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The Engine That Never Stops

ONE could not say that the heart never rests, for it does, as will hereinafter be shown; but if it stops, you stop, until the resurrection. One of the marvels of the Creator's hand is the human heart, or any heart, for that matter. In the human it is five to six inches in length. The men are more large-hearted than the women. If any of the women write in about this it will be easy to convince them that they have misunderstood us. Men are larger animals and require larger hearts, in the proportion of 6 to 5.

The average heart weighs rarely over 12 ounces, yet this efficient machine pumps all the blood of the body through itself once every three minutes. Every twenty-four hours it beats 108,000 times, two ounces of blood to the beat, but so wonderfully adjusts its efforts to the needs of the body that during athletic contests it will work three and one-half times as hard, for short periods, pumping as much as eight gallons a minute.

In a day of moderate activity a man's heart does enough work to lift a 150-pound man 1,000 feet. Even when the man lies the whole day in bed the heart still does enough work to lift the 150-pound man 500 feet. The blood stream travels at the rate of 61,000 miles a year.

In the heart are special nerve cells whose functions are to keep the heart beating as long as we are alive. These work without the voluntary action of the brain; if they did not we should die in our sleep (and people sometimes do). But what goes on in the brain has much to do with what takes place in the heart. The brain is the general manager—sometimes.

Scientists who were rather too curious found that when a woman who had been married eight years was kissed by her husband her heartbeats jumped from 70 to 116 and remained there for several minutes. When the apostle said, "Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss" (1 Thessalonians 5: 26), he could not have meant to include the sisters—at least not unless the men of that

time were different from what they are now—and the women too. That straightens it all out nicely about the men's being more large-hearted than the women. Two-thirds of the heart is to the left of the breast bone; one-third, to the right.

Some Differences of Opinion

There are some differences of opinion about the heart. One medical view is that the heart contains a small mass of tissue called the pacemaker, and that the beat of the heart has its origin in this. Another is that the lungs do all the driving and the heart is merely a governor. A physician with experience in the dissecting room is of the opinion that the heart is motivated from the brain.

A German physician, Dr. Mendelsohn, believes that the circulation of the blood depends upon the vital activities of the glands of the body, the huge quantities of liquids excreted, the flow of saliva, etc. He mentions that we exhale a pint of water daily in gaseous form, as one of the items in this view. Breathe on a pane of glass on a cold day and see what a quantity is continually poured from the lungs. Thirty ounces of saliva are swallowed every twenty-four hours.

The heart is provided with what are described as "little dinner pails". These are tiny, disk-like structures between the muscle fibers. Their duty is to collect food materials from the blood and pass them around to the heart muscles.

But if there are differences of opinion as to what it is that makes the heart beat, there are no differences as to the present prevalence of heart disease in some of its fifty forms. In 1926 one death in every six among policyholders of the New York Life Insurance Company was caused by heart disease. More recently the statement was made by Thomas Parran, Jr., state commissioner of health, that practically one out of every four deaths in the state is from this cause.

At all times in New York clinics there are 1,500 sufferers from heart affections, with 1,500 more in the hospitals and other institutions. Dr. Paul Dudley White, of Boston, says that over two percent of the population of this country have heart disease. In the country as a whole there were 132 deaths per 100,000 from this cause in 1900, but in 1929 there were 211 deaths per 100,000 of the population. Back in the quiet days of 1868 the deaths from heart disease were only 53 out of every 100,000; so they are now four times what they used to be. Supposed to be a disease of old age, over 4,000 persons under 45 die from this cause in New York state every year.

Some of the Reasons for Heart Disease

One of the main reasons for increased deaths from heart disease is that people live twice as long now as they did in the Dark Ages. The average of human life then was twenty to twenty-five years; now it is nearer sixty. The people are better fed now than then, and fat persons are more subject to heart ailments.

It is easy enough to make up a list of the things that cause the heart to get discouraged and give up trying to carry a man along who uses liquor and tobacco continuously, overworks, overwories, and, especially, overeats. It may be a happy way to die, but most people dig their graves with their teeth. Underfeeding is bad, too. The heart does laborious work and has to have food, but the best stove ever made can be ruined by jamming more fuel into it than it can handle properly.

Fright makes the heart go faster. Don't get scared; the other fellow is far worse scared than you are. Joy is all right, but too much joy is like too much sorrow; excessive emotion wears the heart out.

Kidney trouble or liver trouble eventually means heart trouble; for the heart has to keep pumping fresh supplies into the damaged organs, and that makes its work harder.

Too much of athletics is just too bad. Nurmi, the world's greatest runner, has a heart that is double size. It functions perfectly, but Nurmi must keep exercising to keep that big heart well; when he stops, no more Nurmi. Many athletes have hearts smaller than normal; the muscles are small, but tight and powerful.

There is a big difference in responsiveness of hearts. With some, one cigar a day would be too

much; others smoke five a day and think it moderate. Still, why kill yourself with tobacco at all? However, it is your heart, and getting a tobacco heart is one way to bump yourself off. Many do it.

The telephone, the telegram and the automobile: are they blessings or are they merely aids to the undertakers? They keep us all steamed up, until finally the heart flies the black flag and says, What's the use?

Fifty Kinds of Heart Disease

Rheumatism is another cause, and you can aggravate that by drinking tea and coffee. Many like to go by that route. Why object? If a person prefers to have caffeine in his system to having life, let him have what he chooses. High blood pressure comes from having too many toxins; the arteries dam up, and finally the heart gets weary of working for such an unreasonable master and quits for good.

Goiter heart, it is claimed, has been cured by the removal of the entire thyroid gland. This may be necessary in some cases; we do not know.

Endocarditis, inflammation of the inner lining of the heart, is common north of the Mason and Dixon's line and unknown south of it. It is thought that difference in atmospheric pressure has something to do with this. More likely, the southerners get more fresh air.

Sometimes heart defects exist at birth. This is rarely the case, but does happen, and when it does happen it is very serious. Still, people who have weak hearts, and know it, and make use of what they know, live long and useful lives, sometimes. Such people must moderate work and play.

The heart rests one-tenth of a second after each beat, and slows down and recuperates while we sleep. Deprive yourself of necessary rest, and you will come in for an earlier ride in one of these new side-door automobile Pullmans when your friends "say it with flowers".

Some have suggested that certain Siphonaptera, or Aphaniptera, better known as fleas, are responsible for certain types of heart disease. All right, then don't harbor fleas.

There have been a few instances of slits in the heart which have been sewn up by surgeons and the patients recovered. Sometimes the surgeons have finished a heart that might have gone on beating.

Heart Disease Not Inevitably Fatal

If the doctor tells you not to drink champagne, better not drink it. A wealthy New York woman thought she knew better, and took too much. She got dead drunk in Paris, eyes glazed, heart ceased to beat, but her body maintained a temperature of 102 degrees for 16 hours. (The heat of the body rises after death.) The woman finally died; it was probably just as well. She was of no good to anybody, not even to herself, and probably never would be of any good, and the world is just as well off without her. People who live to pamper their appetites are entitled to little sympathy.

Heart disease is not inevitably progressive. The heart patient must take care of himself; that's all. Sane living methods, adequate sleep, proper food, reasonable hours of work, and even some play, and thousands of them go on for years and years.

Sometimes death comes at once to heart sufferers; but they commonly linger on for long. For every death from heart disease there are ten cases of heart invalidism.

On the other hand, if your heart is sound you may take courage. It will be equal to all the demands that you make upon it, if they are within reason. Indeed, there are numerous purely nervous disturbances of the heart in which there is no cause for anxiety. A medical examination will disclose whether or not the heart is sound; if it is, you have little to fear.

The X-ray shows that when one is suffering from any kind of heart trouble there are large gas pouches either in the upper part of the stomach or in the upper left bend of the colon. This shows that what we eat has a lot to do with what happens to our hearts.

The "Don't's" on eating are: Don't eat too much food; don't eat the wrong kind of food; don't eat wrong combinations of food; don't eat when too tired; don't drink too much of anything, and certainly not too much of anything that stimulates.

Some of the Symptoms

Some of the symptoms commonly supposed to be associated with heart trouble are said to be fullness of the chest, particularly on the left side; intermittent heartbeat; hot and cold flashes; pain in the region of the heart; pains in the breast and down the left arm; aching between the shoulders; shortness of breath; severe exhaustion; giddiness; blue hands and feet; pal-

pitation; profuse sweating; extreme nervousness.

A physician says, on "Sinus Arrhythmia": "The heart rate waxes and wanes gradually, usually being faster when breathing in, and slower when breathing out. This is common in healthy people, and has no special significance." That disposes of scare No. 1.

On the subject of "Premature Beats" the same authority says: "A beat occurs too soon after the last one, so that there is a short interval before it and a longer one after it. The beat is comparatively weak, so that, while it can be heard over the heart, it cannot be felt as a pulse beat at the wrist. This may or may not be serious, depending on other factors. In an otherwise normal heart it means little."

Valvular murmurs are not considered serious. Where no two beats are alike the heart may be kept going by a physician, with digitalis, for some years. When a normally beating heart suddenly becomes very rapid and the rapid beating continues for a period and then stops as suddenly as it started, the condition is serious. The most serious of all is where the pulse is regular in time but the alternate beats are strong and weak; in these cases death generally occurs within a year.

Angina pectoris is the most dreadful of all pains; when it comes on, the bravest and calmest may roll on the floor in agony. A writer says: "A heavy burden lies upon the patient's chest and he dare not try to breathe because of excruciating pain, and without breath he must die." The heart feels as if it were being squeezed in a powerful vise; the pain fills the chest and runs down the arm; the face is the color of ashes; sweat pours from the forehead; a physician should be summoned at once. He will probably provide nitroglycerine or amyl nitrite, and heat, in the form of a hot water bottle applied to the chest.

Heart Affections in the Young

Probably that heading ought to be "Heart Disorders in the Young", for that is what is meant. Ninety children out of 10,000 are found to have organic heart disease. This discovery led, in Philadelphia, to the founding of the Children's Heart Hospital, where all will be done that can be done for these poor unfortunates. The hospital has 200 beds.

Many of these children are victims of the after-effects of scarlet fever or other infectious diseases. Malignant rheumatism is another

great cause of their sorrows. Some, when they got older, found the pace of petting parties, bootleg liquor, night clubs and high-speed automobiles more than they could keep up with.

In New York state in 1915 a total of 275 persons between the ages of ten and twenty-four succumbed to heart disease; in 1925 the total was 361. The figures speak for themselves.

A mother who really wanted to save her little baby, born with a weak heart, gave it sun baths every afternoon at two o'clock. At first only the legs were bared for five minutes, front and back; then she was bared to the hips; then entirely undressed, and still with only five-minute exposures. Each week the duration of the exposure was lengthened, until at length the child was getting fifteen minutes naked, front and back. In fifteen months, as a result of these sun baths and the accompanying periods of complete rest, the heart was almost completely normal, skin ruddy, and flesh firm.

Anything decayed in the body, like decayed teeth, decayed tonsils, decayed food in the intestines, etc., may induce heart troubles. How can a heart be well that every three minutes is visited by blood that has been in contact with something decayed?

Young girls may have murmurs over the base of the heart which are merely indicative of changes taking place in their organisms and do not necessarily mean that the heart itself is in any danger. Irregular or extra heartbeats are perfectly normal in a great many cases. In fact, extra beats are a carefully planned act of nature, meant to insure the continued beating of the heart. Don't get the idea that you have a bad heart unless you really have; for the world already has too many hypochondriacs.

Nature Plays Some Pranks

Nature plays some pranks, even with such an organ as the heart. One in about 100,000 has a heart on the right side instead of on the left. Edward Reynolds, of Wilkinsburg, Pa., has two hearts, the larger one on his right side, the smaller one on the left. He has never suffered any inconvenience because of this. A man at Sandy Hook, Ky., tried to suicide by shooting himself in the left chest. It happened that his heart was on his right side; otherwise he would have died immediately.

A poor little Shoreditch (London, England) lad was able to live to seven years of age with his heart on the right and turned clear around,

so that the back of the heart was to the front of his body. Certain organs that should have been in the abdomen were found in his chest.

It is astonishing what some men dare do with their bodies and with the bodies of others. In Berlin Dr. Werner Forssmann, a young surgeon, propelled a rubber catheter 2 feet 1½ inches long from above his left elbow upward and under the collarbone and finally into the heart itself. The course of the probe was carefully followed by X-ray apparatus. The experiment is said to have lasted less than a minute (which seems incredible) and to have produced no ill effects. More to be feared is the announcement that he will now undertake by this method to inject medicine directly into the interior of the heart. Glucose is suggested as one of the drugs to be injected.

A British device stimulates the heart into activity if used within ten minutes after it has ceased to beat. A needle is inserted into the heart and an electrical current is used to produce an artificial beat.

We don't like to say anything about the rubber hearts made for cats and dogs or the insertion of the heart of one animal into the circulatory system of another. All vivisection is abhorrent. Photographs (moving pictures) are existent which reveal the opening and closing of the valves of a calf's heart. These were taken through glass windows inserted in the walls of the organ. He that marks the sparrow's fall would surely mark that work too.

The Heart Beats Thirty Minutes After Death

The new instrument which replaces the stethoscope, namely, the electrocardiograph, is so sensitive that it records heartbeats thirty minutes after death is reported by any other means of acquiring that knowledge. In this device the body of the patient supplies the electric current. The strongest current is obtained by joining the right wrist to the left ankle.

The current generated is multiplied ten trillion times, but could as readily be multiplied five hundred trillion times, if that were desired. The results are most extraordinary. Every sound is magnified enormously, and then photographed, with the result that the exact response of the organ to various treatments may be studied.

Heartbeats, by this method, have been transmitted from Buenos Aires to Spain, and so clearly that doctors in Madrid diagnosed the

condition of their patients 6,750 miles away. Phonographic records are now made of heartbeats, as well as the photographic records. Nothing is left to chance. The electrical disturbances in the heart are recorded at the same time that X-rays of its movements are being taken.

The statement is made that "through the new method it is possible to accurately time any point on the curve of movement within approximately one one-hundredth of a second of the corresponding event on the electrical curve of action".

What a physician thinks of the value of a good heart:

"I have found it a rule to which there are few

exceptions that the pupil with the normal heart-beat under all conditions is the same one who is dependable in all circumstances. I venture the assertion that by making the heart record of any class of students one can as easily classify them as to reliability and success in life as from all the other class records which are usually kept, from which to recommend, promote and graduate the student. But the danger: One boy in a present physiology class shows a heartbeat of 175 per minute after violent exercise, and this boy plays football. I shall not be surprised at any time to learn that he has the 'falling sickness' on some field of great effort, or that his heart has ceased for ever."

Danger of Food Contamination by Aluminum

IN A 32-page brochure entitled "The Danger of Food Contamination by Aluminum", by R. M. Le Hunte Cooper, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., published by John Bale, Sons & Danielsson, Ltd., London, Mr. Cooper, referring to the fact that aluminum is not found in the human fetus, says of subsequent experiences:

Granted that many sources of entry are very small and even infinitesimal, collectively they must be very seriously considered, and that this collective supply is not only steadily increasing, but has already reached dangerous proportions, the following list of vessels made in aluminum will prove:

"Saucepans (and this metal has recently actually been used to line vessels made of iron, copper and nickel), preserving pans, frying pans, poachers, grillers and toasters, kettles, porridge cookers, pasteurizers, steamers and different patent cookers, colanders and sieves, officers' canteens and water bottles, cooking spoons, fish lifters and fish slicers, egg slicers, ordinary spoons and forks, skewers, and actually lemon squashers, custard and egg whisks (from which the metal must become freely detached), coffeepots (some wholly aluminum, and others with a patent aluminum structure to fit inside vessels of other material), teapots, tea-infusers, milk containers of various kinds, milk jugs, water jugs and bottles, cups, tumblers (especially nests of tumblers for picnic baskets and collapsible tumblers), canisters for holding tea, sago, rice, sugar, etc., and flour dredgers, biscuit tins and biscuit boxes, pepper pots, salt cellars, mustard pots, toast forks and racks, thermos flasks, and patent caps for whisky and other bottles, patent caps for glass milk bottles to assist pouring, tooth paste tubes and tooth powder boxes, and wrappings for suppositories

and pessaries. To show the ever increasing growth of this evil the *Encyclopedia Britannica* gives the following startling information: 'Aluminum foil is rapidly replacing tin foil for wrapping chocolates and cheeses and for tubes holding cosmetics. Steam jacketed pans are made of this metal for institutions, kitchens, and in foodstuff industries. Producing thin sheets for bottle and jar covers is alone an industry of no small importance. The brewing industry makes wide use of it in the form of vats and fermenting vessels, storage vessels for yeast and beer, and tanks for transport of beer by road and rail. In Europe the dairy industry uses aluminum widely as tanks and vessels for the storage, pasteurization and transport of milk and cream, and for vats used in cheese-making. For many other foodstuffs which are weakly acid aluminum finds rapidly extending use, e.g., in jam-making, fruit-preserving and meat-extracting, and the production of high-grade gelatines.' "

Just lately I find that the makers of electric refrigerators are beginning to replace the heavy metal drawers for making ice cubes with others made of this metal, and that it is largely used in the manufacture of ice creams, so extensively sold in the streets. I think it will generally be accepted that the reason why, under these conditions, we are not all continually ill, and that it causes ill effects at one time and not at another, lies in our powers of elimination and acquired immunity. So long as the former are working efficiently, no obvious symptoms develop, but any cause temporarily weakening these will at once allow the system to become overcharged, and adverse effects to follow. This throws additional light on the beneficial effects of saline laxatives, and the benefits of change of air and change of diet, which may often in reality be due to change of cooking.

