they insist on wearing it even on the hottest days. It is said that native soldiers fight better when dressed in gaudy uniforms. The Devil had that all figured out long ago. Fenton's translation of Ezekiel 28:12 says: "Thou art a past master of science." Military uniforms, and their effects upon the minds of men and women, have had much to do with maintaining the Devil's institutions, and still have much to do therewith.

The cast-off clothing of New Yorkers goes all over the world. On Elizabeth street, in the heart of Chinatown, New York city, the street is lined with stores which will buy anything in the line of clothing or shoes that has anything of present or prospective value left in it.

The highest grades of men's and women's wearing apparel are sold secondhand to New Yorkers themselves who know where to locate such shops. There are women who scorn to be seen more than once or twice in the same gown, or who dispose of dresses which their husbands do not like. Some tailors bluff their richest customers into thinking they need new suits, when all that the old ones need is pressing and they are as good as ever. Then they get the cast-off clothes as a perquisite.

Shoes — Stockings

In the days of the Roman Empire laws were passed which tried to regulate the style of shoe to be worn by each class. It was a foolish law. In the Middle Ages the pointed toes of shoes were sometimes two or three times the length of the foot. It was a foolish custom. Mankind and womankind seem to possess an infinite capacity for making fools of themselves.

Present styles in footwear seem to be sensible, as to men's shoes. Women's high-heeled shoes are a menace to the health and life of the wearer. The heel set in the middle of the instep fools nobody, least of all the wearer. Many a woman has been crippled for life by wearing high-heeled shoes.

Styles in shoes are certainly better now than they were in the seventeenth century, when they were so long and pointed that they were an encumbrance to the wearer and had to be hooked up by their projecting tips to make walking possible.

On account of their elaborate ornamentation, the shoes of cowboys, running as high as $42.50 a pair, are probably the most expensive footwear.

The first persons to wear stockings were priests. The first pair of silk stockings ever worn in England were made for Edward VI, son of the much-married Henry VIII by his third wife, Jane Seymour. The highest price on record for one pair of women's hosiery is $2,000. The clocks in these consisted of real diamonds. Lace stockings at $500 to $800 a pair can be had at any time.

The short skirts made silk stockings a necessity for all women, and lengthened them, adding $43,000,000 a year to the women's budget for hose. Of the 60,000,000 pairs of women's hose now made in America, less than half are of cotton. Should the stockingless fad spread, as it probably will, the demand for stockings in the summer is bound to greatly decrease.

Jewelry and Buttons

Precious stones are often mentioned in the Scriptures, as in the high priest's breastplate,

the covering of Lucifer, and in the foundations of the New Jerusalem. Solomon, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and perhaps others of the writers of Sacred Writ, mention them.

In symbolic imagery Jehovah God addresses Jerusalem ("Christendom"): "I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin, and I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. And I put a jewel on thy forehead, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head." —Ezekiel 16: 10-12.

Nose rings and toe rings, once worn, are out of style. In the sixteenth century the popular place to wear the ring was on the thumb. Wrist rings (bracelets) are still in use. Ankle rings (anklets) are sometimes worn. The Romans wore heavy rings in summer, and lighter rings in winter.

At any 10c store a woman can get "jewels" to fit any costume. Rich people seldom wear their genuine jewels; they keep them in the safety deposit boxes and usually exhibit themselves in carefully made imitations. It is well known that certain types of earrings are adapted to certain faces and produce impressions not otherwise obtainable.

Buttons, as ornaments, are traced back to the year 1250 (A.D.). The earliest mention of the buttonhole occurs in the year 1561. At one time hand-made, hand-painted buttons were worth $5 apiece. As they have cheapened they have multiplied mankind's sorrows, but not woman's. She found a better way out of the dilemma.

Today a man has 5 buttonholes in his pajama coat, 3 in his pajama pants, 8 in his union suit, 5 in his shirt front, 8 in his soft cuffs, 3 in his collar, 3 in his shirt collar, 2 in his shirt sleeves, 6 in his trousers, 5 in his vest, 3 in his coat, and 3 in his overcoat; total, 54. A man that goes insane is said to have "lost his buttons". The effect is substituted for the cause.

Hats and Corsets

Julius Cæsar pulled a fold of his toga over his head; it was all the hat he had or needed. Millinery got its start in Milan, Italy, whence the name Milaner, milliner. Italy still pays much attention to hats. The home of the greatest racket ever conceived on this earth, it still bestows the red hat on its chief racketeers, the cardinals.

Because he is naturally artistic, an Italian in his native land will wear a plume in his hat without batting an eyelash. In 1928, to offset the hatless wave then passing over the earth, a certain kind of hat, the "varsity straw", was made compulsory headgear for Italian college youths. Ever hear of Leghorn hats? They come from Leghorn, Italy.

The man that caused us to lose our top feathers is dead; so we cannot do anything more to him. He was a Swiss. He invented the hat in 1404, and men have been bald ever since. The hat was first made in England, in 1510. The Jews of Spain were once compelled to wear yellow hats; in Germany bankrupts had to wear yellow and green hats. Once a year the pope used to "bless" hats of violet silk, lined with ermine and embroidered with gold and jewels. He sent these around as gifts to other crooks.

It is less than 150 years since the prince of Wales, at his first court ball, shone resplendent in a hat that was trimmed with 5,000 steel beads. He had on pink-heeled shoes, and his black velvet suit was covered with pink and gold spangles and lined with pink satin. Him must have looked booful in him's pitty clothes!

Panama hats are not made in Panama, but they come through Panama on their way to market. Ecuador, Peru and Colombia are the producers. The material is the shredded leaf of a small palm. The weavers begin work early in the morning, to keep the shreds from drying, and keep their fingers constantly damp. It takes three weeks to make a single hat, and the price on the spot is usually $50.

The most costly hat of record is a $1,500 sombrero presented to General Grant in Mexico, said to be the finest specimen of a Mexican sombrero ever made. Secretary of State Seward, of Lincoln's cabinet, had a Panama hat that cost $1,000. A good cowboy's sombrero may cost $20.

Because of her absence of taste, and her unwillingness to wear anything but bonnets of a certain shape, Queen Victoria had the milliners of two generations in despair.

The shape of the cardinals' red hat, with its broad brim, small, flat crown, and cords and tassels of special pattern, has not changed in seven hundred years.

The "stovepipe" hat now affected by politicians is an outgrowth of the Puritan steeple-crowned hat. Benjamin Franklin carried it to Paris, and Paris carried it to the ends of the

earth. The Puritans wore their hats indoors and everywhere.

Britishers call a derby hat a "bowler". The French call it a "melon".

Hat sizes are fixed by measuring the length inside from front to back, and then the middle width. Add together and divide by two. The result is the size.

In the seventeenth century both men and women wore corsets, and they may still be had for both men and women. Not so long ago they were still in use at West Point, and may be yet. Women have greatly improved their figures and their health by their general abandonment of corsets.

Changing Women's Styles

The universal and perpetual entertainment of the new generation is to laugh at the styles of the generation that is gone, or going. As soon as a new style appears a woman wants the thing, whatever it is, because every other woman is getting one. But as soon as every other woman really does have it, then she wants something else, because it is so generally in use.

Take this matter of sleeves. In the reign of Richard II they were so long and so wide that they often reached to the feet. Thieves carried their booty up their sleeves. In the reign of Henry IV a law was passed prohibiting the wearing (by men) of scarlet robes twelve yards wide, with sleeves, called "side sleeves" (a term still persisting in Britain), hanging to the ground, and bordered or lined with fur, if of the value of £20 or more. If they had to pass a law for men, where did the women get off?

Under the Norman kings sleeves were fitted down as far as the elbow, there to break off into loose flaps a yard long. Sometimes these flaps were tied in a knot. Norman kings and knights wore their coats of arms on their sleeves. Almost nobody could read, and before a knight busted the head of another man he looked at his heraldic device to make sure he was pasting the right man.

In the days of Chaucer sleeves for both men and women were of the most beautiful and costly fabrics conceivable, and of every color imaginable. They were removable, and each sleeve of different materials and colors. A man spending a week-end in the country had to rise early so as to baste or sew on his sleeves for the day, and when he was ready to appear in company he looked like an escaped lunatic.

Our own times have seen women dressed in jerseys with tight-fitting sleeves, and they have seen her with leg-of-mutton sleeves, tight on the lower arm and at least a foot in diameter near the shoulder. Fifty years ago she laced until she could hardly breathe. It was the style.

In the Days of the Whale

The whale is about gone, and what we shall do for soap when he is numbered among the missing is something somebody else will have to figure out. But in his day he made lots of excitement for the men, and provided the women with bustles, stays and hoopskirt patterns. Every woman tried to look like a whale, and some of them succeeded. There was a time when if two women met each other on a sidewalk one of them had to walk in the road. Some of the whalebone went into fans. They too have passed away.

One of the jobs of the king of England is that every year he and the queen have to select four women's dresses. That decision determines what will be worn in the British court that year. It is not such a whale of a job now as it was when hoopskirts were in vogue.

You don't remember the days of the bangs, do you? They were a fright. The women have labored hard through the ages to see how badly they could look, but they have looked well anyway. The worse the style, the better they show off in it, and there is a suspicion that they know that well.

There has been a change in architecture, due to the change in women's styles and in the women themselves. In 1910 the correct width for a stadium seat was considered 19 inches; now it is 17 inches, and this change enabled Princeton University to seat 6,000 more persons in its stadium.

Thousands of years ago the women of Mesopotamia wore golden hair nets and changed their style of hairdressing constantly, to keep abreast of the times.

Paris the Center for Women's Styles

Paris still nominates the styles for the rest of the world. The Toronto *Daily Star* says: "It may be shocking, but it is nevertheless true, that the naughty ladies of Paris come closer to being the arbiters of fashion than any other influence that could be named." The present style in women's hats dates from the moment Lindbergh took off his aviator's helmet at Le Bourget, after his flight from New York to Paris.

America buys her models in Paris, but makes her own dresses. So it has come about that Paris has become a great experimental depot at which the effort is made to find out what will "take". The artists of the world gather there, and change is always in the air. The French try to anticipate what the Americans will like, and succeed very well; but sometimes they miss it.

Some American firms are said to employ artists whose powers of perception and memory are such that they can inspect thirty model dresses and go to their rooms and draw every one of the thirty, and color it just as it was in the original. The drawings are then sent post-haste to America, and sometimes enable the American manufacturers to get a start of a week or more on what is doing in Paris. This bootlegging of fashions is rightly considered a disreputable piece of business.

Paris employs both male and female manikins to exhibit models, the males having only recently been put to work. The general use in America of the automobile has had a distinct effect on styles. Out of twenty models carefully and painfully and secretively designed, it may be that only one or two will make a hit, and nobody can tell which they will be until the manikins begin their parades. Fashion is a perennial gamble. Nobody can direct it long.

Women Have Achieved Dress Reform

The women have achieved dress reform, and it looks as if the reform is a permanent one. The move toward pajamas is probably only a fad. Skirts are really more becoming, more comfortable, and more sanitary. And they are cooler, too. When a leg or arm is wholly enclosed it is made unduly warm.

A dog carries only about one-fiftieth of his weight in fur, and seems to get along all right in cold weather. A man that weighs 150 pounds will have 15 pounds of clothes. It is too much. Women now have clothes that weigh only about one-tenth what they used to weigh. And they do not complain of feeling the cold. But they would not complain anyway, if it was the style, even if they froze solid.

The reduction in feminine clothes, i.e., the reduction in weight, has definitely added to feminine health and stamina. The puny, neurasthenic women of fifty years ago are no longer to be seen. British physicians who have examined thousands of boys and girls report that the girls are much better developed than the boys. Women's clothes are all washable, too, and that has not a little to do with their better health.

The Life Extension Institute, which made a study of the facts, states that the average weight of a man's clothing, minus his shoes, is ten pounds, while the average weight of a woman's clothing, minus her shoes, is 22 ounces, or just one-fifth that of the man's, and the woman, in her featherweight apparel, can outwalk, outdance, outrun and outswim her mate. Women's thin summer clothing, with its lack of tight collars and belts, has always been the envy of the men.

Another important item: A woman can buy three or four dresses, and look beautiful in each of them, for the price the man has to pay for a single suit. Masculine taste is to dress well enough to be unnoticeable; feminine ambition is to dress well enough to attract attention.

With a machine or device specially made for the purpose, the Hygienic Institute of the University of Munich proved that tight-fitting clothes, and especially the perfect fit of a coat, should be avoided. Everything must be loose on the body. Sleeves and trousers, in particular, should have wide openings. An open or V-form collar should be preferred to any other.

The Fight for Short Skirts

The French designers first put the women into short skirts, and they were obedient enough. Then, in 1927, they tried to move them the other way, and the women would not budge. They liked the freedom of the short skirts, and everybody liked the pretty silk stockings. The women won out, and it so discouraged and disgusted the leading French designer, Paul Poiret, that he retired from the conflict, and has settled down in the country.

The president of the French Academy was similarly affected. He said, mournfully, that now, "when you have painted half the length of a woman's portrait, there is nothing more worth painting." As artistic material for a canvas he considers the flowing robes of a long dress much more interesting than the prettiest pair of silk stockings ever made.

The girls of Hunter College, New York, put the matter to a vote, 6,000 of them voting, and seventy percent of them revealed themselves as rebels against long skirts, which they denounced

as impractical, uncomfortable, uneconomical, inconvenient in the subway, and unhygienic.

The result of the action of the girls of Hunter College, and literally millions of other American girls and women, was a buyers' strike which nearly ruined many department stores and created a panic in Paris. Hitherto the designers had led the way and the women followed, but on long dresses, nix. The department stores that carried only the long dresses in stock found that the average selling time for each dress had increased about one-third. Sales fell off alarmingly. The women won the fight.

The cloth-makers were intensely interested in this fight. When it started they announced cheerfully that "something like 150,000,000 more yards of varied fabrics will be ordered in a year to make the long, flowing draperies of the evening frocks, and the circular and flared skirts of day dresses"; but it did not take place.

In Budapest, in 1930, a young woman sued an elderly man because he stepped on the train of her dress. That would have been all right but the shoulder straps of her dress both snapped; and if you know what happened then, you had better come in here and write about it, for the thing is too complicated to fit into this typewriter. The court ruled that that man was not to blame; the girl had a right to wear what she pleased, but it was her business to look after her skirts and not have them in a place where they could be walked on; a good argument for short skirts.

Men Shocked (?) by Short Skirts

The minute you find a man who sees anything wrong with a girl's wearing short skirts you may know right away that you cannot trust him as far as you could throw a bull by the tail; the biggest squawkers about a thing of this kind are mentally unbalanced on the subject.

Once in a while comes a statement from Vatican City about "the shameless immodesty of dress of modern women which results in insults to the eyes of God". When the Creator made woman He made a beautiful thing and endowed her with enough sense to take proper care of herself without having a bunch of more or less celibate priests, who themselves dress in long skirts, wailing over her "lost condition" because she reveals some of her charms. Silly attacks on women's dress have been carried by the Roman clergy all over the world, and accomplished exactly nothing.

When the congress of idolatry, otherwise called the "Eucharistic Congress", came off at Dublin, the Irish girls were obliged to have sleeves sewn in their dresses. It is a wonder that the rules did not require them to be sewn up in sacks. The whole thing harks back to the harem and the purdah.

One of the duties of the "apostolic" administrator of the Tyrol is to see to it that no girl wears flesh-colored stockings, and that her dresses have sleeves to the elbows, skirts halfway between knee and ankle, and collars that come within two inches of the neck. Perchance he sallies forth to "righteousness" with a tape measure and opera glasses!

The bishop of Saint-Brieuc, Brittany, France, even went so far as to prohibit boys' wearing their shirts open too low at the neck. He is in the wrong business. He should be a mortician.

League of Nations Takes a Hand

The League of Nations thought that if righteousness is merely a matter of covering up more of the women, they might as well have a hand in it, and followed up the Vatican's pronunciamentos by forbidding bare legs to women entering the administration buildings, and prohibiting lawn tennis in bathing costumes. Women should be kept in bags, with puckering strings around the necks. The influence of the zenana and seraglio is plainly discernible.

General Pangalos, of Greece, undertook to interfere with the length of women's skirts and got fired out of his job. Served him right. Meantime the progressive Kemal Pasha abolished the veil throughout Turkey.

As the "apostolic" spasm of righteousness over the length of women's skirts spread around the world, there were frequent repercussions. In Budapest the wife of an American theater manager was arrested for indecent exposure as she was leaving a theater where she had witnessed a play. She had on a dress designed by one of Paris' most eminent designers, Jeanne Lanvin, and says she is through with Hungary for ever.

At Asbury Park the board of old women and hypocrites comprising the Hotel Association went before the city fathers and tried to have women dressed in beach pajamas ruled as improperly dressed. A waste of breath.

In Jerusalem the rabbis covered the billboards with Jewish proclamations that girls would hereafter clothe themselves with the garments

worn by their mothers "and little girls must be trained to wear their sleeves down to the greater part of their hand and their skirts to cover the greater part of their legs". How silly! Seems as if they could find something more important, and more nearly their own business, to talk about.

Suggestions About Women's Dress

Men like manly men and womanly women. That is why men that dress in skirts make a poor hit with men, and why men do not rave over women dressed in bloomers or street pajamas; not, however, that the women have not a perfect right to wear them, if they choose, but that women look more attractive in skirts.

A Paris court decided that a famous woman athlete was free to dress as she pleased as a private citizen, but as she insists on dressing in male garb she can, with propriety, be excluded from the French Women's Sporting Federation unless, when she attends the Federation, she adopts women's attire. Seems like a sensible rule. Women should dress as women; men, as men.

No man can effectively dictate to women what they shall wear, and the women change their tastes, and are often illogical. When stagecoaches were small and crowded, women wore crinolines. The women of the present are the best dressed they have ever been.

One style changes another, profoundly. Short hair caused total loss of employment to 12,000 women in Chefoo, engaged in the making of hair nets. The general use of rayon has made great changes. The general use of the automobile will inevitably keep skirts short. Style affects and is affected by everything, houses, rooms, cars, offices, clothing, hairdressing, etc. The influence of demons is seen in the fact that fashionable women of London go to clairvoyants to get suggestions regarding dress designs.

Practical suggestions are that women who seek to look slender should choose dull colors and keep to the same tones throughout the costume. To enhance the height, emphasize the vertical lines and avoid encircling ones.

Black suggests the cynic, gray the humble, violet and purple the aristocrat, deep blue the thoughtful, light blue the frivolous, turquoise the witty, crimson the ardent and romantic; green, wholesomeness; yellow, entertainment; orange, conviviality. We take these from a lecture on color given in the Brooklyn Museum, by Nan Hornbeck.

In the reign of Louis XIV there were 500 fan-makers in Paris; now maybe there are five, but maybe not one. In the reign of Edward VI a woman worth £200 might have a silk dress; otherwise not. If a man was worth that amount he might have buttons at the knees and wear gold lace or silver lace. *We* laugh; and so will *they* (our descendants). Furs of animals tortured by being caught in steel traps are no longer popular; other furs may be had.

Trend to Standardization

The quaint costumes of remote corners of the earth are rapidly disappearing before the march of Western men and women in airplanes and automobiles, and especially before the march of the motion-picture man, showing Hollywood styles in every part of the planet.

Japan, though it still uses millions of kimonos, has switched over to Western dress almost bodily and China is rapidly following suit. It is asserted that a well-made kimono could be made to last forty years. As now made the kimono is of one piece, uncut. The garment is ripped entirely apart and washed in corn oil twice a year. The material is only twelve inches wide. The finest old gowns of China have been shipped to New York and cut into hangings and neckties. The ancient silks are superior to the tin-laden fabrics of the present.

The changes of dress enforced in Turkey have often been mentioned of late in the public press. Kemal Pasha insists that all Turkey shall dress in Western togs. Something of the same insistence seems to animate the rulers of Bolivia, who have just relegated to limbo the styles that have come down from the days of the Spanish conquest.

The Hungarian girls still wear from eight to a dozen daintily embroidered petticoats, all in different colors, handed down from many generations. Marriage trousseaus are objects of veneration approaching ancestor worship. It is a custom that should go, and probably will.

Overalls are now worn by all the women in a mill in New Bedford, Mass., on the ground that they are less liable to catch in machinery. A London maker of men's shirts has brought out a style for women.

Common Sense in Dress versus Snobbery

The desire to be well dressed is common, and it is reasonable. The desire to be overdressed, and the inclination to be proud because one has

something in clothes that others do not have or cannot afford, is snobbery. Yet it does not seem that sameness is desirable in a world where there are such possibilities of color and of style. Look at the flowers. No two are exactly alike, even though there are thousands of styles, and millions made according to each style. Nevertheless, variations of costume were unknown to most of the nations of the ancient world.

In Hungary the Ministry of Culture ordered all schoolgirls to wear a common uniform, including sailor blouses. The style spread to Atlantic City, where, the last we knew, the high-school girls, in the effort to stop snobbery, were wearing middy blouses and blue skirts, which uniform, incidentally, is very becoming to young girls.

In English boarding schools for boys loud checks and Oxford bags are not allowed. Sunday suits of young men must be navy blue or dark gray. The black coat and striped trouser combination is taboo. The only cap allowed is the school cap. Only white soft collars are allowed. Socks must be black. In summer they may wear gray flannel shirts with collar attached.

The claim is made for the British that they are much less interested in style, and a good deal more insistent upon quality, than Americans. But the reverse claim is made that the leisured class in England is easily distinguishable by its clothes, while the clerks and small shopkeepers dress badly.

In Paris, to be well dressed, a woman is said to need from six to twenty umbrellas, one to go with each costume. In ancient Sparta they were not burdened with such foolishness, as the law permitted women only three dresses. The tendency of democracies is away from dress distinctions.

Reformers have always been against dress extravagance. Legislation against the wearing of costly apparel has been often enacted, but never accomplished anything. The extent to which expensive dressing may go was shown in the case of Madame Jeritza, the upkeep of whose wardrobe cost her between $40,000 and $50,000 a year. She had more than 200 pairs of shoes, and more than 500 pairs of hose, and was considered the best-dressed woman in grand opera. It is estimated that women spend more than twice as much on clothes now as they did before the war.

The girl of today can have a good-sized wardrobe for what it cost her grandmother for a single taffeta silk dress. Modern clothing is not made to last for generations. American girls do not wish to wear the old clothes worn by their great-grandmothers.

Hard times have wrought changes in women's garb. Reversible coats are to be had. Chiffon dresses are made with two or more slips. The new artificial laces are both beautiful and unalterable; they wear well, are waterproof and are less combustible than ordinary lace. In the West Indies there is a natural lace-like cloth which is used by the native women for dresses.

Perhaps, in the end, with a perfect climate, man may be clothed almost as he was in Eden, but probably not quite. Clothes, if always worn, will ever remind mankind of a time when they were naked before God and in need of the covering which in His great love He has provided.

The Favors of "Holy Year"

NOTICE how nicely it is all fixed up in the "Holy Year". The two most prominent Americans are Franklin D. Roosevelt, Protestant, and Alfred E. Smith, Roman Catholic. Mr. Roosevelt is given the degree of LL.D. at the Roman Catholic university in Washington, and Mr. Smith is given the degree of LL.D. at the Protestant university of Harvard. Guests at the latter award of degrees were J. P. Morgan and Owen D. Young, with big politicians not a few.

Dispatches from Vatican City are that the "Holy Year" will probably be prolonged for seven or eight weeks after it would normally end, carrying it over until May 20 or 27, next year. Meantime the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus pledged unanimous support of the Roosevelt policies.

Meantime, also, the K. of C. Holy Name Society is bending every energy to close the mouth of Judge Rutherford: to prevent him from broadcasting the truth over the radio.

Rackets to Be Driven from New York City

MAYOR O'BRIEN, of New York city, has ordered that all racketeering in the big city must come to an end. Just how the New York Stock Exchange, Tammany Hall and the Roman Catholic church will be ended, and what will be put in their place, has not been explained.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in the Red

THE rector of St. Patrick's cathedral, New York city, is reported as saying that offerings have dwindled to such an extent as to threaten ability to meet expenses. Meantime, Catholic institutions are doing everything possible to get Judge Rutherford off the air at the earliest possible minute.

The Papal System

MACAULAY, the famous British historian, said: "The experience of twelve hundred eventful years, the ingenuity and patient care of forty generations of statesmen, have improved that policy (of Rome) to such perfection that, among the contrivances which have been devised for deceiving and controlling mankind, it occupies the highest place."

"All of Pagan Origin"

THE following extract is from the *Christian World:*

"Newman, in a passage of his 'Essay on Development', speaking of the early Catholicism in its contact with the heathen world, says: 'Temples, incense, lamps and candles, votive offerings, holy water, asylums, holy days and seasons, processions, blessings on the fields, sacerdotal vestments, the tonsure, the ring in marriage, turning to the East, images, and the Kyrie Eleison are *all of pagan origin,* and sanctified by their adoption into the church.'"

Huge Swindle in Belgium

ON AUGUST 8, 1933, to see an apparition of the virgin Mary, which was not there, and to see some snowflakes fall which did not fall, the Belgian state railway ran forty excursion trains into Beauraing, Belgium, where a new Catholic church is under construction. The railroads are said to have gotten $240,000 out of the swindle, and the building fund of the church got a big boost.

Saint Christopher Still in the Mud

AFTER the flying Mollisons landed in the mud at Bridgeport, everything was recovered, even to the jewelry worn by Mrs. Mollison, except a lone medal of St. Christopher. At last accounts Chris was still in the mud. St. Christopher, it should be explained, is the Roman Catholic "saint" that prevents accidents to travelers. The medal, so the Providence *Visitor* explains, was blessed by an Irish priest in 1932. Of course, that was a whole year before the Mollisons and Chris himself fell into the mud.

Rome — Aholah's Holy City

DEAN ALFORD, in his letters from abroad, describing the city of Rome, said:

"Rome is essentially a pagan city. Her churches . . . rise everywhere around. Bells are continually going . . . Yet, with very rare exceptions indeed, the *worship of the people* in these churches has nothing in common with Christianity. . . . God has passed out from the practical worship of the people: the Son of God has, as a matter of fact, ceased to be an object of their adoration. The Eternal Father is found in their pictures as an old man, — the divine Savior as a little child; but both are subservient, and nearly all their worship is subservient, to one purpose: the glorification of a great goddess" (Mary).

Rome contains 433 churches and chapels. Five are dedicated to the "Trinity", fifteen to the Savior, four to the crucifix, two to the sacraments, two to the "Holy Ghost", and 121 to the virgin Mary. Not one of them, of course, is dedicated to Jehovah God.

The Rock of Peter

THAT this matter of the primacy of Peter has been a matter of serious strife in the Roman Catholic church is apparent from the following memorandum accredited to Archbishop Kenrick, of St. Louis:

"Five varying interpretations of S. Matt. xvi. 18 occur. The first, that the church is built on the rock of Peter, is taught by seventeen fathers; the second, that the rock is the whole body of the apostles, represented by Peter in right of his primacy, is held by eight; the third, that the rock is the faith which Peter confessed, is the most authoritative, being supported by forty-four; the fourth, that the rock is Christ himself, is held by sixteen; while the fifth interpretation makes the rock to include all the faithful, being the living stones of which the church is built. No numbers are assigned to this last view, and it is to be observed that several of those who maintain the first and second opinions also support the third and fourth, and so may be deducted from the calculations."

Accordingly, Archbishop Kenrick sums up thus: "'If we are bound to follow the greater number of the fathers in this matter, then we must hold for certain that the word *petra* means, not Peter professing the faith, but the faith professed by Peter.'"

The Purgatory Swindle

OUT of 410 Roman Catholic priests, who, between them, left the very considerable sum of £12,499,868, only 84 of them believed sufficiently in "purgatory" to leave £31,779 for the 'release of their souls from its fires'. When it came to their cash they bet 390 to 1 that the whole thing is a swindle.

"Father" J. Barrett, who left £12,547 and provided for the celebration of masses for 500 years after his death, was one of those who really believed in "purgatory", of which he gives us the following secondhand description:

"Good God! how the great saints and doctors astonish me when they treat of this fire, and of the pain of sense, as they call it. For they peremptorily pronounce that the fire that purges those souls, those both happy and unhappy souls, surpasses all the torments that are to be found in this miserable life of man, or are possible to be invented; for so far they go. Out of which assertion it clearly follows that the furious fits of the stone, fever, or raging gout, the tormenting colic, with all the horrible convulsions of the worst diseases, nay, though you join racks, gridirons, boiling oil, wild beasts, and a hundred horses drawing several ways and tearing one limb from another, with all the hellish devices of the most barbarous and cruel tyrants, all this does not reach the least part of the mildest pains in purgatory."

Rev. James P. Fullam, Prize Liar

UNTIL this little scrimmage with the Roman Catholic dignitaries started there did not seem to be any particular call for offering prizes to liars. We always knew, of course, that the priests of the Roman Catholic 'church' are the banner liars of creation, but it is only now that the Reverend James P. Fullam, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Inc., Dalton, Nebraska, shines out more brilliantly than all the rest.

In a letter to radio station KGKY, seeking the removal of the Watchtower programs from the air, the Reverend Fullam delivers himself of the following paragraph, after which, with true Roman Catholic hypocrisy, he has the unmitigated gall to conclude with the expression, "In the spirit of American fair-play: 'Live and let live.'"

Ex-Judge Rutherford's pet hobby seems to be that of taking delight in *defamation of character* and the *utter destruction of religious freedom* under the cloak of his title of EX-JUDGE. His *vitriolic remarks* and *vituperative attacks* are made to *assail 20,000,000 law-abiding citizens* professing the Catholic religion in this country. The *target for his poisonous arrows* is particularly the supreme head and chief pastor of the Catholic church, the pope, whom he *slanders* with his *venomous detractions*. His *stuff is so vicious* that the New York Times called him the "uncompromising foe of organized Christianity".

Take a glance at the lies (in *italics*) in that paragraph. Judge Rutherford has defamed nobody and destroyed nobody's religious freedom. He has made no vitriolic remarks and no vituperative attacks. He has not assailed any law-abiding citizens, let alone 20,000,000 of them. He has not shot poisonous arrows at anybody, not slandered the pope and not made venomous detractions against him, and his utterances are not vicious, but clean, true and wholesome, filled with logic, beauty and love.

Then what is it all about? Nothing at all, except that Judge Rutherford has several times challenged the pope to appoint his best man, so that the two of them may, over the radio, discuss the interesting and important question as to whether or not the pope, claiming to represent Jehovah God, does in truth and in fact represent the Devil, of whom, it is apparent, the Reverend James P. Fullam is such a well-favored and buxom child.—John 8:42-44.

—and of Aholibah, Her Younger Sister—Ezekiel 23

"Perfecting God" at Augusta

AT THE All Souls Unitarian church, Augusta, Maine, Reverend H. Mortimer Gesner, Jr., preached at 10:30 a. m., Sunday, April 23, 1933, on the subject "Perfecting God". His conclusions were "that the perfection of God depends upon the perfection of man". We record this as a sample of the depths of idiocy into which fallen man has plunged.

Cadman in Skirts

THE New York *American* publishes a picture of Reverend Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, LL.D., dressed in women's clothes for a part he was to play in a playlet put on by the trustees of the church of which he is the pastor. A man in skirts certainly looks comical. He is about the shape of the great big baked potato advertised by the dining-car service of the Northern railroads.

No Church Bells to Ring in Next War

AFTER nineteen hundred years of careful study, the clergy of Denmark have petitioned the government to abandon the practice of having the church bells rung to expedite mobilization in war time. They learned this much quicker than they do most things.

145,000 Homeless Women and Girls

AS A RESULT of a three-day census of the transient and the homeless made by the national board of the Young Women's Christian Association, it is estimated that there are 145,000 homeless women and girls in the United States, female tramps. It is hoped that sometime conditions in America may rise to the level prevailing in Darkest Africa, where, among the intelligent heathen blacks, such a condition of things would not be tolerated.

Sierra Madre's Astonishing City Manager

IN SIERRA MADRE, California, the city manager debarred from a municipal art exhibition a painting depicting the miracle of Christ changing the water into wine at the marriage in Cana. Why stop there? Why not invade the churches and homes of the city and tear from every Bible the second chapter of the Gospel according to John? A still more thorough job would be to burn all the Bibles in the city, and have all believers in the Scriptures shot at sunrise. The city manager explained that the subject is *controversial.* How sad!

The Bible Game

"THE Bible Game," bearing the endorsements of Reverend Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Reverend Charles E. Coughlin, and ten other bishops, rabbis and other clergymen, is a clever enough subscription plan, and a good bookselling racket too.

The way it works is that you scrutinize 75 pictures and tell what texts they represent. The thirty prizes for best answers range from $225 down to $5 each. The catch is in the statement "All verse-answers for the series of pictures must be found in a reference book entitled 'The Bible Treasury'." That helps sell the book and collects names of prospects.

The newspaper publishes the four pages several times. They get part of their pay in subscriptions; maybe all of it. It is a "Bible Game" all right, and is being popularized in Illinois.

Clergy Business in South Africa

A CLIPPING from the *Week-End Advertiser,* just at hand, says:

> Young men who qualify for the church, after seven or eight years of study, are finding it increasingly difficult to get work. Many of them pass their examinations and are ordained only to find that they may have to wait for years before a congregation becomes available. Some of those who became clergymen during the past two or three years have returned to the university to take teachers' courses, while others have turned to farming and other lay occupations.

Britain's Ecclesiastical Hoboes

THE tithe was a tax laid by the feudal system upon land owners, so as to take the care of the clergy from the shoulders of the feudal aristocracy and place it upon the farmers. But as the ecclesiastical hoboes got hard up they sold their tithes to laymen, public schools, colleges, nonconformist ministers, the war office, or anybody that would purchase. And now there are more of them for sale than ever, for the farmers have risen in revolt and are refusing to pay them to anybody at all.

Machine Guns on a Rum Ship

WHEN the British rum ship Anna came into Finnish waters to unload a cargo of alcohol the Finnish coast guard was interested until the rum ship got out a machine gun and got it ready for action. Ordinarily it is not considered to be good form for sailors of one nationality to murder officers of another nationality when they are engaged in the discharge of their duties, but maybe as this was a British rum ship, and the Church of England is one of the leading stockholders in British distilling companies, we had better not say anything about it, for fear of offending somebody.

Cadman's Radio Hour

THE announcement was made over the radio that Cadman's radio hour is in debt $15,000 and the suggestion was made that it might be a good thing to come across and help pay it. It strikes us as a most interesting thing that here is the Cadman hour, backed by Big Business, widely advertised in the papers and over the radio, and cannot maintain itself. And then here is Judge Rutherford, talking regularly over many times as many stations, and never asks anybody for a red cent. And further, it would be hard for anybody to offer a valid reason why

the Cadman programs should be financed, but Judge Rutherford's addresses contain food for the mind and heart of all classes, rich and poor, high and low, and are worthy of universal support.

Tried to Keep His Job

A SAPULPA (Oklahoma) dominie was fired by the congregation, but his contract had yet three months to run; so he got a permit to carry a pistol, on the grounds that his life had been threatened, but he drew it on the congregation as he tried to minister to their spiritual needs after he had been fired. Then the congregation got sore and had him arrested. Now if he had only spent that money for an alarm clock instead of a gun, you can see for yourself that he would be away ahead. Now he has no job, no alarm clock and no money to buy one, and faces a fine besides. It surely is tough.

Remaley Puts on the Vestments

OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, Roman Catholic paper of Huntington, Indiana, once edited by an ex-Presbyterian minister, quotes at length and approvingly from the writings of B. E. Remaley, of Portland, Oregon, once a prominent 'Bible Student' of that city, in which that gentleman is quoted as saying:

> No one knows better, or should know better, than the officials of the Watch Tower Society who were sentenced and served nine months in the Atlanta penitentiary, that the offense was not on account of religious faith or doctrine, but on account of the Espionage Act, and they were amenable. And not only amenable to that but also to God's law as expressed in Romans 13: 1-15, and suffered as evil-doers, and not for righteousness' sake.

It will be apparent from this that this former 'Bible Student' has taken his stand with the one that led Jesus up into a high mountain and offered Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time if He would fall down and worship him. He has taken his stand with those that are for Big Berthas, howitzers, shrapnel, machine guns, flame-throwers, poison gas or anything else that will lend support to the Devil's empire, and he is against the Prince of Peace, who said "Blessed are the peacemakers", "Love your enemies," "Put up thy sword into the sheath," "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," and "If thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink".

Remaley could now be a good and acceptable priest of the Roman Catholic church, for he believes essentially what they believe, and could be and is a comfort to its priests in their judgment day and when they are engaged in their great fight of trying to suppress the message of God's kingdom, the hope of the world. Everything indicates that all the enemies of the Lord will be in essential agreement just when Armageddon puts the quietus on their activities.

In our judgment President Roosevelt would be consulting the best interests of the American people, and his own best interests, in severing connection with these groups that worship Satan, and are actuated by his spirit; but it is for him to do as he thinks best.

Reverend Peacock Was Preaching

REVEREND A. C. PEACOCK, of the Central Christian church, Atlanta, was in the pulpit preaching. He may have been preaching from the text "Love thinketh no evil" or "Thou shalt not kill" or "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them". Somebody came to him and reported that there was a strange colored man in the neighborhood. Reverend Peacock stopped his sermon, put on a deputy sheriff's badge, armed himself and led forth the armed male members of his flock. When the Negro saw them coming he fled and they shot him. There is no evidence that he was guilty of anything, but the evidence can be easily manufactured. That is a business of itself.

Witch-Burnings in Canada

JIM HUNTER, of the Toronto *Evening Telegram,* describes the Charlesworth witch-burnings of Canada in terms of the past. He says:

> The uproar was awful. Women screamed, kiddies asked what it was all about; they joined in the shouting. Men churned about seeking for a better spot to see the show. Everyone shouted, and into the night stillness went the sound of many voices. In the center of the ring stood a lone woman; she was manacled and bound. At her feet was a pile of faggots. A man

advanced and lit the pile. As the tiny flames licked their way up the doomed woman's clothes, her lips curled in defiance. Men laughed. It was all right. They were burning a witch. Hadn't she bewildered the poor multitude with her witching? Women shrieked; children were held spellbound by the face on that woman. Some few turned away in disgust. One lone scream rent the air as the flames reached the poor creature's vitals. The show was over, and the many agreed that it had been a good show. But that was way back in the middle ages. Things, thank Heaven, don't happen like that nowadays. This is 1933. We are broadminded, and tolerant. Yes, sir! Judge Rutherford and his religion has been banned from the Canadian air. Other religions now enjoying air freedom, please note.

Arlington *News* Appreciates Truth

THE Arlington (Massachusetts) *News*, in an editorial entitled "Whom Shall We Believe?" gives its readers some good advice:

When we turn on our radio in these days we hear the voice of the church, Protestant, Catholic, Jew and others. All speak with authority, presumably all have a message for all people, or why is it broadcast for all to hear, rather than being confined to any particular group or parish? Out of this volume of talk, much of which is good, some bad, it becomes difficult to sift the wheat from the chaff. It is refreshing that Judge Rutherford on Easter Sunday reminded us that the Bible still points the way and in spite of the failure of governments and church leaders to remain true to spiritual ideals, Jesus still reigns and His witnesses are known by the fruits of the spirit which are justice, love and mercy. The world is anxious, waiting for God's message, tired of the propaganda of false prophets. Therefore we welcome the voice that admonishes us to trust God, read and study the Bible and place our dependence in the things of the spirit. It is not our business to point out what church leaders should talk about, but we believe that the public is getting an overdose of propaganda and not enough pure religion.

On the day that the foregoing appeared, Reverend Lewis Hall, pastor, 11 White street, Arlington, wrote to the editor of the *News* saying:

"I have just completed reading your editorial entitled 'Whom Shall We Believe?' It is refreshing to read such an editorial which challenges people to place a faith in God. Certainly the present conditions indicate that material things have failed those who depended upon them. Turning to principles of righteous living and contacts with the Eternal, men find a never failing God who is 'our refuge and strength in time of trouble.' I congratulate you on your splendid editorial which I hope many will read candidly."

We consider this a good letter, the writing of which should bring a real blessing to its author.

Robot Preacher Now — Ban Beaten *By Reynolds' Correspondent*

(Reprinted from the London *Daily News*)

A ROBOT archbishop in every parish, and a clergy list on the dole. Such is a possibility of the future should the church decide to follow the example of the evangelist – who – is – in – 301 – places – at – once.

I have just experienced the most remarkable religious adventure of a lifetime. I have been to a robot church and listened to the address of a preacher who was eating his dinner on the high seas thousands of miles away.

With a congregation of a thousand I have stared at an empty rostrum, an empty chair and a bunch of flowers. I have heard the voice of the preacher emerging from the flowers, and sweet organ music filling the hall.

I have gazed in fascination at the organ and the open hymn-books on the illuminated music-rest. The books were visible because the organist who should have sat in front of them was invisible. Everything was so realistic, and yet so unreal.

And it all came to pass because of a ban by the B.B.C.

As I listened to the preacher he was speeding to New York on an ocean liner. And whatever he may have been doing aboard ship at the moment, he was also talking, without opening his mouth, to congregations in 299 other places in all parts of the world.

It sounds fantastic, but science has made it ridiculously simple. It's just a matter of exploiting wireless and the gramophone. Everybody

knows that records are regularly "put on the air." But few realize that since the talkie invasion the science has been developing quietly in religious circles.

And the man who has done more than anybody to exploit to the fullest extent the possibilities of mechanical voice reproduction is Judge J. F. Rutherford, an American lawyer, who has given up the bench and his legal practice in order to devote his life to Bible teaching.

All do not agree with Judge Rutherford's teachings. The B.B.C., for example, refused to allow him to state his views from their studios. Canadian radio stations banned him too.

Yet he believed that thousands were eager for his message through the ether, and he found it humanly impossible to give personal broadcasts from all the American, European, Chinese, and other radio stations that were willing to "sell him some air."

So he preached his sermons to a recording machine, and the records are now broadcast to millions. But even records cannot get past the B.B.C. and the Canadian stations that frown on controversial topics.

That made Judge Rutherford think of his "electrical transcriptions." It is all very simple. A hall is hired and wired under the very nose of the B.B.C. Records are played behind the scenes and linked up with an amplifier which takes the place of the speaker on the platform.

Sermons are split into three 22-inch discs, and voice reproduction is perfect. The illusion is complete if the listener closes his eyes. Otherwise the effect is ghostly.

"Electrical transcriptions" take place regularly in three London centers each week. Others are added from time to time. There was a touch of irony about the one I attended, for ushers at the entrance to the hall wore caps bearing the initials "B.B.C." But the men were not engineers from Broadcasting House. They were employed by the Battersea Borough Council which leased the hall.

Five Pentecostal Preachers Hear the Good News

By W. W. Nelson (California)

WIFE and I witnessed to a lady over the back fence of our home, which resulted in placing some booklets, among which was a *Lord's Return*. This lady was a member of the Pentecostal church, to which she had belonged only eight months, having been a Catholic all her life previous to that. She had never seen the inside of a Bible until eight months ago, and was particularly interested in the Lord's return, as she said their preacher was always talking about the return soon of Jesus. Now it seems that 'some of the good sisters' of her congregation came to her home and found her reading these booklets and became quite excited about it and told her they were poisonous. She came over to the house and questioned me for quite a long time, and we took the Bible and went over the different points until she became convinced it was the truth, and she took home quite a few more. In a few days her pastor came down and said, "I hear, Sister B——, you are reading some of that poisonous literature of Judge Rutherford." She replied, "Why, these books are wonderful, and you can prove everything in them by looking up the scriptures, which he gives, and you find that they are just as they are written in my Bible." The preacher became quite angry and they had quite a set-to, but this Mrs. B—— is Irish and she gave him plenty. Well, the result of this was that on the following Sunday evening, at the church, after the meeting, the preacher said to the congregation, "Dear brethren, I want you to pray for Sister B——, because the Devil has gotten a hold of her mind, and is threatening to destroy her soul." Mrs. B—— jumped up and asked him how she was being destroyed; and he said, "By reading the terrible books of Judge Rutherford." This made Mrs. B—— quite angry, and she challenged the preacher to prove they were poisonous and of the Devil. And so the poor fool set the next night as the time he would prove to his congregation that they were of the Devil.

On Monday night two hundred and fifty church members of this and other Pentecostal churches, with four other preachers, turned out for the show-down, the five preachers sitting up in the pulpit. Mrs. B—— brought the *Lord's Return* booklet and asked McKee, her preacher, if he would read out the poisonous parts of the book; but he refused. She then got her Irish up and said, "You tried to make a fool of me last night before this whole congregation, and now you are going to hear what is in this book;

and if you won't read it, I will"; and, turning to the congregation, she asked them to get their Bibles out and verify all the Scripture citations, and for an hour and fifteen minutes she read this booklet to them and gave different ones the Scriptural citations and had them look them up, and the five preachers sat there during this whole time and all they said was, "Lord Jesus, rebuke her! Lord Jesus, rebuke her!" Finally Mrs. B—— became exasperated and said, "Oh, rebuke, hell! You have been trying to have Jesus rebuke me; why don't you call on your father the Devil?" The preacher sat down, and one of the other preachers turned to him and said, "Well, Brother McKee, I am glad she is not in my congregation."

After the meeting was over, one of the oldest members asked for the booklet and took it home with her to read. The other members stood around and kept saying, "Why, they [meaning the preachers] didn't say a word; there must be some truth in those books." And they came to this Mrs. B—— and asked her questions about it, and she sure had good answers for them; and to think! she has heard of the truth only in the last month or, possibly, five weeks.

Further results of her witness came about three days after this, when one of the preachers met her on the street and asked her if she could get him some of those books; and she replied, "Sure, I can get you a whole carload, if you will read them." So he got thirteen booklets and a *Reconciliation*.

I found out he was a Russian Jew who had been converted to this so-called "Christian church", so sent him the book *Comfort for the Jews;* and heard last week that he thought it quite a wonderful book. Mrs. B—— quit the church, and told me she was going to get some of those books in every Pentecostal home in ———. I thought this experience so out of the ordinary that you would be glad to hear about it. Of course I cannot begin to give this experience as thrilling as it really happened; so you will have to add the thrills to it yourselves.

At this point I received some further information as to how Friemark, the Jewish preacher, received the books. He said, "This book *Reconciliation* is a work of art; and how I wish my people would read the book *Comfort for the Jews!* But they won't." If nothing more comes out of it, at least this bunch of preachers have been proved before their congregations to be a bunch of four-flushers and it sure has created quite a stir; and I am in hope that we may be able to get into the church of this Friemark and put on the judge's talks over the transcription machine; we have been putting them on every Sunday in two of the biggest parks in the county, with very good results.

We Pray for Jehovah's Government

Fascism in Sweden (?)

FROM the fact that 50,000 people paraded in Stockholm in the greatest conservative and anti-Socialist demonstration ever seen in Sweden, it is believed that Fascism is beginning to get a start in Scandinavia. The number of Fascisti in Britain is now about 5,000.

Travel Allowances of Senators

BY A VOTE of forty-two to thirty-five the United States senate refused to cut its travel mileage allowance from the dishonest rate of 20c per mile to the honest rate of 5c per mile. Some of the remote senators clear over $1,000 on every round trip from their home states to the capital.

A Third of Pennsylvania Unemployed

A REPORT of the Department of Labor showed that at the end of January 36 percent of the working population of the state of Pennsylvania was unemployed. In some industrial counties the unemployed ran as high as 56 percent.

Locating the Stock Exchange's Heart

AS SOON as it heard the news that there would be $525,000,000 reduction in the pay of Federal workers, and in the compensation of veterans, stocks listed on the exchange jumped $2,500,000,000 in price, and bonds $1,000,000,000. Seems that the Stock Exchange's heart is in its wallet.

Reception Committee Cleans Out Broadway Bank

ONE of the most thriving of New York's industries is the bank holdup. On July 7 a group of four men, one of them in the uniform of a policeman, acted as reception committee to the employees of a branch of the Corn Exchange Bank, 110th street and Broadway, when they came in the morning. After greeting thirteen employees, they had the vaults opened, helped themselves to $23,835, and went happily on their way without being disturbed.

Medalie Hit the Nail on the Head

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY GEORGE Z. MEDALIE hit the nail on the head in his address to graduates of the New York Law School when he said:

"It is quite clear to all but judges and lawyers who do not wish to unlearn what they have been taught, that the legal methods of today and the machinery of justice are utterly unfitted to our present-day life. Justice is delayed no matter how conscientious judges and lawyers may be. Justice is inadequate no matter how fair-minded they and even juries may be. Our tools are useless."

Common Sense from "The Arbitrator"

THE ARBITRATOR says plainly and with good common sense:

If Franklin Delano Roosevelt is a crusader he can drive the money-changers from the temple of Wall Street by a simple socialist expedient that does not involve the confiscation of private property. He can stop trading with the enemy bankers and extend the postal savings service to accept accounts subject to check. Then he can watch with pride the run to deposit in the official banks. The government will make a profit and the people will save their money, all of which should hereafter be issued by the government, not by private banks.

What a Lucky Generation!

ROGER BABSON, statistician, recently said: "What a lucky generation it is that can watch at one time the working out of Fascism in Italy, Communism in Russia, Socialism in Spain, and controlled Capitalism in the United States! The working out of these programs necessarily means confusion and distress. Reforms are going on simultaneously all over the world. This means but one period of world adjustment. Already order is emerging from chaos. We should be thankful that these various programs are all going on at once instead of having the whole world taking up the same experiment at the same time, thus prolonging the agony."

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.

AN item from Washington says that Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., sailed July 5 for a trip to Europe, and that his companion on the trip is a son of one of the Morgan partners, George Whitney. All who think that the house of Morgan does not run the world, please signify it by raising the right hand.

What the Munition Makers Desire

MOST people are willing to work hard for that which they very much desire. On the other hand, if you see somebody working very hard at something it gives you an inkling that he very much desires something. The armament makers have recently been buying one after another of the more important newspapers in France, and France is today the most warlike country in the world, and the best prepared for war. What do you suppose is in the mind of the munition makers? It looks as if they were bound to have some business, and would resort to any steps necessary to get it.

12,000 War Munition Plants

THE War Department announces that it has collected and classified data on 12,000 industrial plants that could be used to make war munitions in an emergency. Of course, no use will ever be made of this information, as the Kellogg Peace Pact officially declares that war is a crime, and Japan and all the other peace-loving countries have agreed that it shall never henceforth be used. The mention of these 12,000 plants where war munitions could be made but will not be made is just to help the rest of the world see how absolutely peaceful we are in our intentions.

Cost of World War

ACCORDING to testimony at a recent congressional hearing, the direct cost to America of participating in the World War was $50,200,000,000. It should not be thought that this entire amount is a total loss. Benefits received may be set as high as 30c, and thus the net loss to Uncle Sam of rushing to pay the debt to Lafayette, and other imaginary debts, was only some $50,199,999,999.70. However, the incidental losses to the world of having this great peace-loving country plunge into the seething maelstrom of European politics was actually many times the foregoing sum.

Frightened Woman Threw Away Her Gold

ALARMED by the statements of government officials, and really thinking that because she had some gold she must surrender it, so that the banks which already have more gold than they know what to do with may have still more, a San Francisco woman threw a tobacco can full of gold off a ferry boat and into San Francisco bay. This happened on March 14, one of the days which had been set when all gold pieces must be surrendered.

Inauguration of National Recovery Act

THE National Recovery Act was inaugurated by telegrams to the presidents of chambers of commerce in every city of more than ten thousand people, urging the organization of a campaign committee consisting of the mayor, the official heads of the chamber of commerce, clearing house association, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, retail merchants, Federation of Labor, advertising club, Federation of Women's Clubs, welfare societies, ministerial association, and real estate association. Doesn't look as if anybody had been left out intentionally.

Country Going Along as Usual

EVERYTHING seems to be going along as usual. Mooney, admittedly and officially innocent of the Preparedness Day murders, is still in prison for life. J. P. Morgan paid no income taxes to the United States for three years, but did pay them to Great Britain. The new secretary of the treasury, Mr. Woodin, is on his list of cotton saints. Priests and preachers are working desperately to get Judge Rutherford off the air. Everything seems to be going along as usual, in a world made safe for hypocrisy.

Did Wrong to Steal the Coal

THERE was no food in his house, there was no fuel there, and the man had had no work for many months, so the father of seven kiddies at Upper Darby, Pa., stole a bucket of coal from a coal yard of a wealthy coal dealer. The coal dealer is a township commissioner and a member of the police board. His influenee keeps a policeman closely watching his coal yards. He insisted that the unemployed father go to jail. The law in Upper Darby is taking much better care of wealthy coal dealers than it is of poor men who are unemployed. Looks as if things ought to be evened up a bit.

Whitewashing the Akron Disaster

IT IS quite a job whitewashing the loss of the Akron. It was against the rules to fly at less than 2,500 feet, and against the rules to fly into a storm. Both of these rules were violated. The Akron got too low, and when one end of it hit the ocean it broke in two and sank, and that is the end of Uncle Sam's $5,000,000 investment. Whitewashing was still in progress at last accounts.

New York's Thoughtful Burglars

THE etiquette among New York's leading burglars is that gentlemen in this business should bring along their own collapsible cardboard boxes in which to pack their loot. This was done at a fur house on West Thirtieth street, where seventeen persons were left tied up in a storage room when three armed men, one of them a fur expert, walked off with $15,000 worth of fox furs. It is no longer considered the polite thing in New York to wear masks at a hold-up, and as it is not necessary, it was not done in this case.

Thirty Cowhides for a Pair of Shoes

A CANADIAN legislator told the House of Commons that up in the country from which he came a farmer must now part with thirty complete cowhides in order to be able to get one pair of shoes, and he wants to know just why that is. The clergy will explain to him that this is a part of Christ's kingdom, and if he doesn't like the way they do things in Canada he can go to Russia or elsewhere, but we don't intend to have him standing up and criticizing this grand civilization we have built up. And what is more, the chamber of commerce and the press will back the clergy up; they always do.

Unemployment Ruining the Youth

THE police commissioner of New York city, commenting on the advent of youth into the world of crime, recently said:

"A most disturbing fact to the police is the immaturity of the great majority of these criminals. In past years the criminal at the 'line-up' was middle-aged, intemperate, experienced in crime, and limited in his activities to a special type of offense. Today the opposite. The 'line-up' presents a parade of youths ranging in ages from 17 to 21, versatile in crime, who coldbloodedly and calmly recite voluntarily, in the presence of the spectators and press, the most intimate details of the planning and execution of ruthless crimes."

The Strange Experience of a Murderer

THE jury was out in a New York murder case. While it was deciding whether or not to send the murderer to the electric chair he solved the matter by pleading guilty to manslaughter and was given a sentence of five to ten years. Meantime the jury came into court and announced that it had found him not guilty. But its findings were not accepted.

Slavery in Russia

WOULD you think it possible for a handful of communists to enslave 160,000,000 people? Yet that is about what has happened in Russia. By the new zoning regulations only loyal communists may live near enough to the border that they could by any chance escape; peasants will find it next to impossible to enter industrial pursuits; villagers may not move without obtaining permission from the village authorities.

Chicago Teachers Storm Banks

THAT is a peculiar story that comes from Chicago, that during the spring holidays 5,000 of the teachers gathered in Grant Park, split into groups, and then, by a prearranged plan, under the sympathetic guidance of 240 policemen, who are also back in collection of their wages, made a rush on five banks, and demanded that they do something about paying their warrants. The banks explained that they will pay when the taxpayers do, and that they won't until they do. The teachers are supposed to teach patriotism to the children; but what do you imagine these unpaid teachers will teach them?

Does Justice Have Itching Palms?

A LONG ISLAND police justice did the handsome thing by two of his lieutenants, one of whom was the chief of police and the other a police sergeant. When he had got $50 in fines out of a man for speeding and afterwards using intoxicating liquors and bad language, he did not keep all the money himself. He kept only half of it. The balance he divided between the chief of police and the sergeant. None of us would have known anything about it except that an honest assistant district attorney noticed inconsistent marks on the court docket. We all knew that Justice is blind, but this is the first evidence we have had that she also has the itch.

Boys Completely Ruin a House

IN FLUSHING, which is part of Greater New York, boys so completely stripped a vacant house of everything removable that the building collapsed, a total wreck. One often sees houses and factories more damaged by boys in a few months than they would have been by a lifetime of ordinary wear. Sometimes every window light disappears in a few weeks.

Ideal Holdup in Long Island City

TWO robbers entered a store at Long Island City and ordered the proprietor and his clerk to hold up their hands. They did, but when the proprietor held up his hands he had a gun in one of them and immediately shot and killed the older of the two thieves. The younger one became frightened and started to run and the police wounded him in the neck and jaw and got him too. Seems like an ideal holdup.

Strawberries at $330.96 per Box

IT SEEMS that William McAllister, of Ironton, Ohio, ate two strawberries from the estate of Reverend Isaac Russell. That led to his arrest, and a fine of $9.85 for larceny. Assuming that there are 67.2 cubic inches in a quart box of berries and that the average berry occupies a space of one cubic inch, it will be seen that if Mr. McAllister had eaten a whole box he would have been set back $330.96. He did not know that a preacher's berries are so valuable, but now he knows. Incidentally, he claims the price per berry of $4.92½ is entirely too high, and has hired a couple of smart lawyers to see that he doesn't pay anything, except to them.

Anything May Happen

WICKES WAMBOLDT, editorial writer for the Hattiesburg *American,* discussing one senator's advocacy that the government lend money to individual persons to pay their delinquent taxes, and the proposal of the president of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation that the government guarantee business against loss if business would again hit a normal gait, said, in part:

"Anything may happen now. There is nothing too bad to happen. And there is nothing too good to happen. . . . It is the sacred duty of every living soul to try to prevent a stampede, and particularly it is the duty of all persons in positions of responsibility and leadership."

Who Ordered the Baby Bonnets?

MR. BRISBANE, in the New York *American*, cites a Washington newspaper man as writing:

"As a member of the 125th Transportation Corps, I was located at Bassens, France, after the armistice, our company having charge of the care and operation of the forty gantry cranes at the mile-long dock there. I helped unload 100 cases, twelve great gross in a case, of baby caps or bonnets. Just 2,073,600 baby caps, and they still were stored in the warehouse there when we left."

Mr. Brisbane wants to know who ordered the caps. Who can tell him? We do not know who ordered them, but we can visualize about how and where and when the ordering was done. Probably somebody with a baby-cap factory wanted a share in the money that was being thrown away all over the country for making the world safe for hypocrisy. A good feature would be to have some clergyman weep in the pulpit and tell his audience that all the babies in France had been slain by the Germans, and that France had no money to pay for baby caps for any new babies that should be born, and it was no more than right that to pay our debt to Lafayette we should furnish the caps for as many new babies as those that had been slain by the Germans, with some left over for good measure, and besides, it would give several months' work to the baby-bonnet factory right in their own town. The results as listed by Mr. Brisbane were so good for somebody that it would have paid to hire a preacher to weep, and to pay him $100 a drop for every tear shed, and even to pay extra for the peck of sliced onions he would need to have with him in the pulpit to work up a good weep.

Capitalism Is Dead; Long Live the People *By Ellis O. Jones (California)*

(Report of an interesting leaflet circulating on the Pacific coast)

AT LAST the fatal news is out. The Honorable John D. Capitalism, who has been seriously ailing for a long time with a chronic incurable disease, has passed away. Capitalism, the omniscient, the omnipotent, the omnipresent, first cousin of the rock of Gibraltar, has given up the jolly old ghost and called it a day.

There has been so much secrecy surrounding the event, so much fear that the sun would cease to shine and the stars go on a strike if the truth were known, so much suppression of the news by those mighty institutions that are supposed to give the news, so much shuddering and whistling in the dark, that the exact moment of the old bastard's final snort is not yet definitely known, but as near as we can make out from the evidence at hand, it occurred on March 4, 1933.

On that day, according to those near the bedside, the patient revived for a moment, asked for a shot in the arm, took a swift mournful look at one putty-faced Hoover who was preparing to go on a fishing trip (?) and otherwise scurrying for cover, and another hopeless look at one complacent Roosevelt who had recently been sentenced to the presidential chair, rolled his eyes in a wild spasm of agonized desperation, fell back on his pillow with a final gasp that had much the sound of a razzberry, and passed out of the picture. Came the dawn.

One Roosevelt, it is said, when apprized of the death, could not believe his ears. (After a long experience in Tammany politics, one can hardly believe anything.) He was unwilling to think that the worst had happened, but was nevertheless very much alarmed. He took a quick look around and saw the money-changers fleeing from the temple with their brief cases and their Rolls-Royces and their trucks and their private yachts filled with gold and currency.

"Ha!" came a doughty dictatorial voice. "I see what's the matter. The financial gangsters have put the old geezer on the spot and are going to take him for a ride. If that's all there is to worry about, I'll soon put a stop to it, for I'm a guy that 'does things', even as the whirling dervish."

Then the wizard of Washington put an extra padlock on the banks, which were already closed so tight that nobody could get anything out except the insiders and favored depositors, and told the ship scuttlers to come back to errin' with their gold, for he would protect them. And then he made a few other magic dictatorial passes, even as Mussolini might have done had he possessed the same amount of intelligence or what have you, smiled blandly and thanked the people for their magnificent cooperation.

But, alas, it appears, on further evidence, that all this well meaninglessness was too late. Witch-doctor Roosevelt, although he had been urgently called in consultation four months before, was too slow in marshaling his wonderful remedies and mixing his esoteric potions. There had been so many yachting and other outing trips to take, and so much political pie to cut, that he simply couldn't be bothered with more important considerations.

Now, however, contrite and willing to make amends,

he evinces a certain nobility in his refusal to give up hope, but in spite of generous blood transfusions from the public treasury, in spite of extensive skin grafting from the most noted skin-game specialists of all time, and in spite of highly oxygenated hot air injections from the trusty newspapers, the stiffening corpse refuses to be resuscitated, and even acts as if it were glad the ordeal were over. Well, why not?

As much secrecy has surrounded the cause of Sir John D. Capitalism's demise as has enveloped the fact itself. Not until the autopsy can be completed and the report agreed upon and signed by the wiseacres, can we be sure of what turned the trick. The symptoms certainly indicate a large number of complications. Some say he died of a hardened heart and fatty degeneration. Some aver he died of poor circulation leading to torpid liver, gallstones, swelled head, acute indigestion, nearsightedness, overnourishment, underconsumption, arthritis, too much sugar and albumen in your'n and not enough in mine, etc. Some say he overtaxed his resources, while others say he undertaxed his mentality. Some say that he worried so about his debts and his family that he committed suicide, and cite that on several previous occasions he would have jumped out of a window if he could only have found a window big enough and high enough. Some say that it was an inside job on the part of frenzied financiers who had become so frenzied they didn't know what they were doing. Some say it was those naughty bolshevists. And some solemnly assert that a fresh young Technocratic lad by the name of Howard Scott, who is known to the police and nearly everybody else, walked up and delivered such a well-directed, scientific blow in the solar plexus that the pompous old windbag was so flustered he suffered a stroke of apoplexy and went into a tailspin. Curses!

But the cause and manner of death can wait. It may be months, even years, before the autopsy is complete. And so at the moment we are a nation of bewildered relatives and friends, to say nothing of enemies, talking in subdued tones in the next room to that where the carcass, all that remains of a once haughty imperialist, lies stretched out, its temperature going steadily downward even though stringent regulations have been issued to prevent speculators from selling its temperature short. We attendants at the wake run the gamut all the way from sincere mourners to unbridled gloaters, and each is trying to comprehend what has happened in the light of his own interest and intelligence, if any.

The mourners have much reason on their side, for old John D. Capitalism, in spite of his many faults, not the least of which was inordinate gluttony, was as bluff and hearty an old scoundrel as any pirate Morgan that ever sailed the financial main or any King Henry VIII that ever beheaded a wife for criminal syndicalism or you know what. In his better moods he was not at all unattractive. He certainly had a way with him and knew how to wear his evening clothes, golf togs and other regalia. Carefully posed in the back seat of his luxurious town car, he has been able to impress many a keen sociologist with his importance. He has been admired and loved. In the World War many millions worked their fingers' ends off and laid down their lives so that the land over which he ruled with an iron hand could become a great creditor nation that would never be able to collect what was coming to it. He knew how to be generous. He was generous with his real wives and his divorced wives, and still more generous with his mistresses. Even to strangers, he was often known to give away things he no longer wanted. No matter how much he might take away from you, he was always willing to give a little of it back (if his secretaries would let you get to him). Have you an appointment?

If he didn't give anything else, he was always willing to hand out advice, freely and fully. Of course it is hinted that he often received payment in devious ways for advice which was ostensibly free. But why go into that? He certainly believed in thrift. Not only was he willing to save his own money, but he would also save the money of anyone who would deposit with him, so safely in many cases that they never saw it again. He couldn't bear to see people hoarding what belonged to them.

Though short on culture, he was not a bad conversationalist. Even on one cocktail he could give a splendid imitation of having ideas and knowing what he was talking about. He was particularly good at describing golf shots and singing smile songs. In his most bibulous moments he was fond of telling about the terrible effect of alcohol upon the morals of the working man. But this is not to be understood as making him out a hypocrite. Oh no! Not at all.

On the other hand, it must be confessed that the gloaters also have much reason on their side; for in his more forbidding moods he was nothing more than a crude, coarse, arrogant, conceited, unmoral, immoral, ruthless, conscienceless son of a lousy soandso. He would not only lie and steal and cheat widows and orphans while pretending to be their friends, but he would do worse: he would even hire rascally corporation lawyers to keep them from getting back at him, corrupt legislatures to give his thieveries an absolving cloak of legality, scare poor little anemic and academic economists into scattering fog until nobody could make head or tail of it, subsidize newspapers by advertising and otherwise into misrepresenting the facts, and wheedling servile, sanctimonious underpaid sky-pilots into calling down the blessing of god upon his sacred form of piracy. Blessed are the apologists.

Oh yes, it cannot be denied that the gloaters have much right on their side, maybe fully as much as the mourners, but it is really not a time for either mourners or gloaters. Both are useless. It is the time for

calm, unemotional level-headed practical men to muddle through and carry on. In earnest workaday fashion we must first go about the necessary preparations for the funeral. The cadaver must be quickly put away to save us from the terrible stench that has already begun to pour forth from its more putrid organs.

When that is done, we must stay patiently on the job day after day, for the details connected with the settlement of an estate of such magnitude are almost limitless. First we must make an inventory of what Sir Capitalism has left us. Fortunately our faithful statisticians have already made pretty complete inventories, and these, therefore, we have but to scrutinize in our task of apportioning and disposing of the estate. And, of course, it is too early to say whether the assets exceed the liabilites or vice versa.

We do indeed find that he left behind many things of unquestionable value, such as a wonderful sun that will continue to rise and set on schedule time even though its rays may be obscured from time to time by much needed rain.

We find he left behind a great bountiful earth, rich in natural resources, mines, waterfalls and fertile land from which the necessities of life can easily be secured. These must go to the people for the use and benefit of all of them.

We find he left behind vast industrial plants and organizations capable of transforming these natural resources into commodities at a rapid rate. These must be conserved and, if they have been idle, reconditioned and put to work for the use and benefit of all the people.

We find many millions of unemployed which Sir Capitalism had no use for though they are willing and anxious to become part of a properly functioning society and lend their ample skill and talents to the forces of production and distribution. These must be reinstated so that they may be self-respecting and profitable members of society.

We find vast quantities of finished products suitable for sustaining life and giving happiness to human beings, already neatly stored in our granaries and warehouses. These must be apportioned to the people, all rightful heirs of Capitalism, each according to his need.

We find efficient transportation facilities which must be freely used to remove these stores of goods.

We find many other worthy things, cultural and spiritual, some of them temporarily in abeyance during the latter years of Capitalism's irascible senilitude. These must be preserved and reinstated and disseminated broadly for the use and happiness of the people, many of whom have fought, bled and nearly died for mere pittances under the rule of the old buzzard. In short, we find a land of plenty.

On the other hand, we find many, many things which are not desirable and must be discarded.

We find a banking system that is bankrupt. This must go. In a land of plenty, there is little need for keeping accounts.

We find a bankrupt insurance system. This must go. In a land of plenty, insurance is an absurdity.

We find many cesspools of cities, and they too are bankrupt. These must be cleaned up, aired and in many cases scattered to the four winds.

We find slums that must be destroyed, ugly useless office buildings that are no longer needed. They must be razed.

We find huge mountains of debt, taxes, mortgages, bonds, stocks, deposits, which must be repudiated. They are all unjust, but whether unjust or not, they must be repudiated. Those people who are unjustly treated by this process will be taken care of in other ways.

We find millions of real estate speculators, stock speculators and the like. All these must go. In a land of plenty with controlled production and distribution, there is no surplusage to gamble with.

We find hundreds of thousands of lawyers eternally quibbling about property rights. These must go. In a land of plenty where there are no property rights except in consumable goods, these arrogant nincompoops are out of jobs.

We find many thousands of adroit liars engaged in the advertising business. These must go. In a land of plenty, where science reigns, there will be no incentive to tell anything but the truth about a given product.

We find myriads of fathead politicians, stodgy owlish judges, and inhumane jailers. These must go. In a sane land of plenty, politicians must give way to statesmen, judges to human beings, and jailers to nurses and psychologists.

We find millions of people who do not even pretend to be of any social service (goodness gracious! the very idea is preposterous!), but, by the device of getting hold of stocks and bonds and mortgages and other things which were formerly called securities, they expect to live entirely from the labor of others without thought of the social welfare except so far as it reflects back upon their own comfort. All these must go. Dear, dear, what a pity!

Yes, all these and many others who are doing socially useless work must go. But where? The answer is simple. For those who can work, work must be furnished. They must do what is found to be their proper share of useful needed labor. Those who are incapacitated, either by age or infirmity, must be promptly and liberally pensioned. In a land of plenty none need be stinted. What will surprise many of those is that they will be happier than ever before, for the chief cause of unhappiness, economic uncertainty and fear of poverty, will have been removed. As for the rest, the chronic bellyacher and incurable mortgage hawks, let them go on scowling to the end or jump out of a convenient window if they prefer death to a life of ease in a land of plenty.

Classification of Foods *By Dr. La June Foster (California)*

FOODS are classified for the arrangement of correct combination; as *acid fruits* (Class 1, which class also includes sub-acid fruits and sweet fruits). When the rules for combination are given, which follow, the "acid fruits" rule will refer only to the "acid" and "sub-acid" groups of fruits. Class 2 includes all the *non-starchy* vegetables. Class 3 includes the group known as *proteins*. Class 4 is made up of *starches*. Class 5 refers to *sweets* (which may include some of the sweet fruits, and is listed for the purpose of combination). Class 6 includes all foods of the *fat* class.

Rule of Combinations of Foods

Acid fruits, listed below in the Fruit class under subhead (A) and subhead (B), and all other *sour* or *acid* foods, do *not* mix with *starches* (Class 4); but *do* mix with *proteins* (Class 3), meats, dairy products, and fats, but not with vegetable proteins, as most of those contain some starch.

Class 1. Fruit

(A) *Acid Fruits.* Oranges, lemons, limes, grapefruit, pomelo, are all classed as citrus fruits, and may be used together. Other acid fruits: Citron, pineapple, guava, strawberries, loganberries, cranberries, loquats, tamarinds, kumquats, tangerines, mandarins, nectarines, pomegranates, tomatoes (classed as a vegetable but considered as in the same class with acid fruits when arranging combinations).

(B) *Sub-Acid Fruits.* The fruits in this class contain, as a whole, less acid than do those in class (A), especially in their ripe state. If they are acid, then observe the "acid fruits" rule of combination. Sub-acid fruits are: apples, apricots, mangoes, blackberries, raspberries, cherries, currants, gooseberries, huckleberries, blueberries, mulberries, varieties of grapes, peaches, persimmons, plums, muskmelons, cantaloupe, casaba, Persian melon, watermelon, fresh prunes, fresh figs, plumcots.

(C) *Sweet Fruits.* Mission figs, black figs, muscat grapes, raisins, dried prunes, bananas, plantain (similar to a banana), carob, litchi, guava, feijoa, dates. The dried fruits may be prepared by soaking them in water for a few moments or, if hard, for a few hours or by cooking them slightly. Do not throw away the water, as it is a good laxative. Never add sugar to the dried fruits, as they contain their own natural sugar. The dried fruits are to be used mainly when fresh fruits are not to be obtained. They can be safely combined with starches. They are high in nutritive value, but not as cleansing as the fresh fruits.

The avocado is one of the finest fruits known, and will combine with practically all fruits and vegetables. It is nourishing and laxative, and takes the place of meat, as it has some protein. It is very fat, and is to be avoided if liver and gall bladder are not in good condition. It can also be used in place of butter.

Class 2. Non-Starchy Vegetables

These, listed below, combine with all classes of food, with the exception of tomatoes, as they are acid and follow the "acid fruits" rule of combination and do *not* combine with starches.

Non-Starchy Vegetables classified: This class of vegetables includes celery, spinach, New Zealand spinach, cucumbers, Italian squash, chayote, celery root, beet tops, turnip tops, small beets, turnips, carrots, and parsnips. Lettuce (plain, rodan and romaine lettuce), okra, oyster plant, salsify, zucchini, mallow kale, endive, vegetable marrow, parsley, ripe olives, New Guinea butter bean, mustard greens, chicory, sorrel, etc.

The vegetables in the following group are supposed by most authorities to be less easily digested than those in the preceding group: French artichokes, Brussels sprouts, small peas, small mushrooms, cauliflower, dandelion greens, kohlrabi, small pumpkin, rutabaga, Swiss chard, sauerkraut, water cress, onions, garlic, chives, leeks, cabbage (raw), radishes.

Tomatoes are one of the best foods known, containing the most vitamins of practically the entire vegetable class. Follow the "acid fruits" rule of combinations; that is, do *not* mix *acids*, like tomatoes, with *starches*. They are best used with proteins, non-starchy vegetables, and especially avocado. They balance fats well.

Non-starchy vegetables are laxative, energizing, and exceedingly cleansing. They are the one class of foods that can be used by almost every sick person, regardless of such person's condition, whereas starches and sweets and fats are frequently contraindicated. Proteins frequently must be limited, especially meat proteins. And even though fruits are the most healthful and most cleansing of all foods, they must be limited in some cases for a time until

the body is able to stand their eliminative properties and their purifying action. In such cases vegetables start this action and make it possible for the body to rebuild itself and reduce the hyperacidity to the point where acids can be tolerated. Acid fruits are actually alkaline when introduced into the system, though they may produce a temporary irritation to people who are already very toxic.

CLASS 3. PROTEINS

This class consists of *dairy products,* such as milk, cheese (preferably cottage cheese or Philadelphia cream cheese), buttermilk, clabber custards, junket, and other dairy products, jello, and eggs, as well as *meat* proteins (lamb chops, rabbit, chicken, lean beef, turkey, mutton, Belgian hare); most fish products (fresh fish, such as sole, sand dab, sea bass, black bass, pickerel, fresh cod, trout, etc.); *nuts* (pine nuts, pecans, almonds, hazelnuts, pistachio nuts, hickory nuts; less desirable are walnuts, peanuts, cashew nuts and acorns, as they contain a greater proportion of starches and do not lend themselves as readily to the rule of *protein* combination).

Proteins combine with *fruits* and *non-starchy vegetables;* not so well with *starches* (as the digestive juices that are formed by the stomach that render protein fit for digestion are in excess for the digestion of starches, which causes them to ferment, and protein digestion is then interfered with. Proteins are the tissue-builders of the body; but if eaten in excess they produce acidosis. They should be eaten very moderately after the age of 40.

CLASS 4. STARCHES (all bread and flour products)

Choose mainly those made of dark flour, and cereals made of whole grain, dark or whole rice, potatoes (baked preferable), large carrots, beets, and parsnips, Hubbard squash, succotash, hominy, Lima beans, navy beans, green corn, sweet potatoes, Jerusalem artichoke, cassava (tropical sweet potato) tapioca or cassava starch, yams, sago (taken from the sago palm) tapioca and sago are more or less demineralized and are not among the most valuable starches. Mushrooms, truffles, lichens (Iceland moss), and agar-agar (known as Japanese gelatin) are also classed as starches. *Starches* combine best with *non-starchy vegetables* (except tomatoes, which are acid). They can also be used with *sweet fruits; never* with *acids,* and best not with *proteins.*

CLASS 5. SWEETS

Sweets combine with practically all other foods, but are best used with *proteins* and *non-starchy vegetables.*

CLASS 6. FATS

Fats are contained in all seeds of plants, and found in most animal food, as bacon, etc., and in olives, most nuts, all oils, avocado, etc. *Fats* combine best with *non-starchy vegetables* and *acid fruits,* and fairly well with *starches.*

Poor Little Baby Mother!

THE *Nursing Journal* of India reports the birth of a baby weighing 4 pounds 3 ounces at the Victoria Zenana Hospital, Delhi, the mother in this case being herself a baby girl less than eight years of age. The child was a full-term child and the mother is able to nurse it.

The Deadly Mosquito

A MOSQUITO has six fine needles with which it can suck up blood, but only the females attack humans. It is said that one of the reasons why the Roman Empire fell was that the mosquitoes spread malaria. In Siam 50 people are killed annually by tigers, while 50,000 are killed by malaria.

Busy People Burn Up Sugar

AN AMERICAN physician has discovered that the brain of a busy man needs much more sugar than other parts of the body. The same man needs 100 percent more sugar when he is busy than when he is at rest. Studying 300 people, and examining the blood flowing into the brain and out from the brain, he discovered that much of the sugar was lost in transit. The blood in arms and legs was found much less laden with sugar.

Two Different Types of Mothers

IN NEBRASKA a poor mother hitch-hiked eighteen miles with a dead baby in her arms, so that she might get it decent burial; and the next day, in a Denver police court a young father and mother admitted to a judge that they detested their six-week-old golden-haired child, and consented to have it placed in an institution where it will have some of the care and protection to which it is entitled in its years of helplessness.

Obedience Gives Boldness to the Diffident

IT IS true, as a matter of course, that the Creator has the absolute right to demand perfect obedience of every creature, and it is true, as a matter of fact, that every one who will gain eternal life must come to that state of perfect obedience.

Can we say that it is any harder for one person to be obedient than it is for another? A person with much self-assertiveness has much self-confidence to aid him in carrying forward, and enduring whatever may come. It is easier for a diffident person to receive a command, but harder for him to face the issue. The one has too much confidence; the other, too little.

Jehovah God is the author of the laws that have produced all the interesting types of minds with which we come in contact. He makes use of now one type and now another for the work He has in hand. Naturally, He selects according to suitability. 'God hath set the members in the body as it hath pleased *Him.*'—1 Corinthians 12:18.

It is manifest that the prophet Jonah was a chosen vessel to the Lord. It is not unlikely that he was the only man of his generation that could have performed the task that was given him to do, and which he accomplished. God could have raised up somebody else, but, as the Master Workman, He used the instrument which He had at hand, the one best adapted to His purpose.

For reasons which we now clearly discern, but which must have been very hard for Jonah to comprehend, this timid, shrinking Israelite was ordered to leave his homeland, and go to the then capital city of the earth, a heathen city at that, and a city that had been unfriendly to his people, and to deliver to them a message from Jehovah God.

It is deeply significant that the name Jonah means "Dove". It well describes this gentle, timid, shrinking, inoffensive man who dreaded the publicity that would be attendant upon his acts if he were to go to the capital and proclaim against it. The story shows that he reasoned that God would accomplish His purposes anyway, and did not need him.

He Tried to Evade the Issue

There have been plenty of people since Jonah's day who have tried to do what he did, when he undertook to go on a business trip so as to avoid doing the work which he knew Jehovah God wished him to do. Instead of going to Nineveh, he took ship for a destination which may have been either Spain or the relatively near-by city of Tarsus. More likely it was the latter, as a regular rate of fare existed between the two points.

He probably thought that if he went on this business trip Jehovah God would select some other person to make the announcement to the Ninevites, and he would get out of doing an errand which to a person of his temperament would be peculiarly unpleasant. He seems to have thought that as soon as he left the Holy Land, the one land in all the earth over which Jehovah God exercised sovereignty, the issue would be settled and he would be at peace.

The Lord was not in the least surprised by this act on Jonah's part. He knew he would do it, and knew what to do to help him to make up his mind to be fully obedient. The record says that "[Jehovah] sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like [*margin,* thought] to be broken".—Jonah 1:4.

To be in a great storm at sea is to be in the midst of one of the most terrible but at the same time one of the most fascinating things in life. One feels that his only hope of life is in the soundness of the good ship beneath his feet. If he thought that was in danger of going to pieces it would be enough to make the stoutest heart quail.

The sailors on that boat told about that storm for the rest of their lives. The little ship stood first on one end and then on the other. It lay over on one side and then turned away over and lay on the other. It plunged headlong down into yawning chasms of the deep, and every time it went down it looked as if this plunge would be the last. But each time the stout old prow hit the oncoming wave it rose to the occasion and went up a mountain of water as steep as that it had just slid down, only to go quickly down into another whirling vortex, and so on and on.

Jonah Enjoyed the Excursion

Jonah had something bigger to worry about than a storm at sea; he had just had a narrow escape from doing the hardest thing he had ever been called upon to do, but now that they were out of Joppa harbor he would just go to bed and forget all about it; he would sleep it off. The sea was rough, but it only made him think of the big cradle in which his mother used to

rock him to sleep. In no time he was in dreamland, fast asleep.

But while Jonah was taking it easy down below decks, the captain and the sailors were in the worst storm they had ever been in. They thought the ship was going to break up, in which case probably all would be lost. They began heaving the cargo overboard, so as to get the big leak up above the water line. It seemed no use. The storm got worse and worse.

The shipmaster, fearing the worst, decided to call all hands, and, coming upon Jonah, shook him and said, "What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not." When all hands were on deck, as was the custom of the times, they cast lots to see whose fault it was that they were in jeopardy. The angel of Jehovah God was there supervising the lot, and it fell upon Jonah.

Jonah's moral courage was equal to the occasion. He told the shipmaster the plain truth, who he was, what he had been commissioned to do, and how he had tried to escape his duty, now, he perceived, all in vain. He admitted that the great storm was on his account; that it had been sent by the great Jehovah God, Creator of the sea as well as of the dry land, whom he feared.

The account shows that the sea grew more and more tempestuous. The captain and others were afraid, not merely of their own fate, but with genuine kindliness of heart they asked Jonah why he had thus been disobedient to the One whom he recognized as the true and only God, and what he thought they must do with him in order that the lives of all on board might be saved.

Jonah Benevolent in Face of Death

Jonah's response to these solicitous inquiries commends him to all. Believing that there was no hope for himself, and unwilling that innocent men and women should be drowned on his account, he expressed the positive conviction that if he were thrown overboard the storm would cease.

Under the circumstances this was tantamount to suicide. A selfish man would have poohpoohed the idea that he was in any way responsible for the storm, and would have urged unceasing efforts to navigate the boat till the waves closed over it. It is very apparent that Jonah had a good heart.

But the shipmaster and sailors had good hearts, too. They saw Jonah's hopelessness, and his resignation, and tried to save his life along with their own; but it was all in vain. At length they too despaired; for the record shows that the sea meanwhile grew ever more and more tempestuous.

Fully convinced that Jonah had told them the truth, these brave men finally cried out to Jehovah God: "We beseech thee, O [Jehovah], we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O [Jehovah], hast done as it pleased thee." With that they took up Jonah and cast him into the sea; and the sea ceased from her raging.

How different the language and the spirit of these heathen men from that of the heartless gangsters of our day, who would have turned the machine gun on him right where he stood, without a moment's hesitation; or the strong-arm squad that adopts the most ruthless tactics with the most innocent people in the world, Jehovah's witnesses.

Jonah's faithful witness to these men, even though it had been the witness of his own disobedience, was not without result. The record could have ended right there, so far as the men on the boat were concerned, but God has seen fit to preserve in the record that after Jonah had been heaved overboard "the men feared [Jehovah] exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto [Jehovah], and made vows".

Thus, even at the moment of what he thought to be death, Jonah, by his faithful adherence to the truth, had borne a good witness and had honored Jehovah's great and holy name. Surely, surely, the faithful spirit of Jehovah's witnesses is not altogether lost upon the police officials and magistrates before whom they stand in moments when all seems lost, and in a better age we shall doubtless have some records of the sayings and doings of these men, among themselves, preserved for us, and shall know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

To Jonah All Seemed Lost

When Jonah went overboard it was probably night, for he was asleep when called. The storm was of God's own making; therefore as severe as the ship could stand. Jonah reasoned that he had been unfaithful to Jehovah God. No doubt to him this was the end of all things; he might as well die and be done with it.

And then, O thou great and good God, at

just exactly the right moment along came His divinely provided life-preserver, a living one, too, big enough to provide quarters for Jonah for three days and nights while he tried to figure things out. Most life-preservers cover but a portion of the body. Jonah's covered him all over. He was as safe in there as he would have been in heaven, though possibly not as comfortable.

We spend little time discussing the anatomy of the "great fish" that Jehovah "prepared" to entertain the prophet. A great fish similar to the one caught near Miami, and exhibited all over the United States, could have done it easily enough. Orca ("killer") whales more than sixty feet long have been seen stranded at Algiers in the Mediterranean; sperm whales have been seen in its waters; sharks thirty feet in length have been found containing the bodies of men whole and entire. Any of these could have taken care of Jonah.

There is one credible instance of a sailor's being swallowed by a whale and recovered alive after several hours in the whale's belly. The digestive juices of the whale affected his skin, but he lived for years and was otherwise unharmed. Details of this were published in *The Golden Age* some years ago.

Jonah Had Plenty of Time to Think

Instances are on record where sea creatures have been swallowed by sea monsters and have eaten their way to life and liberty. Jonah could not very well do that, and, besides, even if he could have done it, his life-preserver would be gone, and the moment he got to the outside the water would rush in and he would be drowned.

No, there was nothing for him to do but lie there, with the seaweeds wrapped about his head, and think the thing all over. There were no electric lights. It was warm enough, but it was close, awfully close. It was terribly wet and sloppy. The teeth pointed inward; they had mercifully spared him coming in, but he did not see how he was going to get by them on the way out, or indeed, for that matter, how he was going to get out at all. The way he put it was, "The earth with her bars was about me for ever."