SPEAKING of the ever changing standards of living and the factors that govern, the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* editorially says:

So much has been said about the manner in which the standard of living improved in the years prior to 1930 that it is taken as a matter of course, and the decline since that year is equally apparent. In the period before the depression, stretching over many years, there was a tremendous development of facilities for making life comfortable, easy and entertaining. Radios, automobiles, electrical appliances, better houses and furniture and a thousand other things, all contributed to a feeling of satisfaction and pleasantness. It was, and is, very desirable, and undoubtedly is in the nature of civilized progress.

But it may be well to ask if that improving of living standards applied all the way through the business of living. For example, did it apply to food and the very necessary function of eating? Certainly there was a vast improvement in the convenience of preparing meals. Electrical devices, tin cans and can openers, prepared foods and service, all showed vast improvement. But did the improvement extend to a greater nourishment, a greater variety of healthy grub, sufficient quantities of simple foods well prepared? Or did it result in undernourishment, with meals hastily snatched and lacking both in quantity and quality? It is a matter on which there may be a difference of opinion, but it seems certain, while nourishment may have been ample, it came in condensed forms or in new forms of food of inferior quality which were substituted for those that came directly from the farm.

It may seem unimportant so long as the required amount of nourishment was obtained, unimportant, at least, so far as the consumer is concerned. But it has had a very definite effect on the market for agricultural products. Competent farm experts suggest that if Canadians ate the variety of native foods, including what they consider to be a proper quantity of dairy products and meats, it would be a healthier country and the agricultural acreage in Canada would be only slightly more than enough to feed the population of this dominion. There would be no vast quantity for export unless further land were brought under cultivation. And so, if the improvement in living standards had extended to foods, on the basis suggested by the agricultural experts, there would be no farm problems.

Wheat to the Pigs

When it is a matter of which gets the preference, humans or pigs, big business sees to it that the pigs do, according to an item appearing in the *Edmonton Bulletin*. It reads:

The international wheat commission, which, by the way, has not been commissioned by any Canadian au-

thority to do anything about wheat, has had a bright thought. It proposes to "denature" large quantities of wheat so as to increase its use as animal feed and decrease the amount of flour available for human food.

There being more wheat in the world than can be sold under the trade-strangling tariffs with which the countries have isolated themselves one from another, wheat is to be turned into pig-feed—perhaps—in order to destroy the commercial surplus. As between people who are hungry because they cannot get wheat and pigs, which are being fed on a cheaper and more suitable diet, pigs get the preference in the wisdom of the international wheat commission.

And likely enough, if their subjects let them, some governments will accept and act upon this porcine advice from their wheat "brain trust". There is not, after all, much difference in folly between compelling farmers to grow less wheat and sprouting wheat so that it cannot be used for human food.

Both are means to the same end—the end of curtailing wheat in order to avoid having to "curtail" the tariff barriers and other trade restrictions which have been built up to prevent wheat's being grown where it can be grown economically and exchanged for the products of other countries which could better employ their resources, time and people in producing other things.

If as a result of the proposed pig-feed policy people have to go hungry because they cannot get wheat, that will be just too bad for the people. The tariff-mad governments apparently have nothing better to offer.

Birds Enjoy the Grasshoppers

A Canadian Press report states that birds are aiding the farmers to fight pests. We quote:

While the Saskatchewan government is preparing to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to carry on the 1934 battle against grasshoppers, a game little army is already in the field carrying on a private war against the pests.

W. O. Fraser, M.L.A., Souris, whose home is in the center of the 'hopper-infested district of southern Saskatchewan, was in Regina Monday, and in an interview told of the daily destruction of thousands of grasshopper eggs and how it was being done.

"There was no grain down by my country, this year," he said. "The grasshoppers wiped it out clean in six rural municipalities. Lacking grain as a food, the birds have turned to grasshopper eggs.

"The Hungarian partridge is the leader in the enterprise. One flew against a wire fence the other day and was killed.

"Inside that bird were found 80 'hopper pods, and each pod carried about 20 eggs. Another bird that was shot was found to be gorged on 'hopper pods.

"There are thousands and thousands of Hungarian

partridge down there moving in flocks that number as high as 60 and 80 birds. There has been no snow and the ground is so dry there is no frost to stop their getting the pods from under the surface."

Among the Financial Highwaymen

The government committee to investigate the spread between the price paid to the producer and that paid by the consumer apparently went too far to please the prime minister, for when the chairman, Mr. Stevens, presented his booklet covering the matter Mr. Bennett, the prime minister, immediately suppressed it. When one reads the booklet it is easy to see the reason for suppressing it. It is too lengthy to quote in full, so we will confine our quotation to his remarks concerning the two gigantic department stores of the land and one or two other specially interesting items.

Mr. Stevens begins his pamphlet by saying:

I have studied Canadian affairs assiduously during all my term in Parliament. I have tried to keep in touch with the interests of the people at large. I think my interests have been largely wrapped up in those of the general public and, during recent years in particular, certain things have become very deeply impressed upon my mind. It became abundantly clear to me that a great section of the people of Canada was laboring under unusual handicaps. There was acute suffering. I refer to the farming community. It is true that citizens generally have suffered also, but I think there is no class of people that has had to endure such a broad leveling down. That is my impression; that is my conviction.

When I made a speech in Winnipeg in the fall of 1933 on the question of livestock I did it because I felt that there was no justification for the low price that was being paid to the farmers for these things. Hogs were gradually rising, because of the amount that we could get over to the British market under the Imperial Trade Agreement. But for beef, when you find a western producer of first-class steers, high-grade, well finished steers, getting, as some of them did, as low as a cent and a half a pound on the ranch, and two and a quarter cents and so on in the Winnipeg market, the thing is outrageous.

It seemed to me to be something that we had to face. I looked earnestly for causes and I became convinced that the bringing of the control of that great industry into the hands virtually of one concern—certainly not more than two—indicated that here lay perhaps part of the cause of our trouble. I was convinced then, and I am more than convinced now, as a result of the investigations we have carried on, that these companies controlled that business. I am only going to cite in that respect one point—one that has come out in the evidence and that has been proved

beyond peradventure—and it is this, that during the last four years of intense depression and, I might say, demoralization of business, and of low prices, scandalously low prices were paid to the farmer for his meat products. During these four years Canada packers have had the most prosperous years of their existence and piled up reserves that were not warranted under normal business operations.

Then speaking of the exploitation of the tobacco growers he says:

The tobacco industry in Canada has gradually passed largely into the control of one big institution, that is, the big institution takes about 80 percent of all the production, and the others take about 20 percent. You can see, therefore, that one institution virtually controls the situation.

In 1931 they (The Imperial Tobacco Co.) brought a man up from the United States called Lea, who had been used to buying tobacco from Negroes in the south, and was a typical bulldozing American buyer. They brought him up and put him in charge of buying in Canada, and in the fall of 1931 they just cut rates that they paid the grower down sharply from 32 cents and 33 cents to 19 cents.

After showing then the enormous profits to the Tobacco Co. he states:

I hope the picture is clear. On the one hand you have fabulous earnings and fabulous wealth for the companies, with the farmers cut down to the very verge of starvation. Scores of farmers were forced to leave their homes.

Now as to his findings in reference to the Robert Simpson Company and the T. Eaton Company we quote:

Then the classical one of all, to my mind, was the Robert Simpson Company of Toronto. The Robert Simpson Company was practically an ideal institution. It had been fairly well managed.

There is no doubt about that, and over a long period of years it had developed and ploughed very handsome profits back into the business as well as distributing them. During the years from 1898 down to 1928 it had made an average of 11 percent on its capital. In other words, it paid well and much of that capital was in the form of profits that were ploughed back in and stock was issued. For instance, five thousand shares of preferred stock was issued in one lump to the Flavelle interests and they still have it as a matter of fact. Then there were many other classes of stock issued without any equivalent in cash going into the company as well. But all that part of it was strictly minor; that can go by the board as simply releasing the earnings that were not taken out. But on that, as well as the invested capital, they paid 11 percent, roughly speaking, right throughout the whole history down to about 1928.

In 1925 Sir Joseph Flavelle and his associates who

were in control of the business conceived the idea of taking \$5,000,000 out of the business. They proceeded to do it and succeeded admirably, and still kept the business in a fairly healthy condition. Well, there is not much cause to complain there. We will let that go.

They went on then until 1928, I think it was, and they decided to have another refinancing under the leadership of Wood Gundy, and so they did this, roughly speaking. I am not going into the exact details of all the evidence, but in the printed evidence it is seen that they wrote a letter to their employees and said, "Now we are going to make an issue of," I think it was "\$12,000,000", and they said "we invite you"—no, they did not put it that way; they said "we have made it possible for the employees to participate in this wonderful company, and we urge the employees to participate, and we have set aside a peculiar class of stock for you, that is, Class B stock, which you can get at \$50.00—the other was \$100, but you can get this at \$50, Class B stock."

Then they said further to the employees, "If you want to borrow some money with which to pay for your stock you can go to the Bank of Commerce," of which Sir Joseph Flavelle was president, "and they will lend it to you on the stock if you have not enough in your savings with which to buy that."

To make a long story short: The employees of the Robert Simpson Company took some \$2,000,000 of this stock. They had not any idea that Sir Joseph Flavelle intended to back out of the company. They thought they were participating in an issue of the stock of the company which was going to enlarge and expand its operations and make it even more prosperous than it was.

Well, they sold \$12,000,000, or what was left after the employees took their part, to the public and the public took it. What did they do with it? \$10,000,000 of it went in cash to Sir Joseph Flavelle, the Fulger Estate and the Cox Estate. Sir Joseph's interest, I think, came to 70 percent, or \$7,000,000, and the others received the other 30 percent, or \$3,000,000.

They took that clean out of the company, extracting it from the company. In its place they left \$12,000,000 of mortgage bonds. But the tragedy of the thing is this, that the bonds were not secured by the assets of the Robert Simpson Company, they were secured solely by the common stock of the Robert Simpson Company, which was placed in the custody or under the ownership of a subsidiary holding company.

But the point I am making is this: Here you had an institution that was healthy, strong, very profitable, and it is now loaded by that \$15,000,000 that they took out in that way, and another extra \$5,000,000 that was spent in buildings in Montreal. They simply loaded it with a bond debt of \$20,000,000 which is a fixed debt calling for payment of interest, and then this other stock that was issued is absolutely valueless.

The \$2,000,000 that the employees got is not worth a snap of the fingers. There is no chance of its ever being worth a snap. And it was bought on a letter from the manager of the company suggesting that the employees take it.

There may be those who will say that I have been unfair to Sir Joseph Flavelle. Certain gentlemen have said to me that Sir Joseph wanted to sell out and didn't he have the right to sell out? Yes, he had the right to sell out, if he had said to the public, "I am selling out my business and I am going out of this business." Did he do that? If you will take the prospectus you will find that his name was prominent in them all. And the impression, as I pointed out when the thing was presented to the Committee, the inevitable impression was that Sir Joseph Flavelle was still in the business. The employees were asked to participate in the prosperity of a business institution of which he was the head. Nothing was said about the fact that they were going to take \$10,000,000 out and leave a lot of liabilities in its place.

I think it is safe to say that had the public known the facts, namely, that they were pulling out of the partnership and pulling out \$10,000,000 on their personal account, no one would have bought a single dollar of those bonds or that stock. I do not think there is any doubt about that.

Now, I come back to Simpson's. Simpson's, when they made that last loan or shortly after, cut their employees down on an average of about 17 percent. Many of the employees were getting and had got for years \$17, \$18, \$19, or \$20 for a week—which is not a large wage, but for a person who is working at that kind of work, that is a fair wage—were cut down to \$12 a week, hundreds of them.

I have not said much about the T. Eaton situation. Perhaps I might say just a word or two. The T. Eaton situation is a bit different from that of the other companies. They have not paid out such large sums—except to 40 executives who got very handsome bonuses—by way of salaries and bonus as some of the others. They have not refinanced in the way some others did, and they have not drawn out of the business large sums in the way Simpson's did. What they did was to spend huge sums of money in expansion, and in that huge building in Toronto which seems to be a veritable white elephant. The effect of their management in the last five or six years has been to increase their spread by about ten to twelve points over what it was, say, five years ago. Then, of course, they are doing just what Simpson's did, taking off at the bottom and forcing it back on the others.

Moral Pork Destroying Itself

Speaking in regard to the Stevens' investigation the *Toronto Star*, under the heading "Inside Its House of Glass", editorially says:

When a radical of any kind mounts on a box and

tries to make a speech denouncing conditions and advocating a new and better order of things he is regarded as a dangerous man. Generally he is regarded as a Red, a hireling of Moscow, an agitator who wants to tear down the fine edifice of our democratic institutions and set up in its place, with materials imported from Russia, a Bolshevik state.

The disclosures made in the tobacco investigation are likely to do more to condemn the present order of things and arouse anger and disgust in multitudes of people than all the speeches agitators could make.

It is shown that the growers of tobacco must accept whatever pay for their crops is offered them even though it is almost a starvation price and yet the profits made on the manufactured tobacco runs into high figures. Some of the incomes run as high as from \$70,000 up to, including bonuses, \$140,000 and more.

In manufacturing industries the private owner of a mill or factory used to think himself rich when he acquired a modest fortune. He looked upon his superintendent, foremen and employees with a personal interest. Between them there was a direct human relation. Then joint stock companies, corporations, combines, mergers, trusts followed, and the present order of things came about.

It is destroying itself. No moral responsibility is felt by invested capital toward those who work in the fields or in the shops. The man who buys shares in a corporation knows nothing about the work in the fields or shops. He expects a profit on his investment, and the more he gets, the better he feels. No doubt the corporation pays "the market price" for the field crops it buys and pays current wages in the shops. A corporation pays big salaries to its officials if they make big profits for the firm; and this is the job of those who direct operations. They make big profits, and the individual investor who buys shares and gets profits does not know enough about the business to ask questions. It is now established as a rule that a man should make all the money he can, although many still insist that the way in which it is done shall not be illegal. It used to be that men spoke of a just profit on a transaction in the sense that it was a moderate profit; it begins now to be supposed that a man is entitled to wring out of a transaction all the profit it can be made to yield, however immoderate it may be and whatever injury may come to the people at large as a result of it. The system is ruining itself inside its house of glass.

Advantages of the Simple Life

Under the caption "Canadians Live Longer", the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* editorially says:

Why do Canadians live longer than residents of the United States? It is a question not easy to answer, or rather one on which there may be a lot of speculation and in respect to which a great many possible and

partial explanations offer themselves. The fact that Canadians, on the average, really live longer than their neighbors is established in a statistical bulletin issued by one of the leading insurance companies in the United States. The bulletin has the following:

"The Canadian lives longer, on the average, than the white resident of the United States, if we omit the province of Quebec from the reckoning. His expectation of life at birth is 60.74 years, as compared with 59.31 for the white male in the United States. For females the figures are 63.23 and 62.83 respectively.