And then Jonah got to thinking about God, and what a fine thing it would have been if he had been obedient, instead of making a fool of himself. And Jehovah God, the true and glorious and wonderful God, inclined His ear and listened, and forth up from the deep came that pitiful little cry broadcast to Him from the belly of the great fish, and He heard it.

Jonah does not tell us all he said, but no doubt he started out by telling the Lord that he was sorry, genuinely sorry, for the way he had acted, and, said he, and we have this part of his prayer, "They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of [Jehovah]."—Jonah 2:8, 9.

Jonah thus told God that it was a lying vanity, a false pride, that had kept him from going down Nineveh's main street with the message of the hour, but if in His mercy He would let him out of his prison or life-preserver (whatever one might wish to call it) he would be most happy to go on the errand to Nineveh, his voice would be a voice of thanksgiving; he would pay to Jehovah God the vow that he had long ago vowed; he would be obedient, true and faithful. Jehovah could deliver him from even such a ridiculous plight and take him from the belly of the great fish.

No Change in Jehovah

There was no change in Jehovah; He was the same all the time; but there was a big change in the prophet Jonah. He was still dove-like, still modest, shrinking, bashful, diffident, but he had had a bellyful of having his own way, and meantime the big fish had also had a bellyful of Jonah. What was this indigestible thing, anyway, that was short-circuiting his digestive apparatus?

And then "[Jehovah] spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land". There is nothing said about Jonah's washing up, and washing and drying his garments, and locating some ripe and luscious fruit in the place where it would do the most good. Those things would be provided as a matter of course.

But as soon as the exigencies of the situation were provided for, 'the word of [Jehovah] came unto Jonah the second time, saying [just what it said before], Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I told you to preach, when I mentioned this to you before.'

And did Jonah go? Did he? You could not see him for the dust. Were his excursion to Tarshish and his three days' rocking around in the belly of the great fish lost on him? Not

so that you could notice it. Probably the digestive juices of the great fish made his skin look like that of a leopard. He was a sight to see, and a messenger to listen to.

Anyway, he went down the main street of the then greatest city of the world, and he had no more than entered the place when, with all the earnestness of a man snatched from the jaws of the tomb, he began to proclaim his message that Nineveh must repent within forty days or be destroyed. He probably thought it would not repent, and would be destroyed anyway.

Jonah's Mission a Complete Success

The thing did not turn out the way Jonah thought it would, but it was nevertheless a complete success. Quite likely his simple narrative of his own personal experiences in the ship and in the great fish, and his personal appearance, his deadly earnestness and his expressions of gratitude to the Creator, were the deciding factors. At any rate, here is what happened, and we commend it to the attention of the president of the country:

> So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh, by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, nor drink water: but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.—Jonah 3: 5-10.

It is noteworthy that when Jonah was down in the belly of the great fish he said, "I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple" (Jonah 2:4), and, also, in his reminiscences he says, "When my soul fainted within me I remembered [Jehovah]: and my prayer came in unto thee, *into thy holy temple.*" —Jonah 2:7.

We Quote from the Book "Prophecy"

At this point we quote from Judge Rutherford's book *Prophecy* a paragraph from the subtitle "Assyria" which links the whole thing up:

> The prophetic books of Jonah and Nahum are devoted exclusively to Assyria and Nineveh, its capital city, and strikingly foretell a state of the Devil's organization in which a political class will be in the saddle and adopt and follow a false religion because it is thought expedient in carrying out the political purposes. In this the political factor is strongly and consistently supported by the commercial power, the "giants", which together with the politicians are made the principal ones of the flock of the religious system. The prophetic record concerning the Assyrian world power seems to clearly foretell a condition of the Devil's organization existing during the period of preparation and immediately before the great conflict between Satan's organization and God's organization. Otherwise stated, it foretold a condition existing on earth when approaching the time of the establishment of God's kingdom, which is the present time.—*Prophecy,* page 145.

We are not discussing at this time whom Jonah represents, but from the foregoing it is plainly manifest that he represents those entrusted with a warning, rebuking work to the great politicians ensnared in the Devil's religious systems in the interim between the Lord's coming to His temple and Armageddon.

Let us each make the personal application to ourselves. When the great Jehovah God gives me a message to the rulers of this world, will I try to dodge the unpleasant and unfavorable publicity? Will I try to get out of going straight down the main street of Nineveh and telling all, right and left, that they must repent and turn to God or perish?

It may suit the flesh very well, for a time, to make business an excuse. But what kind of excuse is our own petty private business as compared with the great business of Jehovah God, the business of setting up the Kingdom in the earth, and serving notice on the rulers that they must repent or quit?

But we need not suppose that any of us shall have the experience of miraculously escaping from the sea, as did Jonah. More likely, if we are swallowed up by the sea of commerce we shall be swallowed up by it for keeps. Many are thus swallowed up and thereby lose all their privileges of service.

Jehovah God found a way to help Jonah overcome his diffidence, but we ask you to put yourself in Jonah's place. Don't you honestly think that he would have had a much better time if he had gone to Nineveh in the first place? And if he had been sufficiently in earnest about it, it is possible that his original message would

have been as convincing as the one that he actually gave.

Obedience brings boldness as a cure for diffidence; of course it does. But since diffidence is nothing more nor less than the fear of man, is it not just as well, nay, much better, to be obedient in the first place, and thus spare oneself such inconveniences as those to which Jonah was subjected? Let everybody make whatever choice he thinks best.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin"

ERRATA: In No. 360, on page 634, "malarial mosquito" should be "filarial mosquito", in each instance.

The Postman of Vatcho

THE postman of Vatcho, Slovenia, has just celebrated his eightieth birthday by having another son, which is his sixteenth child, so far. It is all right, and we don't suppose the young man wants any advice from us, but he will find as he grows older that a big family is a heavy responsibility. The command to multiply and fill the earth is a general command, not limited to any particular family or occupation.

Casualty Underwriters Complain of Doctors

THE casualty underwriters of New Jersey have filed a complaint with their national association, complaining that certain doctors make $500 to $750 per week hanging around the Compensation Bureau and doing nothing but serve as experts in casualty cases. The result has been a 40-percent increase in costs of such cases, operating to the disadvantage of employers, insurance companies and the workers.

With Full Knowledge

WITH full knowledge that we rarely publish testimonials, or make any mention of them, a man and his wife near Toledo wrote us the other day: "We have had *The Golden Age* in our home ever since the first copy was printed, and never missed a copy. We are now enclosing post office order for renewal, which is the last dollar on earth we have. We would rather do without something to eat than miss *The Golden Age*."

Chicago Continues to Make Progress

CHICAGO continues to make progress. Hold-ups are staged on a newer and grander scale. At 3:30 in the morning, just as a dance was breaking up, five masked men made eighty-two guests and eleven employees lie down in the middle of the ballroom floor and throw their cash and jewelry into a pile. Those that did not respond quickly were kicked into submission. The haul netted the thieves about $500 per head for each person held up. All wires were cut. Police that scoured the district found no trace.

Reforestation Now Under Way

THE desire to do something for the unemployed has started off in grand style a work of reforestation badly needed. Work has been planned which it is calculated will provide 1,314,900 man months of labor. It includes construction of forest telephone lines, fire breaks, range fences, forest highways and minor trails, clearing away of fire hazard rubbish, erection of fire protection structures and administrative buildings, control of insect pests and blister rust, improvement of public camping grounds, and the planting of new forests and thinning of old ones. It is known that work of this nature actually repays in dollars and cents the investment in it. This will require 250,000 men, who will get not to exceed $30 per month and keep, and be expected to stay on the job for at least one year.

Distress in World's Richest Country

IN AN address over radio station WOL, Edward F. McGrady, American Federation of Labor legislative representative, referring to conditions of distress in the world's richest country, said in part:

"Our investigators have found as many as five people sleeping in one bed. They have found three families living in a tenement of three small rooms. Thousands of infants have died because the mothers, suffering for months from hunger and malnutrition, could not give these infants proper nourishment. Our hospitals are overflowing everywhere with the victims of this depression. Insane asylums are disgracefully overcrowded. Mass poverty and despair are the order of the day. Local relief has almost completely broken down. Twelve months ago cities that were able to contribute $15 to $20 per month for a family of five have cut their relief to $8 and $10 per month and in six of our large industrial sections they are allowing only fifty cents per week to feed a human creature. This makes no provision for housing."

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WHEN THE DOCTOR IS CALLED

(Reprinted from *The Open Door*)

One big doctor looks you thru and thru,
Sends for another; then there are two.
Two big doctors failing to agree,
Call for a consultant; then there are three.
Three big doctors once inside your door,
Shout for a "specialist"; then there are four.
Four big doctors—wonder you are alive,
Another brings a stomach pump; then
there are five.
Five big doctors, trying funny tricks,
Order an anesthetic; then there are six.
Six big doctors give their "leaven",
Send for another; then there are seven.
Seven big doctors decide to operate,
Call a surgeon; then there are eight.
Eight big doctors think it your spine,
Send for a neurologist; then there are nine
Nine big doctors, all of them men,
Send for Nurse Williamson; then
there are ten.
Ten big doctors, standing by your bed,
Come to a decision, but find you dead.
Operation successful, but the patient died;
Call the mortician, give him a ride!

Food Purveyors to Reforestation Workers

SOMEONE who has a quantity of inferior food he wishes to dispose of seems to have found the Civilian Conservation Corps at Camp Big Springs, Glenburn, California. At least that is the inference we draw from a letter signed by forty-nine members of the company, which says, in part:

"We are not getting anything fit to eat out here. Last Friday we had for lunch one cheese, one meat and one jam sandwich. The meat was green as grass and there were worms crawling on top of the cheese, and no jam in the jam sandwich, and tonight we had meat we couldn't get close enough to to eat because it smelled so bad. Our chow is either burned or raw or so rotten we can't eat it."

A Hard-pressed Sleuth

IN SAN FRANCISCO a Federal narcotic sleuth, anxious to make a showing for the big wages he receives from the government, saw a colored man come out of a drug store with three capsules of quinine. He jumped to the conclusion that here was a narcotic peddler; so he handed him $2 for two of the capsules, and then arrested him. When the Negro was brought into court he did not know what it was all about, and the report of the chemist showed that he told the truth. The sleuth should be given a blue envelope. He is probably depressed by the reports from Washington that seventy-one sleuths have been let out of the Department of Labor because it was found they were spending plenty of money but accomplishing next to nothing.

Police Quell Riots They Cause

POLICE in various cities have shown remarkable ability in quelling riots which they have themselves caused. In Washington, D. C., a group of unemployed wanted to present their grievances to the district commissioners. The police refused to grant them a permit. President Roosevelt said he saw no reason why their request should not be granted, and so notified the commissioners. The commissioners and the police stood pat and refused to allow the demonstration. But the unemployed made their demonstration anyway, and 150 massed policemen, armed with clubs and tear gas guns, had no difficulty in quelling the riot they had caused. One man with a baby in his arms was knocked to the pavement. The policeman who did it could have felled him if he had had a baby in each arm.

ESCAPE TO THE KINGDOM

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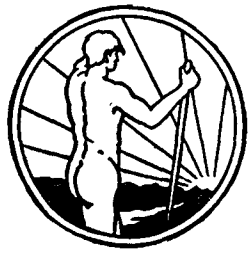

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Sending Forth the Truth unto the Clouds

"God shall send forth his mercy and his truth. For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds."—Psalm 57 : 3, 10.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S lecture, October 1, 1933, entitled "The True God", broadcast on 104 stations, thoroughly covered the entire United States, from Maine to California and from Florida to the state of Washington. Only 8 of the 48 states were not directly represented in the chain; several of these are small or sparsely settled, and all were covered thoroughly.

It is really true that God is now sending forth His mercy and His truth, and none can say Him nay. It is really true that God's mercy toward those who really wish to honor His name is great unto the heavens, and it is because of that mercy that the truth regarding the Fountain of all mercies still rises unto the clouds, to the dismay of all His adversaries. The broadcast of October 1 was a triumph over the enemy in an hour when he was looking for exactly opposite results. We review the facts.

Judge Rutherford's broadcast last spring on "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity" angered the Devil greatly, as did also the published challenge:

"RESOLVED, That the Holy Scriptures prove beyond doubt that the head of the papal church system and its many priests who act officially under its direction do not act by the authority of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and do not represent God and Christ on earth, but said Catholic institution is a part of this world and operates under the supervision of the god of this world, that is to say, Satan, the Devil, and that thereby the people are deceived and kept in ignorance of the truth, which truth is now vital for them to know."

Unable to make defense of their doctrines, and not daring to publicly debate the above question, all the power of the Roman Catholic system in America was suddenly put to work to force Judge Rutherford off the air, and we had an exhibition of Roman Catholic bigotry in this country that is enough to make any decent American hang his head for shame to think that a thing like it could be done in this enlightened day.

How the Devil Operates

The heaviest pressure was brought to bear in New England, where the city of Providence cringes under the lash of a bigoted bishop. In that city two station managements broke their contracts and gave up their manhood and independence, because covertly threatened with a boycott which it was hinted would include 400,000 Catholics. The owners of these stations had other businesses which they foolishly believed would be ruined unless they complied with the threats. The Providence *Visitor* was the paper used as the "bludgeon". Had the men who owned these stations stood their ground, nothing such as they anticipated would have occurred.

A similar campaign of intimidation was put on in St. Paul, where *The Catholic Bulletin* was the "thumb-screw" used and the radio people were bluffed into believing that "some 515,000 Catholic people in the state of Minnesota" would turn against them and against their advertisers unless they showed the white feather.

In St. Louis the bludgeoning was entrusted to *The Watchman*. This sheet, after an exhibition of bigotry unmatched in this part of the world, had the hypocrisy to say, "*The Watchman* wishes to thank the officers of KMOX in the name of its readers for this step [refusing to broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures] in the work of preventing the spread of bigotry." Most bigoted of all institutions under the sun, the Roman Catholic system takes the position that any questioning of its doctrines by others is an act of bigotry. Needless to say, this very doctrine itself is bigotry of the worst kind.

In Baltimore the sheet entrusted with the work of bigotry, *The Catholic Review,* failed completely in its attempt to force two stations (one owned and operated by Roman Catholics) to give up the broadcasts of Judge Rutherford's lectures. After writing several columns of lurid editorials *The Review* was finally forced to shamefacedly admit in print that "this week *The Review* has received just one letter of protest against Rutherford's address. Just one protest! And *The Review* is read by 125,000 Catholics."

The Blessing of Jehovah God

It is true that by resorting to methods peculiarly un-American the Roman Catholic hierarchy, operating through its papers, was able to frighten 28 stations into temporarily discontinuing the Rutherford broadcasts, but more than offsetting this is the fact that thirty stations desired to get into the network for October 1-8-15 that could not be accommodated, and numerous other stations were anxious to take the broadcasts except for the fact that local church organizations that had previously engaged the required periods positively refused to stand aside for these vitally important messages, even though station managers were entirely willing to give them other time in their schedules on the day of the chain broadcasts.

The big coast-to-coast hook-up of 104 stations was made entirely without aid of the so-called "regular" chain broadcasting systems. The Watch Tower organization made its own arrangements, as is its custom. Jehovah's blessing was manifestly upon the efforts.

In a very special sense it was fulfilled on October 1 that God's truth reached unto the clouds. Indeed, while we may not know of it, it is entirely possible that on that day not merely one but many persons that were sailing along in airplanes beneath the clouds or even above them, were listening to Judge Rutherford's lecture on "The True God".

Those who heard Judge Rutherford's address on "The True God" were charmed by its kindness, its goodness and its truth. It seems right to spend a moment thinking of how God identifies himself with truth, and especially the most important of all truths, those about himself. "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God."—John 17:3.

Moses delighted to refer to Jehovah as "a God of truth". (Deuteronomy 32:4) David said that "all the paths of [Jehovah] are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies" (Psalm 25:10); that He is a God "plenteous in mercy and truth" (Psalm 86:15); that "the truth of [Jehovah] endureth for ever" (Psalm 117:2); and then, as stated in the text at the head of this article, and elsewhere stated in the psalms, "Thy truth reacheth unto the clouds."—Psalm 108:4.

God's Watchcare over His Truth

"God shall send forth . . . his truth." He will give it His own attention. What must be the futility of all efforts to impede what He has declared shall go forward! How chagrined the Devil must feel when he reflects on the fact that in the United States (and possessions) there are now on the air each week, with transcriptions, 261 stations laden with essential, all-important information about The True God! Throughout the world the stations broadcasting the truth number more than three hundred.

Some stations were so disappointed at not being included in the coast-to-coast network of October 1-8-15 that they expressed their keen regret by wire. Some of these will be accommodated, of course, on future programs. A great station that believes that its broadcasts reach 2,000,000 listeners in a district embracing Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri, wrote, "We feel very keenly the loss of your three great programs which will be broadcast on October 1, 8 and 15. It is doubly regrettable because all that stood between us and the acceptance of your offer was your return of our station form as requested in our wire. We don't know whether you or ourselves are to blame for this grievous loss to our audience."

The Kourier, published at Atlanta by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in its issue of September, 1933, said in part:

"Roman Catholic newspapers the country over have broken out in a rash of criticism of what they term anti-Catholic radio programs. They are in particular begging the Federal Radio Commission to place a ban on Judge Joseph F. Rutherford's 'Watchtower' programs. . . . The Catholic attack on the Rutherford programs is one of the hottest they have launched on any Protestant project recently. Some spineless stations have already eliminated the feature to which the Catholics object, while others, with more backbone, have told their Catholic critics to go stick their heads in a bucket of holy water."

A Brief Answer to a Long Article

THE *Catholic Bulletin*, in its issue of August 18, 1933, devotes six columns to what purports to be an open letter to Judge Rutherford. It is written on such a low plane as not to justify much space in our columns. The priest who wrote it misstates the facts, missapplies the Scriptures, uses some of the prophecies in an effort to support his wrongful position, and then tries to answer the proper application of other prophecies to himself and other priests by saying that the prophets have been dead since 600 B.C., thus showing his deliberate purpose to deceive Catholics. At one time we thought to answer the whole article, but later thought it not worth while to devote so much space to it. From the original draft we cite two paragraphs from the *Bulletin* (Cleveland), with our replies thereto:

Rome Addresses Her Followers as Apostates

O ye listeners to this false prophet, remember, he deceived you once, and the Lord cries out, "Woe to you, apostate children, that you would take counsel and not of me." (Isaiah 30:1) No matter how he pleads with you, "Consent not to him, hear him not." (Deuteronomy 13:8) He is blind and the leader of the blind and all who follow shall fall into the ditch. (Matthew 15:14)

It seems to us a peculiarly appropriate thing that a Roman Catholic writer should address his fellow Catholics as "apostate children", for it is very true that they have all apostatized from the true faith, and instead of taking counsel of Jehovah God, and drinking at His fountain of pure truth, the Scriptures, they have fed on the effluvia of papal bulls until they are sick unto death.

The text Deuteronomy 13:8, 9 was addressed to the Jews, who were being enticed by another to worship wicked ones in violation of Exodus 20:2-5. We are glad that the *Catholic Universe Bulletin* made use of this citation and applied it to Judge Rutherford, for now it shows how a misunderstanding of the Scriptures may make murderers out of people that are thus misled.

The text in full reads as follows in the *Douay*, and shows just why the Roman Catholic officials at Plainfield wanted to kill Judge Rutherford, and half felt as if they had a commission to do it, in spite of the laws of the land to the contrary; and why it is a dangerous thing to have a bigoted Catholic in any official position, or even as a neighbor:

"Consent not to him, hear him not, neither let thy eye spare him to pity and conceal him, but thou shalt presently put him to death. Let thy hand be first upon him, and afterwards the hands of all the people. With stones shall he be stoned to death."*

In Matthew 15:14 (*Douay*) Jesus is speaking about the unfaithfulness of the scribes and Pharisees, the clergy of that day, who represented the similarly unfaithful clergy of our own time. Concerning all of these he said: "Let them alone: they are blind, and leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both fall into the pit."

Blindest of all the blind leaders of the blind is the 'pope'. Not discerning that the governments of this world belong to the Devil (Luke 4:5-7) the 'pope' has done the exact opposite of what Jesus did when confronted with the same temptation, i.e., the offer of temporal power as a ruler of earth.

Jesus said, "Get thee behind me, Satan"; but the 'pope' in effect said, "Thou art my father and I am thy child," and threw himself headlong into his arms, accepting from earthly monarchs the little kingdom of Vatican City, over which he now reigns as a potentate. Now, when Satan's reign has ended, and his governments are in distress, the 'pope' and all who cling to him are booked for a one-way ride to the ash-can.

The Temple of Jehovah

"And now at the temple of Jehovah Christ pronounces"—Strange no one hears Christ except the ventriloquistic judge. And what and where is this "temple of Jehovah"? Why dear bless your innocent heart, there ain't no such temple "at anywhere". According to the judge, "The temple is Christ's righteous organization," of which, we suspect, the judge is the visible head, the acting pope, the busy leader, etc., and which you can join for fifty-five cents and more or less faith in Rutherford.

God's temple, or dwelling place, is His organization for the vindication of His name, composed of Jesus Christ, the Chief Foundation Stone, the Vindicator, and the 144,000 members of His corporate body, The Christ. (Apocalypse 7:3-8; 14:1) This temple, this Servant, was brought together in the first resurrection in the spring of the year 1918, at which time the sleeping members of The Christ were awakened, and the judgment of the living members began. Jehovah's witnesses is another name for the col-

*It was probably a misunderstanding of this scripture that caused a Scranton citizen recently to hit the editor in the face with his fist. At the time he did this he loudly shouted that we were circulating bigotry. The poor sap! The only violence ever visited upon Jehovah's witnesses is by Roman Catholics, whose whole training is that of the bigot and persecutor.

lective Servant whom Jesus, "The man whose name is The Branch," began to gather together into a compact organization immediately after the Foundation Stone was laid in Zion in 1918. Jesus was made Jehovah's King in 1914, and the text Zechariah 6:12, 13 says that He shall build the temple of the Lord at the time He is made king. In Revelation 11:17, 18 we are told that when Christ takes His power and begins His reign it is coincident with a world war and that then, and not until then, the temple of God is opened in the heavens. We have condensed this all it will bear, but it is all true. Nobody is under any compulsion to accept this great truth, or to receive the blessings that follow its understanding and acceptance.

The Roman "church" is especially avaricious and especially shameless. None of the prisoners of this system can be born, get christened, get confirmed, go to church, get married, have a baby, or even turn over on their back and die, without being hounded for money at every step of the way. Wherever men or women are paid for their services, there the black-robed messengers of avarice stand with outstretched hands, looking for a rake-off to stow away under their maternity gowns. They never travel alone. They do not dare. They travel in pairs, so that if one should squeal as to where all the foundlings come from, the other will be there to report it to the jailer when they get back to their prison.

Because of this vicious system of racketeering the politics of American cities are so rotten that things are fairly falling apart. Surely this system is a fine specimen to accuse Judge Rutherford of covetousness. A silent virgin is an unanswerable reproach to a loud-mouthed harlot.

And Lest We Forget —

Chicken Fanciers Blessed

POPE PIUS, who has been exhibiting some prize chickens at the International Poultry Congress, blessed his fellow exhibitors. Just what this will mean to them is unknown. It looks as if it might be a hard winter for somebody.

Spreading Hard Luck

FROM an advertisement in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer* of January 29:

Help wanted: women and men: to sell in their territory the recorded words and voice of His Holiness, Pope Pius XI, bestowing the benediction and papal blessing: first time offered; sells on sight to every Catholic; earn big commissions, spare, full time; cash in tremendous demand. Holy Record Corp., 2 West 46, Dept. 17, New York.

An Expensive Faith

BOLESLAW UKLEJEWSKI, of Manitoba, writes us: "I have been a Bible student now for about six months and have a common Bible. But in the community where I live faithful Catholics do not want to believe in this Bible. So, in order that I might better proclaim the truth to them, I sent $5 to Winnipeg for a Catholic Bible; but they want $15 for it. Their faith is expensive. Most Catholics around here are like parrots, because the parrot also speaks but does not understand."

Levied for Church for 19 Years

FOR nineteen years workers for the Helvetia Coal Company, Yatesboro, Pa., had the money to support the Roman Catholic church taken out of their pay envelopes, if they were Catholics; and for the last two years the same plan was worked for the local Presbyterian church. The miners at this mine are said to have recently averaged to receive but about $4 per week for their work. The compulsory contribution to the church is 50c per month.

Society of the Divine Savior

THE Society of the Divine Savior, Salvatorian Seminary, "Father" Bede, S.D.L., superior, St. Nazianz, Wisconsin, would like to have the names of Catholic adults who have coin of the realm that could be obtained to help support the seminary. It is suggested that printed lists be sent in, such as are issued by some parishes, showing the names of parishioners who have contributed during the year. It would be a big help if before the lists are sent in they would be checked up so as to make sure that they can probably come across with the long green if worked hard enough. What is the use of paying postage to work a list of names if you can't get anything out of them?

The Federal Reserve Swindle

THE clergy tell the unsuspecting and gullible citizens that the United States of America is a Christian nation and that it is operated according to the will of God, but they fail to tell the people which god. Every person who believes in the Bible knows that the all-wise, just and loving Jehovah God and Christ Jesus would not approve of any government that swindles the people or permits them to be swindled by heartless corporations. Satan is the god of this world and the oppressor of humankind. The clergy, big business and professional politicians stand together, and the people hold the bag, which is usually empty, especially at this time. The following taken from the *Congressional Record* speaks for itself.

The compilation from the *Record* is from addresses of Hon. Louis T. McFadden, so highly respected in his own state of Pennsylvania that he was nominated for Congress by all three parties, republican, democratic and prohibition.

The Government is in the banking business as never before. Against its will it has been made the backer of horsethieves and card sharps, bootleggers, smugglers, speculators, and swindlers in all parts of the world. Through the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks the riffraff of every country is operating on the public credit of the United States Government. Meanwhile, and on account of it, we ourselves are in the midst of the greatest depression we have ever known. Thus the menace to our prosperity, so feared by Senator Lodge, has indeed struck home. From the Atlantic to the Pacific our country has been ravaged and laid waste by the evil practices of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks and the interests which control them. At no time in our history has the general welfare of the people of the United States been at a lower level or the mind of the people so filled with despair.

Before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, while the Federal Reserve bill was under discussion, Mr. Crozier, of Cincinnati, said:

> In other words, the imperial power of elasticity of the public currency is wielded exclusively by these central corporations owned by the banks. This is a life and death power over all local banks and all business. It can be used to create or destroy prosperity, to ward off or cause stringencies and panics. By making money artificially scarce interest rates throughout the country can be arbitrarily raised and the bank tax on all business and cost of living increased for the profit of the banks owning these regional central banks, and without the slightest benefit to the people. These 12 corporations together cover the whole country and monopolize and use for private gain every dollar of the public currency and all public revenues of the United States. Not a dollar can be put into circulation among the people by their Government without the consent of and on terms fixed by these 12 private money trusts.

In defiance of this and all other warnings, the proponents of the Federal Reserve Act created the 12 private credit corporations and gave them an absolute monopoly of the currency of the United States, not of Federal Reserve notes alone, but of all the currency, the Federal Reserve Act providing ways by means of which the gold and general currency in the hands of the American people could be obtained by the Federal Reserve banks in exchange for Federal Reserve notes, which are not money but merely promises to pay money.

I believe that the nations of the world would have settled down after the World War more peacefully if we had not had this standing temptation here—this pool of our bank depositors' money given to private interests and used by them in connection with illimitable drafts upon the public credit of the United States Government. The Federal Reserve Board invited the world to come in and to carry away cash, credit, goods, and everything else of value that was movable. Values amounting to many billions of dollars have been taken out of this country by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks for the benefit of their foreign principals. The United States has been ransacked and pillaged. Our structures have been gutted and only the walls are left standing. While this crime was being perpetrated everything the world could rake up to sell us was brought in here at our own expense by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks until our markets were swamped with unneeded and unwanted imported goods priced far above their value and thus made to equal the dollar volume of our honest exports and to kill or reduce our favorable balance of trade. As agents of the foreign central banks, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks try by every means within their power to reduce our favorable balance of trade. They act for their foreign principals, and they accept fees from foreigners for acting against the best interests of the United States. Naturally there has been great competition among foreigners for the favors of the Federal Reserve Board.

Mr. Chairman, I believe that the national-bank depositors of the United States are entitled to know what the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks are doing with their money. There are millions of national-bank depositors in this country who do not know that a percentage of every dollar they deposit in a member bank of the Federal Reserve system goes automatically to the American agents of foreign banks and that all of their deposits can be paid away to foreigners without their knowledge or consent by the crooked machinery of the Federal Reserve act and the questionable practices of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. Mr. Chairman, the American people should be told the truth by their servants in office.

In 1928, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks presented the staggering amount

of $60,598,690,000 to their member banks at the expense of the wage earners and taxpayers of the United States. In 1929, the year of the stock market crash, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks advanced fifty-eight billions to member banks. In 1930, while the speculating banks were getting out of the stock market at the expense of the general public, the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks advanced them $13,022,782,000. This shows that when the banks were gambling on the public credit of the United States Government as represented by Federal Reserve currency, they were subsidized to any amount they required by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. When the swindle began to fail, the banks knew it in advance and withdrew from the market. They got out with whole skins and left the people of the United States to pay the piper.

It will take us 20 years to redeem our Government, 20 years of penal servitude to pay off the gambling debts of the traitorous Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks and to earn again that vast flood of American wages and savings, bank deposits, and United States Government credit which the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks exported out of this country to their foreign principals.

Every effort has been made by the Federal Reserve Board to conceal its power but the truth is the Federal Reserve Board has usurped the Government of the United States. It controls everything here and it controls all our foreign relations. It makes and breaks governments at will. No man and no body of men is more entrenched in power than the arrogant credit monopoly which operates the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. These evil-doers have robbed this country of more than enough money to pay the national debt. What the National Government has permitted the Federal Reserve Board to steal from the people should now be restored to the people. The people have a valid claim against the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. If that claim is enforced, Americans will not need to stand in breadlines or to suffer and die of starvation in the streets. Homes will be saved, families will be kept together and American children will not be dispersed and abandoned. The Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks owe the United States Government an immense sum of money. We ought to find out the exact amount of the people's claim. We should know the amount of the indebtedness of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks to the people and we should collect that amount immediately. We certainly should investigate this treacherous and disloyal conduct of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks.

The wealth of the United States and the working capital of the United States has been taken away from them and has either been locked in the vaults of certain banks and great corporations or exported to foreign countries for the benefit of the foreign customers of those banks and corporations. So far as the people of the United States are concerned, the cupboard is bare. It is true that the warehouses and coal yards and grain elevators are full, but the warehouses and coal yards and grain elevators are padlocked and the great banks and corporations hold the keys. The sack of the United States by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks and their confederates is the greatest crime in history.

Mr. Chairman, the bank holidays in the several States were brought about by the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. Those institutions manipulated money and credit and caused the States to order bank holidays. Those holidays were "frame-ups". They were dress rehearsals for the national-bank holiday which Franklin D. Roosevelt promised Sir Ronald Lindsay that he would declare. There was no national emergency here when Roosevelt took office except the bankruptcy of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks—a bankruptcy which has been going on under cover for several years and which has been concealed from the people so that the people would continue to permit their bank deposits and their bank reserves and their gold and the funds of the United States Treasury to be impounded in the bankrupt institutions. Under cover, the predatory international bankers have been stealthily transferring the burden of the Federal Reserve debts to the people's Treasury and to the people themselves. They have been using the farms and the homes of the United States to pay for their thievery. That is the only national emergency there has been here since the depression began. Someone asked Mr. Ogden Mills what caused the depression. He answered quite truthfully, "The Federal Reserve lent so much money abroad that it broke down the system." Mr. Chairman, those who have lost everything they possessed through the evil practices of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks should at least be told the truth about how it happened. The veterans of the World War should know that the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks paid the dole in England, and are still paying it, and that that is the reason why the resident agents of England in this country have cut the pensions of the United States soldiers $400,000,000 a year.

At noon on the 4th of March 1933 Franklin Delano Roosevelt, with his hand on the Bible, took an oath to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States. At midnight on the 5th of March 1933 he confiscated the property of American citizens. He took the currency of the United States off the gold standard of value. He repudiated the internal debt of the Government to its own citizens. He destroyed the value of the American dollar. He released, or endeavored to release, the Federal Reserve banks from

their contractual liability to redeem Federal Reserve currency in gold or lawful money on a parity with gold. He depreciated the value of the national currency. The people of the United States are now using irredeemable paper slips for money. The Treasury cannot redeem that paper in gold or silver. The gold and silver of the Treasury has unlawfully been given to the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. And the administration has since had the effrontery to raid the country for more gold for the private interests by telling our patriotic citizens that their gold is needed to protect the currency. It is not being used to protect the currency. It is being used to protect the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. The directors of those institutions have committed criminal offenses against the United States Government, including the offense of making false entries on their books and the still more serious offense of unlawfully abstracting funds from the United States Treasury. Roosevelt's gold raid is intended to help them out of the pit they dug for themselves when they gambled away the wealth and savings of the American people.

Roosevelt's next haul for the international bankers was a reduction in the pay of all Federal employees. The poor clerk in a Government office is compelled to give up 15 percent of his salary while the international bankers are presented with all the gold in the country. Next in order are the veterans of all wars, many of whom are aged and infirm and others sick and disabled. Those men had their lives adjusted for them by acts of Congress determining the amount of their pensions, and, while it is meet that every citizen should sacrifice himself for the good of the United States, I see no reason why these poor people, these aged Civil War veterans, and war widows, and half-starved veterans of the World War should be compelled to give up their pensions for the financial benefit of the international vultures who have looted the Treasury, bankrupted the country, and traitorously delivered the United States to a foreign foe. There are many ways of raising revenue that are better than this barbarous act of injustice. Why not collect from the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks the amount they owe to the United States Treasury in interest on all the Federal Reserve currency they have taken from the United States Government? That would put billions of dollars into the United States Treasury. If Franklin D. Roosevelt is as honest as he pretends to be he will have that done immediately. And, in addition, why not compel the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks to disclose their profits and to pay the Government its share? Until that is done, it is rank dishonesty to talk of maintaining the credit of the United States Government.

Before he was elected Mr. Roosevelt advocated a return to the earlier practices of the Federal Reserve system, thus admitting its corruptness. The Democratic platform advocated a change in the personnel of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks. Those remarks were campaign bait. As a prominent democrat lately remarked to me, and he is not very far away from where I am standing at the present moment, "There is no new deal. The same old crowd is in control."

Mr. Chairman, we know from assertions made here by the Honorable John N. Garner, the present Vice President of the United States, that there is a condition in the United States Treasury which would cause American citizens, if they knew what it was, to lose all confidence in their Government. That is a condition which Roosevelt will not have investigated. He has brought with him from Wall Street, James Warburg, the son of Paul M. Warburg. Mr. Warburg is the head of the Bank of Manhattan Co. Mr. Warburg, alien born and the son of an alien who did not become naturalized here until several years after this Warburg's birth, is a son of a former partner of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., a grandson of another partner, a nephew of a former partner, and a nephew of a present partner. He holds no office in our Government, but I am told that he is in daily attendance at the Treasury, and that he has private quarters there. In other words, Mr. Chairman, Kuhn, Loeb & Co. now control and occupy the United States Treasury.

Mr. Chairman, I demand that all the gold in the custody of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks be placed in the Treasury of the United States. The Federal Reserve banks cannot be relieved of their contractual liabilities and at the same time keep the gold belonging to the Treasury and to the people in their private possession. That gold must be placed in the people's Treasury in the custody of the United States Government.

The Soviet Government has been given United States Treasury funds by the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks acting through the Chase Bank and the Guaranty Trust Co. and other banks in New York City. England, no less than Germany, has drawn money from us through the Federal Reserve banks and has re-lent it at high rates of interest to the Soviet Government or has used it to finance her sales to Soviet Russia and her engineering works within the Russian boundaries. The Dnieperstroy Dam was built with funds unlawfully taken from the United States Treasury by the corrupt and dishonest Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Reserve banks.

One would not suppose that Mr. McFadden would dare use such language as the foregoing regarding the most important financial institution in the world, and he certainly would not do it, unless he believed every word of it to be the truth. This is also our opinion, that America's greatest financiers are the biggest crooks that breathe.

The Big Intolerance Drive

IT SEEMS there is to be a big drive against intolerance. Prominent men from 44 states have agreed that Catholics, Jews and Protestants must get along together amicably and they might as well begin now as any time. The country will be traversed by units of clergymen, one from each of the three groups named going to make up a single unit.

One cannot but wonder if this all had its start in Plainfield, N. J., with the address on "Religious Intolerance: Why" by Judge Rutherford, on July 30. At the very moment when Judge Rutherford was giving that address a woman 71 years of age was in the Plainfield jail for giving out invitations to the lecture, and she had sixteen companions.

When the case came to trial in a higher court it was literally laughed out of court and the counsel for the prosecutors or persecutors admitted openly, 'It is another victory for Jehovah's witnesses.' The following details of this trial were broadcast over WBBR September 15. They will be of interest to many of our readers.

Many of you remember that the day before that memorable speech on "Religious Intolerance" given by Judge Rutherford in Plainfield, New Jersey, on July 30, seventeen of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and locked up by the Plainfield police. They had been going from house to house in Plainfield distributing invitations to attend that lecture.

Those seventeen persons were held in jail over night. Immediately after the conclusion of his speech at the Strand Theater, Judge Rutherford arranged for release of these men and women under a bond of ten dollars for each. Their case was set for trial on August 7. On that day the city judge, William De Meza, at the request of the city attorney, William Newcorn, adjourned the hearing until September 14, one of the reasons stated being that William Newcorn desired to go away on vacation and also for the reason that there had been so much publicity regarding the case.

On September 14, yesterday, the seventeen appeared in Plainfield court and according to traditional practice of the court each was given ten dollars or ten days in the county jail, excepting one, who on being asked her age and stating it to be seventy-one, was dismissed with a suspended sentence.

The other sixteen were locked up and later the same day the attorney who represented them applied to Union county judge McGrath for a writ of habeas corpus, which was allowed. Under this ruling of Judge McGrath the sheriff was ordered to present the sixteen persons in court this [Friday, September 15] afternoon. This was done, and then followed a searching inquiry by the judge, who for about one hour listened to the presentations of attorney Jacob Karkus and his learned adversary, William Newcorn. Newcorn, on behalf of the city of Plainfield, tried to insist that the law of the city must be upheld; that these people had flagrantly and defiantly violated the law in not applying first to the chief of police for a permit to distribute the announcements of the mass meeting to be addressed by Judge Rutherford. It was clearly brought out by reading from the law book of the city of Plainfield, which was produced by the city clerk, that there is not even a law on the books of the kind which it was claimed justified the arrest of these persons; and furthermore, that there is no law in Plainfield that provides for a person to request a permit to distribute announcements of the kind used by Jehovah's witnesses. After patiently and studiously drawing out all these facts for the court record, the judge suddenly announced his decision, that each and all of the persons held in custody by the sheriff of Union county be forthwith discharged; and they were immediately released. Upon hearing the decision, William Newcorn hastened to the bar and tried to tell the judge privately what terrible things these people had done in Plainfield. The judge listened and then let out one big, hearty laugh, and William Newcorn retreated to another part of the room, to join his city clerk, to whom he then spoke, sarcastically but truly: "Another victory for Jehovah's witnesses."

The Radio Witness Work

Farmville, Va. "Please send me a copy of your lecture which you delivered over the air today. I consider it a master message." J. T. A.

Buffalo, N. Y. "Please send me Judge Rutherford's talk. Am more than interested and think his talks and guidance taken from the Bible are wonderful." J. W. D.

Richmond, Va. "Judge Rutherford's lecture yesterday was wonderful. Please send me a copy." W. D. N.

Reading, Pa. "Your talk on the radio this morning was a revelation to me. Would so much appreciate a copy." Mrs. R. Q.

Wilton Grove, Ont., Canada. "After hearing the wonderful message you gave on Sunday over the radio, I am thanking you for the opportunity of being able to receive a copy of the same. May God guide you." R. K.

West Philadelphia, Pa. "Will you please send me the leaflet with Judge Rutherford's talk that he gave over the radio yesterday. It is the first time I have had the pleasure of hearing Judge Rutherford. I wish there were more fearless speakers like him." S. J. P.

Achievements of Medical Profession

CASE 1. At the Grady Hospital, Emory division, a hospital for the treatment of Negro patients, 426 infants, a great majority less than 24 hours old, a lumbar puncture was made in order to study the spinal fluid.

Case 2. Opening the brains of unsuspecting state hospital patients and brain material withdrawn performed by Udo. J. Eile Christian, M.D., at Pontiac State Hospital, Michigan.

Case 3. One thousand experiments on babies by Dr. L. Emmett Holt at the Babies Hospital. Most of experiments consisted of the ophthalmic test, the injection of tuberculin into the eye.

Case 4. Dr. Hideyo Noguchi vivisects 400 charity patients in New York, 146 of whom were children and babies. He injected an emulsion of culture of the supposed causative agent of the terrible disease known as syphilis. He was advised by Professor Welch, ex-president of the American Medical Association, to try this on *human* subjects.

Baking animals alive to discover effect of heat upon blood count. Pneumonia given to dogs. Making frogs jump with their eyes burnt out. Making cats vomit after poison. Flooding dogs' kidneys by obstruction (female dogs). Mauling intestines of animals. Tying intestines of dogs. Working cats on treadmill, then immersing in cold water. De-nerving eyes of cats. De-pancreatizing animals. Pouring boiling water into dog's intestines till it fainted with pain. Rotting dog's liver with poison. Removing internal organs of dogs. Starving dogs to a shadow. Gall bladder tortures. Making cats walk with their brains protruding. Putting mustard oil in cat's eyes. Intestinal obstruction in monkeys, dogs, etc. Inflicting sores, inoculating with poison. Torturing pregnant animals. Mashing, scraping and "puddling" brains of cats. Sex gland tortures—freezing, starving, poisoning. Suspending dogs by ears and removing nerves. De-nerving hearts of cats.

When you pay taxes you are paying for all the foregoing, and being taught that it is pure science, whereas it is pristine, unadulterated, Simon-pure bunk, in exactly the same class as the eternal torture "spiritual food" fed to us in days of yore by the dog-collared 'sons of Ananias'.

And Yet —

A Very Inexpensive Doctor

WE HAVE thrown away all our aluminum," said Mrs. W Carnes, Iowa, "and I feel like new. I used to doctor all the time, but I haven't had a doctor since I quit using aluminum, and that was last December."

No More Cancer Explorations

DOCTORS had me under the X-ray, exploring for cancer," said J. N. Peterson, of Minnesota. "Two and one-half years of total abstinence from aluminum dope have brought about a complete recovery, for which I owe your publication all credit and thanks. More power to you! The truth will prevail."

Remarkable Recovery of Sight

I WAS blind and couldn't work," said Ellen Williams, of Georgia. "My arms would fall dead at my side and my whole right side became useless. Two years ago I discarded my aluminum ware, and my eyesight has come back. I don't use glasses now and am regaining use of my body gradually. I am sixty-five years of age. Thanks to *The Golden Age* for this information."

How He Lost His Mother

OH YES!" said Harry E. Childs, of Michigan, "we *did* have a fine set of aluminum cooking dishes. But never again; we dumped them all overboard. I will acknowledge that it hurt somewhat to see all that invested capital on the ash heap, and to have to start all over again. I have advertised aluminum poisoning well and widely, and we have spoiled the sale of a lot of it. My mother died of cancer. We are quite sure it was aluminum that caused it."

Cabbage a la Gall Stones

A SUBSCRIBER, Mrs. Mary E. Lovette, writes: "Our health is 99 percent better since discarding our aluminum ware. I had a sore throat continually, also stomach, bowel and bladder trouble. Often had to resort to pain pills. I nearly died from eating cabbage cooked in an aluminum kettle. The doctor was called at one o'clock at night and pronounced it 'gall stones'. For one week I was terribly ill; then put on a strict diet. Having discarded all aluminum ware, also alum baking powders, I am no longer on a diet and am getting much better."

Time Required for Gastric Digestion of Foods *By Dr. La June Foster (California)*

THE digestibility of foods and the time required for their digestion depend largely upon our mental and physical condition and dietic habits. Proper preparation and combination of foods greatly aid in their thorough and quick digestion. Moderation and simplicity also are important factors.

It is well to let at least five hours elapse between meals; more if the digestion is weak, and especially should this time be allowed if the meal contains heavy cereals and proteins. The stomach needs complete rest from its labors. Two meals a day is a solution in some cases, or three light meals in proper combinations. The total digestion of the average meal and the passage of the residue into the intestines takes about eight hours. The stomach is merely a receptacle for food and a preliminary organ of digestion. The main part of the digestion is performed in the small intestine.

The digestibility of foods is by no means an indication of their wholesomeness; but it is a guide to go by in knowing how soon it is safe to put more foods into the stomach and what kind will mix most readily, in case, for any reason, the digestion of the last food taken has been retarded.

FRUITS, AND TIME REQUIRED FOR DIGESTION

The various acid fruit juices, such as orange, lemon, grapefruit, apple, raspberry, blackberry, pineapple, and tomato juice, take one hour.

Two-Hour Class. Watermelons, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries, raisins, fresh prunes, plums, pears, peaches, oranges, gooseberries, fresh figs, cherries, cantaloupes, blackberries, avacados and apples.

Three-Hour Class. Fresh green peas, green onions, steamed celery, beets, salsify and baked sweet potatoes.

Three-and-One-Half-Hour Class. Raw celery, grated cucumber, canned green peas, steamed kale, mustard leaves, parsnips, spinach and Swiss chard.

Most nuts take about three hours to digest.

Most cereals take three to three and one-half hours for digestion. Hot biscuits take four and one-half hours. Cereals in gruel form such as barley and rice gruel, take about one and one-half hours.

Cereals in three-and-one-half-hour class are boiled barley, corn meal mush, pop corn, cooked macaroni, cooked oatmeal, and rolled oats, rye bread, whole-wheat bread, and boiled whole wheat. Whole rice boiled takes one and one-half hours.

Legumes (peas, beans, lentils, etc.) take about three and one-half hours; except in puree form or made in soup form, about one and one-half to two and one-half hours.

MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS (time to digest)

Cow's milk, buttermilk, cream, whey and egg whites take two hours. Butter, cottage cheese and whole eggs take three hours; cream cheese, nearly four hours; yolk of an egg and poached egg, two and one-half hours.

Most meat and fish products take from three to four hours for digestion.

Advertising Doctor Crile

DOCTOR GEORGE W. CRILE, A.M., M.D., Ph.D., attending surgeon of the Cleveland General Hospital, ranks very high in the medical profession. He needs no advertisement from us, but we are giving him one anyway, and free. In his book of experiments, page 31, he speaks of pouring boiling water into a dog's intestines; it caused a rise of temperature; should think it might. On the next page he speaks of tearing out the eye and manipulating and bruising the socket after the eye had been torn out; never had this done, but cannot imagine it would be pleasant. On page 46 he speaks of forcing air into a dog's stomach until it finally burst; great man, that. On page 48, he applied a Bunsen flame to the nose of a fox terrier, and it seems that the dog struggled; now isn't that astonishing? How this man ever kept out of the ministry, we do not understand.

Cost of Removing an Appendix

HOW much would you think it would cost to remove from your anatomy that interesting little organ, the appendix, that aids the peristaltic action of the colon, and lubricates it with a minute quantity of oil, needed for its proper operation? It all depends upon the size of the roll of bills carried in the pants pocket adjacent to the appendix in question. A Pasadena doctor figured that he could get $10,000 from the movie actor, Tom Mix, but Tom gave him $300, which was plenty, and told him to whistle for the other $9,700. The last we knew, they were fighting about it in the courts.

Medical Notes

Five Minutes Rest per Hour

CARE'FUL measurements, with an apparatus designed for the purpose, show that it is in the interest of efficiency for all workers, mental as well as manual, to have five minutes of rest in every hour. Prolonged mental concentration reduces the proper action of the lungs and the amount of oxygen in the lungs, and mental fatigue results.

Where Vaccination Certificates Are Necessary

ANTIGUA, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, British Guiana, British Honduras, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic (which also required that "married women traveling alone need declaration from husband justifying the trip and proof of marriage"), Dutch Guiana, Ecuador, Salvador, French Guiana, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Uruguay, Venezuela, Virgin Islands.

One-Sixth of Jobless Ill

A SURVEY of 1,600 families receiving relief in New York city disclosed that the head of the family had been out of work for an average of twenty-two months, and the family had been receiving relief aid for nine months. On the day the inspection was made one-sixth of all the persons on relief were ill. If that would not make your heart ache, nothing would. It is bad enough to be ill under the most favorable conditions, but to be ill and out of work in a country that is bursting because it has too much of everything, is pretty nearly the limit of misery.

In view of such conditions one wonders what there is about property that is so sacred that it may not be taken over by the state for the adequate care of those that are being destroyed through no fault of their own. The state that has encouraged such faulty distribution should not hesitate to take prompt and drastic measures to make correction.

Twenty-eight Kittens

THE learned doctors of the Rockefeller Institute put twenty-eight kittens to death; and here is how they did it. The cats were killed in pairs. The first cat of the pair was cut open crosswise more than halfway around, and the intestines were taken out. Then the entire mass of his kidneys and adjacent parts was removed and placed in a jar. That finished cat No. 1, and, as there was no further use for him, he was put to death, and could be thankful that he got away from the learned doctors so easily.

It was cat No. 2 of each pair that was in hard luck. The second cat was treated the same way as the first one, except that the whole interior works of cat No. 1 was sewed in, in place of the apparatus with which the cat came into the world. It was great fun for the learned doctors. One cat had kittens two days before this highly intelligent (?) experiment, and another gave birth to her kittens two days after such an appalling operation as having the abdominal wall cut transversely.

Of course, all fourteen of the cats Nos. 2 died, but the learned doctors could and did watch all the details of their torture to the very end, which in one instance was delayed over a month. To be sure, they learned nothing, for the good and sufficient reason that nothing is ever learned by vivisection, but they had the peculiar satisfaction, if satisfaction it be, of being able to record minutely the sufferings which they witnessed. They saw and recorded at length the refusals of food, coughing, copious discharges from the nose, peritonitis, convulsions, emaciation, enlargement of kidneys, hemorrhages, adhesions of intestines, vomiting, abscesses, high temperatures, evidences of pain, and finally death.

Does it seem to be a desirable thing to be a learned doctor and have a share in such things? It might be for the Devil and for those who have his spirit, but how a human creature could sink so low is hard to understand.

Humanity Shines at Its Best

IN THE midst of the skyscraper apartment section of upper New York, a two-month-old puppy fell into a crevice in a great pile of rocks. In order to get that pup out of his predicament two squads of police and one from the Consolidated Gas Company rigged up hoisting apparatus, moved four tons of rocks, and finally drilled a hole through which a lank young man was lowered head first to a place where he could get hold of the canine explorer and drag him forth to the light of day. It is said that traffic conditions were confused for ten blocks around that pup, and that literally hundreds of people waited for hours to see if he could be gotten out alive. It is not thought that there were any vivisectors in the crowd.

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

THE numerous prison riots have caused an investigation into prison conditions which has brought to light the terrible cruelty heaped upon some of the inmates of these places. The Toronto *Globe,* speaking thereof, says:

The unusual spectacle of convicts in Kingston penitentiary acting as their own counsel while being tried before a court on charges of rioting has been interesting because of the legal talent revealed. But there also have been startling consequences. An astonishing light has been thrown on prison life. Who but an inmate of the institution would have summoned as a witness a man serving a life term and who had spent 23 years in solitary confinement? This was a master stroke by the convict Sam Behan.

To objection by the crown prosecutor that the shocking experience of this witness had nothing to do with the charges against Behan, the convict counsel replied: "It has everything to do with them. What has happened to this man can happen to me."

Twenty-three years in solitary confinement! The mind almost fails to grasp the horror of such punishment. This man, emaciated and broken in spirit, gave his evidence in so low a tone that it had to be repeated to the court. Could a witness called from the grave have created a more heartbreaking impression?

Twenty-three years in solitary confinement! Without even the comradeship of other criminals, this unfortunate man had spent nearly half of the fifty-five years of his life. What conduct merited such punishment? The public does not know, but the public conscience will demand an explanation. Penitentiaries are the property of the people of this country; under their administration and in a secondary way the people share the responsibility for what goes on within the stone walls.

Twenty-three years in solitary confinement! Is that a common punishment for even the most refractory inmate of a penitentiary? No convict in this country ever has been sentenced to such torture of mind and body. Why and by whom is the sentence imposed? Human nature cannot stand such utter misery, long continued. Had it not been for Sam Behan, who knows what goes on behind prison walls, nothing would have come out about this emaciated and broken man who has spent the best years of his life in silence and alone.

What are the responsible authorities going to do about business such as this? There is in the public mind no thought that convicted criminals should be coddled and entertained; but there is also in the public mind a sense of proportion that regards this man's punishment as something terrible to contemplate. Twenty-three years of solitary confinement!

Prison Witness Flogged

Prisoners have been subjected, not alone to solitary confinement, but also to terrible flogging, and in this connection the Toronto *Star* editorially says:

At a trial in Kingston yesterday morning a convict witness did not appear and it was explained that there had been new trouble at the penitentiary in which he had participated with unfortunate results to himself. When one of the counsel asked if he had received twenty lashes, a deputy warden said it was only five. In the afternoon the convict appeared in court with weals upon his back and said he had been flogged. According to the dispatches the warden denied on the stand that the man had been beaten wrongfully by him or on his orders. That he should receive any sort of beating just prior to appearing as a court witness is, of course, very unfortunate. It was explained that the convicts were getting out of hand again and that stern measures had been found necessary. But, as counsel pointed out, "if they had him in a position for lashes, he was in a position to be put in his cell."

The whole general question of prison-imposed penalties is raised by this occurrence. Should anyone in a prison have the power to order, without a proper public trial, a punishment such as lashes, which judges impose only with extreme reluctance and after the prisoner has had every opportunity to prove his innocence? The circumstances of the present case should be thoroughly investigated.

A short time ago the fiery Judge Lewis St. George Stubbs was removed from the bench by an order-in-council based upon a report by one Justice Frank Ford, the reason being (although the report does not so say) that he was a champion of the oppressed and told the truth. A Canadian Press dispatch in this connection says:

Removal of Judge Lewis St. George Stubbs from the Manitoba bench was the "most disgraceful episode in the history of the administration of justice", Captain Elmore Philpott, Co-operative Commonwealth Federation supporter, told a meeting here tonight.

"Judge Stubbs said what everyone knew to be the truth," said the speaker. "They put him on trial and they couldn't pin a thing on him except that he told the truth. Apparently a man can no longer be on the bench in Canada and be unafraid to tell the truth. They have done a good thing for the C.C.F. They have shown that judges can be removed from the bench by a mere order-in-council."

Police Ride Roughshod

That Canadians enjoy anything but liberty may be gathered from the following article appearing in the Ottawa *Citizen:*

"Individual liberties of citizens have suddenly been discovered to have definite and unexpected limits; on all sides we have seen men and women

thrown into jail simply for making speeches; peaceful meetings broken up by the police; street parades prohibited or dispersed; so-called agitators arrested and deported after secret trials before administrative tribunals, and the post office is exercising a growing censorship over literature from abroad."

This is not a report of recent developments in Germany. Nor in Russia, nor Japan nor the Ukraine, nor yet in Poland. It refers to this Fair Canada of Ours, as the politicians say. It is an extract from an address to the fifth annual meeting of the Canadian Political Science Association by Prof. F. R. Scott of McGill University, held in the shadow of the Parliament buildings.

It would be unfair to assert that Canada is following the most liberal course with respect to civil rights of all self-governing British countries, because we have not the complete record before us. But that Canada is among the worst offenders in this respect we have no doubt. Such a recital of limitations upon personal liberties as that quoted above ought to make the mass of Canadians very perturbed.

But the sad part of it is that so few display active dissent. It is particularly regrettable that men who are looked upon as leaders of opinion, and should see the danger of such limitations in right relation to their historic growth, do not find occasion to protest. Most of the invasions upon the liberties of Canadians are the outcome, as Prof. Scott says, of panickiness in time of stress. But such legal curtailments have a habit of staying on the statute books, as witness the repeated attempts to remove the notorious Section 98. While they stay, Canada cannot be called a genuinely free country. They will stay, however, as long as apparent apathy lulls the majority into a false sense of security.

"Evil Servant" on the Job

Jehovah's witnesses arranged to broadcast by electrical transcription a lecture by Judge Rutherford in Chatham, Ont., but the mayor, a man formerly associated with the I.B.S.A. and who was an "elder" of the local ecclesia, revoked the authorization. The Chatham *Daily News* states:

Albert Sheldrick, of the Bible Students, provides the *Daily News* with the following statement:

"The meeting which was advertised to be held in Tecumseh Park last Sunday afternoon, July 2nd, at which electrical transcription of Judge Rutherford's lectures was to have been given, and for which permission had previously been allowed by civic authorities in charge of the park, was objected to, on Sunday morning, by Mayor Davis and not allowed to take place.

"The local members and adherents of the Bible Students feel this announcement is due to the people and that they should be informed of the attitude of Mayor Davis towards the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, the sponsors of the meeting advertised."

The rumblings of discontent are becoming louder and louder and were manifested in a riot recently in Winnipeg. We quote from a Canadian Press report:

Tear gas bombs, batons and bricks intermingled today as police and unemployed staged a sharp skirmish near Winnipeg's city hall. Before the fray was ended, two policemen were compelled to retire with minor injuries and six demonstrators were arrested.

Closing of the out-patients' department of the General Hospital and announcement of a new relief commission order limiting transients' relief to two days led to the demonstration which ended in conflict.

Chanting, "We want medical aid," the unemployed marched towards the city hall. A small squad of police shifted them onto Main street, the city's principal thoroughfare.

Traffic was tied up and when police charged in an effort to disperse the crowd, trouble began. A section of the mob rushed into a lane and assailed police with bricks and stones. Police reserves with tear gas bombs were called out and the demonstrators were quickly thrown into disarray.

Police charged again, wielding batons, when the crowd attempted to rally in front of a police station. Constable A. Bond suffered a cut on the head from a brick and Constable A. Singleton was removed from the melee partly overcome by tear gas.

Liberty Has Passed

Toronto's reputation for unlawful police interference in peaceful assemblies is well known. That the situation is not improved is evidenced from recent happenings concerning which the Toronto *Star* editorially says:

Toronto police continue their illegal interference with free speech in the public parks, and their latest device is to flood the park where a meeting is being held with smoke from the exhaust of motorcycles. This creates, as a morning paper puts it, "a dense, stifling smoke-barrage." The effect at Trinity park the other evening was that "in a few moments a choking, oily pall hung over the area, and people who respected their clothing and lungs made a hasty exit". Many of these innocent victims had no connection with the speech-making at all. There is, moreover, no indication that the speech-making itself was other than legal. But the police attacked in force and Toronto is in consequence advertised the world over as a city of riots, another Chicago where disorderly crowds have to be dispersed with smoke.

Whatever disorder there was seems to have been the result of the police attack. And even of this there was so little that only one arrest was made, the arrest of a man charged with vagrancy. As on previous occasions, the police did not bring their case into the courts

where it could be dealt with on a basis of fair trial and British justice. They create themselves judge and jury and presume the guilt of people who have not even had a charge read out against them.

This sort of thing is going on in Toronto in face of the fact that there is a simple and legal way to deal with the situation. That way is to let the speakers have their say, and, if they say anything that is seditious or punishable at law, to bring them into the courts and charge them with it. The courts will not fail in their duty.

Instead of that, the police pre-judge what is going to be said, presume that it will be seditious, and spread a smoke-pall over a public park. Nothing could be more un-British. It is un-British and an end should be put to it. Mayor Stewart suggests as a remedy that certain areas in the parks be set aside for free speech, but stresses the point that it must be "free speech within the law". To that there can be no objection provided that the courts, and not the police, are to judge what is within the law and what is not. As it is now the police not only judge, but pre-judge.

All sections of all parks should, when not otherwise in use, be just as available for free speech as any other activity.

Heaping Together Debts

The following editorial appearing in the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix* is quite illuminating in regard to the enormous burdens heaped upon the people by the capitalistic system:

Much has been said in the last three years about Canada's indebtedness and the burden it imposes upon the people of this dominion. But it was not until a few months ago, when a committee of the House of Commons made an inquiry, that anything like an accurate estimate of the debt became public. That committee set the total indebtedness, federal, provincial, municipal and corporation, at $8,855,596,800, or, roughly, $855 per head of population. This is large, too large for comfortable payment. Meeting the yearly interest charges and repayments of capital is a heavy burden. It accounts for the weight of taxation and makes impossible any satisfactory reduction of government costs. But it is well to keep it in perspective rather than to accept at once, as is widely done in Canada, the idea that this dominion is about the most heavily indebted country in the world.

It has been pointed out before that debts in Britain are larger per capita than in Canada. A comparison with debts in the United States has been difficult, for there has been no complete or reliable estimate available in the past. Now a careful and authentic compilation of domestic debt figures for the republic is available in a recent book, *The Internal Debts of the United States*, by Evans Clark and G. B. Galloway.

The authors divide debts into long-term and short-term classifications. The short-term class are those maturing in a year, and include bank loans, brokers' loans, and many other items. They amount to $104,000,000,000 and are actually less now than in 1929. The long-term debts are mortgages, bonded debts of railways, utilities, industrial corporations, as well as federal, state and municipal borrowings. They amount to a total of $134,000,000,000 and have increased by more than $10,000,000,000 in the last three years. That makes a total domestic indebtedness of $238,000,000,000, or, roughly, $2,000 per capita. However, the statistics compiled as to the United States seem to be more complete than those applying to Canada; but even making allowance for that, it is plainly evident that the total borrowings are far greater than in this dominion, possibly double.

It is shown further that long-term indebtedness tends to keep piling up. Growth in the last ten years has amounted to nearly 70 percent. If the contention is correct that these debts will keep on growing as long as industry seeks to recover them through retail prices, then it seems obvious the debt structure must eventually collapse through its own weight. That is to say, it is impossible to continue indefinitely taking capital costs out of the purchasing power distributed through production as at present.

Unemployment Here to Stay

Little by little even the capitalistic press is beginning to see that unemployment is here to stay. The Ottawa *Citizen* says:

There are said to be 32,000,000 unemployed in the world. But not all the unemployed are unemployed because of the eminent depression. As has been convincingly shown, if overnight we should resume industrial activity at the same level as in 1929, there would still be many thousands in every country who could not get back their jobs.

During the American Mining Congress a few days ago, a report was submitted showing that at least 200,000 coal miners "are never again going to make a living at their own trade". A similar condition exists in the British Isles, and no doubt it could be shown that in a score of major industries nothing like the former number of workers will return, prosperity or no prosperity.

This involuntary idleness for an increasing number of men is called "technological unemployment", and it is no easier to bear on that account. The point to be remembered is that technological unemployment cannot be cured by what is called restoring prosperity. Some workers may be absorbed in other industries, but a progressively growing army must find themselves unemployable.

This is the twentieth-century problem—to treat unemployment rather than cure it. Curing unemployment means its abolition. But as suggested, it cannot be abolished so long as industrial methods continue to improve and "labor-saving" machinery to be invented.

Several ways out have been suggested. Some argue that no more labor-saving machinery should be permitted. Others declare that when "prosperity" returns, the technological unemployed will be engaged at other jobs. But there must be an end to this process of absorption, and it may have been reached. Still some others, though not many just yet, say that the only way to meet the situation is to draw on national income based on goods and services. But the last method is so new and simple that we are afraid only desperation will drive the nations to it. In any case, unemployment is here to stay.

Achievements of Canadians

Rather an interesting article noting some of the achievements of Canada appeared in the *Mail and Empire*. It reads:

Canadian scientists and engineers have done much to improve the conditions of mankind and to make possible the large industrial and engineering developments of this country. But most of us probably could not recall off-hand many of these achievements. A partial list is given in "Canada Hoy en Dia", that is, "Canada to-day," a booklet in Spanish issued by the Department of Trade and Commerce, Ottawa, for distribution at the Canadian pavilion of the British Empire Exhibition in Buenos Aires, which the prince of Wales opened in the presence of a large Canadian delegation.

Among the more important of these achievements by Canadians are the following: Canada originated Marquis and other more recent wheats which have built up the commerce of the West both in Canada and the United States; a Canadian invented the telephone, and the first long distance trials of that instrument were made in Canada; Canada pioneered in the field of electrochemistry, with the discovery of calcium carbide by a Canadian; Canada originated the idea of Standard Time, which has since been adopted by every civilized country in the world; Canada built and demonstrated the first submarine telegraph in the history of the world; Canada originated and demonstrated train telephones, making possible telephone communication between a passenger on a moving train and an individual within reach of land telephones; Canada operates the largest steam or Diesel railway engines in the world; Canada demonstrated the first practical electric railway in the history of the world; Canada originated the idea of electric heating; Canada built the world's first electric stove; a Canadian scientist discovered insulin.

We reprint the list here because it would be embarrassing if some enterprising Latin-American visited Canada with a better knowledge than we have of our engineering and scientific accomplishments.

(We publish the list as offered, merely remarking that the People's Line, Scranton, Pa., was the first practical electrical railway in the world, and is still in daily operation in "The Electric City".—*Ed.*)

The following interesting article concerning the Niagara falls appeared in the Toronto *Evening Telegram:*

The self-destruction of Niagara Falls already is written in its rocks.

They slope the wrong way, between the falls and Buffalo, dipping back from the brink downward instead of upward.

So, when a section of the cap rock breaks off, as did the big V on the American Falls, the new brink, formed a step behind, is also a fraction of a step lower. This, geologists say, means finally turning the falls into rapids.

Part of the proof for this prediction goes back 25,000 years in evidence that the falls at that time stood at Lewiston, seven miles below their present position. They have cut their way up-river since; but 25,000 years is too long a period to cause much concern.

However, proof of a more immediate nature, promising disturbingly rapid changes in the present, is on file in the records of Dr. H. Ries, head of the department of geology at Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y.

These records cover the 161 years ending in 1925. They show that the falls in that time receded 820 feet, nearly one-sixth of a mile. They show also that the average annual rate of cutting back has been more than five feet. From 1905 to 1925 the recession was 110 feet, just under six feet a year.

This rapid retreat is on the Canadian side, in the Horseshoe, where the greater part of Niagara runs.

Still Murderers at Heart

The *Christian World* says:

"In judging for a general survey," writes Dr. Peter Ainslie in *The Christian Union Quarterly,* "it would be quite safe to say that in the event of another war the churches could be counted on pretty generally, Catholic and Protestant, to take up the wholesale murder of their brethren as enthusiastically as they did in the last war, with the chaplains and many pastors praying for the work to be well done."

To say that one hates war and then support it amounts to nothing toward the abolition of war. All militarists say that they hate war, and continue to support it.

Tried to Kill Chiropractors

THE Paterson young man who tried to kill four chiropractors is going at things in the wrong way. If he really wants to kill somebody he should take up the work of selling aluminum cooking utensils. Then the results would be slow, but sure, and while they were coming he could point with pride to numerous advertisements, and editorials inspired by the advertisements, that such utensils are perfectly safe.

Big Business Items

Interest Toll Continues to Rise

FIGURES of the United States Department of Commerce show that even in the midst of the great depression the total payments for interest continue to rise; and rose still more when business began to pick up.

At the Height of the Panic

AT THE height of the panic in New York city, when all the banks in the country were closed, there were said to be some persons running around with hundred-dollar bills, offering to exchange them for seventy dollars in small change, and finding no takers.

Capacity of Rockefeller Center

SIX of the buildings that go to make up Rockefeller Center, the city within a city, are already completed. When the remaining six are completed, it is calculated, the tenancy will be 34,500, with 180,700 visitors constantly coming and going.

Buying Power Less than Half

ALLOWING for cuts in wages, shortening of hours and reduction in volume of employment, the National Industrial Conference Board reports workers receiving only 33.4 percent as many dollars as in 1929, but the dollars they do receive are worth more and they can now buy 46.3 percent of what they could in 1929.

Steel Kings Snub the Dictator

THE industrial life of the United States rests entirely in the hands of President Roosevelt, placed there by Congress. That includes the steel business, the same as every other business, yet when William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, showed up at the president's steel conference, and offered to speak on behalf of labor, the big six steel executives walked out of the conference. Union labor had its fight with the steel companies forty years ago and lost out in the conflict. Ever since the Homestead riots the steel business has been run on an open-shop basis, and the big steel magnates are so determined that it shall always be an open-shop affair that they even risked a break with the dictator in order to have their own way. By their act they virtually threw down the gauntlet and declared that under no circumstances will they have their plants operated by union labor.

Whistling in the Cemetery

THE United States chamber of commerce declares that 55 percent of the industrial equipment of the country is more than ten years old and is inefficient; that $5,000,000,000 of it will have to be replaced in order to keep the competitive pace. That merely says that the cure for a condition where too much human work is done by machines is to have better machines that will save still more labor. Save it for what? Starvation or dividends?

Shrinkage of World Trade

THE shrinkage of world trade in 1930 over the previous year was $13,369,000,000; the shrinkage of world trade in 1931 over 1930 was $15,324,000,000; and the shrinkage of world trade in 1932 over 1931 was $13,437,000,000. The total world trade for 1932 was $26,160,000,000, and those interested are wondering what will be left of it along sometime in the latter part of next year unless something happens in the meantime to help it.

How Big Banks Take Care of Little Ones

SEEMS like a nice thing for every little country bank to have connections with a big one in some near-by city, does it not? On the witness stand Senator Couzens, of Detroit, explained how it worked for the people of Mount Clemens, Michigan. Their savings bank was connected with the First National Bank of Detroit. To use Senator Couzens' own words, "The First National crew went out to the Citizens Savings Bank there, paid themselves $900,000 and left the depositors with 10 cents on the dollar, holding the bag."

We should all be grateful to the great financiers that have done so much for our country; they tell us so, themselves, and at every good opportunity explain that they are models of patriotism for the youth of the country to emulate. On this page we present a full life-size portrait, done in colors, of the one banker in the country in whom the people of the United States have come to have confidence.

Most of the people now, if they want to save a dollar, take out a United States Postal Money Order addressed to themselves, and cheerfully forego all the interest, because they realize that even now the interest system is staggering on its last legs. It is cursed in God's Word, and has never been anything but a curse to man.

Power Given Away at Penn Yan

THE municipally owned light and power plant at Penn Yan, N.Y., was embarrassed by making too much money and so presented its customers for the month of May with current for which the normal charge would have been $5,200.

Canby, Oregon, Burns Her Bonds

CANBY, Oregon, has burned the last of her bonds, sixteen years before it became due. Free street lighting and free water for fire protection have helped reduce city taxes, which are now the lowest in Canby history. Yes, certainly, of course. You know the reason. Municipal ownership.

Holyoke's Profitable Utility Plants

HOLYOKE, Massachusetts, with the lowest gas and electric rates in the East, is now celebrating the thirtieth birthday of municipal ownership of gas and electric plants worth $5,300,000, wholly paid for out of earnings. Last year, the plants being wholly paid for, they loaned the city treasurer $227,000 without interest. If your city is served by some branch of the Power Trust, please do not ask them to give you their plant, or to loan a quarter of a million dollars to your hard-pressed city treasurer. In fact, you had better not ask them to give you a top electric rate of 4c per kilowatt hour. That is what Holyoke citizens pay.

The Tennessee Electric Power Company

THE Tennessee Electric Power Company has put in new rates, and they are something to ponder. The charge is 8½c per kilowatt hour for the first 20 kilowatt hours, 7½c for the next 20, 4c for the next 40, 2½c for the next 120, and 1½c for all over 200 kilowatt hours. With the rates goes an elaborate table, and it would certainly need to be elaborate to justify charging 8½c for something that the published rates show can be sold at a nice profit at 1½c.

A study of the table shows that the poor man, who, under their old and exorbitant rates, had to pay $1.71 for 20 kilowatt hours, will now have to pay only $1.70. Just think of the relief that will come to the poor! There will be thousands of them that will now have an electric bill that will be 1c a month less than it used to be, and they will have that 1c to spend on the better clothing, feeding and housing of their families. The poor are the ones who have to watch every penny; and so, of course, every cent that they can save on their electric bills is worth saving. On the new rates 1,000 of them, all together, will save $10.00 in a month. They have to pay $1.00 per month each whether they use any current or not.

Glancing on through the elaborate table, which occupies four pages of an eight-page folder, we notice that a rich person who formerly (under the old and exorbitant rates now displaced) used 650 kilowatt hours per month and had to pay $28.02 for it will now get it for $14.55. The $13.47 per month which he will save can be used toward a new limousine, or, better still, it can be used to buy more stock in the Tennessee Electric Power Company; and even if the dividends are a little less than they used to be, he will still have the satisfaction of feeling that 1,347 customers who feel the pinch of the hard times and were clamoring for relief have been granted new rates which give each of them 1c per month of the money that would otherwise have come direct to him.

Consolidated Gas Company

THE Consolidated Gas Company supplies millions of very poor people in New York city with the fuel which they must have to cook their scanty meals, and so it is a matter of vital public interest that between the years 1927 and 1932 the officials in charge of that company boosted their own salaries from $279,650 per year, which certainly was enough, to $380,300, which was too much. The president had his salary moved up from $60,000 to $100,000, and now you know one of the reasons why all the big newspapers, which are owned by such men, hold up their hands in holy horror every time the subject of municipal ownership of public utilities is mentioned. Suppose now that the Consolidated Gas Company were owned by the people themselves, how would its president have been able to get that additional rake-off of $40,000 per year? You can see for yourself what a disappointment it would be to the president and the rest of the gang. One of the assistant secretaries got his salary moved up from $15,000 a year to $30,000 a year, and he might not have got that either. The president and general manager of the Brooklyn Union Gas Company, a woman, had her pay boosted from $14,000 to $20,000 in the same short interval.

NRA Items

Hugh S. Johnson, Administrator

HUGH S. JOHNSON, administrator of the National Recovery Act, is a graduate of West Point and of the University of California. He is the man who wrote the selective draft law of 1917.

Ogburn Resigns from NRA

PROFESSOR WILLIAM G. OGBURN, of the University of Chicago, resigned from the Consumers Advisory Board of the NRA on the ground that the interests of consumers are not being properly protected, their complaints being relegated to a group inadequately equipped to learn the facts of costs and prices, which are the topics of most of the complaints.

Inconsistencies of Uncle Sam

UNCLE SAM, ruling with strong hand, compelled private industry to reduce hours of work so that more could be employed, but in his own case, in place of reducing the hours of labor, he fired employees right and left, without stopping to figure that he was thereby prolonging the unemployment problem instead of solving it.

Some of President Roosevelt's Powers

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT has been given power to fix prices of farm products, limit the production of farm crops, tax all processors of farm products, refinance farm mortgages, inflate the currency, reduce the gold content of the dollar and accept payment of foreign debts in silver. He is conceded to have the most power of any president and to be at present the foremost figure in world affairs.

Business Under the Recovery Act

IN A BOOK bearing the above title, written by two successful advertising men, and published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., the authors point out that what the government has really done is to declare all industry a public utility. While expressing the belief that the Act is basic and will remain permanently on the books, the authors do say in one place that "any one who has mingled with the hordes that have descended on Washington seeking favors, and furnishing misleading information to those whose job it will be to apply the Act, has every reason to believe that this new venture will be honeycombed with just about everything that is rotten".

Government by Emotion

CARL W. ACKERMAN, dean of the Columbia School of Journalism, thinks the public is already tiring of government by emotion and that there can be no effective substitute for the free and complete publication of news and editorials which are unfavorable to the government. He thinks a national unity based upon public opinion is far more reliable than national action based upon public emotion, and is right at that.

Industrial Recovery Act

MOST people are hopeful of the effects of the National Recovery Act, and the cooperation manifested by employers and employees alike, to make the act a success, is most remarkable. Occasionally some man in public life is skeptical. Alfred E. Smith is alleged to have said that the act, if carried out literally, will tend to "cripple initiative, legalize and even officially encourage monopoly, raise prices, and require higher tariffs to maintain the new structure".

Food Destroyed—for Want of Judgment

A SUBSCRIBER writes in and cites Proverbs 13:23, and wants to know what it means. The text says: "Much food is in the tillage of the poor: but there is that is destroyed for want of judgment." The subscriber seems to think that the plan to have farmers destroy their crops so as to help the poor is not in harmony with the wisdom of Solomon, and the text certainly seems to intimate something of the kind.

It is a fair inference that Jehovah rewards bountifully the efforts of the poor to raise food for their needs, and that when, instead of being used for that purpose, it is wantonly destroyed, it is evidence that somebody has not shown the best of judgment. Jesus was unwilling to destroy the scraps of loaves and fishes, either at the feeding of the five thousand or at that of the four thousand.

Who can guarantee the judgment that destroys food or inhibits the production of food when there are millions in the earth that never have enough to eat? Our statesmen are more eager to save the capitalist system than they are to prolong the lives of their fellow men in India and China. Suppose we have a great crop failure next year; what then?

Transportation Notes

The Italian Seaplane Record

THE Italian seaplane record of 423.7 miles an hour, made on Lake Garda, on April 10, was made in a machine which is so powerful in proportion to its wing area that it cannot remain in the air at a speed below 130 miles an hour, and therefore in landing hits the water at that terrific speed.

Tunnel Under Mont Blanc

THE highway tunnel under Mont Blanc will, if it is constructed, be at 4,000 feet above sea level, and approached by good roads on both the French and the Italian side. It would be 8 miles long, or 1¼ miles shorter than the St. Gothard tunnel, and 4⅓ miles shorter than the Simplon.

Some of the Crack Trains Will Go

SOME of America's crack trains will have to go. There is no doubt about that. The National Transportation Committee, which has been studying their problems since October, 1932, has recommended to the railroads that before they present any more hard luck stories to the public they would do well to discontinue the racing of crack trains back and forth across the country, empty, or nearly so, merely to maintain competitive reputation for service.

Steel Rails May Go

STEEL rails may go if the invention of a Russian turns out as hoped. The track will be a single concrete groove eight feet wide, and the trains will run, not on wheels, but on spheres with flattened sides. Experiments with a model seem to work out surprisingly well. The inventor claims that a speed of 186 miles an hour can be attained by a full-sized train, and the Soviet government is building a fifteen-mile stretch of track to try it out.

Flight from New York to Damascus

IN THE flight from New York to Rayak, Syria (near Damascus), the French fliers took off with the heaviest load of gasoline ever used in a transcontinental flight. While the airline distance between the two points is fixed at 5,713 miles, yet the distance actually flown was 500 miles greater. In calculating the record, however, the fliers receive credit only for the airline distance. They surpassed the Gaylord and Nicholetts record by 372 miles.

Five to Eight the Age of Danger

FORTY percent of all the children killed on the streets of New York are between the ages of five to eight inclusive. At that time the child's body is more active than his mind, and he is just breaking away from the parental care. The most alert, traffic-minded persons in the city are youths from age 13 to 16 inclusive.

United States Most Mobile Nation

OF THE 33,568,295 automobiles registered in the world on January 1 of this year, 72.4 percent, or almost three out of every four, are recorded in the United States. If necessary, the entire population of the country could all be moved at the same time. France, England and Canada, put together, have a little more than one-sixth as many cars as the U.S.A.

Largest Drydock Opened at Southampton

THE world's largest drydock, built at a cost of $6,250,000, has been opened, at Southampton, and is now ready to receive the Cunarder 534, the world's largest vessel, still on the stocks at Clydebank. The inside length of the dock is 1,200 feet, which can be increased to 1,486 feet if the sliding caisson used to close the entrance is placed in its emergency position.

Highways Cost $15,000 per Mile

SINCE the Federal emergency construction highway fund was made available at the end of July, 1932, about 10,000 miles have been placed under construction. The total cost is estimated at $156,000,000, or around $15,000 per mile. The cost of railway construction, in the days when America built thousands of miles of new lines every year, was usually figured at about $50,000 per mile. No new railway mileage is being built now, but plenty of old mileage is being torn up.

Balbo's Careful Preparations

FOR the seaplanes used in Balbo's transatlantic flights 88 different models of propellers were tried before final selection was made; and eighteen types of radiators were tried. The men were carefully trained in taking off and landing with heavy loads under all weather conditions, and were taught blind flying, how to scatter to prevent collision when visibility became bad, and then how to gather together again. Aeronautically speaking, Italy is now admitted to be at the top.

Balbo Flight a Great Achievement

FOR the Balbo flying armada to get back to their destination with the loss of only two planes and two men was a very great achievement. It is confidently believed that if the pope had not gone out of his way to bless them again just before the return trip, they would have got back home without a scratch. They made every effort to be careful, remaining for a long time in Newfoundland before they hazarded the 1400-mile jump to the Azores. Lieutenant Squaglia, the man killed in the Azores, was a fine-looking man, and it seems too bad that the pope could not keep still and give the man a chance to live.

Italians Have the Fastest Steamer

ONE Italian triumph follows hard on the heels of another. Scarcely were Balbo and his men back in Italy before the Italian Line steamer Rex broke all records for crossing the Atlantic. On three successive days, with fogs considerable and seas heavy, the Rex made records of 716, 719 and 736 miles respectively, the best running time ever made on the high seas by an ocean liner. The average speed for the 3,181 miles from Gibraltar to New York was 28.92 knots an hour, as against a record of 28.51 for the Bremen and 27.92 for the Europa.

Tunnel Under the Scheldt

THE tunnel under the Scheldt, at Antwerp, Belgium, has a capacity of 2,000 vehicles an hour. It is 6,924 feet long, with a roadway 22 feet wide and a free height of 15 feet. The adjacent pedestrian's tunnel is 1,869 feet long, with an inside width of 12½ feet; it has a capacity of 16,000 persons an hour.

American Locomotives Much Too Heavy

WILLIAM GILBERTSON, famous British engineer, on his return from a visit to the Century of Progress, at Chicago, pulled the Twentieth Century Limited 101 miles, from Chicago to Elkhart, in 105 minutes, including a four-minute stop on the south side of Chicago. Noting that the Century locomotive weighs 175 tons, where the Royal Scot weighs but 35 tons, and that the coal consumption on the American roads is five times as much per mile as on the British roads, Mr. Gilbertson thinks the equipment here could be much lightened without sacrificing speed, safety or comfort, and with a considerable decrease in operating costs.

Auto as Fast as a Plane

ON A CIRCULAR course at Salduro, Utah, recently, a Pierce-Arrow 12 car was driven for 25½ hours at an average rate of 118 miles an hour; almost as fast as an airplane. The distance covered in that time was 3,000 miles.

Zeppelins Not a Great Success

THE circumnavigation of the earth by the Graf Zeppelin was perhaps the most spectacular transportation feat of history, yet in practical use the Zeppelin lags far behind. The Los Angeles, which was built in Germany and flown to the United States, has been decommissioned and dismantled, the Shenandoah buckled and crashed in Ohio in 1925, with the loss of 25 men, and the Akron went down in the ocean with a loss of seventy-three men. The Lakehurst naval air station will be decommissioned. The annual pay roll there has been $500,000.

Older Men Are Safer Drivers

THE facts show that, given an equal number of drivers of automobiles under twenty years of age and over fifty years of age, the young drivers will be in two and one-sixth times as many accidents as the older men. The curve of carefulness is steadily upward according to maturity. The youngest drivers are the most dangerous, and the oldest ones are the safest. The reason is readily apparent. The young are more inclined to take a risk; the older heads know that if they take risks they are likely to suffer as a consequence. The right of way at a crossing has landed many a young man in a cemetery ahead of time.

World's Greatest Bridge Project

THE world's greatest bridge project, the San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge, has a main structure length of 22,720 feet, more than four miles. The maximum height of the towers above the water is 505 feet, and the maximum depth of piers below the water is 235 feet. About halfway between the two cities the roadways will pass through a tunnel on Yerba Buena island which will be 540 feet long and 76 feet wide by 58 feet high, providing for eleven lanes of automobile, truck and interurban traffic and will be the largest bore tunnel in the world. The project is estimated to cost $71,600,000, and to save 30 minutes in automobile traffic and 20 minutes in interurban traffic between the two cities.

Mayor O'Brien Recommends Prayer

MAYOR of New York city, John P. O'Brien, issued a proclamation calling upon all the ministers of the city to pray that Balbo and his associates should return to their native land without misadventure or mishap. One of Balbo's men was killed in the Azores on the way home.

Karachi to Cairo by Air

ON ITS airplane service from Karachi, India, to Cairo, Egypt, travel has so increased that a thirty-eight-seat plane has been substituted for the twenty-four-seat plane heretofore used. The first time the larger plane was put into service, Prince Ali Khan, son of the Aga Khan, came aboard with twenty-nine trunks and handbags, in itself a pretty good load for the plane.

Mollisons Given Another Batch of Medals

THE Providence (R.I.) *Visitor* reports that the Catholic Actors' Guild of New York gave the flying Mollisons another brace of St. Christopher medals to take the place of those lost when the Mollison plane crashed in the mud at Bridgeport. Christopher is the Roman Catholic "saint" that prevents aviators from landing in the mud and losing their medals. According to the *Visitor* the Mollisons spoke of their faith in the guidance of the saint on their previous flights. That would, of course, include the time they got stuck in the mud and lost their previous St. Christopher medals. When they lose this last pair of medals, they now know where to get more, if they live.

Pope Takes a Ride

IN AN article occupying almost a column the New York *Times* explains that the pope has just had an automobile ride outside the Vatican grounds. It says that "the journey was made in three automobiles with lowered blinds, unaccompanied by any retinue or armed forces and without any pomp or ceremony". Just why it took three automobiles to carry the pope, or what it was they had behind the lowered blinds, that they did not want the people to see, was not explained. Anyway, a breathless world now knows that the pope had a ride. He has just been fitting up the Castel Gandolfo as a summer home. It contains an elevator so large that the three automobiles were lifted by it at one operation.

Brooklyn Expecting Many Street Accidents

BROOKLYN may expect many street accidents. At one of the principal Roman Catholic churches a big string of automobiles was blessed in the name of "Saint" Christopher, supposed to be the patron saint of travelers. When the Mollisons flew from Great Britain and landed upside down in the mud at Bridgeport, the only thing they lost was Amy's medal of St. Christopher. Everybody else got out of the wreck all right, and they even got all their things, but Christopher, having no power to help himself or anybody else, could not even save the medal of himself that had been specially blessed by a priest in Ireland. Why Brooklyn should have a string of automobile calamities wished upon it is hard to understand.

St. Christopher Turns Up at Detroit

WHEN the flying Mollisons landed in the mud at Bridgeport, the only thing they lost was a medal or statuette of St. Christopher, patron "saint" of travelers, which had been blessed by a priest in Ireland. For many weeks Christopher was stuck in the mud and could not get out.

It seems now that he must have got out somehow, for the Detroit Sunday *Times* of August 13 says that certain persons acting on his behalf would bless automobiles around back of the Dominican church, West Warren and Trumbull avenues. Probably Chris feels so ashamed of getting stuck in the mud at Bridgeport that he does not feel like coming around to the front door, yet.

It mentions that the people that would be present to see about the blessing would be Reverend Martin J. Foley, Mrs. W. L. Mahony, J. A. O'Donnell and J. B. Briggs. They will see to it that all those whose cars are blessed get for their cars St. Christopher plaques. These plaques will resemble somewhat the medal that was given to Amy Mollison, which got stuck in the mud.

No mention was made of it in the papers, but we presume that something will be expected in return for these plaques and "blessings"; in fact, that is what the plaques and blessings are for, and the religious business is so hard now that it is absolutely necessary to get a dollar, or a quarter, or even a nickel, by any method by which it can be pried loose. Detroit is in now for many automobile calamities.

Churchianity and Christianity Items

Anglo-Catholics Get Soaked

AT THE White City stadium, London, 45,000 Anglo-Catholics gathered to celebrate mass in the open air, Roman Catholic style. Although the sun was shining when the ceremony began, there was a sudden deluge at its close and thousands of people were drenched, the same as at Mundelein, Ill., on a similar occasion, some years ago.

Sixteenth-Century Graft

THE farmers of England are still paying the sixteenth-century graft loaded on them by Henry VIII under the designation of tithes. In County Suffolk the annual tithe rent is calculated at $1.70 an acre, or the equivalent of the wages of five workers at present English rates. It is said that there are ten thousand farmers now banded together in Southern England to resist tithe payments.

Religion and Warfare

A BULLETIN of the United States Ship "Concord", in a section devoted to urging all fighting men to go ashore and attend 'church' said, in part, that "religion and warfare go hand in hand". How very true! Religion is a man-made thing, a matter of forms and ceremonies, outward professions and inward hypocrisies. Religion and warfare do indeed go hand in hand, but Christianity and warfare are as far apart as the east is from the west.

Foley and O'Donnell in Lace

THE Detroit *Free Press* contains pictures of "Reverend" Martin J. Foley and "Reverend" J. A. O'Donnell dressed in lace gowns. Foley has quite a large bay window and he would really look better in men's garb, but if he wants to wear a lace gown, that is strictly up to him and to the gown makers. The two persons aforenamed wear pants under their gowns. They are shown sprinkling automobiles, using bottles with perforated tops, such as are used for sprinkling clothes. May we make a suggestion? Why not consult Henry Ford and a few other makers and put in a blessing department, thus by this simple process putting a stop to all automobile accidents, which now cause 30,000 deaths a year? At the moment Henry seems to be in a jam on the NRA business, but that could be fixed, and the blessers could be paid on the same basis as the other employees.

Reverend Christopher's Promotion

A FRIEND has sent us a picture of "Reverend" F. O. Christopher, pastor of the Breckenridge Methodist church, near Tarentum, Pa., busily engaged dumping garbage into a garbage wagon. This is honest if humble toil; it is useful and necessary, and of value to his fellow man. We congratulate "Reverend" Christopher on his promotion, and would be glad for them if all the clergy of all denominations would permanently leave the institutions devoted to the dishonoring of God's name and obtain jobs hauling garbage, where they would no longer be a curse to their fellows and candidates for destruction because doing the Devil's work in the earth.

A Priest at San Bernardino

A POOR Mexican woman here, says Mrs. J. A. Boag (San Bernardino, California), was buying a sewing machine under a contract which calls for a payment of $1 per week. On one occasion when the collector called the woman informed him she had no money for him; she was in much distress because her infant was very ill; she had called her priest to say prayers over it and he had demanded $25 for his services. The next time the collector came he found that the infant had died and the poor woman had sold the machine to raise money for the priest; so now she has lost her baby, her machine and her $25, and besides must still pay for the machine. This is a sample of how Roman Catholic priests help their parishioners.

King of the Swazis a Jonadab

IN *The Golden Age* No. 351, in the serial article "Africa — A Continent in the Making", we carried a little description of Swaziland, a country to the north of Natal. Now, in a recent bulletin from the Cape Town office of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, we see something that will interest all our readers very much:

"The paramount chief of the Swazi nation recently extended a royal welcome to two of Jehovah's witnesses who were pioneering in his country. He readily availed himself of the opportunity to secure all the books and booklets published by the Society and is now looking forward to the regular arrival of the *Golden Age* magazine. His personal bodyguard of 100 warriors was assembled at the royal court while two of Judge Rutherford's talks and a musical selection were put over by means of a transcription machine."

Demons Interested in Churchianity

NEWSPAPER reports from Bulgaria tell of a young girl, oppressed by demons, whose clothing on five successive nights was torn into shreds. At length she slept in a church, and that night her clothes were unharmed. All should be able to see that the real motive of the demons responsible for these occurrences is to fasten more securely on the backs of the people the institutions that have been their greatest curse and done most to dishonor God's name.

Catholic Radio Hour Hard Hit

THE American people do not wish to hear the stuff that is broadcast in the Catholic Hour, have no interest in it, do not desire to pay for it, and would be well satisfied to have it discontinued. All this was brought out in an official statement by the National Council of Catholic Men at the very time when the Catholic press of the country was engaged in a shameless conspiracy to force Judge Rutherford off the air. The official statement of the council admits the following facts:

"The maintenance of this nation-wide broadcast is entirely dependent on voluntary contributions. And while we have thus far been able to weather the depression by dint of cutting salaries, slashing all other costs to the bone, and imposing on our creditors, we have now about reached an impasse. Our revenues have been falling off alarmingly, and unless they are now recruited by new and renewed subscriptions, we hesitate to think of the consequences."

The Disaster in Eden

YOU always thought a great disaster happened in Eden, did you not? That is because you noticed in the Scriptures that that is where sin and death had their beginning. "By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin." "In Adam all die." All the scriptures are in accord, and we can trace all our aches and pains, sorrows and disappointments, to that one great calamity of disobedience. But the Reverend Doctor Robert George, pastor of the First Congregational church of Memphis, Tennessee, is reported as teaching his flock that "after [Adam] was driven from the garden he began to progress. He began to work and push toward the top. He has done more since his eviction than he did before." The natural logic of this is that it was a mistake to put Adam in the garden in the first place, and that it was really a good thing when he disobeyed, so that he could be put out. On the same grounds it can be argued that it would be a good thing to close up heaven, turn all the angels out, and then the whole universe could be made over into something like what this world has been ever since Adam and Eve lost their home in Eden and were sentenced to death.

Ballyhoo of War Days

IN AN editorial on the ballyhoo of war days, the Reverend William B. Spofford of the weekly *Witness,* of the Protestant Episcopal church, said:

"All but the younger clergy recall how George Creel, hired by the Government to sell war to the American people, used to send neatly printed sermons to them, with the request that they be read in place of their own sermons in order that Christian people might know that we were fighting a war to end war and to make the world safe for democracy. What's more, the preachers generally were taken in by it."

This editorial is interesting, not so much because it contains anything new, but because those that allowed themselves to be used as a part of the Devil's war-making program are coming to suspect that perhaps they are not as much representative of true Christianity as they tried to make other people think was the case.

God (?) Expelled from Spain

THE new primate of the Roman Catholic church in Spain says that "God has been expelled from the country" and that "the immorality of the public coincides with the absence of God". Now doesn't that seem just too bad, that after the primate's god, by which he means the Roman Catholic church, had had everything its own way for centuries it should suddenly be called upon to walk the plank? One week later eight priests were jailed, along with others, for trying to overthrow the Spanish Government. They were trying to help their god get back into the place where he used to be; they had it pretty soft then, but now they have it pretty hard. If he could only get back, they think, everything would be O.K. The occasion of this outburst was that the Vatican had just got word of the fact that Spain was about to recognize the Soviet Government of Russia. Twenty nations have now done this, including Spain. Members of religious orders in Spain are permitted to teach if they do not act as representatives of their orders and in clerical garb.

Jersey's Sick Municipal Governments

PERHAPS having heard something of the silly, foolish and un-American way Jehovah's witnesses have been hounded in various New Jersey municipalities, and jailed for long terms at the expense of the taxpayers for doing something they had a perfect right to do, a joint committee of the New Jersey legislature has just issued a warning in which they have said:

"The time for soft words has long since passed and there should be no hesitancy in presenting the plain unvarnished facts. Our municipal governments are gravely sick, their credit is exhausted, their incoming revenues are no longer sufficient to meet their day-to-day expenses. Large numbers of them are insolvent."

Among the municipalities that have acted most foolishly in trying to restrain Jehovah's witnesses of their rights, and have thus unnecessarily burdened their taxpayers are: Asbury Park, Bayonne, Bergenfield, Burlington, Cape May, Dumont, Dunellen, Englewood, Fanwood, Fort Lee, Garwood, Hackensack, Jersey City, Livingston, Long Branch, North Haledon, Nutley, Oakland, Ocean Grove, Plainfield, South Amboy, Summit, Westfield and Wildwood. The aggregate expense in these instances runs to many thousands of dollars, for which the taxpayers got absolutely nothing except a vast amount of unfavorable publicity.

The Boycotting of Free Speech

WHEN, in his letter to the Catholic Press, Judge Rutherford drew attention to their un-American and unmanly methods of suppressing free speech, he stirred some of the hypocritical canines in women's clothes and dog collars into making some curious statements of just what they think free speech is. Such a statement appears in *The Sunday Watchman,* of St. Louis:

". . . it is not the intention of *The Watchman* to ruin any radio situation [sic] but only to attempt to drive the 'Judge' from the air until he can curb his tongue and stop twisting quotations from the Sacred Scriptures to suit his own ideas."

In other words, Judge Rutherford would be allowed on the air only if he stopped using his own brains and used instead the brains of the 'pope'. The same issue says: "Let our Catholics in this trade area resolve that not one penny of their money will be spent with those firms which make Rutherford's broadcasts possible."

It is a good thing to have these things published in the Catholic press and elsewhere so that when Jehovah God destroys the whole miserable nest of vipers every honest and decent person may rejoice that they no longer cumber the earth which they have disgraced.

The same issue says that the Scriptures "are the gift of the Catholic Church to the world". What consummate, what infinite, what astounding super-crust and unmitigated lie! The Scriptures are the gift of Jehovah God; and when "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed" proceeds to use them to the glory of His name, the Catholic church of the Devil is the only institution in America that would deny his right to do so, and they would back that denial with machine guns if they dared; but even when they had the machine guns trained on him they lacked the courage to pull the trigger, the miserable cowards.

In the Holy Year of 1348, 1,200,000 poor misguided dupes traveled to Rome to receive the 'pope's' blessing. It is officially estimated that more than 1,000,000 of them never lived to return to their homes. So much for the value of the blessing bestowed by the Devil's mouthpiece at Vatican City. Watch and see what blessings come to those he has blessed in this "Holy Year" and what curses come to those he would gladly curse if he could.

"Too Controversial"

A RADIO station director in Indiana gave as his excuse for not fulfilling his contract to broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures that "it is our policy not to broadcast any talks of a religious nature which are too controversial or might give offense to the religious feelings of other persons". If that is the right standard, then we here and now object to the broadcasting of all Roman Catholic talks, on the ground that nobody with any common sense or any knowledge of history could possibly take any stock in any of them. They are entirely too controversial to go over with anybody except persons of moron or infantile mind, and they give offense to the religious feelings of everybody who has any of those things. If the simpleton who wrote that letter had said, "I stopped broadcasting Judge Rutherford's lectures because I am afraid of the Roman Catholic 15 percent of the population," we could have some respect for him, for then he would have told the truth. The "too controversial" and "offense to religious feelings" is all poppycock intended to conceal the truth.

Obedience Brings Joy to the Sorrowing Heart

GOD'S people are a waiting people; His promises have made them so. "Wait on [Jehovah]; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on [Jehovah]." "Rest in [Jehovah], and wait patiently for him." "Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually." —Psalms 27:14; 37:7; Hosea 12:6.

The very first promise of Jehovah God, that the seed of the woman shall bruise the head of the serpent, automatically causes every one who has confidence in it to wait for its fulfilment. Satan and his crowd wait for nothing; their thought is that if a thing is to be done they will do it themselves; it is farthest from their thoughts to wait on God for anything. They thus dishonor Him with their plans and schemes which leave Him altogether out of consideration.

How different, this, from the attitude of the most powerful One in all the universe next to Jehovah God. When the Lord Jesus had been raised victorious from the grave, and when all power in heaven and on earth had been entrusted to Him, He yet waited upon the Father to know when to act.

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."—Heb. 10:12, 13.

And so it comes about in a natural way that the people of God are less aggressive than the children of the Devil. They wait upon God, to ascertain His will. They only seem to be less enterprising. Actually they are more so, as the Devil and all his angels found when once Jehovah God pronounced the word that the time of waiting was over, and the wicked spirits were to be dispossessed from the heavenly realm. Out they went, in a hurry.

From the time of mother Eve to the time of Mary every woman in touch with the divine promises hoped that she might either be the mother of the Savior of men or else be a link in the chain of His genealogy; and the men hoped likewise that they might be used to perpetuate the seed through which eventually the Savior would come to the world that needs Him so much.

Jewish Desire for Posterity

The desire for posterity is inborn in every man and woman, but it was especially strong among the Jewish people, on account of their certain knowledge that the Messiah would be some descendant of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Judah. All the tribes were interested. Ruth, the Moabitess, one of the Lord's earthly ancestry, was in the line of descent by reason of her marriage to Boaz. And so any woman might hope to be in the line, and any man, no matter what his tribe, might hope to have a daughter that would be in the line, or, if of the tribe of Judah, he might hope himself to be in the line with a son or a daughter.

It thus came about that among the Hebrews the more children a person had the more was he honored, it being considered a mark of divine favor, while sterile people were, on the contrary, held in disesteem. We find this cropping up in the case of Sarah. When Hagar found she was with child by Abraham she no longer gave Sarah proper respect.

When Rachel saw that she bore no children to Jacob, while her sister was already the mother of several, she complained to Jacob that she must have children or else, said she, "I die." We do not know that this was a threat of suicide, but it may have been so. Oddly enough, Rachel did die in bringing Benjamin into the world.

The case of Hannah, the mother of Samuel, was very similar to that of Rachel. Because she bore no children to Elkanah, her life was made bitter by the taunts of his other wife, who was the mother of several children. Weeping bitter tears she went before Jehovah God, in the presence of the high priest, at Shiloh, and vowed a vow that if Jehovah would give her a man child she would give him to Jehovah all the days of his life.

In due time her prayer was answered and the little one that came along was called Samuel, which means "Asked of God", and in faithful obedience to her promise, as soon as he was weaned (which was usually at about three years of age), she took the child up to Shiloh and left him there in care of Eli the priest.

Hannah Rewarded for Her Obedience

Hannah was richly rewarded for her obedience. Not only did she have the fun of being constantly with her child during the three most amusing and interesting years of its existence, but she had the joy that comes from faithfully, meticulously, keeping the covenant she had made with her God.

When Hannah and her husband came down to Shiloh with the child, they did not come empty-handed. They brought along three bullocks, an ephah of flour and a bottle of wine, and when she brought the child in to Eli she said: "Oh, my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto [Jehovah]. For this child I prayed; and [Jehovah] hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent him to [Jehovah]; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to [Jehovah]." (1 Samuel 1:26-28) She probably had Him by the hand as she said it.

Then follows the interesting statement that "he worshipped [Jehovah] there". This can mean nothing else than that the little fellow of about three years of age was in full accord with his mother's wishes. And from that day to the day of his death there is nothing to indicate that Samuel was anything less than wholly devoted to Jehovah God.

There is no account of any weeping on the part of either Hannah or Samuel at the part they each played, yet we may be sure that the love between them was unusually tender. They both knew they were doing God's will; and that is the greatest joy this life holds for anybody. There is a joy that comes from giving, or, as Hannah put it, 'lending' to the Lord, that is unmatched by any other joy of life.

Hannah was overwhelmed and exultantly happy at giving up the dearest treasure of her heart; and don't you suppose that the Lord knew what she was doing? And don't you suppose that He compensated her? And did He not accept the 'loan' and make Samuel one of the very greatest of all the sons of men? We could say that Samuel came from the Lord and went back to Him. Did any other mother in Israel in her day have as great an honor as did Hannah?

As Hannah Left Samuel She Prayed:

My heart rejoiceth in [Jehovah]; mine horn is exalted in [Jehovah]; my mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. There is none holy as [Jehovah]: for there is none beside thee: neither is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for [Jehovah] is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; and they that were hungry ceased: so that the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble. [Jehovah] killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave [*sheol*], and bringeth up. [Jehovah] maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth are [Jehovah's], and he hath set the world upon them. He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail. The adversaries of [Jehovah] shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: [Jehovah] shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his King, and exalt the horn of his Anointed.—1 Samuel 2:1-11.

There are many interesting things about this prayer, one of the longest recorded in the Scriptures. It speaks of the King of the Anointed, when as yet there were no kings and none anointed except the priests. It speaks of humanity's going down into *sheol* and coming out of *sheol,* which is something that the clergy of the Devil do not believe and are unwilling to teach. It contains more than a hint of Armageddon in its declaration that the adversaries of Jehovah shall be broken in pieces when He thunders upon them.

Hannah was one of those who "obtained promises" (Hebrews 11:33), and no doubt is included among the faithful witnesses of old. We can gather some idea of what she suffered from the tongue of the other wife in her expression, "Talk no more exceeding proudly: let not arrogancy come out of your mouth."

As she was faithful to Jehovah God she was, of course, a target for the Devil; but Jehovah God was faithful, too, and there is more than poetic fervor in the statement, in the prayer, that "the barren hath born seven; and she that hath many children is waxed feeble". We do not know that the other wife thereupon ceased to bear children, but we do know that Hannah thereafter became the mother of at least three sons and two daughters.—1 Samuel 2:21.

And So to Zacharias and Elisabeth

Centuries later Zacharias and Elisabeth appear in the record, in the days of Herod, king of Judea, and we find here another of those little domestic tragedies that meant so much to the women involved, and to their husbands too, for anything that affects the happiness of a woman is bound to affect the happiness of the man that truly loves her. Elisabeth considered herself under reproach. Zacharias was a righteous man.

Let us have the whole story, just as it appears in the Scriptures:

And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the Lord. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without, at the time of incense.

And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the [holy spirit], even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel, answering, said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings. And, behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.

And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless.

And it came to pass, that, as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days, his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me, in the days wherein he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men. —Luke 1: 6-25.

Zacharias Richly Blessed, Too

At the appointed time the child was born, and her neighbors and relatives rejoiced with her; and her husband was most happy, too, for it seems from the account that it was specially his prayer for a child that was the one that was answered.

The kind of man that Zacharias was may be judged from the fact that after he was stricken dumb he continued faithfully to exercise the duties of his office until his term had expired. No so-called "emergency" was superior to the duty he owed to God. We continue quoting from Scripture:

And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered, and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judæa: and all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zacharias was filled with the [holy spirit], and prophesied, saying:

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, and hath raised up an horn of salvation for us, in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.

That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; the oath which he sware to our father Abraham, that he would grant unto us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord, to prepare his ways; to give knowledge of salvation unto his people, by the remission of their sins, through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.—Luke 1: 59-79.

"The Elias Which Was for to Come"

And thus started the career of the man of whom Jesus spoke:

What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? behold, they that wear soft clothing are in king's houses. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. Verily

I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye will receive it, this is Elias, which was for to come. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.—Matthew 11:7-15.

Consider now how great a reward came to Zacharias and Elisabeth for "walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless". Through the path of a sorrow that covered all their married life until they were well stricken in years, they came to be the parents of one of the most noted servants of God of all time and one of the most noted men of history.

The divine mission of John was the subject of prophecy many centuries before his birth. "This is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." (Matthew 3:3; Isaiah 40:3) "This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee."—Matthew 11:10; Malachi 3:1.

The angel Gabriel came all the way from heaven to earth to announce John's birth. This is the one to whom the Messiah was first revealed. This is the one who baptized Jesus in the Jordan. This is the one to whom thousands came for the baptism of repentance and remission of sins against their covenant. This is the one who proclaimed, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." This is the one who said of Jesus, "one mightier than I," 'whose shoe latchet I am unworthy to loose.' This is the one who said, "He must increase, but I must decrease." He was a burning and a shining light and died as burning and shining lights have been wont to do, a martyr to the cause of truth and righteousness.

The parents of John the Baptist were well paid for their obedience; don't you think so? Here they were, an old couple, with no chance of a posterity, yet they prayed for a son, and at length God gave them their hearts' desire. "Delight thyself also in [Jehovah]; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto [Jehovah]; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass."—Psalm 37:4, 5.

Parents Well Paid for Obedience

We have considered four instances in the Scriptures where God sent children into childless and lonely homes because one or both of the parents sought that mercy at His hands. The children that came as a result of these prenatal parental prayers were all remarkable children, Isaac, Joseph, Samuel, and John the Baptist. It is as we would expect.

No longer is it in order for parents to hope that they shall have children that will do such work as was done by Samuel and John the Baptist. The Messiah in all His power has come; the Kingdom is really here. The prophets and apostles have all done their work. The work now is not to bring babies into the world, however delightful parental joys may be, but the work to be done is Kingdom work, the work which God has commissioned to the remnant.

The world will see to it that the human family does not die out. The remnant need feel no undue concern on that score. Nor, on the other hand, if little ones come, should they be unwelcome either before birth or afterward. In any event they are gifts from God and are to be so considered.

The point of our lesson for today is that obedience brings joy to the sorrowing heart. It matters not what the sorrow may be, if it is not a selfish one, it can be assuaged by bringing it to the Burden-bearer and letting Him take the kinks out of it. He knows how to do it. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."—Matthew 11:28-30.

Honest Catholics in Baltimore

IT GIVES us genuine pleasure to reprint the following letter, which appeared in the Baltimore *Catholic Review* of September 1, 1933 (and that despite the use of two *participles* intended to designate Judge Rutherford's talks but that would better have been substituted with something more courteous and kindly). What it does plainly show is that there are some hon-

est men in the Catholic church who resent being led around by the nose by a bunch of crooked priests, and that they are honestly trying to use their own brains in a matter that is of vital public concern, and not afraid to express their resentment at being treated as if they did not know anything.

Editor,
The Review.
Sir:

We dislike controversy much; we resent unwarranted criticism more. In your issue of August 25 The Review states, "The Baltimore and Washington Sections of the Holy Name Society seem to have a difficult time making up their minds to the fact that the Rutherford talks are anti-Catholic. One judges from the actions of these two sections that the Catholic editors of the country do not know what they are talking about."

We admire most of the Catholic editors, we sympathize with all of them, especially when their readers do not jump through the hoop at the snap of an editor's fingers. After all, inerrancy is confined to Rome, and to her in limited matters.

The Holy Name Union meets quarterly, and there are some of us who consider that even Rutherford's *vomitings* do not justify the call for a special meeting. In parenthesis we add that The Baltimore Catholic Review was critical of the Holy Name a couple of years ago for having too many meetings.

At the July quarterly meeting a Holy Name man presented a resolution excoriating this same Rutherford. After an hour's discussion by priest and lay members present, there was practically unanimous opinion that the chair name a committee of ten laymen, who would listen in on the Rutherford talks on three succeeding Sundays and, if his *vaporings* justified it, that this committee would wait, in person, not by letter, on the management of the local broadcasting station and voice their protest in the name of the Baltimore Holy Name Union.

On Friday night, August 25, nine of the ten members of this laymen's committee met and were unanimous that on the evidence from these three broadcasts no protest against a "campaign of bigotry and slander" was warranted. It is quite probable that the broadcasts on these three Sundays were toned down from previous intention by the activity of the Baltimore Catholic Review and other editors.

There are many of us in the Holy Name Union who have not much faith in "I move; I second, and a two or three cent stamp."

Respectfully yours,
Monsignor Ireton,
Director Archdiocesan Union
of the Holy Name Societies.

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Latin America—The Question Mark of the 20th Century

In Three Parts—Part 1

IF ONE takes the map of South America, mounts it on a board, and cuts out the great country of Brazil, what he has left is a huge question mark. It is in the order indicated by that question mark that we hope to give some consideration to this interesting portion of our planet. And we shall find questions a plenty, some of which we shall find it hard to answer.

The bulk of Africa lies above the equator, but the bulk of South America lies below the equator. Until the Panama Canal was opened South America was in a corner by itself. Being in the opposite hemisphere from the principal land masses of the world, it has tended to develop along lines peculiar to itself. Other factors have favored that tendency.

The northernmost part of South America is altogether south of the latitude of the Sahara Desert. The mouths of the Amazon and the Congo are in nearly the same latitude. Sydney, in Australia, Auckland, in New Zealand, and Cape Town, in South Africa, are in the same latitude as Buenos Aires. South America extends 1,500 miles nearer the south pole than does Africa.

The west coast of South America, most of it, is straight south of New York city. Brazil extends east of that line twenty-six hundred miles. South America, most of it, is in the tropics. People in the tropics must live and do live at a different pace than is usual in the temperate zones. The bulk of Mexico, with all that intervenes down to Argentina, is subject to the range of direct solar rays, i.e., tropical weather.

Altitude has an important bearing upon life in South America. Each ascent of 330 feet causes a variation of one degree Fahrenheit in temperature. There are places on the equator that are uncomfortably chilly. Thus in the tropics altitude tends to offset latitude. A point at 5,000 feet altitude on the equator has the same climate as one fifteen hundred miles north or south, at sea level. Mexico city is in the torrid zone, but as it is at an elevation of 7,500 feet the climate is that of eternal spring.

The Andes and the Amazon

The Andes mountain system is much more rugged than anything found in North America. Between Tolima, a Colombian peak eighteen thousand feet high, and Aconcagua, in Argentina, twenty-three thousand feet high, there are several peaks in Ecuador and Bolivia which are well over twenty thousand feet.

Throughout the Andes system there are active volcanoes, many of which are constantly in a steaming condition, with frequent eruptions. Earthquakes are frequent. For more than three thousand miles the Andes offer very few passes as low as twelve thousand feet.

In very many places, even near the equator, the summits of the Andes are covered with eternal snows. Though usually comparatively narrow, in Bolivia the chain widens out so that it is four hundred miles across.

At places in Peru the summits are so near the Pacific ocean that branches of the Amazon river rise within fifty miles or thereabouts from that body of water. The Amazon is navigable for the greater part of its 3,400 miles of length, so that it practically bisects South America.

Of its two hundred tributaries, a hundred are navigable. One of these tributaries is 2,300 miles in length. The Casiquiare, which flows into the Rio Negro, one of the branches of the Amazon, is also connected with the Orinoco. The Amazon contains one-tenth of all the running water of the globe, and is incontestably the world's largest river.

The tides run up the Amazon four hundred miles. At a thousand miles from the ocean it is two hundred feet deep. At spring tide the bore, or pororoca, as it is called, rushes into the Amazon in the form of huge waves ten to fifteen feet in perpendicular height, three or four of which follow each other with irresistible force. The

mouth of the Amazon was discovered by Yanez Pinzon, in 1500; the river was descended by Francisco Orellana in 1540.

The Amazon river system as a whole affords some 16,000 miles of river suitable for navigation. The forests along its banks are the largest in the world. The main stream flows almost along the equator.

The South American People

Suppose you were asked to describe the people that go to make up the inhabitants of the United States. How would you begin? Would you describe the New England Yankee? the New York State Yankee? the Vermonter? the Knickerbockers? the Jersey Dutch? the Pennsylvania Dutch? the Michiganders? the Hoosiers? the Southerners? the North American Indians? and if so what tribe? the Negroes? the Irish-Americans? the German-Americans? the Italo-Americans? Or how about the Japanese-Americans, or the Chinese-Americans, of whom we now have many thousands of actual bona fide citizens, born in this country and not knowing any other land? And don't forget that we have Poles and Russians and Slavs and Hungarians and Greeks and French and Portuguese and Spanish, and their descendants, not a few.

The best you could do would be to analyze the situation, pick out some of the leading groups, tell something about them, point to what they have accomplished collectively, and to the present situation, and there let it rest. That is what we hope to do in this article.

The Latin American is not one; he is many. Something over a hundred years ago Baron von Humboldt, one of the most discerning and thoughtful men the earth has produced, estimated that in Latin America there were 3,500,000 whites, 7,500,000 aborigines, 5,333,333 mestizos (persons of mixed blood), and 750,000 Negroes. It will be apparent that at that time the proportion of whites was about one-fifth, or 20 percent.

According to the 1930 census there were then in the United States 108,864,207 whites, 2,019,696 aborigines and mestizos (including Asiatics), and 11,891,143 Negroes. The proportion of whites in the United States is 88.7 percent. North America is predominantly white; South America is predominantly dark. North America has always been inevitably governed by whites.

The government of a country in which the whites constitute but one in five of the population is manifestly a very different proposition from one in which they make up seven-eighths of it. The whites usually govern in Latin America, but they do not always do so, and could hardly expect to.

The Governing Class

The Spanish Inquisition, by which 31,000 persons were put to death, was set up by Ferdinand and Isabella in 1481. In that same year began the war which resulted, November 25, 1491, in the overthrow of the Moslem empire. On March 30, 1492, an order was issued for the expulsion from the realm of all Jews and Moors who did not submit to be baptized. On August 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos on his first voyage.

If the foregoing facts are kept in mind, one will readily discern the kind of immigrants that first found their way to Latin America. They were, first of all, Roman Catholics. The State took particular pains to see to it that none but the "orthodox" should go to the new world. Thus North America was settled mainly by Protestants; South America exclusively by Roman Catholics.

In the second place, the first immigrants were soldiers by trade as well as soldiers of fortune. They had been engaged for ten years in the subjugation and expulsion of all persons not of the Roman Catholic faith, and their sovereigns were enthusiastic for the Inquisition.

In the third place, most of the skilled artisans in Spain had been Moors and much of the trading was in Jewish hands, so that when Moors and Jews were expelled, the country from which the adventurers set out was ill-fitted to provide the industry and skill needed to get on in a new world.

We are thus forced to see that bigotry, cruelty, militarism and lack of industry were inevitable, at least at the start. But no sooner had Columbus made his discoveries than Ferdinand and Isabella wanted gold, and in order to satisfy their demands he started the system of robbing the Indians of their treasures, which has cursed Latin America from then till now. Greed was not limited to the sovereigns, however. It is a common enough trait of fallen man, no matter where we find him. And the tropics promote laziness in all.

Trying to Understand the Spaniard

No one can deny that the Spanish are possessed of great physical courage. They are chiv-

alrous, and they are proud. They love beauty for its own sake. They admire the artistic. They love oratory and are adepts at it. Their language is filled with niceties of expression that can hardly be mastered in a lifetime. Etiquette is taken seriously and practiced assiduously.

The Spanish are musicians and dreamers. They love color and romance. In their semi-seclusion of their women, they suggest to some minds the people of the Orient. It is thought, indeed, that Moorish customs, which prevailed on the Iberian peninsula for more than seven hundred years, have left an indelible impression upon the Spanish people.

The men love politics, but they do not love business. They place great emphasis on politeness, the fine arts, pleasures and the emotions. The balmy nights stir the emotions and the imagination. The color bar is not as great a handicap as in North America, but aristocrats and the descendants of aristocrats are liable to be arrogant.

Home life among the Spaniards is on a high plane, but the sexual morals of the cavaliers that first came to America were low, as may be judged from the great number of mestizos. Deeds of violence were common in the early days in Latin America as they were in North America.

The aristocrats looked to the government to help them through this life and to the church to make it as comfortable as possible for them in the next. It was the Devil's old game of Big Business, Big Politics and Big Church all over again. The only chance the common man had to get along was to be or pretend to be "loyal" to the people that had everything in their control.

Extravagance is common. A Chilean or Peruvian thinks nothing of mortgaging his place for every dollar he can obtain and then will take his wife and six or eight children and go to Paris or to the Riviera for two or three years until he has used it all up. The Latins love luxury, elegance, refinement and ostentation.

The Hapless Aborigines

As the North American Indians are certainly descendants of the Japanese, so among the South American Indians there are distinct traces of Mongolian and Malaysian features. Photographs of life among the lowly resemble those taken in China. One can hardly tell them apart.

When the Spanish discoverers and conquerors gained control of the new world they wanted gold. The old Spanish law was that all treasures of the subsoil belonged to the monarch. Those who would engage in mining were granted villages of Indians, the inhabitants of which they were at liberty to compel to enter the mines and do the actual work.

And now having said many good things, many kind things of the Spaniards, we are forced to say that no other subject peoples have ever been treated as badly as the South American Indians were treated by the Spanish cavaliers. It is of record that only one out of ten forced into slavery ever returned alive. You can blame the spirit of the Inquisition for that. In instances obstinate Indians were dragged to the mines by tying their hair to the tail of the rider's horse. Can you wonder that the Indian now distrusts the white?

The Indians Have Made No Progress

The claim is put forth that in more than four hundred years of Spanish rule the South American Indians have made no progress, and that, as a matter of fact, they are less advanced now than they were in the days of Cortez and Pizarro. Today they are the indispensable hewers of wood and drawers of water without which Latin-American civilization could not go on. But they have not been rewarded. They have been kept in bondage.

An Indian, though he understands Spanish perfectly, will not answer a stranger in that tongue, because he has come to fear it means some further plan to deprive him of that which is rightfully his. Nominally a citizen, actually the Indian is a sheep without a shepherd. What a blessing Jehovah's kingdom will be to these poor unfortunates!

An item not to be overlooked is that the South American Indians, the Spanish and the Portuguese were all accustomed to be ruled by monarchs. Another is that for centuries Spain insisted upon ruling Latin America by men that were born in Spain. Even if a man was of pure Spanish ancestry, if he was born on this side of the water it militated against his chances.

Thus the caste system was really in effect: the Spanish-born at the top, next their American-born descendants, third the mestizos, and fourth the aborigines and Negroes, always at the bottom of the social ladder. The Spanish monarchs encouraged these four classes to feel

contempt or envy for one another, according as they were up or down in the social scale, on the Devil's principle, "Divide and rule."

One of the reasons why there are so many political disturbances in South America is that this Roman Catholic policy of "Divide and rule" has been so persistently maintained. It is impossible to maintain a stable government where the various component parts of the population are studiously kept at loggerheads with one another. In the year 1930 there were seven major political disturbances in the twenty countries that go to make up Latin America.

Many Restrictions of Trade

Instead of following a policy that would develop the new world, Ferdinand and Isabella adopted one calculated to prevent its development. By the year 1501, only nine years after Columbus' first voyage, royal licenses were required of all who wished to sail to the new world. These restrictions were continued for three hundred years.

By 1503 a law was in effect that all supplies for the Indies and all products from there must pass through the one port of Seville. By 1543, and for two hundred years thereafter, sailings took place only once a year in each direction, when a whole fleet sailed at one time, escorted by an armed convoy. On arrival at their destinations lively fairs were held to exchange Old World products for the new.

In order to better collect the export and import duties at both ends of the line, the ports were restricted to three which were allowed to trade with Seville; namely, Vera Cruz, Cartagena and Porto Bello. No better system for stifling trade could have been devised. Wherever goods of any kind moved, fresh imposts were piled upon them.

The Spanish rulers forbade the trade in native products between various parts of Latin America, and for some inscrutable reason would not permit goods from the Philippines to enter Peru even as gifts. The Spanish sovereigns looked upon the whole country as their *hacienda,* or private estate, and their major ambition seems to have been to make it pay and pay well.

For two centuries their income was colossal, but much of it was squandered on foolish European wars. Firearms and superior organization enabled them to impose their will on a continent and a half. Piggishness caused them to lose it all.

Thinking to remain more firmly in the saddle, the Spanish monarchs encouraged jealousies between the clergy and the lay rulers, and were always ready to listen to tales of the one against the other. Reactions to this policy of "Divide and rule" are to be seen in the instability of South American republics to this day.

An Empire Easily Won and Lost

It was an easy thing for the Spanish cavalry, clad in armor, and possessing firearms, to crush or eliminate the aborigines, first in the islands, and then in Mexico and Peru. The natives had never seen horses, and were terrified at the appearance of warriors mounted, armor-clad, and able to kill at great distances.

All the lands seized were assumed to belong to the crown. They were parceled out to the whites. The great landed estates and the system of forced labor which they created has continued until today. The effort of the Spanish sovereigns to control all trade led to much smuggling and gradually the colonies lost most of their respect for the mother country.

At first the sovereigns demanded a two-thirds share of all the output of the mines. This was too great to be borne. It was finally reduced to one-fifth, and on that basis yielded the rulers an average of something like $2,500,000 a year for many years.

The merchants of Cadiz, by a handsome gift to the royal treasury, finally got the monopoly away from Seville, and thereafter all vessels to and from the Indies, as Latin America was called, went through the better harbor which for almost two hundred years had been coveting the trade.

The South American revolution, when it finally came, lasted twenty years. It resulted, toward the close of the year 1824, in the breaking of the Spanish power in South America. Oddly enough, it had its start in an uprising against Joseph Bonaparte, who had been placed on the throne of Spain by Napoleon in lieu of the supposedly legitimate king, Ferdinand VII.

Fifty years before the Spanish colonies gained their independence Britain is said to have frequently agitated the idea of revolutionizing them and separating them from Spain, with the avowed object of opening up the continent to British commerce. The plans which Britain made for enlarging her trade with South America proved a success. Before the World War British interests constructed and controlled

eighty-five percent of South America's railroads, harbors and public works, fifty percent of the shipping, commerce and finance, and a large part of the industrial and agricultural activity. But the Germans were making inroads into British trade as the great war broke out in 1914.

Soft Berths for the Clergy

As a rule, if a father has a son who he feels will never make a success at anything in life, he makes a clergyman out of him, and boys of that kind easily and naturally fall into that line of occupation or lack of occupation. The prophet sizes the whole class of the clergy up so faithfully, in Isaiah 56:10, 11, that we do not see how anybody could miss the point. They just naturally love to eat and drink and sleep and pamper their bodies; but when it comes to lifting the weights they have placed on the people, the Lord says, they will not put forth a finger.

The clergy that set out to make a soft living in the New World were no better and no worse than the clergy in general. At the start they had it so soft that almost everybody wanted to be a clergyman rather than have to do work of any kind. Who wants to work up callouses on his hands if he can strut up and down beside a "church", with a long-tailed robe on, learning Latin pages of "Eenie, meenie, minie, moe"?

In the year 1600 at least four hundred convents existed in New Spain alone. In 1620 the convents in Lima covered more ground than all the rest of the city. In the year 1644 the civic authorities of Lima petitioned the king to forbid the establishment of any more monastic orders, and to limit the revenues of the existing ones, as otherwise they would soon own all the property in the country. At that time there were more than 6,000 of the clergy that had no charges and were hoboing it through life. If any hoboes read this issue we trust they will forgive us for this comparison.

In 1501 Alexander VI gave Ferdinand and Isabella the right to collect tithes for the propagation of the "faith", and in a few years they had the incomes from annates and indulgences, and the right to make all ecclesiastical appointments. This was because they were such zealots for the Inquisition.

The "Reduccion" of the Heretics

It is not such a nice business, burning people at the stake. We sometimes do it here in the United States, but it is not popular. There are nice, refined people that object when a Negro screams in the vicinity of their home as some white gentleman bores through his abdomen with a white-hot crowbar. It never just got to be considered the right thing to do.

And so the regular Ferdinand and Isabella system of dealing with "heretics" never got a really good foothold in the New World. Only 41 were reported as having been burned alive in Mexico, and 59 in Peru, but this total of exactly 100 looks suspicious. It looks as if the figures had been doctored. There may have been several times that number.

The usual milder punishments were inflicted, of flogging, work in the galleys, banishment, imprisonment, or death by some relatively humane method. Confiscation of property took place in all of these cases, as it enabled the clergy to go that much longer without doing any work. The Dominicans were specially entrusted with the "reduccion" of the "heretics".

The "reduccion" of the natives, i.e., their reduction or restoration to the supposed religion of their ancestors, was accomplished by less violent means. The images of the gods of the Aztecs and Incas were renamed or replaced by representations of Jesus, Mary, and the "saints". The eagle on the Mexican coat of arms was replaced by the dove, so that the "Holy Ghost" would not be left out. The natives were already familiar with "religious" processions.

Twelve friars accompanied Columbus on his second voyage, and the work of the "reduccion" of the natives began at once. Their records were destroyed and great pains were taken to see that they should be taught nothing but the 'purest' Roman Catholic doctrine. The missions were sometimes called "reducciones".

Apportionment of the Lands

As the Spanish soldiers overran the New World, they and the priests that went along with them were granted the lands of the conquered aborigines and were given the "right" to wholly or partially enslave the natives. This "right" awarded by the crown was called a *repartimiento*. After the person who held the *repartimiento* died or was banished, his heirs or successors came into possession of the *encomienda* which he left behind. They could levy tribute and "evangelize", but were restrained from going to as great length as the original holder of the "right".

It thus came about that the aborigines lost their lands to the Spanish aristocracy. The New World became a paradise for priests, friars and nuns, but assuredly not for the poor aborigines. Force, bribery, intrigue, cruelty and treachery bolstered up the union of church and state and left all the burdens of militarism, aristocracy and churchianity piled upon the backs of the simple-hearted natives.

As early as 1516 a Spanish priest Bartolome de las Casas, who happened to have a heart and a conscience, protested against the branding of the natives and the forcing of them into bondage. As neither the soldiers nor the priests would work, and the natives were unaccustomed to bondage, Las Casas visited Spain, urging the Spanish government to import Negroes into the New World on a large scale.

In later years, after his advice had been taken and great numbers of blacks had been shanghaied from their African homes and transported to America, Las Casas bitterly regretted that he had not earlier seen that the Negro has as much right to be free as the Indian.

One would not expect soldiers or priests to be good teachers of how to perform the labors of the field and forest, and so the ox came to be the animal generally used for agricultural labor. Wooden plows, often made from the forked branches of a tree, were used. Grain crops were cut with knives. The mills on the sugar plantations were worked by hand, oxen or water power.

General Education Neglected

As early as 1523 Pedro de Gante had a school in Mexico in which he taught a thousand Indian boys reading, writing, arithmetic, drawing, music, trades and mechanical arts, but the good example which he set was not followed, and the Indians today, after four hundred years of Roman Catholic "teaching", are less advanced than they were when Cortez landed in Mexico.

The first Catholic University in Latin America was opened in Mexico city in 1551, eighty-five years before the founding of Harvard University, the oldest university in the United States. By that time (1636) there were several well established universities in Latin America. But they were only for the education of priests and the children of the aristocracy.

As the Roman Catholic church retains its control of the men through its control of the women, every effort was made to keep the women in ignorance. The few schools for girls were in the hands of nuns, and education beyond the barest rudiments was frowned upon. It is of record that one priest in Chile refused absolution to a girl who had confessed to the sin of studying French.

The Roman Catholic church looks upon woman as a means by which great numbers may be ultimately added to the church. Whether the poor woman knows how to take care of her brood does not matter, only so long as she brings them into the world. The priest makes a good thing out of it in baptism fees, masses and what not, whether the children live or die.

The women of South America are good mothers, in the sense that they love their children dearly, but among the poor their knowledge is so slight, kept that way by the "church", that from forty to ninety percent die under two years of age. The children are often "spoiled", though externally most polite to father and mother. The daily confession of the woman of the home makes the priest the real head of the home.

Most men wish to have their sons educated away from the influence of the priests, but the pressure brought to bear upon them by their wives is so strong as to usually prevent this. The men generally feel that the church is outmoded, belongs to the past. But they do not see how to get away from it. And, indeed, only the great Jehovah God could bring the deceptive and oppressive institution to an end.

Brighter People Nowhere

Nowhere will you find brighter people than in Latin America; and, given equal opportunities, they make their mark every time. By inheritance and training they incline more toward the literary and artistic than toward the mechanical and commercial.

It is of the nature of the South American that he will receive a North American, with utmost politeness and elegance of language, in a room that for ornateness and elegance of furnishings could scarcely be surpassed, and yet the room may be so cold that everybody has to wear an overcoat to keep from freezing. The first thing a Yankee would do under such circumstances would be to say, "Gee whiz! it is cold in here; can't you give us a little heat?" And it would be the last thing the Latin American would think of.

It takes a North American a long time to

learn that the more leisurely and courteously he does a thing, the sooner and more pleasantly he attains his end. If he tries to rush things, they just don't rush.

To the credit of the Roman Catholic church it must be said that though they did encourage the making of slaves of the aborigines, yet they did not encourage the breaking up of their families, as was done often in North America.

There were only eight printing presses in Spanish America up to 1810. Throughout the inquisitional period book dealers were required to furnish lists of all books they had on sale and to take oath that no others were sold. They had to keep on hand lists of the books that were under ban. They might not buy a library without obtaining permission from the censors for every book it contained. No books could be imported without their consent. The officials of the Inquisition had the "right" at any time to enter any home in search of condemned publications, the same as any other regular jail.

In the Good Old Yellow-Fever Days

In the good old yellow-fever days there was no sanitation. The garbage was thrown out into the streets, to be carried away by the buzzards, as was also the case in some of the cities of North America. Since then we have sewers, paved streets, and garbage disposal, and thus no more yellow fever. The oft-repeated yarn that vaccination has made the change is pure fiction.

The artistic sense of the people made the town square an attractive place. In it was usually a fountain from which the poor secured water for household uses. Some of the streets were lined with trees, and many of them were fairly wide.

At night, in the early days, the streets were dark and deserted and deeds of violence were common, but in the latter part of the eighteenth century oil lamps were set up along the most important streets and police patrols were instituted. Mexico city set an unusually high precedent and early established the reputation of being one of the cleanest, safest and most beautiful cities in the world.

The Monroe Doctrine

We do not feel called upon at this time to make any further statement of the history and purposes of the Monroe Doctrine than is contained in the following, taken from Judge Rutherford's book *Light* (Book One, pages 287-289). It covers the ground completely:

The imperialism of America dates from December 2, 1823, with the "Monroe Doctrine". In substance that doctrine is that European monarchies or governments must not by conquest acquire territory and rulership over the countries of North and South America and make them colonies and thereby enlarge the territory of the European nations. The doctrine, however, does not declare against the United States' enlarging her territory on the Western Continent at the expense of minor American republics. America did make war with Mexico and took over Texas. She made war with Spain and established a protectorate over Cuba and Porto Rico. She also acquired title to the Philippine Islands, the Hawaiian Islands, and Samoa and Guam, and thereby enlarged her territory. She has established a protectorate over Santo Domingo, Haiti, and has recently put in operation a military policy in Nicaragua. She has acquired the Canal Zone and Alaska.

True to the traditional policy (to wit, diplomatic hypocrisy) of the two-horned beast, the ostensible reason for the Monroe Doctrine was to protect the infant republics of the American continent. The real reason was in the interest of Britain and America; and in support of this conclusion the following historical fact is related: "The European power commonly called the 'Holy Alliance' [the chief amongst which was Germany, the head of the sixth beast] . . . turned its attention to Spain and to the Spanish colonies. The United States feared that France would undertake this commission also and would claim Cuba as the price of service to Spain, thereby securing a broader foothold in America." To show that Great Britain was deeply interested in the policy of the Monroe Doctrine, and that Britain and America were working in conjunction with each other, the following historical fact is cited:

"The time seemed to have come in 1823 for some sort of action that would head off the threatened invasion of Latin America by third parties in behalf of Spain. Something was also needed to check the Russian advance into North America; and the opportunity was convenient for expressing the undying love of Americans for the popular government that they had chosen. At this moment George Canning, Foreign Minister of Great Britain, stepped into the controversy. England was interested in unrestricted trade with the Spanish-American countries and was extremely opposed to the constricting policy of the Holy Alliance, both in Europe and America. Hence, in August and September 1823, Canning four times proposed to Richard Rush, our Minister in London, that the United States join England in a declaration against intervention, and Monroe was inclined to accept the proposal. After long Cabinet discussions John Quincy Adams, Secretary of State, convinced the President that it would be better to make an in-

dependent declaration. Adams' papers show that he not only suggested but formulated most of the important presidential message of 2 Dec. 1823, several passages in which, construed together, constitute the original and genuine Monroe Doctrine."—*The Encyclopedia Americana,* Vol. 19, p. 374.

As with the League of Nations compact, an American president got the credit for writing the Monroe Doctrine, but it really emanated from a fertile British mind. In support of this conclusion the following historical fact is important:

"The original Monroe Doctrine was at once effective. Canning was so much interested in the result that he claimed it for himself and said (21 Dec. 1826): 'I looked another way . . . I sought for compensation in another hemisphere. . . . I called the new world into existence to redress the balance of the old.' "—*The Encyclopedia Americana,* Vol. 19, p. 374.

The same authority further says:

"During the Spanish War of 1898 Great Britain made it clear that other European powers must not interfere with the American policy of the United States."—*The Encyclopedia Americana,* Vol. 19, p. 375.

Latin America Resentful

Latin America is resentful and suspicious of the purpose of the Monroe Doctrine; and who can blame her? By the time you have been robbed a dozen times by the same man you get to discount his professions of friendship and wish he would put up his gun.

As *La Prensa* gracefully but forcefully phrased it: "The gracious benevolence with which one State would guarantee the independence of others is strictly outside international law and engenders the danger that there may arise a false vision of the possibility of tutelage and protection, which is absolutely inadmissible."

Yankees and Spaniards do not naturally mix very well together. The Yankee is blunt, cold, content to wait on the law and will take and give a substitute; and he is a Protestant. The Spaniard is the opposite of all this.

At the Pan-American Union at Havana, in 1928, thirteen of the Latin-American countries made it clear that they do not want any government to intervene at any time in the affairs of any American state. While they did not mention the American Government, yet all knew what they had in mind.

The munition manufacturers of North America have been and are a curse to South America. The fratricidal conflicts of Latin-American nations are fought with North American weapons and financed sometimes, too, in the great nation that has more than half of the population of the Western Hemisphere and vastly more than half of its capital. Our tariffs have made us unlovely and unloved.

Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler says he has been on fifteen debt-collecting expeditions with United States battleships, but it seems that the North American State Department says it shall never be done so again. We shall be good now; so we shall.

Both North America and South America are sore because South American bonds have lost some 80 percent of their value. But what can be done about it? Not a thing. The phantom of prosperity is just around the corner, the big corner, Armageddon. Meantime we have to be content with our "rugged individuality".

The polite language of South America is French. Travel is almost entirely to Europe. There is in Latin America little if any feeling that the United States has any real interest in its welfare. That was a nice speech by the new Peruvian ambassador wherein, with true Latin-American courtesy and nicety of expression, he said: "You have changed from indifference to mild interest, but we want it to be converted into friendly interest. We have changed from hostile distrust to hopeful expectancy."

While Mr. Hoover was president of the United States the New York *Times* represented him as saying on one occasion: "We are not attempting in any way to develop a super-state or to interfere with the 'greedom' of action of any of the States." "Greedom," Mr. Hoover, "greedom"? How come?

Good Relations Essential

It is essential that good relations should be established and maintained between North America and South America, even if there were no other motive on the part of each than pure selfishness. The South Americans are learning that by hooking up with North American firms they make money; so today many who in bygone years would have learned French are learning, not English, but the language we speak in the United States, whatever that is.

The direct investment of United States capital in all Latin-American countries is estimated as around $5,500,000,000. Cuba, Chile, Mexico, Argentina, and Brazil have been the largest borrowers. Colombia, Peru and Bolivia follow in

the order named. Peru and Bolivia have already defaulted on their bonds.

One thing that holds back South American progress is that most of the countries have but few things they can export; it is coffee, sugar, copper, lead, tin, nitrates, wheat or corn or it is nothing. If the export prices of these are down, then the country is down.

South Americans complain that they should not have borrowed as much as they did, and would not have done it, but that the loans were pushed on them and they were told to sign on the dotted line. That is all true. That is the way North Americans do business. The North Americans could see that South America has fabulous natural resources, only needing to be financed to be an El Dorado. And it is that and will be that.

Tourist traffic between the United States and Latin America is on the increase, even in the midst of the great depression. That is a favorable sign. South America is still taking automobiles, electric equipment for the home, office appliances, machinery and motion pictures made in North America.

North Americans have learned that South American revolutions are not such serious affairs as they were once considered to be. Often they arise from the fact that commanding officers come to feel that their regiments belong to them personally. They get out of focus.

It is acknowledged that governmental favors are distributed too generously, for much the same reason. But in the long run the republics to the South, even if they do have shake-ups, manage to jog along as smoothly as the rest of the world. Personal greed is prevalent in every corner of Satan's kingdom; it is not peculiar to Latin America.

Page North America's greatest financiers and greatest statesmen.

(*To be continued*)

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"The Mimic God"

HOW kind but how plain was Judge Rutherford's address on "The Mimic God", broadcast October 8, 1933, from the same great chain of over one hundred stations that carried the address the week previous on "The True God", of which mention was made in our last issue. Due provision will be made for putting these two addresses, together with the concluding one of the series, "Why Serve Jehovah," in the hands of the people.

We say just a few words here, reflections of the message that came in from WFBL of Syracuse, eighty miles away. One would have thought Judge Rutherford was in the room. Every word was as clear and distinct as could be. In the early morning it seemingly threatened rain, but the witnesses said, "It will not rain; it never does; there will be no static until after the address," which was scheduled for the noon hour. And sure enough, the skies cleared and at the hour of broadcast conditions for perfect reception were ideal.

Judge Rutherford started his address with a definition of the word *mimic* as he expected to use it in his delineation of the one that has deceived and blinded and oppressed the whole world. We do not have it by us at the moment; it was excellent. As shown by the dictionary, a mimic copies or imitates something that he feebly or remotely resembles, but the copy that he makes is ridiculously small or insignificant as compared with what is imitated. That is a good word to describe the conditions set up in the visible and the invisible world by the one who made merchandise of man in the garden of Eden, the one whose ambition was to be like the Most High.

As a result of selling mankind into slavery and death Lucifer's name was changed by Jehovah God to the names Satan, Devil, Serpent and Dragon, and he has been all of these. He challenged Jehovah God to put on the earth a man that would maintain his integrity; Jehovah accepted the challenge. All the sufferings that have come upon man have come from Satan.

Religion Ever the Devil's Tool

Strange to say, religion has ever been the means by which the people have been turned against Jehovah God. The first religions in the earth were sketched by Judge Rutherford in his address. They all had creatures as their object of worship. Israel alone of all the nations of the earth had the opportunity to know the truth. God commanded them that they should have no other gods before Him. All bowing down to man is an insult to Jehovah God.

Israel was untrue to her opportunities and in 606 B.C. was cast away, and from that time the whole world has lain in the wicked one. Because it did lie in the wicked one, Jesus must suffer from Satan and his wicked agents, thus maintain His integrity and thus vindicate God's word and name.

The most religious people of His time, the scribes and Pharisees, claimed that Jehovah God was their father, but Jesus told them plainly that their father was the Devil. "His servants ye are to whom ye obey." Men who, though with the best of intentions, follow the teachings of men instead of the true God, are in fact servants of the Devil.

That the people are so blind to the Scriptures is because of the Devil. The apostle plainly so states in 2 Corinthians 4:4. Satan's real purpose in this is to turn the people away from Jehovah God, but, 'Let God be true though it make all men liars.'

The Devil has for centuries been the invisible ruler of the earth. Commerce, politics and religion are joined together in his government of the world. The governments of earth have not knowingly followed the Devil; they have been overreached. It is because of this that the nations of the earth are now in great distress.

The world is in suffering and in great distress, not from anything that the true God has done; this distress is from the false god, whose race is now about run. Preparation is now progressing for the destruction of the Devil and those that have his spirit and do his bidding. The Devil has great wrath, knowing that his time is short.

In this perilous time, how shall the people know what to believe? The true God has made the necessary provision for those whose hearts are right in His sight. Jehovah's witnesses come to you with the very help that you need. These witnesses are peacemakers, not trouble-makers.

No Opposition to Rulers

To oppose the rulers in their efforts to straighten out a mad world would be entirely wrong. If the rulers were wise they would pay attention to the great truths now being proclaimed in their hearing. The Scriptures plain-

ly show that in the conclusion of all this strife it will be seen by all that survive that Christ is now reigning upon Jehovah's throne; in other words, He is Jehovah's vicegerent in the earth. "The government shall be upon his shoulder," and of the increase of that government there shall be no end.

We do not say that these are the things that Judge Rutherford said, but they are the impressions left in memory's gardens. All should get the address and read it thoughtfully. By the time this issue is in the hands of our readers, the third and concluding address, "Why Serve Jehovah God," will have been delivered over the big network, October 15.

We live in a time when the judgments of Jehovah God are beginning to operate in the earth. In our last issue, page 3, occurs the following paragraph:

The heaviest pressure was brought to bear in New England, where the city of Providence cringes under the lash of a bigoted bishop. In that city two station managements broke their contracts and gave up their manhood and independence, because covertly threatened with a boycott which it was hinted would include 400,000 Catholics. The owners of these stations had other businesses which they foolishly believed would be ruined unless they complied with the threats. The Providence *Visitor* was the paper used as the "bludgeon". Had the men who owned these stations stood their ground, nothing such as they anticipated would have occurred.

That paragraph was written on Monday, October 2. It had reference to William A. Hickey, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Providence. At that time, so far as we know, he was in perfect health. Only three days after the time when Judge Rutherford was lecturing over more than 100 radio stations (after Bishop Hickey had used all his powers to have him cut off the air altogether), we understand, the gentleman had a very sudden and a fatal heart attack. Shortly prior thereto (i. e., Monday, October 2) the 'pope' had cabled him his "blessing".

The End of an Enemy

Bishop Hickey died on Wednesday, October 4, and his funeral was conducted three hours after Judge Rutherford had finished his second address, the subject of this article. Because this item is of some human interest, we quote from the account in the New York *Times* of October 9, the day this is written:

"Providence, R.I., Oct. 8. A throng estimated to exceed 50,000 persons jammed the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul here today to file past the bier of the Most Reverend William A. Hickey, Bishop of the Diocese of Providence, who died on Wednesday. The body of the bishop was borne to the cathedral at 3.30 P.M. to lie in state for two and a half hours, but at 10 P.M. the square and all the streets in the vicinity of the cathedral were still impassable because of the crowds, and the steady procession into the church had not abated."

"Burial will take place, after the imparting of five pontifical absolutions, in the marble crypt beneath the main altar in the lower part of the cathedral beside the bodies of his five predecessors and former auxiliaries of the diocese."

There are 51 instances of imprecatory prayer in the Scriptures. We do not know that Bishop William A. Hickey was the subject of any prayers that he might get his just deserts for standing by and worshiping and serving *the mimic god*, and trying to prevent a faithful man of God from broadcasting over the radio his appeals to the people to turn to *the true God* of the Scriptures; but we know that he is now cold in death, and that Judge Rutherford is very much alive and is due to broadcast over 104 stations this coming Sunday noon, on another coast-to-coast network, "Why Serve Jehovah God."

Looks as if he had all the best of it. Read the 92d Psalm, all of it, thoughtfully. If verses 7 and 9 do not interest you, it will be hard to find anything that will.

Heat in the Imperial Valley

IN AUGUST the temperature in the Imperial Valley, California, rose to 119 degrees on one occasion. This is one degree hotter than ever before recorded in that spot.

Are Women Worse than Men?

ARE the women worse than we men? In the year 1932, 66,384 women were sent to prison, but only 63,471 men. No doubt the men were able to hire better legal talent and this affected the figures somewhat.

London's Giant Radio Exhibition

AT THE London radio exhibition in August there were nine miles of stands, with exhibits insured for $13,350,000. One exhibit which attracted considerable attention was provided with all-metal tubes which are practically indestructible.

Merger of German Shipping Lines

TO REDUCE expenses the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines have merged. Sailing lists will be consolidated, piers abandoned, and advertising reduced.

Camel-Foot Tire

THE camel-foot tire, so called because it exerts the same pressure per square inch as does the foot of a camel, has been found ideal for equipment of automobiles in desert places. A car thus equipped will go flying across the desert at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour.

Decline in Coal-using Vessels

IN 1914, 89 percent of the world's steamer tonnage was fitted for burning coal. Today this proportion is reduced to 53½ percent. At the beginning of the century the percentage of the world's tonnage owned in Great Britain and Ireland was 50; today it is but 28. The United States at that time had but 4 percent; now it has 15 percent.

Boys and Girls Migrating Through Des Moines

A DISPATCH from Des Moines states that from 400 to 500 boys ride through the city daily on freight trains, with an equal number traveling the highways by thumb. An average of four to five girls come into Des Moines on freights every day. On a rainy day, one train crew hooked on an empty so that the free passengers could ride in comfort.

Bremerton, Washington, Has No Railroads

THE city of Bremerton, Washington, across the Sound from Seattle, has the distinction of being the largest city in the United States not connected with the outside world by railroad.

Half-hour ferry service is maintained between Bremerton and Seattle, as well as frequent bus service to Tacoma. Highways to the west connect the city with other points in the state.

A New Russian Highway

A NEW Russian highway, 268 miles long, to run between Moscow and Nijni-Novgorod will be divided into three lanes. There will be viaducts at every point of intersection, and it is calculated that sustained motor speeds of 75 miles an hour will be possible and probable. The Soviet has recently granted complete amnesty to 12,484 political prisoners and cut the sentences of 59,516 others.

1,800 Miles of Railway Abandoned

THE railways are gradually giving up the fight. In the year 1932 only 38 miles of new track were constructed, while 1,800 miles were abandoned. This is about double that of the previous year, when 945 miles were abandoned.

Rubber Paving in London Streets

AT COSTS of about $22.50 per yard London has put in considerable rubber paving, and found it the cheapest and most durable road surfacing yet used. Rubber surfaces are not affected by heat or cold and do not become wavy; they are non-skidding in wet weather and do not transmit their vibrations to adjacent buildings.

New York-Philadelphia Ship Canal

THERE is revived interest in a New York-Philadelphia ship canal of size adequate to handle ocean shipping of all sizes. Such a canal would use New York bay, Raritan bay and the Delaware river, necessitating a canal only 30 miles long, from Sayreville to Bordentown. Such a canal would not cross any important railways or highways. It would cost $173,000,000 and take ten years to build. It would bring New York and Philadelphia as shipping points nearer together and would obviate much travel through the storm areas off Atlantic City and Cape May and in Delaware bay.

Brotherhoods Object to Rail Dictatorship

THE railway brotherhoods object to a rail dictatorship under the control of Wall Street. They correctly foresee that the object of unifying the lines is to eliminate more jobs, and in their statement say:

"This is no time for the government, or the railroads, or private industries to add more thousands of men to the breadlines and to deprive dependent women and children of their sole support. No government or private employer has the right today to take away jobs or wages necessary to keep humans alive and healthy without accepting responsibility for supplying a new means of support. No man who has more than he needs has a right today to hoard his surplus while millions are in want. The government should borrow from those who will lend, and take from those who will not lend, all the money necessary to put millions to work now. We should be done with vacillation and delay and do this thing first. The government which will not put the need for spending money to provide more work and more wages ahead of any demand for saving money by reducing work and wages cannot endure."

Muscle Shoals at Work for the People

MUSCLE SHOALS, the great plant in Tennessee built in war time, is at last at work for the people. Electric rates will be the lowest in the United States, being an average of about 2c per kilowatt hour for the general consumer. The minimum charge will be $1.50 per month.

The Insull Receiverships

IN THE first year of the Insull receiverships the receivers and their lawyers had received fees of $405,300, which amounts are lost to the stockholders for ever, and it is estimated that by the time they get done picking the bones they will manage to extract at least $3,000,000 more.

No City Taxes in Skaneateles

YOU may wonder why it is that in the thriving and beautiful city of Skaneateles, N. Y., they have no city taxes, and so we explain. They have their own municipally owned light and water systems. Please don't say anything about this; as it might offend the Power Trust.

Telephone Items

ON DECEMBER 31, 1932, there was one telephone to each seven of the total population of the United States. There are 700,851 stockholders in the Bell system. Sixty percent of these have holdings of from one to ten shares. There are 291,000 employees, of whom 77,749 are stockholders. The average daily number of telephone conversations is 61,064,000.

A Nation-wide Public Power System

A NATION-WIDE public power system seems to be in the making, and should be a good thing for the country. The Roosevelt administration has authorized the Federal Power Commission to prepare a comprehensive national plan for the development of electricity. A survey of the country will be begun at once. $400,000 has been allocated for the purpose.

Long Beach Municipal Gas Works Pays

THE Long Beach municipal gas works pays. Though the rate to consumers is only 60c per 1,000 cubic feet, as against 80c in the adjoining city of Los Angeles, where the plant is privately owned, yet the Long Beach plant is so profitable that out of the surplus it has recently purchased a near-by utility plant worth $300,000 and has erected a new $125,000 building for itself.

Why the Power Trust Fights

WHY the Power Trust fights to retain its strangle hold upon the public's neck is quite clear when we reflect that in Canada, under public ownership, the average cost of electricity for domestic service is 1.5 cents; in the United States, under public ownership it is 2.5 cents, but (in the United States) under private ownership it is 5.82c, or almost four times the Canadian rate.

Public Utilities in the West

CHANUTE, Kansas, has reduced rates to rural patrons to a top rate of 8c per kilowatt hour, and a bottom rate of 4c. Wilson, Kansas, owning its own utilities, has become debt-free. The following cities, owning their own utilities, presented patrons with one month's free service: Bloomfield, Iowa; Longmont, Colorado; Holton, Kansas; Wyandotte, Michigan; and Crete, Burwell, Dix, Potter, Curtis, Lodgepole and Edgar, Nebraska.

Municipal Ownership at Columbia

MUNICIPAL ownership of public utilities has been a huge success at Columbia, Mo. The tax rates of the city are now among the lowest in the state. The proceeds from the plant have enabled the construction of fine municipal buildings. The city is the best illuminated in the state. All the utilities are entirely free of debt; the utility rates are low; there is cash to pay municipal bills, and a surplus in the treasury.

Queens Borough Gas and Electric Company

SEVERAL times in recent years we have received complaints of the huge deposits required by the Queens Borough Gas and Electric Company before they would install meters for new customers. It was contended that these excessive deposits placed in the hands of the company a huge amount of capital which they use in their business, and that the inability of the consumers to use the money thus tied up works a hardship on those who pay the bills. The Public Service Commission has just ordered 18 percent reduction in rates of this company, giving as a reason that in the last five years it paid out in dividends more than the entire amount the stockholders ever paid into the company, besides which the combined surplus and reserve is now more than five and one-half million dollars.

Weak Sisters Among the Banks

SENATOR GLASS is quoted as saying: "For the last twelve or fourteen years there has been no espionage on the weak national banks. The controller of the currency admits that if he enforced the law he would have closed half the national banks of the country." That seems interesting, because it looks as if the law was intended only as a joke, not to be taken seriously, and it makes a person wonder what the law is for, anyway.

Banks Want High Electric Light Rates

BECAUSE he planned to reduce the electric light rates of the New York Edison Company to such an amount as could be reasonably and properly charged for the service rendered, Wall Street banking interests have brought about the resignation of Matthew S. Sloan, president of the New York Edison Company. It is believed that the corporation is now under the control of J. P. Morgan & Company.

Anglo-American World War Accord

ACCORDING to an anonymous book entitled *The Mirrors of Wall Street,* the Anglo-American World War accord was reached in the library of the late J. P. Morgan a few hours after Great Britain declared war on Germany. The British ambassador there waited on Mr. Morgan and asked him the one question if he would lend all his power and force, financial and commercial, actual and potential, to the British Government, and was answered in the affirmative. After that interview America's entrance into the World War was inevitable.

Guardian Trust Company of Cleveland

THE Guardian Trust Company of Cleveland, which failed, owing its depositors more than $100,000,000, had a hard time getting along for some time before the failure occurred. They felt it necessary to doctor up a statement for the public by listing $7,000,000 in outstanding checks as deposits. To keep from going to the wall they borrowed freely from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. After it was all over, the Ohio senate investigating committee discovered that the president of the trust company, in the year 1930, not only received a salary of $90,000, but, in addition, voted himself a bonus of $15,000, plus a Christmas gift of $3,750, a total of $108,750 for the year.

American Bankers Association

THE Chinese have a requirement that their banks must guarantee all deposits. If the bank fails, off comes the banker's head. But the bank does not fail. In America we do have one bank that guarantees deposits: that is the Postal Savings Bank, run by the Government. The American Bankers Association does not like the Chinese system of guaranteed deposits or the United States Government system of guaranteed deposits. It makes the banker too careful. It would seem that, with some 5,000 banks closed in the recent past, it might not be a bad idea to have some bankers in America that would really be interested in their depositors. Gambling with depositors' money bids fair not to be so popular in future years as it has been in the past.

Points from Insurance Literature

THE stability of insurance companies rests in the fact that their investments are in all the economic interests of the nation, being first mortgages on farms, city property, railroads, utilities, and government bonds, carefully proportioned; they are distributed proportionately over every section of the country: there are ten to twenty thousand different investments on the books of every large insurance company; the securities mature at diverse times, so that a stream of maturities is constant; investments are made during favorable buying periods; the clients of the companies are scattered all over the country; there is an investment management devoted exclusively to choosing the safest and best investments.

The premium income of life insurance companies is steady even during the times of greatest depression, as is shown by the following table:

1927 . .	$2,874,452,481
1928 . .	3,145,584,784
1929 . .	3,350,367,354
1930 . .	3,524,326,635
1931 . .	3,661,105,385

The life insurance income from dividends and rents is also steady in times of great depression, due to the reasons given in the first paragraph:

1927 . .	$ 798,698,958
1928 . .	942,348,231
1929 . .	986,370,916
1930 . .	1,069,646,475
1931 . .	1,189,270,565

New York City's Huge Relief Bill

IN THE first six months of 1933 New York city expended fifty million dollars in relief of her 201,647 destitute families. This population of exceeding one million persons is about double the number of persons on relief during the last half of 1932.

What a Strange Coincidence!

AMERICA is now suffering from banking crookedness surely dating from before the big crash in 1929, but the new administration finds, singularly, that the legislation on the books is such that while other forms of crookedness can be prosecuted any time within six years, in the case of bankers the prosecution must take place within three years.

Pennroad Corporation

THE Pennroad corporation, organized by Kuhn, Loeb & Company to evade the law, made over $5,840,000 for its organizers in about six months, and caused the investing public a loss of not less than $106,000,000. The Alleghany corporation, organized by the house of Morgan for similar reasons, resulted in a loss to investors of over $128,000,000.

Civilian Conservation Camps

SOME at least of the civilian conservation camps are being run as military establishments, and perhaps this is true of all of them. The officers are supplied with guns and ammunition, and each officer has a body-servant, picked from the men, to clean up for him and wait on him. These body-servants are paid by the government for forestry work, not for personal service to officers.

"Uneasy Lies the Head"

THE Rochester chamber of commerce enumerated all the soft jobs in New York state: deputy athletic commissioner, $5,000; general manager of Palisades Interstate Parks, $12,000; fish and game superintendents and supervisors, and scores of other jobs at fabulous salaries; and then cruelly advises overworked and underpaid farmers and their wives, and other hard-beset taxpayers, to take such jobs instead of the less remunerative ones they now hold. All of which lends force to the proverb "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown."

Flood of Unwanted Money in Britain

FROM various corners of the world money to the amount of £400,000,000 has been piling into British banks for safe-keeping. This amount, of which at least one-fourth is from the United States, is deposited subject to immediate withdrawal, and is considered unwelcome money. The selection of England as the place for the deposit of these excess funds shows that the great financiers regard Britain as the safest place in the world.

Where Is the Money Coming From?

GENERAL JOHNSON is reported as saying, in effect, that the NRA plan will be a success by the middle of November, at which time he expects to resign and sit back and watch it work. One can but admire his energy, but perhaps it is allowed to inquire where the money is coming from that is going to meet all these increases in employment and payrolls. All are agreed that the banks cannot carry this load more than three months.

First Lady Sees for Herself

ON THE invitation of a Quaker organization, which has been doing relief work in West Virginia, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt recently made a hurried automobile trip to Scott Run (W. Va.) mining district, there to see for herself homes in which a single cooking utensil serves as dishpan, water-bucket and bathtub, and to talk with women who keep their kiddies covered only with old clothing begged from door to door, and who walk ten miles a day to get work as domestics.

Governor Olson, of Minnesota

SPEAKING to a group of several hundred petitioners on the steps of the Minnesota state capitol, at St. Paul, Governor Olson said he is now making his last appeal to the legislature to make proper provision for the sufferers of the state who are in that condition through no fault of their own; that if the lawmakers do not respond he will declare martial law and take from the wealthy enough wealth to meet the necessities of the case, and that if the government refuses to do anything to prevent a recurrence of the present situation he hopes the present system of government will go right where the facts show it is fast going, i. e., to *sheol, gehenna,* h——!

A Glorified Bill-collecting Agency

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, who has been on fourteen American army expeditions in Haiti and Nicaragua, recently made the statement in a public debate in New York city that "the army is merely a glorified bill-collecting agency for capitalists".

NRA Should Be Terminated Soon

PROFESSOR PHILIP CABOT, of Harvard University, in a speech before the Pennsylvania Electric Association, advocated the early end of the NRA. He is reported as having said: "As an emergency measure this program was necessary and wise. But if we allow ourselves to be lulled to sleep by addresses of the president about the new deal and appeals for cooperation by the national administrator, we may wake up some morning in a new world. As practical men we should face the fact that in this crisis we have made a long step in the direction of fascism. Unless we are prepared to abandon the forms of government under which we have lived, we must see to it that this situation is terminated at the earliest possible moment." These remarks of Professor Cabot would have been more acceptable if they had not been made by a college professor before a meeting of an electric association.

Dr. Thomas, President Emeritus of Bryn Mawr

DOCTOR M. CAREY THOMAS, seventy-six-year-old president emeritus of Bryn Mawr College, after eleven years of silence, summed up conditions recently in an address which would have been remarkable coming from a man, and is noteworthy indeed coming from an elderly woman. She said in part:

"Bad as democracy is, it has within itself the possibilities of reform. Beneficent as tyrants may be at first, as I believe Lenin and Stalin have been, tyrants have within themselves impulses that cannot fail to become tyrannical. Free speech, free thought, reform, growth, new ideas, become more and more intolerable to tyrants, and so must inevitably be stamped out by banishment, killings and machine guns. As we were betrayed in the great war by our politicians, diplomats, religious teachers, economists and governments, so now we are being betrayed by our great bankers, railway presidents, great industrialists and again by our economists and our governments. We are today in the grip of the sinister tentacles of the great octopus of capitalism, which has brought us to our present miserable state."

Prosperity Prevents Lynching

STUDIES of the Southern Commission on the Study of Lynching show that periods of relative prosperity bring reduction in lynching and periods of depression cause an increase. How essential, then, the kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray! The better the government, the less the crime.

87% Increase in Prisoners in 9 Years

IN THE nine years from 1923 to 1932 the number of prisoners confined in State and Federal prisons increased from 84,761 to 158,947. This is an increase of 87 percent. A little more than half of the institutions paid wages of 2c to 15c per day to prison workers; the others paid nothing. The principal articles produced were shirts, binder twine and automobile license tags. In Georgia $5,000,000 worth of road work was done. Hours of work ranged from 24 to over 60 per week.

Besides the foregoing, 44,014 were confined in county jails. With 30,000,000 families in the United States, and 202,961 persons in jail or prison, it follows that we have one percent of our families with some member in durance vile every eighteen months.

The "Cheap Skate" Deputy

NEW YORK city, in its marriage license bureau, maintains, at city expense, a good place where persons desiring to be married may have the ceremonies performed. These marriages have been conducted by the deputy city clerk, whose salary is paid by the city. But with an eye to business this deputy, so it seems, has been abusing persons whose tips did not rise to amounts he considered proper. If one gave him nothing he was called "a cheap skate". If one gave him $1 the tip was referred to, in the presence of the bride, as "one lousy buck". A $2 tip was good for a "Thank you. God bless you." And so on up. At length the income tax collectors heard about the big drawer full of money which he was accustomed to exhibit to prospective bridegrooms, as part of his tip-collecting program; an investigation was made, and it was found that the "cheap skate" deputy had received $69,000 in tips in two years, and $21,000 in interest on savings accounts in thirty-four banks, and had forgotten to report his pickings in income tax statements. Thus we have one more professional patriot deflated.

Tax-Exempt Properties

IT IS rather surprising to be told that in New York city there is five thousand million dollars' worth of property that pays no taxes or other assessments, the property owners in general being compelled to pave all the streets and dig all the sewers for the tax-free properties.

New York Socialists Dodged the Hook

JUST when a fusion ticket in New York looked like a desirable thing the socialists discovered that the men who are behind the anti-Tammany movement are the same men who were behind Tammany itself, the bankers, utility magnates and landlords, and therefore decided to have no dealings with them, but to go it alone.

Mingo, Logan and Harlan Counties

FOR a generation Mingo and Logan counties, West Virginia, and Harlan county, Kentucky, have been known as places where it was all a man's life was worth to join a labor union, but under the National Recovery Act these counties were unionized 100 percent. At Williamson, West Virginia, forty-two hundred miners joined the union at one meeting. This proves that their previous claims that they were being terrorized, and treated most unfairly, were true.

Novel Holdup in Union Square

IN THE very heart of New York city, in Union Square, in the month of April, three holdup men took entire charge of two bank messengers, bundled them into an automobile, and kept one of them there while the other was escorted into a bank to cash a $13,000 payroll check. The messengers were then taken to a vacant house on the lower east side and released. The holdup industry seems to be one of New York's best lines.

United States Shipping Board

IN 1917 the United States Shipping Board made 106 ships, in 1918 it made 812 ships, and in 1919 it made 1,065 ships and was the greatest organization of its kind in the world, producing more shipping than all the rest of the world put together. It has just gone out of existence, having turned its last 38 ships over to the Department of Commerce. It had a record for graft unequaled in history. The "dollar-a-year" patriots that managed it turned out to be America's most expensive luxury.

Rosika Schwimmer and Zangara

ROSIKA SCHWIMMER, world-famous Hungarian liberal, was denied citizenship in the United States because she would not bear arms. The same day her application for citizenship was rejected it was granted to Zangara because he said he would bear arms, and he did. He killed Cermak, one of the most capable mayors Chicago ever had, and tried to kill the president.

Eager to Kill Poultry Witnesses

THREE poultrymen in the Bronx (New York) had their place raided by seven racketeers, who were caught at their work of destruction, and arrested. The racketeers were later released on small bail, and the poultrymen, at their own request, were locked up as material witnesses, on $250,000 bail each. The friends of the racketeers were so eager to get the witnesses out and kill them that they actually posted $75,000, about $25,000 of it in cash, to gain them their freedom. The poultrymen preferred to remain in jail.

Bankruptcy of Self-Government

GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM, United States attorney general in President Taft's cabinet, recently said: "The most significant thing in the world situation is the bankruptcy of self-government in many countries. France and England are practically the only countries in Europe in which democratic institutions survive. All the other countries are under dictatorships of one kind or another. The history of government is a series of more or less unsuccessful experiments. Governments cease to be successful when men cease to be tolerant. No doubt there is a growing intolerance here of difference of opinion."

Origin of the NRA Emblem

THE artist who designed the NRA emblem evidently took for his model the thunder bird that topped Alaska's totem poles and was carved in Arizona's rocks. A description of the thunder bird says: "The fundamental concept of this myth is that there flies through the heavens a bird which, on account of its immense size, darkens the sky, the flapping of whose wings causes the thunder, the winking of whose eyes creates the lightning, the shaking of whose feathers scatters the rain, and the velocity of whose body produces the wind. Fair weather signifies that the bird is in good humor; bad weather that he is displeased."

Percentages of Workers Unemployed

FORTY-EIGHT percent of the workers of Holland were unemployed at the end of March, 43 percent of the workers of Denmark, 34 percent of the United States', 33 percent of Germany's, 32 percent of Austria's, 25 percent of Switzerland's, 23 percent of Britain's, 22 percent of Belgium's, and 21 percent of Czechoslovakia's.

Kidnapings in the United States

IN THE sixteen months from March 1, 1932, to July 5, 1933, fifteen kidnapings occurred in the United States. The average length of time that the victims were restrained of their liberty was seven days, but one of them, Mrs. Mary Skeele, of Los Angeles, was a prisoner 23 days.

Renovated Hats in New York City

THE Government has ordered nine hat companies doing business in New York to desist from selling made-over secondhand hats as new hats. At a test conducted by the Government it was found that even the most expert hatmakers are unable to distinguish the new felt hats from the old.

NRA Has Plenty of Teeth

THE National Recovery Act has plenty of teeth. When one has signed any code he must live up to his contract. Failure to do so carries with it a fine of $500 for each and every day's violation. The president has the authority to make the rules and regulations for carrying out the law.

America May Have a New State

CITIZENS of the 55 counties of northwest Texas, often called the Panhandle, with the three westernmost counties of Oklahoma, are agitating for a new state, with Amarillo as its capital. Seems like a good idea. Texas is too large and her interests too diverse to be governed economically.

The Official Secrets Bill

THE Official Secrets Bill, which passed the House before its existence was known to the president, was so drawn that it could be used for giving a publisher ten years in jail and $10,000 fine for giving out and publishing unemployment statistics through other than official channels.

Public Debt of the U.S.A.

ON JUNE 30 the public debt of the U.S.A. was $22,539,000,000, an increase of $3,052,000,000 in twelve months, and now only $4,057,000,000 from the all-time high debt of August, 1919. We do not hear so much in these days of the wonders accomplished in paying off the debt as we once did.

Objections to Sales Tax

SOME of the objections offered to sales taxes are that when times are good the people respond to advertising, but when they are bad business falls off, the merchants curtail their advertising, the publishers put out smaller papers, and numerous men are laid off. The argument is made that the interests of the public, the publishers and the merchants are all contrary to a sales tax.

Likens the NRA to Bread Pills

WILLIAM TRAVERS JEROME, one-time famous district attorney of New York county, recently returned from a vacation in Europe, and on his arrival likened the NRA to a quack doctor feeding bread pills to a hysterical woman. He did suggest, however, that the bread pills will not hurt the hysterical woman, and if they will but get her out of her hysterics some good will have been done.

Kansas City Gangsters Out of Luck

FOUR Kansas City gangsters had just murdered a fifth one that they wanted out of the way. They did it in a down-town street, made a good job of it, and were getting away. Unfortunately for them a sheriff who is a dead shot saw the murder committed. In an instant he shot two of the assassins dead, a third gave up the fight and will be tried for murder, and the fourth alone escaped.

Three Badly Frightened Grave-Robbers

THE depression has affected even the grave-robbing business. Three men were plying their trade at Nagyparente church, Budapest, Hungary. They got down to the coffin, pried up the lid, looking for jewels, when the lady surprised them by asking, "What do you want from me?" The fresh air revived her just in time. Now she is in a hospital, getting well, and one of the would-be grave-robbers is in jail and the police are looking for the other two.

Cuba's Strong-Arm Squad Destroyed

DURING Machado's rule, a squad of strong-arm men under his direction put to death hundreds of persons whom he desired out of the way. After his flight these men, well known to the people, were executed on the spot wherever they chanced to be found.

Dispatches from Simla, India

CURRENT dispatches from Simla, India, are that there are 10,950 in Indian prisons for civil disobedience, 544 of whom are women; also that the Afghan village of Kotkai was bombed again by the Royal Air Force, after which the village was said to be in ruins. If a good job was done on the second bombing there may have been barely enough dogs left to finish eating the babies and old women that survived the general slaughter.

Settling of North Australia

TWO chartered British companies are expecting to bring about the settlement of North Australia. The territory of a half million square miles will be turned over to the two companies for a term of 100 years, to do as they please. In some of this country it has not rained in seven years; the temperature rises to 125 in the shade, yet when rain does fall the soil is so rich that in three weeks' time the whole country becomes a garden of wild flowers and grass grows high enough to hide a man. A railway to cost £15,000,000 is projected. It is calculated that Australia can hold 50,000,000 people, which is eight times its present population.

Child Slavery in Ceylon

SIR JOHN HARRIS, in the Manchester *Guardian*, reports slavery of a terrible type in Ceylon. Little children of four to six years of age are sold by parents, and there are cases where all efforts of the police and of society have failed to discover the whereabouts of these children once they are thus sold. Prosecutions in court have shown that they are often brutally flogged; sometimes they are burned with red-hot irons and firebrands; sometimes pins and needles are thrust between their finger nails and the flesh; sometimes hot peppers are rubbed into their eyes. They are usually overworked and underfed, and never receive any wages. A little girl of ten who refused the infamous proposals of her purchaser's son was burned and branded.

Crime School Uncovered in London

SCOTLAND YARD detectives discovered in London a college for the training of criminals. Among the features brought to light were carefully drawn maps of sections to be robbed, sharp-pronged tire-cutters which could be thrown in the path of pursuing cars, elaborate charts of how to avoid being rammed, fifty sets of number plates, material for smoke screens, and, finally, a hearse in which three men could, in a pinch, make a get-away in an emergency beneath a coffin ostentatiously shown in it.

Amazing Civil Service Questions

A CANDIDATE for a government position reports the Civil Service Commissioners at Burlington Gardens, London, England, as asking him nine oral questions, every one of which indicated the government's expectation and intention of establishing a dictatorship. Among the questions were: "What do you think of Mussolini's successful dictatorship? Do you consider it possible that dictatorship could be assumed by some party or parties in this country?" "Suppose I assume that dictatorship becomes an accomplished fact in this country, we may take it that you would make yourself obedient to — possibly a military discipline — shall we say?" To this we have only to add that coming events cast their shadows before, and it is seemingly the Devil's desire to put the whole world under dictatorship rule.