"Even if we include Quebec, which is somewhat less favorably situated as to mortality than the rest of Canada, it is still true from age one on, for males, and from age two on, for females, that the Canadian has a better expectation of life than the individual in our white population."

"Leaving outside the question the circumstance that lynchings, gang shootings, murders, bombings and highway accidents take a far greater toll in the republic, there are a number of opinions worth considering. One is that the Canadian climate, with its rather severe winter, tends to build men and women of stronger health than do the southern states, in which there is a large population. Another is that life in Canada is less strenuous. This point is dealt with by the *London Free Press* as follows: 'No doubt the real explanation is found in the fact that for the most part we live more quietly... take our pleasures less violently and find ourselves closer to the simple life which everyone applauds but few follow.'"

Brisbane Describes the "What-Is-It"

ARTHUR BRISBANE describes the "what-is-it" in the following pointed manner:

"Lloyd George in his memoirs says that while England was borrowing American dollars so industriously 'the United States, shocked by the cost of war, was suspicious as the allies asked for credit'. He does not add, as he might, that Americans would have been wise to refuse the credit, since all of their gallant allies have turned out to be gallant welchers. The latest display of American financial genius consists in shipping American gold abroad. First, the government took away any gold that American citizens happened to have. It was too good for them. Then it raised the price of gold to \$35 per ounce, nearly doubling it, thus enriching the British, who own the world's principal gold mines. Now they start sending abroad that gold, bought at fantastic prices with American taxpayers' money, or taken from citizens by high-handed methods. If there is among the African bushmen a six-month-old infant that knows less about money than the gentlemen who manage the finances of this country, that infant should be exhibited here as the legitimate successor of Barnum's 'what-is-it'."

CERTAIN general ideas are indispensable to any understanding of the situation in which we find ourselves. Unquestionably, the first of these is that of the nature and source of money. As to its nature, I think it is sufficient to say that money is an effective demand for goods and services, by which I mean that it is of no use wanting goods and services of any description, nor is it of any use that those goods and services shall be in existence and available, if your request to be supplied with those goods and services is not backed by something which we call money.

Now the second point in regard to money is as to its source, and I will put this as shortly as possible by saying that practically all money is actually created by the banks, and claimed as their property. There is now no argument possible about this, nor is it, in fact, denied by bankers themselves. So that the situation in which we are faced amounts to this: that no matter what are the physical realities in regard to food, clothes, houses and luxuries, and no matter how abundant they may be, we cannot obtain them without obtaining something which we call "money", and all money is derived from the operations of the banking system.

Please be quite clear in your mind about this. When the employer, the so-called "capitalist", says that he is making money, what he means, and what he only can mean, is that he is making goods for which he gets money which previously belonged to someone else. He is simply exchanging goods for money, but when a bank makes money, it makes money out of nothing, it gives nothing, and lends everything. It has, as we say in technical language, "a monopoly of credit."

If you look at the physical reality of the productive system in the western world today, you cannot fail to realize that we are living in an age of material wealth and plenty. Not only are the shops full of goods of all descriptions; not only are corn, coffee, rubber, all the metals, and, in fact, every raw material, so much in excess of requirements that practically all producers are engaged in all sorts of schemes to endeavor to stem the flow of real wealth, but nearly every farm and factory in this and almost every other country, with the exception of Russia, is working much less than a quarter of its possible output.

Yet, if you turn to the Press, and more particularly the London Press, which is paid to ex-

press the views of the financial interests, you will be told that only severe economy, lower wages, higher taxation, and other symptoms of severe scarcity can be deduced from the present situation, and that we have to accept them. Now I think it must be obvious to ordinary common sense that one set of statements cannot reflect the condition depicted by the other set of statements.

Either I am deluded in telling you that there is plenty of corn, coffee, rubber and many materials, or else a set of financial figures, which says that we must economize because there is not enough, must be false. In other words, it is impossible that these figures can be a reflection of the facts. So that the first essential in dealing with the situation which arises out of this conflict of facts and figures is to correct the figures. I would point out to you that what the financiers tell us to do is to correct the facts, which is some indication of the state of mind to which too much concentration on figures will drive people.

It is perfectly possible to retain and to extend the present system of private administration and private property, while at the same time organizing the country in such a way that every citizen shall draw a dividend from the activities of the community as a whole, of such magnitude that almost immediately poverty, financial anxiety, economic depression, and all other features of our present social system will disappear like the bad dream that they are.

Who Owns the Natural Gas?

IF ONE is asked, Who is it that owns the natural gas? the natural answer would be, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof," but in the United States, according to the Federal Trade Commission, the natural gas in this country is dominated by eight utility companies that produce and purchase 85 percent of the national supply.

The Dutch No Longer Dutch

THE Dutch are no longer Dutch, and anybody who cannot understand that is in Dutch. Unless you want to get their Dutch up you must hereafter refer to the Netherlands by its proper name and to the people who live therein as Netherlanders. The Dutch East Indies will hereafter be known as the Netherland Indies.

"Kindness to Animals Always Pays"

(From the Worcester Telegram)

FULL-SIZE cancers of horrifying type have been bred in healthy guinea pigs by perfect inoculation from cancerous human [creatures]. Scientists at the Rockefeller Institute are studying now to determine if cancer is a "catching" disease, and the guinea pig is the medium by which they hope to prove or disprove it.

Guinea pigs make the finest subjects for vivisection that surgeons can obtain, because they are small and do not cause the amount of trouble that a mastiff or other large-sized dog, or even a big cat, would create.

People object to having dogs and cats flayed alive for study, but they ignore the humble and homely-looking guinea pig, although doctors say that the little fellows have just as highly developed nervous systems as any other creature.

A dog when under vivisection without anesthesia will moan and whimper as the knife works in the vital organs, and as the nerves are stimulated with hot irons or electric sparks to study the reaction; a cat will cry out and struggle until the very last gasp.

The guinea pig, however, seldom gives any trouble, although it shows all the symptoms of a man when under agony; right in the very middle of a most interesting severance and electrical stimulation of a ganglion nerve, or trephining the skull, the heart will stop beating and the creature dies.

The wonderful [?] vivisection operation by a noted New York surgeon in which the entire bony structure of a guinea pig's head was removed, leaving the brain entirely exposed, was spoken of admiringly by eminent surgeons. The brain throbbed and palpitated in full view of the students, and every day, for ten days, the vivisector cut away a portion of the brain until the senses of sight, sound, and, it was believed, feeling, were destroyed.

In a recent experiment with a living guinea pig at the Rockefeller Institute, the creature was strapped on its right side in a tiny steel casing so that it was immovable; then a surgeon removed the ribs covering the heart, and made what is described as practically a door in the creature's side two inches square.

Then the fleshy covering around the heart was removed and the heart itself was gently lifted out and held in the air. Strong electrical currents and injections of nitroglycerin kept

the creature alive for four days while the doctors studied the functions of the organ.

Death of the creature was made positive by plunging a needle into the upper ventricle and then into the lower ventricle. The peculiar feature of vivisection of guinea pigs, however, is that the creatures are timid by nature and are very affectionate to people who are kind to them.

It is always necessary for a vivisectionist, when he desires to get the best results, to pet the guinea pig and feed it himself for days and even for weeks before the ordeal under the knife, otherwise the creature is likely to expire through abject fear on the operating table.

Most vivisectors secure the love and confidence of the little fellows before they strap them on the death boards, and all the time they keep up a gentle, carefully modulated caressing tone to the dying covies, so they may keep them on duty for a longer period.

To demonstrate this sensation of fear and how it acts on the subject, two guinea pigs of the same litter were selected. One was kept in the office of the surgeon for several weeks; he petted it, fed it with sugar, and allowed it to play around every day. The little chap became so friendly that he would climb into the doctor's chair, scale up his shoulder, and nuzzle against his ear in dumb love.

The other guinea pig was kept in the stable and, although fed often, it was not spoken to or caressed. The two guineas were strapped to two operating boards at the same time. The pet guinea pig accepted it all as a matter of course, and as long as his master, the doctor, spoke to him he lay quiet and never stirred. The other one, however, showed every indication of utmost terror. Its heart action was trebled and its condition was made deplorable through its fright.

The pet guinea died under the knife without much trouble as the operator kept up a soothing conversation, addressed to it, until its spinal cord was severed, but the other one died almost as soon as the knife entered its hide, practically scared to death. All of which tends to prove that kindness to animals always pays even in the case of a vivisector who is about to expose all the creature's insides. Kindness kept one creature alive whereas fear hastened the death of the other.

MY PET aversion, next to the creepy, crawly things that Keating's famous powder says a lot about, is a dog. There is an exception to every rule, however. I like the one at home, of course; but if there is another I tolerate, it is the one that is very well chained or very well fed (so well fed that he just could not take another bite) or one that is toothless and old.

I have changed my mind about what constitutes a Christian, too. Once upon a time my best definition was that a Christian is very, very good, speaks correctly, walks quietly, stays at home and waits to go to heaven. But now I know that a Christian is oftentimes a tramp, and goes in for plenty of excitement. Unlike the worldling, it need not be costly to his pocket. To get his "thrills" he does not need to march up to a pay-box first and part with a foolish shilling or two or, worse still, a good half-guinea or more.

Let us see. Just take a trip with me this fine spring day to the neat little village of Scare 'Em. First of all, we come to the policeman's cottage. We open the gate, and are well pleased to find the officer of the law at home as well as his fine massive bulldog at the open side-door. Come right on with me; for the next bit of free fun is to be had just next door.

We approach the large iron gate of a nice, quiet country homestead; and our eyes look over a long, neat path bordered with pretty daisied lawns to the noble porch beyond. Is it a brown door-mat or is it a huge brown specimen of my pet aversion lying there? The only chimney smoking is one far enough away at the back of the house. We hope someone will answer the door, so that we may impart some comfort and be comforted, too!

Now proceed with me down this little track on the left. It is somewhat rough and stony, but it leads to a farm and another beyond. This time we see no chimneys smoking, and remember it is market day at town, five miles away. However, we give it a try to see if there is any chance of saying, "Millions now living will never die; deliverance has come."

Hark! What's that? Only the scraping of shoes on the mat? Anything like the sound of a rat (no, not that) makes my heart go pitapat. That proves to be chained; so we go to this door and the other, while our friend at the end of his tether makes frantic bounds to get nearer. There is evidently no one at home; and to get

to the farm beyond we must pass near that kennel. And so we go, when lo! a sudden bound, and dog and chain have parted; and for a brief moment we are not sure whether something went at us or over us. It is all so sudden; and we go on, glad to find we still have our pound of flesh, "for a' that!"

We are both pleased and surprised to find that on reaching farm number two no whoo—whoo—whoo breaks upon the stillness of the air, but just the sweet, pathetic little mew—mew—mew of a few small kittens. As we venture back to the road we wish for another way than the one we have come by and, further thought, we wish for no more surprises in the canine way.

Just carry on a little longer. A little farther on and we come to a sort of small holding. With quick and practiced eye we look around, and our vision takes in the doorway, the outbuildings and the low wall on the right. Unhappily, however, we fail to examine the sugar-box just at hand; and a few seconds later we are glad that Christian is not clothed in a £200 fur coat, for the loss would have been too great. The sugar-box contained nothing sweet, but, instead, a sleeping dog, startled out of his dreams by my unwary feet colliding with his unpretentious domain. My coat will go out with me no more, since it is not the fashion just now to wear one all ribbons!

And now we come to the last of all. In a good story the best is at the end. By this time we are so warm that we have no need of a coat. We are so warm that we care not what happens next. And right here the biggest of kennels meets our admiring gaze, and a black-coated dog with a collar such as I've seen on no other! He is a great dog; but just why everybody in the village is in awe of him I cannot well make out, for the dog is blind and cannot bark, lying down, and loving to slumber.—Isaiah 56: 10, 11.

He shows his teeth, however; for our visit is a most unwelcome one. "Millions now living will never die? Of course, they do not die! Do I not see my dead mother every night speaking to me over my shoulder? You go right away before I put the police on your track, deceiving the people with that Rutherford rubbish! Do you think to teach ME? Do you not see that I am a real, live bishop?"

We come away. I am still Miss Bite, and will call again tomorrow.

Problems Political

The Townsend Revolving Pensions

SAYS Norman Hawkins, of South Dakota: "You published recently a notice about the Townsend Revolving Pensions. It is true this organization is powerful, and gaining every day, but I brave criticism in my effort to strike at this cancerous growth, sometimes being called insulting things. I feel you should do the same, if you can be convinced of its rottenness. Here are some of the figures: There are about ten million eligible; the total population is 125,000,000. The pensions will revolve on a sales-tax plan estimated at 10 percent. About 8,000,000 are expected to accept the pension. This is about one in fourteen. If every pensioner made room for someone else in industry, it is possible (a wild estimate) that in time half the entire population would be gainfully employed at an average of \$100 per month. For every two pensions the government would receive \$10 per month. But to meet the expense the government would need a per capita assessment of more than \$14, which means a per capita loss of \$9 per month, a total of more than \$15,000,000,000 a year. Business men will gain about 8 percent in business volume and lose 10 percent to the government. No matter how the equation is juggled (some estimates place the tax at 6 percent and the amount of pensioners as low as 5,000,000), the results are similar. I believe it is to the interest of the people to show them that billions will be poured down a rathole. Such hair-brained cure-alls are plunging the world toward anarchy and final collapse. They are simply further evidence that Satan's organization will be hung by its own rope. It will certainly be a jolt for millions of numskulls to find they have been duped. I look forward to seeing more of this in a future issue. And keep on hammering Ambrose!"

Excitement Among the Midianites

THERE is excitement among the Midianites at Plainfield. At a political meeting Judge De Meza, who granted Jehovah's witnesses the most unjust trial in the history of American jurisprudence, was referred to as "Hitler De Meza". The statement was made that he "hates anybody who does not agree with him", which is probably true, and that "he is unjust", which is certainly true. It seems that the inhabitants of Plainfield would have everything to gain by making a change in their city judgeship.

Not Coming Back

SAYS Merrill Steinbar, of New York: "I want to tell you a little incident. As I went down the street a few days ago several men were discussing the present conditions of the country, and all had spoken but an old gentleman known as Uncle Bill. 'Tell us your idea about the depression, Uncle Bill; and when is prosperity coming back?' said one. 'Well,' said Uncle Bill, 'I will have to tell you an incident. Down in the mountains of Tennessee there are some of those things called "stills". A revenue officer was down there trying to find them, and, meeting a small boy, he asked, "My boy, do you know of any stills round about here?" "Oh sure," said the boy. "Well," said the officer, "if I should give you a dollar would you go with me and show me one?" "Oh sure," said the boy. "Well," said the officer, "let us go right off; there is my car there." "You'll give me the dollar now," said the boy. "No," said the officer, "after we get back." "No, you don't," said the boy; "you 'n's ain't coming back." 'And,' said Uncle Bill, 'it looks to me as if prosperity isn't coming back, either.'"

Lawyers Protest California Lawlessness

TWENTY-SIX of the most prominent lawyers in the United States have protested against the California custom and practice of the police of that state, when they know an illegal raid is planned on workers, of arresting not the raiders, but the victims that are raided; this in defiance of their oaths. These lawyers, numbering some of the most capable men in America, said: "The mayor of San Francisco has stated that he will not tolerate in the city persons whom he chooses to think Communists. The motive of the police is confessed. It is political. The purpose of the police is confessed. It is to override, for a political purpose, liberties guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States. The facts stand undisputed in the public press. As American lawyers who believe in our Constitution, we protest."

Censorship in the Society Islands

SOMEBODY in the Society Islands must be desperately afraid lest the truth on any subject get into the hands of the natives; and one can almost guess who it is. There is now a board of censorship that even censors phonograph records. This is a new one in stupid, bestial, tyrannical government.

Poisoning Parties and Miscellany

Chronic Poisoning by Aluminum and Its Alloys

IN A 28-page brochure, "The Clinical Aspect of Chronic Poisoning by Aluminum and Its Alloys," by Leo Spira, M.D., published by John Bale, Sons & Danielsson, Ltd., London, Mr. Spira tells how he became a victim to chronic disease and got well himself, and helped many others to get well, by discarding aluminum utensils. He noticed in himself and others some or all of the following symptoms due to the use of these poisonous utensils: constipation, colicky pain, dryness in mouth and throat, loss of appetite, retching, nausea, vomiting, thick white or dirty gray fur on the tongue, excoriations between the toes, soft corns, infantile eczema, soft and brittle finger nails, neuralgia, twitching of the legs, giddiness, excessive perspiration, anemia and depression. He found a great deal of difference in ability of some constitutions to meet the conditions. Since the introduction of aluminum utensils into Germany diseases hitherto unknown are making their appearance. He mentions the case of a dog with persistent rash and sores associated with intense itching which did not respond to local treatment, but cleared up completely eight days after the aluminum utensil from which the dog was fed was discarded. A herd of cattle kept in the environment of aluminum factories and feeding on fodder exposed to the gases emanating from these factories all perished within a very short time.

Jailing Women in Milwaukee

A MILWAUKEE judge has just sent to prison for thirty days a woman, Mrs. Martha Schmidt, a naturopath, a graduate of the National College of Drugless Healing in Chicago. Who do you think has the most reason to be ashamed, this judge who has done the will of a lot of shameless racketeers who claim a knowledge and a skill they do not possess, or this woman who was trying to relieve human suffering by methods which many have found good?

Rubber from Gas

IT COSTS too much to employ it in a commercial way, as yet, but rubber as good as that grown in South America is obtained from acetylene gas by the addition of water and salt. The acetylene itself is obtained from heating coal and limestone and thus producing the calcium carbide used in acetylene manufacture.

Two More Group Poisonings

GROUP poisonings go merrily on, and will continue indefinitely. Why not? At Urban, Northumberland county, Pa., potato salad, made the day before, was kept overnight for two nights in aluminum containers; the result was that thirty people were nearly killed. Any reader of *The Golden Age* would have known that result; others could know it if they desired, but they don't desire. When the aluminum advertising experts got on the job they fixed it in this wise: They said, "It was said the potato salad blamed for the outbreak of illness had been made the day before the outing and that as a result of the mixture, having stood overnight, it became contaminated in some unaccountable manner." Isn't that a good cover-up job? The other group poisoning was at Los Angeles national military home, where 350 were overcome similarly. The way the advertising men doctored this up was that "investigating officials expressed the belief that a certain meat had caused the poisonings". A right good advertising job, boys. Why tell the truth when it pays so much better to hide it?

Wilton Junction Not Sorry

THE little town of Wilton Junction, Iowa, installed its own municipal lighting plant three years ago. The annual gross income of the plant, \$13,000, has been paying the operating expenses of the town, which amount to about \$5,000, and the interest on the bonds, besides building up a reserve fund. This is all very sad for the power trust, but Wilton Junction is not the least bit sorry.

The Huge Sears Roebuck Company

THE Sears Roebuck Company, in the four years from 1930 to 1933 inclusive, received and paid out for merchandise \$921,633,082. In the four years merchandise was bought from 6,600 manufacturing sources; only three-fourths of one percent of it from outside of the United States.

Bound in a Sheaf of Wheat

IN A WHEAT field in France a nine-year-old boy fell before the reaper and was swallowed up by the machine. The father expected that the boy would be killed, and all hands, including the boy himself, were greatly surprised when he emerged from the machine bound in a sheaf of wheat, but quite uninjured.

in the series of eighteen short Bible talks by Judge Rutherford is presented on this page. The subject of the "keys" is one that is of greatest concern to all. If any man claims he really has the keys of heaven and can use them to exclude any individual from God's favor, as the popes of Rome have assumed to do, it becomes a matter of importance to ascertain what truth there is in such claim. If, further, the one claiming to have the keys asserts that he also has authority to rule the world, it is of greatest interest to all to have such claims conclusively shown to be false and fraudulent. This Judge Rutherford undertakes to do in the subjoined talk.

Keys

MILLIONS of good people have been led to believe that the apostle Peter was the first pope and that the popes in their regular order succeeded Peter, and stand in his shoes, and have the sole authority to interpret the Scriptures and to exercise supremacy over the Christians of the world. To support that false claim the words of Jesus are improperly cited, when He said to Peter: "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

The Bible plainly shows that there have never been any successors to the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ. Peter was one of the twelve, and no one ever succeeded him; hence no man since Peter's day has had the same power that the Lord bestowed upon Peter. The word "keys" used in the foregoing scripture symbolically represents the privilege of unlocking, that is to say, understanding, the truth relating to the kingdom of heaven. The prophets did not understand that mystery, but Jesus said to His faithful apostles, in Matthew 13:11: "It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven." Later Jesus said to Peter, "I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven," meaning that He would permit Peter to have the first understanding of this mystery.

The pope is the head of the Catholic church organization, but he is not the head of the true church. To Jehovah God belongs the true church, and Christ Jesus He has made the Head of the church, as the Scriptures declare. (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 5:23) It is to Jesus Christ and the members of His church that Jehovah has committed the kingdom of heaven. It is to that divine and invisible organization that Jehovah has delegated the power to rule the world in righteousness. It is made up of creatures whom God has taken out of the world for His name's sake. The keys of understanding of the kingdom

of heaven first given to Peter through the operation of the holy spirit made known that God was taking out of the world a people for His name, and that this favor was first extended to the Jews, and later to all, without regard to nationality, who devoted themselves wholly to God and kept His commandments. The names of these faithful ones are not written in earthly books, but the Scriptures declare that they are written in heaven and the Lord alone knows who they are. It is these faithful ones that receive an understanding of the mystery of the kingdom of heaven.

Some time after Pentecost all the apostles met together at Jerusalem and there the Lord revealed to them the mystery of the kingdom of heaven, to wit, that Christ Jesus is the chief or Head of that organization, and that others God has taken out of the world as a people for His name and these must be faithful witnesses to Jehovah, and proving themselves faithful unto death they participate in the first resurrection, form a part of the kingdom of heaven or the royal house of God, and reign with Christ.

Carrying out his well laid schemes of fraud and deceit Satan has deceived men, overreaching them, and inducing them to believe that a man on earth is a successor of the apostle Peter and is clothed with the same power and authority that Peter received, and that to him, the pope, is given the privilege of unfolding the Scriptures. There is absolutely no authority for such claim. You know that the pope as the head of the Catholic hierarchy participates in the politics of this world and is a friend of this world, and concerning this it is written, in James 4:4, that he that is a friend of the world is God's enemy, and hence could not be a successor to the apostle Peter. Peter, wholly devoted to God, finished his work on earth, and no one could

succeed him. Do not permit Satan to use men to deceive you. Be guided by the Word of God and then you will go in the right way. Every person who now fully separates himself from the Devil's organization and takes his stand wholly on the side of God may receive the knowl-

edge of the mystery of the kingdom, which was first delivered to Peter, and then to the other apostles. Obtaining this knowledge does not depend upon any man now on earth, because Jehovah and Christ Jesus are the Teachers.—Isaiah 30:20.

[The foregoing talk on "Keys" is one of the eighteen prepared by Judge Rutherford in phonograph record form. These records are meeting with wide favor, being distributed at cost by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society (Brooklyn, N. Y.). They may be used

with any phonograph, of the usual type, at the customary rate of 78 revolutions per minute. Inquiries concerning this unique set of records should be addressed to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and not to us.]

Why Should Reverend Black Hate Millennium?

ONE of the most widely read magazines in England is *The Quiver*. One of its valued contributors is "Reverend" Dr. James Black (Edinburgh), pastor of St. Giles church. In the August *Quiver* Dr. Black has a three-page article, "Must We Believe in a Millennium?" In the September issue is a two-page article from the same pen, "Millions Now Living Will Never Die." The two articles are intended to teach the same thing, i.e., that it is ridiculous to believe in the kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray or to hope for a time when there shall be no more death. Dr. Black is a frequent visitor to America. When he comes here he is welcomed at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church, perhaps the wealthiest congregation in the world. He is also welcomed at the offices of W. A. Kissel

& Company, 49 Wall Street, where, so we are informed, he has purchased hundreds of thousands of dollars of stocks on margins. Just why one of the gambling fraternity would object to a Millennium we do not know, but presume it is the pulpit training that leads him into the error. The clergy instinctively seem to apprehend the truth that when God's kingdom does really come the jig will be all up with them, and they will have to get to work. Meantime, those who can are figuring on any kind of way to get out of developing callouses on their hands, and they resent the spread of doctrines that hold out no better hope for the "cloth" than to get up before daylight and work honestly all day like other people. Gambling, to them, seems a much better alternative.

Send Petitions to Washington

GOLDEN AGE readers who have been circulating the petition calling upon Congress to publish all the testimony and report of the hearings before the Federal Communications Commission should send these petitions to A. Koerber, 1603 Massachusetts Ave. NW., Washington, D. C., and not to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, as stated in *The Golden Age* No. 397, issue of December 5. Perhaps you will ask, "What is it all about?" That is just why the petition is being circulated, that the public, you included, may know what it is all about; and it will make interesting reading. This petition is merely asking or instructing Congress, the servants of the people, to make known what was

done in regard to a matter of vital importance to the nation. Radio broadcasting is of great importance than most persons realize. If they knew how certain interests are struggling to control the radio and to keep certain programs from being broadcast the people would know that there is something back of it. Hence the petition appearing on the opposite page. Sign it, have others sign it, each one for himself or herself. When you have as many names as you can get in the allotted time, send the petition in. And remember, it is to be sent, not to the Watch Tower, but to A. Koerber, 1603 Massachusetts Ave. NW., Washington, D. C. All petitions should be there by January 12, 1935.

PETITION

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America: Greetings!

In obedience to the mandate of the Seventy-third Congress, second session, the Federal Communications Commission, Broadcast Division, has taken the testimony of many witnesses in relation to the broadcasting of programs of public interest, convenience and neces-

sity. We are deeply interested in these facts and therefore PETITION Congress to publish all the testimony and the report of the Commission, at government expense, and mail to each of us, the undersigned, a copy thereof.

NAMES

ADDRESSES

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Complete Repudiation of Christianity

IN THE Nazi magazine, August Hoppe, Hitler Youth press representative, gives the following command to Hitler youth, which speaks for itself as the expression of Hitler himself. That this pronouncement was inspired by Gog of Magog there is not a reasonable doubt. The people in every land who have preferred the Devil to Jehovah will soon have their chance to show exactly where they stand:

“Throw from you the last remnants of your Christian education, which destroys the character of Nordic man. Hurl from you the Jewish-Christian ideas of sinfulness, pity and love for your enemies. Carry before you the conquering symbol of the swastika. We must be hard if we would conquer. A curse upon sympathy and mercy. Praised be he that makes us hard and cold, so that we may unmoved see the destruction of the evil sons of sound fathers. Youths, do you not feel the spirit of your fathers that aroused them to fight against that foreign doctrine Christianity? Does not your heart burn to renew this struggle? Seize the weapon of your fathers and conquer with the sword the spirit of your future. In this struggle let Widukind [an ancient Saxon chief], who led uncompromisingly and bitterly in the struggle against the Jewish-Christian invasion, be our example.”

In curious contradiction of this statement of his spokesman is Hitler's own statement, published a day later, that “the Nazi State professes positive Christianity. It will be my honest endeavor to protect the two great Christian confessions in their rights, to guard them in their doctrines from interference, and in their duties to produce harmony with the obligations and demands of the present state”.

Graft Among the Hitlerites

THE Manchester *Guardian* reports the resentment of many German people at seeing Nazi officers driving about in splendid cars bought with party funds. Graft is rampant. A favorite form is the holding of welfare collections. These collections are in reality forced contributions, like Liberty Bonds. £2,400 was collected in a single evening. Ostensibly for charity, much of it went into the pockets of the collectors. A one-time head waiter in this way grabbed £5,000, and is supposed to have another £7,000 salted away somewhere. In July Hitler was fired at by an assassin, but no news of it was allowed to get into the papers. Two persons, Von Alvensleben and Gregor Strasser, who had the hardihood to approach Hitler and urge reforms, have since been murdered.

Raw Materials Shortage in Germany

GERMANY is now to all intents and purposes back on a war basis in the matter of raw materials. Various boards now control all dealings in textiles, cereals, rubber, oilseeds and finished and unfinished iron and steel products. Housewives may not throw away the shortest piece of thread or wool. The potato shortage is acute. The railway stations have been notified to avoid the handling of foreign publications or their licenses will be taken away. Neither the black, white and red flag of imperial Germany, nor the red, gold and black flags of the republic of 1919, may any longer be displayed. All busts and pictures of men who took part in the revolution of 1919 have been destroyed. In most places new automobile tires are unobtainable. Cloth is synthetic, of wool or cotton substitutes. One concern is engaged in making cloth from bark.

The German Spy System

GERMANY'S spy system is complete. It can break into any private dwelling, can employ torture, and there is no appeal from its acts or decisions. It can arrest and imprison on suspicion without its victims' knowing why they have been incarcerated. Personal revenge may be the only motive, but it cannot be questioned. The victims may be robbed, and there is no redress. If a German living abroad expresses himself against the Nazi régime his relatives in Germany will be imprisoned. Dispatches from Germany say that 32,077 amnesties have been granted in Berlin alone, and that school children heretofore barred from certain classes will again be permitted to attend them; and that makes one wonder why they were barred in the first place.

Hitler a Dictator Extraordinary

WITHIN a half hour after Von Hindenburg's death, and without the knowledge or consent of the German people, Adolf Hitler proclaimed himself president as well as chancellor, making himself head of the army and the navy and the whole bureaucracy, state and municipal. He has the nomination of all German ambassadors and ministers, foreign diplomats are accredited to him, and he alone has the final decision between peace and war. He having seized the power, it was a comparatively simple matter, by means of suitable inducements to make it snappy, to have the German people “approve” his course.

Items Agricultural

How the Strawberry Code Worked

LAST spring, just when the middle west was burning up with the worst drought in history, there was a bumper crop of strawberries in the state of Washington, but the code authorities, so that the middlemen could get their profits, compelled a fourth to a half of the crop to rot in the fields. Only a statesman whose symbol is the jackass can explain how such action was of benefit to society.

112-Pound Bunch of Grapes

THERE was recently exhibited at the Los Angeles County fair a single bunch of grapes which weighed 112 pounds. The Scriptures mention a somewhat similar bunch brought back by the spies who went to spy out the land of Palestine, requiring the use of a staff and two men to bear it conveniently. That would be the only way the California bunch could be handled by men afoot.

Suicided Rather than Destroy Crop

IN GREENVILLE county, South Carolina, a tenant farmer shot and killed himself rather than plow up three acres of cotton he had laboriously cultivated. Government inspectors found he had three more acres in cotton than was permissible under the contract he had signed with the Government.

Montana Cattle Shipped to Eastern States

SOME idea of the severity of the drought this past season may be gathered from the fact that in order to save some Montana cattle it was necessary to ship them all the way to the Atlantic states to be pastured, there being no place for them in between.

Terracing Land in Kansas

KANSAS is glad to adopt the terracing of land, so common in many parts of the South. It is no disgrace to have crooked rows; the method saves the rains that have heretofore run off; the soil itself is saved; gullies are controlled; there are many other advantages.

Bees Do Not Always Lose Sting

DR. J. G. MYERS, of Imperial College, Trinidad, has discovered, by careful observation, that bees do not always lose their lives when they sting, but in many instances are able to withdraw the stinger and use it again.

The Big Mistake of the Kikes

THE big mistake of the Kikes in South American trade was when they demanded cash and a high price for high-grade silk stockings and then shipped out hundreds of dozens of darned second-hand women's stockings that bore no relation to the samples on which the order had been obtained. This was done in the boom times following the World War, and was advertised all over South America as a sample of American honor. This job, so well started, was finished by the international munitions grafters, whose trail of bribery leads all over the world.

Senator Bravo, of Argentina

IN THE senate chamber of Argentina Senator Bravo, a Socialist, read letter after letter proving that a general of the Argentinian army had received bribes from the international munitions grafters of America, one of the most highly respected professionally patriotic corporations of the United States. He was invited by the minister of war to commit suicide: it was estimated that his nephew had collected \$60,000 from the Colt Company and it was proved that he had shared in the graft.