Americans Unpopular in Cuba

THE reason why Americans are unpopular and unsafe in Cuba is that about everything in the island that is worth anything is in the hands of American financiers. United States sugar investments are put at $370,000,000, and dominate practically every major sugar plant on the island; power interests claim $125,000,000 investment; the telephone trust, $15,000,000; railways, $116,000,000. All together, the American investments total more than $1,250,000,000. To work the immense sugar estates their owners import every year cheap labor from adjacent islands, and this the Cubans much resent. The American contractors that built Cuban roads and other public works usually charged about twice what the work was worth. These contractors received the greater part of the Cuban bond sales floated in America by the National City and Chase National banks.

World-wide War on Crime

THE International World Police, with Police Commissioner James S. Bolan, of New York city, as its first president, will ignore all frontiers and pursue their hunts for criminals wherever they may be found. It is probable that one headquarters will be established in Washington and the other in Geneva or Vienna.

British Arms Man Chased Out of Turkey

BELIEVING it not for the best interests of Turkey to have a Vickers-Armstrong man in the country, the Turkish government ordered the British representative of this firm of international trouble-makers to pack up and get out on short notice. He arrived in the morning and was told to get out the same night. Turkey would like to live in peace.

Brazilian Items

BRAZIL wants thirty new warships, and before the close of the year hopes to find some shipbuilder that will construct them and take his pay in coffee, manganese and other Brazilian products. Phonetic spelling is being pushed, and schoolbooks containing the old spelling will be barred from public institutions and schools recognized by the government after January 1, 1935.

Reign of Terror in India

PERSONS suspected of political crime in India are now tried in secret, without witnesses, without lawyers, and sometimes without being present themselves; their property may be confiscated; they may be compelled to live in certain districts; the use of public vehicles may be forbidden them; a whole village may be punished for the offense of one person; censorship prevails.

Some Sensible Rules of Mussolini

SOME sensible rules of Mussolini are that officials must dress plainly, frequent the homes of the working classes, keep regular office hours, lend a sympathetic ear to the cries of the poor, and walk rather than ride. All ostentatious displays of wealth must be avoided. Those who are actuated by the correct principle that all members of the human family have certain mutual rights which every member is morally bound to observe will readily appreciate such rules and put them into practice.

Costs of War

IN THE World War 9,998,771 soldiers were killed or died and 20,297,551 were wounded. While the war was at its height the daily cost was $224,000,000. Even now, while the nations are at peace, the war cost is more than $10,000,000 per day. Out of a total United States budget of $3,500,000,000, only $545,000,000 is to be expended on civil functions of the government, while all the rest goes to pay for past and future wars.

The Fascist Thirty-Cent Stamp

THE Fascist thirty-cent stamp contains in its center an open Bible standing on a Bible, with the word *Evangelium* (Gospel) printed across the left-hand page. Behind the Bible stands a cross. The Fascist emblems are on one side, and those of the house of Savoy on the other. At the bottom is the word *Credere* (Believe). The stamp is said to have been issued under the personal supervision of Mussolini, and it does not look as if he had left anything out.

French Arms Exports Up

OFFICIAL reports published in France show that arms exports for the first half of 1933 are 50 percent larger than for the same period of 1932. The bulk of the exports this year went to China, Japan, South America and Central America. France has just disturbed China, Japan and the United States by seizing seven islands off the Philippines which are so small that the United States did not even know they existed. None of them is more than three-fourths of a mile long, or more than eight feet above the sea. They are mere coral reefs.

Morgenthau Thinks War Inevitable

HENRY MORGENTHAU, the head of the American delegation to the International Wheat Conference, held in London at the time of the World Economic Conference, while admitting that the masses of Europe do not want war, said: "War in Europe is imminent and inevitable. The fear of war hung over the heads of every country's delegation to the World Economic Conference and conditions now are similar to those in 1913. There is no sincere desire for permanent peace in Europe. Those in power want peace now, but only so that they may prepare for the war that is coming."

Minnesota's Drying Lakes

THE normal rainfall of Minnesota is 28½ inches; of this amount 20 inches goes for evaporation, plant life and deep seepage. The remaining 8½ inches is for maintenance of lakes and rivers. If less than that amount the lakes and rivers are not maintained, and that is happening now. There have been fourteen relatively dry seasons in succession and many Minnesota lakes are at the lowest levels in their history.

Possibilities in Hybrid Nuts

A WEALTHY man who recently died in the vicinity of New York city had made about 7,500 crosses of nut varieties, about half of which were turned over to the United States department of agriculture. Among the hybrids which he owned were a hickory-pecan tree which bore nuts two and one-half inches in diameter.

All They Needed Was a Chance

SINCE January, 1932, the city of Columbus, Georgia, has placed 198 families on unoccupied farms, equipped with farmhouses, stock and tools. Some assistance was at first given in the matter of provisions and of vegetable seed. The experiment proved a complete success. Only three of the families returned to the city; the others are making a go of it.

The Desert Blossoming

A FRIEND writes us from Paducah, Texas, that a remarkable change has taken place in western Texas during the last few years. As he was recently driving westward he passed over a very poor country where for miles and miles it had in the past never produced anything like pasturage, and very few weeds.

Now he finds the earth covered with the most beautiful flowers of many different kinds, spread out like a covering over the once barren land. Old-timers told him that never before have they known anything like this. Even in old, worn-out roads, where there was not one particle of soil, the flowers were just as beautiful as if they were grown in a hotbed.

There is a reason for this marvelous change, and only a few people know what it is. Literally the desert has begun to blossom like the rose, thus giving another witness to the rapid approach of the kingdom for which God's people have for centuries prayed: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Fertilizers with Every Rain

CANADIAN scientists, studying fertilizers in the air, have discovered that falling rains and falling snows make the earth rich by washing down nitric acid from the air. When much coal is burned, the air becomes rich with nitric ammonia. The ammonia in the air is increased by a big forest fire.

Farmers Receive One-Eighth

THE farmers receive one-eighth of the national income, and with that one-eighth they buy one-eighth of the diversified products of the nation. The idea that in some mysterious way they have the power to buy beyond their income is quite wrong. If the recovery of the nation depends entirely upon what the farmer is going to buy, then it is not going to recover.

Better Method of Branding Cattle

THE merciful and humane will be glad to know that the old method of branding cattle with hot irons is passing out. A new and better method, of etching the design into the hide by means of chemicals, is said to be painless. There may be some question about the painlessness of it, but, anyway, it seems as if it might be less cruel.

Why Farmers Get Nothing for Milk

WHY farmers get next to nothing for milk is readily comprehended when one considers that until recently the president of the National Dairy Products Company received a salary of $180,000 a year, and yet that last year the company netted $12,000,000 after $18,000,000 of profits had been written off to avoid income taxes. The milk business, for the big distributors, is so profitable that it paid the above-named concern to purchase in Washington, for the sum of $4,250,000, the plant of the Chestnut Farm Dairy which was valued at only $1,656,000. Another reason why the farmers get next to nothing for their milk is that officials of the cooperatives, supposedly organized to protect the interests of the producers, are guilty of making marketing agreements antagonistic to the interests of the farmers. Only an imbecile could be convinced that a dealer in Chicago can sell milk for 6¼c and make money, while one in Philadelphia must have 14c; and yet the producer in the latter case receives no more than in the former, and in either case is inadequately repaid for his work.

Telling Time by a Pudsey Toad

IT IS of record that when an inhabitant of Pudsey, England, first saw a watch, he pronounced it alive and expressed the opinion that it was a new form of toad; hence, in certain parts of England, the watch is called a "Pudsey toad" to this day.

California's Mysterious Mountain

CALIFORNIA has a mountain 7,500 feet high and ten miles long rising from a valley that nobody has ever been able to visit. The mountain is located 52 miles out in the Pacific ocean, and its top is some 2,500 feet beneath the ocean's waves.

Possibility of Reversed Refrigeration

SCIENTISTS are experimenting with reversed refrigeration. The same apparatus that is used to keep a house cool in summer is used to keep it warm in winter, by operating it in the reverse direction. Experiments already made show that by this method about four times as much heat is produced indoors as if the electricity were directly converted into heat.

Feats of the Electric Eye

WAITERS with trays of food, or workmen with trucks of materials, no longer need to open or close doors in restaurants or factories. In an instant, when the line of light is intercepted, the door flies open, and when another point is passed the door is automatically closed. In the Holland tunnel one eye counts all cars entering, and another all cars leaving. A third machine automatically subtracts, so that there is constantly available a record of the cars actually in the tunnel.

Volcano 100,000,000 Years Old

A PRINCETON professor has discovered a volcano in Montana which he says is 100,000,000 years old. The accepted way of establishing the age of a volcano is to find out how old it was the last time it was discovered, and then add one cipher every time it is discovered subsequently. In this way the figures pile up until they are really impressive. Suppose, now, that a professor should find a volcano that is only 10,000 years old; the next man that comes along adds a cipher, and anybody can see that he is ten times as important a professor as the first one. Why have ciphers and not use them?

Butterflies Enjoy Colors

QUITE recently a German student discovered that butterflies come to flowers because they enjoy the colors of them. He mixed artificial flowers with natural flowers and watched the results. The yellow, blue and purple colors attracted the butterflies; but the green ones, not at all.

3,000 Pictures per Second

AN ULTRA-HIGH-SPEED timing camera that can take 3,000 pictures per second shows that it takes 11/100 of a second to wink the eye, 13/100 of a second to react to a brilliant flash in front of it, and 26/100 of a second for a rubber balloon to explode on being touched with a match.

Bees Avoid Contaminated Honey

"WE EXTRACTED honey two weeks ago," said M. H. Walker, of Florida. "I made use of an aluminum dishpan. A little bit of honey got into it. I put it out for the bees to clean it up, but they refused to touch it, although they cleaned up everything else. They went into the pan, but came out immediately without touching the honey."

Sensitive to Radio Waves

A DAIRYMAN in Enumclaw, Washington, is so sensitive to radio waves that when his children turn on the radio in the evening it is necessary for him to be grounded to a water pipe to avoid extreme pain. Some years ago a supersensitive subscriber in California wrote us that at times he was able to hear the government's radio signals direct, without the intervention of any radio apparatus whatever.

Wonderful Experiments with Pigs

THAT surely is a wonderful experiment the government made with pigs, the last week in August and throughout September: 100,000 pigs a day, and 25,000 sows, each estimated to have six unborn piglets, were put to death at government expense, thus taking, all told, some 11,000,000 pigs off next year's crop. The government paid from $6 to $9.50 per 100 pounds for the porkers. The lighter pigs will be worked up into fertilizer, and the others will be distributed to the poor. At least they will if nobody does any grafting. All this should certainly make the price of bacon high enough next spring to suit those who want to see the price boosted.

No Aluminum Welding

A SUBSCRIBER writes: "Anyone caught acetylene welding on aluminum in the Southern Pacific R. R. shops in Sacramento (perhaps elsewhere also) is under threat of instant dismissal, as the fumes are deadly."

Whole-Wheat Cereal

SAYS C. A. Pike, of North Carolina: "Fill saucepan or pot three-fourths full of water with a little salt in it. Put on fire and heat to nearly boiling point. Stir in whole-wheat flour, a little at a time, stirring constantly till it thickens up to right consistency. Cook twenty-five to thirty minutes. Serve like oatmeal, with sugar and cream or milk."

The Way Dr. Zinsser Puts It

REFERRING to the mania which some so-called "scientists" have for what is really barren, unproductive research (of which vivisection furnishes so many thousands of terrible illustrations) Dr. Hans Zinsser puts it in a way that will make anybody laugh that has a laugh still left: He says: "In well equipped laboratories many a man and woman is patiently sitting on a lifeless idea like a hen on a boiled egg."

Cigarettes and Mental Instability

DID you know," says M. L. Turner, M.D., of Florida, "that there had been a 500-percent increase in the use of cigarettes, which undoubtedly is a factor (predisposing if not promoting) in the increase of mental upsets, 468 percent? Enfeebled constitutions, inherited from fashionable mothers, cannot stand up under tobacco, booze and our civilized noises, autos, etc. Mental upsets (instability) are not desirable, even if they last anywhere from a month to a year."

Sleeping Sickness Spreading in America

SLEEPING sickness is spreading rapidly in America. The papers abound with the great things that the medical fraternity have done or are about to do to curb its progress. May we make a suggestion? Just try abstaining for a while from inoculating the human system with vaccines containing nobody knows what, and the sleeping sickness will disappear. There is not a vaccinator on earth who knows what the vaccines which he scratches into the human blood stream contain, or what harm they may do.

Toxin-Antitoxin Admittedly No Good

THE scarlet fever and whooping cough serums having gone by the board, we now learn that toxin-antitoxin, once heralded as safe and harmless, causes fevers and makes the patients ill with other after-effects, and has been abandoned for a new serum called toxoid, now being widely pushed by the serum manufacturers. Thus do the idols, one after another, tumble into the mud.

Best Place for Babies to Be Born

AMERICAN MEDICINE, January 1931, page 29, in an article entitled "What Price Patients?" makes the following interesting observation:

> Babies should not be born in hospitals! Babies should be born in homes! In 100 years mother and babe mortality in hospitals has not been lowered, while mother and babe mortality in homes has been lowered half. It gives us pause.

Three Years of Misery Ended

FOR three years," said F. E. Coulter, of Oregon, "I suffered from inflammation of the bladder. Your remarks about aluminum utensils opened my eyes. I don't see how I have been such a fool for years. For two months we have used no aluminum. Result: I am entirely well, after three years of misery. Took no medicine since I cut out the aluminum. More power to you!"

What Stopped the Vomiting

AFTER reading the July 23 (1930) issue of *The Golden Age*," said Mrs. H. D. Warren, of Texas, "we discarded all aluminum cooking utensils. Am happy to say the health of our entire family has improved. My little daughter and myself were subject to frequent vomiting spells; she has vomited only once since we made the change in cooking utensils, and my sick spells are getting farther and farther apart."

No More Mouth Cankers

MY FOUR children and I were subject to mouth cankers for four years," said Mrs. L. P. Fogarty, of Alberta. "My ten-year-old boy had them down his throat as far as one could see. They rapidly got more severe and larger. A year ago I discarded all aluminum (my kitchen was full of it), and the cankers, as well as our *continual* tonsilitis attacks, are a thing of the past."

World Digs for Water to Drink

IT IS the year 1933 (A.D.). The darkness over the earth is gross, almost pitch black. As the earth's inhabitants grope around in the darkness, to them it is so dense that they can feel it. In the houses and minds of a few people on earth, Jehovah's witnesses, there is light, and some of the people of earth, people of good will, catch some of the light that is reflected by these witnesses. Suddenly there is flash of lightning, another one of those frequent flashes of spiritual lightning which have flamed forth from the very temple of God Jehovah for the past fifteen years. This recent zigzagging stream of lightning lights up all quarters of the earth and causes a brighter illumination of the whole world situation.

Look! see that international gathering of men over there in London, at the World Monetary and Economic Conference? Yes, but what are they doing? Digging! What! those statesmen and representatives of sixty-six nations of earth digging? Yes; for can't you see that their tongues are hanging out for thirst, and the great stream of world commercialism is turned to blood and stinks, and these men are famished for water to drink? In the various countries from which these men have come they have had great diggings for water, especially since A.D. 1924, but only bloody waters have responded to their spades and steam shovels; and that's why they are there at the world's greatest city, London. If they can't get pure water, capitalism, nay, more, "civilization," so called, will dry up and die miserably! Ah, can't you see now? this is nothing but a reenactment on a complete and world-wide scale of a great prophetic event down in the land of Ham, Egypt, thirty-five hundred years ago. That ancient Egypt, and its haughty Pharaoh, and its Nile river winding along like a great dragon, find their antitypes or parallel fulfilments in our own modern day.

Back there the great God of the universe, Jehovah, had sent the Hebrew prophet Moses down into Egypt to serve notice of His purposes upon Pharaoh and to lead forth God's chosen nation of Israel out of the house of bondage in Egypt. In sending Moses to Egypt and using him in connection with the Israelites Jehovah used certain things and creatures which symbolically represented greater things to come. Moses represented or foreshadowed Jesus Christ at times. In fact, God caused Moses himself to write: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, *like unto me;* unto him ye shall hearken." (Deuteronomy 18:15) Confirming this statement, Jesus said: "Moses . . . wrote of me." (John 5:46) Accordingly Peter, an apostle of Jesus, testified that Moses was a type of Christ Jesus.—Acts 3:22.

Pharaoh and his organized world power, Egypt, pictured or represented Satan and his cruel organization. It was in Egypt, the symbol of Satan's world, that the Israelites, God's chosen people, were domiciled, having been sent there by Jehovah that His purpose might be carried out. The Israelites primarily represented Jehovah's chosen people in Christ; and secondly, all of those who take their stand on the side of Jehovah God and who maintain their integrity toward Him. Jehovah gave three signs for Moses to perform before the Israelites, and Moses' brother, Aaron, was associated with him therein. Two of those signs were performed before Pharaoh. Jehovah would first supply the evidence and convince the Israelites that He had sent Moses to them, and then He would also give proof to Pharaoh, this to be a warning to Pharaoh and his organization. Both the Israelites and Pharaoh must know that Jehovah is the Almighty God. Both the people of Jehovah and those of Satan's organization must now be informed that Jehovah is God.

The first sign was the rod of Moses which was thrown to the ground and became a serpent. That sign pictures how, in A.D. 1914, at the end of the time of Satan's rule over earth without divine interference, Christ Jesus is sent forth to begin His reign and He extends or projects His active all-power to things pertaining to the earth. Thus He did when the war in heaven took place, resulting in the casting of Satan and his angels down to the earth. Now there is but one center of disturbance, to wit, the earth, where Christ Jesus keeps a watchful eye upon the enemy and by His power holds the enemy in restraint until God's due time for the enemy and his organization to be destroyed.

The second sign was that of smiting the hand of Moses with leprosy and thereafter healing it. But the third sign is of peculiar interest to commercial "Christendom" today. Said the Lord God to Moses: "And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither

hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land." —Exodus 4:9.

It was out of the river Nile that Moses took the sample of water. Egypt depended upon that river for her wealth, business and commerce, and hence it pictured particularly the commercial part of Satan's organization. The Devil, as pictured by Pharaoh, claimed that he made that "river" and that it belonged to him. (Ezekiel 29:1-3) It was chiefly the commercial support of Satan's organization. It was chiefly the commercial element that Satan used to bring about and carry on the World War. The commercial part of his organization has afflicted the world with its doctrines or propaganda, and it is Satan's commercial element that is chiefly responsible for the economic difficulties and depression now upon the people, causing them much distress and suffering.

In the picture Moses took up the water out of the Nile and poured it on the dry ground; and now the Greater Moses, Christ Jesus, and also those of His organization, take a sample of Satan's commercial organization, represented by the water, and give attention thereto. As the people of ancient Egypt thought the Nile waters were good for drinking purposes, so the people of the world, including many of the consecrated people of God, have thought that the commerce of the world is vitally essential and is refreshing and life-sustaining; and hence some of the Lord's people have engaged in the commerce of the world (presumably to "make money to support the Lord's cause") and later have come to sorrow.

The water which Moses took out of the Nile he poured upon the dry land. At that time many people who were no part of the official organization resided in Egypt. Today there are many in the world who form no part of the official organization of Satan and who are completely out of heart sympathy with that organization. These include that class of consecrated people who will yet have to go through "great tribulation" to prove acceptable to Jehovah (Revelation 7:9-14), and also the class of people often mentioned as "people of good will". Seeing that the Scriptures mention the "dry land" in contrast with the "sea", the "dry land" would well represent both the consecrated people and those order-loving people on earth who have a sincere desire to see righteousness established among men.—Haggai 2:6, 7.

The performance of the three signs was primarily for the purpose of establishing the faith of the Israelites, who foreshadowed God's covenant people now on earth; and the performance of two of these signs before Pharaoh and his court was secondarily for the purpose of serving notice upon Satan's representatives. Correspondingly, Jehovah has recently first shown His anointed people that commerce is the mainstay of Satan's visible or earthly organization, and this Jehovah has done in order that the people of God might be strong in faith and active in proclaiming the divine truth against that commercial part of the enemy organization. This proves that Jehovah's witnesses must pour the truth upon the "dry land", that is, upon the consecrated and the order-loving people; they must do so in the presence and hearing of Satan's representatives in order that all may have an opportunity to know that Jehovah is God. Jehovah's anointed people do now know that the commerce of the world is not life-sustaining; the people of good will and disposed toward God's kingdom are learning the same thing.

To Moses Jehovah said: "The water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land." Thus today Jehovah shows His people, and those of good will, that commerce originated with the Devil, that it is the most powerful part of Satan's organization visible, and that Satan has employed it to carry on his bloody and death-dealing work for centuries past upon the nations of the world. This being true, that "water" is not fit to drink, and those who are in a covenant with God to do His will and yet who drink that "water" shall die, and not live. Not only the consecrated ones, but also the people of good will, see that if they would live they must flee from Satan's oppressive organization and take their stand on Jehovah's side. For the benefit of His covenant people Jehovah caused to be written: "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."—1 Timothy 6:9, 10.

The fact that commerce or big business is a

part of Satan's organization and is oppressive and death-dealing Jehovah began to make known to His people first in 1927, as the historic facts show.

Jehovah's covenant people have believed and rejoiced in these great truths that have come to them by His grace, and now the Lord emphasizes the necessity for them to use these ways and means which He has given them and to bear substantially these truths before the rulers of the world. Moses and Aaron duly appeared before Pharaoh and performed the first sign, which only angered Pharaoh and hardened his heart. Then Moses performed the third sign before Pharaoh, which sign proved, in fact, to be the first one of the ten plagues which came upon Egypt.

Jehovah told Moses that Pharaoh would defy the first sign and refuse to let the Israelites depart out of Egypt. Then to Moses Jehovah said: "Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink against he come; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand." (Exodus 7:15) The rod which Moses had used before Pharaoh to perform the first sign he was now told by Jehovah to take in his hand and to stand by the brink of the river Nile. The use of that rod pictured the great Vindicator of Jehovah's name, Christ Jesus, as carrying into operation the purpose of Jehovah by virtue of the power and authority which Jehovah had delegated to Christ Jesus.

The appearing of Aaron before Pharaoh, and his acting under the instructions of Moses, pictured Jehovah's witnesses on earth proceeding under the direction of the Greater Moses, Christ Jesus, to appear before the Devil and his organization and to serve notice of God's purpose to take action against that wicked organization.

On encountering Pharaoh at the river's brink Moses, according to God's instructions, was to say: "The Lord God of the Hebrews hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not hear. Thus saith the Lord, In this thou shalt know that I am the Lord: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water of the river. And the Lord spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood; and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt."—Exodus 7:16-21.

As a modern parallel of this, Jehovah by His "Hand", Christ Jesus, now sends forth His witnesses, His "remnant", to bear His testimony before the peoples of the world and to serve notice upon the rulers that the time has come for the people of God to go to the mount of God, that is to say, to the Kingdom, and to give their allegiance to Jehovah; and to tell them that God's kingdom is the only hope for the world, and that Satan and his organization must cease to hold the people in subjection and bondage. In the performance of the third sign before Pharaoh Jehovah foretold that the loathsomeness of commercialism would be made to appear before the people and the rulers. The pouring of the water upon the dry ground shows to those who have the hearing ear that commercialism is death-dealing and is dead, and cannot lift the people out of the great depression which Satan has brought upon them. It is of significance that the part of Egypt known as "the land of Goshen", where the Israelites were then domiciled, was not spared from the plague of blood on the ground; and this would seem to clearly teach that the people of God on earth are not spared from the effects of the great commercial depression that is now upon the world. This is exactly in accord with the facts as they now exist. It was only with the coming of the fourth plague upon Egypt that the land of Goshen was severed or separated from the effects of the plagues which Jehovah sent upon Egypt.—Exodus 8:22.

The fulfilment of the prophetic picture made by Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh has at least begun, and there is much evidence to show

that the same has been fulfilled. When Jehovah turned the waters of the Nile into blood, that was notice to Pharaoh, and hence to Satan and his organization, that commerce is done for, and is as good as dead. This was the third sign, and corresponded with what is described in the book The Revelation respecting the vial and the trumpet used by the third angel of a group of seven. The Revelation says: "And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood. And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. For they ["Christendom's" rulers] have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy [to have to drink it]. And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments." (Revelation 16:4-7) "And the third angel sounded, and there fell a great star from heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters; and the name of the star [the Devil] is called Wormwood; and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter." (Revelation 8:10, 11) These prophecies began to have fulfilment as recently as A.D. 1924, the year of a great gathering of Jehovah's witnesses from many countries of the world at Columbus, Ohio, U. S. A. That was five years before the financial crash came upon the world, in 1929; and issuing forth from that Columbus convention the warning to Satan and his organization was given in the form of a resolution termed "An Indictment" and an accompanying speech, widely published in many lands, declaring that "civilization is doomed".

Satan's organization never contained life-giving waters, although the people had been induced to believe that commerce is essential to the sustaining of life and the welfare of the nation. The water poured out and turning to blood upon the dry ground in Egypt pictured how the policies and methods of commercialism have deluged the nations of the earth with blood shed in violation of Jehovah's everlasting covenant concerning blood (Genesis 9:1-6), and hence the death-dealing influence upon the peoples. For this reason commercialism as a part of Satan's organization is doomed to complete destruction. What Jehovah has been doing thus far is to have His testimony declared to the rulers and to the people, to show them that commerce, as well as other parts of Satan's organization, is without power to give life and blessings to the people. Jehovah's witnesses are now doing their part in declaring this testimony, and later Jehovah, by His executive officer, Christ Jesus, will destroy the entire organization of the enemy.

Note that the express purpose of performing the first and third signs is that the rulers and the people may receive notice. "Thus saith the Lord [to Pharaoh and Satan], In this thou shalt know that I am [Jehovah]." This is further proof that Jehovah's witnesses must continue to declare the testimony of Jehovah until every part of Satan's organization goes down.

As Pharaoh the Devil's representative was supported by his magicians, even so now with the Devil and his representatives on the earth, who attempt to counteract the effect of the testimony of Jehovah. The record (Exodus 7:22, 23) says: "And the magicians of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he hearken unto [Moses and Aaron]; as the Lord had said. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also." Today the clergy "magicians" of Satan's organization make the waters of truth to appear bloody by teaching the rulers their allies, and the people that will listen to them, that the business depression and suffering upon the people is a punishment from God sent upon them because of their unfaithfulness in supporting religious systems. To this effect the pope recently made a public statement, and millions of people are induced to believe such false statement. The result is what Satan desires, namely, the turning of the people away from God. The clergy and the other allies in wrongdoing now display their hardness of heart by crying out that Jehovah's witnesses are engaged in a commercial enterprise of selling books for pecuniary profit, and that by going from house to house to give the testimony and doing this without obtaining a license from worldly authority these witnesses are violating the commercial laws of the land. In this manner the modern magicians attempt to turn the waters of Jehovah's testimony now being delivered by His witnesses into that which is death-dealing.

Jehovah's witnesses serve the rulers with notice which is Jehovah's testimony that their commerce, as well as all other parts of the worldly organization, will shortly be destroyed by the Lord. The political magicians cooperating with their allies threaten the destruction of Jehovah's witnesses and their work, and declare that it is a menace and hence death-dealing to the people. Big Business magicians are now desperately trying to work magic before the Devil. They claim that there are regular periods of depression and prosperity, and that business moves in cycles, and that within a short time now prosperity will come again; hence they have sent forth the expression commonly heard: "Prosperity is just around the corner, and will soon be present." The claim of big business is that these financial depressions are necessary evils (symbolized by blood) and will ultimately result in good. Every part of Satan's organization discredits Jehovah and His kingdom, while Jehovah's witnesses continue to tell the people that the kingdom of God is the only hope of mankind. The commercial, political and religious elements of Satan's visible organization attempt to prove to the people that they have power to rule and to remedy the present evil conditions, and they continue thus to cast reproach upon Jehovah's name.

Digging for Water

All the rulers of the earth, big business, politicians and clergy, and those that support them are now desperately digging for ways and means to sustain their organization and to pull them out of the hole. This was particularly foreshadowed by what the Egyptians did, as it is written (Exodus 7:24): "And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of the river." The world is full of unemployment, and men in every commercial enterprise are desperately seeking if they can find the means to sustain life. Since the beginning of the financial depression, in 1929, many makeshifts have been brought forward by the wise ones or magicians of the world in their efforts to dispel the depression, which has resulted from the bloody waters of commerce. These schemes or plans consist of moratoriums, reconstruction, finance corporations ostensibly organized to help the people, but in fact to keep the head of big business above the waves, that it may survive and not die. Conferences are held by the representatives of nations, coalition governments are organized, and divers and numerous suggestions made as to how "water" that is now blood or death-dealing may be made pure and life-sustaining.

Among the latest things that have been brought forward is that satanic scheme of "technocracy", which offers a new system to replace the world's worn-out economic machinery. The new system suggests that nobody work more than two hours a day and everybody would be happy and comfortable. Of course, this is a pure delusion, as Jehovah's witnesses well know. Other schemes or plans advanced are such things as a campaign of buying and only of goods produced by one's own nation, tax-sales law, repeal of prohibition, the manufacture and sale of beer, and the hypocritical scheme known as "The National Economy League". All these things, of course, ignore Jehovah God and give no heed to the repeated proclamations of truth that the present depression is the result of the end of Satan's world, and that he has forced this condition upon the world for the purpose of turning the people away from Jehovah, and that the only sure and adequate remedy for mankind is the kingdom of Jehovah under Christ Jesus.

Jehovah is in no manner responsible for the trouble that the world is now experiencing. The turning of the waters of the Nile into blood was not Jehovah's curse upon the waters, nor did it illustrate or picture any curse from Him upon the nations now. Jehovah sent Moses and Aaron to Egypt for the express purpose of bearing His testimony before the rulers and the people to show them that He is the Almighty God, the Most High over all the earth. The signs performed before Pharaoh were for that very purpose, that Pharaoh and his organization might know that Jehovah is God, and might let God's people go to God's mountain. The testimony of Jehovah now being delivered by His witnesses is not God's curse or expression of His wrath, but rather notice for the information and warning of the rulers and the people that Jehovah is God, that Satan's time is at an end, and that Satan's schemes are death-dealing, and that if Satan does not relinquish his power to rule Jehovah will shortly destroy his organization. As Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and God permitted him to remain in power for a time, even so now Jehovah permits Satan's wicked organi-

zation to continue for a short period that He may in due time show to all that He is the Almighty God, and that His witnesses may proclaim this great truth to the world. To express it in Jehovah's words: "For this cause have I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my power; and in order that they [my witnesses] may proclaim my name throughout all the earth."—Exodus 9:16, *Leeser* translation.

The testimony given to the rulers of the world shows that Jehovah is against Satan and his organization, and hence all the schemes of Satan, including this World Monetary and Economic Conference, spell death to mankind. And so the situation continues, just as the divine record (Exodus 7:25) goes on to say: "And seven days were fulfilled, after that the Lord had smitten the river." The "seven days" seem to picture that the delivering of Jehovah's testimony by Jehovah's witnesses will continue steadily from its beginning recently until such work is completed, and that, when it is completed, then Jehovah will take a hand by sending His army under Christ into the battle of the great day of God Almighty, and such will result in the complete destruction of Satan's world.

Let the digging world-wide today go on! We can imagine that as the modern-day diggers perforate the situation and sweatingly seek to avoid the blood, and the stench of commercialism comes up into their nostrils and their tongues loll out for refreshing drink, "he [Jehovah] that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord [Jehovah] shall have them in derision."—Psalm 2:4.

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"Preparation" for Armageddon

"Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot."—2 Kings 10:15.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD would not ask anybody to help him in the great work on which his mind and heart are set. He is not built that way; and we admire him for it. But we are sure that, as a true and faithful witness of Jehovah God, he would be pleased with any method the Lord might use at this time to wake His people up to the seriousness of the situation that confronts them, and to the grand privileges which they have of climbing up into the chariot with Jehu, earth's New King. And so, without any more preliminaries, to the work in hand.

Do you believe in the things that Judge Rutherford sets forth? They are true. What are you going to *do* about it? We stand on the threshold of Armageddon, foretold for six thousand years, at which time Jehovah God will resume full control of earth's affairs, and at which time, if you are not heart and soul in sympathy with the New King, you will most certainly die. We want you to live; hence this statement.

We do not know the facts, but there must be many thousands of readers of *The Golden Age* who do not take *The Watchtower;* every one of them ought to have it. *The Golden Age* merely seeks to present pen pictures of what is going on about us, as mirrored in the news of the day. Judge Rutherford's books, and *The Watchtower,* all from his pen, are being used by the Lord to make clear His Word; all written expressly for the people now living.

Do not think *The Watchtower* or the new book *Preparation* are too deep for you. Such is not the case. You *must have* the food which these contain if you are to survive what is ahead.

And further, you must *do* something with your life. You must show Jehovah God that you really love the truth, and that you really love Him, and love your spirit-begotten brethren now "prisoners", church members in the Devil's prison houses, and be willing to move to their relief.

What kind of person is it who knows that a building is on fire, and will burn to the ground, and that there are people in it who are blind, asleep, drugged, bound hand and foot, and yet fails or refuses to pull the fire alarm?

Won't You Try to Find Out?

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The reason why this subject is being put up to you in this manner is that time is now an important factor. The very fact that *Preparation* for Armageddon is off the press is proof enough that the time has come to prepare for the event itself; so, if your heart is right, this is meant as a helping hand to get into the Watch Tower organization and *do* something.

We Try to Describe "Preparation"

We try to describe Judge Rutherford's latest book *Preparation,* and what follows are ideas snatched here and there from what is at the moment the most important book in the world. The book is so compact, so condensed, that it is difficult of description. It is an exposi-

* In support of this statement see recent letters from Jonadabs and others, foot of page 68.

tion of the prophecy of Zechariah. If we had once thought Revelation and Ezekiel the most difficult books of the Bible to understand, they now yield the palm to Zechariah; yet in *Preparation* the whole book yields its treasures. And what treasures!

The kingdom of Jehovah God, which was born in 1914, is the main doctrine of the Scriptures; its interests have been given over to the faithful; it is the remedy for all human ills. Lifted up to power, it will destroy all that oppose its establishment. In Armageddon Jehovah himself will rain down upon His opposers pestilence, blood, overflowing rains, hailstones, fire and brimstone, making a full end of all the selfish and unrighteous.

Jehovah God, the Great Shepherd of all the sheep, including the Jonadabs, is not responsible for mankind's woes and wickedness, but saves His people by becoming their God. It is this Mighty God, the God of Battle, the God of War, that, seeing Armageddon is necessary for the vindication of His name, and the cleansing of the earth, is maneuvering all the nations of the earth into open antagonism against Jerusalem, His organization.

It is this Mighty God that makes bright His clouds, sends forth His showers of truth and prepares those who love Him, including the Jonadabs, for the part they are to play in the preparation for Armageddon. He needs not to prepare himself for Armageddon, but He does need to prepare others.

His eyes now see the overt acts that have been committed against those that are His, the remnant. He prepares the way for these to advance, and they do advance. He defends the remnant (and the Jonadabs), becomes a wall of fire about His people, and at Armageddon vindicates His witnesses and His word. He is himself the Commander in Chief of all the forces of righteousness.

The Fountain of Cleansing Waters

The Fountain of Cleansing Waters is Jehovah God. Eventually, all who will live must be cleansed in the waters that flow from that Fountain. The anointed of God (anointed before the

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Yours truly,
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sanctuary was cleansed, and before the Jonadab class began to appreciate their privilege of getting into God's organization), must needs all have laved in those cleansing waters before they could have been anointed. Truth is *important*. 'The heavens giving their dew' represents Jehovah God pouring out fresh truths for the anointed, the prisoners and the Jonadabs.

The prophecy "I will hiss for them" refers to Jehovah's 'whistling' to His people, drawing their attention, gathering them together as His flock, for the purpose of announcing His coming vengeance. The prophecy about 'all families coming together at Jerusalem' refers not to any assembly at any literal city, but does mean that at stated times all persons, regardless of physical location, shall assemble before Jehovah God, i.e., unto His organization, devoting themselves to the King and His kingdom.

Jehovah's organization, the greater part of it invisible, is pictured in Zechariah's prophecy by two brass mountains, by the four winds of heaven, and by the light-bearing candlestick. This organization, to which we hope, dear Jonadab, you will join yourself, becomes His instrument, implement and weapon for His purpose.

"The Man That Is My Fellow"

"The man that is my fellow" is the one man, the Jew (Judean — praiser), upon whose skirts all that will be saved must take hold if they would live. He is The BRANCH, Christ Jesus, Joshua, the angel of Jehovah, the Governor in Judah. Like Melchisedec, He had no predecessor as king.

This "man" was wounded, with those with Him, when the Elijah work was put to death, in 1918. Those were stirring times. In all the experiences of His people He shared with sympathetic heart. "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest." He judges Joshua (the remnant in the flesh) and rebukes Satan.

Since then this "man", who was called a bastard by the scribes and Pharisees, has been reigning in Ashdod, Satan's stronghold. Many a time since 1918 the Devil's crowd have wished that that "bastard" would keep silence. Nevertheless, He rules in the midst of His enemies, and none may say Him nay.

This "man" is a burdensome stone, a "stone of stumbling". You can see how it is. He is the cornerstone of Jehovah's temple, or organization. Upon this stone eventually the eyes of all that live will rest when He shall have driven Satan's organization into ruin and have vindicated His Father's name in Armageddon. And thus it is that 'seven eyes shall be upon that stone in that day'.

This "man" is Jehovah's "arrow", that goeth forth as the lightning, Jehu-like. Or, He is the battle-bow that will cut off all other battle-bows. This man is the "nail" upon whom the Father will hang the glory of His house.

The north half of the mountain cleft by Jehovah's feet represents The Christ in kingdom power; the south half represents the angels of God's organization. "Under the vine and fig tree" refers to present peace, security, rest and joy in the Lord. This, dear Jonadab, we hope you now possess.

The Unobtrusive Angels

The unobtrusive angels set a good example to us poor humans. They go quietly about the Father's work, content to be unnoticed and unknown, but they have an important part to play in God's organization and, very properly, have a grand share in the battle of Armageddon and the vindication of His name.

The white horses (angels) are a division of the angels that attacks the forces of Satan's prime minister, Gog. (In the evil world Satan, the mimic god, assumes the place of Jehovah, while Gog assumes the place of Jehovah's vicegerent, Christ Jesus.)

The black horses (angels) are a division of the angels that are entrusted with work that vindicates God's name. The grizzled horses (angels) are a division of the angels that move on Satan's earthly organization.

Two interesting angelic personages are represented as two women with stork wings. They are entrusted with the work of bearing the wicked old woman, the Devil's wife, to the land of Shinar, Babylon. In other words, they fix her so that she cannot bring forth any more deviltry in the earth. The old lady gets her final ride in an ephah, a rather humiliating coffin.

The fact that an angel repeatedly talked with Zechariah shows that God uses angels to teach His people now on earth. In the prophetic picture the inhabitants of Jerusalem represent the remnant now in the earth.

And So to the Remnant

You understand who "the remnant" are. They are the spirit-begotten that have been and are

true and faithful to Jehovah God. They live for the honor of His name. In Zechariah's prophecy they are designated as the approved ones; the daughters of Zion; the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign; the apple of Jehovah's eye, the members of His organization, and as His little ones, or feeble ones. Jehovah's turning of His hand upon the little ones was to lift them up, so that they might not be of those that lift up themselves. Jehovah's favor is marvelous in their eyes.

It will be well known to most of our readers that God's organization in the earth is now doing an Elisha work, very different from the Elijah work, which passed away in 1918. Those who were faithful in the Elijah work and are now also faithful in the Elisha work we identify in the book of Zechariah by Joshua. In *Preservation,* Judge Rutherford's explanation of the books of Esther and Ruth, these are identified as the Mordecai and Naomi classes, i.e., they are the old-timers that keep up to date with the light of the truth and are faithful to that light. They *do* something.

The other part of the remnant is obviously the class pictured by Esther and Ruth themselves in the books bearing those names. In the book of Zechariah they are the boys and girls playing in the streets, and the three men that came from Babylon with silver and gold for the temple.

These two parts of the remnant are really all one; all received the anointing alike. Collectively they are the bay horses of Zechariah's vision. Collectively they are included in the four carpenters that hammer the horns off the Devil's bullheads.

Recent History Reviewed

Preparation reviews recent history. Prior to 1922 God was a little angry with His covenant people, because of their disobedience and negligence; they were then a "curse" to the nations, but are now a blessing. Before those days there was no hire for man or beast, i.e., no effective service. During those days, while waiting for Jehovah to show His hand, the remnant passed through a great period of mourning. A similar mourning will overtake Satan's organization at Armageddon.

Strengthened by Jehovah's invisible army, the remnant has been gathered out of Assyria, the political and religious elements of Satan's organization. Its flight to the valley of Azal was from 1918 on. Delivered from Babylonian captivity, the remnant has been brought into the land of Gilead.

Fruitful in the old age of the church this company now gathered to Zion returned to build the temple of God, were gathered unto the temple as Christ's joint-heirs, were given a double portion of Elijah's spirit, and thus anointed were sent forth to bear witness to Christ's crowning. Beyond the veil the resurrected members of this royal house, the House of David, are as powerful as the Angel of God.

Collectively this entire company has turned to the stronghold; it is now in the valley of the mountains; now drinking the new wine of the kingdom. The removal of Joshua's filthy garments represents the approval of this remnant for service, but they must give the strictest heed to the Word or go back into captivity to Satan's organization.

Remnant Must Obey the Word

The truths now being brought out in *Preparation* and Judge Rutherford's other books, and in *The Watchtower,* give hope to the remnant, but they must obey the Greater Moses now setting before them life and death. They must do the things commanded, must declare the judgments written and must strengthen the weak hands, and all must share in the general service of the hour without distinctions.

The remnant will avoid spies, hypocrites, opposers and false shepherds, and the Jonadabs will do the same. What the remnant accomplishes is accomplished only by God's spirit. Though despised by the enemy, this little company walks to and fro through the earth, walking up and down in Jehovah's name, scattering His fiery message right and left. They are fighters of the right sort, submitting to no censorship of their heaven-sent message, and in the end will trample under foot all opposition. "The God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly."

Jerusalem (Judah — praiser), the remnant, is the "third part" that goes through the "fire", the refiner's fire of purification. Their part is to sing Jehovah's praises. Against them will come the great stress of the siege in the Battle of the Great Day, but through it all the remnant with steady hand will continue to warn men of the Lord's cup that makes the nations reel. In another figure, the Lord shall smite the waves in the sea and all their waters shall be dried up, that

the advance of the remnant may not be blocked. In fact, they shall see the lifeblood of their enemies spilled in Armageddon.

Known since 1931 as *Jehovah's witnesses,* the remnant are pictured in Zechariah's prophecy as the skirt of the Jew upon whom the ten men take hold. They are also pictured as the two olive trees. The tents of Judah (praise) are their temporary dwelling places, i.e., they dwell temporarily on earth in the flesh. They stand in contrast to the clergy.

Scattered in various parts of the earth, there to perform God's will, the remnant there shine forth as the sun. They understand Zechariah's prophecy, have broken all connection with "Christendom", are criticized for declaring God's vengeance, but ask not permission to preach the gospel.

Having been caused to possess all the precious truths now due, the remnant must remain cleansed, must serve notice, must show the way of escape, and have part in executing the judgments written. They shall increase as they have increased; Satan cannot succeed against them; they shall be counted in with and as a part of the Vindicator of God's name. Jehovah's organization as a whole does not magnify itself against the remnant; none can magnify himself above another; all the glory is for Jehovah.

The Poor Prisoners in Babylon

The poor "prisoners" in Babylon, the "great multitude", are in a pit wherein is no water; nevertheless, though they are now in the pit, and like desolate heritages, yet they are part of the flock that is to be fed and are called to return to God's organization. These poor unfortunates will understand Zechariah's prophecy, will flee to the valley of the mountains, the path of truth, and will be joined to the Lord.

The Jonadab class receive the life-giving waters before Armageddon and the rest of mankind, symbolized by the "great sea", afterwards. Half the living waters go to the former, and half to the hinder sea. Pictured as ten men of all languages the Jonadabs hear the truth, understand it, and say, **I will go also.** These are part of the flock to be fed; they are warned and shown the way of escape; they understand Zechariah's prophecy and flee to the valley of the mountains. The Jonadab class will pass through Armageddon and will witness the vindication of Jehovah's name.

The 'gates of the city' are not literal gates, but references to entry into Jehovah's organization; the tower of Hananeel is God's watch tower; the king's winepresses are a reference to the joy of the Lord. The staff Beauty pictures the everlasting covenant made with all people; the candlestick pictures Jehovah's organization and witness work for all devoted to Him.

The up-to-the-minuteness of the book may be judged from the applications of various scriptures to every year from 1914 to 1933 inclusive, with but four omissions from the list. One of the most important periods in the history of the kingdom of God terminated October 15, 1932 — the 2,300 days of Daniel.

Satan and His Invisible Organization

In the battle of Armageddon Lucifer, now Satan, the prince (god) of this world, will take his last stand as the mimic god. He it is who challenged Jehovah's word in Eden and has defamed His name till now; he it is who formed all fraudulent religions, created the oppressive commercial system and corrupted and uses the political element.

Satan has formed a conspiracy against God's anointed, seeking to prevent further testimony work. The conspiracy is marshaled under the leadership of Gog, the same evil angel who formed the conspiracy to kill Jesus. One of Satan's mouthpieces, and his field marshal, this enemy of Jehovah God is to be crushed and destroyed.

Satan's Visible Organization

The principal part of Satan's visible organization is the seventh world power, the "little horn" of Daniel, the Anglo-American alliance. Typified by Greece and her sons, this power, in an implied covenant with God, has been the principal persecutor of His people. In one place Zechariah refers to it as an impenetrable forest.

In 1918 the seventh world power rifled the houses of Bibles and Bible helps and ravished the women, i.e., tried to force the chaste virgins of Christ to abandon their loyalty and yield to their wishes. The Elijah work was not heeded by "Christendom", but was killed in that year. The remnant mourned for it after it was pierced, but those that went over from it into the Elisha work found their privileges doubled. The Mordecai class was the first to take up the new work.

The seventh world power, "the false prophet,"

"Christendom's" mainstay, is a colossal fraud and a shedder of blood; it is the "cedar" tree, the Devil's substitute for Jehovah's kingdom; it has rejected Christ as King and His kingdom and has broken the everlasting covenant.

The Lord was but a little displeased with His people, but this wicked system took away the continual sacrifice and cast down the sanctuary. Like Hamath, it borders on Tyre (the commercial element) and Zidon (the propaganda system) in its attacks upon the remnant. Tyre, the commercial element on land and sea shall be devoured.

The breaking of the staff Bands, God's covenant with "organized Christianity", was on July 26, 1931, with the adoption of the resolution at Columbus. Babylon symbolized Satan's organization. Jerusalem, Zion, God's organization, is to govern; the abomination, the League of Nations, is to be destroyed.

The "Man of Sin"

The "man of sin", "the son of perdition," at the last includes the clergy and the elective elders, and aids public officials in the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. This 'foolish shepherd' class, the "evil servant" class, the would-be "nail" upon which the glory of the kingdom should hang, like Judas, prices Jehovah's witnesses (at what a price!), sells the flock and blesses God.

The three shepherds that are cut off in one month (suddenly) are the "man of sin", the clergy, and the elective elders; these are the goats that are punished. The two parts that are cut off and die are the clergy and the "evil servant".

The clergy, the false swearers and thieves, have been purchased by the commercial and political elements; they indulge in formalism, which is displeasing to Jehovah; those that follow them are not fed; they are Satan's instruments to scatter the sheep; they sell the flock and wear special garments for effect. They will get their wounds in the house of their friends when the "prisoners", the "great multitude", pull down the house from beneath them.

These sheep merchants are part of the rulers of "Christendom". As the mighty oaks of Bashan they are Big Business' camouflage religions. As Philistines, they are opposers of God and His remnant and are to be vanquished. A 'father and mother thrusting through a false prophet' means that the faithful use the Word of God unsparingly, no matter how near the relationship.

The "evil servant" class cannot serve, because its arm is dried; and it cannot see, because its right eye is darkened. When the city, God's organization in the earth, was taken captive in 1918, the "evil servant" went into captivity, but the residue, the remnant, was not cut off from the city, but is in it to this day, thank God!

The elective elders gnash their teeth and weep and wail because the truth exposes their unfaithfulness. They have been occupying an unscriptural position, putting service work in the rear, and copying the clergy as to garments. Pictured by the Samaritans, these false shepherds are like diviners; they are not permitted in the temple, not used by Jehovah to feed His people, and yet attempt to prophesy. Having been cut off as shepherds, they must be got rid of. They come into one class with the clergy, the "man of sin".

The Battle of Armageddon

From the spring of 1918 to Armageddon is the day of "Preparation" of the forces that will participate in the "battle of the great day of God Almighty", earth's final and conclusive conflict. That battle is the attack by Satan's forces on the New Jerusalem. "Christendom" will bring all its power and wealth to bear against Jehovah's organization. At Armageddon every one that is on Jehovah's side will be wholly devoted to Him. The conversion of the world will follow thereafter, easily and naturally.

In the fore part of the battle, or preceding it, we might say, Gog, Satan's prime minister; the entire beast, "Christendom's" political, commercial and religious monster; and the seventh world power, the "false prophet", will boast and babble in an unprecedented manner. The visible part, pictured by Egypt and by trees, will fall in sections and every element thereof be destroyed. The strong-arm squad has already joined Gog against God's people, and due notice has been served on them.

Satan, cast out of heaven, has drawn "Christendom" into his camp, taken a position like Jehovah, directing Gog, and will see his organization perish. The concluding act is the destruction of Satan himself. The flying roll, a great record, 15 by 30 feet, contains the message of God's vengeance against covenant-breakers, of whom Satan has been one.

In Armageddon Jehovah's four-square organization will come against all parts of Satan's organization, which shall crumble like a rotten wall; how soon this will be no man knows. Just one of the plagues of the enemies of Jehovah is that "their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume in their mouth". The promised plague of the horse, mule, camel and ass will mean the end of tanks, airplanes, motor trucks and like instruments. In the midst of all that will be required of the remnant in that day come the words, "Fear not, but let your hands be strong."

Concluding Thoughts

The thousand-year reign of Christ is a day by itself, beginning, not with the beginning of the reign of Christ, but with the vindication of God's name at Armageddon. The 'mourning as one mourneth for his only son' is the mourning for the Elijah work that passed away in 1918, never to be revived; it should stop. Instead of fasting and sorrowing because the truth progresses, joy should be in every heart, "forgetting the things that are behind."

Courageously, Judge Rutherford in *Preparation* points to a changed view on one text from that given in a certain place in *Deliverance*. To more than offset it is the discovery that Deuteronomy is written for our time. We conclude with a single paragraph from this wonderful book, which should be digested by every person in the world who loves Jehovah God and is hoping to pass through Armageddon into peace:

The prophecy of Zechariah clearly discloses these truths, which, in brief, may be stated in this manner, to wit: After Satan and his wicked angels are cast out of heaven, and after the World War has ended, Christ Jesus and his accompanying hosts of angels make inspection, or survey, of all the things pertaining to the earth. The Lord beholds and makes note of the wicked condition of hypocritical "Christendom". Christ then gathers together before him for judgment all who have made, either directly or in an implied manner, a covenant with Jehovah to do his will and all who have been called to the Kingdom, and begins the work of judging; and all the approved ones he brings into the temple and makes a part of Jehovah's organization. Thus the approved ones are made a part of Zion and are truly "Judeans". In the judgment work that takes place at the temple Christ Jesus gathers out or puts away all of "Christendom", and particularly her clergy that have proved unfaithful to God. He gathers out and puts away all lawless workers, the selfish and ambitious ones that form the "evil servant" class; the slothful and improvident or worthless servant is taken away, and everything about the sanctuary is cleared out and cleansed, leaving only those who truly love God and who are entirely and wholly devoted to him and his kingdom. Thus God's sanctuary is cleansed. The approved ones he sends forth then to "offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness", and their offering is "pleasant unto the Lord" because they are devoted to him and his praise and service. (Mal. 3: 3, 4) All of such is a work of preparation before and for the great war, and at which "battle of that great day of God Almighty" the name and word of Jehovah will be for ever vindicated before all creation.

The Radio Witness Work

PULASKI, Va. "I have just enjoyed listening to the splendid and very searching lecture delivered by Rutherford at ten o'clock this morning. Because of my keen interest in and deep concern relative to his wonderful books and scholarly speeches, I am asking that you send to me at your earliest convenience a copy of the lecture this morning." G. W. L. (Principal)

Buffalo, N. Y. "Kindly send me one of Judge Rutherford's addresses. Am more than interested in your helpful broadcasts." K. L. H.

Orange, N. J. "Today I had the pleasure of listening for the first time to Judge Rutherford. His talk from the shoulder (if you will pardon the expression) impressed me more than words can say, and so if you can spare a copy of this morning's lecture, or any other, for that matter, I will say thank you." S. E. K.

Providence, R. I. "Having listened to that wonderful lecture, given so fearlessly by Judge Rutherford this beautiful morning, I was very much touched, and would like to receive last Sunday's lecture, that I may study same and check up same, as I am a believer in God, but not of any particular faith except when I hear the Word of God preached faithfully by a man as if it was in his own heart and mind. I hope the time will never come when we cannot hear the truth plainly spoken and cannot receive these great messages over the radio." H. A. M.

Haddonfield, N. J. "Please send me copy of Judge Rutherford's lecture. It was fine. I listen to the WATCHTOWER every Sunday. May the Lord bless Judge Rutherford and keep him from all harm. I have read quite a few of his books and think they are just grand." Mrs. E. W. W.

Making the Final Choice

FROM Judge Rutherford's address "Why Serve Jehovah", broadcast October 15, 1933, on a chain of over one hundred stations, extending from coast to coast, one gathers the clear impression that there are now millions of people in America that are making their final choice as to whether they will continue to worship the false god, the mimic god, the god of this world, the one that has held the whole human family in bondage for six thousand years, or will turn to the true and only God, Jehovah, the Creator and Redeemer of man, the everlasting Ruler of the universe. Destiny is at the door.

There is general unanimity among the thinkers that there is something radically wrong with the world. They can see the trail of blood and crime stretching across the centuries; they know that the masses have toiled and produced and had nothing, and that the classes have neither toiled nor produced but have had more than heart could wish. In themselves they feel the urge for justice, but some of them sadly admit that they know not how to bring it about. A few, a very few, of these thinkers reason from effect back to cause and justly conclude that man is not functioning as he was designed to function and that some evil force is restraining or impeding him in the proper exercise of his faculties.

Such reasoning is correct and locates the Devil, Satan, as the real cause of humanity's woes. Without knowing that they are so doing, most men by their course of conduct bear silent testimony to the fact that they are serving and therefore worshiping the Devil. They do his will, or, as the Scriptures put it, they are taken captive by him at his will. His servants ye are to whom ye render obedience.

No man of himself is clever enough to match his wits with Lucifer, Satan, the archenemy of Jehovah God, who has had six thousand years of experience in testing out various methods of dishonoring God's name and of deceiving and oppressing mankind. For now many centuries he has seemingly had his best results by heralding the correlative evils of purgatory and eternal torture as the fate reserved for man by a god that has neither wisdom, justice nor love.

The Devil Is a Liar

Over and over again, in one form or another, Judge Rutherford proves to his audiences that the Devil is a liar. He tells them where and how in Eden the first lie and the first liar started man upon his present unhappy course; how it was that the first man lost life and the right thereto, and the challenge was made and accepted that Jehovah could not put a man upon the earth who would under the stress of suffering remain true to Him.

At length the man Christ Jesus appeared, and, though He suffered, His obedience never flagged; He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. He was faithful even unto death, and because of His faithful devotion and service to Jehovah He proved His own qualifications to be the Vindicator of Jehovah's name and the Savior of the human race. In due time He was rewarded with a name which is above every name, Jehovah's alone excepted.

Jesus bestowed upon His apostles a share in bearing testimony to Jehovah's name, with the certainty that the reproaches which had fallen upon Him would fall upon them. What they endured, that they might have the privilege of maintaining their integrity toward Jehovah God, occupies a considerable space in the New Testament record. They laid down their burdens at the close of life's little day secure in the assurance of their acceptability as true and faithful witnesses and of a place with Jesus wherever He shall be.

Following the apostles other faithful ones were taken out from among men to be the followers of Christ Jesus, until, in 1914, the World War and other attending evidence furnished the proof that the time had come for Christ's reign to begin, and it did begin, one of its first acts, properly, being the expulsion from heaven of the Dragon, the Devil, who till that time had had access to the heavenly courts.

The Fight Transferred to Earth

Since the expulsion of Satan from heaven the fight between the new King, Christ Jesus, and the old king, Satan, has been transferred to earth, and Jehovah now has in the earth witnesses who go from one stronghold of Satan to another to bear testimony that Satan's reign has ended and Christ's reign has begun.

This creates an interesting situation. These witnesses, to be faithful, must be scorned, abused, arrested and maltreated; and they have been, and they are thus treated, and this accounts for the strange treatment they have received in the earth, many times recorded in these columns.

In all past ages, from Abel even until now,

there have been some that were faithful and true to Jehovah God. The Scriptures mention many of these who lived before the days of Jesus. The Scriptures show that these faithful ones that in that long interval of about four thousand years remained true and steadfast, maintaining their integrity, will be resurrected as perfect men and made the visible representatives of God's righteous government on earth. The awakening of these cannot now be far away.

Just now a new class is coming to the fore, a class plainly foreshown in Holy Writ, a class that joins itself to earth's new King, participates in the witness work, or, at any rate, observes it with friendly eye, passes unscathed through the battle of the great day of God Almighty (Armageddon), receives the Lord's word of approval and the promise of everlasting life and goes over into the golden age of glory and peace and joy and divine blessing everywhere told in Holy Writ, and that every decent and honest person on earth wants to see in full operation.

The Jonadabs of Jehovah

Happy are the Jonadabs of Jehovah, in some respects the most fortunate people that have ever lived. Like the faithful from Abel to the very time of the cleansing of the sanctuary (now a year in the past), they must have the spirit of full and true obedience to Jehovah God, and a sincere and honest desire to see the vindication of that name though the earth stagger like a drunken man and the storms that sweep across the visible heavens seem to rend it in twain.

Yet no matter how great the storm, these faithful ones will live on, and shall see their little ones grow up in a world where plenty shall take the place of poverty, peace shall take the place of war, truth shall take the place of falsehood, honor shall take the place of dishonor, justice shall take the place of injustice, the Lord Jesus Christ will take the place of Satan, the god of this world, and, most important of all, the good name of Jehovah God will be vindicated and He shall take His rightful place in the heart of every one that lives.

Meantime the Jonadabs are in for a warm time, no doubt; but what of that? They have had troubles in the past which brought them nothing; now their faithful conduct will bring them everything. As the sheep, in the parable of the sheep and goats, they will seem unlovely to the goats. But the important thing is that they are approved by earth's new King (the antitypical Jehu); He lifts them up into His organization, as Jonadab was lifted up into Jehu's chariot, and they are in for the grandest ride in history. When it is over the Devil and his crowd, including the goats, will be out of luck. They have had six thousand years of it; now they are not going to have any more at all. Jonadab will tell about that ride for a thousand years, at the very least.

The World Will Be Coming Along

The world will be coming along behind the Jonadabs. Don't worry about their salvation; the great God has made all necessary provision for that. As fast as divine wisdom sees will be best they will be awakened from the sleep of death (not brought back from heaven, hell, purgatory, limbo or any other place where the Devil's clergy have put them) and be given a chance to line up and live or line up and die. The lining up work is on right now.

With the Devil out of the way, and the priests and preachers all silent in the grave, and all lying newspapers closed up, Big Business at an end, the strong-arm squad a mere matter of history, and the Devil's governments no longer functioning, it will not take the new King long to open the blind eyes of all that wish to see, and to open the deaf ears of all that wish to hear. Those that prefer to remain blind and deaf will be allowed to die.

It is an hour filled with tragic importance when Judge Rutherford hints to his great audience that the Devil's crowd are seeking now, in their desperation, to prevent him from broadcasting the truth to the people, as he has been doing now for years past. They may succeed, temporarily, but final victory will be with Jehovah God and with those who are faithful to Him.

Already, Judge Rutherford warned, hundreds of transcription machines are in the land, and will be used in halls and public places to freely convey to the people the all-important news that Armageddon impends, in which hour God's name will be vindicated, His enemies destroyed, and His friends ushered into everlasting life here on earth.

This is the general drift of what Judge Rutherford talked about on October 15, under the title "Why Serve Jehovah". You will want to get the whole lecture, and it will be announced in due time how you can obtain it.

Latin America — The Question Mark of the 20th Century

***In Four Parts* — Part II**

AT THE height of the French Revolution, just after the death of Robespierre, a dashing young widow, with her two children, called upon Napoleon Bonaparte, to thank him for restoring to her the sword of her executed husband. She became the Empress Josephine. She was born in the French West Indies, in the island of Martinique. It has belonged to France since 1635.

Though small in size, Martinique has created considerable excitement in the world. In 1929, from its 385 square miles, it exported 34,972 tons of sugar and 4,369,057 gallons of rum. In 1927 it was calculated that 97 percent of the 234,695 inhabitants are Negroes.

On May 8, 1902, Mont Pelee, in the northwestern part of the island, erupted, completely destroying the town of Saint Pierre, with all of its 26,000 inhabitants. One iron vessel, with her decks loaded to the gunwales with hot ashes, staggered to sea and was the only thing within reach that escaped. Four months later a second eruption destroyed about 2,500 more persons in adjoining villages.

Guadeloupe, another of the French West Indies, some seventy-five miles to the north of Martinique, has about the same population, but is almost double the size. A hurricane in 1928 took 660 lives. Porto Rico we described at length in *Golden Age* No. 230.

The first land that Columbus saw in the new world was Guanahani, or Cat island, one of the Bahamas. His first landing was on San Salvador, or Watling island, also one of the Bahamas. The Bahamas were fully described in *Golden Age* No. 253.

On his first voyage, on which he discovered Cuba, he also discovered and left a garrison of 39 men on what is now called the island of Santo Domingo or Haiti, but was then called Espanola or Hispaniola. This island, which is now divided politically between the black republics of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, is 400 miles long and nearly 200 miles wide. Mount Tina, the highest mountain peak, is 10,300 feet high.

Toussaint L'Ouverture

Santo Domingo is famous as the birthplace of the Haitian soldier and liberator, Toussaint L'Ouverture. He was a full-blooded Negro and was born a slave. This man, considered one of the ablest military men of his time, was responsible for the successive chasing of British, French and Spanish troops out of the island, and the establishing of the two Negro republics that now occupy it. Treacherously seized, he died a prisoner in France; but, though both republics are dominated by the United States Government, they still persist.

The total population of both parts of the island of Santo Domingo is 3,750,000, almost solidly Negro. Demonism is rampant. It was the French Revolution that stirred these blacks to exterminate their white rulers, and when Haiti showed her ability to shake off the yoke, the fires of liberty were set all over South America.

Had the blacks that were brought over from Africa really been "Christianized", Spain would perhaps be in control of all Latin America to this day; but the clergy were corrupt and vicious, selfish and untrustworthy. In their treatment of their slaves the white women were said to be more cruel than even the men. Among the women of the colony were many of low morals, taken from the streets of Paris.

The Negroes came to see the whites just as they were, and determined to get rid of them, and did. The two races fought with the ferocity of wild beasts, committing frightful atrocities on both sides. The sweeping victory obtained has made it difficult to handle or control the Negroes now living on the island.

The first gold that Columbus took to his sovereigns came from Santo Domingo. That it was hardly won is proved by the fact that, even with modern methods, the mines which produced this gold cannot be profitably worked today. The only way they could be worked at a profit was by the forced labor of Indian and Negro slaves, which was the way it was done.

On September 3, 1930, a hurricane swept the city of Santo Domingo, destroying all but four hundred of the ten thousand buildings in the city. By this terrible storm 2,500 were slain, 10,000 were injured and 30,000 were rendered shelterless. The property loss exceeded $20,000,000.

The Dominican Republic, which occupies the eastern two-thirds of the island, has an area of 19,325 square miles. It is thus considerably larger than Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire, put together. It is very fertile, about 15,500 square miles being cultivable. Ex-

ports in 1927 were $31,178,769. Now you know why the United States' marines have stayed there so long. That military administration, however, has built 845 miles of modern highways, besides railways, and increased the enrollment of school children from 18,000 to more than 100,000.

Haiti, which occupies the western one-third of the island, has an area of 10,204 square miles and thus exceeds the area of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Here also the United States military administration has built 800 miles of modern highways. Exports in 1927 were $22,667,246.

United States troops were withdrawn from the Dominican Republic in 1924, and are expected to be withdrawn from Haiti in 1936.

The Pearl of the Antilles

Fifty miles west of the island of Santo Domingo or Haiti lies the island of Cuba, 730 miles long, with an average width of 50 miles. The eastern end lies directly south of New York city, the western end directly south of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The total area is about that of Pennsylvania. A splendid day and night service of through express trains, equipped with sleeping cars and dining cars, covers the island.

Conditions in Cuba are very different from those in Haiti. Of a total population of 3,763,375, about 70 percent are white, a condition almost exactly comparable to Florida, to which it lies so near. Favored with a wonderful climate, and the most productive soil anywhere known, Cuba produces regularly one-half of the world's sugar.

The mountains of Cuba are covered with magnificent forests. The scenery is wild and very beautiful. A concrete motor road 20 feet 8 inches wide runs for 705 miles, the length of the island, without any grade crossings. The cost was approximately $101,125,000, which figures out at $143,439 per mile. Somebody must have squandered money on that road like a drunken sailor.

It is believed that for climate, soil, and location with reference to markets, as well as number of excellent ports, Cuba is one of the most favored spots, perhaps the most so, on the globe. Extremes of temperature are unknown.

There are many beautiful caverns in Cuba, and in the western provinces numerous streams disappear from view in underground channels long before the sea is reached. There are vast iron-ore deposits, near Santiago. The copper mines at Cobre, also near Santiago, were at one time the greatest copper mines in the world.

More than 3,350 native plants have been catalogued. All kinds of tropical fruits grow luxuriantly, many of them without cultivation: bananas, coconuts, oranges, lemons, limes, pineapples, anons, mango rose-apples, pomegranates, sapotes, tamarinds, figs, citrons, guavas, alligator pears, mameys and guanabanas.

In the cigar factories with which Havana abounds, readers are employed who read good books aloud to the workers as they work. Thus the Cubans are among the best read people to be found. The University of Havana, until it was closed in 1931 by presidential decree, had over 6,000 students.

Beautiful Land of Anahuac

The thieves and murderers of Europe were always fond of the fields and mines and personal property of the denizens of other lands; and they remain so to this day. When Pope Alexander VI drew his famous line through the Azores, from pole to pole, giving everything west of that line to the Spanish monarch, he probably never once thought of the command, "Thou shalt not steal"; and when Cortez invaded Mexico and covered the land with blood it is doubtful whether he knew there is such a mandate from the Almighty as "Thou shalt not kill". Mexico traces her present-day trouble to these errors.

The Mexico of today is 1,900 miles long, with a breadth varying from 750 to 130 miles. It is a plateau country; and the combination of a tropic sun, a high elevation and a rich soil enables it to produce 90 percent of all the different agricultural products known to man, at the same time giving to a larger part of the interior the climate of eternal spring, 65° to 75° the year around. The rainfall is liberal; and the streams from the tablelands to the sea have cut wonderful canyons, 800 to 1,000 feet deep, creating a beauty and variety of scenery of remarkable interest.

In this beautiful land of Anahuac, as it was then called, the Aztecs of long ago developed a form of civilization blemished, it is true, but probably not worse than that which Cortez represented; and in some respects it may have been better. At any rate it was a "self-determination of peoples", and the people then were happier than they have been since.

The Aztec and His Ejido

The *ejido* is the key to the Mexican question. The Aztec government was a tribal one, and so devised that absolute poverty was an impossibility. Around every village was a great tract of land owned by the village as a whole. Every year the natives, by their elders in the town council, parceled out the land that was to be worked by each family. Such a thing as private property in land was never known among the Aztecs. None among them could become wealthy at the expense of the others, and none among them could become destitute if willing to work.

The ill and the aged were cared for, rights of person and property were enforced, marriage was sacred, and intemperance was frowned upon. There were courts of appeal; and even the Aztec emperor himself was held in check by a supreme court that protected the humblest subject against any attempted aggression. Great post-roads girdled the entire country. Upon these roads trained runners relayed messages to and from the remotest parts of the empire in an incredibly short time. Intensive farming, canals and irrigation ditches made Mexico a flower garden. The mines yielded almost illimitable treasures. The wealth of the Aztec nation knew no bounds. Gold, silver and precious stones were more plentiful with them than with any other nation of the ancient or modern world.

Cortez a Fiend Incarnate

Upon this scene of peace and plenty the European savage Cortez landed in April, 1519, with 11 vessels, 700 Spaniards, 18 horses and 10 pieces of artillery. For hundreds of years the Mexicans had had the superstition that at some time white "gods" (!) would come from the East and dispossess them of their country. The landing of Cortez filled the people with terror; for they esteemed him and his followers to be immortal gods whom it would be useless to resist.

Montezuma, the Aztec emperor, sent embassies to Cortez while he was still at Vera Cruz, attempting to dissuade him from invading the country. These embassies carried with them helmets full of gold dust, beautifully engraved gold and silver plate, and collars and bracelets of gold and silver, inlaid with precious stones. The more Cortez and his followers saw of these gifts the more rapacious they became; and Cortez himself, a man of intrepid courage and unspeakable devilishness, forced the issue by burning his ships and sending one of Montezuma's embassies back with both hands of every one of the fifty men cut off at his wrists.

By November 18 of the same year Cortez had reached Mexico city, then called Tenochtitlan; and although received with the greatest courtesy by the people he imprisoned their emperor, obliterated all records of the Aztec civilization, burned their great library, razed their monuments, killed their most intelligent representatives and left not a vestige of their original city when he began the rebuilding of the city in 1522.

According to a Tezcocan account, when Montezuma found he could not avoid the initial interview with Cortez he said to him and to his men: "Be welcome! Rest now after the labor you have had in coming such long ways. This is your house and these are your palaces—take them and rest therein with your captains and the companions who have come with you." Compare the acts of this heathen man with those of the supposed Christian, Cortez.

Among the acts of Cortez which mark the character of the man were the burning alive of an Aztec governor and sixty of his followers and the butchery of six hundred of the nobility in their temple, after he had given them permission to assemble there for religious services, and had stipulated that they must come unarmed. In the city of Cholula, while the streets of the city were thronged with people attending a festival, he became suspicious; and at a given signal his men opened fire and killed thousands of them. By these and similar methods of cruelty and terrorism he seized Mexico in the name of the Spanish sovereign. It is estimated that he and his brothers in arms in North America and South America put to death fifteen million innocent persons within the first half century after the discovery of America; but there were sections of Mexico, notably Yaqui land, that he did not conquer and that have never been subjugated even to this day.

Pauperizing a Nation

But bad as were the things that Cortez did to the generation then living, the thing that he did to the unborn generations of Mexicans for hundreds of years to come was worse. He took away from the people their *ejidos,* located obviously in the centers of the richest areas, and gave these lands to the Spaniards who came with him and who followed him. The natives were driven away from the fertile and well watered valleys to hilly, wooded or semiarid

lands, there to struggle for a livelihood under much less favorable conditions, although millions of them were denied even that privilege, and were branded with hot irons and made slaves of the colonists who now began to come from Spain in large numbers.

Unfamiliar with the (to the Aztec) vicious and unexplainable system of private ownership of land, the Mexicans lost more and more of their lands, some to the nobility, the great landlords, and some to the church, until today the descendant of the Aztec is virtually landless and homeless in the land of his fathers. Not all of the *ejidos* were lost at once; indeed, some of them are in existence to this day, and there are places in Mexico even now where the live stock of any villager may be pastured free of charge on the outskirts of the village, in a space allotted. But transfer of title away from the people who properly owned these areas into the hands of great and wealthy landholders has progressed from the time of Cortez onward.

The original idea of most of the so-called colonizing countries of Europe was to use the new countries merely as sources of raw material, and to do everything possible to repress their industries, the same as is still done in our generation with the cotton industries of India and Egypt; and until 1821 Mexico was so completely in subjection to Spain that no person born outside of Spain, even if of Spanish parents, could hold office of any kind in Mexico. Some of these Spanish viceroys were good men; many of them were bad men. Most of them were cruel and selfish, and not interested in Aztecs except as slaves. In many of them the capacity to think and act independently and effectively was stunted by the law of the Inquisition, "Thou shalt not think"; and force and cunning inevitably superseded true statesmanship.

Roman Catholicism in All Its "Glory"

The most conspicuous example of what private ownership of lands leads to in a country where the common people are ignorant of such a custom is that of General Luis Terrazas. At one time this man, recently living in El Paso, held 70,000,000 acres in the state of Chihuahua —one-half of the state. He could ride all day north, south, east or west and never go outside of his own land. The whole city of Chihuahua belonged to him. No one in the city could borrow money or buy property without his consent; and if any borrowed they paid, toward the last, 12 percent for the use of their money, all of which went into his coffers. He paid no taxes to anybody, had 30,000 natives in his immediate service, worked them to the limit, paid them thirty or forty cents a day, compelled them to trade at his stores, and virtually held them as slaves. He was supposed to be the largest landowner in the world.

In 1910, some eleven thousand families owned 44 percent of the national territory, including the bulk of the best arable soil. These estates were almost entirely free of taxation, the bulk of the taxes being laid against the smaller holdings. Many of the great landlords held thousands of acres idle right at the time when thousands of the common people were wandering, landless and homeless, from one mine or plantation to another, seeking a chance to earn bread. This land question in Mexico is really at the bottom of all Mexican troubles, and is one that will not down.

So many of the *ejidos* had fallen into the hands of a few aristocrats, and so many more had come under the control of the church, that when in 1857 the constitution was changed and the lands of the church were confiscated, the *ejidos* were confiscated with them, the thought apparently being to restore all their lands to the people, but by a system of private ownership instead of community ownership. The actual effect of the law was to make the condition of the people still worse than it had been; for the confiscated lands passed very quickly from religious to secular control, the great landlords bought them up for a song, and the people in general were brought to a condition which amounted to slavery, as on the Terrazas estates.

The natives have never ceased to want their *ejidos* back. From generation to generation they talk about them; and Carranza did actually bring about the restoration of 117 *ejidos,* covering 280,244 acres. Ten acres of this rich soil, bearing three crops a year, is sufficient to maintain a family of five persons, so that it may be said that Carranza succeeded in repatriating 140,000 humans on the soil which belonged to them and to their families. And who shall say that this was not a commendable work? How many other statesmen do we know that have succeeded in restoring 140,000 of the poor to their lost lands and lost liberties? Persons in Mexico at the time that some of these *ejidos* were returned to the people state that good soldiers to whom some of these *ejidos* belong in

communal ownership suddenly threw away their guns and became the most pacific of farmers, not even waiting to finish the tasks in hand.

Enslaving Future Generations

Whichever way we turn in consideration of Mexico's difficulties, we are confronted anew with the problems arising out of the possession of almost all of her soil by a few families. So great were these estates a few years ago that the average size of the Mexican hacienda was eighty times as great as that of Cuba, and four thousand times as great as in Porto Rico. Three of these vast estates, taken together, were as large as the whole of France.

The owners of these great estates had peons working for them for wages contrived to be always a little less than the peon could live upon. He must borrow money to live; he could borrow only from the haciendado, and sometimes must pay as high as 90 percent for the use of the money. If he could not pay the money when it fell due he could not legally leave the hacienda; and there were peons in Mexico toiling their lives away trying to pay back money thus borrowed by their great-grandfathers a hundred years ago.

Moreover, the owners of these great estates pay next to nothing in the way of taxes and are so powerful that taxes cannot be collected even when levied. It frequently happens that a hacienda covering, literally, millions of acres pays less taxes than an adjoining estate of very limited acreage.

Mexico's troubles will not be settled until the lands that were stolen from the common people 400 years ago are returned. They have some of their *ejidos* back, but they want them all. Those who hold the lands cry out in "holy horror" that these people are wicked communists. And communism is such a dreadful thing that if you are a Russian, and came to this country when you were two years old, and if you believe in *ejidos,* or anything that looks like them, back you go to Russia; for this is the land of the free and we do not stand for anything like *ejidos* here. No, siree! In this country we believe in letting the wealth get into the hands of the few, the same as in Mexico, and doing everything possible to keep it there. That the people should not desire land, except plots large enough to hold them when they are no longer able to work, seems to be the view of some.

The Bible does not teach communism. The Scriptural proposition regarding restored humanity is, 'They shall sit every man under *his* vine and under *his* fig tree' (1 Kings 4:25), subject to neither landlords nor communal ownership, but only to the true God, JEHOVAH, and His King, Christ Jesus.(1 Corinthians 15:28) In the golden age, now at hand, this will be the arrangement in all the earth.

Parentage and Education

Mexico has approximately two and one-half million white people of Spanish descent, four and one-half million Indians, largely Aztecs, and nine million Mestizos, as they are called, descendants of the two races combined. Few of the Indians are acquainted with the Spanish tongue; they are largely a passive element in the population. By the four and one-half million natives that do not speak Spanish there are spoken fifty different languages and almost innumerable dialects. It is claimed that 80 percent of the people are illiterate; and some have used this as an argument that they are not adapted to self-government. But we reflect that it is only a few generations since England passed laws providing for such of the English lords as could neither read nor write; and it does not at all follow that one who is without ability to read and write may not have as much good common sense as some people who have had great educational advantages.

The Indians who were able to keep in a measure aloof from the whites have fared better than those who were enslaved and brought into closer contact with their conquerors. Many of the latter lost their original tribal morality and acquired the vices which have been carried by European civilization throughout the earth: lying, stealing, immorality and drunkenness. Upon these poor peons, as they are called, has fallen the work of producing whatever Mexico has produced, whether in the mines or on the great estates. Fifty years ago these peons were paid as little as six cents per day. The peon needs to be educated and lifted up. He needs to learn how to live. In many districts, back in the interior, the huts are of but one room, and for safety's sake all of the livestock of the family is brought into the room at night, pig, hens, burro and dogs. Mexico's present enlightened rulers want to rectify these conditions and to make it possible for the peon to occasionally

have other food than the tortillas (corn cakes) and coffee, which usually make his meal.

Many Lovable Traits

Mayor Charles Davis, of El Paso, Texas, after thirty-eight years of experience, says: "There are no better people than the Mexican merchants and professional men, while the Mexican peon is no trouble at all, and is not bloodthirsty if he is let alone." Travelers report that the Mexicans are among the most polite people in the world. A common form of salutation is, "May God go with you," a form of salutation far above that which prevails in the most exclusive and self-satisfied portions of the United States. Hospitality and general goodness of heart are manifest everywhere. Orphans are never left without homes; and in cases of sickness, bereavement or misfortune the sympathy of the neighbors and of the whole community is generous, sincere and practical.

The family ties of the Mexicans are so strong that the men will go nowhere without their wives. If the men are in service as engineers, firemen, conductors or trainmen, the wives go along as a matter of course. If the men go into battle the wives go along to care for the sick and wounded, to forage for food and to prepare meals for their husbands. The meals prepared under the most trying conditions are said to be remarkable for their neatness and delicacy.

Mexico has been pictured as a land of sombreros and bare feet; and while it is a fact that there are no skyscrapers, yet there are compensating advantages. The people move leisurely in the streets, the flowers are more plentiful, the food is simpler, the houses are simpler and more beautiful, and the people are sunnier, and sweeter far than some of their neighbors—not mentioning any names.

The Mexicans have great fondness for art, for literature and for the sciences. They have an instinctive taste for music, a music noted for its pathos, simplicity, and passionate love. A guitar goes with every regiment into battle; and the music which it yields not only is wild, barbaric and impelling, as one would expect in the descendant of the Aztec, but has in it also the grace and romance of the Castilian.

A collection of photographs of the governors of Mexican states shows that they compare favorably with an equal number of governors of American states. The faces bespeak intelligence, refinement and good breeding.

Mexico's Political Fight

As in every other country, the political war which has been waged in Mexico in the past, and which the country still faces, is a fight between liberals and reactionaries. The struggle has taken different forms at different times; and occasionally, as in the United States, men who were elected as liberals have turned out to be reactionaries, and the fight has had to be fought all over again. Too long a lease of power makes any party or any man a reactionary.

The fight in Mexico has ranged around the landless condition of the common people, and the liberals have at all times had the end in view of trying to do something worth while toward the bettering of their condition. When the fight first opened, in 1857, it was largely against the church, on account of the fact that at that time the church held in fee simple three-fourths of the most valuable real estate in Mexico city; and vast tracts of land and haciendas of fabulous richness were in the possession of the priesthood all over the country while three-fourths of the population were absolutely landless. Many of these great estates were not cultivated, but merely held, tax free, for purposes of speculation. Much of the best real estate in and about Washington, D. C., is now held in the same way.

The Constitution of 1857, with its amendments of 1873, called the Laws of Reform, provided for liberty of speech, liberty of the press, liberty of faith and worship, the right of all denominations to establish schools and colleges, lawful intermarriage of Catholics and Protestants, public schools for secular education, complete separation of church and state, prohibition of laws establishing or suppressing any religion, prohibition of legal recognition of religious festivals, prohibition of clerical vestments on the streets, prohibition of religious processions in the streets, prohibition of discourses advising disobedience to the law or advocating violence to anyone, prohibition of gifts of real estate to religious institutions except for religious edifices, prohibition of monasteries and convents, prohibition of any law permitting the reestablishment of Jesuits or Sisters of Charity, prohibition of religious vows swearing away one's liberty, the civil inspection of cemeteries, and the opening of cemeteries for burial of all.

While these laws were in process of discussion, and as an evidence of how a really good man in the Catholic church viewed the situation,

we quote from the Abbe Domenech, chaplain of Napoleon's expeditionary force to Mexico, words written in 1867:

"If the pope should abolish all simoniacal livings, and excommunicate all the priests having concubines, the Mexican clergy would be reduced to a very small affair. Nevertheless there are some worthy men among them, whose conduct as priests is irreproachable. In all Spanish America there are found among the priests the veriest wretches, knaves deserving the gallows, men who make infamous traffic of religion. Mexico has her share of these wretches. One of the greatest evils in Mexico is the exorbitant fee for the marriage ceremony. The priests compel the poor to live without marriage, by demanding for the nuptial benediction a sum that a Mexican mechanic, with his slender wage, can scarcely accumulate in fifty years of the strictest economy. This is no exaggeration."

We are glad these words were written by the Abbe Domenech; for if they had been written by others we should have been inclined to think they *were* exaggerated.

Progress in Mexico

Slavery was abolished in Mexico three years before it was abolished in the United States. The republic has 20,000 miles of up-to-date American railroads, a greater range of remarkable vegetation than any other country in the world; and before the World War it produced one-third of the world's silver, one-ninth of its lead and a good share of its gold. It produces three crops annually and was pronounced by Humboldt the treasure-house of the world. Mexican linens are among the best.

The city of Mexico has nine hundred streets, but the streets follow the London custom of several different names for the same continuous thoroughfare. These streets are broad, well paved, well kept and bordered with good sidewalks. An efficient and up-to-date traction service covers the city and its environs.

The city also has a wonderful sewage system, piercing a mountain thirty miles distant by a tunnel seven miles in length. Through this tunnel are led away the surplus waters which at various times in the past flooded portions of the city.

Real Facts About Mexico

Major Lynn Dinkins, president of the Interstate Bank of New Orleans, after a six-week tour of Mexico, said:

"We did not see a single bandit or hear of any. We found conditions politically, financially and socially different from the impressions we entertained before our departure. We traveled more than two thousand miles by railroad within the limits of the Mexican republic, and our trains were *all on time*. The roadbeds of the Mexican railroads are better than those of the American lines."

William H. Ellis, New York banker and broker, is authority for the statement, "Mexico without a doubt is the richest spot on the face of the earth, and I have often thought that this is why there is so much trouble in that country."

John Lind, ex-governor of Minnesota, once President Wilson's personal representative in Mexico, says that anarchistic American business men in Mexico have attempted to evade payment of taxes in Mexico that were proper and right, and that they have caused annoyance and embarrassment by objecting to laws and taxes which the Mexican government imposed and attempted to enforce.

He states that many Americans have not treated the natives well, adding, "I saw American-owned plantations where peons were herded by guards armed with revolvers, sawed-off shotguns and blacksnake whips. They were slaves to all intents and purposes. I came to the conclusion that it is impossible for Americans to operate tropical estates without these conditions, and that it was a very great misfortune that they ever became involved in them. It only begets strife, ill feeling and revolution."

Mexicans claim that no honest, fair-minded Americans ever came to Mexico to go into business who did not succeed, but that they have noticed that Americans have always given support to every anti-governmental outbreak, and that it is not to be wondered at that such citizens are viewed with suspicion. There are thousands of Mexican laborers in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, on the ranches, in stores, at work on the roads; and there are no more law-abiding or capable workers to be found.

Europe's system of doing business with Mexico is to give four to eight months' credit, while America's system is to demand cash with order.

A Poor, Deceived, Simple-Hearted People

The native Mexicans are a poor, easily deceived, simple-hearted people. For centuries the demons have taken dreadful advantage of their natural reverence. The Roman Catholic system merely shifted their superstitions. The worst frauds were practiced upon them. Thus, the Mexican historian Joaquin Garcia Icazbalceta

concludes that the story of the miraculous appearance of the "virgin of Guadalupe" has no foundation in fact; but what a money-maker it has been for those that have managed the deception! To approach this church, with its fabulously wealthy gold and silver fittings, the poor natives were required to crawl on their hands and knees.

The cathedral in Mexico city is the largest church building in the Western Hemisphere and the oldest still in use. It stands on the site where once stood the Aztec temple of Tenochtitlan razed by Cortez. In the early days "conversions" were often obtained by military coercion. Later the treasures of the natives in gold or silver were obtained by heavy exactions and were worked up into church ornaments.

Mexico, having learned something the United States never learned, now has a law that no Mexican chief executive can be reelected. He is thus enabled to give his best efforts to the welfare of the country instead of to the problem of how to get reelected.

Determined to unload the Old Man of the Sea that has held everything back for four hundred years, the present generation of Mexican statesmen has made it hard going for the Roman Catholic system. Thus in Vera Cruz there is a law in effect that there may be but one priest for each 100,000 of population. There are almost equally severe limitations in the states of Chiapas, Queretaro and Jalisco. In the state of Tabasco no priests at all are allowed. The people have suffered so much from their rascality that they want nothing more to do with them, but want to be let alone, to be born, to live, to marry and to die without their officious interference.

A first-class modern highway will shortly connect Laredo, Texas, with Mexico city. The people are beginning to hear and to receive the message of God's kingdom. What a grand future there is before such a fine country and such a fine people! An odd item in the news is that Hotel Geneve, Mexico city, heated by the hot-water system, was the only heated hotel in Mexico in the year 1932.

The Central American Family

The Central American Family, so called, includes, from west to east, in the order named, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Costa Rica. These were once all parts of the Viceroyalty of New Spain, which included everything between the Isthmus of Panama and the Mississippi, Missouri and Columbia rivers. In other words, Mexico, if it had retained all its territory, was about equal in size to the whole United States.

Guatemala, which at one time dominated all Central America, is of the size of New York state, with an estimated population of 2,454,000. On Gil Gonzalez's first expedition into this land he emerged with 32,000 scalps dangling at his belt, i.e., he baptized that number of Indians. They had to become baptized and be 'good Roman Catholics' or be dead Indians, and as they were peaceably disposed they took what looked like the best way out. There are numerous policemen in New Jersey, also Roman Catholics, who seem to have learned what they know of "religion" by somewhat similar methods.

About 60 percent of the population of Guatemala is pure Indian; most of the remainder are half-castes. There are over 700 miles of railways. Education is compulsory. Exports in 1897 were $34,000,000. Most of the population is on the narrow west coast. A great part of the country is undeveloped.

El Salvador, about the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut, is a one-crop country. Its prosperity depends on coffee. It has luxuriant forests and abundant mineral deposits awaiting development. The population is 1,459,578, two-thirds Indians and Mestizos. The capital has been wrecked by earthquakes twelve times since 1539 and is so subject to rockings and tremblings of the earth as to have acquired the name of 'the swinging hammock'. Education is compulsory. Exports in 1928 were $24,463,860.

Honduras, of the size of Pennsylvania, has the distinction of having the only capital in the Western world that is not located upon a railway. It is, however, located on a very good automobile road, 82 miles from the nearest port. In subjugating Honduras, on account of its impassable swamps, the conquering Spaniards had to make friends of the Indians, who became and are to this day mostly Spanish-speaking Indians. The population is 859,761. The country is very fertile, but undeveloped. There are 1,065 miles of railways, laid out mostly to serve the banana industry.

Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama

Nicaragua is of the size of New York state, with a population of 750,000. It is famous as the site of the most natural route across the Isthmus of Panama. Nicaragua lake, 106 feet above the

Pacific ocean, is separated from that body of water by a strip of land 12 miles wide, which is at no point more than 150 feet above sea level. It once emptied into the Pacific, but now empties into the Atlantic.

The real reason why Uncle Sam is always messing in Nicaragua affairs is that he knows a good canal there could be constructed for less than it cost to construct the Panama canal. (The Nicaragua canal route would be 177 miles from ocean to ocean, of which 55 miles would be improved river navigation and 70 miles would be in Lake Nicaragua.) Uncle Sam, in 1914, at a cost of $3,000,000, obtained the exclusive right to build such a canal. The Nicaraguan region is extremely volcanic. From the roof of St. Peter's cathedral in Leon (which cathedral was built at a cost of $5,000,000 when labor was valued at 25 cents a day) thirteen volcanoes may be seen.

The United States Government has finally taken a tumble to itself, and in 1936 will withdraw its troops from Nicaragua. The holding of these troops there cost the United States taxpayers more than $5,500,000 and aroused resentment all over Central America and South America. While the troops were there the Government gave out at least four separate and different reasons as to why they were ever sent there in the first place.

Costa Rica, of the combined size of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Connecticut, differs from other countries of Central America in the fact that out of its population of 515,000, only 3,500 are Indians, and there are 18,000 West Indian Negroes, who live near the coast, but the rest are whites. Coffee is the chief crop. More than half the area lies over 3,000 feet above sea level and is covered with virgin forests so dense that it is almost impossible to penetrate it except by the river courses. There are unusual scenic charms. The country has risen rapidly in importance since the days of the French, Dutch and British raids on the Panama coast, and has a great future before it.

Panama is of size equal to Costa Rica. Five-eighths of the territory is unoccupied. Formerly a department of Colombia, it declared its independence in 1903 and was recognized by the United States ten days later. In return for the right to build the Panama canal the United States gave the republic of Panama $10,000,000 in cash and $250,000 per year. A description of the canal appears in *Golden Age* No. 323.

At Last We Get to South America

In a previous issue we expressed our intention to make some examination of the countries that go to make up South America. We suggested that if Brazil be omitted, or if it be cut out, what is left of the continent looks like an interrogation mark.

And then somebody had to spoil it all by calling attention to the fact that such interrogation mark would be in reverse. Very well, then. Imagine yourself in China, looking through a glass globe. The big continent in the southern half of the globe is South America. And if Brazil is cut out the interrogation mark is right side up and left side around as all good interrogation marks should be.

Understand, then, that in our next issue we begin with the mainland of South America. We start with the Guianas, and mention all three of them, though only French Guiana could be called a Latin American state. There is nothing Latin about the Dutch and English.

(*To be continued*)

Health Program *By Dr. La June Foster (California)*

THE first thing in the morning drink grapefruit juice, lemon juice, orange juice, pineapple juice, or a drink made from the first three fruits here named, or other fresh fruit juice. Or, a good body-cleansing and poison-eliminating drink can also be made by taking one-half grapefruit, washing it well and dicing it, and pouring one pint of boiling water over it and allowing it to stand in a covered dish over night. Be sure you *do not use aluminum or tin* to let it stand in; better a crock or dish, with a plate over it. The acid has a reaction on aluminum dishes especially, and the fruit juices are changed somewhat in action if these are used. This drink can be warmed if you like, and, if it is too bitter, a small amount of orange juice added to it to make it more palatable. It is from the rind of the grapefruit that the bitter elements come, and it is their action that is very helpful in increasing the action of the liver and other elimi-

native organs. This should be made *fresh* every day, as it is not good if allowed to stand.

Friction Bath

In a well ventilated room take a dry friction rub with friction mittens, to warm the skin and start the blood circulating. The entire body should be gone over with quick, light motions until the body can stand heavier pressure and the roughness of the mittens. Refer to the article "Friction Bathing" for details on this procedure.

If no bath is taken in the morning, then precede the friction bath by washing the face, hands and feet and genitals. Refer to "Water Bathing" article for greater detail on different kinds of bathing, frequency, etc., and their effect on various physical conditions.

Exercise

Take fifteen to twenty minutes of general exercise, to music if you like. Good exercises are given over the radio each a.m. Also refer to special exercises in articles on "Exercise" (varied exercise), "Special Organ Exercise," etc. Be sure to take these exercises in a *well ventilated* room. If possible, have all the windows open and have the body nude. You will not take cold if you keep moving and if you have preceded this exercise with a good friction rub. If it is still too cold put on a light suit of underwear or a bathing suit. Remember, the body will get most benefit if least hampered with clothing, and this is an excellent time to give the skin a chance to breathe also. Remember, skin elimination is most essential in all toxic conditions. During ordinary daily activity the skin is supposed to eliminate as much fluid and poison in visible and invisible perspiration as do the kidneys. Such conditions as rheumatism, liver trouble, constipation, catarrh, sinus trouble, tonsilitis, female trouble, skin disorders, headaches, etc., are all benefited by improved skin elimination. Elimination from the bowels, kidneys and lungs must also be watched and assisted by diet and a proper restoration of nerve force and energy by such methods as chiropractic. Remember, no matter how carefully you live you cannot always correct the condition yourself if the nerves that supply the various organs of elimination are not free from pressure; so chiropractic and proper living go hand in hand. One or the other may be enough to rectify your condition, but it generally takes both to get real and permanent results.

Exercises should be followed by a shower (preferably warm and gradually cooled, followed by a quick rub-down). The cold shower is stimulating and invigorating and benefits muscular tone. Refer to "Water Bathing" article for further detail on various types of bath for different conditions.

Breathing

Breathe deeply and rhythmically at all times, and always be careful of ventilation. Gas heat is very poor; steam or wood fires, best; and then always have some outside air by opening windows or door from a place where no draught will be produced. People who chill easily will be less troubled if they improve ventilation and take the friction rubs. *Remember, FRESH AIR is more essential than either food or drink.* Refer to "Breathing" article for further detail. Remember, pure oxygen is absolutely necessary to make food digest and assimilate. One will die within five minutes without oxygen, and one can live for ten days, and longer, without water, and from thirty to forty days, and longer, without food.

All of the above detail may seem very unnecessary; but get the day started right even if you have to get up an hour earlier, and you will find you can do twice as much work, with less trouble, and be twice as happy while you are doing it, and have just that much more time left for other recreation.

After this much of the régime you should feel exhilarated; but if *at first* you feel some exhaustion, rest a few minutes before proceeding to eat.

Breakfast

This, really, is the best meal for fruit, in most cases. Take as much as you like of some *fresh* fruit; be careful to wash it well, and also eat the peeling as well: it aids elimination. With this can be taken cottage cheese, or a few nuts or part of an avocado or some cream, goat's milk, *raw* cow's milk (not pasteurized), or a lightly poached egg or two (be careful of the latter if you are inclined to liver trouble or biliousness, on account of the large quantity of sulphur and phosphorus in the egg yolk). Refer to the "Breakfast Menus" for further detail.

This may seem like starvation régime; but, as you see from the preceding paragraphs, food is less essential than either air or water. *Almost all of us eat too much.* Thin people grow thinner eating an excess of the supposed-to-be *fat-*

tening foods. A heavier diet will be all right after the system has been thoroughly cleansed. Too much food in wrong combinations taken at the wrong time forces an extra duty on the already overburdened organs of elimination to the point where diseases of the liver, stomach, intestines, etc., ensue.

After breakfast rest for a few minutes if you are tired. If you are working, walk to work if possible, so as to get the benefit of the air and sunshine.

Sun Bath

Take this about 10 a.m., earlier or later according to the weather; but never directly after a meal. Refer to "Sun-Bathing" article for details of how to take the bath, why it is essential in various diseases, how to protect yourself from adverse effects, etc. If you are taking the sun bath you can defer the shower (suggested as to be taken after the exercises) until after the sun bath. There is nothing quite like *sunshine* to assist one in regaining health and to keep in a state of health. Even our food digests better when we get sunshine, for the sun's rays are actually life-giving.

Noon Meal

This can be variable; but the lighter the meal, the better, when one is trying to regain health.

A quart of buttermilk with a few *dried, unsulphured* figs is a very fine meal. Buttermilk is excellent for the bowels. Do not use buttermilk that is not the churned variety. Avocado mixes excellently with buttermilk in many cases. Some people use apples with buttermilk very successfully.

Raw foods used at noon are very fine; any raw vegetables, chosen from the "Non-Starchy Vegetables" list, the leafy ones made into salad form and the root vegetables ground with a food grinder or chopped very fine. A little mayonnaise can be used as a dressing; or, when non-starch is used at this meal, a little French dressing made of lemon juice and olive oil may be used. Refer to "Salad" lists for suggestions; also to "Menu" lists. This meal can include one or two pieces of real whole-wheat bread or rye bread or muffins or whole-wheat toast if no sour dressing is used or no acid vegetable, such as tomatoes. A cooked vegetable can be added to this meal, referring to the lists mentioned above. But the best idea is the raw food, when one has become used to it, or the buttermilk.

If possible take a short nap, or at least rest, after lunch. Do not draw the blood from the stomach by excess activity either physical or mental; especially not if the meal is a heavier one.

Middle of the Afternoon

Have a glass or two of raw vegetable juices, such as celery, or cooked vegetable juices, such as spinach juice, summer squash or string bean juice, or any of the juices made from the non-starchy vegetables referred to above; in some cases, a cup of Alvita (an alfalfa drink) or malted nuts, or other non-stimulating beverages.

Take a walk before the evening meal if possible. Do not go to the table tired; rest a few minutes if the walk has tired you. If one is overtired, angry or worried, the meal does not digest properly, as these emotions *do* influence the character of the digestive juices. So at all times constructive thinking and a happy frame of mind are to be cultivated if one is to get the best results from any living régime.

Evening Meal

Make the evening meal a protein or starch meal as a base, with one or two cooked non-starchy vegetables and a salad, according to what the other meals of the day have contained. Refer to "Starch Menu" and "Protein Menu" lists, also to "Raw Salad" lists and to "Combination" lists, for further detail.

Rest or have some light recreation after the evening meal. Before retiring take the exercise suggested for the morning, and the friction bath, and, if possible, a short walk.

In general, the diet should consist about three fourths of foods chosen from the "Non-Starchy Vegetables" class and the "Fruit" class. The remaining one fourth should be chosen from the vegetable "Starches" and the "Protein" class: one meal a day being *fruit* and what will combine with it, one containing some starch and the balance non-starchy vegetables, and the other containing protein in combination with either acid fruits or non-starchy vegetables.

Health is the most valuable thing in the world. Make *getting well* your business, and so be much happier, more efficient, and more able to be of service to your fellow man. A life lived for personal or selfish reasons alone is never the complete and full and happy life. To be able to live either the personal or the humanitarian life, one must be well; and to be well, one must follow the natural, God-given laws of life.

5,000,000 Slaves

THERE are still 5,000,000 men, women and children that are slaves in China, Abyssinia, Arabia, Liberia, along the Persian Gulf and in Morocco. The Coptic church, supposedly Christian, with 450 churches throughout Egypt and Abyssinia, is one of the largest owners of slaves.

Showed His Faith by His Works

A NOTE from a subscriber in California says of the unexpired subscription of one who had passed away: "Fred's death last Saturday took a very staunch friend of *The Golden Age*. He remarked to me on one occasion that he would not do without it for a thousand dollars. At that time he took out a ten years' subscription; we do not know when he first subscribed, but the last previous subscription was for a term of five years." We remark in passing that *The Watchtower* recently received a subscription paid ahead for one hundred years.

Clippings

MANY of our subscribers favor us with clippings, or, as our British friends say, "cuttings," taken from newspapers and other periodicals. These we are always glad to receive. However, when the date and name of the paper or periodical are not given, we are filled with chagrin and dismay, for a clipping without a date or means of identification is a delusion and a snare! We are hoping that this notice will speed the day when the children of the scissors of our correspondents will all come trooping in here each with his birth certificate, properly dated, either on his face or back.

Why Dodge the GA Subscriptions?

SAYS S. Manolokos, of Pennsylvania: "I am the owner of a barber shop. A year ago I subscribed for *The Golden Age,* and I must state that not only do I enjoy it very much but my customers do also. Three or four of my best customers, one of whom is a doctor, became such on account of the paper, which they saw lying in my window, from the outside. One of them had read a copy of *The Golden Age* somewhere some time ago and had become very interested but did not know where to obtain more. He went to all magazine stands, asking for it, but could not find it. Now he reads every *Golden Age* in my shop and has promised that he will subscribe for it soon."

20,000 Words on a Postcard

A MAN in Munich claims to have written 20,000 words on a postcard, a quarter of a full-length novel.

Infant Mortality in Chicago

OF THE ten biggest cities in the United States the city of Chicago has the lowest infant mortality rate; it is 49 per year per thousand births. This is less than one-third of the infant mortality rate of England thirty years ago, which, however, has now been reduced to 70 per thousand.

He That Considereth the Poor

WE CHANCED to learn that one of the pioneers among Jehovah's witnesses in one season gave away over 3,000 of Judge Rutherford's books among the poor unfortunates in the jungles of his home city; he has received back word that these books have been carried all over the country, spreading hope and comfort among a class that our Lord loved to comfort when He was here on earth at His first advent.

Red Cross in the United States

LAST year, to meet the needs of 15,000,000 families, the Red Cross and its friends made up 829,000 bales of cotton into clothing and bedding; 150,000 volunteer workers did the sewing, and the finished articles were distributed by 3,428 Red Cross chapters. These chapters also distributed 85,000,000 bushels of wheat to the needy. The highest paid official in the Red Cross gets $15,000 a year; six others get from $7,201 to $9,000 a year, and the next six get from $6,000 to $7,000 a year.

Judge Rutherford's Books

SAYS C. E. Shoemaker, of Washington: "If Judge Rutherford's books were placed end to end, they would reach more than four times across the United States, or 15,132 miles. The pages, end to end, would reach around the earth 211 times, or 5,384,864 miles; or would cover 271,947 acres of land, or cover a paved road 20 feet wide 4¼ times around the earth, or 2⅓ pages to each of the 20,000,000,000 of people that have lived on the earth, but would take one man 89,514 years to read, day and night, 24 hours a day, reading a page a minute. Some job. The depression would be solved."

In the Great City "Called Sodom and Egypt"

Brooklyn Abreast of the Times

BROOKLYN is keeping abreast of the times. Not long ago four men held up one of the banks and got away with $5,000 as nicely as a public service company ever put over a service charge.

Mill Conditions in the South

WE DO not hear so much any more about New England mills going south. The fact is that some that went south would now like to return north; taxes are much higher than they were, and labor conditions are not as rosy as once thought. The northern worker does more work in less time, mill owners find.

Machines Do the Work

THE American Federation of Labor *News Letter* tells the simple truth when it says that "a considerable portion of the world army of 30,000,000 unemployed workers whose feet now pound the pavements in every country looking for employment are jobless solely because those who own and control industry have installed iron machines to take their places. Under production carried on solely for the private profit of those who own industry the workers receive practically no benefits from machinery, and the only freedom from toil which millions of them do receive as the result of machine production is the freedom to live as best they can on the starvation rations doled out to the jobless by public and private relief organizations".

Two Resourceful Young Men

TWO resourceful young college men in Philadelphia, looking about for a way to be useful and create a place in the world, obtained a good washing formula and started business by stopping every woman they saw with a baby carriage and soliciting the work of seeing that the youngster therein is kept dry and clean. They have made a big success of their work.

Every other day the mothers receive a nice white enameled can containing 84 to 168 snow-white napkins suitable to the needs of little folks of the size that travel around in baby carriages. At the same time the truck that delivers the clean ones takes away the soiled ones. At first the young men did all the work themselves, but the business has grown so that they have had to take on additional help. There is another similar laundry in Chicago.

Long Rails in Britain and Germany

IN AMERICA rails are made 180 feet long and sawed into 30-foot lengths. In Britain experiments have been made with rails 45, 60 and even 90 feet long. The Germans have laid a track 2,500 miles long with rails 98 feet long, and laid 40 miles with rails 196 feet long. How these longest rails were transported is not explained, and constituted a very difficult engineering problem.

New York to Retain Its Gamblers

NEW YORK city will retain its principal gambling institution, known as the New York Stock Exchange. It will not move to Newark after all, and nobody who knows the power of money ever had any serious thought that it would. It finally agreed to stay in New York on its own terms, which, as laid down by the Exchange itself, were "on condition that the mayor of the city of New York shall veto the bills now pending before him to impose a tax on the sale or transfer of shares of stock and a tax upon the gross income of persons engaged in the business of buying and selling securities". The mayor surrendered, as he was expected to do, and the probable result, as Big Business by this pronunciamento has refused to be taxed on its gambling operations, will be that the common herd that ride the subway will have to pay an increased fare.

"The Nation" and the House of Morgan

THE NATION is not deeply impressed, at least not favorably impressed, by the discovery that the house of Morgan is interested in *Colliers' Weekly* and other publications which find entrance into millions of American homes. Criticizing an article by Mr. Lamont, which tended to glorify the elder Morgan, *The Nation* harks back to the time when, in the dark days of the Civil War, Morgan knifed Uncle Sam in the back, so to speak, by shipping $2,000,000 in gold to London, where he got his own price for it, and later sold to the army 6,000 condemned rifles, which he bought for $3.50 each and sold for $22 each, all of which had to be junked. Concluding, *The Nation* says eloquently: "He was one of the greatest enemies our society ever had, and most of the devious and damaging corporate stratagems which have brought us into our present hole were developed and perfected and varnished with respectability by him."

Sweatshop Wages in Chicago

A SURVEY of factories in Chicago discloses sweatshop conditions almost unbelievable; women make a silk dress complete for 15c; milliners paid less than 50c a day; candy workers paid as little as $2.50 a week, and cosmetic workers cut from $15 to $4 a week.

3,530,000 Families on Relief

REPORTS from Washington are that there are now 3,530,000 families on relief. These families include approximately 15,850,000 persons and represent a considerably larger population than the whole state of New York. In March the number on relief amounted to 4,530,000 families, or about 20,340,000 persons, one-sixth of the total population of the country. In some counties competent and thorough investigation resulted in cutting the relief rolls in half.

Exonerated After a Closed Hearing

LEA FABRICS, INC., of which General Hugh S. Johnson of the NRA is president, has been officially cleared of the charge of violation of its own NRA agreement. This was done after a closed hearing, at which it was charged that the company had reduced the hours of work but had not raised the rate of wages to bring the same weekly return as before, and had discharged an employee for work in organizing a union. Assuming that the company is innocent, as should certainly be the case, it seems too bad that its exoneration came about only at a closed hearing.

Gave His Life for a $5 Bill

A NEW YORK lad got a bright idea. He borrowed $5 from the family grocer and had it charged on the family bill. Then he spent the $5 for ice cream cones, movies and other things dear to a boy's heart. As the time drew near when the grocer's bill would be presented to the head of the home things did not look so good, so he persuaded his best friend to fire a gun at him and wound him in the arm. Then he could explain that he had been held up and robbed. After much persuasion, the best friend fired, but he shot the borrower in the chest and killed him. The moral is that the methods employed by Big Business look pretty good to the great financiers while the robbing is being done, but things don't look the same when the time comes for making explanations.

Twelve Kings Without Kingdoms

THERE are still living in exile in Europe twelve kings who once had powerful kingdoms but are now without kingly power. The ex-kaiser Wilhelm is worth $200,000,000; he amuses himself by chopping wood three hours a day, and has done it every day for thirteen years. Ex-king Alfonso saw it coming and shifted $200,000,000 and the royal jewels to London. He could not take with him the Madrid street railway, which was his private property, nor could he remove the palaces with their furnishings which have since been confiscated to the state. Another rich ex-ruler is the one-time tsar of Bulgaria. He derives a great deal of real pleasure as an ornithologist, having hundreds of cages in which rare birds from all parts of the earth are housed. He looks after these birds and feeds them himself. One can go from end to end of Europe without being off the soil of republics. Portugal, Spain, France, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Lithuania, Estonia, Russia, Finland, Turkey, Greece, all are republics.

Why Britain Conquered India

SIR W. JOYNSON-HICKS, home secretary of Britain, bluntly and honestly told the truth when he said: "We did not conquer India for the benefit of the Indians. I know it is said in missionary meetings that we conquered India to raise the level of the Indians. That is cant. We conquered India as the outlet for the goods of Great Britain. I am not such a hypocrite as to say we hold India for the Indians. We hold it as the finest outlet for British goods in general and for Lancashire cotton goods in particular." In confirmation of this statement of Joynson-Hicks *The Northern Voice* of Manchester said: "Over 1,000 factories are never inspected in India. Coal miners receive 4s. 6d. per week. The average income in India is £3 per head of the population. Working in factories in India are 60,000 children under twelve years of age. 95 percent of the workers' babies are fed on opium, and opium is a Government monopoly. There are 28,000 women in the coal mines of India. Infant mortality is as high as 884 per thousand in the workmen's houses of Bombay. In Indian factories the workers' babies sleep on the floors while the mothers work among the dust and noise. 92 percent of the population are illiterate."

Picking on the Poor Apes

WHAT the apes ever did to the *Medical Mentor,* we do not know; but that journal makes the following charges:

> Certain it was that the ape was the *sine qua non,* the fountain from which was destined to spring that peerless work of art; that gem of all that is high and noble; that magnificent evidence of God's handiwork, the physician of the twentieth century.

A Case Against Antitoxin

EDWIN E. PATTERSON, of Pennsylvania, writes: "A small boy, son of H. E. Cullin, of Shenango, Pa., when about two years old was inoculated against diphtheria. In about ten days after the inoculation he began to lose the use of his arm. That was four years ago. Now, through the careful treatments of an osteopath he is just beginning to use his hand. It does not look as if antitoxin were such a grand thing, after all.

Why Massachusetts Is Angry

ONE reason why the people of Massachusetts are angry is that they discovered the employees of the Bridgewater State Farm were selling the unclaimed bodies of inmates at $15 each to medical students for purposes of dissection. Massachusetts has no special reason to feel grieved, because it is generally known that public institutions provide the material for the dissecting rooms of all the medical colleges, everywhere. And, somehow, it makes one feel like staying away from public institutions as long as he can.

Preventive for Felons

ONE who recovered from a felon writes: "Anyone who has ever had a felon on the hand would doubtless be glad to know of a sure way of preventing another from developing. Felons usually form on fingers or thumbs, and often result in weeks of intense suffering and finally in the loss of a portion of the bone. The first indication is often mistaken for a tiny sliver in the flesh. If unchecked, this develops into a deep angry-looking sore which is extremely painful. A very simple preventive, when the felon is first detected, is to wrap the affected part in common salt and soak it for several hours in turpentine. This treatment has proved effective in killing out a felon even after considerable inflammation had set in."

The Unprofessional Healer

DR. J. B. S. HALDANE, the British scientist, states, in the *International Magazine,* that if Jesus were on earth He would be an unprofessional healer, and that to get rid of Him with the minimum of unsavory publicity, certain doctors, jealous of His unprofessional healing activities, would certify Him insane and have Him committed to an asylum without trial, and that soon it would transpire that the 'madman' had died in the asylum.

Achievements (?) of the Vivisectionists

THE following experiments give some idea as to what has been done in laboratories during the past ten years. 1. Dogs' livers removed while dogs kept alive. 2. Gashes cut in dog's skin, and phosphorus inserted, ignited and permitted to burn. 3. Live dogs half cooked. 4. Pregnant dogs tortured for days, "yelling like crazy." 5. Keeping dogs alive with their hearts cut open. 6. Dogs disemboweled yet walking about. 7. Puppies kept without sleep till they died of exhaustion.

It Took Five to Do All This

W. A. LAIRD, of Oklahoma, writes: "Mr. and Mrs. Ramey, of Ottawa, Kansas, took their little child, whom they could not induce to quit a prolonged crying spell, to 'The Clinic' conducted by five of Ottawa's most prominent M.D.'s. After a prolonged council and deliberation by all five doctors they decided that the child's ear must be lanced. They performed the said operation and the parents took the child home. The mother decided to put her baby to bed, and, in removing her shoe, found a marble. The operation was a success and the baby got along fine."

The People Want Medical Liberty

DR. HENRY M. FITZHUGH, of Maryland, in an address in Chicago reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association,* is alleged to have said to his fellow physicians: "We are a representative body of men, but we are not so hot. We don't know what gives a fellow a cold in the head. We talk about filtrable virus but we don't know much about it. We are fighting cancer, but more are dying of it every year. It is the same with heart disease. The public isn't terribly concerned about being protected. People want a chance to do what they please and pick out the best man in the community."

Good-bye Gallstones

B. W. Howe, of Alberta, says: "Having been a sufferer from gallstones, you may be assured of my appreciation of relief, obtained as follows: 'Eat lightly during the day: an enema or a suitable physic about 6 p. m. Before retiring drink the juice of a lemon and four ounces of olive oil. The lemon juice is a regular saver, after downing the oil. Keep half lemon to suck. Watch the clock for twenty minutes. Should vomiting occur after that time or not, the oil has done its work. A hot drink in the morning, and an enema, and good-bye gallstones.'"

Oranges and Soya Beans

THE Liverpool *New Leader,* noting that of Liverpool's 800,000 population 103,000 are unemployed, wonders why it is that the Liverpool Fruit Association recently dumped 1,500,000 oranges into the sea because they could not be sold at a profit. It mentions, too, that Manchukuo has a record soya bean crop, and has produced about 2,000,000 tons more than can be sold. It wonders why there could be any hungry people when there is an abundance of such excellent food that cannot be disposed of at a profit.

Orange Confectionery

A CONTRIBUTOR gives the following recipe for orange confectionery: "1 lb. of Barbados sugar, with gelatine (or a good one-pint orange jelly may be used), and ½ pint water. Melt all together in a saucepan. Grate 4 or 5 oranges, and extract juice from same. Add the grated peel and juice to the melted sugar, gelatine and water, when the latter mixture is nearly cold. Stir well in order to well distribute the peel. When cold this is an excellent preserve, which unlike cooked jams, has unimpaired food value. Only sufficient quantities should be made as could be used in from 4 to 7 days."

A Delicious Breakfast Food

Mrs. Susan Wise, of Ohio, describing her own homemade breakfast food, says: "This food is made from whole-wheat bread and is a very good recipe to use up stale bread left from the table. It is as follows: Place thinly sliced bread in baking pans and put in oven to dry thoroughly and to brown. Grind in food chopper or crush with rolling-pin. Return to the baking pan, in which some butter has been melted. Sprinkle lightly with sugar, stir and put back in the oven to dry thoroughly. Glass containers are ideal to keep this food indefinitely. Serve it to your friends and see if they can tell it from grape nuts. It is so easily made, and can be done while cooking a meal. When you have tried it I am sure you will say it is well worth your time."

Pioneers Can Make Their Own Butter

AN INTERESTED contributor says: "The following is an item that will be of interest to pioneers, to save the purchasing of butter. It is comparatively easy to trade literature for sour cream. One quart of sour cream will make nearly one pound of butter. For a churn merely put one quart of sour cream in a two-quart fruit jar, tighten down the cover, and shake for twenty minutes or half an hour, and you have the butter and also some fresh buttermilk. While shaking, unscrew the cap occasionally to let off the gas. This method is used a great deal by farmers who have no churn."

Whole-Wheat versus White Bread

C. H. Caspar, of Rochester, N. Y., writes: "Having read good items about whole wheat in *The Golden Age* I wish to add that the human body is builded of 15 different elements, and whole wheat contains those 15 elements; white bread contains 5 elements. The dietitian tells us that if we have any white bread at home we should throw it into the garbage can, because there is nothing to it but starch. I was sickly with stomach trouble and headache until I was 40 years old. Since I quit three things, white bread, coffee, and tea, I have the best of health, and am now 70 years of age."

A Five-Cent Meal

H. A. Scott, of California, asserts: "A five-cent meal may be prepared as follows: Place one quart of water in a shallow pan or kettle; add one teaspoon of salt, two heaping tablespoons of graham flour (or corn meal or any cereal except white flour); stir frequently while bringing to a boil. Stir and pour off one pint of the liquid in a convenient cup. Stir into the remaining pint two heaping tablespoons of the flour, bring to a boil, stir and set off. Add one egg and stir. The result is a full hot meal with a hot drink. With eggs at three cents each, the material cost would be five cents. Incidentally, you have a health diet at less than a course of pills or salts."

Ink Spots

Citrus Fruits in Palestine

IN THE year 1929 Palestine exported 3,000 crates of grapefruit; three years later, 27 times as many. Last year the exports of oranges from Palestine to England jumped from 1,073,000 boxes to 1,639,000 boxes.

Japanese Houses Are Match Boxes

IT IS well said by the Americans that Japanese houses are match boxes. On April 21 there was a most disastrous fire in the city of Seiokagen, Japan, in which 1,200 of the 2,600 houses in the city were reduced to ashes. As a result 6,000 people lost their homes, and the material losses were very heavy. Four were killed and 50 injured by the flames.

Digging One's Grave with His Teeth

DR. J. C. ELLIOTT, food specialist, is reported to have said to a Binghamton audience: "Your body demands food only when you need it, but appetite will make you use the fork any old time and demands the most dangerous and deadly foods. Appetite for food is sometimes as dangerous and deadly as appetite for strong drink. You had far better dine on an onion and a crust of bread and be healthy than feast continuously every day and be sick continually."

Breakfast Food

I AM sending in my recipe for breakfast food. We think it is great, and it is cheap in these hard times," said Mrs. J. T. Eastman, of North Dakota.

"3½ cups whole-wheat flour; 1 cup syrup or brown sugar; 1 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon soda; 2 cups buttermilk or sour milk. Bake in moderate oven. When baked, cool; then grind in food chopper and brown in slow oven until crisp, usually about four hours."

And Use Bon Ami, Too

REFERRING to Mr. Kitzmiller's advice as to how to sharpen an old Gillette blade by four strokes each way on the inside of a wet drinking glass: This works," said Mr. C. S. Wright, of Florida; "but it works still better if you take a sponge or rag and saturate it with Bon Ami soap or powder, wipe the glass with it, and then apply the blade. Bon Ami soap or powder can also be applied to good advantage on one's canvas razor strop."

Messina Rises Again

MESSINA, Cicily, which has been leveled twenty-five times by earthquakes, has now risen again from the ashes, and has come to be a handsome city of 186,000 people. The last time it was destroyed was December 28, 1908, at which time 77,000 persons lost their lives.

Kind Words for Cuba

THE Camden *Courier Post* objects to United States intervention in Cuba and says with a good deal of feeling: "Cuba is in distress for three principal reasons: First, she has been mercilessly exploited by bankers and sugar barons; second, she is burdened with $1,000,000,000 of debt, much of it arranged by American financiers with crooked Cuban politicians; third, her sugar market was almost destroyed by the Hawley-Smoot tariff, which gave preposterous protection to the costly, artificial sugar beet industry of Utah." Words that are kind to Cuba but not so kind to Big Business appear also in the statement that "the looters of Cuba are the same crowd which have plundered our people here at home".

Nines for Mnemonicans

SAYS D. S. B. McAllister-Thompson, of Alberta: "I have seen on two occasions in my *Golden Age* 'A Study in Nines', but on neither occasion has reference been made to them for the benefit of students in school as mnemonics (helps to the memory). The value of one-seventh, vulgar fraction, in its decimal equivalent is .142857, a repeating decimal. The result is:

1/7 = .142857
2/7 = .285714
3/7 = .428571
4/7 = .571428
5/7 = .714285
6/7 = .857142

"The same is true of the vulgar fraction one-eleventh as a study in nines:

1/11 = .09
2/11 = .18
3/11 = .27
4/11 = .36
5/11 = .45
6/11 = .54
7/11 = .63
8/11 = .72
9/11 = .81
10/11 = .90''

Plane Came Near Hitting the Pope

A FEW minutes after the pope and attendants had returned from Castel Gandolfo to the Vatican an army airplane crashed on the road over which their car had passed. Somebody wrote in about it and said, "Worse than a black cat"; but as the pope dresses in white we do not know what was meant.

The Pope's Cow Stable

AT HIS villa at Castel Gandolfo the 'pope' has the most up-to-date cow stable in Europe. The stalls are of metal, the floors and lower portion of the pillars are of tile. The herd is milked by electricity. By pressing their muzzles against a certain device the cows have the ability to refill their own water-basins.

Chicago May Yet Have a Saint

CHICAGO may yet have a saint; not a real one, of course, but a Roman Catholic one. Two gentlemen, who bear the titles of representatives of the "Devil's Advocate", namely, the Very Reverend George J. Casey of Chicago, and the Right Reverend John Della Cioppa of Rome, have been in Chicago taking testimony. America has no Roman Catholic saints yet, but if it is going to have any it does seem as if Chicago would be a good place to start.

An Honest Ex-Priest in Spain

H. F. GABLER writes from Spain: "Recently an ex-priest wrote an enthusiastic letter, saying that as a result of having read some of the booklets, left by the pioneers a little earlier, he had been enabled to get an understanding of the Bible such as he had not been able to find in his own, the Roman Catholic, or the Protestant churches. He ordered all the books and booklets and subscribed for *Luz y Verdad* and *The Watchtower*."

Parentage of Pius XI

THE Polish *Golden Age* of September 15, 1933, contains a lengthy article copied from the *Kurjer Poranny* of June 11, 1933, citing that the present pope, Pius XI, is the illegitimate child of a Netherlands Jewess named Littman. Assuming that it may be true, we do not see that it is any fault of Ambrose, or any reflection on him, or what he can do about it, but it might conceivably prejudice him one way or the other respecting the Jews.

Priest Was Not in the Union

ON THE complaint of beggars who had been accustomed to operate at a church doorway in Barcelona, Spain, a priest was arrested for asking alms at the same place. He claimed to be suffering from hunger as a result of the restrictions on the church imposed by the Spanish government.

Religious Medal Caused Death

ON MONDAY, September 18, at Butte, Montana, lightning struck and killed Anthony Sullivan. The bolt followed the course of a silver chain about his neck to which the religious medal was attached. The chain was melted by the bolt and the imprint of it and the medal was burned deep into the skin. Another man working ten feet away was knocked down by the same bolt. The men were at work in Holy Cross cemetery at the time.

Indianapolis Bishop Wants $300,000

AN ADVERTISEMENT in the Indianapolis *News* explains that the Catholic bishop of Indianapolis would be willing to accept a loan of $300,000. Maybe you would yourself. But wait a minute. How much are you worth? Oh, that is different! The bishop of Indianapolis in his official capacity holds titles to properties worth over $23,000,000, and he ought to be able to pay back a little loan like $300,000 easily, as long as the mass racket lasts. But if that ever stops he will have hard work borrowing the price of a shoe shine. And Armageddon will stop it absolutely. Really, you may be much better off than he is.

Anglo-Catholic Mass a Fizzle

THE Anglo-Catholic mass at the White City stadium brought out 45,000 people, and was advertised beforehand as "the most marvelous and impressive service ever seen in England". It turned out to be a fizzle, on account of a pouring rain. While the "host" was elevated and the trumpets sounded the rain streamed down, and when the bishop of St. Albans, in charge of the idolatrous performance, pronounced the blessing, there was a flash of lightning and a clap of thunder that made his words inaudible. Over the stands flew a Protestant kite, with a banner declaring the high mass illegal. It was removed, however, before the mass was concluded.

First Aid to the Clergy

Russia's Anti-Religion Plans

ACCORDING to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, the Soviet contemplates closing all religious schools, churches and temples by May 1937, and the expulsion from Soviet territory of all who have not renounced religious beliefs. The churches will be used for motion picture houses and clubs. Preparation of objects used in worship will be punished severely.

The Matter with the Churches

THE Trumpeter for Israel reports an interview with a missionary. The missionary, home on furlough, asked what is the matter with the churches of America, replied that they are suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart, due to wealth and luxury; pernicious anæmia, due to loss of confidence in the blood that taketh away the sins of the world; cerebrospinal meningitis, which is destruction of the backbone; cancer, which is unbelief in the supernatural; and neuritis, which is supersensitiveness to ridicule and criticism.

The Bible in Afrikaans

P. J. DE JAGER, of South Africa, writes that the new Bibles in Afrikaans have been coming from London at the rate of 10,000 per week. The first two lots were paid for in advance of shipment, showing the interest of the people in the Scriptures in their own vernacular. A population of 1,000,000 whites and a few hundred thousands of others is interested. For about fifty years an effort was made to have this translation made. High Dutch had become a strange tongue to the youth of the land. The new version is simple, dignified and melodious. The versions of Exodus 9:16 and Romans 9:17 are in line with the truths opened up in *Vindication* II and *The Crisis*, but it is regrettable that 1 John 5:7 is retained *in toto*, while John 5:29 speaks of the resurrection of 'condemnation', and Philippians 2:6 still presents our Lord as claiming equality with the Father, in plain contradiction of the context and His own statements in many places. The new version also retains old and incorrect renderings of *sheol, hades, gehenna* and *tartaroo*. It cannot be denied that the version is a great disappointment, and one for which there is no excuse in this enlightened day. The clergy entrusted with the task have been false to their charge.

A Jacksonville Youth's Bargain

A JACKSONVILLE (Florida) youth, coaxed by his mother to take a dose of castor oil, agreed to her wishes, provided only that he might, as a reward, stay home from Sunday school. What do you suppose it was that he heard in Sunday school that seemed worse to him than castor oil? The doctrine of eternal torment, probably.

Reverend Kenyon's Misinterpretations

A HANDBILL of the Cadillac M.E. church starts out bravely by headlines screaming that on a given Sunday evening the job would be undertaken of "Exposing the Error of Rutherford's Books". The handbill went on to explain that "many misinterpretations of Scripture will be shown by the pastor, Reverend H. C. Kenyon". No doubt! No doubt! That is the very thing Judge Rutherford's books seek to offset. What he would like is to have all the "reverends" cease their misinterpretations of Scripture. On the back of the handbill some kind-hearted soul, writing from Sheridan, Michigan, said: "A minister and his wife here who said these books were dangerous were killed by a train and their remains gathered up in a bushel basket." Michigan people are the kindest-hearted people; they just don't care how they use their baskets.

The Overworked Clergymen

A DISPATCH from Stevens Point, Wisconsin, says, "Funerals on Sundays and holidays have been banned here by the city council at the request of overworked clergymen." The dispatch does not state in what way the clergymen were overworked, but all can see how it was. They were not overworked by their preaching of two fifteen-minute sermons on one day of the week; that was not it; not at all. Where they were overworked was that they have had to cut up their own meat and spread their own bread, and sometimes to even mash their own potatoes. This, as all know, has been their principal occupation, their principal exercise, but as they eat not much more on Sundays and holidays than they do on other days, it is not just clear in what way the banning of funerals on Sundays and holidays will have any effect. Persons in Stevens Point who are expecting to die are requested to be considerate of the clergymen and not pass out of this life on days that will upset the clerical eating arrangements.

"Man Became a Living Soul"

UNDER the general title "A Living Soul" and the text of Genesis 2:7, "Man became a living soul," thirty-five Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Presbyterian, Lutheran and other smaller Protestant denominations, joined in an advertisement in the Los Angeles *Times* which declared as follows: "The soul is not something separate and apart from man, to be cared for and nursed with a view to its future bliss. The soul of a man is himself, his personality." A friend inquires, "Where did these churches get this information?" See *The Harp of God*, paragraphs 31 and 55.

Press Quick to Dishonor God

IT CANNOT be said for the American press that they are ever forward to publish anything that will be to the honor of God's name, but there are many evidences of their eagerness to publish something of a reverse nature. One of the worst examples of the latter is the following, which appeared in an editorial of the New York *American* of July 26, 1933:

His anecdote about Andrew Jackson, of whom it was said, when someone asked "Will he go to heaven?" "He will if he wants to," was well applied by the president to the American people's ability to pull themselves out of this depression. "They will, if they want to." Andrew Jackson, who doubtless did want to go to heaven, and is there, would be interested in his present successor in the White House, who closed every bank in the country in one day, and did it gently, without any invocation of "The Eternal."

Lower than What?

THE following direct insult to our Savior, and to Jehovah God who sent Him into the world, was adopted at a meeting of the Ministerial Association at Charlestown, West Virginia: "Be it resolved: 1. That Christ, otherwise the one perfect man, made a mistake in furnishing wine for beverage purposes at a marriage feast. 2. That as a user of wine for beverage purposes Christ had himself to blame for the reproach of being called a winebibber. 3. That in setting His approval on the use of wine for beverage purposes, Christ, in the language of Dr. Cherrington, belonged to a lower civilization." How any civilization could produce anything lower than the hypocrites that would pretend to be Christians, and leaders of other Christians, and set forth such resolutions, is something quite beyond the reach of reason.

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MEN seek after that which they believe will bring them personal benefit. In seeking after that which is desired, if a man takes the wrong road he is certain to come to disappointment and sorrow. If he takes and pursues the right road success crowns his efforts. It is therefore of great importance that a man at the very outset know which is the right road to take.

Material wealth and worldly fame are the things which men of the world principally seek after. The existence of man on earth is brief, and when he dies he must leave behind him all his material wealth and his worldly fame can no longer be enjoyed by himself. That which thoughtful men desire above all things else is life with the attending blessings of health, peace and happiness. Men madly rush about in their efforts to acquire material wealth and fame, and, while they may desire to live, very few men have any real conception of how life in happiness may be gained. What is needed to learn the right way is knowledge and understanding.

What are knowledge and understanding? and what is the distinction between the two? Properly defined, *knowledge* means information gained from truthful testimony. *Understanding* means to take hold of and comprehend the true meaning of the testimony received and to thereby be enabled to know for a certainty what is the right course or road to take. One who pursues such a course is wise, and the final result to him is certain to be good. One may have knowledge of the existence of a thing and have no understanding of its meaning. The two are necessary to go together that good may result.

How may one know for a certainty that he is gaining true knowledge and that he is having the proper understanding of the information received? If he follows the teachings of man he cannot be certain; for the reason, all men are imperfect and the teachings of men are based upon human information. Regardless of the good intentions that a man may have, his opinion may be entirely worthless. But it is possible for us to know for an absolute certainty whether or not we are receiving true knowledge and getting the correct understanding, and that information I shall now try to impart to you.

It has been my privilege to bring to your attention on former occasions the conclusive proof that there is one true God whose name is Jehovah and who is almighty in power, perfect in wisdom, exact in justice, and wholly unselfish, and that He is the source of light, truth and life. All information received from Him is truthful and wholly trustworthy. Truth is also called light, and light makes known to us the things that we want to know.

There is also, as the proof shows, a false or mimic god, whose name is Satan the Devil, who is the very embodiment of wickedness and who is the enemy of all men. He is bent on the complete destruction of the human race. Amongst other things the Scriptures designate him as the "prince of darkness", and he and his wicked associates are rulers of darkness controlling this world. (Ephesians 6:12) It is the wicked ones who make war against all who love and serve the light of truth which comes from Jehovah God.

In order to gain true knowledge we must be assured that the information we receive emanates and proceeds from a truthful source. Concerning Jehovah God it is written: "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." (1 John 1:5) Jehovah sent His beloved Son to the earth to teach the truth to the people, and of Him it is written that Christ Jesus is "the true Light, which lighteth every man" who desires to be enlightened. (John 1:9) Concerning the Holy Scriptures, which constitute the Word of Jehovah God, Jesus said: "Thy word is truth"; and concerning the way that leads to endless life and happiness He further stated: "This is life

eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3) That assures us that the Bible is the source of all truth concerning the origin and destiny of the human race.

You may reply that there are several hundred different denominational religious organizations called "churches", all teaching different doctrines and all claiming to base their teachings upon the Bible, and, you ask, how may we know who is right? The answer is that all of these organizations have some knowledge of the text of the Bible but are utterly without understanding as to the meaning thereof. The Bible has had the widest distribution of any book published, and yet there is without doubt a greater lack of knowledge and understanding of it by intelligent people in "Christendom" than of any other book in existence. The fact that a man is educated and graduated from a theological university and holds all the degrees of that university is no proof whatsoever that he has a knowledge and understanding of the Bible. He may be able to repeat from memory every text in the Bible and yet have no understanding or true conception of the meaning thereof. It will be conceded that the majority of the educated clergymen of this day even repudiate the inspiration of the Scriptures and have set up man's wisdom as superior to that expressed in the Bible.

Jehovah God reveals an understanding of His Word only to those who are devoted to Him. Men who are worldly wise, that is to say, who follow their own wisdom or the wisdom of other men, cannot understand the Scriptures. Such are natural or worldly men, and of them it is written: "The natural [or worldly] man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14) It is impossible for any man to please God and receive an understanding of His Word unless that man has faith in God and in His Word. (Hebrews 11:6) *Faith* means to have a knowledge of the text of the Bible, believe that the texts are true, and confidently rely thereon. There is no other means of acquiring faith.

A college education is not one of the essentials to the understanding of the Bible. That which is of first importance to gain a knowledge and understanding of the Bible is to know that Jehovah is God and have a proper fear of Him and not to have fear of man. It is only to such that God reveals an understanding of His Word. (Proverbs 1:7) The psalmist (25:14) says: "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant." The understanding and interpretation of the Bible is not committed to any one man or any company of men. The Bible was written for all persons who honestly seek to understand it and who follow God's appointed way to gain an understanding thereof. It is written that the Scriptures are given for the instruction of the man who devotes himself to God. None other can have an understanding.–2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

Jehovah God created man and made him the most intelligent of His earthly creatures. It is to be expected that God would reveal His truth to the reverential man; and so He does. To the man who seeks to know God and His Word Jehovah says: "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18) That means, regardless of how great a sinner a man is, if he turns his heart to Jehovah and diligently seeks to know the truth in God's appointed way he will be led into the light of truth. It means that we must take God's Word and study it from a reasonable viewpoint and not attempt to substitute human wisdom for divine wisdom. Note that God says to those who are seeking the right road to travel: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5, 6) This is positive proof that it is unsafe to follow human reasoning to the exclusion of God's Word.

Public officers today, by the aid of high dignitaries in the church organization, are making strenuous efforts to pull the people out of depression and distress and to recover the world. A high public official stands before the people and says in connection with world recovery: "I have faith in divine guidance in this effort to recover the world from depression." If he had faith in Jehovah God, then he would take God's Word as a guide, because the Word of Jehovah God is given for a guide to the one who trusts in and pleases Jehovah. (Psalm 119:105) The fact that one claims to have faith in divine guidance is no proof that he has faith; and this conclusion is further supported by the fact that his course of action is contrary to

what the Word of God states. What that man lacks is knowledge and understanding.

Jehovah God's Word makes it plainly to appear why there is great distress and perplexity and depression now upon the nations of the world. The testimony of Jehovah's great Witness, Christ Jesus, which is recorded in the Scriptures is to the effect that the beginning of the end of this wicked world would be marked by a world war, in which the nations of "Christendom" would engage. That world war began in 1914, and therefore that date marks the beginning of the reign of Christ and the ending of Satan's rule without interruption. It means that the great climax in the history of the world has been reached. Worldly wise men, who claim to believe in God, told the people that the great war would make the world safe for democracy, and that then the people would be free, and now all persons know from experience that such a slogan was untrue. There was a brief period of material prosperity following the war, and then came the great distress which now weighs down upon the nations of the world.

If we have faith in divine guidance, then we must heed the divine Word, which says that the world war would be followed by great "distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken".—Luke 21:25, 26.

Those words describe exactly what we now see on the world, and which conditions are a complete fulfilment of the prophetic utterance of Jesus concerning this very time. That means, then, that we have come to the end of the world and that God will bring about the complete change shortly, and that in His own good way; which means that He will set aside the wicked rule of the world and that the government of the nations will pass over into the hands of Christ Jesus, who will rule in righteousness. The wicked organization now ruling, the Lord first will destroy, that there may be a clear way for righteousness and upbuilding of the peoples.

It must be conceded that the rulers of the nations at the present time are putting forth their very best endeavors to recover the world and bring it back to material prosperity; but if it is true that the world has ended, why do they thus make an effort to hold the old organization intact? The answer is that they do not have knowledge and understanding of Jehovah's purposes. If they really had faith in God and in His Word they would know that Satan the Devil is now endeavoring to drive all peoples to desperation and destruction, and because he knows that he will shortly meet the Lord in the last great conflict he has brought all this woe at the present day upon the nations. In God's Word it is written: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) If the world rulers had a knowledge and understanding of this scripture they would see the real cause of the trouble and look to the only One that can possibly remedy it.

Jehovah does not alter His purposes at the instance or prayers of men. He declares that His time has come for Christ Jesus to rule and to put down the enemy and therefore the enemy must be destroyed and his organization pass away for ever. Jehovah in His own good way will then establish the world in righteousness, that it never again can be moved. (Psalm 96:10) It follows, therefore, that those who have a knowledge and understanding of the divine Word know that this old world cannot be recovered, but that within a very short time the Lord will completely destroy Satan's organization and his rule, in order to make way for the righteous rule of His kingdom through which all the families of the earth shall be blessed.—Revelation 19:10-20; Genesis 22:16-18; Galatians 3:16-29.

The public press announces a nation-wide movement begun by the united efforts of the various religious organizations, and political and financial leaders, to get the people back to the churches to help pull the world out of its present dilemma. Their slogan is: "God the light of the world; follow the Light back to the church." They do not say, however, whether they mean the true God or the mimic god. The Scriptures definitely show that the true God is not in the churches today; therefore this movement must be at the instance of Jehovah's enemy Satan for the purpose of deceiving the people. In the past the people have received no light on the Scriptures from the churches, and they will receive none by going back to the churches. The same ones who have organized this nation-wide movement are the ones who bitterly oppose the proclamation of the truth of and concerning Jehovah God's kingdom; and for that reason alone their movement is doomed

to complete failure. Instead of getting the people back to the churches, where they are asked to give up their hard-earned money and receive only husks, there should be a nation-wide movement to aid the people to gain a knowledge and understanding of Jehovah's purpose as set forth in the Scriptures. Jehovah's announced purpose is that in this day He will cause all to know that He is the true God and that the only hope of the world is His kingdom under Christ, which is now begun. To the nations Jehovah now says: "Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the [nations]. . . . And in his name shall the [nations] trust." (Matthew 12:18-21) If the men of this nation-wide movement had a knowledge and understanding of Jehovah's Word they would tell the people that the great crisis is here, that the greatest tribulation of all time is just ahead, in which all the nations will go down, and that the only way of escape is by and through Jehovah's kingdom under Christ. A knowledge and understanding honestly used now would be of great value to them and to the people. A knowledge and understanding of this prophecy just now would do more to help the people than anything else. Failure of teachers to help men get such knowledge and understanding works a hardship on the people and puts them in a bad way, as it is written: "Where there is no vision [understanding], the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."—Proverbs 29:18.

Who is the chief opposer of the truth, and the one who keeps the people in ignorance thereof? The Scriptures answer that Satan the Devil, the prince of darkness, the god or invisible ruler of this world, he it is that blinds the people to the truth lest the light of truth from God's Word through Christ Jesus should shine unto them. (2 Corinthians 4:2-6) Be assured of the fact that if you find the leaders in any organization or institution are opposing the spread or proclamation of the message of truth of and concerning God's kingdom under Christ as the only means of blessing mankind, all such opposers are being blinded by Satan and such opposers are without knowledge and understanding of God's purposes, hence you cannot afford to follow them.

By His prophet Amos, in chapter eight, verse eleven, Jehovah foretold the present-day famine in the land, not a famine of bread, "but of hearing the words of the Lord." The truth is just as abundant as ever, but few are they amongst the people that hear it, for the reason that Satan and his agents keep the people blinded and in the darkness. You may be sure, then, that any teachers of any organization that would hinder the people from studying and understanding the Bible are the agents of Satan whether they know it or not. Today there is comparatively a small company of men and women who are wholly devoted to Jehovah God and His kingdom and who are employing their time and means in an earnest endeavor to bring the message of truth to the peoples of the land. This little company of men and women are the only ones under the sun who are meeting any opposition to their work for the aid of the people. They are opposed, not because they are competing with others for commercial business, or for members of an organization; but they are opposed because they are trying to help the people obtain a knowledge and understanding of God's Word. The Scriptures emphatically state that all opposition to such work of enlightening mankind proceeds from Satan, the prince of darkness. Many will ask, Then why do the great religious leaders and the politicians and their supporters oppose this witness work in the name of God and His kingdom and persecute the witnesses? Is it because they willingly desire to serve the Devil? The Scriptural answer is, because such opposers are without knowledge and understanding of Jehovah's Word. If these opposers had a knowledge and understanding of the Bible, which shows that the only hope for the nations of earth is the kingdom of God under Christ, and that in the very near future God will destroy Satan's organization and put His kingdom of righteousness in full control, surely they would not deliberately fight against God. It is easy to be seen, therefore, that they lack knowledge and understanding and that knowledge and understanding to them would now be of very great value.

Today in this part of the country there are a number of Jehovah's witnesses who have gone from house to house with the message of God's kingdom advising the people how they may learn the way of escape from the great trouble that is shortly coming upon the world, and how they may come into complete peace and happiness and life. They are doing this because God commands it and because they love to do Jeho-

vah's will. In doing this philanthropic and godly work they meet much opposition from the clergymen, high church leaders, police officers and magistrates, and at the hands of such they suffer many indignities. Just while I am talking information comes that two men and five women, Jehovah's witnesses, are under arrest and being tried at Summit, N. J., because they freely gave to people in that city today the message of God's kingdom. Their persecutors are fighting against God. New Jersey police are derelict in arresting kidnapers, but under the clergy's influence are adepts at arresting faithful witnesses of Jehovah, who help the people in time of need. Why would men who claim to believe in God thus oppose and persecute those who are really engaged in carrying the truth to the people to comfort them in this time of distress and perplexity? The answer is, because such opposers are without knowledge and understanding of God's Word. When the knowledge of God's purpose is brought to the attention of such opposers, then their responsibility is greatly increased. If they had never known any better they would not have been so reprehensible; but, having been informed in the light of events that are in fulfilment of prophecy, they are now without excuse. To His faithful followers, and concerning those who oppose His witnesses, Jesus says: "Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin; but now they have no cloke for their sin." (John 15:20-22) Clergymen and public officials have now had fair warning, and they must assume the responsibility before God. Knowledge and understanding would be of inestimable value to them if they would learn the way of wisdom.

The only way to life and endless happiness is Jehovah's way, and that way is by and through Christ Jesus and His kingdom. From God's Word we are taught that there is no other name given under heaven whereby men can get life except the name of Christ Jesus. (Acts 4:12) Let us suppose that the world might be recovered by present efforts and that the wheels of commerce might turn everywhere and all the people be put in even a better condition than they were before the war. Even such temporal blessings could be only temporary to the present generation. Only God's kingdom through Christ can now bring the things that men desire and need. Jesus emphasized that point when He said (Matthew 16:26): 'For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his life?' No man or organization of men can give life to any man. 'Life is a gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' (Romans 6:23) No one can receive a gift without first having knowledge and understanding thereof. Then he must render himself in obedience to the terms of the gift. If you would offer a man a bag of gold and he could neither see nor hear nor otherwise understand you he could not accept the gift. Knowledge and understanding concerning the gift of life, therefore, are of the greatest value to all. God's Word is true and points out to man the right road to take, and he who gains that knowledge and understanding from Jehovah and walks in that appointed way finds the way to life and may receive the greatest gift that could come to him. Therefore the Lord says to man as set forth in Proverbs 8:10, 11: "Receive my instruction, and not silver; and knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

Jehovah God has caused the Bible to be printed in all languages and has made it possible for you to read the texts thereof and to thus gain a knowledge of the texts. In these latter days He has caused His prophecies to be fulfilled and a record of such fulfilment to be written out and published and brought to your attention that you can gain both a knowledge and understanding of His purposes. The Lord himself is the interpreter of His Word and He has made it plainly to be understood even by the most unlearned in worldly matters. Do not, therefore, permit yourself to longer be led by men who claim to teach God's Word and yet who have neither knowledge nor understanding of the Word of God. They have been blinded by the enemy Satan, have given heed to worldly wisdom, and ignored God's Word and have led you into blindness. Concerning them Jesus says (Matthew 15:14): "Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Jehovah God is no respecter of persons. He has not committed to any organization or man,

be he pope, priest or lawyer, the right to interpret His Word, but, on the contrary, has caused to be written in His Word that no scripture is of private interpretation. (2 Peter 1:20) Jehovah God and Christ are the teachers, and through Them is knowledge and understanding obtained. It is the privilege and duty of everyone now to gain such knowledge. To all who honestly seek the Lord He now says: "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come: and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."—Revelation 22:17.

Regardless of whether you are a Catholic, Protestant or Jew, permit me in all sincerity to urge upon you that you do not follow the teachings of men, but that you personally and diligently apply yourselves to a careful and prayerful study of the Word of God that you may gain the knowledge and understanding of His purposes concerning you and your eternal welfare. Such knowledge and understanding is of far greater value than all the material wealth and fame of this world. Concerning this the Lord says to the people: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding: for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her; and happy is every one that retaineth her."—Proverbs 3:13-18.

If the present rulers had knowledge, understanding, and faith in God's Word they would be convinced that the world can never be recovered and that all schemes for that purpose are certain to fail. The reason is, Jehovah has entered final judgment for the destruction of the world. What the human race needs, and what it will get, is regeneration and a new world wherein dwells righteousness. (2 Peter 3:10, 13) Then there will be no more need of disarmament conferences, because there will never be another war. There will be no more suffering from poverty, because Jehovah's kingdom under Christ will supply the people with an abundance. Unrighteousness and wicked oppression will cease for ever. Such is Jehovah's marvelous provision. Such knowledge and understanding bring peace and comfort of mind even in this time of distress. With all your getting, therefore, get knowledge and understanding, and rest confidently in the promises of JEHOVAH GOD.

"Preachers Present Arms"

THIS book by Ray H. Abrams, Ph.D., of the Department of Sociology of the University of Pennsylvania, is the fruit of six years of study, and of peculiar interest to Jehovah's witnesses, on account of what they have suffered and still suffer at the hands of the clergy. We are frank to say that Dr. Abrams is more mild and generous with the clergy than we could be, but he is severe also, his severity consisting in the vast array of facts, from which we make a few selections.

Starting with the American Revolution, and with the Reverend John Cleveland, of Ipswich, Massachusetts, who "is said to have preached his whole parish into the army and then gone himself", he touches briefly the Civil War, following which Federal generals gave over to Northern church boards and leaders all the churches in their areas "in which a loyal minister does not officiate".

Those who refused to support that war, in the opinion of Reverend R. L. Stanton, professor in the Theological Seminary of the Presbyterian Church, Danville, Kentucky, "were abhorred, both in earth and in heaven."

The year 1898 brought the Spanish-American War, and with it the affirmation of Reverend Henry Van Dyke, Princeton, New Jersey, "We have come as a nation to our cross. If we bear it in submission it will be a ransom for the many, and a sign of peace for far-off generations."

After a little we get down to the World War and Woodrow Wilson, and find anew that, though reelected because HE KEPT US OUT OF WAR, "he had already committed himself to the Allies before the presidential election of 1916." In other words, the deal with Morgan had already been closed.

Before America entered the war the clergy,

some of them, were itching to show of whose father they were. (John 8:44) Reverend B. C. Warren, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church, Peekskill, New York, made it clear that, given the opportunity, he could "ride, shoot, handle a spade, march or act as chaplain". That was in 1915.

Early in the same year the Reverend Frank Isey Paradise, rector of Grace church, West Medford, Massachusetts, went further and told what he expected to catch shortly. If murdering is going to be done on a large scale, the clergy want to have a finger in the racket. So Mr. Paradise said:

"At length I do believe we shall catch the spirit of battle, and fling back the challenge of German nationalism. For we too have a conscious national destiny. The God of Israel has anointed us to champion the cause of the poor, the weak and the downtrodden. We too shall struggle for world power. It will be the helping and healing power of Christian civilization."

We pause to reflect that Hoover and Mellon seem to have put the finishing crimp in this helping and healing power, but what they did not do Roosevelt will no doubt top off.

Catching the Spirit of Battle

Mr. Abrams carefully refrains from saying anything that would give offense. He mentions a number of clergymen who had inclinations toward liberalism, and then subtly adds:

"But the great body of the clergy, waiting to discover which way the tide of public opinion would flow, were beginning to succumb to the subtleties of Allied propaganda and the tactics of the defense societies and Security and Navy Leagues."

Most of the clergy were willing to take a flop either way, and to a person with a gift of gab, no knowledge of the Bible, and no conscience, it has been, in the past, a pretty good way to slip through life without really doing anything useful.

Reverend George R. Van de Water, rector of St. Andrew's, New York, at one time an army chaplain, told where he stood: "I am a preacher, and it is my duty to pray for peace, but it is just as much so to prepare for war, if necessary." That is rich. Here is a man, to let us tell it, that is willing to go in public clothed or naked, walking on either his feet or his hands, and willing to talk United States or Choctaw. As soon as he finds out what it is the people want, why, that is the line of talk he gives them. Nothing could be simpler. "You pays your money and you takes your choice."

Reverend Dr. Merle-Smith, Presbyterian, as soon as he saw which way the cat was going to jump, said, "I am glad that the ministry of the Presbyterian church is not pacifist." Of the Presbyterian clergy invited to march (in a preparedness parade) only six sent word that it would be against their scruples to do so.

Bishop Manning, a few months later, preaching on the glories of military training, said, "It will tend to make our young men better Americans, better citizens and better Christians." Strange that Christ never thought of that simple method of making better Christians; all He would have had to do would be to suggest that the whole church enlist in the Roman army.

"America Decides to Fight"

At this point we steal one of Mr. Abrams' headlines in which he refers to the pronunciamento of sixty-five of the most prominent religionists in the country. Bishops in this list are thick as hair on a dog; they are primed up to goad the country into war; their declaration was made on January 1, 1917, and in three months had done the trick. They blasphemed God and said:

"The just God who withheld not His son from the cross, would not look with favor upon a people who put their fear of pain and death, their dread of suffering and loss, their concern for conquest and ease above the holy claims of righteousness and justice, and freedom, and mercy and truth. The memory of all the saints and martyrs cries out against such backsliding of mankind. Sad is our lot if we have forgotten how to die for a holy cause."

Don't let anybody think that any of those sixty-five had the least intention of dying for any holy cause whatever; all they were after was to hold their jobs, which they expected to do by pushing others into the gory and dirty and beastly business of butchering their fellows. Why should they muss up or soil their priestly vestments? Let George do it.

The dominies were strong for self-preservation. They even admitted it, for when Reverend Randolph H. McKim, of Washington, was preaching on this so-called instinct for self-defense, he went so far as to say, "I do not hesitate to say that if it really were in conflict with the Christian religion we could not accept the Christian religion as a divine revelation."

After the war once got under way Reverend McKim made it clear just what he considers the Christian religion to be, saying: "It is God who has summoned us to this war. It is his war we are fighting. This conflict is indeed a crusade. The greatest in history—the holiest. It is in the profoundest and truest sense a Holy War. Yes, it is Christ, the King of Righteousness, who calls us to grapple in deadly strife with this unholy and blasphemous power."

The Cardinal and Mr. Cadman

At the inception of the World War Cardinal Gibbons was still alive. He wanted it to be known that if anybody was going to be killed he was in favor of it, and so he said: "Above all else we must be loyal to our country. There should be no hesitancy on the part of able-bodied men in answering the call that has gone forth to man the ships that protect our shores. I hope Catholic young men will step up and take their places in the front ranks. They should obey whatever our Congress decides is for the good of the country."

Reverend S. Parkes Cadman, a sort of Protestant cardinal, endorsed the sentiments of Mohammed, saying: "If a man dies in battle giving God glory and in the service of his country, he dies well."

In the World War American Lutherans were in a tight place. Less than a month before the United States laid her country and everything in it at the feet of England Reverend Charles F. Oehler, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of California, wrote: "England, so history teaches us, loves no country but England. English militarism exceeds the militarism of any other two countries, and it indeed fights the militarism of other nations now in this present World War for the sole purpose of coming out of this struggle the undisputed ruler of the earth, on the continent and on the seas." We wish our readers to particularly take note of this statement, for it does show that when a clergyman is sufficiently hard pressed, and when it is made sufficiently clear to him that it is to his own self-interest to do so, he may actually tell the truth on something.

Practically all the clergy of all denominations, however, went in for the "Holy War", and so Mr. Abrams with kindly feelings remarks: "If the most noted scientists, who had spent all their days in scholarly research and in critical analysis and judgment of world events, lost possession of their reasoning faculties, it is not surprising that the most intelligent of the clergy, as well as the lesser lights, did likewise."

The Jihad, or Jehad, of 1914-1918

It does not make much difference which way you spell it, the World War was for the dominies a "Holy War". Reverend Joseph Fort Newton, pastor of the Church of the Divine Paternity, New York, said: "Think it all through, and at bottom, the war is religious. If our enemies are right, our religion is wrong, our faith a fiction, our philosophy false—yes, justice a dream, and righteousness a delusion. Then might is right, the battle is to the strongest and the race to the swiftest, and the more ruthless and unscrupulous we are, the better. By the same token, if our religion is right, if God is a reality, and the order of the world is moral, our enemies are wrong! The very stars in their courses are against them."

In an official statement the American Board of the Congregational Church notified all men, "Our soldiers and sailors are preparing 'The way of the Lord'. They are 'making straight in the desert the highway for our God'. We must win the war to win the world." That is going some.

Reverend William B. Meyers, of Park and Down Congregational church, Wollaston, Massachusetts, after the United States got into the war, said: "If we have sinned, it is in not going in sooner," for, anyway, "between the sword and sermon is only a matter of degree, and one can be as redemptive as the other."

Reverend Frank Mason North, once president of the Federal Council of Churches, announced, "The stir of the breath of God is upon the common people of the world. The war for righteousness will be won! Let the church do her part." It was the breath of a god, to be sure, but the wrong god, the mimic one.

This is how Reverend Bernard Iddings Bell put it in an article to *The New Republic:* "This article is written in the certainty that God, the Almighty, the Eternal, the Triune, whom we Christians worship as revealed to the whole world in the Incarnation of the Son, the God-man, is the most powerful, the most active, and the most important of all who are influencing the war. He is delaying victory to either side in the deadlock until men shall comprehend that the war is being waged between spiritual prin-

ciples and vital philosophies rather than between mere armed forces. This He is doing until men shall be ready for such a victory as is won by humble hearts and souls lifted up to Him, to His everlasting laws, to His divine love."

The 'Cleansing and Inspiring Baptism of Fire'

Reverend Ernest M. Stires, of St. Thomas's Church, New York, thought that the training of troops is only "the preparation for the higher level to which they will climb on the consecrated fields of France, where the baptism of fire will cleanse and inspire. This is no dream of a visionary. The calm judgment of reasonable leaders declares that invaluable results have already been gained, and that vastly greater results are not far away. They will find God. They will discover their souls".

Reverend John Kelman, pastor of the St. George's United Free Church, Edinburgh, Scotland, was over here on a visit about that time and in a lecture on preaching at Yale University said regarding the soldiers in France: "Without knowing it, they are bearing in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus." Many of the soldiers, by this time, were suffering from syphilis contracted in France, but we cannot suppose that Reverend Kelman had reference to these marks. In any event his remark was ridiculous and impossible.

Reverend Doctor Harry Emerson Fosdick thought that the dominies of 1918 had a bigger job on their hands than Jesus ever had. He said: "The Master never faced in his own experience a national problem such as Belgium met when the Prussians crossed the border. The fact is that Jesus did not directly face our modern questions about war; they were not his problems, and to press a legalistic interpretation of special texts, as though they were, is a misuse of the gospel."

Reverend Harold Bell Wright, of the Christian (Disciples) church, writing for the *American Magazine,* was of the opinion that "a thirty-centimeter gun may voice the edict of God as truly as the notes of a cooing dove. The sword of America is the sword of Jesus".

The Golden Rule in Warfare

It seems that it was not Morgan's French bonds, but the Golden Rule, that got us into the World War. Thus Professor Ernest De Witt Burton, head of the Department of New Testament Literature and Interpretation in the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, explained that "for the sake of France, England, Europe, Asia and Africa, for the sake of the unborn generations of Americans, it was for all these and in obedience to the Golden Rule itself that we went to war".

Reverend Edward Increase Bosworth, dean of Oberlin College, put it this wise: "The Christian soldier in friendship wounds the enemy. In friendship he kills the enemy. In friendship he receives the wound of the enemy. He keeps his friendly heart while the enemy is killing him. His heart never consigns the enemy to hell. After he has wounded the enemy he hurries to his side at the earliest possible moment with all the friendly ministration possible."

It is hard to jab a bayonet into a man's stomach in a spirit of brotherly love, but Reverend Herbert S. Johnson, pastor of the Warren Avenue Baptist church of Boston, probably thought it could be done, when in one of his sermons he said: "Three inches are not enough, seven inches are too many, and twelve inches are more than too many, for while you are pulling out the bayonet you are losing the opportunity to drive it into another man five inches."

Reverend Henry B. Wright, camp director of religious work, Army Y.M.C.A., was at first a little confused at the thought of Jesus jabbing a bayonet into the squirming flesh of a fellow man, but he finally got it all straightened out and said: "Then it was that I saw Heaven open and beheld One faithful and true. He was no longer mounted on a white horse, to be sure, nor arrayed in a white garment sprinkled with blood, nor was He armed with a sharp sword to smite. Rather I discerned through clouds of gas and smoke One on foot arrayed in a garb of olive drab which was stained with blood and mire, and in His hands a bayonet sword attached to a rifle. He asked no man to go where He would not go. He did not lead His men up to the painful and bloody tasks which are the climax of every battle charge, to disappear just as the disagreeable deed had to be done and thus shift the responsibility on others."

With visions like this in his mind it is no wonder that Reverend George F. Pentecost, pastor of the Bethany Presbyterian church, Philadelphia, thought and preached that "every Presbyterian church should be a recruiting station".

They Got Away to a Good Start

The dominies got away to a good start. Within twenty-four hours after the declaration of war thirty-five different religious bodies had promised fullest cooperation. Lyman Abbott demanded that every church should be turned into a recruiting station, and Billy Sunday said that a man that broke all the rules but died fighting in the trenches was a better man than the God-forsaken mutts that would not enlist. Liberty loan Sundays were announced by the government, canned sermons were provided, everybody was expected to go along, and almost everybody did.

In a campaign against venereal disease, which undermines so many armies, Bishop Lawrence explained that "moral questions are involved, of course, questions of purity, of family, of integrity, of the sacredness of womanhood and of childhood, chivalry and honor. These, however, are not my concern tonight; nor are they at this time the concern of the masses of our people who are building up the army; the vital question is that of keeping our men fit to fight and so to win the war".

The chief of all the atrocity mongers was Reverend Newell Dwight Hillis. His story about syphilized soldiers' cutting off the breasts of the women they had used, and his proposal to sterilize ten million German soldiers and segregate their women so that the German people might be obliterated from earth, are familiar to most Americans.

Bishop William Alfred Quayle went Dr. Hillis a good second. He was sure that "Germany has poisoned wells, crucified inhabitants and soldiers, burned people in their houses, and this by system. Germany has denatured men and boys, has wantonly defaced the living and the dying and the dead. An eyewitness tells of seeing women dead at a table, with their tongues nailed to the table and left to die." These stories were all lies; the preachers are good at that.

A "Reverend" in Harrisburg, name unknown, is quoted as proposing that when the kaiser should be captured they should "hang him up by his thumbs and cut pieces out of his body day after day until he was either dead or until there were no more pieces of flesh to cut out".

The Exceptions to the Rule

There were not many exceptions to the general rule that those that posed as teachers of the Word of God were faithless to their trust. In one paragraph Mr. Abrams says: "A search through all the available material from a variety of sources gives a total of fifty-five ministers of the gospel from various denominations and sects arrested for alleged violation of one or more of the espionage and sedition laws. In addition, there were several dozen Russellites, some of whom suffered severe penalties."

In another place more extended notice was had of the trial which sentenced Judge Joseph F. Rutherford and seven others to what amounted to life sentences in Atlanta penitentiary. A portion of the account says:

"The passage found to be particularly objectionable reads:

'Nowhere in the New Testament is patriotism (a narrow-minded hatred of other peoples) encouraged. Everywhere and always murder in its every form is forbidden. And yet under the guise of patriotism civil governments of the earth demand of peace-loving men the sacrifice of themselves and their loved ones and the butchery of their fellows, and hail it as a duty demanded by the laws of heaven.'

The trial had been played up in the papers everywhere and the verdict met with general approval. In printing and circulating the above condemned excerpt from the forbidden book, the press did the very thing the Russellites had been sentenced to twenty years for doing, and gave it more publicity than the followers of Russell could possibly have given it. An analysis of the whole case leads to the conclusion that the churches and the clergy were originally behind the movement to stamp out the Russellites."

Another gem of truth in Mr. Abrams' extremely valuable collection of data is a letter from one conscientious objector in which he said: "I think it was a most common experience of conscientious objectors that their most bitter and intolerant enemies in the army were the chaplains and the Y.M.C.A. men." Just let that stand by itself as one of the worst indictments ever made of a class of men that are probably the most terrible murderers at heart that have ever lived upon this footstool. Incidentally, General Pershing is authority for the statement that nine hundred Y.M.C.A. trained soldiers are better fighters than one thousand men that have not had Y.M.C.A. training.

Doctor Abrams' book *Preachers Present Arms* is copyrighted and published by the Round Table Press, Inc., New York City, 1933, and is a book that we are sure many of our readers will wish to have.

The Correction of a Lie

EVERY reader of *The Golden Age* will be interested in the following letter which corrects a lie that somebody in Plainfield told about the time of the latest witness. The veiled suggestion that it might be advantageous to correct this some time before the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November will probably not be lost on the gentleman most concerned. The witness in Plainfield was a tremendous success, the citizens of the community manifesting a friendliness and eagerness to learn that was most refreshing.

PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION
124 Columbia Heights - Brooklyn - New York

October 24, 1933

C. F. Stout,
Publisher, *Courier-News,*
Plainfield, N. J.

SIR:

In the October 23 (1933) issue of *Courier-News,* page eleven, appears the following:

Jehovah witnesses Peddle Literature—But Carry Permits

Several witnesses of Jehovah were in Plainfield yesterday, distributing religious literature, but they obtained a permit from Police Chief Charles A. Flynn before canvassing the city.

Police received several telephone calls from residents who remembered the arrest of several of the witnesses several weeks ago when they went about the city, declaring they needed no permits. There were no arrests yesterday, inasmuch as police regulations were complied with.

Whoever furnished to you for publication what appears in the foregoing "story" concerning "permits" knows he has deliberately misinformed you and through you the readers of *Courier-News.* Plainly, your informant has lied and knows it.

That publication by your paper is false in this, that not one of more than a hundred of Jehovah's witnesses who on last Sunday called at every home in Plainfield obtained or carried a permit from the chief of police before, while or after doing his (or her) lawful work Sunday October 22 among the inhabitants of the city.

Furthermore, you must be aware of the fact that the chief of police does not issue "permits" of the kind mentioned in your "story" for Sunday, but only for weekdays.

I challenge you, therefore, to call upon the city police department and have produced for your inspection the official record that a single permit was issued to one or more persons acting as Jehovah's witnesses in doing what they did in Plainfield Sunday October 22, 1933.

Obviously the effect of this false publication by *Courier-News* is to further misrepresent the men and women who, as Jehovah's witnesses, again pursued their lawful duty in Plainfield on last Sunday. Additionally, its effect is to blind the readers of *Courier-News* to the malicious and hypocritical conduct of those public servants of the "Inhabitants of the City of Plainfield" who still persist in cowardly and vicious persecution of humble servants of the true God who are unselfishly doing good to the people of your city, as a great many of the citizens of Plainfield willingly testify.

If you knew that you were publishing a falsehood, then you are doubly reprehensible.

In fairness to the public official who is mentioned in your "story", I am sending to him a copy of this letter. In fairness to at least some of the residents of Plainfield who have been misinformed by your publication, a copy of this letter is sent also to a well known citizen, Edward Sachar.

If you, sir, honestly desire to do right, as you personally assured me (in the presence of Charles Hessler) in your office last July, you ought to set this matter squarely before the readers of *Courier-News.* If you decide to take this honorable course in fairness to those who have been misinformed, I shall thank you to let me know before the end of October, this month.

If you care to be fair, publish this letter as it is written, and then the responsibility will rest where it belongs.

Cordially,

A. R. GOUX.

cc Charles A. Flynn
Chief of Police
Police Headquarters
Plainfield, N. J.

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Inspiring Letter from a New Jersey Jonadab

I HAVE just finished hearing the third speech by Judge Rutherford, and I wish to extend my congratulations for these great true speeches. I have been hearing your broadcasts practically every day you broadcast, and greatly appreciate those speeches broadcast at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. I receive your broadcast on my homemade one-tube set and choose your station for the best broadcast station.

I am a boy twenty years old. I am a Catholic. I have been going to church every Sunday, and other days required by the church; for the past

ten years I have been going, and I can say hearing just one of your broadcasts of Jehovah God does me more good than if I go to church for a whole year, as, to be frank, I never knew hardly anything about God until I started to hear Judge Rutherford's broadcasts.

In church the priest reads the gospel, and half the time he does not explain it, and, instead, starts talking about a card party to be held in the church, or reading off committee names. It is a pity why there is so much misunderstanding, so many different religions; one claims to be truer than the other.

The Catholic church is supposed to be the true religion, being carried on ever since the time of Christ, and yet I never heard the priest talk about God's kingdom. One time I hear him speak about all persons are judged the moment they die, and then the next Sunday he speaks about how we should always go to church because if we don't, when Christ returns to the earth on judgment day we will have to stand before Him and take the consequences for not doing so; also those who are dead will be judged. Then, are there two judgment days for each person?

Religion is a serious matter, and it is too complicated for me, due to the so many different ways it is brought out to the people, and it surely makes one turn away from the true God. I can say for the past two years I heard Judge Rutherford and your other broadcasts and I haven't as yet noticed anything complicated or so as to contradict speeches that were already broadcast from time to time; it is the same thing, the truth.

I enclose herewith, in a card, 25 cents. Please send me four or five copies of the three speeches, "The True God," "The Mimic God," and "Why Serve Jehovah"; also, if you have any of the following, please send me a copy, "The Way of Escape," "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity." I am going to give a copy to some of my friends, former, also send one to Cali, Colombia, S.A., to a friend of mine there; perhaps he will appreciate the truth also (or else refuse it). Thank you, and remain a friend of Jehovah.

I also would appreciate a copy of the list of books the Watch Tower has, as I expect to buy a set shortly, and get the benefit of the truth. Also, do you sell Holy Bibles? As I haven't any yet, I think it is about time I get one to really learn the truth. If so, kindly send me the price of the cheapest one you have. Many thanks.

J. J. O.

The Radio Witness Work

Lansing, Mich. "I heard this morning Judge Rutherford's masterful lecture. Forceful, true and eloquent, it came in remarkably clear. May the blessings of God be with him always. Please send me copy of this lecture. Enclosed find twenty-five cents which I gladly donate for same." A. G. R.

Brooklyn, N. Y. "I am a Catholic who, for the past two years, has been very interested in learning what is the matter with the world, and have concluded that our present system is a failure. . . . I had the good fortune of securing several of your books, and ever since have attentively listened to your appreciated speeches by radio." M. M.

Peterboro, Ont., Canada. "Please accept an appreciation of your continued work of spreading the truth. We were pleased to hear again Judge Rutherford Sunday morning. The lecture came to us very clear and distinct. Our canary bird Tom, who is now in his old age, seldom sings, but sang during the overture and almost continuously during the lecture. When the judge ceased speaking, the bird ceased to sing. The flowers in the window smiled, but my hearing was not keen enough to hear their notes of approval. Wife and I were both pleased to note the bird's appreciation of something real and good. Would that many of our citizens who are now in the dark could realize the truth of the words given out by Judge Rutherford from time to time." M. T. B.

Jamaica, N. Y. "How I give thanks to our dear heavenly Father for such a wonderful speech given by our beloved brother. So bold is he. We do appreciate his boldness to tell 'Christendom' of her downfall. We are determined to be with him in pressing the battle to the gate. He is such an inspiration and encouragement to us all." G. M. S.

Latin America — The Question Mark of the 20th Century

***In Four Parts*—Part 3**

IN THE fifteenth century, long before Columbus sailed out of Palos, Lake Guatavita, north of the present capital of Colombia, was considered a holy place. Pilgrims resorted to it to cast offerings of gold and emeralds into its waters. Whenever a new chief of Guatavita was chosen the priests and nobles of his tribe covered his naked body with resinous gums, which were then covered all over with gold dust. In a barrow hung with disks of gold he was carried to the lake, whereinto he plunged. The spectators at this time made their offerings of treasures. Thereafter the new ruler, El Dorado (Spanish, The Gilded Man), and his subjects went back to Guatavita village for a feast and dance.

By Columbus' day the foregoing custom had been discontinued, but the stories of El Dorado, as a place where gold was as plentiful as stones are elsewhere, spread among the Indians of the entire continent, and from them to the white explorers.

The very indefiniteness of the location of El Dorado, coupled with the astonishing magnitude of the treasures obtained from the Incas by Pizarro, made it an object of diligent search by the bold and restless adventurers of two hemispheres. To this search we owe the development of French, Dutch and British Guiana. The gold which the adventurers sought was always a little farther away.

French Guiana has never been a success. In an area of 34,740 square miles, only 8.800 acres, or about 14 square miles, are cultivated. There is some placer mining, but ever since the place was turned into a penal colony it has become a byword and a hissing. Devil's Island, where Dreyfus was incarcerated, lies off shore. It is sandy, dry and torrid.

Dutch Guiana is of about the size of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Vegetation is remarkable on account of the altitude of the trees and the great size of leaves and flowers. Orchids form large masses, with flower stems 12 feet high. Uncommon brilliance of coloring is characteristic of both the birds and the insects.

The population is a great mixture. At the end of 1925 there were among the 139,869 inhabitants: 26,283 Hindus, 25,523 Mohammedans, 24,565 Roman Catholics, 30,132 Moravians, 11,412 Lutherans and Dutch Reformed, and 699 Jews. The hinterland is impenetrable at present.

British Guiana, larger than Ohio and Pennsylvania put together, is hardly touched as respects its wealth. This soil is a rich, heavy loam 100 feet deep. Small canals, to carry off superfluous water from the plantations, intersect each other in every direction. The population of 310,933 includes 130,075 East Indians.

Mount Roraima, on the border line of Venezuela, is an immense sandstone mass rising with perpendicular sides 2,000 feet above the slopes which form its base. These slopes themselves are at 6,000 feet above sea level. The streams around Roraima possess extraordinary beauty, as they have cut down to a bed of green jasper.

The natives call Roraima the "Grandfather of Mountains". They told the first explorers that the top of the mountain, an area of about thirty square miles, was littered with boulders of solid gold, zealously protected by headless men. Neither the boulders of gold nor the headless men have yet been found, perhaps needless to say.

The Guiana Indians have a system of enumeration of which the human hand is the basis. Six is a hand and one finger; twelve, two hands and two fingers. Twenty-seven is a man, a hand and two fingers, etc. The aborigines in the Guianas are few and shy. They prefer the dangers of the forest to contact with white men.

The Republic of Venezuela

The eastern part of the great country (as large as Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas combined) which occupies the northern end of South America, and which we call Venezuela, consists of the plains of the Orinoco; the western part contains Lake Maracaibo, a little mediterranean sea, lying within a Y-shaped range of the Andes opening out on the Caribbean sea. It was Lake Maracaibo that gave Venezuela its name. When Amerigo Vespucci sailed up into the lake he found the natives living in houses erected on long poles standing in the shallow waters and called it Little Venice (Spanish, *Venezuela*).

The piles of these lake dwellings are so well driven, and the buildings so well constructed, that they show no signs of shakiness in the greatest storms. Each house has two rooms, reached by means of a dugout canoe and a rough ladder made of a small tree trunk and its several branches. The houses are grouped in villages and connected by planks reaching from door to door. The shores of Lake Maracaibo, although in full sight of perpetual snow, are said to be the hottest place on the continent.