Destruction of Coffee in Brazil

SINCE June, 1931, Brazil has destroyed 31,082,000 bags of coffee, of a market value of \$450,000,000. No more coffee trees may be planted. This seems to have worked out well for the coffee planters, and certainly has worked out well for the people. It would be a good thing all around if Brazil would make it a 100-percent job. In the long run, coffee does nobody any good.

Black Rain in Buenos Aires

FIFTY oil tanks exploded and burned at Campana, in Argentina. A week later a black rain fell in Buenos Aires and midday was turned into night. Microscopic examination of the rain showed that it was full of burned carbon and unburned petroleum.

Locusts Plentiful in Argentina

THE present summer season in Argentina finds locusts about four times as plentiful as a year ago. The government this year purchased 834,000 sacks collected along 12,500 miles of galvanized iron barriers, and weighing in all 27,500 tons.

Income in the United States

IN THE United States there are 160,000 families whose annual income is \$25,000 or more. These are classed as "wealthy". Further, 471,000 families are classed as "well to do", with income of less than \$25,000 and over \$10,000. There are 1,625,000 "comfortable" families, whose income is from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a year. Income of from \$3,000 to less than \$5,000 (enjoyed by 3,672,000 families) places one in "moderate circumstances", while less than \$3,000 but over \$1,500 provides a "minimum comfort" for 9,896,000 families. There are 11,653,000 "poor" families, whose incomes are less than \$1,500 yearly.

Busy Times at Washington

A FRIEND, a Government employee at Washington, who says that her *Golden Age* is sometimes read by as many as fifty persons, says: "My life this past year has been hard, although I work for the Government. The new deal increased my hardships in every way, besides more than doubling the work at the office. I have been absent from my desk three hours in the past year, and often stayed until eleven at night. The comfort of knowing what is coming is all that has sustained me."

A Shipload of Joneses

WHEN the liner *Orduna* sailed from Liverpool on a Welsh League of Youth cruise to North Africa she had on board 102 Joneses, 68 Williamses, and 53 Thomases. The number of the Evans family was not listed, and mankind remains uninformed as to how many by the name of William Williams, of Thomas Thomas, and of Evan Evans, were in the party.

6 000,000 Still in Bondage

ROMAN Catholic officials estimate that, aside from those held in convents, there are 6,000,000 slaves still in bondage, mostly in Ethiopia, China and Moslem countries. Yearly 2,000 are taken across the Red sea from Africa for sale to Moslem masters in Arabia.

Twelve Fingers and Twelve Toes

A FARMER'S boy in Seatonville, Ky., has twelve fingers and twelve toes, all seemingly perfect. A little girl near Montdale, Pa., has six fingers on one hand, all perfect.

Salvation Industry in a Bad Way

THE church business in the United States, or what might be called the "salvation industry", is in a bad way. Its income decreased from \$1,101,000,000 in 1929 to \$435,000,000 in 1932, much of which latter amount necessarily goes for interest, insurance and rents. It is this loss of income that is binding Catholic priests, Protestant clergymen and Jewish rabbis together, and not that they are so fond of one another. In their joint literature they bemoan the fact that their church members have had to put up \$6,000,000,000 to aid the government in its relief program, and yet that none of this huge sum can be sluiced off into church channels. Sad-eyed, they publish in one batch of literature a letter from President Roosevelt, in three different places; also they publish once Secretary Wallace's proposition that these that have made the world unhappy by their doctrines "will, by working on the human heart, so balance the message of the economist and the scientist that we will yet be saved from ruin". The dominies don't think it just fair that the people of the country should spend twice as much for smoking as they do for churches and benevolences, or three times as much for amusements and drinks. On a nicely gotten-up front page they represent Uncle Sam pulling a rope and assembling 213 kinds of Christians and Jews to meet in their 213 respective places of worship on either Saturday (if Jews) or Sunday (if not Jews) to put salvation peddling back on its legs.

Spiritism Spreading Rapidly

THE London *Daily Herald* says that the pope, "worried by the development of exaggerated and often hysterical and *sensual* cults of the Madonna," is sending his secretary of state to Buenos Aires to see what can be done about it. Two Italian convents in which "morbid" devotions were practiced were recently suppressed by the pope.

Send the Dominies to the Cleaners

SAYS Ernest Huntington, of Illinois: "The churches, especially Catholic, want to clean up the movies. Why not the movies clean up the churches? The churches have enough material to keep the movies going with stories to last them years. Give the hint in the magazine." The suggestion is a good one, and the movies would be improved by adopting it.

No Longer Taken Seriously

The Invitation Came Too Late

HERE is an invitation from St. Joseph's House for Homeless Boys, 16th street and Allegheny avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. According to the letter (in which form the invitation comes) a cord of St. Joseph is enclosed which has been touched to a relic of St. Joseph. It is of no good to try to peddle cords in these days unless they have been touched to something dead; the deader they are, the more cord you can sell. We admit that Joseph is dead, and he will be that way until the resurrection. This is nothing against him; there are millions of other people who are dead, too. The invitation goes on to mention that next to the virgin Mary St. Joseph stands highest in heaven. How this could be when Joseph is still dead and quietly awaiting his awakening is not explained. The next point in the invitation is to mail to "Father" Thomas Joseph, C. S. Sp., a list of the favors you would like to have granted. Just how this would do any good is not explained. It may be true that St. Joseph stands highest in heaven, in some respects, but he isn't there; he is dead, and nobody can do anything while he is dead. And as to the other Joseph, who wants the list sent to him, he is not in heaven, and never will be; so it is useless to ask him to do anything. The invitation goes on that 30 days of prayer were to begin last May 15. It is all over by now, so even if we had gotten the cord, which we haven't, how could we take part? Following the cord and St. Joseph and prayer propositions there is expressed a willingness to accept contributions for a "vigil light" to burn at St. Joseph's shrine, coupled with the statement, "We are in very, very great need." Just how an institution that is "in very, very great need" is going to be helped by burning extra kerosene in front of the picture or the statue of a man who is dead is not explained. After coaxing the recipient of the letter to come across with something substantial there follows the suggestion, "Come to St. Joseph with your trials and tribulations; he will help you." That being the case, it is good not to accept any of these invitations, cords, prayers, kerosene or contributions. The gentleman who writes the letter is fully assured that St. Joseph will look after all his needs and it will strengthen his faith to just let St. Joseph do it. While we appreciate having this invitation sent to us, we seem to feel that we were slighted when somebody snatched the cord that

was really a part of the invitation, and, anyway, we haven't a particle of confidence that the party extending the invitation could put anything across either in heaven or with St. Joseph in the place where he is: in his grave.

The Nicholas Brady Estate

IF YOU visit the Nicholas Brady Estate, out on Long Island, you are told by a polite cop that you may not enter; if you do you will be arrested. You may not even look closely inside. The estate is a mile square; it takes 58 gardeners to keep it shipshape. Nicholas Brady is said to have made \$100,000,000 in Anaconda copper. When his wife dies his estate will all go to the Catholic church. Mrs. Brady is over there now, as close to the pope as she can get, and so we read, under a Vatican City date line:

"Mrs. Nicholas F. Brady of New York, a papal duchess and recent winner of the Laetare Medal of Notre Dame, was accorded the rare privilege last night of being the only woman ever admitted to the traditional St. Peter's Eve services in the presence of the pope. By special permission of 'his holiness', Mrs. Brady was conducted by Msgr. Ottiavan and placed behind a huge marble column where she could observe the ceremony but be hidden from the pope's sight."

And then, by contrast:

"And the common people heard him gladly. And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts; which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation. And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor woman hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."—Mark 12: 37-44.

And she never saw the pope, and never will.

\$1,250,000,000 Annually by Catholic Institutions

THE Associated Catholic Newspapers, Institutional Merchandising Service, Providence, R. I., claims that \$1,250,000,000 is spent annually by Catholic institutions, and that this year, on account of times' being so good in their line, \$300,000,000 has been appropriated.

No Longer Necessary to Write the Names

UNDER old methods of cashing in on the "purgatory" wrinkle some work devolved on those who received the coin of the realm. They had to go to the trouble of writing the names of those who had contributed, and those of their friends, living and dead. The priest got what he could, and all he could, but he did have the argument that it cost him something to write down the names. Charges of as high as \$1 a name were considered all O.K. Now, however, times have changed. The people cannot go as deep into their pockets as they used to do, and even if they did there is nothing there when they get there. So a great improvement has been made. We see this in a sales sheet that has come from the "Office of the Provincial, 2222 West Market Street, Louisville, Ky." The sheet contains spaces for listing the names of 20 living persons and 20 dead ones. On the margin holes are punctured and there appears the caption, "Please do not tear punctures because they fit the binder in which all scrolls will be collected and preserved." "While amount of the offering is not obligatory, it is suggested to enclose 25c for each name listed." This would be at the rate of \$10 for the sheet. The sheet itself, in quantities, would cost much less than 1c a sheet, but let no one hastily assume that the net profit on this proposition is \$9.99 a sheet. To be sure, it might be, for another explanatory note is that "while no definite offering is prescribed, it is suggested that you send *at least* 25c for each name listed. Every additional dollar will accelerate the completion of, and make effective the assumption of Mary purse". It costs money for postage, in these days, and for every sheet returned there might be a cost of 9c for postage and other expenses; so no reasoning person would expect a profit of more than \$9.90 on the proposition. As soon as \$5,000 has been gathered in these sheets "will be bound in a beautiful leather covered and gold embossed book" which will probably cost around \$5 for the 500 sheets it will contain; so here is another expense of 1c a sheet, reducing the net profit to around \$9.89 a sheet. The principal thing on each sheet is a picture of St. Anthony of Padua, born in A.D. 1195, holding in his arms the infant Jesus, who died a full grown man in A.D. 33, 1,062 years before Anthony of Padua was born. When Anthony looks over the 500 sheets, containing 20,000 names, he will be charmed to find his own name and picture on every page.

Romanism and the Truth

IN AN anonymous tract entitled "Romanism and the Truth" we find the following:

"There was a strife among the disciples which of them should be accounted the greatest, and the Lord said unto them—'The Kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors; but ye shall not be so, but he that is greatest among you let him be as the younger, and he that is chief as he that doth serve.' If this does not mean that one disciple was not to lord it over all the others, the words have no meaning. It would be difficult to imagine anything more directly in opposition to the Lord's teachings in this matter than the papal system of church government. It is laid down clearly in the New Testament that 'there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus', but the Roman Catholics are taught that there are others. They pray to the Lord's mother and to other 'saints', who have not the office of mediator. Moreover, Roman Catholics are encouraged in the practice of bowing down before images, which is forbidden in the Second Commandment. They say they do not worship the images, but use them as symbols of the object of their worship. The Commandment does not only forbid the worship of images. It says plainly: 'Thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them.' The practice is therefore inexcusable. . . . Another instance is the custom in the Roman church of calling the parish priest 'father' and the pope the 'holy father'. Our Lord said, 'Call no man your father on earth, for one is your father which is in heaven.' The Roman Catholics make these words of no effect by their tradition. They profess to believe in the infallibility of the pope; but Peter, whom they pretend to follow, was not infallible in any sense of the word. If he had been, it would never have been recorded that Paul on a memorable occasion 'withstood him to the face because he was to be blamed'. . . . The Romans show that they are the least Catholic-minded of all professing Christians, for it is nothing to them that the Lord said, 'Wherever two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst.' If Christ is there in the midst, seeing that He and His church are one body, here is a definition of Catholicity with which Roman interpretation is altogether at variance."

Lotteries, Raffles, and Bazaars

MANY are writing the New York papers that they see no difference in principle between the government's operating lotteries and the churches' operating bazaars and the raffles now so common; however, the whole thing is wrong, no matter what allegedly "holy father" is back of it. It is merely one more scheme for robbing the poor of what little they may have.

Why Not Save the Candles?

IT SEEMS that St. Christopher's Inn, Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, Graymoor, Garrison, N. Y., does quite a large business, having provided 43,223 night lodgings and 144,000 meals in 1933. We presume some way has been found to make the taxpayers help out on the expense. From some of the advertising literature at hand, it seems that candles are sold. One hundred imaginary candles are set in type, the "1" being used. The candles are sold for 10c each, but the man who buys the candle doesn't get the candle; all he gets is a receipt, and we are not sure whether he gets that. The statement occurs: "These offerings, 10c for each candle, will go towards feeding the hungry unemployed, lodging the homeless, clothing the naked and procuring medicine for the sick." These are worthy objectives, and we were just wondering if, under the circumstances, it would not be a praiseworthy thing to save at least the cost of the candles. These probably cost 1c each, and if a man took, say, 100 candles and specified that they were not to be burned, that would be a saving of \$1. Come to think of it, that might be done anyway. The man could pay \$10 for his 100 candles, but as he doesn't get the candles, and his name is not on the candles that are burned, and he doesn't see them burned, and he doesn't even know whether they are burned, and nobody in heaven or earth really cares whether they are burned or not, why, maybe they aren't, and that is what we recommend. Just here we notice some of the brethren in the priesthood are not as economical as they might be. It seems a big waste to send a shipload of priests all the way from Italy to Argentina just to have a big public exhibition of doing what Jesus said should be done in the closet, with the door shut. Still, if there are to be such junketing trips, it would certainly seem that it is best to save on the candles.

"Beautiful Battle of God"

AMBROSE says that what is going on in Germany, i. e., the contest between Catholics, Protestants and atheists, for the control of the Nazi State, is a "Beautiful Battle of God". However, the real "Beautiful Battle of God", as a matter of fact, is Armageddon, just ahead which Ambrose recently asked all mankind to pray might be averted, but which will not be averted, but will do its righteous work, once for all, in Germany, and everywhere else.

"Reverend Father" Conway's Bad Guess

THE Chicago *Tribune*, referring to the collapse of the bucket shop of Crowley and Doherty, has the following paragraph:

"Mr. Canaday asserted that the Reverend M. J. Conway, 1610 Semple street, South Bend, Ind., was the principal loser among the victims. The Rev. Mr. Conway lost \$45,000 of funds belonging to widows and orphans, which he had invested in worthless brewery stock marketed by the defendants, the federal prosecutor said."

The *Tribune* is to be commended for concealing the fact that "Reverend" Conway is a Catholic priest, and also bringing to him sympathy for *his* loss of the \$45,000 entrusted to him for the care of widows and orphans. Of course, the widows and orphans are out of luck; that is just too bad, for they can sin. The priest, who 'could not sin', lost their \$45,000, gambling.

Tax-exempt Real Estate

THE Tampa (Fla.) *Morning Tribune* says: "It has been estimated that Trinity Church in New York city owns real estate worth \$300,000,000. The idea of the tax-exemption of churches is of ancient origin. The church originated as part of the state. In primitive times the ruler was also a god. In Roman times, the emperor was also Pontifex Maximus; that is, both temporal and spiritual head of his people. Obviously, when the church was a part of the government it would not be subject to tax upon its property, because a government does not tax itself. The old idea of exemption of the church has survived so strongly in the United States that railroads give clergymen reduced rates and a whole fabric of similar favors has been spun."

In the Heyday of the Purgatory Blasphemy

THE New York *American* says: "Outside the lowest depths of crime, it is impossible to conceive of any human [creature] actually enjoying the agony of another under torture. Yet for centuries, in a period of highest cultivation in Europe, both men and women gathered to see human creatures die under torture most horrible. And a public execution, by rope, fire, or torture, meant a public holiday." The same article, referring to the numerous statues to militarists says: "The world has erected and maintained more statues to such wholesale killers than to all other types of men put together. To the greatest killer, the greatest glory."

"Evangelist," "Visitor," and "Sunday Visitor"

THREE papers that did all they could a year ago to force Judge Rutherford off the air were the Albany (N. Y.) Roman Catholic *Evangelist*, the Providence (R. I.) Roman Catholic *Visitor*, and the Huntington (Ind.) Roman Catholic *Sunday Visitor*. These three papers are now out with propaganda demanding an end of what they call anti-Catholic persecution in Mexico. The *Evangelist* says, hypocritically, "It would be a happy day if religious forces in this country would always cooperate against oppression here or abroad." Meantime, agents of the Roman hierarchy here have the hardihood to mutilate and destroy evidence belonging to the United States Government, which evidence discloses their underhanded plots, and the same parties are disclosed as eager to murder in this country all who expose and oppose them, if only they dared. Fear is the only deterrent with any would-be murderer.

"The Biggest Liars and Thieves Afield"

SAYS Constance E. Burness, of London: "Your paper, *The Golden Age*, is sent to me from Bulawayo. I do admire the way you speak out against the doctrine of that terrible Roman Catholic religion, which I am sorry to say is increasing rapidly in England, owing to the high church parsons in some cases being Jesuits in disguise. They have wormed themselves into parliament, newspapers, banks and every other place in England, to the detriment of England. I have lived in East Africa and know the hold they have on the Kaffirs. No white man will employ a Roman Catholic native, as they are generally the biggest liars and thieves afield."

"Some People Don't Know"

SAYS Mrs. Harry Larson, of Montana: "I thought I would relate an interesting conversation between a Catholic priest and my fifteen-year-old daughter, which occurred during the last campaign. Catholic priest, reading testimony card, 'Who is Jehovah?' Answer, 'God.' Priest, sneeringly, 'Why does it say "Jehovah God" if they mean the same?' Answer, 'Well, some people don't know who Jehovah is, for instance, like you now; that's why it says "Jehovah God".' No more questions."

Either \$25 or Eternal Torture

SAYS Mrs. A. L. Martin, of Texas, in a letter that would touch anybody who has a heart: "About three months ago one of our Mexican men took suddenly ill and died. His father, broken-hearted, went to the priest for consolation and hope. The priest told him if he would give him \$50 he would come and pray the boy's soul out of hell and even go to the cemetery with him. The poor old man told the priest he did not have \$50. The priest then told him if he would give him \$25 he would at least pray him out of hell. The poor man cried and told him he had no money. The priest then became very angry and told him his boy could just stay in hell then. The poor fellow came home and I heard him that night crying and groaning and praying all night. The next morning I went over and tried to console him, telling him his boy had been a good boy and worked hard all his life and was now at rest. He then related to me about going to the priest for consolation and what the priest had said. Every word here about this white-collared cur in human form is the truth."

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Ever merciful, kind even to the unthankful (Matthew 5: 45), JEHOVAH, just before the "midnight" hour of slaughter of His enemies, seems to call the attention of individuals of this class to an opportunity of changing their course and receiving His favor. He pictures the ruling factors of earth as taking counsel together against Him and against His anointed King after the beginning of the King's rule in the midst of His enemies. Then Jehovah warns them, saying, "Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord 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."—Psalm 2: 1-12; see also Psalm 41: 1, 2; Ezekiel 18: 21-23.

The prophetic parable was uttered by Jesus and recorded for the purpose of comforting the "righteous" in the day of judgment, now present. The cutting off of God's enemies, the "goats" on the King's left, and the establishment of "the righteous" as subjects of blessing by God's kingdom organization over earth, will occur in fulfillment of Jehovah's purpose to vindicate His name and to make His name great.

With or Against Jehovah

JEHOVAH'S NAME is THE issue now before all creatures. This fact, revealed only in recent times, is becoming clearer continually to those who are alert and who recognize the supremacy of and are jealous for the Most High God, "whose name alone is JEHOVAH." (Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 52:6) He and His King are the great Teachers. By them all willing ones are now being taught the truth, which alone will refresh and preserve everyone now living who sincerely obeys that righteous instruction.

Jehovah's King is Christ Jesus. He is the chief executive officer or prime minister of the only government now functioning which shall never be destroyed. (Daniel 2:44) He is also the Wonderful Counselor. (Isaiah 9:6, 7) When on earth, about nineteen centuries ago, as a man, Jesus uttered many prophecies, the record of which is preserved to this day in the Bible. He stated that the words which He thus spoke were not His own, but the words of His Father, Jehovah, who had sent Jesus to earth to perform certain duties in the execution of Jehovah's purposes.

By keeping always in mind that the fulfilment of Jehovah's prophecy leads to the vindication of His great name, those who read and consider the prophecy are enabled by God, in His due time, to discern and understand its meaning.

Among the prophecies recorded as having been spoken by Jesus are those commonly known as "parables".

A parable is a word picture; an imaginative narrative, in cryptic form. By means of a parable knowledge of Jehovah's purposes is conveyed and to be learned, *in God's due time*, by those who are entitled to understand the truth. (Daniel 12:10; Matthew 13:10-17) Every prophecy of Jehovah is a statement of a creature uttered by authority and direction of the Creator, the Most High God, concerning something that will occur in furtherance of the Creator's purpose.

The clergy, as mouthpieces of Jehovah's enemy, Satan, have attempted to teach the falsehood that men can or may *interpret* prophecies recorded in the Bible. The Word of God plainly shows that JEHOVAH, the great Author of His Book, is the only one who gives to His humble and obedient creatures an understanding of His Word; and that only He can and does *interpret*, in His own time and way, the dark sayings which He in ancient times caused men wholly devoted

to Him to write for the information and guidance of His witnesses living upon earth at the time now present.

To understand a parable it is necessary to rightly apply the figures of speech or symbols used. (2 Timothy 2:15) To understand a prophecy it is likewise necessary to study the record provided by God *and* to wait for Jehovah's interpretation which He, in His own time and way, makes known to His obedient servants by enabling them to discern the *fulfilment* of the prophecy or that the prophecy is *in course of fulfilment*.

In Matthew, chapter twenty-five (verses 31 to 46), is found one of God's prophecies uttered by Jesus. It is generally called "the parable of the sheep and goats". It was the last *prophetic* parable recorded as spoken by Jesus when on earth.

Time of Judgment

Time becomes a vital element in understanding the parable of the sheep and goats. In other words, the time the parable was uttered bears a relationship to the time of its fulfilment. It was spoken by Jesus in response to the question of His disciples as to His second coming and the inauguration of His Father's kingdom. Answering, Jesus outlined certain events that would occur during the time of His second presence at the end of Satan's world. Jesus showed what would be His attitude toward His servants, both the true and those who merely claim to be His servants: those who diligently and zealously obey His commandments, and, on the other hand, the lazy, indolent and slothful ones.

In the parable of the virgins and of the talents (Matthew 25) Jesus distinguished between wise and foolish followers of His lead. He pointed out His accounting with and judgment of His servants, which accounting and judgment appear to be rendered privately, and not before the nations of earth.

Then follows Jesus' statement of the parable relating to another judgment, this being the parable of the sheep and goats. That judgment does take place before the assembled nations of earth. Thus He indicates that there is a close proximity between His judgment of His servants and the judgment mentioned in the "sheep and goats" parable.

In that parable the King's throne, or judgment seat, does not seem to be that of the Mil-

lennial throne which will deal with the living and the awakened dead during the reign of Christ Jesus. On the contrary, this seems clearly to be the throne or court established to judge the things existing at the time of or during the presence of the King in the "day of Jehovah", BEFORE the beginning of the construction or organization that will follow the "battle of that great day of God Almighty" at Armageddon.

Gathered Nations, Assembled Kingdoms

Plainly Jesus said: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of glory."

In a vision the prophet Isaiah saw the Lord upon His throne of judgment, the time of which seems to be located definitely as shortly after He takes His power to reign. The throne described in the prophecy of Isaiah (chapter 6) and that mentioned in the parable of Jesus (Matthew 25:31) are clearly one and the same.

Angels are messengers of the Lord. The holy messengers around the throne of glory are mentioned by the prophet Isaiah. Jude, quoting from the prophet, said: "Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints [holy ones], to execute judgment upon all; and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed." (Jude 14, 15) In Revelation (19:11-14) the Lord Jesus is described as the one "called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. . . . And the armies which were in heaven followed him."

The parable shows that "before him shall be gathered all nations". Nations are composed of two general divisions: (1) Those who form the *governing factor* and who are in the minority; and (2) those who are *governed*, and who make up the majority.

The governing factors are composed of three elements: commercial, political and ecclesiastical.

Ecclesiasticism is properly divided into two groups: (a) the clergy, called "shepherds", and "the principal of the flock" (Jeremiah 25:34-36); and (b) the rank and file of ecclesiasticism, making up the flock.

For more than a thousand years, and even to the present day, certain men, each in his turn, have occupied a position of leadership in which they have adroitly but wrongfully demanded (and received from many) recognition as the

"chief shepherd". By some misinformed persons the clergymen who in their turn have occupied that high position of leadership have been frequently designated as "father" or "pope" of all the shepherds, as well as of the flock. According to God's Word, the father of all false shepherds is "that old serpent", Satan the Devil; not any human creature. (John 8:44) God's "good shepherd" is His faithful Son, Christ Jesus, who alone is rightfully called the "chief Shepherd". —John 10:14, 15; 1 Peter 5:4.

As to the fold or flock, it is often true that the leading members, whom God calls "the principal of the flock", are men of mighty commercial power or political influence. They cunningly use *religion* as a cloak to conceal their real motive while they diplomatically dominate and control the people. Such are kings (governing factors) and nobles (highly respected ones), mentioned in Psalm 149:8. These, as the counterpart of the Pharisees, are properly designated as hypocrites.

Many among the "common" people are blinded by Satan, the god of this world. (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4) Such blinded ones are in sympathy with and support the governing factors. Others among the "common" people sincerely desire righteousness, peace and truth.

The nations of earth are gathered now. They are bound together by compacts, various leagues, treaties, and other arrangements, as well as by a common hatred for and opposition to the activity of Jehovah's witnesses, just as the Lord foretold they would be. (Isaiah 8:9-15; 54:15; Zephaniah 3:8) In this assembly of the nations the commercial and political factors are to the fore. The ecclesiastics also join heartily in the assembly. All the assembled ones claim that the combined peoples constitute the kingdom of God on earth. For this reason they designate their combination as "Christendom" or Christ's kingdom, to the utter disgust of all sober-minded persons.

Sheep and Goats

To whom, then, do the symbols "sheep" and "goats" apply? "Sheep" represent that class of people of the nations who, though not begotten by the spirit of God, but disposed toward righteousness, *mentally acknowledge Jesus Christ* as the Lord and who are looking for and hoping for a better time under His reign.

Such, of a docile temperament, believe in the Almighty God and believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Redeemer of mankind. They strive

sincerely to do right and want to do good. They do not claim to be consecrated followers of the Lord, but they have great respect and love for God and His people. They manifest a sheep-like disposition.

"Goats" represent those of another class, who *claim* to be "Christians". They do not acknowledge Christ Jesus as Jehovah's King, but claim that the existing disorder of things, created by men's hands and by them proudly designated as "civilization", constitutes "Christendom", or Christ's kingdom, and that it must at all costs be preserved, perpetuated, rebuilt, or "recovered".

Since the "goat" class, when judged by The King, is to suffer a punishment similar to that "prepared for THE devil and his angels", it is reasonably evident that this class is moved by and manifests the Devil's spirit; hence we may be aided in locating the class by observing its spirit and its conduct.

Guilty Goats

To those of the "goat" class the Lord said: 'I was hungry, and you gave me no meat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink.' These words are to be understood as applying both *literally* and *spiritually*. The positive command given to those who lead or assume to be leaders and teachers of God's people is: "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; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock." (1 Peter 5:2,3) The food for the obedient creature of God is the Word of God. (Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4; John 4:34) The clergy as a class have repudiated the Word of God, and teach the people higher criticism, evolution, traditions, political theories, and many other false things. Their wrongful course has produced a famine in the land for the hearing of the Word of the Lord. When some of their flock hunger for the truth and ask for it, they receive it not. When such find the truth elsewhere, they are ridiculed, misrepresented, persecuted and driven from among the ranks of "the flock" by the false shepherds and those in sympathy with them. The Lord pronounced a denunciation upon the false shepherds through the words of His prophets.—Ezekiel 34:1-8; Jeremiah 23:1,2.

Further, in the parable the Lord represents himself as saying, "I was a stranger, and ye took

me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not." Many seeking after truth and righteousness have called upon clergymen for godly counsel and instruction and have been turned away unsatisfied. The psalmist describes those who have thus wandered about in a solitary way, saying, "They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city [organization] to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord."—Psalm 107:4-6.

"With Force and with Cruelty"

Literally this scripture has been fulfilled in this: Many of Christ's brethren, Jehovah's witnesses, as strangers have called at the doors of clergymen or those in sympathy with the clergy, and announced that they were calling upon the people to talk to them about God's kingdom and His purpose to vindicate His name, and have been refused admittance and driven away with unkind words and sometimes with threats and violence. Recently, by way of example, one of these messengers of peace, while going from house to house and upon identifying himself as one of Jehovah's witnesses to a certain householder was by that householder seized and almost choked to death.

During the World War, at the instance of the clergy and "the principal of the flock" of many of the denominational churches, a large number of sincere servants of God suffered physical pain because of their nakedness and lack of clothing, which had been taken away from them wrongfully and which wrongful acts were inspired and aided by clergymen, Catholic and Protestant. In many instances these humble followers of Christ were tarred and feathered, covered with grease, thrown into cold water, beaten with sticks and otherwise ill-treated, because they were striving faithfully to represent the King of kings, the Prince of Peace.

"Sick and in prison" means an unhealthy or diseased condition and a condition of restraint of liberty of thought or liberty of action, either inside or outside of walls or iron bars. Again both a spiritual and a tangible fulfilment of these words of the Master's parable appear. The Lord, foreknowing the course the shepherds and principal ones of the flock would take in ill-treating His brethren, described it through His prophet thus: "The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that

which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field when they were scattered."—Ezekiel 34:4-6.

During the World War the beastly organizations and institutions of men became particularly active, and no more wicked persecution of Christ's brethren has ever blackened the world's record than that instigated and carried on by the clergy and the principal of the flock against defenseless, inoffensive men and women who dared to proclaim the message of Jehovah's kingdom in obedience to the commandment of the Prince of Peace. In *The Golden Age* (No. 27) an exposé of a number of these wicked acts on the part of the clergy and their associates was published. In that persecution Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Hebrews, bankers, business men and political "strong men" all joined against humble followers of Christ who did nothing more than deliver to the people the good news or gospel of Jehovah's kingdom, the testimony of Jesus Christ. Throughout "Christendom" humble brethren of Christ were restrained of their liberty of action and prohibited the freedom of assembling together to study God's Word and to worship Him according to their desire and right to do in obedience to His command. Great numbers were arrested and imprisoned without warrant. Many were arrested and put into jail merely because they had in their possession Bibles and books containing songs of praise to Jehovah. Many were haled into court, fined, ill-treated and imprisoned without trial and contrary even to the law of men.

It is a well-known fact that during the World War the clergy and the principal ones of their flock indulged in this persecution of God's servants upon the pretext of patriotically looking after the interests of the present world, to 'make the world safe for democracy'. In other words, their friendship for the world was the excuse for their persecution of the brethren of Christ. James says: "Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."—James 4:4.

"Ye Are of Your Father the Devil"

As then, so now, the intolerance shown toward humble men and women who, as Jehovah's witnesses, persistently go among the people an-

nouncing Jehovah's kingdom, has been manifested at the instance of the clergy and the principal ones of their flock, who themselves claim to represent Christ but who by act and word deny entirely any genuine relationship to the Son of Jehovah.

A recent notable example of such foolish conduct is the frantic attempt of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its clergy and press, ably assisted by Hebrew and Protestant clergymen and others, to keep from "their people" the truth about Jehovah's kingdom and to prevent further exposure of the real purpose and significance of the so-called extraordinary "holy year" declared by the "chief shepherd" of "organized Christianity".

Another example is the not uncommon practice of 'framing mischief by a law', to enable the clergy and politicians, acting jointly, to attempt to deprive the people of a city or community from being served at their homes by Jehovah's witnesses with the good news of the kingdom of Jehovah.

During Jesus' stay upon earth the clergy of that time schemed day and night to persecute Him and His disciples. In modern times the clergy and the principal of the flock are the counterpart of the scribes and Pharisees; and these the Lord himself described as the offspring of Satan. He said: "Why do ye not understand my speech? . . . 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."—John 8:43, 44.

It is entirely consistent, therefore, that the sons of the Devil receive the same kind of punishment that God has prepared for their father. —Matthew 25:41.