The South American Revolution originated in Caracas, the present capital of Venezuela, where both the great revolutionists Miranda and Bolivar were born, Miranda in 1756, Bolivar 17 years later. Miranda served as an officer with Lafayette in the American Revolution, and seems to have concluded that if liberty would be a good thing for North America it would be good for South America too. He did not succeed, and died a prisoner in Spain, but Bolivar took up the job and finished it.

The latter used up his own large personal fortune in the cause of independence and drew heavily and repeatedly upon the black republic of Hayti for assistance. Finally he was completely victorious, liberating one country after another until at length the Spanish power in America was altogether broken.

Venezuela was a natural place for the South American Revolution to have its beginning. The primitive dwellers of the Orinoco valley were independent-spirited. Many Negroes were brought in. The offspring of the Negroes and Indians, usually known as Zambos, retained the same spirit. Only one-eighth of the adults of Venezuela can read and write.

From Bolivar to Gomez

Venezuela had hardly more than declared its independence from Spain before there was a great earthquake in which thousands of people were slain. The clergy, always on the alert to take their stand on the side of the Devil, seized upon the catastrophe as proof that God was against the poor people that were aiming to have a better government, and for a time it was almost impossible for the liberty-lovers to continue their fight.

Some of our readers will remember the cruel, witty, resourceful and successful strutter and bragger, General Castro, who ruled Venezuela with an iron hand for so many years. He called himself a man of destiny and considered himself the Napoleon of South America.

His prisons were diabolical in design and management. Some of the cells were purposely arranged so that at high tide the water came in up to the prisoner's waist. Many prisoners who passed through the gates of these prisons were never heard of later. The official answer always was, "He escaped." A favorite joke of Castro's was to chain together, face to face, two prisoners who were known to be enemies.

Gomez, who took Castro's place, retained himself and brother and son in office as president, first vice president and second vice president, by the simple device of a hand-picked congress. When relatives claimed the body of a young man of 36 who had died in one of his prisons, they found the body covered with marks similar to those inflicted in the Inquisition, his hair had become snowy white, and his skin showed the wrinkles of an aged man. In Venezuela you do not criticize Gomez or you die young.

The Only Country with No Debt

Venezuela distinguished itself at its One Hundredth Anniversary of Independence, by paying off its external debt. It is the only nation without a foreign debt. It was able to attain this position by means of the immense revenue obtained from the oil fields. This revenue has also enabled the building of a modern highway from Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco, about a thousand miles to the Colombian border.

In the mountainous borderland between Venezuela and Colombia is an interesting race of dwarfs, somewhat resembling the pigmies found by Stanley in Africa. These people, the Macoas, seem to have a mania for living as remote from each other as possible. A small village will be scattered over several square miles, each house on its own hilltop, perhaps a mile or more from the nearest neighbors. The Venezuelans fear the Macoas and keep far away from their mountain retreats.

Describing the delta of the Orinoco, where mangrove swamps cover 9,000 square miles, a writer says: "Like quicksand, the Orinoco delta sucks down any heavy animal that dares to enter, yet the delta is a Grand-Guignol zoo, teeming with rodents as big as guinea pigs, ants with savage appetites, water serpents, crab-catching hawks, crocodiles and four-eyed fish. For color there is the scarlet ibis with blood-red plumage, and the toucan, the bird with a rainbow-colored beak so large that it looks like the false nose of a circus clown."

Venezuela has a population of only 3,216,000. The time will come when it will easily maintain more than a hundred times that many. By that time the Macoas will have discovered that houses a mile or more apart are no longer in style.

Republic of Colombia

The republic of Colombia is a little country occupying the northwestern corner of South America. That is it, isn't it? How big is it?

Oh, the size of all that part of the United States north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers, including West Virginia. Seems incredible, doesn't it? Colombia is twice the size of France. The population is 8,223,000, mainly whites and half-castes, only 69,221 Indians being returned.

Though in its southern portion Colombia bestrides the equator, the climate is that of the temperate zone. Bogota, the capital, basks in the sunshine of eternal spring. The reason for the mild, agreeable climate is that three great chains of the Andes traverse the inhabited portion of the country from end to end, their summits always snow-clad.

The Magdalena river is navigable for over 900 miles, and unless one is in a hurry, and wishes to travel by airplane, the only way of reaching the national capital is to take a steamer 592 miles to La Dorada and then take a railway line for perhaps 200 miles farther. The trip takes ten days. People in the tropics are not in such a hurry to rush somewhere as they are in the North.

Colombia has long claimed to be the most literary country in Latin America. The best of her scholars are regarded at home and in the mother country as occupying nearly equal rank with those of Spain, but it is only recently that they have come to see the importance of educating the masses.

The greatest emerald mines in the world are in Colombia. The country is also rich in minerals of all kinds, gold, silver, platinum, copper, iron, lead and coal, mercury, petroleum, salt and other minerals.

Venezuela, Panama and Ecuador all separated from Colombia peaceably. The United States paid Colombia $25,000,000 for the loss of Panama. In recent years the country has been relatively free from disorders, but in 1899 a civil war took the lives of 50,000 men.

A present perplexity is the seizure by Peruvians of lands in and about Leticia which lands were colonized by Peruvians in the first place. These lands, bordering on the Amazon, were granted by Peru to Colombia so as to allow that great country to have river access from the southeast. The agreement of the two governments was not acceded to by the people.

How Big Is Ecuador?

Ecuador is one of the few countries in the world of which it is impossible to draw a map, for the reason that nobody knows where to place the boundaries. According to the *Statesman's Year Book* it has more boundaries than any other country and there are maps of the republic showing six different frontiers according to six different authorities.

Not long ago Colombia and Peru engaged in one of their periodical quarrels over their boundary. They finally came to one of their settlements, and after the smoke was all over it seems that most of the lands they had been quarreling over really belonged to Ecuador. At least that is what the Ecuadorians claim.

The World Almanac gives two estimates of 118,500 and 275,936 square miles respectively, according to two authorities. Then it makes the comical statement, "No exact figures can be given." Just to see if that is true, we looked it up in *The Encyclopedia Americana,* when we got the low-down on it that the real area is either 171,287 square miles or else it is 220,502, the *Americana* people did not seem to be just sure which.

We consulted McClintock and Strong's Encyclopedia (that is a religious crowd; they ought to have it just right). According to them it is "about 300,000 square miles". The pursuit became interesting.

We turned to Rand McNally's atlas; these people are professional map-makers and gazetteers; surely they will know. They told us the desired figures are 300,440 *kilometros cuadrados,* which, at ⅝ kilometer to the mile (the usual method of figuring), would be 187,775 square miles. However, there are actually 3,280.8 feet in a kilometer, and but 5,280 feet in a mile; and as we want to be exact in this thing, we figure it all out nicely and it comes to 186,682.4909090909+ square miles. That fraction goes on 0909, like that to the end of time. We have to cut it off somewhere; so off it goes at 186,682½.

Ah, *The Standard Reference Work!* The very thing. It says, "The present territory administered by the government of Ecuador comprises about 120,000 square miles." That did very well for one column. In the next column it said: "Statistics. The following statistics are the latest from trustworthy sources: Land area, square miles, 116,000."

At length we go to the *New International Dictionary,* and in the Gazetteer we find at last that the area is "116,000 to 276,000" square miles. Why should we say that *The Golden Age* is a "Journal of Fact" if it isn't?

There are some people that are never happy till they get the final word; so here it is:

First estimate,	118,500	square	miles,
Second estimate,	275,936	"	"
Third estimate,	171,287	"	"
Fourth estimate,	220,502	"	"
Fifth estimate,	300,000	"	"
Sixth estimate	187,775	"	"
Seventh estimate,	186,682½	"	"
Eighth estimate,	120,000	"	"
Ninth estimate,	116,000	"	"
Tenth estimate,	116,000	"	"
Eleventh estimate,	276,000	"	"
	2,088,682½	"	"
Divided by 11,	189,880	"	"

It is evident that the first, eighth, ninth and tenth estimates are what Ecuador really has. The second, fifth and eleventh are what she would like to have. The third, fourth, sixth and seventh are compromises. The first estimate of 118,500 square miles is probably the correct one. Thus it is as large as New York, New Jersey and all of New England.

Quito the Highest Capital

Quito, the capital of Ecuador, 9,371 feet above sea level, and only fifteen miles south of the equator (Spanish, *ecuador*), is the highest capital in the world. It is connected with the port of Guayaquil by a narrow-gauge railway 297 miles long, by which the trip is made in two days. It crosses the Andes at 11,841 feet, over the breast of Chimborazo and near to Cotopaxi, two of the greatest volcanoes known to man.

There are no stoves, stovepipes or chimneys in Quito, for fear of earthquakes. The cooking is done in pots and kettles over a charcoal fire. As there is almost no variation in the climate, Quito is said to be one of the best places in the world for the cure of tuberculosis. The best Panama hats are made here, not at Panama. Quito laces are also famous.

The Jesuit church at Quito is almost lined with gold leaf. The Franciscan church of the same city is also remarkable for the amount of gold used in decorating its interior. In 1904 all religions were made equal before the law and the nation was declared to be the owner of all church property. All kinds of clergymen are now forbidden to enter the country.

Most of the world's buttons come from Ecuador. These are made of tagua nuts, or vegetable ivory, of which the yearly output is of the value of two million dollars. Cocoa of the amount of 70,000,000 pounds is exported annually. Of the population of 2,000,000 it is estimated that about one-tenth are pure European blood. Three-fourths of the population are Indians.

When Pizarro and his men invaded South America the Indians of Ecuador and Peru were at war with one another; they thus really helped the Spaniards to destroy themselves.

Ecuador is the owner of the Galapagos Islands, or the Archipelago of Colon, as the Ecuadorians like to call it. This island group is famous for its prodigious turtles and other reptilians. Until recently the islands have been used as a penal settlement.

The "master and slave" idea of the Spanish conquerors is still dominant in the minds of the Ecuadorians. If a foreigner undertakes to carry his own bag he might as well take the next train back to Guayaquil, and the first boat out.

The Shuaro Indians of Ecuador have some odd customs. When a child is born the mother scours the woods in search of delicacies, while the father lies in bed for a week, receiving the neighbors and their congratulations. He works himself up into a state where he suffers pain and fatigue until his wife returns with the delicacies he craves.

The Shuaros have another funny one. If you offend them they cut off your head, and then by a secret process they shrink the head down to about the size of a baseball. An exploration expedition that missed an Englishman subsequently came across a group of children playing with his head, all the features intact. He must have offended somebody. It does not seem like a nice habit. Still, look at the things done to us by our financial lights. It all depends on who was your father and how you were brought up.

The Land of the Incas

Peru, the land of the Incas, was treated in *Golden Age* No. 323. We add a few other interesting items. The sad descendants of the Incas do all the work of this great country, a land which is as large as all that part of the United States east of the Mississippi and north of Tennessee and North Carolina. The official estimate of the population is 6,237,000. The aim

of the Inca priests was, and of the Roman Catholic priests is, to keep the Indians as virtual slaves, ignorant and superstitious.

The Indians live in vermin-infested huts on the cold, windy slopes of the pampas, under such terrible conditions that ninety percent of their children die before they are two years of age. The Spanish Peruvians all aim to get through this world on the backs of these poor Indians. They are in worse condition every way than when Pizarro first landed.

The Indians cannot afford to "marry"; and so they choose their mates and are true and faithful to them throughout life. The priests make them pay for life, birth and death. They mistrust the whites. Can you blame them? If these men were educated they could make Peru one of the foremost countries of the world, for it has every possible natural advantage.

The Andes extend along the entire west coast, a distance of 4,400 miles, in Peru and out. There are only fifteen known passes; their average height is 14,057 feet. Ordinarily there is no rain in western Peru, the thirty-mile-wide strip between the Andes and the Pacific ocean, but in the early part of 1925 a change in ocean currents brought torrential rains. The traveling sand dunes ceased to travel and verdure was everywhere in short order.

Transportation, Present and Future

Of the tributaries of the Amazon within the borders of Peru some 4,000 miles are navigable. Railroads and other roads are few. In the high altitudes long trains of llamas are still used to transport the treasures of the country from one place to another. The llama is called "the living scales". These animals will carry 100 pounds, and no more. If an extra pound is put on they will lie down and refuse to move until the pack is lightened.

Over the heads of the llamas, and over the steamboats, the railway trains and the automobiles, airplanes now wing their way clear across Peru from north to south and from east to west.

Conditions of transportation are so peculiar that when recently the Peruvian fleet wished to make a demonstration against Colombia it sailed up the west coast, went through the Panama canal, around to Brazil, and up the Amazon some two thousand miles to reach Iquitos, Peru, all together a 10,000-mile trip from Callao, the port of Lima.

Iquitos is a city of 20,000 population, with paved streets, electric lights and a good hotel. Vessels from New York and Liverpool moor regularly at its dock, which is a floating one because the river rises and falls thirty-five feet with the change of season. Iquitos is only 250 feet above sea level. Of the region around Iquitos a writer in the New York *Times* says:

> The region is languid and violent; healthful and at the same time deathly. It is a region where the dry season is distinguished from the wet season merely because it rains less frequently during the day than during the rainy season, when it rains all day. It is a country from which the white man flees, but always to return; where they laughingly say of a person, when he does come back, that he has drunk the waters of Sachachoro, a mythical water which is supposed to cause a person once having partaken of it to wish always to return.
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> Yet it is an active, industrious region, a wealthy region. It exports costly woods—such as cedar, mahogany, quinina. It grows excellent tobacco, fine cotton, sugar cane, and the finest chicle, to be exported to America for the chewing-gum industry. It is the center of a vast area which produces and exports countless products.

Odd Peruvian Customs

Merchants of Peru are said to have not yet adopted the one-price system, now well nigh universal in the United States. The rule seems to be to charge all the customer is likely to be willing to pay. Foreigners are usually advised by friends not to pay the first price.

Peruvian men take off their hats to one another and are considered the most polite men in the world. The chief ambition of the Peruvian young man is to be a politician, a job requiring little work, with opportunities for affluence readily available. Yet President Cerro, just murdered, seems to have been a real patriot. He is said to have left an estate of but $30.

The women of Peru are backward, kept so by the Roman Catholic church. They are required to go to church every day, and are never seen alone in the street, as it is considered improper for a woman under forty to go out of her home unchaperoned by an older woman. What a silly old custom!

The men grow up agnostics, having no use for the church, and not interested in religion. The young girl is educated with but one object in view, marriage. She is not taught to think. Peru is still in the Middle Ages.

(To be continued)

Three Million Accidents in Pennsylvania

IN SEVENTEEN years, from 1916 to 1933, there were three million accidents on the list of injuries reported to the Pennsylvania labor department. The number of United States soldiers wounded in the World War was less than one-fifteenth of that number.

Nils Hansen, Friend of Needy Lawyers

NILS HANSEN, of Bridgeport, died early in 1933 with $11,000 in cash stowed away on the houseboat in which he lived. A committee of lawyers appointed by the probate court to wind up his affairs handled the matter so efficiently that the claims against the estate totaled $18,000, and some of the lawyers had to take less for their services than they had expected.

Riot for the Privilege to Toil

WHEN a Chicago candy plant advertised for fifteen hundred experienced women workers, it is said, a good-sized riot arose when fifteen thousand men and women stormed the plant, eager for a chance to toil for wages. How changed for man are the conditions that now prevail as compared with the days when it was his happy privilege merely to dress and keep a garden!

Millennium Lags in Philadelphia

THE Millennium lags in Philadelphia. At three o'clock in the morning a young mother who had been two days without sleep and had had scarcely anything to eat fell in the street. The 17-month-old baby that she was carrying escaped unhurt, but the mother was bruised and cut by the child's broken bottle. The husband had been gone a week, looking for work in other cities, and five days after he left she was evicted and had no place to go but the street.

End of a Gangster's Treasure

A BOOTLEGGER or other gangster laid up $5,000 in treasure under the seat of his automobile; then he was killed, and in due time the automobile was sold for junk. Boys playing with the old scrap heap found the $5,000 and, supposing that it was stage money, burned it. Before setting fire to the bills one of the boys gave a yellow $50 bill to a garage mechanic who was working on a car. He tore the bill into pieces and used it for a washer for a bolt. All this happened in Jersey City.

50,000 Homeless Women in California

AT A MEETING of the state emergency relief commission in Los Angeles it was revealed that California now has 50,000 women and girls without homes, without jobs, and engaged in a desperate struggle for existence. The number of male tramps in California is set at 100,000.

Not a Bad Advertisement

THE proprietress of a beauty shop in Aroostook county, Maine, advertised that she would trade a permanent wave for each cord of good slab wood. She wanted to be sure to keep warm, anyway, and she evidently knows that slab wood is easy to split. Not at all a bad advertisement.

Two Million Unemployed Women

OUT of almost 11,000,000 women who ordinarily work for a living, the number of the unemployed is now more than 2,000,000. Included among the jobless women are many who are married and discriminated against on that account, many older women whose chances of finding employment are very slim, and many young women for the first time in the labor market.

Three Cents an Hour Wages

INVESTIGATORS of the United States Department of Labor have found that much of the fine work on infants' dresses is done by Mexican women in the state of Texas and that the wages paid are so low as to be unbelievable. Well over two-fifths of the workers earned less than 4 cents an hour. A girl who made from one and one-half to two dozen dresses a week obtained 70 cents a dozen, and thus earned about 3 cents an hour. The output all goes to New York city.

Allied Architects of Los Angeles

THE Allied Architects of Los Angeles county had it all fixed up to get back some of the money they have lost during the depression. Not only were they to have a monopoly on county building for the next ten years, which would not have been so bad, but they were also to receive 20 percent profit. That seemed too much to a humble employee in the mechanical department, and his protest brought a cancellation of the contract which had been already approved by the county supervisors.

Free Food and Fuel in New York

FOR the distribution of free food and fuel in New York during the coming winter eighty-one depots will be opened near the police stations. For a starter the city had 2,000,000 pounds of pork from the national government, and may have chickens later.

Six Million Children to Be Fed

THE government has ordered that six million school children who face the winter in an undernourished condition are to be fed, and will itself undertake great drainage and brush-cutting jobs in the southern states to eradicate mosquito-breeding grounds and thus cut down malaria.

Relief Needs over $1,000,000,000 a Year

HARRY L. HOPKINS, emergency relief administrator, and head of the Federal Surplus Relief Corporation, estimated that total relief needs are over one billion dollars a year. We don't know where we are going, but we are on our way. The bright side to it is that the NRA has put 2,200,000 Americans back to work, and that in national recovery the first stride is the most important one.

Morgantown, West Virginia, Goes Broke

A DECISION of the supreme court of West Virginia, that all municipalities must pay their old debts before they can spend for current needs, brought Morgantown to its knees in good shape. Not only did it announce that it would have to suspend police and fire protection, street lighting and garbage and sewage disposal, but eight prisoners were let out of the jail because there was no food for them. That looks pretty nearly like the end of government in Morgantown.

Reorganizing the Hold-up Business

THE hold-up business in New York city seems to be in process of reorganization. Two older men, who, in earlier times, would have taken leading parts in a payroll hold-up, stayed outside and directed the activities of two boys, around 16 or 17 years of age. The younger men made a failure where the older, more experienced, might have succeeded. The old gentleman who was supposed to deliver over the payroll grabbed the telephone and threw it at the head of one of the boys; the other wounded him and fled.

Economic Crimes in the South

THE NEW REPUBLIC reports an increase of economic crimes in the South. In Warrenton, Georgia, a Negro was shot by his landlord during an argument over the plowing of a peanut field. The sheriff to whom the landlord reported told him to bury the body and forget it. In North Carolina a Negro tenant was shot and killed because he cashed the check he received from the government instead of turning it over to his landlord. In Benton, Alabama, a cow strayed into a Negro's garden patch and he was whipped to death by five men whose names *The New Republic* prints. No inquest on this killing was made.

Slight Relief Due to NRA

ROBERT W. KELSO, federal relief administrator for the ten northeastern states, stated that of the 36,000,000 people in this area 10,000,000 would be on relief before spring, making it the worst winter in American economic experience. He also said: "A great many more people are working. It is an unhappy fact, however, that, with all of the NRA push, payrolls are only slightly improving above the level they were in midsummer, and that the pay of all but those on the very bottom tier of workers is even lower than it was then. This is a disturbing fact in terms of that hoped-for buying power of the nation. But it is still an uglier fact in terms of the need for food, clothing and shelter in those families which have reached the edge of destitution."

Plain Statements by Huey Long

SENATOR HUEY P. LONG, of Louisiana, has made the following statements, and no one can deny their truth:

"In the land of too much to eat and wear, and too many houses, there is no explanation for our hungry, naked and homeless people, except the greed of the few whose wealth is more than they can use. It is a shame on our civilization that one million people have more than they can use if they live to be ten thousand years old, but that 119,000,000 people are becoming more desperate as times pass. A great talk today is that if the people generally have an assurance of something to eat and wear and any kind of place to live in, they should be satisfied. Some seem to think that the holders of big fortunes are kind to let the sun shine on us. They seem to be spoken of as the divine set to handle the Lord's blessings on earth, and as generous to allow some of us nondescript and accidental 119,000,000 people to have more and some less.

More than Seventy-five Years of Age

I WAS born September 21, 1858, but am still as agile as a boy," writes A. J. Patterson, of Arkansas. "I can sit flat on the floor and get up without touching either hand, and after plowing all day can run a fox all night. I commenced cutting my third set of teeth at 66 years of age."

The Average American Family

THE average American family consists of 3.4 persons and lives in a house valued at $4,778. Half of the families (51 percent, to be exact) live in rented homes, with an average rental value in 1930 of $27.15 per month. One out of every eight families lives in an apartment.

Swam Herself to Death

A GERMAN girl, Ruth Litzig, of Essen, literally swam herself to death. She was in the water swimming continuously for 79 hours, beating her own previous world record by 5 hours. When taken out of the water she became seriously ill and never regained consciousness. She was but 19 years of age.

Selfridge Proposes the End of Liberty

IN A RADIO address at Boston, Gordon Selfridge, London merchant, advocated what in effect is an end of liberty. He advised that, as only one store in seven can be classified as "successful", a system of licensing be set up to control entrance into the field of distribution, and further to make sure that the poor but ambitious young man should have no opportunity such as he has hitherto had. He proposed that this control should be exercised by a business man's guild, rather than the government.

The Paints Have Changed

REPORTS of the Egyptologists are that though the paints have changed, the women have not. Samples of eye paints taken from the earliest Egyptian tombs were accompanied by inscriptions showing that each of the four colors in which the paints were made was for use at a different season of the year. One of these colors was a bright green. Don't know for sure, but think that is now out of style. The ladies of that far remote time painted their cheeks, lips and nails, anointed their hair and bodies with delicately scented oils, and penciled their eyes and eyebrows.

Educational Changes Impending

EDUCATIONAL changes of great importance are impending. Removal of children from textile and other industries sends more of them to school. It is estimated that in the fall of 1933 there were 300,000 more children in school than the year before, and that there were 15,000 fewer teachers to teach them.

The Cannibal Cow

THE papers are saying that an unnamed farmer sent to the sheriff in the next county a telegram in which the statement was made: "Sedan passed here, killed a cow containing four men and two dogs, one of which was a clergyman." Did not know a cow could hold so much.

Sixty-two Years of Service

WHEN Eddie Savoy, Negro doorkeeper for the secretary of state at Washington, retired after sixty-two years of continuous service President Roosevelt invited him to pay him a visit, and in recognition of his qualities of faithfulness and dependability sent his own personal car to bring him. A very fine act.

No More Sunday Funerals of Negroes in Macon

THERE will be no more Sunday funerals of Negroes in Macon, Georgia. Hitherto, so goes a dispatch to the New York *Times,* Macon Negroes have counted on passing out of this life with a funeral on Sunday, and a brass band in the procession. Seems as if somebody were always taking the pleasure out of life, and now the dominies and undertakers are even trying to take it out of the funerals.

Strange Happenings, These Days

A SUBSCRIBER in California recently passed through the experience of an earthquake, which shook down the brick walls all around him, but left untouched a table upon which he had a Bible and a set of Judge Rutherford's books. We merely record the fact. You explain it. In Englewood, N. J., a police officer was hit by a large chart which fell just as he formally accused one of Jehovah's witnesses, whom he had arrested and who had duly warned him. As he was struck he said, startled, "Jehovah is after me already."

The Six Hundred at Balaklava

SAYS *The Equalizer:* "A Power Trust man was making a speech before a large audience. Growing poetic he exclaimed, 'On with the Light Brigade!' At that moment an interested listener in the crowd jumped up and put on the finishing touches by shouting, 'Oh, what a charge they made!'"

Efficiency in the Arson Department

A DISPATCH from Memphis said: "After forty years of study and work, Claude W. Johnson had virtually completed an invention which he claimed would generate electricity in the home and thereby prove a great saving to households. Thereupon burglars looted his home and then applied a torch. The house was burned, and with it the invention." Wonder if the Power Trust knows anything about this.

Pasadena Municipal Plant Too Profitable

THE newspapers of Pasadena, California, complain that the city's municipal electric light plant is too profitable. Despite numerous diversions of funds for the erection of a Hall of Justice, a municipal golf course and other public structures, the fund accumulates three quarters of a million dollars of profit each year; and that is considered too much. Rates may be reduced.

Where the Utilities Differ

SAYS Clark McAdams of the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch:* "The utilities differ from all other business. They are monopolies rendering a social service. Without their services we cannot light the streets, water the lawns or cook our food. It is wrong to let such social services become the pawns of greed. No sensible people would permit it. It is one of the inconsistencies of city management all over the United States that whereas the taxpayers have paid for all the non-profitable social services, such as sewage, streets, education, parks and playgrounds, they have turned over to private enterprise the revenue-producing services, such as transportation, water, gas and electricity. The house of Morgan alone controls from twenty-two to twenty-three percent of all the electrical energy in the country, and twenty-two percent of the gas. This does not include the vast interests of Electric Bond and Share, also controlled by Morgan & Company."

Air Route via Greenland

COLONEL LINDBERGH thinks a three-day air mail service can be maintained between New York and Helsingfors, Finland. The route would be via Greenland, with the planes fitted with skis for the winter flight across Greenland. Colonel Lindbergh has done much useful work in mapping air routes in the far North.

2,520 Miles in 10 Hours 5 Minutes

LANDING in Brooklyn before midday, Colonel Roscoe Turner made the hop from Burbank, California, 2,520 miles, in 10 hours 5 minutes 30 seconds. The plane at times attained a speed of 315 miles an hour. Stops for fuel were made at Albuquerque, Wichita and Indianapolis.

Possible Air Mail Route to Russia

PROF. RUDOLPH SAMOILOVITCH, head of the Russian Arctic Institute, believes that continuous air mail service between the United States and Europe is perfectly feasible. The route he would prefer is via Alaska and the northern Siberian coast to Archangel and Leningrad. Twenty-five radio stations have already been built along this route.

False Damage Claims

BENJAMIN F. LANDIS, assistant United States attorney in Chicago, has unearthed a new way by which some corporations get an advantage over their competitors. They fix it up with crooked railroad officials to file false claims with railroads for damages to goods never suffered; the cash received on such false claims is just so much pure robbery.

Golden Gate Bridge in Construction

THE bridge across the Golden Gate at San Francisco is in construction. Some idea of the magnitude of this enterprise may be had from the fact that each cable contains 27,572 separate wires, each two-tenths of an inch in diameter, making a total wire length of 80,000 miles. The steel in the two towers alone will be more than all the steel used in the Quebec bridge. The total length will be seven miles; the clear center span will be 4,200 feet and the vertical clearance for ships at the span's center will be 220 feet. The steel towers that carry the bridge will rise 746 feet above mean high water.

Governmental Items

New Governmental Feature in Missouri

AT SPRINGFIELD, Missouri, 130 American Legion members have formed a new semi-secret vigilance organization, the announced object of which is to aid in law enforcement. It is proposed that the group will eventually number 200 men, all to serve without pay.

Western World Has Failed

IN AN address at Banff, Canada, Newton D. Baker, secretary of war in the Wilson administration told the Institute of Pacific Relations that the institutions of the Western world have failed, adding: "We are standing at the parting of the ways; we are puzzled and bewildered."

Corrected Figures on Prisoners

CORRECTED figures on prisoners, covering 24 states for the fiscal year ending in June, 1933, are that total commitments to prison were 66,384, compared with 69,483 for the preceding year. Male prisoners dropped from 68,483 to 63,471, female from 3,037 to 2,913. Previous figures published in *Golden Age* No. 368 were incorrect.

Government Should Commandeer Machinery

THE New York Chapter of the Society of Industrial Engineers, after a three months' study of the problem, has recommended the commandeering of idle plants, mines and farms, to be operated by the unemployed under a national self-sustaining, self-help program. Obviously, it is the sensible thing to do. The profit god has suicided, cut his own throat, and his estate should be used for sustaining the orphans he leaves behind.

Dangerous to Live Nowadays

SEEMS as if it were dangerous to live nowadays. At Ambridge, Pa., there were troubles between strikers and strike-breakers or deputies. Just as the deputies had released a cloud of tear gas a man of the town, not on either side of the controversy, but a mere spectator, started to run. He had the bad luck to run into two deputies. Without any questions one of the deputies hit him on the head and knocked him down. When he tried to get up another hit him two or three times and knocked him out. Now the man feels that he has not been treated just right; and you cannot exactly blame him.

New York City's New Subway

NEW YORK city's new subway is a success. It carried only 70 percent of the passengers estimated for the first year of operation, but even at that there was a profit of $439,000 over operation and maintenance costs.

Pittsburgh Statue No Longer Votes

DIGGING into the mare's nest of corruption in Pittsburgh, investigators discovered among the voters a bronze statue of James Anderson, standing in front of the Carnegie Free Library. The residences of other supposed voters were found to be the ninth floors of six-story buildings, and the tops of stone walls and telephone poles.

Morris Hillquit's Final Message

MORRIS HILLQUIT, one of New York's ablest citizens and thinkers, twice candidate for mayor of Greater New York, passed away suddenly. Shortly before his death he said: "The New Deal is a dangerous thing as far as the working people are concerned. Inspired by good intentions, as it undoubtedly has been, its fundamental weakness lies in the fact that it sets out to accomplish the impossible. It is not possible to reconstruct the industries of the country on a basis of planned production, elimination of ruinous competition, fair treatment of labor, and assumption of public duty and responsibility, while these industries remain in individual ownership and are carried on for private profit."

Export Steamship Corporation

DURING the Hoover administration the Export Steamship corporation in a certain year was paid $300,000 for carrying four pounds of mail. Seems as if the matter should be looked up to see if they actually delivered the mail. There is no sense in paying $300,000 for delivering a little package and then not have the package delivered; somebody would be sure to say there was something crooked somewhere, when probably the records that the money was paid are as straight as anything done while Mr. Hoover was in power. All that is needed is to know what became of the package; was it delivered? In 1929 the company did not get as much for its mail messenger service; the price paid to it for mail delivery was only $66,000 per pound.

To Polish Glass

TO POLISH glass, says T. R. Weeks, pioneer, all you need is water, kerosene, and an old newspaper. To one gallon of water add one-half cup of kerosene. Take a sheet of newspaper, crumpled up; dip it in the solution and apply evenly on the glass; then briskly rub dry with one or two sheets of the paper. The oil and water clean the glass, while the newspaper dries and polishes. For best results, clean and polish one glass at a time.

A Recipe for Hominy

MRS. WM. B. JOHNSON, of Nebraska, writes: "Here is a recipe for hominy, a cheap and good food at present price of corn. Take 8 ears or about 2 quarts corn. Soak over night. Add 4 level tablespoons soda; cook until hulls; wash hulls off; cook in clean water until soft; keep in cool place and use as needed. This can be fixed for eating by heating with milk, butter, salt and pepper. This is excellent with potatoes; it can be canned; it will not keep in large quantities in a warm place."

A Necktie Wrinkle

L. F. WIENS, of Saskatchewan, gives his experience with neckties. He says: "In order to save the time and trouble of cleaning and pressing my ties, I put them on as usual, but instead of untying them I had them cut at the back. I then put a few stitches through the knot, so it would stay the way it had been tied. Then, by sewing on a ring, hook and elastic, taken from an old bow-tie, I fixed up my ties in such a way that they can readily be fastened or unfastened, and they will wear well and keep their shape indefinitely."

Deodorized Garlic

H. A. SEKLEMIAN, of California, says: "Henry Gravier, of San Francisco, has made an announcement, the echo of which will doubtless be heard around the world. He claims to have discovered a process by which every member of the human race may enjoy the flavor of garlic without becoming a pest to the nostrils of those around. Describing his process, Gravier says he grinds the garlic, soaks it in water, extracts the oil and cures the oil with sugar. Somewhere during this process the odor disappears. A hungry world is waiting with bated breath for further announcements."

No Redress for Removing the Wrong Eye

IN THE *Plain Talk* magazine we read: "In a large New York hospital a man was put under ether for the purpose of removing a 'dead' eye and replacing it with a glass optic. The surgeons in charge removed the wrong eye, but the patient has never been able to do anything about it because of the cloak of secrecy enjoined by the American Medical Association. Instead of being blind in only one eye, this man, if he hasn't committed suicide or died since, is now totally blind, a burden to himself and family, all because of inexcusable bungling by doctors who knew they were protected if they made such a mistake."

The Best Possible Start in Life?

A DOCTOR in the state of Washington, whose name and address we have, astonished a child's parents by writing them the following unique letter: "Madonna Ruth is one year old today and I congratulate her. I trust she is well and a joy to you in every way. Now is the time to start the habit of a yearly examination. Doctors have come to believe that a thorough examination at least once yearly is the best possible preventive for future troubles. Then, too, the second year is the best time to immunize against scarlet fever, diphtheria and smallpox. Why not take your little girl to your doctor today and so feel sure that you are giving her the best possible start in life?" Being reverential, our readers mostly feel that Jehovah God had already done that himself.

"If the Medicine Had Been Defective"

IN THE Erie (Pa.) *Dispatch-Herald* is an account of the death of five-year-old Winifred Camp from lockjaw eighteen days after she had been vaccinated. The coroner, who, of course, is a doctor, tried to explain away the loss of this life by saying that nine other children had been vaccinated with the same tube of vaccine and that "if the medicine had been defective" the others also would have been slain. This opens up an interesting question: How does it come that pus scraped from the belly of a diseased calf is medicine, and just what should this pus contain and what does it contain when it is not defective? And nobody can tell. Not a vaccinator in the world knows the true contents of any tube of vaccine; and the most honest among them are willing to so admit.

Terrible Conditions in South Dakota

TERRIBLE conditions maintain in South Dakota, where grasshoppers following the drought are said to have eaten everything but the barbed wire fences. Between 40,000 and 50,000 South Dakota families are entirely without food and must be helped over the winter.

Beavers Cause a Flood

BEAVERS working in New York state built such a good dam that the waters backed up and covered a highway with water three feet deep. The farmer on whose land they worked hated to interfere with their industry, and at last accounts it looked as if a court order would be necessary to reopen the highway.

Bulb-Destruction Week in Holland

UNABLE to market all her bulbs Holland had a bulb-destruction week in which hundreds of thousands of bulbs of tulips, hyacinths and narcissi were thrown into the garbage cans and refuse piles. The wisest of the world know not how to keep the profit system going except by depriving the common people of the use of the surplus that would enrich and beautify their lives.

The More Intelligent Mules

REPORTS from the South are that the mules, having heretofore been taught to avoid crushing young cotton plants, are slow to comply with the present demands of their masters that these same plants must be destroyed. The financial writer, C. E. Forbes, in the *Herald-Examiner,* Chicago, raises the question of whether the mules have not more sense than the men. Manifestly, how to make a perfect government is too big a problem for man to solve.

Russian Rubber from Towsagis

RUSSIA has a new source of rubber that may prove to be one of the great finds of the century. A new plant has been found, the Towsagis, the roots of which are 40 percent latex, which is 95 percent pure rubber. It has been discovered that this plant will grow in many parts of Russia, and in the hottest portions flowers twice a year. A single plant in a single season will produce a root weighing 12 ounces. When the roots are mashed the cellulose washes away, leaving the rubber behind. The Russians are expecting great things from this plant.

Farms in New Orleans

IT IS stated that within the city limits of New Orleans there are 198 farms averaging 11.2 acres each, on which nearly 2,000 persons earn their livelihood.

Seven-Year-Old Boy Saves His Father

IT IS not often in human history that a more moving tale comes than that from Czechoslovakia, where in a mountainous district a boy arrived just in time to see a huge vulture attacking his father. The father was torn and bleeding, and had already been blinded in one eye, when the boy temporarily drove the bird off with a firebrand and then put an axe in his father's hands that enabled him to dispatch it when it returned to the attack.

Medical Science

FRANK W. DUSEY, member of Iowa Engineering Society, writes pointedly: "Suppose someone should catch your little girlie and compel her to swallow some filth from the cow stable. You would probably not think it right. Suppose that, instead of common cow-stable filth, the undesirable substance was pus from a foul ulcer on the cow. That would tend to make you mad; would it not? But suppose that, instead of compelling her to swallow this filth, her assailant should open a blood vessel and pollute her life-blood with it. Now don't get all 'het up' about this proposition. It is merely vaccination."

Uses of the Electric Eye

THE electric eye has almost countless uses. In an interesting article on the subject the *Popular Science Monthly* says: "It is sorting beans and buttons, turning on lights and opening doors, calling the fire department and timing races, stopping elevators and measuring stars a thousand times too faint to see. . . . Turning on the fountain as you bend over for a drink; swinging open the garage doors as you drive up with your headlights on; cutting off hot steel rods at exactly the same length as they rush at fifteen miles an hour from the rolls; picking out rust spots, holes and thin places in sheet metal; shunting mailbags and material on conveyor belts to the right destination, and sorting and filing cards in different compartments according to combinations of stencils cut in the pasteboard, are other astonishing feats of these light-sensitive miracle tubes."

Federal Relief in Texas

DURING the month of July there were more than one and one-quarter million Texans living entirely from funds supplied by the Federal government in Washington; this number was a third more in July than in June.

Double Citizenship of Canal Zone Children

THE president of Panama has just decided that all children born in the Canal Zone are unquestionably citizens of Panama; and, as hundreds of these same children are of American parents, and under American law are also citizens of the United States, we have the peculiar condition of double citizenship arising, with a possibility of interesting complications.

"On the Upper Amazon"

IT IS a region of striking beauty and deadly monotony; of muddy rivers, on the banks of which big alligators sleep lazily in the hot afternoon sun, sliding off into the water when a steamer passes; of rivers teeming with small fish which could strip a man to the skeleton in a mere question of moments if he were unlucky enough to fall in. It is a region with warm tropical breezes; thousands of screaming parrots and brilliantly colored macaws flying overhead; chattering monkeys in the trees, and weird, mysterious unseen life in the jungles.

New Jersey Judge Violates National Law

FEDERAL courts may not issue injunctions prohibiting picketing in labor disputes. One would think that point established, but it is not; at any rate, not in New Jersey. Vice Chancellor Maja Leon Berry adjudged five workers guilty of contempt of court because they resorted to the picketing which he had forbidden. The fact that a thing is contrary to federal or even divine laws means next to nothing in New Jersey. The state has built up a bad reputation.

Why the Economic Conference Failed

THE reason why the economic conference failed is that the delegates to it are not interested in men, women and children, and to see that they have food to eat, clothing to wear and homes to live in. They were interested in the preservation of the outworn interest system, which is today dragging the whole world down into ruin, including itself. All debts should be cut in half instanter and interest above 3 percent made illegal. That would help some to delay the inevitable.

Moving a Mountain in Chile

IN CHILE American engineers are moving a mountain to make room for an electric power plant. Situated on the sea coast about ten miles south of Valparaiso, the peak covers a site considered ideal for a new steam generating station; so it is being blasted away. The plant will cost $16,000,000 and will be one of the largest on South America's west coast, with a capacity of 135,000 horsepower. It will serve Valparaiso and neighboring cities.

What Bombay Is Like

WHAT Bombay is like may be judged from the fact that there are 15,490 persons living in rooms each occupied by 20 persons or more, 80,133 living in rooms each occupied by 10 to 19 persons, and 256,379 living in rooms each occupied by 6 to 9 persons. Seventy-four percent of the residences of Bombay are of one room each. Every night, during the dry season, thousands of the people sleep in the streets as being the most comfortable place.

The Way to a Bear's Heart

THE way to a bear's heart is down his neck, apparently. A 200-pound specimen broke the lock on his cage and wandered around the city of Queens, seriously upsetting the peace and good order of the community. A frightened detective shot him twice with a revolver. All that accomplished was to injure his disposition. At the critical moment his keeper arrived with a bag of sugar and he meekly followed him into his cage, taking along a couple of bullets in his hide, which the veterinary says won't do him any harm.

Starvation Among Russian Peasants

A RUSSIAN writing in the Waterbury *Republican* says: "Right after the crop is ripe everything is taken away from the peasants and they are left almost without anything, left simply to starve. The government cares only for its five year plan and not for the people who carry all burden of work, who suffer, toil, hunger, and are driven into such a desperate state that they begin to eat their own children. There are many informations reaching us that it is dangerous even to walk alone from one village to another, as one can be caught and eaten by the hungry."

Postgraduate Reading for Theological Students

Pennsylvania's Expensive Prayers

THE Pennsylvania state chaplain gets $16.33 per prayer for starting off the senate of the Keystone State in the way that they go. Seems like a pretty high price, but maybe the senate is in such shape that the common or garden variety of prayers would not do them any good.

Wonder Whom He Meant

A SUBSCRIBER wrote in trying to convey his idea of some occupation or profession, but did not seem to make himself clear. He said he had in mind the ameners, chicken-eaters, doggies, dominoes, lady-lovers, penny-snatchers, sin-busters and tear-shedders, and we cannot help but wonder whom he meant.

Clerical Assault on a Child

AMERICANS read with surprise that in a Birmingham (England) court a vicar of the Church of England was fined two pounds for compelling an eleven-year-old boy to remove his coat, shoes and trousers and then submit to a severe flogging, all for breaking a window light two years previously. It is not known where the dominie found the text to justify this.

When the Dominie Talked Too Much

J. C. PLUIMER, of Minnesota, says: "A gentleman upon whom I recently called with Judge Rutherford's books told of an interesting item which many will enjoy. A 'Big' Lutheran preacher told his members that he did not know if the present conditions in the earth were predicted by the prophet, and then added, with an air of 'heavy dignity', that he did not care, either. The result that followed was that his flock quit him cold. Well, it looks like the overalls for him."

Pastor Dons the Overalls

IN NEW BEDFORD, Massachusetts, the pastor of one of the churches appeared in the pulpit dressed in overalls. This was intended as an example to his flock, who were reported as absenting themselves because they were ashamed of their clothes. Nevertheless, we think he was a comparatively wise man. It is a good thing for the clergy to get used to the feel of denim now, and, besides that, the price is lower at present than it will be later, when all the erstwhile pulpit pounders head for the cow sheds.

Trying to Get Used to Them

A DISPATCH from Weatherford, Texas, says: "In order that the workingman with limited means may feel at home in his church, the Rev. Paul Clifton, pastor of the Fundamentalist Baptist church here, wears overalls while delivering his sermons."

Millennium Near

THE Federal Council of Churches has a list of 2,000 seeking pastorates. In the Episcopal church alone there are over 600 unemployed clergymen. In New York city alone there are hundreds of unemployed ministers, of all denominations. The Millennium is near.

The Clergy See It Coming

THE clergy of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Erie voluntarily agreed to a cut of 10 percent in their salaries. This is a step in the right direction. In a little while now the people will take off the remaining 90 percent and then they can go to work and be as useful as other people. The shadows of the overalls and the alarm clock are athwart the horizon.

General Dealers, Limited

GENERAL DEALERS, LTD., is the name of the company British tithe owners have organized and are operating to help them collect some of their tithes from Britain's unhappy farmers. Stock is bid in for less than half what it is worth; then the bidder descends on the farm while the owner and his staff are in bed, and the animals are loaded into vans and taken away. It happens that in such instances cows have been taken away that were being merely boarded by the farmer, and did not belong to him at all.

Tithing Farmers Hate the Clergy

RESENTMENT and bitterness is growing among English farmers over the paying of tithes to the clergy. Thousands of agricultural workers have lost their jobs because farmers could not pay them and pay the tithes too. The clergy have insisted that the tithes be paid anyway. Lady Balfour cited an instance where a clergyman receiving £900 a year insisted that a farmer discharge a man to whom he was paying 30s. a week, and pay the amount to him in tithes instead. Clergymen are now often hooted in the streets.

En Route to the Alarm Clock

SAYS C. R. Lay, pioneer, "In working from day to day one has many experiences. Just prior to leaving Texas, a business man's wife said: 'We surely are having hard times. I was over to Houston recently, and found our old preacher in the bread line.'"

If Christ Were on Earth as a Man

SAYS W. E. Brown, of Ohio: "If Christ were on earth as a man today, and fed the multitude, He would be jailed for feeding people without a restaurant license. If He healed the sick, He would be jailed for practicing medicine without a license. He would not be allowed to preach, because not ordained by the pope, synods, etc. He could not obtain work as a carpenter, for there are no jobs to be obtained."

Baby Learned as Much as Anybody

HAVING a bright idea, the Reverend Baxter, pastor of the Nazarene church, Trinidad, Colorado, offered a prize of a baby blanket for the youngest baby attending Sunday school on a given date. The prize was carried away by the three-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hall, of West Trinidad. Some might think that the proper place for a three-day-old child is at home with its mother, but such old-fashioned people should know that everybody has to keep step with the time, and, besides, there is no reasonable doubt that the new arrival in the Sunday school got as much out of it as anybody else, and perhaps more.

"O Baal, Hear Us"

FACING the menace of another world war, which they think will probably finish most of humanity if it gets to going nicely, and disturbed also by the fact that 6,000,000 young men are now in arms, while 20,000,000 more are in reserves; and disturbed also by the fact that in a world bursting with plenty there are millions on the verge of starvation, the deacons of the Druid Hills Baptist church, Atlanta, Ga., sent out "a call to world-wide prayer to the maker and ruler of this world" to deliver us from the evils that now threaten. For some further information as to where such a prayer would go, see 2 Corinthians 4:4, which many people do not know is in the Bible, and also Ephesians 6:12.

Balaam's Hay-Burner

ONE of our subscribers out in Montana writes us feelingly about his pastor. He says that when it comes to preaching, "Balaam's four-cylinder hay-burner could do a great deal better." Now do you suppose that is the truth, or is that just a hard-hearted way they have of speaking about their pastors out in Montana?

Give the Reformed Pastors a Break

THE city garbage department of Tacoma has turned persecutor. It seems that a Presbyterian pastor of the city had begun to go straight, and each morning made it a business to go around back of a department store and gather up the waste paper. This he afterward sold for a small sum, but it cut down the revenues of the garbage department; hence his arrest. Now doesn't it seem a shame that when a man does become honest and wants to get into some useful business he finds so many difficulties in the way?

A Great Help to Their Father

A REPORTER of the *Ohio State Journal* asked five prominent clergymen when Jesus Christ will return. No. 1 said He returned at Pentecost; No. 2, that it will be far down in the distant years; No. 3, that He returns every time anybody is converted; No. 4, that He is here now in fullness of power; and No. 5, that He will not return "until God's plan for a finer world without sin is consummated" and that not even the angels in heaven know when that will be. Anyone familiar with John 8:44 can see at a glance what a help these clergymen are to their father.

Protestant Church in America Bankrupt

IN OCTOBER *Current History* the Reverend Charles J. Dutton declares:

"Thousands of local churches are finding it almost impossible to keep their plants operating. Many churches are closed. Pledges to both church and denominational budgets are not being paid. Money for mission work is running low, and missionaries by the hundreds, their stations closed, are being called home. Church publications have been forced, because of the terrific financial strain, to change from weekly publications to fortnightly or monthly; many have been discontinued. Though denominational activities as a whole are being kept alive, their vitality is low, and there is not a church leader that does not face the future with a heart filled with dismay and fear."

Hurricanes in the "Holy Year"

THE "Holy Year" of 1933 was marked by fifteen big tropical storms up to the end of September, making it the banner hurricane year of the United States weather bureau. Three thousand were rendered homeless and 135 lost their lives in the Tampico (Mexico) hurricane.

Pretzel Primrose Path to Glory

THE pretzel primrose path to glory, or perhaps we should call it the corn cracker path, was opened in Chicago. A priest who noticed that his business is undergoing a depression hit on the making of a corn cracker which, so he says, makes a good substitute for pretzels. His customers are the saloons. He intends to let his church business rock along with the cracker business for a while, but after a bit he may be able to devote his entire time to the new path to salvation, monetary salvation, opened up by his keen discerning judgment of what would taste good with beer.

Ohio and Kentucky Geese

BEFORE the depression, the Catholic priest in charge of the Church of the Annunciation, Shelbyville, Kentucky, charged $1 to say a mass, while across the river, in Ohio, according to our information, they were getting $2 for the same thing. As a consequence the Kentucky pastor did more than twice the business of his comrade in the Buckeye State. Thus thou seest, son, how much better it is to have two lively geese that each lay one golden egg per day than it is to have one big goose that will not listen to reason, argument, persuasion or anything whatever but the ax.

Orthodox Priests Ready for Overalls

FROM a Macedonian newspaper we have been favored with a translation of the following item: "We see the Bible Students who have set foot in our city, placing their literature in every home, such as *Deliverance, Creation,* and others. Finding ourselves in despair, we sent the following telegram to the government at Athens: 'We beseech the Government to pass a law granting regular wages to the clergy, as we are vomiting blood from hunger. Clergy without pay cannot properly take care of their duties. If the Government will not grant our request, we shall have to resign.' Signed by a Committee of Seventeen Priests."

The Church Business in Mexico

GENERAL TEJEDA, governor of the state of Vera Cruz, Mexico, affirms of the church business that it "is a business like any other business and should be treated accordingly". He asserts that the mode of living of the priests "contributes to the national economic depression as, according to the statistics of the Catholic church, Mexico forwards to Rome a sum of 30,000,000 pesos annually". He also says that the priests are "unproductive parasites on society" and "besides, they spend the people's money uselessly in the erection of temples which might be employed in building schools".

Matt Talbot, of Dublin

NOT knowing of the divine provision for the atonement of sin (through faith in the ransom sacrifice of the Man Christ Jesus) Matt Talbot, of Dublin, Ireland, wore a chain about his body so tightly wrapped that the marks of the chain were left in his flesh. He hoped by wearing this chain, which was his constant burden for perhaps 34 years, that he could thus atone for previous errors. The Very Reverend Monseigneur George L. Leech, spiritual director of St. Patrick's Holy Name Society, Pottsville, Pa., preached a "sermon" on this chain and says that a movement is now under way to have the man who wore it canonized and declared a saint. The sufferings Matt Talbot underwent were suggested to him by the Devil, and were intended by the Devil to be a reproach and a dishonor to the name of Jehovah God.

The Two Cribs of the Baby Jesus

WHEN Jesus was born He was laid in a manger. One of the cribs associated with the event is in the church of Ara Coeli, Rome. It has in it a wooden baby wearing a crown of jewels brought from the Holy Land. Another is in the church of St. Mary Major, also in Rome, by a fluke. All that is left of the latter crib are five pieces of wood enclosed in a silver case. At Christmas time those that get close enough to the case may kiss it. Whether the germs from the thousands of mingled kiss extracts remain on the case for another year is not known. Nor is it known for a certainty how many cribs the baby Jesus had, all together, but it is quite certain He had enough, if the lumber were collected, to build a six-story apartment house.

Behold!

Ozona (Texas) Citizens Fear the Worst

WANTED to swap — Good conscientious preaching for anything usable or valuable. Ministerial Association of Ozona.—Swap item in Ozona *Stockman*.

8,000 Letters a Day

IT IS claimed that President Roosevelt's mail averages around 8,000 letters a day. This is about ten times the daily mail received by President Wilson during the World War, and well illustrates the great stress through which the country is passing. Ordinarily the president of the United States receives about 600 letters a day.

Radium Treatment of Diamonds

IT HAS been discovered that diamonds can be made green by exposure to radium. This increases their value, as green diamonds are scarce in nature. It is supposed that the radium changes some of the particles into graphite and that very thin films of graphite are green. Thus the metamorphosis of part of the diamond into worthless graphite increases its value.

On the Highest of Rome's Hills

ON THE highest of Rome's hills, Monte Mario, there will shortly be built a statue of Mussolini 236 feet high. The statue will be hollow, with two staircases winding to the eyes. It will overtop St. Peter's cathedral, and in many respects be the most conspicuous thing in Rome.

A Girl with X-Ray Eyes

BY SOME mysterious power, probably occult, a London girl 26 years of age has the ability to see through the flesh of living creatures. She is able to see through the fur of a cat and see its skull and spine quite clearly. Bathing an infant, she sees all the bones of the little frame through its skin.

How to Frustrate Bandits

IN A TOWN in south Jersey a tear-gas salesman was showing employees of a bank how to frustrate bandits. At the critical moment in walked four of them, locked him and the four employees in the vault, and then made off with $8,941 of the bank's money. They overlooked $3,500, but that sometimes happens when a cashier or branch president cleans out a bank, also.

Calendar for Jehovah's witnesses

EVERYONE needs a calendar in the home, but there is only one calendar that will really be an aid to those who participate in the work carried on by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society. Everyone who is interested in the spreading of the Kingdom message should have the Society's calendar for 1934, which is very beautiful. The year's text is magnificently portrayed in a beautiful, colored picture, which is mounted on card board. A letter also appears under the picture, written by the president of the Society. The Calendar pad is unique, because the dates of special importance to Jehovah's witnesses are set out in different color of type. Special testimony periods or other dates of importance are marked so as to remind one that there is a special work to be done at certain periods of the year. You will want one of these calendars in your home. These will be ready about December 1, and will be mailed to anyone at 25c each, or in lots of 5 or more to one address, at 20c each. Use the coupon below.

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There is a very limited edition of the YEAR BOOK being printed, and orders should be in early. It is hoped the book will be ready by December 1. This book will be mailed to anyone, anywhere, for 50c a copy. Those desiring a copy of the book who are connected with a company of Jehovah's witnesses should order through the organization in their city. Otherwise use the coupon below.

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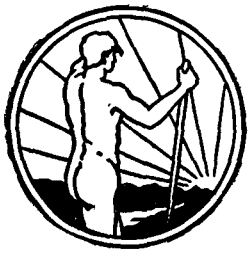

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"Editorials" on Religious Tolerance

THE only thing necessary to be an editor of some publications is to have a vacuum above the ears into which at stated times quantities of bean soup may be poured as needed. If the soup is too warm it may be chilled slightly before being poured in.

On Monday, October 30, 1933, the following "Editorial" appeared in the San Francisco *Evening News*. The next morning the same "Editorial" appeared in the Olean *Times-Herald,* Olean, N. Y., three thousand miles away. The Olean editor indicated that the soup was slightly fermented, because, uneasily, he added the words "Mark of Democracy" after the other two words that go to make up the title.

Also, he had a better proofreader than the "Editor" in San Francisco. It will be observed that that worthy gentleman, in the tenth paragraph, intimates that "there is no sign that a revival of tolerance threatens us". That is the absolute truth, but that was not the way the sentence appeared on his propaganda sheet, and the San Francisco man will probably be fined for not noticing that he said "tolerance" where he was supposed to say "intolerance". Blunders in reprinting propaganda are inexcusable.

The Olean "Editor" beat the San Francisco man to it in another way. As an evidence of superior brain power, not only did the Olean man add three words to the title of the "Editorial", but he actually inserted four asterisks in two different places in the body of the "Editorial", once after the fifth paragraph and once after the eighth paragraph. In every other respect the two "Editorials" are alike, word for word, to the last punctuation mark.

RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE

During the next three months a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest, and a Jewish rabbi will tour the United States together, to preside in 37 cities at interdenominational discussions of religious tolerance.

Nothing has happened in this country recently to indicate that any revival of religious intolerance is to be feared. But it has had a fearful flare-up across the ocean, and of all menaces to the peace of mankind it is one of the most contagious.

This tour can be looked on as a kind of vaccination, and it can be made an exceedingly valuable thing.

Full religious tolerance is one of those blessings whose true worth usually is not appreciated until they disappear. It is a comparatively new thing in the world.

Its roots have not sunk as deeply into the substratum of civilized society as might be wished. If it is to be preserved, we must be eternally vigilant.

We need to realize, too, that it is one of the essential ingredients in the democracy which we cherish. As the first nation to make a go of democracy, we have an especial reason for defending it.

Democracy is more than just the abolition of autocratic government. In its broad sense, it is a scheme of society under which each individual is permitted to live his own life as he sees fit.

He not only has his vote, and his free and unchallenged choice of occupation; he has the right to worship as he pleases, and to do it without suffering the slightest discrimination, in any form, because of it.

Any infringement on this right is a denial of the very essence of democracy. A democracy must have full religious tolerance, because of the simple fact that the moment it ceases to do so it ceases to be a democracy. All Americans who think their democracy worth preserving automatically must be defenders of religious tolerance.

All this is worth repeating these days, even though there is no sign that a revival of tolerance threatens us. Unbridled intolerance is aflame beyond the sea. There is in America, unfortunately, enough ignorance and prejudice to provide a feeding ground for it if embers should fly our way.

By reexamining the question now, and reaffirming our determination not to let intolerance get a foothold, we can strengthen the foundations of our free society.

We cannot spend all our time examining all the propaganda that appears in the daily press, because, if we did, there would not be time to do anything else, or even to finish that. Newspapers are operated by men of wealth and used as smoke screens to help them rifle the pockets of the people. They are not interested in the people. Their constant aim is to conceal the truth about God's kingdom and to prevent the people from ascertaining just how evil and rotten the Devil's kingdom really is. This so-called "Editorial" appeared as such in numerous other papers besides the San Francisco *Evening News* and the Olean *Times-Herald,* and copies of the same have been received at this office. It is all very disgraceful.

Now look for a moment at the barefaced lie put out by these three "Job's comforters" that are touring the United States in the interest of hypocrisy. The statement appears, "Nothing has happened in this country recently to indicate that any revival of religious intolerance is to be feared." Nobody could invent a worse lie than that.

Judge Rutherford on the Stand

"Judge Rutherford, have you been subjected to any intolerance during the 'Holy Year' of 1933?"

"I have."

"Name some of the incidents."

"In December the 'pope' announced that 1933 would be a 'Holy Year'. At that time my lectures on Bible themes, and particularly on The Kingdom of God, The Hope of the World, were being broadcast on upward of 300 radio stations, of which 25 were in Canada. As soon as the pope's 'Holy Year' had been proclaimed, but even before it had actually begun, the Canadian censor, Hector Charlesworth (who is under Roman Catholic influence), without any law giving him the right so to do, and without any hearings, but solely on the complaints of clergymen, ordered those broadcasts to cease. This was done despite petitions of more than 400,000 names requesting that they be continued."

"But that was in Canada. Were you subjected to any intolerance in the United States?"

"I was."

"What intolerances have you noticed in the United States in 1933?"

"It has been the most intolerant year in American history, excepting only 1918. On April 16, 23 and 30 I broadcast over the United States three addresses on timely and important topics, 'The Way of Escape,' 'Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity,' and 'Kingdom Blessings for the People'. Millions of people no doubt heard these addresses, for many thousands of them wrote to me about them, yet intolerance is so rooted and grounded in the Roman Catholic system that from that time to this all the power of the hierarchy has been used to force me off the air in the United States, and a number of stations were compelled, by threats of boycott, and other un-American methods, to discontinue broadcasts which I have abundant proof that the people themselves desired to hear."

"Do you know of any other instances in 1933?"

"The year has been filled with them. In New Jersey some twenty-five towns under Roman Catholic control have thrown into prison men and women who were wholly within their rights in preaching the gospel from door to door. This was notably done at Summit and Plainfield. In the latter town fifty-six men and women were jailed for ten days each after farcical trials without a parallel in judicial history. This was while I was in Europe. On my return I lectured in Plainfield on this very subject of 'Religious Intolerance: Why Practiced Now', and the Roman Catholic police administration under Mr. Flynn had sixty armed men in the audience, covering me with machine guns and other weapons of intimidation, but the address was given, and broadcast all over New Jersey at the same time."

"What, in your opinion, is the motive behind the sending of these three men all over the United States to tell the people there is now no intolerance in America?"

"To lull the people to sleep, so that when their liberties are suddenly snatched away there will be no protest."

An Outstanding Libel of the "Holy Year"

The Devil always practices fraud and deception to accomplish his wicked purposes, and inasmuch as the Catholic hierarchy are his visible representatives on earth, it is natural to expect that this institution would and does resort to the same methods of fraud, lying and deceit to overreach the people that he has always found hitherto have so well served his ends.

As an illustration of the wickedness of the Devil and his crowd we now invite our readers to consider the following statement which appears on page 1 of *The Catholic Register*, Kansas City, Mo., Thursday, October 19, 1933, Volume XXXIV, No. 7, column 4, top of column:

"WITNESSES OF JEHOVAH" HELD

Thirty-one Rutherford Followers Arrested for Sedition in Canada

The arrest of sixteen men and thirteen women, members of an organization known as "Witnesses of Jehovah", who had come to Quebec from Ontario and Montreal and flooded the city with anti-clerical literature, was followed by the arrest of two more associates.

All of those arrested are reported to be affiliated with the "International Bible Students". They are being held charged with violation of Article 134 of the penal code in having taken part in a seditious conspiracy.

"Jehovah's Witnesses" is a term applied by "Judge" Joseph F. Rutherford, anti-Catholic and anti-clerical radio lecturer and ex-convict, to his followers in the International Bible Students' Association.

Of them, he wrote recently to the Catholic press of America as follows: "I know that already your hierarchy is seeking some apparent legal excuse to kill all of Jehovah's witnesses."

The charge of sedition on which the "Witnesses" are held in Canada, is one of several on which Rutherford himself was convicted during the World War and sentenced to twenty years in the penitentiary.

His radio addresses, which created a storm of protest particularly in Kansas and Missouri during the past summer and resulted in cancellations by most of the broadcasting stations handling them, have been barred from all Canadian stations.

In June of 1918, when the United States was engaged in the World War, Rutherford wrote to a follower who had refused military duty as follows: "to be shot for being a conscientious objector is a quick method of entering the presence of the Lord."

Let all the honest and fair-minded take note of the lies in the foregoing. The sedition with which Jehovah's witnesses were charged in Canada was the distributing of a booklet exposing the fears of the Catholics concerning Purgatory. The Catholic hierarchy have used this blasphemous statement for years to defraud the people and obtain from them wrongfully money to carry on their wicked work.

Being interested in the statement in the foregoing article describing Judge Rutherford as "anti-Catholic and anti-clerical radio lecturer and ex-convict" and having shared with him his experiences in 1918 (and hoping to share them throughout eternity) we called up one of the best lawyers in the United States, Frederick W. Sparks, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to see what he had to say on the subject, and this is what he said:

Replying to your telephone inquiry in reference to whether you are an ex-convict because of your conviction in the case of United States vs. Woodworth, et al.: The reversal of the judgment of conviction by the Circuit Court of Appeals and the Government's failure to retry you, leaves your status as if you had never been convicted, and to publish an article describing you as an ex-convict, in my opinion, is libelous.

On the strength of that opinion, and honestly desiring to see truth triumph in the earth, and the servants of the Devil get all that is coming to them, we profoundly and sincerely hope that Judge Rutherford will sue these people for libel, and push the case to the limit. Why let a bunch of lying, cowardly poltroons drag the name of the faithful and true for ever in the dust? A good lawsuit for about a million dollars damages against these Roman Catholic roosters that have so much to say about "Religious Tolerance" in the "Holy Year" would, it seems to us, be a good thing—and help to fumigate the "Holy Year" at that.

How About a "Holy Year" for the Indians?

IT OCCASIONALLY happens that an honest man gets into the Roman Catholic priesthood. The Reverend Peter Heuel, Burns, Oregon, seems to be such a man. In a conflict between a millionaire lumber firm and the Indians whom he had been teaching, he stood by the Indians and was summarily suspended for ten years.

All efforts to get justice failed, but he did enlist the interest of a fellow priest, Joseph Schell, sick and bedfast in St. Anthony's Hospital, Pendleton, Oregon. Joseph knows how to write and is writing some mighty interesting things to his superior officers. We select extracts from a series of printed letters which Reverend Schell is now circulating in leaflet form.

First is a letter to the Most Reverend Archbishop Edward D. Howard, D.D., Portland, Oregon, dated August 22, 1932, in which Mr. Schell pays his respects to his archbishop and to his bishop, Joseph F. McGrath, Baker City, Oregon:

Our Lord received a blow in his face for having told the truth to the High Priest. St. John the Baptist lost his head for having told the truth. I fared better; the Archbishop A. Christie, your predecessor, with his fist to my face, said: "I'll break your face if you do not keep your mouth shut" (regarding the land frauds). A priest in Seattle was kicked in the back by his bishop, O'Dea. Do you want more facts?

Judas, the first bishop worshiper of Mammon, betrayed and sold Truth and Justice—Our Lord—for money. Today, the followers of Judas are many, betraying and selling truth and justice for money. The Rev. Heuel's case is an example. There are many such cases, to the disgrace of the church administration, which invites and defends such crimes. "Get the money, and all is well."

* * *

There is little in law that appeals to the gold-ridden church dignitaries. Like Judas, they want money. Law to these worshipers of Mammon is the law of selfish power and aggrandizement. Their only concept of law, peace and government is an adjustment of affairs that will favor their vain and selfish ambitions.

It seems that Bishop McGrath himself is not without conscience. When the millionaires were after Heuel's scalp he told Heuel of it and offered him another place, but Heuel stuck by the poor Indians, to do what he could to keep them from being despoiled. The sick man, Joseph

Schell, knew all this, and so that the archbishop would realize that he did know of it, he wrote him again on November 25, 1932, with what the apostle would describe as "great plainness of speech". Quotations are from his leaflet No. 2:

The Rev. Heuel had evidence that his removal from Burns was wanted by Edward Hines, a multimillionaire, who could not deprive the helpless Indians of their rights and property as long as Heuel was with them.

Well, Mr. Hines had previously given to Cardinal Mundelein one million dollars, as a gift. For this, Rome had decorated him with church titles of distinction and of nobility, like Commander of St. Gregory the Great, etc. Hines pressed Bishop McGrath hard, who was slow and hesitating. Then two spokesmen of Mr. Hines went to see the bishop. One of them testified that they asked for Rev. Heuel's removal from Burns, or they would go higher up and get his (the bishop's) removal. Then, the bishop suspended Heuel, *ex informata conscientia*, for ten years, saying to Heuel that he did not know why he was suspended, that Rome was doing it, and that he must have recourse to Rome, but should avoid trouble for which he might be sorry. And also that it was useless to appeal to the apostolic delegate at Washington, D. C., who did not know anything of it. Had Hines bribed some cardinal in Rome to order Rev. Heuel's ruin?

At that time, I myself informed Bishop McGrath that he should have told Hines and his agents to go to hell with their money, just as St. Peter had told Simon the Magician, and not to sacrifice a priest upon the altar of Mammon at the request of Hines.

The Rev. Heuel appealed again and again, but was ignored everywhere. And two years later Rome referred his appeal to you for investigation and trial. It is the unwritten law of the church, that in order to uphold authority, an unjust bishop must win against a just and innocent priest. You are expected to put aside or piously pervert canon law, and call evil good, and good evil.

I would like to remind you that the Rev. Heuel must know the charges before he can defend himself. He must know and hear his accusers before he can probe the witnesses, if they were bought to testify; and how they are connected with Hines in business or otherwise; if there were charges before or after the suspension, or if Bishop McGrath was hiding his iniquity under the cover of *ex informata conscientia*. Remember, also, that in *foro externo* all things must be proven and unfolded in the presence of both contestants.

You must also know that Hines' Lumber Co. at Burns and his interest in timber, including Indian rights, represents millions of dollars. Also, that the Hines New Townsite Co., near Burns, has such investors as Cardinal Mundelein, heading the list with one hundred thousand dollars. The other investors are Catholic institutions like the Catholic University of Washington, D. C., religious orders of men and women and many priests, who have invested to the amount of over half a million dollars. And all this has been found in the files of the Hines New Townsite Co. This company has now gone bankrupt and the investors lost their money. All the property was sold by the sheriff on March 25, 1933.

After Edward Hines had bribed the church with one million dollars, he expected the church to patronize him, and help and protect him in his business ventures. This the church did by investing money and by suspending Rev. Heuel. But this poor priest who had converted all the Indians there to the Catholic faith, refused to sell and betray the Indians. Hence this concerted action of Hines' interests and the bribed church administration to crush the Rev. Heuel through suspension and starvation, an old priest of 60 years. Such is the power of money with faithless church dignitaries, and such is actual church government by consecrated politicians.

Not seeming to get results, the man on the sick bed next tackled the "Holy Office" at Vatican City, and on March 12, 1933, told them some things that must have made mighty interesting reading about the time the "Holy Year" started. He said in part (we are still quoting from his leaflet No. 2):

Each bishop must pay to Rome a large sum of money for the favor of being made a bishop. Again, he must pay a large sum of money to Rome for his coveted transfer from a poor to a wealthier diocese. Again he must pay a large sum of money to Rome for being named an archbishop, and an enormous fortune for the title of Cardinal. The monsignors must pay to Rome large sums of money for their title and for permission to wear purple, and to strut around the bishop for a share of public admiration with the bishop. I heard bitter complaints by a bishop who had to buy Roman Bulls three times.

Naturally, these pious-faced hypocrites, who follow and protect Mammon, cannot serve God in truth, justice and mercy, as seen in the Rev. Heuel case. They want absolute secrecy to protect their misdeeds, and want their hired cardinals to prevent any harm therefrom, by suppressing truth, and preventing justice, as seen in the Rev. Heuel case. And such is church government by consecrated hirelings.

Due to this general and official bribery in the church administration, there are more than two thousand tramp priests astray in America, as well as many members of religious houses of men and women. Today, I have been informed, that a priest of this Baker diocese has joined the ministry of the Episcopal church. Also, that a Franciscan father is about to become a bishop in the Episcopal church. Such are the wrecks found in the slimy trail of official corruption in our church.

To be crucified one has only to preach the gospel to the high priests.

I invite contradiction, because it will help bring out more proofs about this damnable condition in the church administration, which banishes truth and justice for the protection of bribery and corruption.

I also have helped the poor and the oppressed, and through it I came into conflict with their powerful oppressors, who bought the help of my bishop to get me out of the way. Thus I was betrayed and sold twice to predatory wealth by two bishops. First, by Archbishop Christie of Portland, Oregon, in the Oregon gigantic land frauds; and, second, by Bishop Scannell of Omaha, Neb., in the round-up of powerful Indian swindlers.

For years I had pleaded and appealed to the church administration for a hearing and redress, but all in vain. Then I went to Rome, where, for three months, I have studied and observed the prevailing conditions. There I saw and understood, that the church administration ruled according to money, and not according to truth and justice. Hence I know what I am writing about, and I can challenge contradiction. The cardinals ignore the Gospel and protect those offering gifts and bribes. They call it charity, and see to it that this un-Christian charity covers all the sins and the misdeeds of the malefactors of whom they are the paid protectors.

After seven weeks from this date, if nothing is done for the relief of and satisfaction to Rev. Heuel, his case with all the letters will be printed and spread in Rome and over all America. Truth shall out, and the scandalized public, more conscientious than the faithless church dignitaries, will be heard from.

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There seems to be nothing in our church, priests included, that Rome is not willing to sell or trade for gold, glory and political influence. But all in vain. The nations want no more church government nor anything like it in their state

politics. They want no return to the middle ages, nor to church tribunals and their kind of justice; hence the world-wide separation of church and state. Centuries have shown that politics, wealth and vanity in our church government, while profitable to the consecrated church politicians, personally, are highly injurious to Christianity and humanity. If the church administration in Rome would be Christian and openly honest, in fact, there would be no Heuel case, nor many others like it, nor their public scandals, nor worldly politics in the church. As Rome is, so are and must be the bishops and the clergy.

I am in the hospital, sick and bedfast. Each morning I am lifted into a chair to say mass. As soon as I helped the Rev. Heuel about his case, Bishop McGrath took steps to oust me from the Sisters' Hospital, but without success. Then he deprived me of mass intentions, my only income for needs, sent to him through the Extension Society for priests in need. Such is my treatment in my physical helplessness, at the hands of a faithless bishop, because I am helping the Rev. Heuel.

In the course of his duties, the Rev. Heuel accidentally came across some exclusive lane of church graft. He was warned to keep away. He knew not how to be deaf, blind and dumb about it, and protected the helpless victims, the Indians he had converted to the Catholic faith. Then came from Rome a "lettre de Cachet" to Bishop McGrath, ordering him to put the Rev. Heuel out of the way for ten years, with suspension and starvation. Rev. Heuel complained and appealed. Then, two years later, an order came from Rome for a hearing of the case in the Metropolitan Court of Portland, Oregon, only to prove "under the seal of absolute secrecy" that the pious grafters in silk and ermine are right when doing wrong, and that Rev. Heuel in rough clothes and penniless is wrong when doing right.

And such is actual church government which covertly frowns upon truth, justice and Christianity, and upholds pious graft as seen here. And thus priests must, either in silence, without the light of truth and the air of justice, live in a poisonous atmosphere that kills their faith and souls, or be ruined and starved without recourse. Not secrecy, but wholesome publicity is needed to stop official misdeeds and abuses, and the many evils and scandals therefrom.

We do not know that they need any hints from us, but for the benefit of the sisters that serve in St. Anthony's Hospital, we explain that the approved method of popes for putting people out of the way that they wish to get rid of, without drawing any suspicion upon themselves, is to have the prisoner fed powdered diamond dust in his soup. Different from any other stone, this dust cuts into the small intestines and starts ulcers which do not heal. It takes about five months to kill a man by this method, but it is quite safe, and has been used many times in the church. Well, good-bye, Joe; you were a good scout and deserved to live (and may, even yet).

Do Something to Appease the Torturers

FR. ANSELM FRANCIS, S. A., spiritual director of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, St. Christopher's Inn, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., is anxious that something should be done to stay the wrath of the torturers that are running this place called "purgatory". He tells something of the infamous way they have of running this place, in the language of St. Theresa:

"Methinks that a red-hot iron ball is going through my temples, that a fiery pike pierces me through from head to foot, and a burning dagger is piercing my heart from right to left; whilst my head is squeezed with a fiery helmet and constantly struck with a hammer. My bones are falling into dust, the marrow is dried up, each of my joints endures a special torment I can neither name nor describe."

That seems rather bad, but Fr. Anselm reassures us, for in the next breath he says that "God has been very good to us". Maybe so, maybe so, but if He would do things like that when He was good, we hate to think what He would do if He ever once lost His temper.

Fr. Anselm goes more into details about the goodness. There were some beds to be endowed. Of these, 110 had been taken at $100 a bed; that is $11,000 to the good; isn't that something? Of course, things are rather bad in "purgatory"; that is to be admitted; but they are not so bad at Graymoor.

More is wanted. There are 7 stained-glass windows that will set somebody back $125 apiece, 4 statues that, all together, will cost $525, 5 shrines or altars that, it is calculated, will wreck $6,500, and bells for the tower will mean another $750; but there is one nice thing about all this, and that is that these trimmings can all be paid for in installments.

But what Fr. Anselm really wanted to tell us about is "purgatory". He asks, "Who would believe purgatory is as it is unless the saints said so?" And we answer, Nobody; and as far as we are concerned we don't believe a word of it. That will be a disappointment to Fr. Anselm, for we know he would like to have us send in a few dollars to light some vigil lights for the poor souls in that place where they have a boss that shows such a dreadfully mean disposition.

Feeling that he had not said quite all he should about "purgatory" (for it is admitted that you never can sell anything unless you tell

something about it, at least enough to make the people want it) Fr. Anselm proceeds to quote something said by "Father" Faber:

"St. Collette was wont on the feasts of martyrs to suffer the same tortures as they had endured; she felt herself roasted with St. Lawrence, flayed like St. Bartholomew and crucified like St. Peter. Sometimes it seemed to her that her limbs were broken with iron bars, or that her eyes were replaced by two burning lamps. This lasted for fifty years. Is this purgatory? According to St. Augustine, it is only a shadow."

Of course, it is none of our business, but it seems to us that the thing Fr. Anselm and all the other "purgatory" experts should give attention to is getting the one that runs this place to manifest a better disposition. But maybe Fr. Anselm feels that will come about naturally if the people will only just do the reasonable thing and come across liberally for his stained-glass windows, statues, shrines, bells and candles. He ought to know.

Bishop Hickey's Funeral

BISHOP HICKEY, of Rhode Island, would, we think, be alive today if he had not busied himself interfering with the broadcasting of the truth by Judge Rutherford. The bishop went out in style, but he is as dead now as though he had never lived. He might better not have opposed the message of God's kingdom, and remained alive, but he elected to oppose it, and die.

One account of the pitiful attempt of the Devil to draw some glory to himself even in the death of one of his tools says:

"There [in the cathedral] he will lie until the interment procession is begun after the pontifical mass Monday and the imparting of the five pontifical absolutions. The bishop is vested with cassock, sash, roche, amice, alb and cincture. His pectoral cross, which he would finger as he gave his sermons and public addresses, is resting on his breast. Over the alb are his stole and tunic with a dalmatic under the purple chasuble. His hands are gloved and he is wearing his episcopal ring over the gloves. He is wearing sandals and under his mitre is the zuchetto, a small cap. Although all the vestments are purple the mitre is white."

It would seem as though anybody who had any sense ought to be able to see that that is all nonsense. The man is dead; the point of the matter is that, if he had not opposed the truth, he might still be alive, though we joyfully yield to the judgment of God, and believe it is better as it is, for he was God's enemy, though claiming to be His friend. His funeral was held "under a sunless October sky".

The account says that the news of his death "was flashed over the radio stations". Those were the very radio stations that he caused to cancel their contracts and shut Judge Rutherford off the air. The judge may not speak over those stations, but the Lord may, enough to show His hand, and that is quite enough. We do not taunt; we state the facts; the man is dead.

The stories of the bishop's death repeat over and over again that on the day he died "he was in apparent good health". We believe that he was, and that he was put to death by one of the holy angels of God because he interfered with the proclamation of the truth in the earth.

It takes seven regular newspaper columns to merely list the names of the "most reverends", "very reverends," "reverends," governors, United States senators, congressmen, majors, lieutenants, judges, state officials, chamber of commerce officials, doctors, city officials and other dignitaries that attended Bishop Hickey's funeral, but we think he might better not have opposed Judge Rutherford's work, and remained alive. However, he made his own choice, and is *dead.*

Few People Endorse Persecution

IT IS very apparent that few people really endorse persecution. Thus, on October 22 every house in the Roman Catholic city of Summit, N. J., was twice visited by Jehovah's witnesses, and although seven were arrested and detained for a few hours, and although the newspapers claimed that police headquarters was deluged by complaints that the witnesses had been ringing their doorbells, yet not a person was willing to sign a complaint.

A Protest and Petition to Congress

Against Censorship and Domination of Radio in the United States by the 'Pope' and Other Selfish Interests

MUCH is being made by the Roman Catholic press of the fact that the present occupant of the White House in Washington has done more to favor the aspirations of the papacy in America than any of his predecessors in fifty years. One of the items in their rejoicing is the appointment by President Roosevelt of a Knight of Columbus, James H. Hanley, a Nebraskan lawyer, as Federal Radio Commissioner.

One of the things expected of the new commissioner, by Catholics, is that he, as a loyal subject of the 'pope', should cleverly find some way to get Judge Rutherford off the air. This was plainly stated in *The Catholic Citizen* (Milwaukee, Wis.), June 24, 1933, when that paper admitted:

"A formal protest will be made shortly to the Federal Radio Commission requesting that Rutherford be denied the privilege of broadcasting his attacks on the clergy. The petition to the Commission is to be filed through the National Council of Catholic Men and the National Council of Catholic Women. Mr. Caravati of the N.C.C.M. has already had an informal discussion with Mr. Hanley of the Commission."

The same item, with added details, appeared two days previously in *The Catholic Register,* of Kansas City. Therein it was indicated that the Bob Shuler (Los Angeles) case (discussed in our issue of March 1, 1933) would be used as an excuse and a precedent. Shuler had said some uncomplimentary things of the Roman Catholic church, and an associate justice of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia gave expression to the opinion, and stated, among other things, that Shuler had no right to "offend the religious susceptibilities" of others, and ruled his station off the air. Since when, in America, did it become illegal for any person to offend the religious susceptibilities of another?

Allow that two men are cast away on an uninhabited isle and one of them says something that offends the religious susceptibilities of the other, what is going to happen? Which one must go and jump into the sea? and why? Which one must come and have his tongue cut out? and why? The judge who delivered himself of that opinion may be in full possession of his mental faculties, but he seems to us to be overzealous to act as protector of the most tyrannical institution under the sun.

Hanley Under the Lash

And so Hanley, under the lash of the priests (and supposedly also of Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, archbishop and personal representative in the United States of Achille Ambrogio Damiano Ratti, 'pope,' of Vatican City), started in to try to "get" Judge Rutherford. It has not been easy going. Thus, under the headline "Less Than 100 Complained", the New York *Times,* November 26, 1933, made the interesting admission that though, for six weeks, Hanley (misprinted "Haney" in the *Times*) solicited complaints from a nation of radio listeners, yet in that time he was unable to evoke even a hundred responses.

An analysis of these responses shows that there was objection to "too much duplication of chain programs, too much offensive sales talk, too many programs tending to develop religious agitation and too much trafficking in radio facilities; also a tendency toward monopoly by certain groups".

That makes five kinds of complaints distributed among the "short" one hundred, so that, if we divide the number equally we have Commissioner Hanley's admission that in the whole United States, in a period of six weeks' agitation of the subject, he was able to find but about twenty people who thought there were "too many programs tending to develop religious agitation".

In the United States we have some 213 sects flourishing, and if we make a careful mathematical computation it appears that before each of these sects could have one chance to do some of this wholesome provocation of thought it would normally have to wait 447 days before it could stir up one person enough to make one complaint.

Under the circumstances lawyer Hanley only stultifies himself when he tries to screen the plain inference that the only reason why he is checking up on Judge Rutherford, and trying to get him off the air, is that he himself is a subject of the 'pope' and, in obedience to papal influence, and contrary to American policy, is trying to make America a closed preserve for the Roman Catholic religion.

Shall the Radio Listeners Have a Square Deal?

Judge Rutherford and his friends are tired of

all this humbug. They, in common with others, have heard a great deal lately about Tolerance and the New Deal. If this New Deal means that our liberties are going to be taken away from us by a bunch of cheap politicians at the behest of the 'pope', then we are going to find it out, and find it out now.

A Protest and Petition is going in to Congress so that the representatives of all the people of this country, and not merely the one Roman Catholic representative on the Federal Radio Commission, will know what is going on and will have a chance to say something about it. Even as this is being written, the following is being placed in the homes of all the people:

ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF LIBERTY?

Do You Wish Intrenched, Selfish Interests to Deprive the People of the Right to Hear by Radio What Is Desirable?

UNDER the pretext of "tolerance" that intrenched, selfish crowd is now engaged in a movement to force the radio stations to broadcast only what pleases them and to thus deprive the people of their just rights to hear the truth. They are trying to force off the air men who are faithfully telling the people God's Word of truth concerning the cause of world distress and what is His remedy. Nothing could be of greater importance to you than to hear these truths now.

True democracy is fast disappearing from the earth. In behalf of truth and righteousness you still have the opportunity to protest and petition. To enable you to exercise this right, a petition is now being circulated. It is of the greatest importance that you act quickly. Sign the petition calling upon the Congress to safeguard the rights of the common people.

The foregoing is the general invitation which is now going out in printed form to the American people to participate in the Protest and Petition which is now being circulated all over the country. Action in the matter will be completed promptly—early in the year. The following is the form of the Protest and Petition:

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America: Greetings!

We, undersigned people of the United States of America, capable of determining for ourselves what we wish to hear broadcast by radio, without censorship by the clergy or anyone else, hereby PROTEST to the Congress against certain wrongful interference with our rights.

The radio act provides, as we understand, for the broadcasting of that which is in the public interest.

The message of the true God, JEHOVAH, as expressed by Him in the prophecies of His Word (the Bible) and as now being given to the people of this nation by Judge Rutherford and others of JEHOVAH'S witnesses, is of interest to us. When broadcast, it is convenient for us to hear it in our homes and is necessary for our welfare. We are entitled to hear and desire to hear that message. We disapprove of every attempt to prevent our hearing it broadcast.

The National Broadcasting Company, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and others, have wrongfully by threats, coercion and other improper influence prevented many stations from broadcasting this message of truth, thus depriving stations of legitimate income and depriving millions of American citizens of the privilege of hearing what they wish to hear; and against this wrongful action we vigorously PROTEST.

Exercising the right guaranteed to us by the Constitution of the United States, we therefore respectfully petition the Congress to act at once to safeguard the inherent rights of the American people relative to the radio.

Any Jonadab, or other reader of *The Golden Age*, residing in the United States, and desiring to participate in this work, should write in *immediately* for as many blank petition forms (space for 25 names to a form) as he will faithfully have filled and returned within the time set.

San Clemente Out to Save Money

SAN CLEMENTE is out to save money. As an initial step this California beach town eliminated all street lighting, abolished the paid fire department, reduced the city water department to one man, eliminated the engineering department, halted all street repair work, cut off all donations to the chamber of commerce, stopped giving aid to the resident unemployed, closed the municipal golf course, and began collection of water bills and assessments by foreclosures.

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What a wonderful God we have, who knew just how to put right there in the jury room with them, when they were fighting for eleven hours a battle that all must fight, what He had caused one of His servants to write to an unjust judge, to enable them to determine whether or not they were going to stand by their covenants with Jehovah God, even though the heavens fall!

A Jury That Feared and Honored Jehovah God

THIS article is not written to praise men and women who did their plain duty, in the face of considerable difficulty, in the suit for false arrest and imprisonment brought by Daniel E. Morgan against William A. O'Hara, acting magistrate of the city of Pittston, Pa., Luke Keating, chief of police of that city, and Thomas Reddington, patrolman, which suit was tried in the Federal Courthouse, Scranton, Pa., November 1-4 inclusive, 1933, and resulted in a verdict in Morgan's behalf. In effect, *The Golden Age* was on trial.