"When Did We Neglect You, Lord?"

Clearly, then, the Scriptures definitely identify a class of men made up of faithless clergy and the principal of their flocks, commercial giants and political men of influence, who claim to be "Christians". Such have had reasonable opportunity to know the truth of God's Word. They have willfully and studiously rejected and resisted the truth. These, with great outward show, have built hospitals, libraries and like "public" institutions, under the pretext of doing "Christian" work. At the same time many of them have deliberately ignored God's commandments. Additionally, they have viciously persecuted true servants of the Most High God. When

the truth has been brought to them they have scoffed and spurned it. They go even further and deny the Bible whenever it suits them to do so, and pompously announce that the earth must first be cleaned up or "rebuilt" by their achievements and experiments, noble and otherwise, and "then Christ can come".

In Jesus' parable those of the "goat" class are represented as saying, at the time of judgment: 'When did we do these things mentioned? When did we fail to minister unto you, Lord? Or when did we find you a stranger and did not take you in, and naked and clothed you not? When did we find you sick and in prison and did not visit you?'

The King answers: "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

"How Shall Ye Escape?"

Christ Jesus and His brethren, Jehovah's witnesses, are dear to the heart of the Almighty God. In His Word God has declared that none shall with impunity touch His anointed. (Psalm 105:15) These are to Him as 'the apple of His eye', precious in His sight. He loves them, and He forgets not ill-treatment of them.—Zechariah 2:8, 9; Luke 18:7, 8.

In Jesus' day the Pharisees had ample oppor-

tunity to learn that He was God's faithful and true witness, and yet they refused to acknowledge Him. Jesus seems to hold that they were unworthy of a further opportunity of life when He said to some of those who deliberately refused to hear: "How shall ye escape the judgment of hell [*Gehenna*]?"—Matthew 23:33, *A.R.V.*

The faithless clergy of "Christendom" have had even greater opportunity than the Pharisees. They have had the words of Jesus and the apostles, the instruction of God's prophets, and the testimony of Jehovah's witnesses of today. All of these they have stubbornly ignored. In playing the hypocrite, they have gone even further; for they have openly claimed to represent the Almighty God and His Christ, and at the same time have denied God, denied His Word and His works, substituting therefor their own "leadership", traditions, inventions, experiments, achievements, and mischievous laws. This they have done deliberately. The principal of their flocks, the commercially and politically influential ones of earth, have brazenly supported the clergy in their wicked course. If the Pharisees of Jesus' day were unworthy of a further opportunity for eternal life, why would not the same be true of the modern Pharisees?

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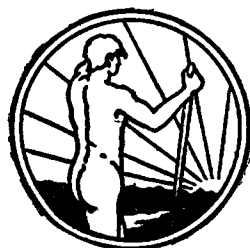
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"The Very Hairs of Your Head Are All Numbered"

(Matthew 10: 30)

A RED-HAIRED woman has on her head 30,000 hairs, a black-haired woman 110,000, and a blond-haired woman 150,000. A woman's hair is coarser and heavier than a man's. A man may have as many as 1,200 hairs in a single square inch on top of his head, thinning down to 160 per square inch on his face; all together, he has about twice as many hairs as a woman.

The medulla: that is the inner part of the hair. The cortex is the part that surrounds the medulla. The cuticle is the skin of the hair. Below the surface of the skin of the body from which it grows the hair is surrounded by two layers of cells which surround it in the form of a sheath.

When hair starts to grow on a part of the body where it has not previously grown, the skin of the body thickens at that point until a plug has been thrust down through it. At the bottom of the plug the hair follicle gradually forms and the related parts develop, consisting of oil glands and fat cells needed to keep the hair in good condition. The hair is not hollow.

The biggest hairs we know anything about are the horns of the rhinoceros. The spines of porcupines and hedgehogs are classified as hairs. The difference between straight hairs and curly hairs is that the straight hairs are round and the curly hairs are flat; the flatter the hair, the better it will curl. The hairs of all creatures are arranged on their bodies in an orderly manner, revealing wisdom, skill and art of the highest sort. They do not grow in hit-and-miss fashion; they grow according to design; in other words, they are numbered.

Egyptians Set the Pace

There is no limit to what mankind, and especially womankind, have done with their hair, but the Egyptians set the pace. The custom for centuries, for men, was to shave everything

off. The priests used to shave their bodies all over every third day. It is supposed that this practice originated on account of the tendency of the climate to generate fleas, lice and other vermin that nest in the hair.

This practice accounts for the first mention of shaving in the Scriptures. This is where it is said of Joseph that when he was summoned to come in "he shaved". Slaves were obliged to be clean-shaven, as to both their beards and their heads. Women wore their own hair, and wore it long, in Egypt, in ancient times, the same as they did in all other lands until recently. The men wore wigs.

In Egypt, in ancient times, a beard on a man was an indication of slovenliness. The same was true, at one time, in Rome, where, on one occasion, a man who had been banished for a time was ordered to have his beard shaved before he entered the senate.

Among the Jews long hair was admired. That of Absalom grew so luxuriantly that, according to Josephus, it was necessary to cut it every eighth day. Samson's strength lay in his hair. Elijah had flowing locks, but Elisha was bald-headed. Solomon's bodyguard wore their hair long. Solomon had a thousand other persons who were watching him closely who also wore their hair long.

The Early Christians

The early Christians were interested in something else besides fussing all the time with their hair; and it is interesting that on one occasion a criminal who pretended to be a Christian was proved to be an impostor by the luxuriant and frizzled appearance of his hair.

Oriental women go to great lengths in the care they give to their hair. Both the prophets and the apostles have said something on this. At one time the ladies of the East wrought their hair into most fanciful devices, to represent

coronets, harps, wreaths, diadems and other figures, and loaded it down with ribbons, gold threads, pearls, and what not. Some Arabian women have small bells concealed in their hair.

It is less than 150 years since our great-grandmothers affected the coiffure a la fregata. In this Marie Antoinette creation the lady of the period atop a face seven inches from chin to the roots of the hair had an exhibition made up of "rats", "switches," combs and gums and ribbons and the design of a ship that stretched upward for another full twelve inches. It took about a day for the hairdresser to make up one of these works of art (?), and it necessitated the lady's sitting up all night. She had her hair dressed one day and night and wore it the next for the occasion for which it was prepared.

The old-timers believed in taking care of their hair. Here is one said to date from some thousands of years before Christ. It was to promote the growth of the hair of the mother of one King Chata, and reads as follows: "One pad of a dog's foot; one fruit of a date palm; one hoof of an ass; all to be boiled together in oil and to be applied hot with a brush made of a horse's tail once a week for a year." Probably that was as good as any prescription for the same purpose since.

The Assyrians wore their beard and hair long, and their statuary makes them look like the breaking up of a hard winter. Alexander the Great changed all that. He made his soldiers shave, so that their enemies could not seize them by the beard. The American Indian shaved his head, except his scalp lock, which was worn in bravado; it said in substance, "Come and get my scalp if you can, but beware that you do not lose your own in the process."

Slaves were not allowed to wear long hair. Maidens cut their hair just before marriage. When the Germanic races were conquered by the Romans their hair was cut off and used to make false hair for the dandies of Rome. The practice by men of cutting their hair short dates back about 450 years. Ordinarily, a man's hair, if uncut, will grow only to his shoulders, and when thus worn the man looks very well. A woman's hair, being stronger, grows to her waist, and sometimes to her feet.

Changing Styles of Hairdressing

Probably there will never be any end to the changing styles of hairdressing. Henry VIII, of

England, rounded his beard and married six wives in quick succession. Not sure if this is to be taken as an encouragement or a warning. More clever than Henry was King Archelaus. When his barber asked him how he would have his hair cut the king replied, "In silence."

The Russians go in for long and heavy beards; maybe the climate has something to do with it. When Ivan the Terrible was czar he was so charmed with the five-foot beard of an English envoy at his court that he asked permission to run his fingers through it.

Not so many centuries ago, populous beards were so plentiful that when the selectmen of a community wished to choose one of their number for chief it was a custom to spread their beards on the table and into whichever one the *Pediculus capitis* elected to make its home, he it was that was most looked up to by his fellow men. Frederick the Great, ruler of the country of which Hitler is now the guiding star, had visitors in his beard and was proud of it. The great Frederick was not the only lousy monarch.

Nowadays the ladies often comb their tresses in public; it used to be the style for a man to do it. A noble of the realm would stand in his scarlet suit, with pretty white satin cuffs, and comb and comb his natural hair or his wig, whichever one he happened to have, while behind him his valet would adjust the boo'ful curls after the comb had passed through them.

In the days of Queen Elizabeth a female might have on her head her own hair and in addition might be carrying around as many as two hundred tufts and loops pinned on where they would fit the best, or the worst. Women tried to make their heads resemble leaves, pyramids, globes, bird cages, steeples, and horns. The hair was propped with forks and wires into the most grotesque shapes. This was not in the South Sea islands, but in England.

Scipio Africanus Shaved Daily

It is said that Scipio Africanus was the first man to shave daily. He started all this argument about which is the best shaving cream, or whether the old-fashioned cake of soap is best; whether a he-razor is the thing, or one of these modern contraptions that is carefully designed so that it will yield not more than one good shave. Wait till Scipio wakes up and the men get around him to tell him what they think of him. Since he went to sleep the worm has turned

many times, but, alas, the men keep on shaving; for it is the custom of men, having done a thing once, to do it forever and forever.

In the sixteenth century French gentlemen used to have one lock of their hair left long. Into this lock, which was allowed to fall to the shoulder, the dandy had woven a switch given to him by his lady friend. The lock was called a lovelock. From time immemorial the men have earnestly tried to see what complete jackasses they could make of themselves over the women, and the women have ably assisted in every way in their power.

Permanent waving dates from the days of Nero. One of the favorites of the old maniac stayed three weeks in a hot bath with her hair in curls, securely packed with clay. Jewelry of the times shows the marcel waves distinctly. It is from this beautifully engraved jewelry, by the way, that we obtain our best portraits of just how all these old-timers looked. In the British Museum one can see thousands of cameos which bring out in detail all the principal characteristics of the notables of twenty centuries ago.

The first patent for a modern permanent waving machine was taken out by a woman in 1873. Ivory hairpins were in use in London in the days of the Roman occupation. Some beautiful specimens are also to be seen in the British Museum. In Iceland, at one time, women wore their hair long (and perhaps do yet): single women with their braids over the left shoulder, and married women with them over the right shoulder.

Seventy-five Miles of Hair

A woman with a good head of hair 36 inches long is said to be carrying around with her about seventy-five miles of hair, if the hairs were all placed end to end. The average rate of growth is half an inch or an inch a month. The rate of growth is greatest between twelve and thirty. The life of a human hair is six to ten years. Forty to fifty hairs drop out daily, but if the follicle is healthy a new hair takes the place of the old. The hair is the last part of the body to decay; there are credible instances where hair has grown several inches after death. A mummy exposed to the sun grew hair.

In Germany, in ancient times, unmarried women wore their hair loose. In ancient Greece, just before a woman was married she had her hair cut off and offered to one of the gods. Only

a few years ago the flowing blond hair that had once made up the beard of Andrew Jackson was on sale in New York. Peter the Great, of Russia, had an order in effect that all visitors to his court must be clean-shaven.

Sunlight is good for the hair growth; food is of even greater importance. When a drove of cattle were fed on carrots their coats became heavy and glossy. When humans eat carrots they get the same result as the cattle do. Some raw food enthusiasts claim that by living largely on carrots, raisins, lettuce, spinach, leeks, strawberries, radishes, apples, prunes, cherries and blackberries they can even grow new hair in bald places, and that the new hair will be its natural color where the hair that fell out was gray. Sounds too good to be true.

The hair is quite inflammable, consisting of 50 percent carbon, 21 percent oxygen, 7 percent hydrogen, 17 percent nitrogen, and 5 percent sulphur, with a very little alkaline sulphate, oxide of iron, and silica. Women have deeper hair follicles than men, and a greater supply of sebaceous glands to nourish the hair.

The Cause of Baldness

Baldness is caused by lack of nutrition. If you wish to get bald, wear a tightly fitting hat, one which cuts off the blood stream to the top of the head. To get bald earlier, wear the hat in the house as well as out-doors. To assist still further, wear a nightcap at night. Anything that will reduce the general tone of the system will cause the hair to fall.

Some causes of baldness which are listed by an expert are given in alphabetical order: arthritis, bleaches, blows, bruises, burns, carbuncles, catarrh, crimping, curling, dyes, ear troubles, friction, frights, headaches, injuries, mental disorders, mercury, nervous diseases, ringworm, salves, scarlatina, sexual irregularities, shampoo excesses, skin diseases, sweating, tonics, tuberculosis, typhoid, venereal diseases, waving, worry wounds. Sounds as if most of us would have to get bald.

The hair grows faster in health than at other times; it reflects the state of the health; it grows faster by day than by night, and faster in warm weather than in cold. It is a great protection to any part, and is especially valuable in guarding the brain and nerve centers from shocks, injuries and irritations.

In man to some extent, and in other creatures

to a great extent, the hair is an organ of sense. There are muscles at the roots of the hair which, on occasions of extreme fright, tighten and in so doing cause the hair, if it is not too long, to stand straight up. Who has not seen the hair rise on a dog's neck, or a cat's? Humans have more hairs than apes.

The Uses of Hair

Do you wear clothes? If you do, you know that wool is a useful article. You use a pig's hair to brush your teeth, your hair, and maybe your clothes. The artist uses brushes of skunk's hair, camel's hair and sable. The camel's-hair shawl of a generation ago was a beautiful thing. Horsehair furniture was once quite the thing. Horsehair cloth is still used to stiffen other clothing. Mattresses, supposed to be made of horsehair, are stuffed with goat hair, pig hair and barbers' sweepings. The making of human hair into curls, frizzes; false fronts, puffs and wigs is a large industry. The hair of the yak and of the goat is worked up into theatrical wigs and false beards. Cowhair, and hair of any kind, is used for certain roofing materials and for holding plaster together. The hair of rabbits, dogs, cats and other animals goes into felts, overcoats, blankets, and the like.

Hair was once much used in telescopes, surveyor's instruments, and clinometers; convenient alloys of metals have since taken their place for these purposes. The manufacture of hair ornaments was once a great industry. Nowadays nobody has the patience to make hair ornaments. Blond human hair is still used in an instrument, the aero-meteorograph, carried aloft by airplane pilots.

No two persons have hair structure exactly the same. Mongolian hair is heavier than Caucasian; Caucasian is heavier than Negroid. The hair of the Negro contains an excess of air bubbles. There are a number of different styles of eyebrows. Those of an artist are of a distinct type. One hair, in the hands of an expert, under a powerful microscope, may prove to be a means of identification.

Brushing and Shampooing

It is good to brush the hair thoroughly every night and in every direction; that exercises the muscles that hold it in position and stirs the sebaceous glands to pour out more nourishment for the hair. Massage is good; it exercises the

same muscles; makes them strong, so they can hang on.

When it is considered that the hair is, in effect, a plant, set down in a little pot filled with fats and oils, from which it receives its nutriment, it will be apparent why a reasonable amount of shampoos is all right and an unreasonable amount is all wrong. If one took a good shampoo every day in the week it is doubtful if he would have any hair in six months.

The experts seem to think a shampoo once in two to three weeks is about right. They recommend hot oil before the shampoo, and rinsing after the shampoo, with one teaspoon of salts of tartar and two teaspoons of strained lemon juice in three pints of water, to keep the hair light in color. For the shampoo itself pure castile soap, or olive oil, or castor oil, or egg yolk, or dry starch (this last for a dry shampoo), is recommended. One writer says, to shave up a bar of soap, add a pint of cold water, let it simmer until the soap has dissolved, then strain it through a double thickness of cheesecloth, and you have your shampoo made up into its best form.

"The Hoary Head Is a Crown of Glory"

The statement of the wise man (Proverbs 16:31) being most certainly true, and it being without question that a beautiful head of gray hair is one of the most beautiful things in the world, why be ashamed of it? A woman old enough to have gray hair who tries to make her hair look like that of a sixteen-year-old school-girl only gets herself laughed at.