The rule is set down in the Scriptures, "Them that honour me I will honour" (1 Samuel 2:30); and therefore it seems entirely fitting that we here give the names and addresses of the jury that sat in this case, for three days gave it their undivided attention, and finally rendered a just verdict:

Mrs. Corrine L. Biggan, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mrs. Elizabeth Ruth, Scranton, Pa.
George W. Frisbie, 1028 Electric St., Scranton, Pa.
John H. Deppen, Herndon, Pa.
C. J. Slauterback, RFD, Mifflintown, Pa.
Millard Hoffman, McClure, Pa.
Marie D. Wirth, 436 Hickory St., Scranton, Pa.
David Nicholas, 1702 N. Sumner Ave., Scranton, Pa.
Samuel A. Fishburn, Harrisburg, Pa.
Mrs. P. M. Bullard, Newberry, Pa.
D. B. Fultz, Blairs Mills, Pa.
John B. Dobson.

The trial was held in an unfriendly atmosphere, in the courtroom and outside of it. Not a newspaper had a friendly or a truthful word to say for the plaintiff's side of the case from the beginning to the close, nor even afterward. At the outset, the judge on the bench seemed hostile to the plaintiff's viewpoint; he became more friendly toward the close.

It was impossible for the jury to know what it was all about until they were locked in the jury room with *Golden Age* No. 313, which was put in evidence and in their possession. This paper, issue of September 16, 1931, had been represented to them as everything that is evil. Their minds must have been in a maze as they left the courtroom; anybody's mind would have been, the truth was so carefully concealed—and is concealed from the public to this day.

What the Jury Was Told

Mr. Lewis, district attorney of Luzerne county, was to have testified at the trial that he authorized the confinement of Morgan and 22 others on charges of conspiracy and incitement to riot, and did this over a telephone, without seeing *The Golden Age* which they distributed, and without any evidence that they had done anything unlawful. He was a candidate for reelection that fall and wanted to be sure of the Roman Catholic vote. He did not arrive in the courtroom until just after the case had closed. It is just as well; he was spared any incentive to commit perjury.

Mr. Flannery, assistant district attorney of Luzerne county, was the counsel for the defendants. He let it be known, or surmised, that he had received his training at the Methodist Seminary at Kingston. Everybody thought he meant he had been trained to be a Methodist preacher, until, in the climax of his peroration, he eulogized the Roman Catholic church so fulsomely that he spilled the beans. His intimation was that he was defending the Methodists of the Roman Catholic town of Pittston against the attacks of the 'awful Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society people'. He carefully concealed the fact, and it was not even mentioned at the trial, that a Roman Catholic priest in Pittston was the inciter of the whole trouble. The original complaint came from him; it was a complaint from one Roman Catholic to another. At first the Pittston police department freely admitted this over the telephone. In fact, the officers acted, not as Americans, and without regard to law, but as and for the Roman Catholic church, which to them is the highest law of the land.

Mr. Langan, mayor of the city of Pittston, testified that when Jehovah's witnesses distributed *The Golden Age* gratis in his city on the afternoon of September 20, 1931, they were also placing booklets with the people and receiving contributions therefor. As a matter of fact, while both these acts are strictly legal and proper, his sworn statement was false; no booklets were placed that day by anybody. Mr. Langan is a Roman Catholic.

Mr. O'Hara, the committing magistrate, testified under oath that all of the 23 Watch Tower people had confessed that they were guilty and had asked that they be confined in prison; he well knew that he was committing perjury when he gave such testimony. He is a Roman Catholic and proud of it. A poor unfortunate tool of the Roman hierarchy, when he was asked to point out under which section of the ordinance he had

authorized the arrests, he could not do so. After he had named one section on the witness stand he shifted to another, equally ridiculous.

Who Were the Riotous?

Mr. Reddington, patrolman, admitted that when Morgan asked him his name he had lied and said it was McGinness. Having lied so well to Morgan, he lied some more on the stand, lied when he said he saw Morgan giving out papers, lied as to the place where he seized him, and lied as to all the attendant circumstances. He is a Roman Catholic, no doubt.

About eight more of the toughest-looking people one could imagine were put on the stand and testified, one after another, that *The Golden Age* had vilified the American Legion and certain other institutions, and to prevent a riot in the city they had rushed to police headquarters to have the plaintiffs locked up and the good name of the city saved. Each and all, they overlooked the fact that the American Legion is not mentioned in that issue of *The Golden Age* in any way, shape or manner.

Thereupon the chief of police, Mr. Keating, went into action and caused the arrests. He admitted that he had seen no riotous conduct on the part of Jehovah's witnesses, and it was manifest from the testimony adduced that nobody else had seen such, and yet he cheerfully proposed to confine 23 men and women in jail thirty days on hearsay testimony and to hold them each on $1,500 bail on the charges of conspiracy and incitement to riot. He forgot to say that several of the defendants were arrested while sitting quietly in their automobiles, without any testimony whatever being adduced that they had done anything else, and that several were arrested who had merely driven to the police headquarters to inquire what had become of relatives and friends.

It never seemed to have occurred to Mr. Keating that he should find out whether the work done by Jehovah's witnesses was a lawful one, as indeed it was; but on the testimony of men who confessed that they were themselves on the point of committing illegal acts, he caused the arrest and confinement of the law-abiding and allowed the lawless, and admittedly lawless and disorderly Roman Catholic citizens, to go scot-free. In other words, as a Roman Catholic official, in a Roman Catholic town, he acted, not as an American, but as a Roman Catholic, flouting the law he had sworn to uphold.

More Lies for the Jury

Throughout the three days of the trial it was drilled into the jury, over and over again, that *The Golden Age* was a terrible paper, an awful paper; that it not only attacked all organized religion, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian (Catholic not mentioned, of course), but that it made wholesale onslaughts on the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts, and Salvation Army, besides the American Legion.

The papers took this up and heralded it all over Lackawanna county and Luzerne county—what a terrible sheet *The Golden Age* is!—and then Attorney McCaughey for the plaintiff, in his closing address, read all that the issue contained about the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., Boy Scouts and Salvation Army and endorsed it 100 percent. The story, if you look it up, is of where, at Virginia, Minnesota, the Community Chesters were short $6,000 in their funds and, instead of making each of the above-named social units bear a part of their disappointment, they kept the contributions to those institutions up to par and took the whole $6,000 out of the fund for the relief of the poor—a dirty trick.

The jury did not know, and could not know, that that very morning, in the near-by Roman Catholic town of Swoyersville, for distributing that very paper, there was a plot in the home of the Roman Catholic burgess to waylay and murder five carloads of Jehovah's witnesses.

The whole story of that eventful morning and afternoon is told in *Golden Age* No. 329, issue of April 27, 1932. The leading article is a study of the Wickersham report entitled "Lawlessness by Officers of the Law". The next article occupies seven pages and is entitled: "On the Roman Catholic Front—Illegalities at Pittston and Swoyersville—Every God-fearing, law-abiding citizen of Pittston and Swoyersville will read this with profoundest concern."

The jury that sat on the Morgan case did not have the benefit of that clear statement of the facts (indeed, they do not have it yet), and that makes it all the more remarkable that they could have arrived so directly, so truly, so faithfully, at what must have been for them the solution of a difficult problem. But now let us show you how God arranged the whole affair.

The Jury Helped from on High

Well, the jury listened to conflicting evidence and conflicting pleas of lawyers for three days, and then, according to their own story, they

went into the jury room and the first thing they said was, in effect, "We are here in the presence of Almighty God and we must see that justice is rendered in this case." Another report said, "Every man and woman on that jury loves God and wants to do His will." Another said: "No doubt Morgan and his friends are this moment on their knees before God asking that justice may be done; we must decide this thing truly, justly, in the fear of God."

The rest is only imagination, for we were not there, and, in the few moments of interview accorded, only a few impressions could be gathered. But we can imagine the jury taking their seats and saying, "Now let us read this paper and see just what it says." And they had but to read the first line and they knew what it was all about. This is what they read:

AMERICAN RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES AT SWOYERSVILLE
On May 10, 1931, the Roman Catholic priest of Swoyersville, Pa., caused the arrest of Nicholas Belekon, Mike Wargo, John Wargo and Mike Hubal, charged with selling books without a license. After being in jail four hours, they were brought before a magistrate, where complaints were made and warrants issued. The original complainants were the Catholic priest, a police officer and three other witnesses, but the charges were drawn only in the name of the officer and two of the witnesses. Judas and Caiaphas disappeared from the scene before Jesus was formally arraigned.

They read that page, and turned it over, and then they found just what the Lord wanted them to have, for there right before them was Judge Rutherford's letter to Judge Valentine, occupying six full pages of *The Golden Age,* which contained the very help that they needed and that up to that moment had been denied them. There they saw for themselves that the lie oft-repeated in the courtroom and in the papers that the Watch Tower people are communists has not a vestige of truth in it, and they were able to see clearly just what we are doing and trying to do, and why we are so desperately in earnest about it. In other words, Judge Rutherford was right there in that jury room, counseling those good men and women in a crucial hour of their lives.

The Jury Passed the Crucial Test

The jury passed the crucial test. *The Golden Age* was on trial; the Watch Tower was on trial; Judge Rutherford was on trial; Jehovah God heard their prayer. They stayed in that jury room eleven hours, fighting it out. They had to find the truth in that one issue of *The Golden Age* or not at all; and they found it. What a rebuke to the insincere, many of whom do not know to this day that the Lord's organization is all one, all knit together, all aiming at the same thing, and all under the one directing Head!

Do you know what happened to that jury while they were there in that jury room? Let us try to tell you just what Judge Rutherford has shown us in the Scriptures. Right then and there, we believe, they took their stand for ever on the Lord's side; right then and there they came to those that were in prison and did something substantial for their comfort. The verdict was not large ($250), and was not expected to be, but it was a just verdict.

These men and women took their stand for Jehovah God, and for the people of Jehovah God, in the face of district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, mayors, magistrates, police chiefs, city commissioners, the clergy, and the newspapers (all of them) in the cities where they live, and they did it because they feared God and because they love Him.

And now do you know what the Lord's verdict is for *them,* for these Jonadabs; here it is, and nothing could be plainer:

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was an hungred, 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. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

And if you were to talk with these sweet-spirited, honest-hearted, lovable Jonadabs that composed that jury, you would find it all true, that they cannot yet see what we see so clearly, that they have really and truly passed from death unto life and if they maintain their present condition of heart they will, without a question of doubt, be among the millions now living that will *never die.*

More About "The Correction of a Lie"

THE first letter of this series appeared in *The Golden Age* No. 370, page 109, under the title "The Correction of a Lie". No liar is really clever. The farther he goes in trying to cover himself, the more of a fool he shows himself to be. The correspondence plainly shows that *no permit* to make these calls on Sunday was asked by Parkhurst or issued by the Plainfield police department.

PLAINFIELD COURIER-NEWS
Plainfield, New Jersey
C. F. STOUT, Publisher

Oct. 25, 1933.

Mr. A. R. Goux
Peoples Pulpit Association
Brooklyn, N. Y.

DEAR MR. GOUX:

Your letter to Mr. C. F. Stout, relative to a news item which appeared in *The Courier-News*, has been referred to me, inasmuch as the matter of news comes under my supervision.

Would you be good enough to tell me whether Charles Parkhurst is a member of your organization?

Very truly yours,
NORMAN NAIRN, *Managing Editor*

PEOPLE'S PULPIT ASSOCIATION
124 Columbia Heights - Brooklyn - New York

October 29, 1933

Norman Nairn
Managing Editor, *Courier-News*
Plainfield, N. J.

SIR:

Thanks for your letter of October 25, acknowledging on behalf of your employer, C. F. Stout, my letter to him of October 24. For your convenient consideration, this reply is prepared in seven parts.

FIRST

You ask, "Would you be good enough to tell me whether Charles Parkhurst is a member of your organization?"

That name ("Charles Parkhurst") was given to you, as I suppose, by some one of the Plainfield police department.

It is the same name mentioned by a Plainfield police officer who on Sunday October 22, about noon, talked with some of Jehovah's witnesses, in Plainfield. That officer, in a Ford sedan car, drove alongside of a car in which were riding (on Rushmore Avenue) several of Jehovah's witnesses who had just completed their assigned duties in one section of Plainfield and were then moving to another part of the city to finish their day's work of proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of the true God, JEHOVAH, by delivering to the people at their homes that message as set forth in a printed booklet ("Escape to the Kingdom") and also a printed announcement (like attached sample, headed "radio ASSEMBLY") inviting the people to hear a talk by Judge Rutherford on "The Value of Knowledge and Understanding", to be broadcast that evening over a special network including stations WPG, WODA, WHOM and WBBR.

That police officer asked whether "Charles Parkhurst" of "East Orange" was in the car. On being told that he was not, and that the occupants of the car had no information to give about "Charles Parkhurst", the officer very nervously concluded the interview by saying that the chief of police desired to have a talk with Parkhurst if he would come to the station; that if Parkhurst did come, he (the officer) would take him to the chief's residence, and that if he did not come, the chief would send Parkhurst a letter.

To enable you to verify the foregoing, the police chief, Charles Flynn, can, of course, furnish the name of the officer who was sent to deliver the message about "Charles Parkhurst".

SECOND

The following facts are given for the consideration of those who read this letter, and also as further answer to your inquiry. All can be verified by consulting the Plainfield police chief, Flynn, and other members of the Plainfield city "government" who have personal knowledge thereof.

"Charles Parkhurst" about whom you inquire evidently is Harry L. Parkhurst, of Verona, New Jersey, one of Jehovah's witnesses.

To Harry L. Parkhurst, at his request (made by him on his own responsibility), a certain document was given in the municipal building at Plainfield on Saturday October 21, 1933, immediately after he had personally interviewed the police chief, Flynn, in the presence of a clerk whom the chief had called into the room.

Following is an exact copy of the original of that document. [Bracketed words are explanatory additions by me.]

PLAINFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL
CANVASSING PERMIT

NO. *1440*
ISSUED *10/21/1933*
EXPIRES *12/31/1933*
NAME *Harry Parkhurst*
DESCRIPTION: Age *55*: Hght. *5'9*: Wght *200*: Color *W.*
EMPLOYED BY [preceding two words stricken out]
Jehovah Witness
ADDRESS *Verona, N. J.*
Signature of Holder [signed] *H. L. Parkhurst*
(over)

[following appears on reverse side:]

1. This Permit not transferable.
2. Holder must report daily at Police Headquarters.
3. This Permit must be carried and shown on request.
4. No canvassing or soliciting except between the hours of 9 A.M. and 5 P.M. on weekdays.
5. This permit must be turned in at Police Headquarters on its expiration.
6. Ask permission before going into apartment houses.

(SIGNED) CHAS. A. FLYNN,
Chief of Police.

THIRD

Parkhurst's purpose in calling upon the police chief October 21 was, as I am informed, to give Flynn an opportunity to prove the genuineness of what he (Flynn) had been represented by your paper as having 'declared' last September when the Union county judge, E. A. McGrath, summarily reversed a judgment of the Plainfield police recorder, De Meza, which judgment the city attorney, Will Newcorn, hypocritically tried to have sustained by the county judge against seventeen of Jehovah's witnesses.

Those seventeen men and women (including one woman more than seventy years of age) had been illegally arrested in Plainfield Saturday July 29, 1933, thrown into jail there, and held for more than twenty-four hours without a hearing, because they had been "caught" by some of "Plainfield's finest" going from house to house in Plainfield giving the people printed notices of a mass meeting to be held the next day in the Plainfield Strand Theater, to hear Judge Rutherford tell "Why Religious Intolerance is Practiced Now in This Country".

Those seventeen persons, as well as scores of others of Jehovah's witnesses, were virtually compelled to go from house to house in Plainfield on July 29 to provide the people of the city with due notice of the Strand Theater mass meeting BECAUSE of the unwarranted refusal of your employer to authorize the *Courier-News* advertising department to accept payment, at your full card rate, for inserting a six-column advertisement which had been offered to your paper through a recognized advertising agency of New York city. The attached proof of that advertisement (as set and published on July 29 by the Elizabeth *Journal*) is exactly like the copy offered to Plainfield *Courier-News* for publication as paid advertising matter. It contains only the following:

MASS MEETING

of the people of Central New Jersey

AT THE

STRAND THEATER

PLAINFIELD, N. J.

Sunday, July 30, 1933
3 p.m.

WILL HEAR

JUDGE RUTHERFORD

in person

TELL WHY RELIGIOUS

INTOLERANCE

IS PRACTICED NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

All law-abiding, order-loving persons of New Jersey are vitally concerned in this matter and this notice of meeting is given that all who so desire may hear.

ADMISSION FREE

FOURTH

And now to return to Parkhurst. A few who read this may be inclined to express the thought that he was or is affiliated with the somewhat ancient Holy Roman Catholic order called the Society of Jesus, full-fledged members of which are commonly known as Jesuits.

Perish the thought!

Parkhurst is only one of Jehovah's witnesses.

However, when convenient for you, Nairn, to do so, you might remind the police chief, Flynn, that Parkhurst has not as yet received the letter which Flynn's messenger said on October 22 the chief would send.

FIFTH

For convenient consideration of others who have read about Flynn's 'declaration' mentioned in Part THIRD, paragraph one, of this letter (as well as for you), the following is quoted from *Courier-News* for September 16, 1933, page 4:

WILL CONTINUE ARRESTS

Police Chief Charles A. Flynn's reaction to yesterday's decision was to declare that arrests of persons who distribute circulars in this city without permits will be continued.

You will observe (by reference to Part SECOND of this letter) that the so-called "official canvassing permit" issued October 21, 1933, by Flynn to Harry Parkhurst is specifically limited to weekdays "between 9 A.M. and 5 P.M."

Therefore it clearly appears that the lawful work done in Plainfield on Sunday October 22 by H. L. Parkhurst, as one of Jehovah's witnesses (in exactly the same manner as similar work was done that day in Plainfield by more than a hundred other persons, also acting as Jehovah's witnesses), was done and performed entirely apart from and without any reference whatsoever to the so-called "permit" FALSELY mentioned in the *Courier-News* "story" (October 23) as having been 'obtained from the police chief, Flynn, in compliance with police regulations'.

To you, sir, as to your employer, I say, if those of the *Courier-News* organization responsible for publishing that falsehood knew before it was put in type that it was a falsehood, then you are doubly reprehensible.

SIXTH

Why continue to follow the lead of misguided "public servants" of Plainfield who admittedly execute the orders of the clergy and then, by means of lies, cowardly try to whitewash hypocritical and cruelly malicious attempts to misrepresent and persecute humble men and women who, as witnesses of the true God, JEHOVAH, are willing to go from house to house in your community unselfishly to do good to the many residents who voluntarily acknowledge that they are delighted to be visited by Jehovah's witnesses at any time?

As publishers of "The Paper That Is Read In The Home", those of your organization concerned in this certainly owe to every member of every home that received a copy of *Courier-News* for October 23 an apology, at least.

If you care to be fair, publish this letter and mine to C. F. Stout of October 24, as both of these are written, and then the responsibility will rest where it belongs.

SEVENTH

Or, if your employer and you prefer, you may have the *Courier-News* advertising department bill me, at the paper's regular display rate, for one full page of space, in which you are hereby authorized to print in full, on or before November 2, 1933, these two letters.

If you choose to do this, kindly send me advance proof of the advertisement.

Cordially,

A. R. GOUX.

cc Charles Flynn
Chief of Police
Police Headquarters
Plainfield, N. J.

cc Edward Sachar
1038 Myrtle Av.
Plainfield, N. J.

An Important Announcement to Radio Station Owners

By the Watch Tower Radio Department

JUDGE RUTHERFORD'S Plainfield speech on "Religious Intolerance" is now available in electrical transcription. Every order-loving man and woman in America is entitled to hear and consider the truthful and timely information set forth in that speech. Owners of radio stations are being given the first opportunity to broadcast it in the public interest.

No station owner is desired or expected by The Watch Tower to do anything at any time which, in his sober judgment, will jeopardize or really harm him or his business associates. It may be expected, of course, that a few will be offended when this speech is widely broadcast. On the other hand, it is confidently anticipated that every honest person, even though temporarily offended, will happily acknowledge the truth when he learns and considers all the facts.

For these reasons a copy of the complete text of the Plainfield speech, exactly as recorded for broadcasting, is being furnished at once for information of the station's responsible officer, that he may decide intelligently whether he desires to have a share in broadcasting it.

SIXTY-MINUTE PERIOD REQUIRED

Local Watch Tower representatives are prepared to conclude at once a lawful agreement with stations that are willing to broadcast this program.

To each station that chooses to present the entire one-hour program (consisting of the speech, with opening and concluding announcements), 33⅓ rpm disks will be furnished without cost.

For convenience of listeners, there is included in the program an announcement that similar lectures by means of electrical transcription will be advertised from time to time in each community and all are invited to hear.

INTOLERANCE

"Why Religious Intolerance Is Practiced Now in This Country" is the subject chosen by Judge Rutherford for his speech delivered a few weeks ago at Plainfield, New Jersey. There, in the Strand theater and in two near-by auditoriums connected by public-address systems, a visible audience of two thousand persons listened. Other thousands heard at the same time, as the speech was broadcast over a network of powerful stations in the East.

At the theater a strange and remarkable spectacle was witnessed by those present. Before the speaker's arrival, groups of police officers in uniform and plain-clothes men, scores of them in all, poured into the Strand and took up positions at every entrance and exit and on the stage. Openly displaying automatic revolvers, ammunition supplies, riot guns and sawed-off shotguns, those gunmen (under control of the Roman Catholic police chief of Plainfield) remained at their assigned positions in the theater throughout the entire period of the peaceful assembly. Their presence as officers was neither requested nor required.

The speech of Judge Rutherford was given by him in the Strand theater and simultaneously broadcast, exactly as prepared for the occasion and as it is now recorded for broadcasting.

"EFFECT OF HOLY YEAR"

In this connection The Watch Tower takes pleasure in announcing that recently the Federal Radio Commission by letter officially requested owners of many broadcasting stations

to report whether both or either of two speeches by Judge Rutherford entitled "Way of Escape" and "Holy Year" were broadcast by the station June 18 and June 25, 1933.

According to lawful agreement between the stations and Watch Tower representatives, these two vitally important speeches (in electrical transcription) were satisfactorily broadcast by hundreds of stations. For this service the stations were duly paid.

Many, including members of the commission, noted with interest that the response from the radio audience was tremendous, commenting on and commending these programs. Among those approving are many who state that they are Catholics and are delighted to have the matter Scripturally stated.

A VAIN ATTEMPT

Some station managers, on receiving that inquiry of the radio commission regarding the two speeches, recalled the nation-wide attempt made openly and covertly last summer by the Roman Catholic hierarchy through its press, clergy, knightly orders and affiliated societies (with cooperation of sympathizing Hebrew and Protestant groups) to "drive Rutherford from the air".

At this date, broadcasting of the Truth, as set forth in the Word of the true God, JEHOVAH, continues. Each week more than three hundred stations present in the public interest one or more of the recorded speeches of Judge Rutherford.

"BACK TO THE CHURCH"

What "the church" failed to accomplish last summer to "silence Rutherford" by the combined activity of its own and allied organizations, its agents inside and outside of the federal government have since sought to attain by cunning use of the political office.

Just now, throughout the country, leaders of Hebrew, Catholic and Protestant associations are uniting in starting a national movement to get the people "back to the church".

Not All the Clergy Are Alike

WE PUBLISH the following communication to the Sunbury (Pa.) *Item,* and a brief reply:

Dalmatia, Pa., Oct. 2, 1933.

Editor, The Sunbury Item:

LIVE, AND LET LIVE

Whether you live in city, country town, or farmhouse far distant from the traveled road, you will probably hear a gentle knock on your door. You open, and there you see standing a man or woman, cultured in expression of face, neat, smiling in spite of all obstacles, carrying some kind of handbag. Your attention is at once caught by the stranger's words of introduction, somewhat on this wise, "I am from the Watch Tower, and bring you a message of good news, etc."

And now one of two things happen: either you at once discourage the evangelist, or you encourage him. The average individual unconsciously permits the glorious introduction to continue. Gently but surely the caller leads up to his business, that of selling you a set of Judge Rutherford's books. If not a set, then surely three or four, at least one. The book is attractive in its various bright colors, and the price per book is about thirty cents. Either you buy, or you firmly decline. If you decline, a book, a pamphlet, or more pamphlets are pressed upon you free. This is evangelization with teeth in it.

In these books you will read much that is good, but some that is bad. For example, the judge has written that the star which guided the wise men to the Christ-Child was placed there by Satan. Strange that the Scriptures should glorify the works of Satan, and that a work of Satan should lead men to the cradle of God's Son. As you read these startling statements do you wonder whether the judge has done justice to Holy Writ, whether he is a graduate of a recognized seminary, whether consecrated men who have studied scripture for years agree with him, whether institutions of learning have sought to honor him by public recognition, whether he is helping or hindering men's spiritual life?

The judge condemns all clergy as servants of Satan. Is this not a strong and unjustified charge? Would God permit ministers to continue preaching year after year, misleading His people, if they were servants of Satan? Granted that some clergy are bad, it does not follow that all are bad. Because some politicians are crooked, we cannot say that all politicians are crooked. Because some hypocrites are found in the church, it is cruelly unjust to denounce all as being hypocrites.

The judge condemns churches as "organized Christianity", the creation and servant of Satan. Here he reflects seriously upon himself and his followers. The judge and his followers consider themselves Christians, in fact, they think that they alone are worthy of the name. They have a very complete organization, with a leader, a publishing house, districts, contacting the public by radio, lectures in theaters, travels by the judge here and abroad, and by their house-to-house agents, who are at once peddlers and missionaries. They have an organization that reaches the remotest home. The Watch Tower people live in a glass house, and must not throw stones against "organized Christianity".

I seek no quarrel with Judge Rutherford and his followers. This land is free for religious thinking and preaching, a land of toleration. Let the judge give others the rights that he claims for himself and his. Let him preach, not accuse blindly. Let him cease to trouble the church of God. Let him live, and let live.

WALTER E. WAGNER.

It occasionally happens that an honest man gets into the Roman Catholic priesthood or into

the Protestant ministry, but these exceptions do not justify the continuance of a business that is in effect that of a jailer whose duty it is to see that his prisoners are kept weak and sick and unable to escape. Such honest men are priests or ministers merely by accident. The bulk of the men in this business are jailers because they wish to be such.

Once in a great while one of the clergy realizes the predicament he is in, and is in distress not only for the poor people but for himself. We recently heard of a pastor in a country church in Columbia county, Pennsylvania, who openly acknowledges to the people that he is teaching them from Judge Rutherford's books, because they are the truth, and he is advising the members of the church to get the books and study them, and they are doing so. In Armageddon the great Jehovah God is going to take care of the eternal interests of that man.

Recently one of Jehovah's witnesses placed a full set of Judge Rutherford's books with a colored pastor of a church in Scranton. He had read *The Harp of God,* loves it, and promised to teach the people of his church what is contained in that book and in the other books of the set. He manifests a lovely and lovable spirit and is manifestly a child of God. Judge Rutherford is not writing in condemnation or reproof of men like that.

He is writing what the Lord bids him write, expounding the prophecies that show the general faithlessness of the clergy and the church members of our day. The Scriptures tell him to 'Cry aloud, and spare not; show my people their transgressions'. He is doing that, and does not dare do otherwise. His business is to hew to the line and let the chips fly where they may. Sectarianism is all wrong; it must go down; it will go down; it is *now* on the way down.

The incident about the "wise men" or magi being guided to Bethlehem by the mysterious lights in the sky comports perfectly with what is known of the activities of the demons; and as it is positively known that Satan was always seeking means to kill Jesus, as was manifested over and over again, Judge Rutherford's explanation is the only rational one ever presented. The magi (magicians, spirit mediums) were not necessarily evil-minded men; they were merely deluded men, tools of the adversary.

Mr. Wagner makes the same inquiry regarding Judge Rutherford that some made respecting Jesus, and because the whole story is apropos we quote it:

> And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit no man spake openly of him, for fear of the Jews. Now about the midst of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you keepeth the law. Why go ye about to kill me? The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee?—John 7:12-20.

All now admit that Jesus was right and His critics wrong; He told them plainly how they could test His claims; if they had done it they might have had life. Jehovah God never compels anybody to give heed to the warnings He sends, nor to the Scriptures which would mean their salvation. He respects the free moral agency of every human creature, and holds each responsible for obedience to the light he has received.

Mr. Wagner and others may accept and read and believe Judge Rutherford's books and act on them, if they choose. It is up to them. But the books are true, and the men and women that are braving every condition to take them to the people are true, also; collectively Jehovah's witnesses in the earth.

Willing to Take a Try at Honest Work

A YOUNG man of 32, resigning from the pastorate of the Congregational church at Sandwich, England, gave as his reasons for resigning: "I would rather earn my bread with pick and shovel. The position of a minister is no longer consistent with the dignity of man. All over the country ministers are restless and unhappy, and not a few of them are bordering on nervous prostration on account of the strife and general unpleasantness in the churches." Looks as though the big revival were really under way in England.

Latin America—The Question Mark of the 20th Century

In Five Parts—Part 4

Bolivia—the Cloudland Republic

BOLIVIA, also called the Mountain Republic, lies at an elevation of 12,470 feet above sea level, and in the winter season, June, July, August and September, can furnish inconveniences second to none on earth. In a climate as cold as the United States in November or December, the people live in houses with rooms thirty feet long and sixteen feet high with no arrangements whatever for warming them.

The size of Bolivia, 506,467 square miles, is almost that of Peru. The population is 2,974,900, of which 1,586,650 are Indians, 426,200 are whites, and 962,000 of mixed races. It is really an Indian republic.

Two miles above sea level is Lake Titicaca, the size of Lake Erie, the highest navigable body of water on the globe. About its shores the Indians live much as they did four hundred years ago, before the coming of the Spaniards.

The ponchos of the men are of every color under the sun, but the dirt of years tones them all down until they blend beautifully. The Bolivian men never bathe; they are afraid of pneumonia. Wherever the Indian women go they carry on their weaving or knitting. A woman will wear eight or nine skirts at once, making her look like a perambulating umbrella.

The silver mines at Potosi, now worked out, probably produced more silver than ever came from any other one mining district. The mines were discovered by an Indian clambering up a steep mountain side after a straying llama. Thousands of men were worked to death in these mines. Bolivia is the second tin-producing country in the world.

Though Sucre is the capital of Bolivia, La Paz is the chief city and the seat of government. It is one of the show cities of the world. It is substantially built on 40 hills, spanned by 20 bridges, with clean, well paved streets. As the traveler gets his first view of it lying in a valley one thousand feet deep, with vertical walls ten miles long and three wide, surrounded by snow-capped mountains, the scene is unforgettable.

Looking for Trouble

Bolivia at the moment is fighting with Paraguay for possession of a vast swamp, the Gran Chaco, which neither of them needs or wants. They both have more immensely rich and valuable lands than they can develop, but the munition makers of Britain and America have arms to sell, and are willing to loan money to help, and so the fratricidal war goes merrily on.

At present Bolivia gets to the outside world by rail lines through Peru, Chile, Argentina or Brazil. She seeks a port on the Paraguay river where she would be measurably independent of all these. And there is said to be oil in the Gran Chaco. Probably she wants the port and the oil. Paraguay wants the port and the oil, and wants to handle the trade of Bolivia besides, in any way she sees fit.

During the flood season the Paraguay goes over its banks and inundates the Gran Chaco back for a distance of fifty miles into Bolivia. The undeveloped capacity of the Mountain Republic for grain, vegetables, hay, fruit, sugar, rice, coffee, beef and dairy products, wool and mutton is said to be incredible. Agriculture is carried on now in only the most primitive way.

A missionary who spent eighteen years among the Indians of the Gran Chaco says that Europeans have the greatest difficulty in becoming accustomed to their dialects. He said that when they talk "they hiss with their tongues, snore with their nostrils, grind with their teeth and gurgle with their throats, so that you seem to hear the quacking of ducks in a pond rather than the voices of men talking".

The Fighting Paraguayans

Paraguay, not counting its claim upon the Gran Chaco, is of about the size and general location in the continent of South America as are Illinois and Indiana in the Northern continent.

The Guaranis of Paraguay proved to be the most difficult antagonists the Spaniards met in the new world. In the year 1600 the Spanish general Hernandarias de Saavedra undertook to exterminate the Charruas, akin to the Guaranis tribes, and his army was itself exterminated. With that, Hernandarias petitioned Philip II, king of Spain, that it was impossible to subdue the Charruas by force of arms and that missionaries must be resorted to.

This was a dirty trick on the part of Hernandarias, but it worked. The job was turned over to the Jesuits, who were promised that they might have the Indians, body and soul, with all their possessions, if they would but conquer them. Each villa or tribe was turned over to two Jesuits, who speedily organized them into a most remarkable body of obedient and indus-

trious servants. Everything that the Indians did was for the benefit of the order of the Jesuits, which fed them, clothed them and provided them with all their simple necessities. The magnificent churches which were built consumed a large part of the income, as is the Catholic practice.

To prevent others from interfering with their work of complete subjugation, the Jesuits turned each villa or tribe into a huge stockade. No one was permitted to enter or to leave without a written order. Only such Indians might ride horseback as looked after livestock. Admittance was refused, not only to other Indians, but to other priests, and even to the Spanish authorities. The intent was to do the job right, while they were at it.

After a century and a half the Spanish government concluded that the job of subjugating the Indians had been overdone, and on February 27, 1767, Carlos III issued a mandate that the Jesuits themselves must leave the country. They complied in one year, but in that year they had so successfully finished their work of subjugation and enslavement of mind that, when they left, the Indians, by a treacherous prearrangement, also left, scattered to the four winds and let themselves and the country revert back to barbarism.

Subjugation by Adulteration

In the sections of Paraguay not under the thumb of the Jesuits, other means of subjugating the Guaranis were adopted. The Spanish general Ayolas stipulated in a treaty with the tribe that seven women should be provided for himself and two for each of his soldiers. If you want to know why there are more Mestizos in South America than there are Indians, and why there are many more Mestizos than there are Spaniards, now you know.

In the year 1865 the Paraguayan president Francisco Lopez, brilliant and insanely courageous militarist and dictator, made deliberate preparations for a war of conquest. When the time was ripe for action, though he was already at war with Brazil, he issued, through Congress, a declaration of war against Argentina, March 18, 1865. He reminds one of Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay formed an alliance to oppose him. Lopez drafted every man between 12 and 70 into the army, and many of the women, and fought until 1,200,000 inhabitants had been slain, including himself. All the men of the country were destroyed except 28,746; they left behind them 202,333 women and children.

If Bolivia knows when she is well off she will let these descendants of the indomitable Guaranis have the Gran Chaco or anything else rather than try to whip them. The last we heard, the women and school children in Paraguay were enlisting for the Gran Chaco fight, and the complete defeat of the Bolivian army is a foregone conclusion.

A pathetic feature of the situation for the Bolivians is that their troops cannot stand the low altitude, and as soon as they enter the Gran Chaco die like flies from galloping consumption, contracted in the steaming tropical forest. Up to May 10, it is estimated, 50,000 Paraguayans alone had been slain, wounded or imprisoned in the Gran Chaco fighting.

The ridiculousness of the League of Nations is shown in that, while both Bolivia and Paraguay are members, Paraguay formally declared a state of war on May 10. This is the first official declaration of a state of war between League members, though Japan cheerfully butchered tens of thousands of Chinese in her professedly peaceful operations in China, while both were members.

What a grand people the Paraguayans will be when they get into the kingdom of God. One feels like taking them the truth now. They are admitted to be one of the most progressive and intelligent peoples of the Western Hemisphere. The climate is excellent. Immigration is encouraged. Let's go! But, when you get there, don't try to start a fight. If you do you will get something worse than is meted out by the priest-ridden police and magistrates of benighted New Jersey.

Chile, the California of South America

Both are in the extreme southwest of the Americas, very long and quite narrow, partly desert and partly paradise, rich in minerals and fruits, and each has a progressive citizenry and many Japanese. Chile has every climate known to man, and almost every kind of enterprise. It is as long as from Maine to California, but at its widest place only 248 miles, and from that down to 70. Nevertheless, the total area is of the size of all that portion of the United States north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers and east of the Mississippi river, excepting only Maryland, Michigan and Wisconsin.

The curse of Chile is that the whole country has been pretty well owned by about 100 Roman Catholic families from the Basque provinces of the Spanish Pyrenees. Wherever the dead hand of that system rests it rests to bless the rich and curse the poor. All the best parts of the rich interior valley which runs the length of the country are in the hands of these 100 favored families.

Although the law provides that land shall be divided up into equal shares among all children, the law is evaded, and although a mansion or hacienda may shelter a group of families, the estates themselves are not split up. Consequently, antiquated agricultural methods persist. Life on the haciendas is a paradise for the favorites of the church; but now see what happens to the actual producer of food:

A landed proprietor allows any farm laborer to take up as much land as he can till with the assistance of his family. He pays no rent, and the produce of the land is his own; but he has to sell his services to the landlord, whenever need for them arises (which is always at just the time when he needs them himself) at less than one-half of the local prevailing rate. Thus the great landlords retain control of their vast estates and get their labor for next to nothing; a crafty, cruel, vicious system, by which the nabobs continue to ride on the backs of the workers.

A Flaw in the Government

A flaw in the government is that senators must have a fixed income of $2,000 a year, and deputies of $500, and that all serve without salary. The effect of this is to keep the control of the country in the hands of those who have incomes, and thus we have an oligarchy instead of a republic.

Nevertheless, the Chilean government has passed some very progressive measures. For example, a special room is provided in factories where mothers may keep their children under one year of age, and may spend one hour of the working day in caring for them without any loss of wage.

The Longitudinal Railway extends 2,862 miles through the beautiful Longitudinal Valley. There are three lines over the Andes: two into Bolivia and one into Argentina. Chile controls both sides of the Straits of Magellan, for their entire length, and at their city of Punta Arenas, at the southeastern mouth of the straits, they do an immense business in the provisioning and other equipment of 2,000 vessels a year. Punta Arenas, by the way, is the most southerly city on the globe.

Much of the money which has come into Chile has come from the nitrate of sodium obtained in the rainless district in the far north. When the first cargo was taken to Liverpool, about 1830, its value was not known, and as there were no purchasers, the contents were finally thrown overboard. In a single year since then nitrates of the value of $172,800,000 were shipped from the deposits, which cover 600 square miles.

Chile has enormous coal and iron deposits and is the second copper-producing country of the world. She has everything needed to create a great empire of industry, and is such in fact. Her exports for the year 1929 were $278,439,680.

Chile is calling for settlers. A generation ago agents at Tokyo offered forty acres of good land for every immigrant, twenty acres more for each son of 18 years and over, a yoke of oxen, a set of agricultural implements, and a sum of money equivalent to $15 a month for the first year of residence. There is a steamer line from Chile to Japan.

Chileans Mostly Europeans

A great majority of the Chilean population of 4,287,445 is of European origin. Santiago, capital and chief city, is situated about 2,000 feet above sea level; the population is 712,593. Next to Rio de Janeiro it is considered the most beautiful city in South America. The trolley conductors in Santiago are women with white aprons, who wear little sailor caps perched on their heads.

Santiago has great contrasts of riches and poverty, which is the Roman Catholic ideal. The rich are very rich, the poor are very poor; many limousines, few Fords. There is no plumbing to speak of. The houses of the workingmen are mostly of one room. There is a surplus of rich churches and bronze and marble monuments.

From 1907 to 1924 there were 12,694 earthquakes; an average of two daily. Homes are unheated, making it often necessary in winter to wear an overcoat in the house. There are numerous women of English and German type, due to the fact that European settlers married Chilean wives. The women are more progressive than in Peru. Snobbishness is prevalent. Chile is proud of her educational institutions.

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Who Are Mexican Citizens?

CHILDREN born on Mexican land, in Mexican ships or on Mexican planes are Mexican citizens, as are also children born abroad of Mexican fathers or of Mexican mothers and unknown fathers. Mexican citizenship can also be obtained by a woman by marrying a Mexican.

Big Diamond Found in Brazil

A DIAMOND weighing more than 2,000 carats has been found in the Brazil field of Minas Geraes; this is two-thirds the weight of the Cullinan, the largest ever found. The new stone may be worth as little as $1,000 or as much as $10,000,000, depending upon its grading—what it can be used for.

All in Step but the Banker

ATTENTION has been called to the new NRA three-cent United States postage stamp. It bears a picture of a laborer, a banker, a mechanic and a workwoman striding along four abreast, but the singular thing is that all are in step but the banker. It is said that this feature of the design was not accidental.

Tides of the Mersey

BECAUSE the tides in the Mersey river sometimes rise as high as twenty-seven feet, passengers disembarking from ocean liners at Liverpool land on huge floating platforms, which rest upon hundreds of iron pontoons. The platforms are connected with the river wall by bridges up to 550 feet long.

England's Electric System

ENGLAND has just completed the erection of 26,265 towers which will carry electricity into every part of the country. Some of these towers, 487 feet high and weighing about 290 tons each, are the largest of their type in the world. The system has cost £27,000,000 and given work to 200,000 men.

Earthquakes Reverse Min River

EARTHQUAKES reversed the Min river in China, an important tributary of the Yangtze-kiang. Five thousand persons were killed, of whom one thousand were buried in an avalanche. In one city a huge boulder destroyed the police station and killed all the police therein.

Tshekedi Reinstated as King

TSHEKEDI, king of the Bamangawato tribe of South Africa, who was exiled from his kingdom because he had ordered a white reprobate flogged, has been reinstated by order of the British crown. Tshekedi is admitted to be an unusually capable ruler; the man flogged was a seducer and renegade; Tshekedi was not allowed to testify in his own defense.

Population of Manchuria

THE population of Manchuria, or Manchukuo, consists of 29,951,000 Chinese, Manchus and Mongols, 838,000 Japanese and Koreans, and 139,000 Russians and other foreigners. Students of Chinese history expect to see the Japanese and Russians absorbed by the Chinese, not by violence, but by economic laws. Pneumonia and bubonic plague were raging in Manchukuo October 1, with ninety percent of the cases proving fatal.

The Soviet Housecleaning

THE Soviet has recently cleaned house by expelling 750,000 members of the party. Hearings are held openly. Anyone present may ask any question about the private life, habits, morals, work or play of the members being examined. Drunkenness, improper absence from work, and inefficiency of the whole unit in which the person is employed, count heavily. Reinstatement may be obtained, after another probation. After waiting fifteen years Uncle Sam has now recognized Russia and we shall no doubt find the Russians human, like the rest of us.

Harvests in the Ukraine

ON AUGUST 19, at Vienna, Austria, the Roman Catholic cardinal Theodore Innitzer, archbishop of Austria, appealed to all religions to save the Russians from starving to death. He mentioned the Ukraine particularly and said that cannibalism was becoming common. Less than a month later Walter Duranty, Russian correspondent of the New York *Times*, made a 200-mile auto trip through the heart of the Ukraine and said he could say positively that the harvest was splendid and that all talk of a famine was ridiculous. That is the trouble with these priests; nothing that they say on any subject can be believed. Duranty also reported bumper crops in other sections of Russia.

Chile Was Held Back

CHILE was held back in her development. Thus, when cattle in Chile sold for one or two pesos a head, the price charged there for a bale of European paper was at least a hundred pesos, and for an imported cape or coat five hundred pesos or more. As a consequence, clothes were handed down from generation to generation, like landed estates.

X-Ray Vision Through Closed Lids

DR. A. H. PIRIE, Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, is inventor of a device that by means of X-rays the patient can see articles even when the eyes are closed. One patient had a cataract which it was proposed to remove. A test with the new device revealed that there was no vision left, the nerve being dead, and that the operation would be useless.

Gas-Proof Rooms for Children

SOME idea of the wretched state of mind existing in Europe may be gained from a dispatch from Copenhagen that, as children are unable to wear gas masks, consideration is being given to the problem of building special gas-proof rooms, and it is hoped that eventually every building will have at least one. Adults will be supplied with gas masks, to be sold at drug stores, for about $5.00 per mask.

Georgia's Governor Says Negroes Are Human

GEORGIA'S governor says that the Negro tenant farmers are human. The way he puts it is: "If he gets on the relief rolls he is like everyone else and naturally will not work when he can get something for nothing. Neither will he toil ten, twelve or fourteen hours a day in the field if he can get three times what he would receive either working for the government or merely drawing relief funds and relief goods."

Eleventh Member of National Labor Board

THE eleventh member of the National Labor Board is a Catholic priest. In view of the fact that these gentlemen toil not, neither do they spin, one wonders what wisdom is in them in a matter where labor is involved. Or if it be maintained that a priest does work, then why should he not attend to that work, whatever it may be, instead of trying to help the government run the biggest part of all creation on this side of the Atlantic?

No Barnacles on a New Steel

EXPERIMENTS conducted over a period of nine weeks seem to suggest that one of the new British steels is immune both to rust and to barnacles. If this be true a new era in material for the hulls of ships may be at hand.

No Use to Try to Burn Books

H. G. WELLS, English novelist, says he never tried to burn a book but once. The covers finally shriveled up, but the body of the book itself did not take fire. He gave up the job in disgust and afterward came upon a farm laborer trying to read the unburned parts. There is no use to try to kill a book by burning it.

H. G. Wells Hopes for a Better Day

IN A BOOK in which he anticipates a better day some time within the next two hundred years, the English novelist H. G. Wells says: "Gambling is ruthlessly eradicated. Usury [interest] ranks with forgery as a monetary offense. Money is given to people to get what they want, and not as a basis for further acquisition. There are no speculators, shareholders, private usurers or rent lords."

No Need of More Office Buildings

IN THE whole United States there are about 2,000 office buildings, commonly known as skyscrapers; one-sixth of these are in New York city. The average rentable floor space in these buildings is 89,000 square feet. Of this amount, at present, 24,000 square feet in the average building is not rented and not rentable because there are no prospective tenants. It does not seem that there will be any real need for more office buildings. Many of these buildings have been erected to avoid payment of income taxes.

Illness of the League of Nations

AN EDITORIAL writer in the Chicago *Tribune*, referring to the illness of the League of Nations said: " 'Either the patient was struck by a railroad train or given a severe kick in the pants. I am not prepared at this moment to say which.' Later, at the hour of going to press, the League of Nations was reported sinking and an effort was being made to find its friends, but the dam* thing doesn't seem to have any."

*This word (often spelled d-a-m-n), readers are invited to note, was classified recently in a decision of the Supreme Court of New Jersey as 'a term of emphasis'.—*Ed.*

Reverend Andrew B. Eickhoff, Traffic Cop

REVEREND ANDREW B. EICKHOFF, Baltimore, has found work as a traffic cop. He looks real well in his uniform, and a study of his neckwear shows that he is clothed and in his right mind, like other men. It is hoped that he will enjoy his new and useful work and gradually forget the time when he was an Evangelical clergyman.

League Palace a Mile Long

THE League of Nations palace at Geneva, now building, is one mile long, and the largest parliament building in the world. It will be completed, if nothing happens, in 1935. A railroad line was moved so that quiet might prevail in the palace. If they had only known the facts they would not have needed to build the palace or to move the line, either one. The League is a man-made contrivance that the Scriptures show is sure to fail. The only great powers now left in the League are Britain, France and Italy.

The "Very Reverends" Are Coming Around

THE "very reverends" are coming around. Or, at any rate, they seem to be. Thus the Very Reverend Milo Hudson Gates, dean of the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral of St. John the Divine, has commended the use of the rosary by Protestants. We understand that the use of beads was gotten up to help people that did not know how to count, and if the Very Reverend Milo has that kind of people in his congregation, and he thinks the beads will help them to thumb off just so many pater nosters or ave marias, then it seems that nobody should attempt to interfere.

British and Japanese Clash over Textiles

IN 1931, in India and Burma, Britain placed 551,500,000 yards of cotton and rayon goods; Japan, 551,890,000 yards. In the Straits Settlements Britain placed 39,070,000 yards; Japan, 85,780,000 yards. In Ceylon Britain placed 15,770,000 yards; Japan, 40,370,000 yards. In Kenya and Uganda Britain placed 5,670,000 yards; and Japan, 30,180,000. Now the British have raised a tariff wall shutting the Japanese out of these markets and the Japanese papers are openly talking of a war between the two countries as a not impossible outcome of the present situation.

Best Not to Be Too Boastful

AN ITEM from Port Morris, N. J., says briefly, "Reverend A. B. Fitz Gerald will preach tomorrow morning at the Methodist Episcopal church on 'Hallelujah, I'm a BUM'." It is best not to be too boastful. Men have been set to work for making statements like that.

The Radio Witness Work

CLEARWATER, Fla. "I am sorry I delayed renewing until now. However, Judge Rutherford's message received today at 10:00 a.m. sank deep in my heart and caused me to dig down for the old dollar bill enclosed herewith. Thank you to kindly keep me posted regarding the approaching storm, through *The Golden Age*. I trust we may be firmly anchored in God's love and mercy through Christ our King, as taught by our beloved Judge Rutherford, and that when the storm strikes we shall pass through into the Golden Age, there to live in peace for evermore." S. V. A.

Railroads Pull Over a Good One on North Dakota

THE NEW REPUBLIC tells of a clever scheme by which the railroads that run through North Dakota cut one-third off their taxes. They proposed five laws: No. 1, to cut 20 percent off the salaries of all county employees; No. 2, to cut 20 percent off the salaries of all state employees; Nos. 3 and 4 slashed other public expenditures; and No. 5 provided that all valuations should be cut 33⅓ percent for taxation purposes. The lawyers that framed the five bills cared nothing about the first four, and brought them forward only so that they could get the 33⅓-percent cut from the railway taxes. The plan worked.

Ambitious Plan to Change African Climate

A GERMAN engineer, Herman Sorgel, is seeking international support for a plan to change the African climate. This would be done by damming the straits of Gibraltar, flooding certain low portions of the Sahara desert, and the evaporation from the inland lakes thus formed would, it is calculated, produce rain clouds which would water a vast area. This plan, with the other tremendous scheme for building a dam across the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, and thus throwing the Arctic Current under the Gulf Stream, are probably the most prodigious and most valuable engineering projects ever contemplated.

Beggar Business in Spain

THE clergy business and the beggar business go hand in hand. Hitherto both of these ancient rackets have been worked to a finish in Spain; but Spain, having done away with the one, is now doing away with the other and concentrating all the beggars in camps where they can be under surveillance.

Floods from Subterranean Rivers

SUBTERRANEAN rivers bursting from their limestone channels caused disastrous floods in Croatia and Slovenia, volcanic parts of Serbia. In one place the waters burst through to a height of 100 feet, and in some other places the currents were so strong and deep that the direction of the flow of surface waters was reversed, much to the terror of the superstitious people.

Quebec Revival of Domestic Arts

THE province of Quebec is in the midst of a revival of domestic arts. It is estimated that 50,000 families have learned to subsist entirely on the produce of the farm. Home-made furniture, all-wool suits spun on handmade looms, leather articles made of home-tanned leather, and rugs and carpets dyed with more than 200 vegetable dyes, said to be of better quality and greater durability than the chemical dyes in general use, are some of the things that engage these families throughout the long Quebec winters.

Churches in Quebec Continue to Burn

WHILE the big church guns of the United States continue to try to get the people to return to the institutions in which they have lost confidence, some unknown person or persons in the province of Quebec seem to think the church buildings in that part of the world are unnecessarily numerous. Within the past twelve months six great church properties, all Roman Catholic, have been destroyed by fire. The aggregate loss is set at about $2,625,000, or about $440,000 per church. Probably some of the poor people feel that Christ ought to be able to get along with churches that cost less. It is notable that these fires seem to be planned by somebody. The last great property destroyed was at Valleyfield, where the fire started in one of the church spires. The only things saved were some vestments and a little piece of bread called "The Host".

Improvements in Bricks

GREAT improvements are reported in the coloring of bricks; they may now be had in every color of the rainbow; they may also be had electroplated and sprayed with metals.

Banks Cut Down Pay Rolls

IT IS no longer fashionable for banks that have only a thin paper shell between them and oblivion to pay out the bulk of what remains in salaries. The boast is made that in New York five national banks that had previously employed 379 persons and paid out $790,807 a year in wages found they could get along with only 197 persons and wages totaling $334,782. What becomes of the persons dismissed remains a puzzle not yet solved.

"Clergy Who Censor the Psalms"

UNDER the title "Clergy Who Censor the Psalms" the London *Daily Mail* gives the opinions of four eminent "doctors of divinity" that the following verses (Psalm 109:6-10) which manifestly refer to Judas and the "man of sin" are "quite clearly unchristian" and "obsolete". The very men that condemn these verses are the ones to whom they apply.

Those that are out regularly in the service work from door to door, witnessing to the patent fact that God's kingdom is the only possible hope of the world, find that their greatest enemies are the wicked and deceitful clergy; hence in quoting these verses we will quote the five verses that precede them and will say that we endorse them 100 percent. The verses follow:

"Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise; for the mouth of the wicked, and the mouth of the deceitful, are opened against me: they have spoken against me with a lying tongue. They compassed me about also with words of hatred; and fought against me without a cause. For my love they are my adversaries: but I give myself unto prayer. And they have rewarded me evil for good, and hatred for my love."

"Set thou a wicked man over him; and let Satan stand at his right hand. When he shall be judged, let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin. Let his days be few: and let another take his office. Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. Let his children be continually vagabonds, and beg: let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places."

Responsibility for World Tribulation

SINCE A.D. 1914 great sorrow, suffering, perplexity, and distress have been upon earth's peoples. In those countries claiming to form "Christendom" the people have especially suffered. Who is responsible for this tribulation upon the world?

The clergy of "Christendom" answer and inform their parishioners that it is the God of heaven that has brought this trouble upon them as an expression of His anger because the people have been negligent of their duties to the church organization of "Christendom". Since the vindication of Jehovah's name is the issue of supreme importance now, it is certain that God's enemy Satan does everything within his power to defame that holy name and to turn the people away from Jehovah God. If, also, the Bible shows "Christendom" to be in fact part of Satan's organization, the true and correct answer to our question could not be expected to proceed from the clergy of "Christendom". The clergy's answer is indeed wrong, and serves Satan's purpose to turn the people against Jehovah God. Many people hearing the false answer say: "If that is the kind of God we have I don't care to serve him."

Talk of tribulation now: wait till the battle of Armageddon! There is a wide distinction between the trouble that is today upon the world and the battle of Armageddon, which is the battle of the great day of God Almighty. (Revelation 16:14) Jehovah has had no part in the trouble that is now upon the world. When He does take action in that connection, it will be so emphatic that there will be no reason to doubt that it proceeds from Him and that He is responsible. All will then know that Jehovah is God and that He is taking action and that Jehovah is supreme. For this reason He caused His prophet Ezekiel to repeat the statement time and again: "And they shall know that I am Jehovah."—Ezekiel 6:10, *A.R.V.*

"God is love." That means He is unselfish in all His acts. His law denounces wickedness and commands the doing of what is right. Those who love Jehovah keep His commandments. The transgression of Jehovah's law is sin. Lucifer was the first transgressor. Jehovah did not appoint Satan the Devil to the high position of lord or "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4); He did appoint Lucifer to the exalted position of overlord of the world. It was after this that iniquity was made manifest in Lucifer. (Ezekiel 28:13-15) He rebelled against Jehovah and disputed the supremacy of Jehovah's authority, caused a host of angels to follow him in wickedness, and led man into sin and death. Such wrongful act has caused men to suffer the consequences naturally flowing from the transgression of God's law.

After the rebellion of Lucifer Jehovah gave Him the names Dragon, Serpent, Satan and Devil. Jehovah did not take away from him the rulership of the world, and for this there was a good reason. Satan boasted of ability to turn all mankind against Jehovah God. He arrogantly assumed to be equal to the Most High. (Isaiah 14:13, 14) He challenged Jehovah to put men on earth who would firmly stand against the wily and wicked influence of Satan and who would maintain their integrity toward Jehovah. Thereby was raised the issue of supremacy. It pleased Jehovah God to prove to all creation that Satan is a liar, and that Jehovah is just, true and righteous and is supreme and besides Him there is no other, and that His word is always true and right.—Job 2:1-7.

It was necessary to give Satan an opportunity to prove his boast and challenge in order that the issue might be clearly tried out and settled, and therefore Jehovah accepted the challenge and permitted Satan to do his worst. He appointed a period of time over which Satan was to be permitted to exercise his free hand without divine interference. The time must come when the question at issue must be settled, and, when it is settled, Satan's world (his organization) must end and Jehovah's name must be vindicated and exalted in the mind of every creature that lives. Such vindication will prove Jehovah to be always right and that everything good, including life and the blessings attending thereupon, proceeds from Jehovah God and none can have life eternal except from Jehovah.

All the suffering that has been upon the world is due to transgression, and particularly to the wickedness of Satan. The suffering of the people has resulted as a natural consequence of wrongdoing. Jehovah has no pleasure in the wicked. He is angry with the wicked at all times; but He awaits His own good time to act against the wicked, and when He does act it will be for the vindication of His own Word and name. (Psalms 5:4; 7:9-11; Zephaniah 3:8) The wicked plot against and oppress those who are diligent in their efforts to obey and serve Jeho-

vah. It is therefore wholly inconsistent to say that the sorrow and distress, suffering and oppression, that are now upon the human race, proceed from Jehovah in the exercise of His wrath.

The one responsible for the sorrow and suffering and distress upon the world to the present time is Satan. In addition to causing the people in general to suffer, Satan has caused his agents to defame the name of Jehovah by having them tell the people that Jehovah is bringing this trouble upon mankind.

The night of His last supper with His apostles Jesus told them that His Father Jehovah had covenanted with Him (Jesus) for the kingdom and that He was going away to receive the kingdom, and that He would return and receive His faithful followers unto himself. (Luke 22: 28-30; John 14:1-3) The exact day and hour of His return no man knew; no, not even the angels in heaven knew, nor the Lord Jesus himself. "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only." (Matthew 24:36) When Jesus reached heaven Jehovah said to Him: "Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Jehovah alone knew the time limit. Concerning this the apostle Paul wrote: "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."—Hebrews 10:12, 13.

The period of waiting ended in A.D. 1914. Jehovah then installed His King in office and sent Him forth to rule. (Psalm 2:6-8; 110:1, 2) Had Satan at that time voluntarily vacated his place as the god or overlord of the world, and disbanded his organization and surrendered to Christ Jesus' righteous reign, there would have been no trouble so far as the change of administration is concerned. For Satan to vacate thus, however, would have been an admission on his part that he had been wrong at all times. This he would not admit. Satan resisted the authority of Christ Jesus, and the result was that "there was war in heaven: Michael [heavenly title of Jesus] and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him."—Revelation 12:7-9.

Just how long that war lasted is not revealed, but it is certain that it resulted in the ousting of Satan from heaven, and never again can he appear there as of old.

Concerning the beginning of Jehovah's kingdom under Christ it is written: "Thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned. And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come." (Revelation 11:17, 18) Jehovah's "wrath" here mentioned is against the wicked Satan, who refused to vacate and to give way to Christ and who is therefore ousted for ever from heaven. Jehovah did not make the nations angry and cause them to go to war and kill each other; and this is further proved by the fact that their killing of each other is a violation of Jehovah's everlasting covenant concerning the shedding of blood. (Genesis 9:3-5) All the suffering and death resulting from the World War is properly chargeable to Satan.

The World War was not an expression of Jehovah's wrath against the nations and peoples of earth. The war in heaven between Christ Jesus and Satan was an expression of Jehovah's wrath, and the casting of Satan out of heaven as the result of that expressed wrath was the occasion for great rejoicing of all the heavenly host; as it is written: "And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them." (Revelation 12:10, 12) Jehovah acts for the vindication of His name. War between the nations of earth could in no way whatsoever vindicate Jehovah's name and hence is not due to Jehovah God.

Satan knew that Jehovah had installed Christ Jesus as King and that the period of waiting was at an end and that now the great question at issue must be fully determined. Satan knew that he had failed to cause all men to curse Jehovah as he had boasted his ability to do. He knew that there were many people on earth who claimed to be followers of Christ and some who sincerely followed Him and maintained their integrity toward God. Now his purpose was to destroy the nations of the world, and particularly those called "Christendom", rather than to see Jesus rule over them. For this reason Satan plunged the nations into the World

War, and for four years the slaughtering of millions continued and other millions died from disease and pestilences attending the war.

Satan incited his commercial element on earth to bring on the war for selfish reasons, that they might accomplish some gain. He overreached the political element and caused them to declare the war; and he used his sanctimonious, hypocritical clergymen of "Christendom" to give a sanctity to the war. This explains why the clergymen of warring nations, all claiming to be Christian, advocated that their people should engage in the destruction of others who called themselves Christians. Every part of the World War was devilish in the extreme.

In further proof that Satan is responsible for the tribulation upon the world beginning in 1914 and continuing since, it is written: "Woe to the inhabiters of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." (Revelation 12:12) This proclamation followed Satan's being cast out of heaven. "The inhabiters of the earth" means the rulers, while "the sea" represents the masses of the people whom Satan had already alienated from God, and particularly includes those who hold on to the organization called "organized Christianity" and which is a part of Satan's organization. Moved by envy and unrestrained wickedness Satan would destroy all of these rather than see them have a chance to know that Jehovah is God and to give their allegiance to Him. Hence it is 'Woe to them!'

The World War of 1914 was the beginning of sorrows which Jesus prophesied would come at the end of the world. "All these are the beginning of sorrows." (Matthew 24:8) The sorrows beginning upon the world in 1914 have not proceeded from Jehovah through Christ Jesus, but Satan has brought these sorrows upon mankind in his effort to drive them away from Jehovah and to accomplish the destruction of all those whom he cannot alienate from Jehovah. The year 1914 marked the beginning of sorrows, but not the end of them, by any means. Other sorrows quickly followed.

Suddenly the World War ended, in 1918, but neither Satan nor any of his worldly organization had anything to do with causing it to cease. The wholesale slaughter of human creatures stopped with the end of the World War, but the sorrows upon the world that had begun in 1914 continued. Since then the Devil, by and through his organization, has continued to harass the people in his endeavor to turn them against Jehovah. Jehovah God exercised His power and authority to stop the World War. The prophecy by Jesus, in Matthew 24, showed that Satan would plunge the nations into the war, and also shows that Jehovah would stop the war; and He did bring it to a sudden end in 1918.

Why should Jehovah stop the World War? The answer is found in these words of Jesus' prophecy, to wit: "And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." (Matthew 24:22, *R.V.*) A thing can be shortened by cutting a part out of the middle as well as by cropping off one or the other of its ends. Satan would never have stopped the World War, because his purpose was to destroy the human race. But that destruction would have brought no honor to Jehovah nor a vindication of His name. A work having to do with the vindication of Jehovah's name must be done before the end of the great tribulation which would result in the complete destruction of Satan's organization. Therefore, said Jesus: "For the elect's sake those days shall be shortened." It at once appears that Jehovah purposed to do something with the elect before the end of tribulation.

The elect company is made up of Christ Jesus and the members of "the body of Christ", all of whom maintain their integrity toward Jehovah, and all of whom Satan has sought to destroy. The fact that men have been taken out of the world and made a part of the elect and have maintained their integrity toward Jehovah disproves Satan's contention and is to that extent a vindication of God's name. The purpose of selecting this company of the elect is that the name of Jehovah may be made known before the final battle. In Acts 15:14 it is stated that in due course Jehovah proceeded to take out from the nations a "people for his name".

The "shortened" days of tribulation must occur while some of the elect are yet on the earth, for the reason that the witness work which they must do by the Lord's grace must be done on earth before the final end of Satan's organization. Therefore, in answering His disciples' questions Jesus also said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all

the world for a witness unto all nations: and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14) The gospel or good news to all lovers of righteousness is that Satan's rule has come to an end; that the kingdom of Jehovah, which will completely vindicate His name, is here; that Christ has been placed upon the throne as the great Ruler, and that all must know that Jehovah alone is the Almighty God over the whole earth. —Psalm 83:18.

It is well known that during the World War the witness work by the elect made no progress. Furthermore, not even the faithful followers of Christ Jesus then knew the real and essential purpose of God's kingdom. They did not even know the meaning of the name Jehovah, and they did not understand that the greatest thing is the vindication of Jehovah's name. It was in the year 1918 (A.D.) that Christ Jesus fulfilled Malachi's prophecy (3:1) concerning His coming to Jehovah's temple. It was after that time that Jesus judged those who were in the covenant with Jehovah. Hence the disturbed spiritual condition amongst those professing to be God's people. The approved ones Jesus promptly brought into the temple condition, and these were anointed by Jehovah with His spirit. To them now the words of 2 Corinthians 6:16 had application: "Ye are the temple of the living God." Then followed the enlightenment that enabled these faithful and anointed ones to see that the real purpose of God's kingdom is the vindication of Jehovah's name.

Why Jehovah had permitted wickedness in the earth was never understood by men on earth until after the coming of Christ Jesus to the temple. From then on the great issue or question for determination was made known to the temple class, and they understood that Jehovah's name means or has reference to His purposes toward His creatures. His purpose is to prove that He can put creatures on earth that will maintain their integrity toward Him and that He is the Supreme One from whom all blessings flow. Jehovah anointed the temple class and gave to them a new name, "Jehovah's witnesses," and made them His witnesses in the earth.—Isaiah 62:1, 2; 65:15; Revelation 2:17.

In order to maintain their integrity toward Jehovah these witnesses, otherwise called "the remnant" (Revelation 12:17), must now go forth and bear testimony to the rulers of the earth and to the people that Jehovah is God, and that His kingdom is at hand, and that the Kingdom is the remedy for suffering humankind. This is therefore the most important message that was ever delivered on earth, because its declaration relates to the vindication of Jehovah's name. Jehovah shortened the great tribulation beginning in A.D. 1914 and did so for the elect's sake; and the clear inference is that when the elect have finished the work assigned to them by Jehovah there will be much tribulation.

The great battle of the day of God Almighty has not yet begun, but it is near at hand, as all the evidence shows. To charge Jehovah with responsibility for the ills that now afflict the world is a gross defamation of His holy name. Jehovah is right and righteous at all times, and all His works are done in righteousness. The great battle of the day of God Almighty will be the worst tribulation that will ever have afflicted the world and it will be the result of the execution of Jehovah's righteous judgment. A brief description by His prophet Jeremiah (chapter 25) discloses that there will not be many persons left alive on the earth. That the great battle is yet future is clearly shown, both by the Scriptures and by the facts. While the Scriptures disclose that the battle of the great day of God Almighty will affect the entire earth, they also show that the greatest slaughter will be in the land known as "Christendom". Satan has wickedly named a part of his organization as "Christian", and for the hypocrisy practiced by all involved therein adequate recompense will be paid by the Lord God.

Satan's organization has not only oppressed the poor people of earth, but made murderous assaults upon Jehovah's witnesses in an attempt to destroy them. Every one of the anointed would have been destroyed ere now except for the protection furnished by Jehovah. Particularly the clergy and the 'principal ones of their flocks' (Jeremiah 25:34-36) have mocked and continue to mock at Jehovah and to maltreat His witnesses. Jehovah by His prophet (Isaiah 28:21, 22) says: "For the LORD shall rise up as in mount Perazim [2 Samuel 5:17-21], he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon [Joshua 10:6-14], that he may do his work, his strange work; and bring to pass his act, his strange act. Now, therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong: for I have heard from

the Lord God of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth."

The apostle Paul, referring to and quoting from the above prophecy, wrote: "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." (Romans 9:28) Satan began the tribulation in 1914, and Jehovah stopped the wholesale slaughter in 1918 and thus shortened the days of tribulation for His own purposes. The tribulation was begun by Satan and carried on in unrighteousness; but soon Jehovah will take an active part therein, by the hand of Christ Jesus, and will "cut it short in righteousness". That part begun by Jehovah will be the battle of the great day of God Almighty, which is sometimes called "the battle of Armageddon" because Revelation 16:13-16 describes the battle as taking place at Armageddon.

That will be the worst tribulation that will ever have afflicted the world, and it will be the last, for the reason that the Wicked One and his organization will be done for and shall arise no more for ever.—Nahum 1:9.

Every creature now hearing Jehovah's truth must take his stand either on the side of Satan or on the side of Jehovah. Therefore the people of good will should now be encouraged to tell their neighbors about God's kingdom. The issue of supremacy long ago raised by the rebellious and wicked one must shortly be settled. Jehovah's King Christ Jesus will destroy Satan's organization, and that glorious kingdom will be for ever a vindication of Jehovah's name.

The Gardens of the Blind

(From the London *News Chronicle*)

RECENTLY the National Institute for the Blind in London issued a little booklet which tells how blind men and women love their gardens as passionately as the poet who sang:

"A garden is a lovesome spot
God wot . . . . . ."

The blind authors of the various sections have a wonderful knowledge of their subject; for they have powers of observation far greater than those of the horticulturist who sees.

When a dispute arose concerning the "identification of a species of flower, a botanist who had his sight named it incorrectly. The problem was settled by a blind man, who detected the slight difference by thrusting his tongue into the corolla.

Sound plays an important part in the blind man's garden. In watering, for example, the position of a tree can be located by first directing the nozzle of the hose upon the leaves and listening for the patter of the spray. When a lateral movement plays the jet against the stem, a spitting sound is produced and the hose can then be lowered to the foot of the tree and left to do its work.

His sense of touch is a great help to the blind gardener. He can feel the weeds. The poppy is identified by its pendulous buds, and the plantain by the harsh texture of its leaves in the form of rosettes pressed close to the ground. Dandelions, buttercups, daisies, groundsel, chickweed and docks are not so readily recognizable, but each has characteristics known to the blind gardener. Thistles can be relied on to introduce themselves, and the same may be said of stinging nettles.

It is indeed good to realize that the blind can so wonderfully enter into the joys of gardening and that the loss of sight is to some extent compensated for by the quickening of the senses of touch and hearing. It will be still more wonderful, however, when there are no more blind eyes nor deaf ears, but when all, with full hearts, may look from Nature up to Nature's God and gladly enter into the heritage prepared for them.

The Radio Witness Work

BILLINGS, Mont. "I just heard over the radio that you would send free tracts on the Bible, and what is taking place and will take place. I would be glad if you would send them to me. I have been able to get *The Kingdom the Hope of the World* and *Creation*, and do enjoy them so. I do not understand how I have lived this long without hearing or heeding the message they give so clearly. Please send the free information to other addresses enclosed, so that they may hear the message too." R. W. B.

Preparation for Fasting *By Dr. La June Foster (California)*

THE seven steps that are given for breaking a fast should be preceded by a careful program of building the body up to a point where the system of the patient can stand the reactions of the eliminative procedure of fasting. In order to do this the patient must gradually change his habits from eating heavily to eating very moderately, so that the system will not go through too great a reaction and will be able to build even as it cleanses.

A good way to start this program is to reverse the steps given in the article "Breaking a Fast" (the steps that follow). Use Step 7 first, which means eating three balanced meals a day: a *fruit* meal, a *starch* meal, and a *protein* meal. One may follow this step for as long as one desires; but a week usually suffices to get the system prepared for the next step, which in this article is Step 6. Step 6 consists of the elimination of *starches* for the luncheon period, using instead raw vegetable salads and possible addition of protein, unless protein is used for the evening meal.

Step 5 is the elimination of *meat* proteins, using only such proteins as clabber milk, cottage cheese, buttermilk, milk, etc., some avocado and cream. Also included in this step after the first two days is the elimination of *cooked* vegetables. The diet at this stage consists of only *raw* vegetables and *raw* fruits.

Step 4 consists of elimination of the raw *vegetables,* using only raw *fruits.* One kind of fruit in a day, preferably, and in some cases the use of different fruits for each meal, may be permitted. May add protein.

Step 3 is the use of only *raw fruits,* one kind in a day.

Step 2 is variable with different types of patients. There are a few people who cannot use milk, as in certain forms of liver trouble, gallbladder trouble, etc., and should use buttermilk instead. Step 1 is the *acid fruit juice.* This preparatory program can be used for three weeks.

Calendar for Jehovah's witnesses

EVERYONE needs a calendar in the home, but there is only one calendar that will really be an aid to those who participate in the work carried on by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society. Everyone who is interested in the spreading of the Kingdom message should have the Society's calendar for 1934, which is very beautiful. The year's text is magnificently portrayed in a beautiful, colored picture, which is mounted on card board. A letter also appears under the picture, written by the president of the Society. The Calendar pad is unique, because the dates of special importance to Jehovah's witnesses are set out in different color of type. Special testimony periods or other dates of importance are marked so as to remind one that there is a special work to be done at certain periods of the year. You will want one of these calendars in your home. These will be ready about December 1, and will be mailed to anyone at 25c each, or in lots of 5 or more to one address, at 20c each. Use the coupon below.

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Argentina—Land of Promise

WE TREATED this subject in full in No. 333, and so merely touch here a few items which have come to notice during the past year.

By now you have all heard about North America's famous financiers, the kind that charge you three times what Canada does for electric current, and lend your savings to South Americans —push it on them in fact. Now the latter are sorry they borrowed. The interest charges consume one-third of all Argentina's annual revenue, and she hates her Yankee creditors.

Buenos Aires, sixth city of the world as regards population, and largest city of any kind south of the equator, has the only subway system in the Southern Hemisphere. Its streets and boulevards are among the broadest, the longest and the finest in the world, and its shops are unsurpassed. The population of Argentina is almost entirely white.

It is generally agreed that the thing which has made Argentina the most progressive country in South America is the influence of one man, Sarmiento, born in the little town of San Juan, in 1811. Sarmiento had unlimited thirst for education, and unlimited ambition that others might have the same. As a direct result of his influence Argentina has today the best school system in Latin America. Her teachers are better paid than even in the United States. (!) In marked contrast with the United States the schools of Argentina are under the direct control of the government. They have had the effect of turning the people in the direction of Socialism, with the consequent restlessness of labor, and the spread of cooperation.

When Argentina has a strike, everything is tied up tight. In the early part of 1919, when the dock workers' strike was on, not a ship entered the port of Buenos Aires in three months. The temper of the Argentinians is shown in their independent withdrawal from the League of Nations, because of their belief that the present League is dominated by questions arising out of the World War and is not impartial in its handling of world problems.

"Religion" has lost out in Argentina. The thoughtful and intelligent have turned away from the Roman Catholic church to agnosticism. What that "church" has been doing for four hundred years may be gathered from the fact that a prominent journal of Buenos Aires began printing quotations from the Bible, without giving the source, and subscribers wrote in wanting to know the source from which came the illuminating and helpful ideas.

Argentina is probably the only land in which horses have been cheap enough and distances were great enough that, in a former generation, "beggars did ride" literally. Religious bums went around asking for alms in the name of some "saint" or else to help out the "mother of god", or his grandmother, Saint Anne, or some other impecunious relative. How the money ever got from the bum to Mary or Anne was never made clear.

There is still a touch of the America of a generation ago in the Gauchos of the western Argentinian plains. A. H. Tschiffely, a Swiss, recently completed a 2½-year horseback ride from Buenos Aires to Washington. He is a teacher of languages, out for a long vacation.

Sheep breeders in the San Julian area of the Argentine recently slaughtered and burned the carcasses of 60,000 sheep for want of a market.

Uruguay—"The Purple Land"

That little triangular-shaped country down in the southeastern corner of South America, so small that you can hardly see it, is just a little larger than the combined states of New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

It is called "The Purple Land" because the *flor morada,* the most conspicuous among flow-

ers, carpets the rich undulating plains everywhere with glowing bands and patches of richest purple. Go where one will, one finds massed banks of this blazing flower growing in such profusion that they extinguish all competitors.

Uruguay is about one-third Protestant. It is now paying much attention to education. State pupils at the normal schools receive pensions of $15 a month as a contribution in assisting them to meet their expenses. In hot weather the municipal council of Montevideo forbids city employees to work more than six hours per day. No one is permitted to work more than forty-eight hours per week. Old age pensions are in effect.

Montevideo (Mountain View) is one of the chief seaports of South America, and one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities. Nearly every language is spoken in its streets. The export trade of Uruguay in 1930 was $97,340,955. The climate is ideal, and healthy. The population, almost entirely white, is 2,036,884. British interests predominate.

The United States of Brazil

Brazil is larger than the whole United States of North America, and is almost as large as the whole of Europe, including Russia. It occupies a full half of the South American continent. It borders on every country of South America except Chile.

The population is estimated at 41,079,000. About one-third of the population is white. Settlements are confined chiefly to a fringe along the Atlantic coast. To adequately colonize Brazil, subdue it, and put it under high cultivation, would require more people than are now living in the whole world, and what they could then produce would feed several times that number.

Near Rio de Janeiro are mountains 10,340 feet high. Yet Brazil in general is best described as the huge basin of the Amazon, regarding which river see Part 1 of this article, published in *Golden Age* No. 368. In this issue we can hope to touch but a few items of interest in connection with this greatest of the question marks awaiting mankind in the new world.

Brazil is the coffee center of the world. The total exports of products of all kinds in the year 1929 were $456,723,000. The mineral wealth is vast but undeveloped. There are 40,000 miles of navigable waterways. There are 378 important waterfalls, numbering among them the Iguazu, one of the natural wonders of the world.

The two largest states in Brazil, namely Amazonas and Matto Grosso, are—how large would you say? They are as large as California, Texas, and all that part of the United States east of the Mississippi river put together, have the finest alluvial soil, and their present combined population is less than that of Rhode Island, the smallest state in the North American Union.

And then there is the state of Goyaz, within the confines of which the Brazilians have marked off a federal district of 5,500 square miles within which they hope sometime to have their capital. How large is Goyaz? Oh, a mere matter of 288,536 square miles; only a little larger than Texas. The capital would be at 8,000 feet above sea level.

Harvesting Brazil Nuts

Para; that is another big state, 443,789 square miles, as large as all of the United States east of the Mississippi river. From Para we get the Brazil nuts, or 'nigger toes', or Para nuts, as they are sometimes called. The tree on which Brazil nuts grow is a large, straight tree that rises to a height of a hundred feet before branching. The nuts are of the size of a person's head, weigh several pounds each, and, when ripe, fall with tremendous force, sufficient to kill. Each nut contains eighteen to twenty-four of the three-sided, wrinkled kernels known to the market. They are fitted in by nature with such art that, once disturbed, the skill of man cannot replace them. Indians wait until not a breath of air is stirring, when they gather the nuts, break them open, and bring the kernels down stream to market. They do not dare venture under the trees if a breeze is blowing, as it is likely to dislodge the nuts and bring them down upon their heads. These nuts supply the finest watchmakers' oil. They are highly esteemed as a preventive of constipation and bowel disorders.

Three other states, Bahia, Maranhao and Minas Geraes, are each larger than California. And four other states, Parana, Piauhy, Rio Grande do Sul and Sao Paulo, are each the size of Colorado. In the state of Rio Grande do Sul there are more than 200,000 Germans, and considerably more than that number of Italians. The state of Sao Paulo is the coffee center of the world. Eighty-five percent of the world's coffee comes from Brazil; 65 percent of it from the one state of Sao Paulo.

Brazil is a producer of rubber, cotton, sugar, dye woods, and other products too numerous to mention. The soil is so rich that plowing is not done; the only agricultural instrument used is the hoe. Corn is planted by making holes in the ground with a sharp stick and dropping the seed into the holes, but, although there is no cultivation of the soil, crops of 25 to 40 bushels to the acre are not uncommon.

In the Amazon Valley

Of the 55 largest rivers in the world thirty-three are wholly or largely in Brazil. Not only is the Amazon the largest river in the world, but it drains an area wider than the Mississippi, Missouri, Danube and Nile combined. Seventeen of its tributaries are from 1,000 to 2,300 miles in length. Its shores are lined with impenetrable primeval forests thronged with monkeys, parrots, sloths, boa constrictors, anacondas and pumas. Its waters teem with turtles, crocodiles, waterfowl, tapirs, and fishes of at least 1,163 varieties. Half a hundred steamers suffice at present for carrying a trade that will some day fill the river with craft. Sunstroke is unknown in the Amazon valley.

The Amazon region has its animal terrors. Scientists have measured anacondas up to thirty feet long, but frontier settlers claim that they grow to be sixty feet and that a full-grown one can lasso itself around a man on horseback and swallow him at one gulp. Hanging motionless from a tree, an anaconda can knock senseless any creature that comes within reach.

The Sao Paulo state government maintains a snake farm, where serums to cure snake bites are prepared and distributed. It is said that the average arrivals of snakes at this farm, from all parts of Brazil, are five hundred a day.

A writer in the New York *Times* says:

In some of the rivers are the strange piranha, a flesh-eating fish which becomes ravenous when it tastes blood. A wounded animal in the water is quickly stripped to the bone. Plagues of insects in some parts of the Amazon country drive an unprotected person to the verge of madness. Bloodsuckers mingle with others that cause deadly fevers. There are wild bees, hornets, tarantulas, ants almost as big as a man's thumb, ticks, and ground spiders with a leg spread large enough to cover a soup plate.

But the thing most of all to be dreaded in the Amazon region is the growth of vegetation. Railroads can hardly be kept open. In a little while an idle locomotive had a tree growing out of its smokestack. The plant life overpowers everything. Only billions of industrious and determined men and women will ever subjugate the valley of the Amazon; but it will be done.

Brazil was at one time the leading diamond country of the world. Iron ore is found in great quantities in several of the states. Coal is of poor quality, but not much needed in a land of such abundant potential water power.

One of the projects commanding attention of capitalists is a plan to impound the waters of several rivers in the vicinity of Sao Paulo and Santos and to force them to flow backward over a mountain barrier and plunge 2,500 feet down to the sea.

The Constitution and the People

The constitution of Brazil is the same as that of the United States of America, but in actual practice the component states exercise more of their state rights, and occasionally ignore and sometimes defy the federal laws. The senate, not the president, is the controlling factor in the government. Road committees in the more thickly settled parts of Brazil are now cooperating with the government in putting a network of automobile roads over the farm sections.

The present civilization of Brazil, especially in Sao Paulo, is highly tinctured with the characteristics and standards of three hundred high-class Portuguese families which the old king of Portugal brought with him to this new land, and of which ancestry the gentleman Brazilian is especially proud. The visitor will be told repeatedly that Brazil, unlike certain other South American republics, was not settled by a lot of adventurers, but that she was favored in having the best blood of Portugal transferred bodily to this country as a foundation of her institutions and civilization.

The old families of Brazil are said to be very exclusive, and one is told it is very difficult for a foreigner to gain access to their homes, and that they live among themselves, intermarry, and form almost a feudal-like society. The son of one of the old Brazilian families married the daughter of an Italian multimillionaire. The young man paid for his independence of spirit by being practically ostracized from his family, his club, and from all social life in Sao Paulo.

History tells us that the Brazilian women of Sao Paulo, in early colonial days, when their husbands returned home after a crushing defeat at the hands of the Indians, scornfully rebuked the vanquished warriors with the com-

mand, "Go back and conquer; it is only as victors that we will receive you."

The people of Brazil in general, however, are an unusual people engaged in an unusual experiment. A general fusion of whites, Negroes and Indians is in progress. No color line is drawn, absolutely none, in business, government or socially, with the result that a new race is coming into existence. These people are sober, quiet and serious. They are not drinkers. If it were not for the whites there would not be a bar-room in the country. Most Brazilians think of Americans as a wild, fighting, cursing, illiterate, drunken people; and for this they cannot be blamed.

Brazil is such a large country that it has many distinctly different tribes of Indians. Some of these are much more debased than the North American Indians (one tribe of black dwarfs lives in holes covered over with leaves and sticks); but an explorer, J. G. Culbertson, says of one of the tribes which he visited, the Machigina, that "the South American interior is today the safest place I know; safer than any of our cities. The people are the most honest people I have found in the world. Nowhere in the world is a woman so respected as among these people, and the only danger to the explorers comes through disrespect of the native women".

Another explorer, Geo. R. White, in the *South American Messenger* says: "With one honorable exception, all the Roman Catholic priests with whom I came in contact during my journey were immoral, drunken and ignorant; every mission which they had started had utterly failed to accomplish the Christianizing of the Indians, and the tribes who have come under priestly care are decidedly inferior in morals, industry and order to the tribes who refuse to have any intercourse whatever with the whites."

Brazil was originally called the country of brazilwood by that ubiquitous gentleman, Amerigo Vespucci, who had such a remarkable faculty of naming things and having the names stick. Amerigo thought that the country would be famous for supplying a dye needed in Europe. But Brazil has done more than furnish dyes for man's exterior adornment. Think of the coffee with which she has decorated his insides.

The Greatest Storehouse and Its Capital

The world's greatest storehouse of materials is in Brazil. Thus far civilization has done little more than stand upon the threshold and gaze upon a land which will sometime house billions of people, literally. Here is a land larger than the combined area of the United States of America and a goodly portion of western Europe thrown in, traversed from end to end with the greatest system of navigable rivers on the planet, a soil that will produce anything, and a good foundation already laid for the country's development, which will now take place rapidly. Even now its capital and chief city, Rio de Janeiro, with its million population, claims to be the world's most beautiful city, and there seems to be no doubt that in its natural setting the claim is well made.

Brazil has been somewhat delayed in development because its people have felt that Europeans and North Americans could not be trusted, and they have therefore neglected to seek and to use the capital which is needed and is available. They wish to have their country developed, but do not care to see its profits carried elsewhere. They do not wish to see the Brazilian people work for low wages in order that great financiers in Europe and America may have more than heart can wish. They prefer to wait a little and have their own people reap the rewards which are sure to come.

The national capital, Rio de Janeiro, is confidently claimed to have the most beautiful driveways in the world. One of these skirts the shore for miles. On the one side are broad mosaic walks; on the other the waves rushing and roaring and breaking on snow-white sands; in the center are parkways filled with tropical palms and flowers. At the end of the driveway is Sugarloaf Mountain, access to the top of which is gained by an electric basket cable car for twenty passengers. The view from the top is magnificent. At another point Mt. Corcovado, 2,200 feet high, is ascended by a cog railway; and the view is unsurpassed.

Rio de Janeiro's water supply and sanitation are strictly up to date, and there is an almost total absence of flies and mosquitoes, so much so that no screens are used. The hot months are December, January and February. Winter comes in June, July and August.

The shopping center of Rio de Janeiro, the Rua Ovidor, is unlike any other shopping district in the Western world or perhaps on the globe. The street is barely 25 feet wide, but no wheel traffic of any kind is permitted, and

the street proper is paved with glazed tiling, as well as the sidewalks.

The shops have no front walls, but open out directly on the street, and it is confidently claimed that there is nothing anywhere in the world that money can buy that is not to be found in those shops. Moreover, it is characteristic of all shops in Brazil, even in the smallest towns, that the polishing cloth is in constant use, so that the glass is unspecked and the woodwork at all times is absolutely dustless. A writer says:

"It is difficult to explain the seductive charm of Rio de Janeiro. Certain places hold one by a sense of remoteness, others by the spell of natural beauty. Rio is one of these cities which combine the old and the new, in such an atmosphere of tropical splendor and color as to make an unforgettable impression. It is an example of the tropic-clad statuary of nature at her best. I know of no city in the world that is more engaging than Rio, with its one million of inhabitants, resting peacefully in bright sunlight on the ankles of her great hills. There is something quieting and beautifully magic about the sea in Rio bay. Outside of imagination, there is naught elsewhere that approaches its charm, and he who stays long enough to really experience it is like one who dreams. The sea here is of the same color as the soft chiffon-like mist of gray that veils continuously the surrounding hills. It is probably the utter harmony to the eye that comforts one here and induces repose, or it may be the 'always-afternoon' softness of the air that breathes about one a quiet peace."

Said the Plowman to His Mule *(Selected)*

BILL, you are a mule, the son of a jackass, and I am a man made in the image of God. Yet, here we work, hitched up together, year in and year out. I often wonder if you work for me or if I work for you. Verily, I think it a partnership between a mule and a fool, for surely I work as hard as you, if not harder. Plowing or cultivating we cover the same distance, but you do it on four legs and I on two. I, therefore, do twice as much work per leg as you do.

Soon we'll be preparing for a corn crop. When the crop is harvested I give one-third to the landlord for being so kind as to let me use this small speck of God's universe. One-third goes to you, and the balance is mine. You consume all of your portion with the exception of the cobs, while I divide mine among seven children, six hens, two ducks and a banker. If we both need shoes, you get 'em. Bill, you are getting the best of me, and I ask you, is it fair for a mule, a son of a jackass, to swindle a man—a lord of creation—out of his substance?

Why, you only help to plow and cultivate the ground, and I alone must cut, shock and husk the corn, while you look over the pasture fence and heehaw at me.

All fall and most of the family, from Granny to the baby, picks cotton to help raise money to pay taxes and buy a new harness and pay the interest on the mortgage on you. And what do you care about the mortgage? Not a damn! You ornery cuss, I even have to do the worrying about the mortgage on your tough, ungrateful hide.

About the only time I am your better is on election day, for I can vote and you can't. And after election I realize that I was fully as great a jackass as your papa. Verily, I am prone to wonder if politics were made for men or jackasses of men.

Tell me, Willyum, considering these things, how can you keep a straight face and look so dumb and solemn?

Watson Experiments on Dogs

IT SEEMS that Dr. A. B. Watson, A.M., M.D., hoisted 141 dogs to the ceiling, and dropped them upon their backs upon iron bars in such manner as to produce concussion of the spine. When the results of these experiments were published under the title "An Experimental Study of Lesions Arising from Severe Concussions", the British Medical Journal said of the whole thing: "The present pamphlet calls for our strongest reprobation, as a record of the most wanton and stupidest cruelty we have ever seen chronicled under the guise of scientific experiments. Apart from the utterly useless nature of the observations as far as regards human surgery or pathology, there is a callous indifference shown in the description of the sufferings of the poor brutes which is positively revolting. We cannot but feel ashamed of the work as undertaken by a member of our profession."

The Curse of Interest *By Dr. Hugo R. Fack (Texas)*

SIX percent interest means that every hundred dollars of capital doubles itself every sixteen years; and computed at compound interest, in twelve years. A higher rate of interest, 7 or 8 percent, does it in even much shorter time.

Since nothing is produced without payment of interest on the money-capital invested, all products contain a large interest ingredient in their prices. For bread and for clothing, for housing and for coffins, we have to pay interest.

All houses, factories, bridges, structures of all kinds, pavements, etc., are capitalized, i.e., rendered interest-exacting. Thus the whole of accumulated national wealth functions as a *debt,* requiring interest payment to those that own it. Four hundred billions of dollars of national wealth require, at 6 percent interest, 24 billions of dollars. That is about 40 percent of the proceeds of production of the whole nation. Thus about 40 percent is taken away from producers for interest payment to the owners of the wealth.

Consider! The gigantic wealth of the nation is handed over the counter in form of interest every twelve to sixteen years to those who own the wealth. Four times in a life time, while the producing masses never get it once during their lives. No wonder that, according to statistics compiled during "prosperous" times, 87 percent of the nation possess practically nothing, 10 percent of them a meager 3 percent of the wealth, and the remaining 3 percent of the nation, 97 percent of the so-called "national" wealth. Such was distribution during "prosperous" times in this land of opportunity, in this land of the free. Similar or even worse are the conditions in other nations. They all belong to the brotherhood of poverty.

Money-capital serves only on condition of safe and adequate interest. At the gateway of all production and distribution stands the toll house of usury. No money-capital is available for building a house unless the house can bring the same rate of interest as money.

However, the capacity of commodities, of houses, plants, ships, etc., to exact interest is decreased by continued production of such real capital. The more houses built, the lower the yield. Therefore money-capital always withdraws from production when continued production endangers its power to exact interest tribute. Panic sets in, initiating the general business depression. The decreased demand held by money for all the multifarious products necessary for the construction of real capital makes a so-called "overproduction" appear. Prices begin to fall, leading to disruption of business and trade, to increased unemployment and to general economic and cultural misery. At the same time money gains in value according to the fall of prices. Only when production has been so diminished as to correspond to the little demand held by money, and "surplus production" been consumed, are conditions for interest exaction restored and economic life is again allowed to start on the upward trend, but only to end in the same economic catastrophe.

Thus interest stands in the way of human wants and thwarts their satisfaction. Human action is deflected from the satisfaction of want or desire to the payment of interest. No interest, no money; no money, no production; no production, no employment; no employment, misery, deprivation in a thousand forms, hunger, crime and despair. Such is the answer of present-day money to human diligence and will to create.

Therefore the one great need of our time is the replacement of present-day money, refusing to serve when the interest begins to sink, by a money serving relentlessly regardless of the sinking and finally disappearing interest rate through increasing wealth. The volume of such continually active money to be so regulated by a Federal Currency Board as to maintain the general price level by which money's true standard as an economic measure of value is assured, which is impossible to accomplish with the hoardable present-day money.

Money rules the world. Money is the real ruler behind capitalistic and communistic governments, behind republics and monarchies, behind democracies and dictatorships.

Man created money, not to rule, but to serve. Money should be solely a medium of exchange for man's multifarious products and services in this economic order based on division of labor.

Products and services represent the side of supply on the market. On account of the perishable nature of products, and of the cost of upkeep, storage fees, changes of fashion, new inventions, etc., they are presented for exchange with the least delay possible. And man himself would starve to death, in case he had nothing to sell, did he not offer his services. Thus the

supply, products and services, stands under the inherent urge for exchange.

However, *demand,* represented by *money* in this economic order, does not stand under such inherent compulsion. Only about 20 percent of all the money issued is directly used to satisfy immediate vital human wants. The remaining 80 percent can be withheld or hoarded without loss to the holder, because money costs nothing to store.

When prices and wages have fallen because of money's withdrawal from the market, thus reducing the purchasing power of the masses; when values have been shattered, savings consumed or lost in the resultant business and bank failures; when the possessions of the debtor class have been shifted over to the creditor class; when bankruptcies have done their havoc all over the country; then the conditions for "rentability" become gradually restored: prices fall no more. Then money-capital knows that a new period of harvesting is about to start, and that the sooner it comes out of its hiding places the more favorable its terms for investment, the bigger the profits in the new boom period.

And, after all, money-capital did not fare badly whilst in hiding. It increased in value 30, 40, 50 percent, and was thus amply compensated for loss of interest. And what a harvest money garnered during the depression! But now the harvesting goes in the other direction. The arrest in the price fall is the signal of the turn of the tide. Money comes out and forces prices to rise. This accelerates circulation and exchange, and produces a period of prosperity lasting until the continued production of real wealth again menaces interest rates. Then money again goes on strike. Panic and depression set in. This is followed by another period of production, but of shorter duration. The increasing output capacity of modern machinery completes the business cycle of boom and depression in less and less time.

It is the strike of money that throws the nation into economic depression, into social and cultural turmoil and disintegration. The money strike is the one and universal cause of all economic crises of the past and present. Idle money creates idle men. Set money to work and man will be allowed to work.

Therefore the circulation of money is a matter of life and death for all nations. But as all efforts to talking money into circulation have been fruitless, money must be put under inherent compulsion to circulate. This will deprive it of its pernicious power to interrupt service and drag industry and trade down from one crisis to another.

Let us therefore impose on money such a hoarding penalty as will compel it to circulate unconditionally, just as the railroads penalize with a demurrage fee those who delay freight car traffic. Money is but a carrier of goods and services. The hoarding and withholding of money should therefore be heavily fined.

To keep money in regular circulation, an antihoarding tax should be levied. The holders of money bills should be required to place stamps at regular intervals in specially provided spaces. The antihoarding tax should be heavy enough to absorb the interest rate. A 12-percent antihoarding tax annually, for example, would require a one-percent stamp monthly, or a ½-percent stamp semimonthly.

Such money will create active demand up to its full amount. The volume of such money issued will represent effective demand on the market. Increased issue will mean increased demand. Decreased issue will mean decreased demand. Therefore, by regulation of the money issue the ratio between supply and demand can be maintained and the general price level stabilized. The value of money is then safeguarded for all times. Money agreements can never again be falsified by a fluctuating money "value". Deflations and panics will belong to the past. The relentless circulation of money, and its volume regulation, will create a permanent period of prosperity.

Nobody will be able to hoard such service money. Self-interest will impel everybody to dispose of it as soon as possible. Everyone will accelerate his purchases or pay his obligations, or invest his spare in credit accounts of all kinds. The last unemployed man will be called from the street, and production will go on without interruption as long as man has unsatisfied desires for material necessities, for comforts, refinement and beauty. There is no need for technocracy. The more machines, the better for man. There will be shortage of labor instead of shortage of jobs. Production will unfold to an extent the world has never seen before, and the increase of wealth will drown the interest rate. Working incomes will increase many times, savings multiply ten- or twentyfold.

"The Truth About Tobacco"

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UNDER the above title the Macfadden Publications, Inc., of New York city published a book of 183 pages by the health expert Bernarr Macfadden, which is bristling with facts that all should know regarding the tobacco habit. Some of these facts are concealed from the public, because so many physicians use tobacco themselves, and because there are men whose constitutions are so strong that they can be subjected to almost any abuse. Additionally, there is a great difference between the mild injuries wrought by merely passing smoke through the buccal and nasal cavities and the serious injuries caused by inhaling the smoke into the lungs. We select some items.

The *National Dispensatory* is a volume which is in constant use by physicians and druggists. It contains the sum of their knowledge as to the effects of various drugs upon the human system. In its fifth edition, page 1576, it has the following to say regarding tobacco and nicotine:

"The cases of serious illness produced by the emanations of tobacco, and by its application to the unbroken skin, are innumerable, and many instances of fatal poisoning by tobacco are recorded; some of them being due to its having been swallowed purposely or accidentally, some to its use medicinally in an enema, and some to its application to eruptions on the skin. Nicotine stands next to prussic acid in the rapidity and energy of its poisonous action."

The comparison of nicotine with prussic acid is good. One drop of prussic acid placed on the tongue of a human kills like a stroke of lightning. One drop of nicotine on the unbroken skin of a rabbit has caused its death. If injected hypodermically, there is sufficient nicotine in a single cigarette to cause the death of a human that has never used tobacco.

Nicotine is not the only evil thing in tobacco. When the tobacco is burned, seventy percent of the nicotine is turned into pyridin and collidin; the remaining thirty percent of nicotine is inhaled. Pyridin is so poisonous that it is one of the agents used for denaturing alcohol; that is, it is used for making the deadly alcohol even less fit for drink than it ordinarily would be.

How It Ruins the Blood

When tobacco is burned another of the poisons which is produced is carbon monoxide. In discussing the effect of this poison upon the blood, Dr. D. H. Kress says that it is almost as deadly as nicotine, being the poison found in marsh and illuminating gas. He then proceeds to show that tobacco smokers are committing slow suicide, whether they know it or not, when he says of carbon monoxide:

"Many of the suicides committed in America are due to this poison. It is quite common to read of the gas jet being turned on at night before retiring. Death in these cases is due to asphyxiation from carbon monoxide. The blood naturally takes up all poisons conveyed to it by inhalation. Most of the gases present in the air are fortunately given off by the blood about as readily as they are taken on. With carbon monoxide it is quite different. It enters into, or forms a staple or fixed compound with the hemoglobin or coloring matter of the red blood cells. The blood readily takes it up, but lacks the ability to give it off. It accumulates and ultimately destroys the red blood cells and the function of the blood in conveying oxygen to the tissues."

This is not the only way in which the smoking of tobacco tends to ruin the blood. The place where the blood goes to be cleansed of its impurities is in the two thousand square feet of surface of the lungs. There the air is taken in; but if smoke is inhaled with the air, the cleansing process is impeded. Prof. Jay Seaver, of Yale University, reports a decidedly impaired lung capacity on the part of habitual smokers.

The blood is ruined in a third way by the smoking of tobacco. The heart becomes so impaired that it cannot feed a fresh supply of the life-giving fluid to all parts of the body as it was wont to do. Because the system is filled with worn-out cells which it cannot remove, the heart automatically pumps harder in the effort to effect a cleansing, until at length it weakens, skipping an occasional beat; and finally the serious state known as smokers' heart makes its appearance.

How It Ruins the Nerves

Nicotine at first slows the heart and increases the blood pressure; subsequently the blood pressure is lowered and the heart action becomes rapid. The effect on the brain is essentially narcotic, or depressing. Now it happens that the brain is the center of the nervous system; and when it is adversely affected, all the nervous system is deranged.

There are many who say that they smoke to quiet their nerves. Tobacco does quiet the nerves at first; but like any other narcotic, it

becomes necessary to use more and more to produce the quieting effect, until at length the victim becomes a slave.

Moreover, although tobacco quiets the nerves up to a certain point, yet when that point is passed and the smoker takes one cigar too many, or one cigarette too many, the nerves go in the opposite direction, and the smoker is almost sure to seek relief in strong drink. Smoking is an ideal path to lead to liquor indulgence. The two habits naturally go together. One who uses both liquor and tobacco can hardly stop drinking unless he first gives up smoking.

Another of the poisons that are manufactured when one smokes tobacco is furfurol. It is the furfurol in cigarette smoke that causes the characteristic twitching and tremor that distinguishes the cigarette addict, and betrays even to unprofessional eyes the unstable condition of his nervous system. The smoke of one cigarette may contain as much furfurol as two ounces of bad whisky, and it is the furfurol that constitutes the source of danger in improperly aged whisky. Whisky and cigarettes are cousins.

During the World War thousands of young men who never even knew the taste of tobacco were shamed into the use of the weed. Many of these boys have become confirmed addicts of one of the most deplorable nerve-corrupting habits that it is possible for a human to acquire, and one of the most difficult to overcome, unless sufficient remains of the moral stamina to aid in a fight that is all too often a losing venture. (This must make hard reading to the Y. M. C. A., champion cigarette salesmen of the war period.)

How It Ruins the Brain

Tobacco dulls the memory, and interferes with association of ideas. In fifty years no inveterate user of tobacco has ever carried off the first prize at Harvard. Dr. George L. Maylan, of Columbia University, found that the ratio of failures of smokers as compared with non-smokers was ten to four.

But how about the brilliant men who claim that their thoughts flow more readily under the use of tobacco? The answer is at hand. They are simply in the same case with any other drug habitué, whose thoughts cannot flow readily except under the accustomed indulgence. These brilliant men would be as brilliant all the time, if they did not smoke, as they are now only when they do smoke.

Cigarettes destroy the precision of the brain and its accuracy for both thought and work, as well as desire for thought and work. Many judges have pointed out that almost without exception the gunmen, gangsters, criminals and professional prostitutes are addicted to the excessive use of cigarettes.

The volume presents the testimony of five physicians that tobacco causes insanity. One of these, Doctor Bancroft, of the New Hampshire Asylum, at Concord, declares that he has known several cases of insanity that were unquestionably produced by the use of tobacco without any other complicating causes. Dr. Woodward, of the Massachusetts Insane Asylum, quite agrees.

Dr. Forbes Winslow, a leading English psychiatrist, declares that the true causes for insanity are the vices, not the worries, of civilization. Of the three leading causes he puts drink first, cigarette smoking second, and heredity third.

The New York *World* has made a study of this matter; and its statistics go to show that in nine cases out of eleven, where insanity has resulted from excessive drinking, the primary cause of the condition was smoking. Dr. Winslow agrees with this, making the interesting observation that much of the degeneracy formerly attributed to alcohol is due to alcohol *plus* tobacco.

How It Ruins the Boys

Ceisne, a French physician, examined thirty-eight boy cigarette smokers between nine and fifteen years of age. Twenty-two had marked circulatory disturbances and heart palpitation; thirteen had intermittent pulse; eight had decided anemia; four had ulcerated mouths; one had consumption; several suffered from nose-bleed, insomnia and nightmare—all as a result of tobacco addiction. Tobacco stunts the growth of boys mentally and physically.

A small piece of tobacco placed on the tongue of a boy who has never used tobacco will cause nausea, vomiting, and serious disturbance of the heart and circulatory system. Man is the only fool among the animals that will make friends a second time with any such plant.

Thomas A. Edison refused to employ anyone addicted to the habit of smoking cigarettes, asserting that the acrolein, which is still another poison generated in smoking, "has a violent action on the nerve centers, producing degeneracy of the brain, which is quite rapid among

boys. Unlike most narcotics, this degeneration is permanent and uncontrollable."

Judge Gemmill, of the Court of Domestic Relations of Chicago, asserts that without exception, every boy appearing before him who had lost the faculty of blushing was a cigarette fiend. The judges in general have a poor opinion of the boys who use cigarettes. They say of them that their ideas of property rights, of the value of telling the truth, and often of common decency, are distorted; that they are prone to lie, steal, and become addicted to liquor; that they become gangsters, and that almost every youthful criminal who goes to the electric chair goes there smoking a cigarette. (Y. M. C. A., please take note.)

On April 1, 1900, the Japanese Government forbade the sale of cigarettes and tobacco in any form to young men under twenty years of age, on the ground that tobacco, like opium, contains narcotic poisons which benumb the nervous system and weaken the mental power of children addicted to smoking, and thus give a death-blow to the vitality of the nation.

How It Ruins the Men

Drs. George Fisher and Elmer Berry, both prominently connected with the Y. M. C. A., subjected to experiments a number of ball players between twenty-one and twenty-five years of age. First each man had ten throws at a target, and the results were registered. After a half hour's rest he had ten more throws; and there was an increase in accuracy of 9 percent. Then he smoked one cigar and rested another half hour; and there was a decrease from the original accuracy amounting to 12 percent. Then he smoked two cigars and rested one hour; and there was a decrease from the original accuracy amounting to 14½ percent. See what the cigars did.

Dr. Frederick J. Pack, another physician interested in athletics, kept a record of the results obtained by 210 men who contested for athletic honors, and found that the non-smokers surpassed the smokers with a difference of 32 percent. In other words, the average man who smokes is only two-thirds the man he would be if he did not smoke.

The smoking of tobacco hardens the arteries. The lower animals, when subjected to the fumes, develop hardening of the arteries quickly. Man is a tougher animal. Designed by the Creator to live everlastingly he must needs put forth more effort to destroy himself; but he succeeds in time.

The smoking of tobacco causes the tissues to lose their elasticity; it causes Bright's disease and apoplexy, degeneration of the heart, weakness of vision, and in some cases total blindness. Lip cancer and cancer of the tongue and throat have been traced to the irritation of the pipe stem, the hot smoke and the ammonia "bite".

Among the concerns that either refuse to hire new men who use tobacco or that put restrictions of some kind regarding its use are the following: The H. J. Heinz Company, Pennsylvania Railroad, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad, National Cash Register Company, Cadillac Company, Fifth Avenue Bank, Larkin Company, Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Marshall Field's, John Wanamaker, Morgan & Wright Tire Company, and Colorado Fuel and Iron Company. This is doubtless a very incomplete list.

How It Ruins the Nation

Most nations that we know anything about are composed of people; and the use of tobacco tends to keep them from coming on the scene at all. Statistics prove that women who are addicted to the habit of smoking have a smaller number of children, pro rata, than do non-smoking women, and that the health of these children is far more unstable than that of children of non-smoking women. Breast-fed babies imbibe nicotine directly from their mothers.

Dr. D. H. Kress, previously quoted as showing how tobacco ruins the blood, asserts:

> "The cigarette causes glandular degeneracy, and naturally the sexual glands degenerate with the other glands of the body. The products of tobacco smoke, which destroy insects exposed to it, are also highly injurious to the delicate cell from which the child is developed. In countries where cigarette using has become common among women, the decline in birth rate is most rapid."

The annual fire loss in the United States caused by smoking, and properly chargeable to this cause, is $50,000,000. Besides this, the smokers annually murder hundreds of innocent people by burning them to death. Moreover, the odor that arises from a confirmed smoker is exceedingly distasteful to many, especially to those of refined taste and cleanly habits.

The number of cigarettes sold in America increased from 2,000,000,000 in 1900 to 100,000,-

000,000 in 1928. This number end to end would girdle the globe one hundred and twenty-five times. Fifty percent of the boys over twelve years of age smoke cigarettes. Myriads of young men are reaching for them, and reaching for premature death. Tobacco workers have the highest death rate from tuberculosis, excepting only the stone and marble cutters.

The amount spent on tobacco in the United States is more than the value of all the metals, iron, copper, gold, silver, etc., mined in the country in the same period; it is more than the total cost of education from the kindergarten to the university inclusive; it is almost double the value of all the anthracite and bituminous coal mined; it puts to the basest use 1,446,600 acres of the very finest lands in these United States.

The smoking of tobacco had its origin among the savages of North America in a religious ceremony allied to devil worship. The savages burned the tobacco in the belief that the fumes would have a tendency to pacify their angry and avenging deities. The medicine men, in direct touch with the demons, and under their influence, were the first users. The habit traces directly back to the Devil. It is part of his empire. It will have to go. In Messiah's kingdom there will be no use for tobacco except, perhaps, to kill vermin. It is said to be very good for that purpose.

The Habits of Rats

IN COLD weather rats live in colonies of twenty-five to sixty; in summer the colonies are less. The individuals change their positions constantly, so as to give each rat some opportunity to enjoy the warmest place at the bottom of the pile.

When well fed they are peaceable, but when hunger comes they turn cannibals, fathers and mothers eating their own children, and rats eating one another. The father rats are the worst; the mothers protect their young from destruction as long as they can, even going to the limit of killing their young ones rather than have them slain by others.

When the young rats get to a certain age the mothers lose all interest in them; they must fight for themselves. All feeble rats in the colony are exterminated by the robust ones. No mercy is shown. If a group of rats is confined in a cage and not fed, they will eat one another until but one rat remains.

Rats begin to breed at six months of age, the female breeding eight times a year and having as many as fourteen at a litter. In three years' time a single pair of New York rats living in good circumstances, it is estimated, will have 650,000 descendants. When well cooked, rat meat is said to have a fine flavor.

When roused to fury by having its tail cut off and its hair burned a rat has been known to entirely rid premises of its own kind. Such a rat will attack anything. Rats have been known to attack horses, babies, and even grown persons who were invalids. There is nothing they will not eat, and they do not hesitate to try cutting their way through brick or even granite to make an opening large enough for admission into a house.

The fondness of the rat for good music has often been noted. The music of a harmonica, if soft, mild and pathetic, will actually cause tears to course down its cheeks; but if the music be harsh, shrill and discordant, as from a brass instrument in the hands of a beginner, every rat will leave the premises.

The rat's nest is always in an out-of-the-way place, in the dark and gloom. As a natural result its vision is extremely poor. In the daytime, in a bright light, it can see next to nothing; in the darkness it can see better. Its greatest natural enemy is the ferret, which can be trained to go in and clean out an entire colony, sucking the blood and eating out the brains of all.

Heath Fires in England

IN THE midst of the driest spell ever observed in England, early in September, heath fires broke out, destroying the vegetation on thousands of acres. Flames at times forty feet high leaped the main road between London and Southampton. Motorists rescued the occupants of cottages in the path of the flames. Some districts were forced to restrict the use of water to a few hours per day. At Middleton, Suffolk, the only supply of water was at the rectory, and the rector would give water only to those who attended his church.

A New Source of Fertilizer *By S. H. Toutjian*

DURING this time of great depression it is a boon to the farmers to have a method discovered whereby they can fertilize the ground without much extra expense.

While in North Dakota I came in contact with some farmers who were once Catholics. They left their religious convictions and became Watch Tower publication readers. The priest of the parish to which they formerly belonged came to one of the farmers and said:

"Paul, you must give father $200."

Paul said: "I will give father nothing. Why should I give you $200?"

The priest answered, "You were once a Catholic"; to which Paul replied, "We are not Catholics now."

"That makes no difference; you must give father $200 or else I will curse your farm."

To this Paul replied, "Go ahead and curse all you want to!"

At this the priest got into his car and cursed the farm from the north, east, south and west corners, saying: "Cursed be this farm, cursed be the cattle, cursed be the crops, cursed be this man, cursed be this woman." He continued until he had cursed the whole business.

In due time the cursed crop grew, and grew, and when it was harvested Paul had a bumper crop. After the harvest he met the priest on the street and said to him: "Say, father, you certainly did a good job of cursing my farm." To this the priest said vehemently: "Yes, your farm is cursed!"

Paul said: "Could you do the same job again? If you could, I will give you $200 from the next crop, because your words had more effect than twenty-five tons of fertilizer."

In view of the fact that preachers and priests are having a hard time to make ends meet, and if their words have such "nitrogenous" powers that they can fertilize the ground, what is the use of putting tons and tons of manure on the ground in order to grow good crops? It would be a simple matter to have clergymen do the job and charge so much per acre therefor. I am sure they would not charge much just to say a few curses annually. It would be a great saving to the poor farmers who are undergoing this terrible time of depression.

Possibly a letter could be sent to Mr. Ratti, who is the head of the clergy outfit, and suggest to him that instructions be given the bishops, archbishops, cardinals and priests to start this new job of fertilizing the entire country and thereby do their share in bringing back the lost prosperity.

The reason I am sending this to *The Golden Age* is that heretofore this publication has always mentioned the blessings of the clergy that ended in catastrophes to those blessed. We have enjoyed every number of *The Golden Age,* but I would like to see you be fair to the clergy of "Christendom" and not only mention the blessings and the resulting catastrophes thereof, but also the blessed effect their curses have upon the soil.

By the way, while we are on the subject of fertilization, I would like to call your attention to the words of God's prophet Jeremiah in the twenty-fifth chapter and thirty-third verse. This describes the final battle impending. The prophet says: "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground." This is Jehovah's program of world-wide fertilization.

In the same chapter and thirty-fourth verse we are shown the material to be used for the purpose of fertilization, that is, the "shepherds", or pastors, meaning the religious teachers of "organized Christianity" and the principal of the flock, meaning those mighty men of finance and politics who join the church and run the same for their own self-aggrandizement. Their bodies will be used for the purpose of enriching the soil.

Then, the prophet continues: "Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in the ashes, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel. And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and an howling of the principal of the flock, shall be heard: for the Lord hath spoiled their pasture."

Religious, political and financial deceivers being cleared out of the way, the people of good will shall grow up like "calves of the stall". Then they shall build houses and inhabit them, and plant trees and eat the fruit of them. There will be no oppressors to molest them, and all those who love Jehovah God shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Canada's Cooperative Commonwealth

THE Canadian member of parliament, J. S. Woodsworth, of Winnipeg, started something when he formally proposed in parliament that "the government should immediately take measures looking to the setting up of a cooperative commonwealth in which all natural resources and the socially necessary machinery of production will be used in the interests of the people and not for the benefit of the few". There was opposition, of course, but the organization of the commonwealth proceeds and its organizers explain:

"We do not stand for a division of property, but the public ownership of certain kinds of property. We do publicly own the streets, highways, schools, post office system, and in some places the electric light and water systems. We have not divided the post office, neither could we if we wanted to. We could not divide what is called the machinery of production and distribution, such as the shops, factories, mines and railroads. These industries are not operated by private individuals now, but by groups of capitalists. The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation proposes to transfer the title of property now operated by the financiers to the people of Canada. The only thing we have ever thought of dividing is the chance to work in the great public enterprises which under Cooperative Commonwealth Federation will be open to both men and women. In other words, we propose to divide the jobs, give everyone a chance to work, and make it so that 'he who will not work shall not eat'. More than 80 percent of the working people live in rented houses. Their private possessions are few and almost worthless. Their wages are all used up in cost of living, leaving no chance to collect private property. The capitalists sooner or later get the wealth created by labor. When the ownership of the industries on which profits are filched from labor passes to the people, then the useful workers will get, not only what they now receive, but also that part of their earnings which go to the private owners as profit. It will then be possible for the working people to own their own homes and such other property as is needed for private use. The home under capitalism is assailed by terrible enemies, such as poverty, disease and ignorance. These are home-breakers, every one of which has an economic cause for existence. It has been said that the plan will not work. My dear doubting Thomas, your father said that about every piece of machinery ever invented. He said of the first railroad that the noise of the engine would dry up the cows and scare the chickens out of the summer crop of eggs. Of the first steamboat, that the boiler would blow up and the ship couldn't carry enough coal to make a trip across the sea. A group of farmers stood about the first self-binder ever put on the platform of your dealer and with a knowing look they said: 'Too much machinery, too complex, never will work.' When the first cream separator came out they laughed at the idea of a machine getting the cream out of the milk. How our fathers laughed at the first automobile. You don't laugh at these things any more." The worst that can happen to Canada is to go on as it is.

Radio Witness Work

BEAUFORT, N. B. "May I take the liberty to infringe on your time, to join the host of people who are desirous of thanking you for providing a reasonable understanding of the present chaos for their consideration, as contained in the timely lectures of Judge Rutherford? All orthodox opinions are completely and hopelessly astray. The so-called 'clergy' are blind but confidently think they are 'the cheese'. The people who are beginning to think identify the odor as much like limburger."

50,000 Jews Migrate to Palestine

IT IS estimated that from the first of February, 1933, to September 15, not fewer than 50,000 Jews emigrated from Europe to Palestine; but if this be true, many must have moved away, for the total of Jews in the country is now set at only 174,610, whereas it was estimated at 150,000 several years ago. The statement is made that only 15 percent of the Jewish population of Palestine live by agriculture. Many of them live on money sent them from other countries.

New Guinea—Where Little Girls May Not Cry

IN NEW GUINEA little girls may not cry after they reach five years of age. From the time the little girl can walk she is taught to bear burdens. If food is scarce she is strangled when she arrives in the world. At the age of eight she is married and leaves her home to go off and live and grow up in the home of a husband that until he is 13 or 14 can cry and have hysterics and do any other foolish thing he desires. The language has thirteen genders and twenty-six personal pronouns and is considered one of the most complex.

Lead and Arsenic Poisoning

(From Consumers' Research General Bulletin)

NOT more than a generation ago, it was extremely common to use lead piping in houses, and a great deal is still in use, not only in old plumbing but in newer installations. Since lead is so pliable and so easily managed in making connections, there is a great temptation to use short lengths of it, at least in difficult places. Lead poisoning in certain circumstances may come from a very few feet of lead pipe. All natural waters have some solvent power for lead, and the cleaner the water supply, probably the greater is the danger on this head. Even when the water is such that it has no tendency to dissolve lead, certain circumstances may arise, such as electrolysis in the piping arrangements, or changes in the character of the water, that may lead to lead poisoning. Lead pipes have even been put in soda fountains (soda syphon bottles frequently have lead valves or tubes), although lead in contact with carbonated or gassy water is particularly hazardous.

The extremely small surface of metal which needs to be exposed to the solvent action of a large volume of water to cause lead poisoning is well illustrated in several cases of poisoning cited by Dr. Rosenau: one where only 12 feet of the service pipe in a cistern was of lead; and another of a woman of advanced years contracting lead poisoning from a well contaminated by *an old lead clock-weight* which had fallen in. In this case it was 14 months after the occurrence before symptoms appeared. Improvement was noted within two weeks after the weight was found and removed, and complete recovery took place in four months. In another case involving 10 feet of lead pipe in a cistern, the recovery was only partial after two years.

The amount of lead sufficient to constitute a definite danger to health is far too small, of course, to be detected by the senses or in any other way than by delicate tests which can be successfully applied only by skilled chemists. One part of lead in two million parts of water has done serious injury to health. The maximum allowable limit tolerated in any water supply should probably be not more than one part in ten million. No one should drink or cook with water from a system containing lead piping except after running off sufficient water to account for all that which has been standing in the pipes, especially after any considerable period during which water has not been used.

The common use of storage batteries with radio sets and in automobiles has introduced a new and extremely dangerous source of potential lead poisoning. Most of those who handle such batteries in cleaning the terminals or making connections with wiring, are unaware that they are dealing with one of the most deadly poisons with which they are ever likely to come into contact. The dangers are especially great where such batteries are used in the house, and the deadly lead salts from the outside and from the terminals of the battery may readily be transferred by some accident of cleaning, wiping, or handling, to an article or appliance used in connection with the food or drink consumed in the household.

Babies have frequently been killed by chewing at the lead paint on their cribs, on other furniture, or on toys. Even bullets carried for a time in the pocket have deposited sufficient lead on the skin, later to be transferred to the mouth with food or drink, to cause lead poisoning.

Most people are probably unaware of the risks of arsenic and lead poisoning they incur in eating fresh fruit such as pears and apples without first peeling them. Two compounds of arsenic are in common use for poisoning of insects, and one of these—lead arsenate—has come into enormous consumption as an agricultural insecticide. For this purpose it is used mixed with water, as a spray; or as a dry powder blown or dusted upon the infested plants or trees. Enormous quantities of this substance are sold, estimated to be about ½ pound per capita per annum, of which certainly a sensible proportion comes back to nearly every consumer of fruit and vegetable products when he purchases his market supplies.

Radio Witness Work

Dorchester, Mass. "Will you please send me the address delivered by Judge Rutherford. It was grand. I praise God he is so fearless, and that the world has someone in it to warn the people and educate them as Judge Rutherford is doing. I have a number of his books and prize them. The church is so dumb on the subject of the second coming of Christ. Enclosed is a stamp for sending the leaflet." G. E. H.

Fasting Scientifically *By Dr. La June Foster (California)*

NOTHING helps more in the matter of getting the system thoroughly cleansed than a long fast or a series of short fasts.

Much has been said for and against fasting. Much has been called fasting that is certainly an injury to the thing it appears to represent. Many people attempt to fast without the first knowledge as to the necessary principles. It is like many other privileges: it can be misused. That much for fasting when wrongly conducted (many people fast before the body is prepared with a proper eliminative diet). I find it is not the fasting that usually does the harm, but the manner in which the person returns to eating. That is even more important than the fast itself. During the fast the body is doing little but eliminating; it is not burdened with the matter of digestion, etc. But when the fast is over and the return to food is made, a great many mistakes can be made, especially the mistake of overeating. Naturally the appetite is very keen, after so good a rest from indulgence, and it often still calls for things that are not good for the body (that is, unless the process of elimination has been very complete). The force of habit of years is difficult to overcome, so great judgment must be exercised to see that the proper foods are taken in the proper amounts at the proper intervals, so that not all that is gained by the fast will be lost.

A fast, properly conducted, will gain more for the average case than months, and sometimes even years, of carefully regulated eating (without the fast to precede it). It will add so much to mental force. It will increase vitality and resistance to disease. It will give great energy and spiritual powers. Fasting has been long recognized by advanced scientists as the quickest means of elimination of disease.

One of the best types of fasts is the acid fruit juice fast, using the juice of oranges, grapefruit or lemons; for instance, the juice of one or two oranges taken with a glass of water (preferably distilled). Begin the régime at eight or nine in the forenoon, and continue through six or seven periods. Grapefruit or lemon juice may be added to the orange juice to vary the taste. Tomato juice is used successfully by many instead of citrus fruits. The grape diet or grape juice fast is excellent for cleansing and building purposes, as grapes are a perfect proteid. There are also several varieties. Use water only in addition. Alternate grapes, using them as juice and whole, also eating the skins.

A fast of this kind, taken from four to five days, will do much to assist Nature. The reason for continuing at least this long is that the body does not really begin to eliminate from the tissues until after the third or fourth day of fasting, in the average case.

In most cases, due to the lack of solid food, the body does not have normal bowel action during the fast and it is necessary to have a daily enema or two of plain tepid (or in some cases even cold) water to assist in the elimination of waste and to prevent reabsorption of poisons from the intestines back into the system. Further instructions are given in a separate article on "Enemas".

Extended fasts or complete fasts (of only water, or even no water), can be undertaken with splendid results by almost any type of case; but must not be undertaken unless one is familiar with the rules necessary in such a procedure, or unless one is under the observation or care of someone who has had experience with these matters.

BREAKING A FAST (The steps that follow)

Following a complete fast or a limited fast proceed very carefully, as the stomach and digestive tract have undergone many changes, especially that of shrinking back to normal size. The most serious error one can commit then is to eat fermentive foods (such as starches) or to overeat even on normal foods.

STEPS FOLLOWING FASTING

STEP 1. The complete fast (taking only water, or in some cases not even water, but one or two enemas of plain water daily), followed by a week or two of acid fruit juices and water, taken at intervals of two hours, from 6 or 8 a.m. to 6 or 8 p.m. (continuing the enema if necessary). The citrus fruits, such as lemon, grapefruit, or orange juice, are best to use. In some cases tomato juice is preferable, due to its lack of sugar.

STEP 2. Second step (milk régime) not advisable in all cases. Milk is taken at same intervals and times as stated in Step 1. Start the first day with about ¾ of a quart of raw milk or goat's milk (diluted). Second day, take 1 quart. Third day, 1½ quarts. Fourth day, 2 quarts. Fifth day, 2½ quarts. Sixth day, 3 quarts. Most cases

will find that taking more than that does not agree. If more is needed, increase by adding an extra pint a day (not, however, beyond 5 or 6 quarts per day); length of régime variable. Take some acid fruit juice between or shortly before each milk feeding. Milk régime requires a great deal of rest to get the best results, though some exercise and plenty of fresh air and sunshine are needed.

STEP 3. Careful introduction of the acid fruits themselves or the other fruits, such as pears, peaches, tomatoes, nectarines, berries, cherries, grapes, apricots, apples, plums, fresh prunes, persimmons, melons, pineapples (fresh), fresh figs and avocados (very effective, neutralizes the acid fruit for those who do not take acid well; body-building, laxative, healing, and digestible). Take one of these fruits at a meal, though avocado may be used with any of them. Fruit juices may be used in the middle of the forenoon and afternoon, early forenoon, and before retiring.

STEP 4. To the fruits may now be added some of the protein foods for weight building, such as cottage cheese, more avocados, raw milk or goat's milk, clabber milk, buttermilk, and in some cases cream or a few nuts (preferably pecans or almonds). Make breakfast only fruit, or add avocado. The noon meal, another kind of fruit (or the same kind all through the day). Add milk or cream to this meal, or nuts or cottage cheese. The third meal may be of fruit and of one of the proteins not used earlier in the day, or clabber milk or buttermilk.

STEP 5. For evening meal, addition of vegetables from non-starchy class, made in salad form, taken plain or with addition of French dressing made of olive oil and lemon juice, or a good homemade mayonnaise. Preferably, make a dressing of mashed ripe avocado and lemon juice. Breakfast, as before. Lunch, either as before (with addition of protein) or taking buttermilk or clabber milk.

STEP 6. Introduction of cooked vegetables, carefully prepared so as to retain mineral elements (best steamed or baked). First meal: As before, fruit (with possible addition of protein). Second meal, or luncheon: Raw vegetable salad; if no protein is used for breakfast, can add protein. Or have a meal of buttermilk and figs (dried or fresh), or clabber. Third meal, dinner: One or two cooked non-starchy vegetables. Choose from list, as celery, spinach, asparagus, tomatoes, parsley, summer squash, string beans, sorrel, oyster plant, chicory, mustard greens (all greens), kale, mallow okra, New Guinea butter bean, vegetable marrow, zucchini, beet tops, Swiss chard, turnip tops, steamed onions, chayote, broccoli, Italian squash, celery root, eggplant, cauliflower, cabbage (best raw).

STEP 7. Plan a fruit meal, a starch meal, and a protein meal. Refer to list of combinations and classifications of foods. Make balance of food at this stage, three-fourths chosen from the fruit and non-starchy vegetable class, remaining one-fourth from the concentrated foods (starches and proteins).

Progress in Human Vivisection

THE New York *Evening Journal,* Toronto *Telegram,* New York *Sun* and Indianapolis *Sentinel* have each, at different times, published communications from physicians who have urged that the condemned be turned over to them to be tortured to death by vivisection. At one time seventeen New York hospitals allowed hundreds of their patients to be inoculated with syphilis germs. The so-called "sisters of mercy" of St. Vincent's Home allowed medical experimenters to inject tuberculin into the eyes of 151 patients under eight years of age. The discharges from their eyes were so scalding that they scarred the children's cheeks. Their hands were confined for twelve hours; this included those that died under the experiments, no doubt. Fine business. In Europe half a million children had tuberculosis cultures put into their blood. A physician who punctured twenty-nine children with lumbar punctures admits that fourteen died on the day of puncture, others the next day, and all but two within a very few days. After performing the operation forty-five times he concluded it had no therapeutic value. In a hospital for the treatment of Negro patients one doctor performed 426 of these lumbar punctures on new-born babies. In a Michigan hospital for the insane six patients were turned over as experimental material, and holes were drilled in their skulls, from which material was obtained

for experiments on rabbits. Diphtheria poison has been administered in the eyes of children. A girl of four and a boy of eight were inoculated with the virus of foot-and-mouth disease. A boy was deliberately dosed with various poisons, so that their effects could be studied. At one time two thousand infants three days old were given toxin-antitoxin, which is now no longer used, having been superseded by a different toxoid. Anthrax has been injected into dying children. A well-known pus firm advertised among doctors that every lot of vaccine virus was tested physiologically on children, this insuring an active and potent product. It was not stated whose children were used. It may be your children next, or, if not your children, it may be yourself, which, of course, would not make it seem nearly so bad to other people as to you.

Breezes

Senator Hatfield on the Warpath

SENATOR HATFIELD, of West Virginia, seems not to think much of the N-I-R-A program. According to *The Fellowship Forum,* he recently wrote to Hugh S. Johnson, National Recovery administrator, quite a lengthy letter, from which we select a few paragraphs:

"I will patriotically cooperate with you in sending a respectful petition to the president to exercise his legislative function of repeal and abandon this ghastly folly of industrial regimentation; for such is our present state of ignominy that by a single stroke of his pen all this economic madness called N-I-R-A can be ended."

"I will eagerly cooperate with you toward restraining the orgy of speculation now carried on under the absolutism of those who subscribed to, and qualified, under the N-I-R-A, and in curbing the profiteering that the makeshift N-I-R-A plans have precipitated."

"Assuming that it is not further power that you desire, because N-I-R-A bristles with powers of every description, so that the destiny of an entire nation is now committed to the caprice of a single individual, I beg to offer this one further suggestion, namely, that the swaggering bully rarely remains very long a popular figure in our national life."

"Surely by this time you have enough of the inner workings of the N-I-R-A to realize that it runs counter to the oldest traditions and the very spirit of America. It can never be satisfactory to a free people, and no amount of ballyhoo can make it so. Surely in your heart you must be averse to the Russianizing of America. I note that you declared your intention of resigning in November. I hope you will do so sooner, and that, when you do, you will frankly and fully inform the nation what you must know to be the truth: that N-I-R-A can never successfully manage the affairs of a free people. In that connection I will gladly cooperate with you to restore to our postage stamps the face of George Washington, which has now been blotted out and replaced by the so-called Soviet scythe."

Purchasing Power on the Toboggan

SAYS Ralph G. Green, of Arkansas: "The ability of the people to purchase ANYTHING is decreasing, especially among the cotton farmers. A year ago a bale of cotton would purchase thirteen barrels of flour, and today a bale of cotton will get only six barrels of flour. The purchasing power of the farmers has decreased, on an average, about fifty percent. As a result of these conditions the unrest and dissatisfaction is making people willing to hear the message of hope, and it finds a response when once they hear."

Sundry Thoughts by a Fisherman

SAYS Bob Lyle, Mississippi fisherman: "During the hurricane that wrecked Belize two years ago, while twelve priests were praying for protection, eleven of them were drowned. When the sole survivor reached Mobile, he told a newspaper reporter that he had been 'providentially saved'. I have often wondered if the other eleven were 'providentially' drowned.

"Rabbi Wolf, of St. Louis, sued the Bormasters for $750 on the ground that he offered up 150 prayers at $5 a pray for old man Bormaster, who died. Reminds me of the time when Roy Bean, a justice of the peace in West Texas, was sent for to hold an inquest over a laborer who fell from a high bridge and was killed. Bean searched the dead man and found forty dollars in currency and a 'six-shooter' and brought in a verdict 'death by accident', but 'I fine him $40 for carrying concealed weapons; because he is dead is no reason why he should not pay the fine'; and he kept the pistol and the money.

"Jonesboro Jingle:

'"Thou shalt not kill," the preacher said—
Then drew his gun and shot him dead.'"

Governmental Items

Rothschilds Give Up Vast Estates

PUBLIC opinion in Austria has forced the Rothschilds to give up to the government two estates covering 35,000 acres of valuable woods and agricultural lands. This concession will enable the government to colonize several hundred settlers.

Munition Factories All Booming

ALL the munition factories are booming. This is true throughout Britain, France, Holland, and Czechoslovakia. In Britain munition factories are on three shifts, working day and night; workers sit twelve at a table, where formerly there were but two or three; at night lorries leave the factory for Southampton in fleets of sixty at a time. Japan is buying war materials and scrap iron on a huge scale.

"The Lunatics Have Gone Home"

REFERRING to the break-up of the World Economic Conference, and to his book in which he castigated the Americans for their follies, George Bernard Shaw is quoted as saying: "The lunatics have gone home to their respective national asylums; but they are still in charge there, and if our affairs are not taken out of their hands we shall go to smash. I therefore conciliate my American friends by inviting my English ones to apply everything I say of the Americans in this book to themselves, with the assurance that they deserve it no less and that their day of judgment may be no farther off, if so far."

Once Is Enough for America

SNIFFING at current spy scares, ammunition trains rumbling through the streets to unknown destinations, and the rolling of drums in the barracks, the London *Daily Express* says: "In Britain the voice of the whole nation is lifted up for peace. Wise men believe, and good men pray, that if conflict comes on the Continent, Britain *and America,* keeping clear till the decisive hour, will use their power to sound the 'Cease Fire'." Well, if there is anything to this idea about public opinion's having any effect, we would say that the writer of the foregoing could as well have omitted those two words "and America", for America pulled the chestnuts out once, and once is enough. In the Balkans there seems to be a general conviction that another world war will occur in 1935 and that the nations are now making ready for it.

Best Friend in Fifty Years

IN A TRIBUTE to President Roosevelt Cardinal Mundelein at the annual luncheon of the Council of Catholic Women, at Chicago, said of him that he is "one who has shown more friendly sympathy to the Church and its institutions than any occupant of the White House in half a century".

Some Rascalities of the Machado Gang

SOME rascalities of the Machado gang in Cuba are that $100,000,000 was paid for the great central highway; an American company had offered to build the entire road for $35,000,000. The capitol building cost $8,000,000 for the building and $12,000,000 additional for the graft. The president of the supreme court committed suicide because expected to legalize the governmental murders. The wife of a prominent citizen identified the cuff links on a body found in the stomach of a shark; her husband had been incarcerated in Morro Castle and disappeared. Many, many hundreds of men disappeared. A young man who attempted to appeal to the American consul was thrown from a second-story window by the police, and afterwards murdered. Of 180 prisoners sent to the Isle of Pines, only 67 arrived.

Durango Editor Wants to Know

A DURANGO (Colorado) editor wants to know: "Why wouldn't it be better business to raise all the wheat that would grow, store some of the surplus against famine, feed it more abundantly to the hungry, ship some to China in exchange for good will if nothing else, and make whiskey out of the rest of it as long as the government is going into the liquor business anyway? Why not buy the surplus wheat, feed it to the surplus hogs, and pass some good grain-fed bacon, instead of spoiled sow belly, out to the poor? If it really be up to the rest of us to make the cotton farmer prosperous, why not buy up his cotton, make it into breeches and let our missionaries take clothes as well as advice into benighted lands? Why spend millions of dollars fighting the boll weevil, and then spend added millions spoiling more cotton than he could spoil in the same length of time? Wouldn't it be better economy to let the boll weevil do this chore by himself? Why loan one farmer money to buy seed and then pay another farmer for refraining from planting his seed?"

Agricultural Notes

Screw Worm Invasion in Georgia

GEORGIA farmers report a serious invasion by screw worms. These worms are often fatal to cattle and may even be so to man. Two cases of attacks by these little creatures upon men are reported from near Quitman.

Gross Farm Income Is Up

THE United States Department of Agriculture recently estimated that the gross farm income for 1933 is up 23.7 percent over 1932, the gross income last year having been $5,143,000,000, and this year $6,360,000,000.

Arsenic on Vegetables in California

WITHIN six weeks, in the state of California, one hundred persons were made violently ill by eating vegetables which had been sprayed with arsenic spray. Looks as if there were a chance for some reformation here.

Agricultural Credit Corporations

AGRICULTURAL credit corporations, located in Wichita and Albuquerque, exact 7 percent to 8½ percent for loans on livestock. Chattel mortgages are required which cover all a man has except his wife and children.

Chicken Shot an Illinois Farmer

AN ILLINOIS farmer rigged up his chicken yard so thieves would not break through and steal, but while he was in the yard a hen flew against a string, the string pulled the trigger of a gun, the gun was discharged, and the farmer who had planted it went to the hospital.

Bumper Potato Crop in Aroostook

THANKS to $2,100,000 advanced to Aroostook county (Maine) potato producers, to finance their production, there is a bumper crop this year, and the prices are good. This business of advancing money to one kind of farmers to raise more, and advancing money to other kinds of farmers to raise less, is surely a puzzler.

What Do You Know About Goats?

IN ONLY six years a Polish woman, an immigrant, who knew something about goats, has made a splendid start toward a fortune, near Buffalo, N. Y. She started with a herd of twenty goats, using their milk for making Swiss cheese as it is made in Switzerland. Hard times have not interfered with her business progress.

Long Island Duck Racket

THE Long Island duck racket levied 5c a pound on every one of the 40,000,000 pounds of Long Island ducks sold in the New York city market, so it is said. Duck growers were "persuaded" to cut production 50 percent on the promise of increased profits. The only effect was an increase in the price of ducks to consumers, which was pocketed by the racketeers.

Lansbury Put It Bluntly

GEORGE LANSBURY put it bluntly when he said to a meeting of Trade Unionists: "We Christians pray to God for an abundant blessing on our labor in fields, factories and workshops, and when superabundance is poured out, we are blasphemously told that God has made a mistake and people must suffer privation and destitution because Nature has been too profligate with her gifts."

Chain Farms in Iowa

SEVEN percent of all the farm land in the state of Iowa is now in the possession of corporations. In five counties, Ringgold, Clarke, Howard, Emmet and Kossuth, it runs from 13½ percent to 16½ percent. In Wayne county it is 21.2 percent. Under the usury (miscalled "interest") system, it is inevitable that all the property in the world must pass into the hands of the receivers thereof.

Britain Dumps Oranges, Too

AN ITEM in the London *Daily Herald* says: "Only yesterday, 1,200 cases of Valencia oranges which had been brought over in the Spanish ship, Alona Mendi, were reshipped at Alexandra Dock, taken out beyond the bar and thrown overboard. Messrs. MacAndrews & Co., Ltd., with a large trade from Spain, had similarly to dispose of a hundred tons in the past three weeks."

Economic Drift to the City and Back

THERE is nothing mysterious about the drift of the people from the farm to the city and then back again to the farm; it is purely economic; they want to live. In the year 1922 the net drift from farm to city was 1,137,000. Thereafter the movement declined and last year reached a total of 533,000 in the reverse direction. When business picks up in town, the tide will again shift cityward.

Farmers Slow to Receive Benefits

A RECENT analysis of the index of prices paid by farmers for commodities bought showed that in September, 1933, the farmers were paying 116.5 on the basis that the average from 1910 to 1914 equals 100, while the same index showed that the farmers were receiving for their products an average of only 69. What is sought is an average of 100 each way.

Corn, the Most Important Food Crop

CORN (Indian corn, maize), not wheat, is the most important American food crop, the average annual crop amounting, in bushels, to three times the wheat production. In the nineteen years from 1913 to 1931 inclusive, the American farmer's wheat crop, at an average price of $1.19 per bushel, brought him $18,394,-185,000, while his corn crop, at an average price of 76 cents per bushel, brought $39,671,069,000. Seven percent of the corn is eaten by humans in the form of cereals, and 15 percent in the form of pork.

Life of Republic Hanging in Balance

WHEN Milo Reno, president of the National Farmers Holiday Association, issued a call for a national farm strike, in which he hoped the farmers would neither buy nor sell until accorded more consideration, he declared that the question to be now determined is "whether the farmer shall become a peasant, the menial slave of the usurers and the industrialists"; he said also that "every business will suffer if the farmers' purchasing power is not restored, and that the life of the Republic is, at this time, hanging in the balance".

Tense Situation Among Northwestern Farmers

SOME idea of the tense situation prevailing among the farmers of the northwestern states may be gained from the fact that three of the governors that met at Des Moines to consider what could be done to end the farm strike and satisfy the reasonable demands of the farmers, flew from Des Moines to Washington to lay their conclusions before the president, and to urge the immediate issuance of $3,000,000,000 of non-interest-bearing currency. The governors of Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota were present at the conference, and the governors of Indiana, Illinois, Kansas and Nebraska sent representatives.

500,000 Saddle Horses

THE number of horses ridden for pleasure in the United States is estimated to have doubled in the last twenty years, and now to be not less than 500,000. Massachusetts has announced a plan of building 350 miles of bridle paths reaching from one end of the state to the other.

Largest Milk Combine

THE largest milk combine in the world, the National Dairy Products Corporation, in 1924 was a small concern owning half a dozen small dairies. Today it has 515 subsidiaries, and yet no actual cash was paid for any of them. All the people who think this milk combine was organized to help the farmer get a square deal, signify it by raising the right hand.

Political Economy at the U. of Pa.

IT TAKES a clever man to help the Wall Street gang grab 515 milk companies, and all without spending any of their own money. It is claimed for Doctor Clyde L. King, of the Milk Trust, that he wrote every milk marketing agreement put into effect by the new and righteous Agricultural Adjustment Administration. Under these agreements the farmers and the consumers are skinned alive. It is fitting that Big Business should take good care of such a valuable man. He will now, so it is reported, use the remaining years of his life teaching political economy to the youths at the University of Pennsylvania. There he can show them how to do as he has done.

Goat Pickpocket Loses His Life

NEAR Amsterdam, Netherlands, recently, a goat found a farmer's vest, where he had laid it on the grass. The goat went through the pockets and found $140 in nice green bills, whereupon he had an appetizing lunch. Unfortunately, as he was enjoying the last of the bills, the farmer spied him and rushed him off to the butcher. The Bank of Netherlands was able to decipher the numbers of the chewed notes, and gave the farmer new money for old, but the goat, alas, knows nothing of it; he is dead. He is not the first goat that has given no heed to the scripture "The love of money is a root of all evil". (1 Timothy 6:10) If the goat had stuck to his timothy and let the money alone he would be alive today.

"The $ Sign"—and Balaam's Ass

EVERY reverent child of God who has read the story of Balaam, as it is recorded in Numbers, chapters 22-24, knows that Balaam's ass had more sense than Balaam himself. The ass withstood the madness of the money-mad prophet who had sold himself to the Devil.

"The † Sign" is a pretentious monthly magazine of "Passionist Missions, Inc., Monastery Place, Union City, N. J." In the course of a year it gives its readers 816 pages of literature, including covers, for the sum of $2. We give our readers 832 pages, same size, for $1.

Glancing over the publication, one is impressed with the thought that its emblem should be, not the sign of the cross, so freely in evidence throughout, but rather the dollar sign. The inside front cover is wholly devoted to the mass racket. You pay $50 for a life subscription to the Passionist Society; you can pay it by installments, only so you pay. You can pay this $50 while alive or your relatives may when you're dead, only so you pay; the main thing is the pay.

In the November issue there are two full pages on "St. Catherine's Treatise on Purgatory". That ought to be good; it will help to keep the suckers coming. The fact that there is nothing about this doctrine in the Scriptures makes it necessary to put it up to the "saints". Why make a saint and then not have him work?

Turning to the back of the publication, there is a half page containing a list of the easy-marks, the Hickeys, Horans, Welshs, Burkes, O'Mearas, O'Reillys, Sullivans, Murphys, Fogartys, McNamaras, O'Briens, Dolans, Hugheses, O'Neils, Fitzsimmonses, Doyles, Kanes, Dalys, Dorans, Dillons, and Reillys, whose relatives have come across with the long green. At the head of the list it says, "Restrain not Grace from the Dead." The names do not take much space, and at $50 a shot they would count up to $5,850—not a mean haul.

"Who Will Die Tonight?"

Turning the page, there is a half-page advertisement entitled "Who Will Die Tonight?" It tells you how to make out your will to "The Treasurer of Passionist Missions, Incorporated, taking his receipt therefor" within a stipulated number of months, after your decease.

Then follows a half-page advertisement entitled "Painless Giving". You send for a Mite Box or Dime Bank. You are told that you won't miss what is put in the bank, but, thoughtfully, the suggestion is added, "If you do miss it, so much the better for the cause for which you make the sacrifice." If you miss it, you just miss it; that is all.

Thinking the matter over, and fearing that they have not said enough about their desire for money, the Passionist Missions, Inc., then devote two whole pages to downright begging, one of which is entitled "For Christ's Cause" and makes another effort to get your fortune at the close of life, while the last page, "Where Put Your Money?" is an attempt to get it while you live. It is best not to take any chances with those that might die.

This last scheme, the Annuity Bond racket, is worthy of attention. You are invited to send in $500 upwards, upon which you receive an uncertain rate of interest as long as you live. It seems you can hand over Liberty Bonds and they will be accepted at the going market price, but if, to meet an emergency sometime, you want to cash your Annuity Bonds, purchased so easily with your Liberty Bonds, then, we are sorry, "An Annuity Bond has no market value." "An Annuity Bond never requires reinvestment." You said it, Mabel; it is gone for ever.

The contents of the publication receive our notice. Here is a four-page article, by Edward S. Schwegler, entitled "The Bat in the Watch Tower". A bat is famous for being able to see in the dark, and to make it interesting for birds gorged and supposedly safe on their perches. *Mr. Schwegler seemingly identifies Judge Rutherford as the bat. Not so bad.

Schwegler asks, "But who is this Judge Rutherford whose inspired statements are thus sent all over the world in millions of books and pamphlets and whose 'lectures are now heard over 340 radio stations each week during the year'? About the man himself little information seems available."

A System of Man-Worship

The most elementary knowledge of the Roman Catholic church plainly reveals to every intelligent person that it is a system of creature-worship, man-worship, and not a system of worshiping the great and true and only Jehovah God, the God of the Bible. All one has to do is

*Schwegler, by the way, is the "Rev." E.S.S., "D.D.," assistant pastor, St. John the Evangelist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. His official identity is adroitly obscured, however, in the magazine article. Sons of "that old serpent" act thus naturally.

to compare the words and deeds of the "popes" with those of Jesus, the Son of God.

Workmen about the Vatican are taught that it is a great favor to kiss the hand of the 'pope'. Did Jesus ever ask anybody to kiss His hand? All orders must be accepted on bended knee. Did Jesus leave any record of such obeisance with respect to himself?

The 'pope's' court is the greatest stickler for uniforms and colors imaginable. Black knee breeches, medieval ruffs, purple robes, scarlet robes, gold robes, white robes, white silk canopies, ostrich-feather fans, cream-colored copes with gold and silver trimmings, white ermine capes, trumpets, thousands of flickering candles, serpentine swords, breastplates, gold chains, gold crosses, exquisite laces, silk caps, velvet slippers, robes gleaming with precious stones, solid silver furniture, priceless paintings; what does it all mean? Is there anything whatever in the life of Christ to indicate that He approved or made use of such paraphernalia?

The thing that determines whether a man is a true servant and worshiper of Jehovah God is not the clothing he wears, or the setting in which he wears it, but his reverence for God's Word. Every 'pope' that ever lived, if he had any knowledge of the Scriptures at all, knew, and must have known, that there is nothing in the Lord's Word that remotely, in any sense of the word, justifies the existence of such an institution as functions from Vatican City. Every teaching of the Roman Catholic church is fundamentally out of accord with the Scriptures.

If those that direct the activities of the Roman Catholic church were true to God they would pay diligent attention when some man, like Judge Rutherford, modest, reverent, thorough, persistent, seeks to draw the attention of men to the plain teaching of the Scriptures.

Nathanael Had Better Sense

When Philip first came to Nathanael, saying, "We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph," Nathanael at first replied, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" but when Philip asked him to come and see, and he came and did see, he became one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

Philip could have retorted to Nathanael, "Who are you, Nathanael? you do not amount to so much"; and so we could now retort to Edward S. Schwegler, "Who are you, Schwegler? we never even heard of you before"; but that would be quite beside the mark. The best way is to invite them to come and see.

Schwegler and his friends have been so busy glorifying men that when somebody comes along who invites the attention of the people to Jehovah God and His Word of truth, they do not know where to place him or what to do with him. In his very first paragraph Schwegler, in duty bound, mentions the 'pope'; in the second he has some more about 'the holy father', and in the third, having clearly revealed himself as a man-worshiper, he says consistently, "Put Rutherford off the air."

There you have the true bigot, and having proved himself a bigot, Mr. Schwegler next proceeds to define bigotry. A bigot, to a Roman Catholic, is any person who is not a Roman Catholic, and who has the hardihood to express himself. A Roman Catholic may teach anything he pleases, and in any way he pleases; such is not bigotry. But the moment any person says something, no matter how Scriptural, no matter how true, if it reflects in any manner upon the stream of effluvia that goes forth from Rome, and which has sickened Spain and Mexico even unto death, then that is bigotry.

In his article Schwegler quotes quite liberally from Judge Rutherford's writings. It is well. In that manner some truth gets to the readers of the paper which its publishers designate as "The † Sign" but which, with keener discernment of the issues involved, we prefer to denominate as "The $ Sign". The concluding paragraph is typical of the Roman Catholic bigot, who wishes to silence every voice but his own. It says:

> "And so to our original demand: 'Put Rutherford off the air!' Let this nocturnal vampire with his hideous mask of bigotry keep hanging head down amid the dust and cobwebs of his Watch Tower. There is no place for him in the fresh air of religious freedom and the pure sunshine of American tolerance."

Can you beat it? The ass knew enough to stop, look and listen. He was not a Roman Catholic ass.

Cayenne Pepper for Rats

A HOUSEHOLDER in Mississippi, troubled with rats around the premises, tried everything else without success. He finally sifted cayenne pepper down every rat hole. That was years ago, and not a rat has been seen around the premises since.

"Be Ye Warmed and Fed"

A DISPATCH from Vatican City says that in some manner 450 unemployed from Britain came there on a pilgrimage. The "pope" blamed their hard luck, not on the stupidity and selfishness of man, where it belongs, but said to them by way of comfort, "If divine providence caused you to be deprived of work, he did it for your own good." We have heard Almighty God accused of many things, but this is the first time we ever heard Him accused of trying to keep a poor man from getting employment.

Did the Pope Ever "Bless" the Navy Before?

WE NOTICE that the "pope" has just blessed the American navy. Not sure if a thing like this works forward or backward or in both directions. Some years back we had several terrible submarine accidents, and later a whole string of torpedo boat destroyers was run on the rocks off California as fast as they could get to them. We never did know why the navy had that fleet of boats run on the rocks, but if the "pope" had ever "blessed" them then they just could not be blamed for what happened.

"Catholic News" Contradicts the Pope

AS IS well known, the 'pope' is dead set against the separation of church and state, and has issued many bulls to that effect, but the *Catholic News,* speaking about France, is honest enough to admit: "It has been shown that disestablishment in that country has not hurt the church. Instead, separation of church and state in France has infused the church with more vigor, given it more of the spirit of piety and sacrifice. Disestablishment has been in force in France for more than a quarter of a century." Wait till the 'pope' hears about this.

"The Living Virgin"

THE "pope" and others are getting a big kick out of shipping a statue of Our Lady of Mount Carmel around the Mediterranean. It has recently been to the Holy Land. On its return Pope Pius XI "blessed" it in the Vatican and gave to it a very beautiful necklace of amethysts. Just what the statue will do with the blessing, we do not know, but would be willing to bet she doesn't keep the amethysts, in these hard times, when the ten-cent stores sell good beads so dirt-cheap. The statue is known as "The Living Virgin".

Catholics Should Live Like Christians

THE Reverend Robert E. Woods, in a sermon at St. Patrick's Cathedral, is said to have offered the advice that Catholics should live like Christians. It seems to us that the right place to mention this is in the definitely Roman Catholic and definitely Democratic stronghold of Tammany Hall, but if the advice were carried out it would be the end of Tammany, and the cleansing of the greatest sink of corruption under the sun.

Cardinal Wiseman's Admission

CARDINAL WISEMAN, English prelate of the Roman Catholic church, in his "Lectures on the Principal Doctrines and Practices of the Roman Catholic Church", once said: "Several individuals have abandoned the Roman Catholic church, and become members of some Protestant communion. The history in every case is simply this, that the individual—by some chance or other, probably through the ministry of some pious person—became possessed of the Word of God, of the Bible; that he perused this Book; that he could not find in it transubstantiation or auricular confession; that he could not discover in it one word of purgatory or of worshiping of images."

Mass Business Usually Profitable

ON ACCOUNT of the fact that no capital is required, no stock need be carried, and there is nothing to spoil, the mass business has gained front rank as an easy way to rake in the long green. However, it has its disadvantages. Confidence men have found out where pickings are easy, and today, so says the Wheeling *Sunday News,* Roman Catholic priests in West Virginia are mourning the loss of some $400,000 which they turned over to a slick salesman from Chicago who gave them in return a choice collection of bonds, debentures, and common and preferred stocks that, all told, are supposed to be worthless. A single one of these priests invested his little nest egg of $70,000 and is believed to have lost it all. He will now be able to preach fervently from the text, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, . . . where thieves break through and steal." It is hard enough to get the money away from the servant girls and day laborers, in the first place, without having to lose it and then have to go after it all over again. The swindler should be ashamed.

"The Holy Shroud"

THE Holy Shroud of Turin, in which Christ's body is alleged to have been wrapped, can be mended only by the Italian queen and royal princesses working on their knees. Anybody who touches the shroud is excommunicated; the object of this is to cut down the risk of somebody's identifying the whole thing as a fraud. Thirty-two years ago it was denounced as a fake, but now it is OK.

Pope Lays the Idleness to God

IN SOME way 450 of Britain's unemployed managed to get to Vatican City to greet the "pope". On arrival they were told by Ambrose that if God had caused them to be deprived of work, He had done it for their own good. Probably the thing that led him into this break is the reflection that there are tens of thousands of clergy throughout the world that are worse than useless, and yet, as they are fat, well fed, well wined, and well clothed, anybody ought to be able to see that some kind of god has been looking after them. The only regrettable thing about Ambrose's statements on a subject of this kind is that the only god he knows anything about is the wrong one, the mimic one, the one mentioned by the apostle in 2 Corinthians 4:4.

Conditional Absolution in Atlantic City

A WOMAN in Atlantic City brought suit for $75,000 against an undertaker because he embalmed her husband's body thirty minutes after a death by heart disease instead of waiting sixty minutes. The ground of the complaint is that "conditional absolution may be given by a priest within an hour after apparent death, but could not be given after embalming, which removed the possibility of remaining life". Now if anybody can think of a more perfect piece of bunk than that, please write it up and send it in. When a man is dead he is all through, and nobody, no matter how he wears his collar, or if he has a cross on his back or not, can do one solitary thing for him. Unless Almighty God raises him from the dead, nobody can ever do a thing for him from that time forth to all eternity. The undertakers should not be compelled to give up one cent to the frauds that have convinced this poor widow that they could have, conditionally or unconditionally, done one thing for this poor man that dropped dead of heart disease on the Atlantic City beach.

No Roman Catholic Conscientious Objectors

IN A STATEMENT which includes hundreds of words of palaver the French archbishops of the Roman Cathole church have declared that conscientious objectors have no sanction in the Roman church; if you cannot be convinced that it is your duty to murder your fellow man at the command of Big Business backed by Big Politicians and Big Churchmen, you are of no good.

"Offtakes" for the Priest

FROM a pay check of an employee of The Horden Collieries, Limited, Horden, England, we notice among the "Offtakes" the printed item "R. C. Priest". This follows the names "Doctor Martin" and "do. Wilson". It does not say what kind of doctor this "R. C. Priest" is, and it seems as if on a pay check that kind of thing, in a so-called "Protestant" country, should be made plainer. Maybe this R. C. Priest is just another one of these humbugs that pretends to do something for the people, either in this life or the next, but does nothing for them in either except to take part of their earnings.

A Portion of the Jesuit Oath

AFTER promising faithfully to assume any heretical religion, and to go uncomplainingly to any part of the world, with no more will of his own than that of a corpse, the faithful Jesuit, according to *Congressional Record,* February 15, 1913, pages 3215-16, enters into the following interesting engagements respecting the treatment of liberals:

"I do further promise and declare, that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do to extirpate and exterminate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither sex, age nor condition; and that I will hang, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the wall, in order to annihilate forever their execrable race. That when the same can not be done openly, I will secretly use the poison cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons whatsoever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy faith of the Society of Jesus."

Philadelphia's Lightning-Rod Racketeer

PHILADELPHIA Roman Catholic priests have been suffering from the work of a bright racketeer. He first got a letter from Cardinal Daugherty, for which letter of introduction he was to have paid $5,000, but there is no evidence that the $5,000 was ever paid. This was all wrong, and so the cardinal was stung, too. It will teach him to be more careful. Well, the racketeer worked among newly appointed pastors. He went to them in turn and asserted that he had contracted with their predecessors to renovate the church's lightning-rod system. Usually, two workmen appeared with him; they collected $500 up for their work. Finally he got caught and was sentenced to two years in Moyamensing prison for working what the judge on the bench described as "a bold and deliberate swindle". Shame on him!

Help Mother Out of the Bonfire

IT IS only the decent thing, after all that Mother did for you, for you to help her out of the bonfire where, so it seems, she has had the bad luck to land. The Society of the Divine Word, St. Paul's Mission House, Epworth, Iowa, tells us about it. In a circular letter they say:

"Perhaps your dear mother now suffering in the flames of Purgatory may now be badly needing your help. Your good father who spent year after year of his life providing for you may now be calling to you for aid from the next world."

It sort of makes you feel good to know that Dad is there with Mother, in that place where the proprietor has such a mean disposition. He would do what he could to help her. Dad was always like that. He never could see even a poor bird with a broken wing but he wanted to fix it, somehow. So Dad is there with Mother, standing between her and the hottest part of the brimstone, doing what he can to fan away some of the flames, and telling her to keep a brave heart, and they will surely get out sometime. They had many tough breaks in life, but they always got out of every jam, and some time or another they would get away from this mean cuss that was taking all the joy out of life. The real boss is absent; only priests are visible.

The Purgatory slip enclosed with the letter is in mourning. It ought to be. It has a big black band around the outside and starts off like this:

"For the Poor Souls. Come to their assistance, Ye Saints of God! Meet them, Ye angels of the Lord. Receive their souls and present them to the Most High." Then, to show where they got the authority for saying all this, there follow parenthetically the words "(From the Burial Service.)". Don't ask who got up the Burial Service.

It intimates that the Society of the Divine Word, Epworth, Iowa, is in cahoots with the gang that is running this vicious place, for there is a place on the blank where you can send them so many dollars. Just how these dollars are conveyed to Dad, and how he can make use of them for installing a mechanical cooling apparatus so that Ma can at least get a little relief occasionally by retiring into the icebox, is left unexplained. Page the Power Trust.

"Permanent Earthly Home of Mother Cabrini"

REFERRING to the exhumation of the mummy of Mother Cabrini, and its subsequent entombment in the Mother Cabrini Memorial High School, New York, a National Catholic Welfare Council dispatch from New York says:

"There was nothing sombre about the entombment ceremony at the high school. It was an occasion of joy, for the sisters and their students and friends looked upon the event as the arrival of a saint who is to make her permanent earthly home among them."

For the benefit of any who may not understand this expression about Mother Cabrini's "permanent earthly home" we explain its Egyptian origin. Among the ancient Egyptians, besides the *body,* the soul (Ba) and the divine spark (the Khu), there was also a sort of spiritual body (Ka), corresponding to the real body. The Ka of a woman was thought of as a woman; after death it remained with the mummy in the tomb. Actually, of course, there is no Ba, Khu or Ka. All that remains of Mother Cabrini is her body, her mummy. She is dead, and unless God raises her from the dead she will remain forever as if she had never been. All that remains in the Mother Cabrini Memorial High School are a few pounds of earth that might better be cremated or allowed to moulder into dust. It is unsanitary and gruesome to have corpses around high schools, but the Roman Catholic sisters like that kind of thing, and if that is the thing they like, then they have what they like.

Dean Inge and the Bible

DEAN INGE is reported as having said recently: "We cannot expect a workingman whose education has been a smattering of purely modern subjects, and whose main interests are in problems of work and wages and politics, to feel himself at home with the Bible." He might have added that since the wealthy and the highly educated are not interested in it, it may as well have never been written.

20,000 Ministers Nearing Overalls

TWENTY thousand ministers in the United States are now seriously considering how they can get into some kind of business where they can be of some use to their fellow men. So many churches have closed their doors, or combined with other churches, that there are now 20,000 regularly ordained men who have never done a tap of useful work in their lives and who would welcome anybody that would come to them with an offer of honest work of any kind.

Jonesboro Continues Religious

JONESBORO, Arkansas, continues to be religious. It has been having difficulties, but these are in a fair way to solution. It seems that in the Baptist Tabernacle they had two pastors, with the janitor hired by pastor No. 2 and holding the fort. Pastor No. 1 got a court order saying that he was the lawful pastor. Then he tried to get into the tabernacle and the janitor would not let him in, whereupon he shot and killed him. Pastor No. 1 is in jail, pastor No. 2 has skipped, and the janitor is dead. All religious troubles come to an end.

A Step in the Right Direction

CONSIDERABLE progress is being made in the reformation of the clergy. In the *Good Housekeeping* magazine appears a statement that 20,000 preachers now have no outlet for what they have to sell, and that every breadline has at least one minister, priest or evangelist, who has come for his daily. The New York *Journal* for October 25, 1933, contains a snapshot picture of five men in a breadline; three of them have reversed collars and a look as if they realized they had been in the wrong business. These men are the most fortunate men in the ministry. No longer engaged in the defaming of Jehovah's name in the pulpit, they have inducements now to seek lines of work where they may be of benefit to humankind.

Guthrie, Zoroaster and the Prophets

IN A SERMON in St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie Episcopal church, New York city, Reverend Doctor William Norman Guthrie, rector of the church, explained to his flock that truth "is a new thing. It was not preached until 630 B.C., when it was espoused by Zarathustra". Is that so? Well, David, the writer of the Psalms, the 'little Bible', died in 1039 B.C., and he said, "I have walked in thy truth" (Psalm 26:3); and "I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation". (Psalm 40:10) In view of the fact that Jesus Christ expressly states that David was an inspired prophet of the Lord (Matthew 22:43), and in view of the further fact that neither He nor any of the apostles or prophets mentioned Zarathustra (Zoroaster) in any way, won't Reverend Guthrie kindly tell us whether he is doing just right to take people's money under the claim that he is a Christian minister? Why not discard all pretense of being a follower of Jesus and do the manly thing: come out openly as a follower of Zoroaster?

The Back to Church Movement

THE Back to Church Movement, sponsored this year by an ex-president of the Federal Council of Churches, and next year by a Roman Catholic, will undertake to see what can be done to get hold of at least some of the money which the NRA hopes will soon be in circulation. This laymen's movement will try by radio, the daily press, magazines, church periodicals, street-car signs, billboards and a national mailing seal to do something to offset the work done by Jehovah's witnesses in urging the people to desert Babylon and let it go down. The movement will be a dismal failure. To start with it has 18 governors of states and a string of bishops and rabbis as long as your arm to give it some standing in the eyes of the people, but the people would have more confidence in it if most of those names were omitted. The slogan of this Christless movement will be: "God the Light of the World: Protestant, Catholic and Jew, Follow the Light Back to Church." When this church whoopee started in New York a dove was to carry a message from New York to Governor Rolph, of California, but names such as Mooney, Holmes and Thurmond probably were not mentioned in the note. Reverend Cadman is chairman of the National Spiritual Advisory Council.

Blind Leaders of the Blind

A FOLLOWER of Christ is one who believes that God through Christ has provided salvation for mankind. The clergymen as a general rule do not believe that. They pose before the people as preachers, and yet they are diligent in keeping the people away from the Bible. They are daily becoming bolder in denying the Bible; and instead of referring the people to the remedy God has provided, they are telling the people that big business and the politicians and they themselves are their guardians and saviors. The majority of these clergymen call themselves "modernists". That means that they deny the Bible account of creation, and the fall of man, and the redemption through Christ Jesus' sacrifice. The scheme is to turn the minds of the people away from the Bible and away from God, and turn them to the worship of men or other creatures. 'Why is this true?' you may ask. Briefly, the reason is this:

God created the first man perfect and placed him in Eden, the garden of the Lord. God made Lucifer, one of His great angelic creatures, overseer or overlord of man. Lucifer was ambitious to have men worship him; and to accomplish his purposes he induced man to violate God's law. The penalty for that wrongful act was death. God sentenced the first man, Adam, to death and expelled him from Eden. Read this in the third chapter of the book of Genesis. Because of this wrongful act, all of Adam's children were begotten in sin and born in iniquity. (Psalm 51:5) Since then, men have been dying, and would remain dead for ever unless God in the exercise of His loving-kindness makes provision for man's redemption and blessing. Long ago God promised to provide redemption. He promised that He would redeem mankind and then establish on earth a government of righteousness for the blessing of all people.

At the time that Adam was expelled from Eden God changed the name of Lucifer to that of Satan the Devil. "Satan" means *opposer;* and ever since then he has been opposing God. Satan has employed numerous schemes to turn the people away from Jehovah. God could have prevented him from so doing; but the Bible shows that it is God's purpose to let Satan the Devil go the limit in the commission of wickedness and in his effort to turn all creation, human and spiritual, away from God and then to intervene and demonstrate to all creation that Jehovah God is the true God and is supreme and all-powerful and thus vindicate His word and His name. In the meantime mankind has been suffering great adversity at the hands of the Devil and his agents, but then, after the vindication of God's word and name, Jehovah God will show to mankind the privilege of obeying righteousness and of receiving great blessings that He has in store for man. God selected the nation of Israel to make of them a model nation and to teach them and through them the way leading to life and happiness. That people had their religious services; and the Devil turned the clergymen of Israel away from God, so that when Jesus came these men claimed to represent God but in fact represented the Devil and deceived the people. To them Jesus said: "If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." —John 8:42-44.

There is a true Christianity, and there is a false, so-called "Christianity". This organization, so-called "Christianity", is also called "Christendom". True followers of Christ believe the truth and delight to tell God's truth to others. False or so-called "Christians" yield to the influence of Satan, deceive many, and lead the people away from God. Numerous instances of this kind could be cited.

You will admit that Bishop Gore and Bishop Barnes, two of the most distinguished clergymen of England, are good samples of what the clergymen are doing. In the London *Daily Express* of September 19, 1927, appears a speech made by Bishop Gore at Grosvenor Chapel, Mayfair, London. He denied the credibility of the Bible and said of the writers of the Bible that "they are masters of story-telling". Here are some of his words:

"We are nourishing a vain hope if we suppose that the early chapters of Genesis or the stories about Daniel and Enoch are ever going to be accepted as history.

"They have none of the characteristics of history as real science has learned to detect them, and it is no good kicking against facts. We will merely delay

the necessary adjustment of Christianity to the new world of ideas by going on murmuring, and perplexing the minds of our children, instead of being perfectly frank with our own minds and with others."

The *Westminster Gazette,* of London, on Monday, September 26, 1927, reports the speech of the Reverend Doctor Barnes, bishop of Birmingham, England. This is what he said:

"In this age of social and moral confusion, of intellectual progress and unrest, the turmoil was so great that few landmarks seemed safe, and the religious beliefs and traditions of our forefathers were sharply challenged," he said.

Were they to cling to the old faith? He would rather say: "Welcome new discoveries with an open mind and reverence the great men who made them. But let them remember that, behind all the new knowledge, the fundamental issues of life would remain veiled."

"Today," he continued, "there is, among competent men of science, unanimous agreement that man has been evolved from an ape-like stock. He arose, possibly a million years ago, from a tangle of apes which began to vary in different directions.

"As a result the stories of the creation of Adam and Eve, of their primal innocence and of their fall, have become for us folklore. But by the men who built up Catholic theology they were accepted as solid fact. Man's special creation was one of the primary assumptions of the Catholic system. In it the fall explained the sin.

"Darwin's triumph has destroyed the whole theological scheme. Man is not a being who has fallen from an ideal state of perfect innocence: he is an animal slowly gaining spiritual understanding and, with the gain, rising far above his distant ancestors."

In America the major portion of the clergymen hold exactly the same views as expressed by the two bishops above mentioned. Such men are not safe advisers of the people. They are the counterparts of the Jewish Pharisees. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof, even as the apostle Paul said they would.—2 Timothy 3:1-7.

The clergy as a class claim to be followers of Jesus Christ, and make the people believe that they are. The Scriptures designate Jesus Christ as "The Prince of Peace". When He was on earth He repeatedly declared the law which His followers must obey: "Thou shalt not kill." Anyone who is a true follower of Jesus Christ must be obedient to this command. Anyone claiming to be a follower of Christ and who at the same time urges men to kill each other is a hypocrite and party to the crime of the killing. There might be some excuse or extenuating circumstances for men who know nothing about the Bible to engage in war, but there is no excuse or extenuating circumstance in favor of Christ's followers' voluntarily engaging in war or urging others to do so.

During the world war of 1914 to 1918 the clergymen advocated war, urged young men to go to war to kill their fellow men, used their church buildings for recruiting stations, and denounced and persecuted everyone who expressed conscientious scruples against killing. Everybody knows this statement to be true. They went even further than that. Many of the clergymen told young men that if they would go to war and die upon the battlefield, their blood would be counted in with that of Jesus and their souls would immediately be winged off to glory. They should have known better; because war is murder and no murderer has eternal life. So say the sacred Scriptures. (1 John 3:15) If these men, contrary to the Word of the Lord, advocate the killing of their fellow men and at the same time claim to be followers of Christ, they are both hypocrites and unsafe advisers of the people. The evidence is too voluminous to cite all of it; but here you have some, naming the clergymen who are guilty of duplicity.

There was never any danger of Germany's invading America. Every sensible man knew that that was impossible. And yet some of the most zealous advocates of America's entering the war were the clergymen.

The Reverend S. Parkes Cadman, an Englishman who resides in America and who is ex-president of the organization called the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, just before the war and while answering questions before the Bedford branch of the Y.M.C.A. in Brooklyn passionately exclaimed: "Prepare! Prepare! Prepare for war!" When he was asked his opinion of students who refused to engage in military training he replied: "They are parasites, suckers, and rubbish. The teacher that teaches them they have no right to bear arms for the state should be fired out of his position." Doctor Cadman, with others, boasted of the fighting rector Doctor Reiland.

The Massachusetts Clerical Association was one of the first to vote for America to enter the war, and a delegation of the prominent clergy visited Washington to combat the "unchristian influence" of pacifists. They made it their business to use their church buildings for the preach-

ing of war sermons. When the government enacted the conscription law and inserted a section making it possible for a Christian to decline active military service, nearly every clergyman in the land opposed those who took advantage of this provision of the law. They spoke of such men as "poor pussy-foot pacifists".

Doctor S. E. Young, of the Presbyterian church, called them cowards and traitors because they expressed their belief in God and in Christ and insisted on obeying God rather than man.

Bishop Kinsolving, of Texas, declared that "such men should be driven not only from the country, but from the earth".

The Reverend Howard Ganster, of Waukegan, Ill., "advocated the organization of a society for the committing of murder of persons who do not stand up or who leave the building when the 'Star Spangled Banner' is played."

Dr. Henry Van Dyke delivered a so-called "sermon", and referring to a gentleman who was candidate for mayor in New York, and who was against America's entering the war, said: "I would hang every one, whether or not he be a candidate for mayor, who lifts his voice against America's entering the war."

Reverend Gillis, a Catholic, said: "Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace, but Pontius Pilate was the Prince of Pacifists."

Bishop Cooke advocated that those who desire to take advantage of the law for noncombatant service should "be deprived . . . of all political and social and civil rights".

Doctor Eaton was made chairman of the National Service Section of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and performed the duty of delivering fight-talks in the shipyards. He said: "When a spy comes sneaking around with a bomb don't say, 'Let us pray,' but take him out there on the marsh and tie him down and place the bomb on his chest. Light it and stand off and watch him blow to his kaiser, to hell! Be regular he-men."

Evidently Eaton's conscience hurt him so much after the war that he got himself elected to Congress from New Jersey.

The Reverend W. W. Bustard, John D. Rockefeller's loyal servant, from his pulpit exclaimed: "To hell with the kaiser!"

In view of such an array of facts, can any right-minded person do otherwise than agree that "Christendom's" religious leaders are not followers of Christ but are blind leaders of the blind? Can they be relied upon to lead the people in the way that guides to sure prosperity?

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