Hydrogen peroxide, always used to produce blond hair, may catch fire and injure the patient for life. Copper, used to produce reddish tints, may cause skin eruptions or ulcers. Lead, mercury and silver nitrate, used to turn gray hair black, are all extremely irritating to the skin and highly poisonous. In Colonial days it was the custom for people to wear white wigs, which gave faces a youthful appearance and enhanced their beauty. Too much exposure to the sun is said to yellow gray hair. Instances are on record of fright's causing an entire head of hair to turn white in a single night.

To offset the fact that "gentlemen prefer blondes", somebody has gone to the trouble of pointing out that 76 percent of persons convicted of crime are blonds. Don't know what that proves, but there it is, anyway. Contrary

to general belief, it is claimed that red-haired persons are mostly mild-tempered. Where any of them spunk up it is because they have been teased into it.

Hair dyes are very popular among the natives of the north of Africa. Black hair is turned brown by a paste made from ashes. Hair-straightener is much in demand in the section of New York city (Harlem) where the bulk of the Negro population resides.

If one insists on dyeing the hair, it is claimed that camomile tea harmlessly brightens both blond and light-brown hair, that henna adds a reddish tint, and that bluing takes the glint out of either of the other rinses.

People who are afraid of getting gray hair too young are advised to get easy shoes, with wide, low heels, and to do considerable walking, to eat foods that contain plenty of fruits and vegetables and few starches and confections. When rats were fed almost exclusively on the wheat germ their black and white hair changed to silver gray; when whole wheat was added the normal color returned.

The Strange Case of Hugh McDonald

Hugh McDonald, of Portland, Oregon, was born with black hair; scarlet fever left him bald at 16; he grew red hair at 17; typhoid fever left him bald again at 23; he grew black hair at 24, and his hair turned white at 28.

Oil workers do not suffer from dandruff; the mist of oil in the air keeps their scalps from getting dry.

Barbers have discontinued the use of hair-brushes, convinced that they are unsanitary for miscellaneous or general use. Hairbrushes are cleaned by the use of soda dissolved in cold water; hot water ruins brushes. After being rinsed in the soda water the brush is dried by being stood on the point of the handle, in a shady place.

Barbers have discontinued the use of the common styptic stick, convinced that that also is unsanitary.

William F. Kenny, millionaire, being in England, and wanting a haircut of the kind he wanted, had Louis Arico come across the ocean, eight thousand miles, over and back, to give him what he wanted. It made a nice trip for Louis, and probably would not happen again in ten million years.

In Germany women can curl their hair upon dropping a coin in a slot. The iron is ready in

30 seconds and remains usable for four minutes. An ear protector has been devised to keep women and children from getting their ears burned when they have their hair treated.

Under favorable conditions hair petrifies, merely because it provides a mold for inorganic matter. In such cases it usually petrifies as a mass, and only rarely are the individual hairs recognizable.

Women and Bobbed Hair

In 1928 the French government redesigned all its gold and silver coins. The best artists in the country were in the competition, with the result that not one of the sixty-four new coins bears the design of a woman with short hair. This is not saying that women should not bob their hair, though it is true that some barbers refuse to cut a woman's tresses, believing it wrong to do so.

Queen Mary of England dislikes bobbed hair; her influence has held back her daughter and her daughter-in-law from having their hair bobbed. Maids at Buckingham Palace may not have their hair bobbed. In Warsaw, Poland, a 64-year-old woman swallowed poison because her daughter sacrificed her beautiful tresses.

In Germany a factory proprietor ordered all women employees to bob their hair or look for other jobs. It is unsafe for women with long hair to be about machinery. Accidents too dreadful to mention have occurred.

Cutting the hair too short is causing many women to become bald, or partly so. Many women have been forced to resume wearing long hair to cover bald spots, and some have tried to regain their lost tresses and been unable to do so. Chinese women took readily to having their hair bobbed. For some unknown reason the women all over the earth are eager each to look exactly like every other woman. In British work-houses the women inmates made such an outcry that it was necessary for the government to make contracts to provide them with the shinglings they desired. At Eatontown, N. J., the oldest woman in the town had her hair bobbed so as to make the town 100 percent. The only way a man in that town can see a woman with hair the natural length is to go to some other town for a look.

In Zerbau, Germany, the city fathers voted a tax of 50 cents a month on each married woman who bobs her hair, and 25 cents a month for each woman over 14 years of age, unmarried, who

commits the same offense. In the kingdom of Hedjaz, any barber found guilty of cutting a woman's locks is sent to jail or fined. The men are wasting their breath. When a woman will, she will.

It is estimated that in Britain 20,000,000 women have had their hair bobbed or shingled. In the Mayfair district hairdressing is done by contract. Each client pays a certain sum annually, in quarterly installments, and for that sum is kept looking as nearly as possible like every other woman. American women are said to spend \$1,000,000,000 a year keeping themselves beautiful. A single chain of barber shops in New York city, in a single year, had an income from women of \$916,000, as disclosed by a lawsuit.

A few courageous women retain their hair full length. A Detroit girl has a braid that reaches to her shoe tops. In athletics or in a factory her hair would be a liability; but she seems to like it, and who would say she has no right to it? A significant fact is that women who have their locks severed always keep the shorn tresses. That shows that they are just the least bit uneasy.

A German girl of 24, the mother of two children, rightly suspecting that in these days the men fall for the long hair, pursued a successful confidence game in Berlin. She worked in a place until entrusted to take considerable sums to the bank, when she disappeared with the money, braids and all. In one place she got away with 2,400 marks, but the police got her in the end.

Men and Bald Heads

You cannot have hair unless the roots are nourished by an abundance of blood; hence, a good, strong heart is necessary if one is to have a nice head of hair and keep it. Unless right food is put into the stomach the right kind of blood will not circulate throughout the system. If you wear a tight hatband, you may expect to discourage the growth of your hair. The frequent close cropping of men's hair tends to cause baldness. The true preventives of baldness are in the food that comes to the roots of the hair through the food brought by the blood.

It is generally observed and conceded that a measure of baldness is likely in the case of all who perform constant intellectual work. There is a measure of truth in the aphorisms "Grass doesn't grow on a busy street" and "A bald-headed man is seldom found in an insane

asylum". The bald-headed man can point with pride to the bald-headed eagle and also to the bald truth as standing at the head of the class.

Dr. B. Norman Bengston, Maywood, Ill., experimenting for two years on a man of 58, developed a complete head of gray hair on a bald head, and after several months' more treatment this hair turned black. If that isn't the truth, somebody will have to answer for it some time; but it won't be we.

In a New York wig store the proprietor employs three bald-headed clerks to exhibit wigs and toupees to the visitors. In one of the largest and most flourishing barber shops of New York city, where sale of hair tonics is an important feature, two of the salesmen are bald as billiard balls. Doesn't that show that bald-headed men have their uses? Who was that savage who said, "No man is expected to develop both hair and brains"? He deserves a funeral. A tendency toward baldness may be inherited.

Permanent Waves for Men (!)

As women gradually take on the vices and follies of men, the men (some of them) take on the weaknesses and frailties of the women. A man cannot help it if he has naturally wavy hair, and it may even be admired, but what man who is a man wants to go to a beauty shop and have himself fixed up like a sissy? In Paris there is one barber shop exclusively devoted to male marcelles. A special machine for permanent waves for men has been invented, and there are said to be numbers of them in use in America. Men have had to take a lot of advice as to how to shape and trim their mustaches, and, judging by the results, most of the advice has been bad.

A London business man interested in astronomy alleges that the hair should be cut just before a new moon, and not when the moon is full. At full moon the hair has the most sap. This statement is probably based on the gravitational pull of the lunar orb.

Some women are honest enough to say that they prefer men who do not keep their hair slicked to those that do. Seems as if a man ought to have something more serious on his mind than slicking his hair.

When the bearded General Balbo was in America somebody said that beards were coming back into style. Well, they come back into style all right at about 6:20 every morning, and

require a good ten minutes to get them into the place where they belong. Napoleon said that great men shave themselves. He had that straight, anyway; hadn't he, boys?

Next!

Oh! Just one more item. Here is one about a certain professor who sewed some hundreds

of hairs into the head of a Miss Peggie Tudor, to cover a bald spot about the size of a quarter. Each pair of hairs was fixed into a gold ring so small it could hardly be seen with the naked eye. Then the ring was buried down in the tube where the hair used to grow. The professor says the hairs he sewed in will be there when Peggie is 2,000 years older.

“Do We Have Too Much Food?”

SAYS George A. Nelson, of Wisconsin, in a booklet put out by the Socialist party:

The AAA has proceeded on the grounds that since production and consumption are out of balance, balance must be restored by stopping production and reducing the living standards for all. At the same time another branch of the government, making a study of PWA funds, has been finding out how much food the 125,000,000 residents of the U. S. would consume if they ate as much as the Department of Agriculture says they should in order to keep in good health.

This study shows that with the good crops of 1929 we had plenty of grain, potatoes, bacon and lard in that year, but we have been short over three billion gallons of milk, and short over a billion dozen of eggs. We have only a little over half enough green vegetables, only half enough butter, and would have had a shortage of nearly two billion pounds of meat.

If every man had been able to buy one suit of clothes every two years, we would have had to import cotton and wool. Since in 1929 there were forty-six million people who had incomes of less than \$426, they could not be expected to maintain a decent standard of living and have an egg for breakfast, half a pound of meat and a pint and a half of milk every day.

In the face of these facts, the AAA program called for reductions during 1934 of 20 percent in corn, 25 percent in hogs, 40 percent in cotton, and 15 percent in wheat.

Such a program will work only when and if the American people are willing to live on a much lower standard than they have ever known before. Subsistence farming and living on relief is a program for a defeated nation, without hope for the future. Already our conservatives are talking of depriving the millions of unemployed workers and destitute ex-farmers of their right to vote. This is the way Rome created a slave class from its own people. There are better ways out of our present problems than this.

It is the height of absurdity to talk of there being too much in this country, even in so-called “prosper-

ous” times. There are millions of people who have never seen an orange or had milk to drink since they were babies. Share-croppers in the south get fresh meat two or three times a year, in good years. Lettuce, tomatoes, celery, and other fresh vegetables are absolutely unheard of in thousands of mill towns and in some farm regions. Sow belly and beans is a lot nearer the American idea of a good meal than most people like to think.

The Brain Trusters seem to think that everybody starts out the day with grapefruit, bacon and eggs, toast and coffee, just because they do. What this country needs is a farm program that will enable workers to buy everything the farmers now produce and holler for more, a program based on plenty and not scarcity. This is America, not China, and President Roosevelt needs to do some more traveling before announcing again that there is enough for everybody.

Do not these things prove conclusively that the politicians in power do not know anything about the farmers' problems? If they don't know, how can they help us?

Bread Baked by the Sun

AT MOUNT WILSON observatory, California, bread has been baked by causing oil, heated by the sun, to circulate about the exterior of an oven. The cooled oil gravitates back to the sun heater to be reheated.

Liquor Factor in Automobile Accidents

IN THE state of California in the first six months of 1929, of the automobile accidents that occurred, 1,115 of the parties to the accidents had been drinking; in the first six months of 1930 the number had risen to 2,020; in 1931 it was 2,798; in 1932 it was 3,009, and in 1933 it was 3,803.

Finance and Transportation

Six Hundred Planes in Service

THERE are 600 planes in service on air lines in the United States, one air liner for every nine Pullman cars; an average of 1,550 men, women and children, three fourths of a million letters and 4,700 pounds of express are carried by plane every 24 hours; 40 percent of the flying is done at night. One can go anywhere in the United States in 24 hours, and to any part of the Western Hemisphere in a week. The average fare is 6c a mile. The planes are built so strong that five elephants could stand on an airplane wing at one time without damage to it. The new air liners travel at 180 miles an hour. American air lines do more flying and offer greater public service than those of all other nations combined. The average salary of an air line pilot is \$6,500 a year; a pilot must have had 1,200 hours' experience as an aviator before being made a pilot. American airways are lighted by more than 2,000 beacons each of which can be seen 30 miles away. Directive radio beams, radio airport localizers and radio landing beams have made flying almost as safe as any other kind of travel.

Blue Sky Sold in Blocks

SINCE the Ontario Power Service Corporation went bankrupt it has been brought to light that it was started on an investment of \$5 and was bonded for \$20,000,000. Those patriotic citizens to whom we owe so much, and who owe us so much, the bankers, peddled the bonds. The president of the company was the man who put up the \$5. For this great risk he was paid a salary of \$85,000 a year. For some reason best known to himself he shrank from going from New York to Toronto to testify before the royal provincial commission entrusted with passing out the salve to those who lost the \$20,000,000.

Los Angeles Still Happy

LOS ANGELES is still happy over the fact that it owns its own water supply and has its own municipal power plant. Not only did it this past year save its people \$13,950,000 as compared with the cost of such services in the metropolitan San Francisco area, but additionally it turned over \$2,050,000 for general aid and tax relief; total savings and contributions representing cash benefits of \$16,000,000. "Of course," some will sadly say, "but this might just as well have gone to a few big financiers." And so it might.

Less and Less

THE railroads operate 2,833 miles less than a few years ago, and 8,500 fewer passenger cars; there are 14,358 fewer locomotives; the freight car capacity is almost 10,000,000 tons less than seven years ago; the cars loaded with revenue freight are a little over half in number of what they were in 1926. The mileage run by freight trains in 1933 was 393,359,000 as against 613,444,410 in 1929. The passengers are fewer than half what they were in 1925, and so are the passenger miles. Freight revenues are a little more than half what they were in 1926; passenger revenues are less than one-third; express revenues are less than a third; dividends are less than a fourth.

Drive Fast and Get Your Flowers Early

DRIVE fast, and get your flowers early. At 20 miles per hour a car occupies 38 feet of roadway in addition to its own length; at 40 miles per hour it occupies 126 feet of roadway in addition to its own length; and at 60 miles per hour it occupies 263 feet of the roadway in addition to its own length. A man has thrown a 16-pound shot 53 feet; if he had the energy of a car going 60 miles an hour he could put the shot nearly 10 miles.

Sperry Rail Service

THE Sperry Detector Car, propelled over a railroad at five to seven miles an hour, self-driven by gasoline, detects any defects in the rails. When the searching unit encounters any defect the rail is automatically marked by a paint gun and an indication of the location of the defect appears in ink on a moving chart record in the observation room at the rear of the car.

Pennsylvania Air-Conditioned Trains

THE Pennsylvania Railroad now has a total of 750 air-conditioned cars in service; all the principal trains are air-conditioned the year around. Three air-conditioning systems are used: the ice activated, the mechanical compression, and the steam jet system.

Reduction of Railway Fares

IN THE effort to recapture some of its lost passenger business, rates on the Missouri Pacific lines are now down to 2c on one-way tickets and 3.6c on round-trip tickets. Probably this is generally true now of western lines.

"Not Running a Rattery"

GEORGE STARR WHITE, M.D., of Los Angeles, says:

"As we are dealing only with humans, we are not at all interested in the 'laboratory findings' of aluminum-tainted foods on pigs, rats, mice, monkeys or goats. We are not running a rattery, neither are we running a piggery. We are teaching humans how to live to get the most out of life, and how to conserve their health through wholesome living. In other words, teaching humans how to retain health, or how to regain health. Thousands of persons have written me, telling of their recovery from all manner of unhealth, simply by throwing all aluminum-ware out of the house. Clinical findings we must go by. Practically all laboratories can be hired to give findings to suit the case. The more capital there is back of any product, the better the 'laboratory findings' usually are. Some animals can eat strychnine and not become poisoned by it. Some can eat tobacco and not die from its poisonous effect. Some can eat food cooked in aluminum and not get rheumatism, or ulcers, or cancer from it. Why take chances?"

"There Is Such a Thing"

IN THE New York *Daily News* a physician is asked, "Is there such a thing as aluminum poisoning? I have been told by my physician that I have this trouble. I have always considered such a thing nonsense, yet should not want to take a chance." What a grand opportunity this man had to convey some real truth to an anxious inquirer and to his readers, but he side-stepped. He admitted, to start with, that there is such a thing as aluminum poisoning, and then said, "Careful research has shown that ordinary foods cooked in aluminum dishes cannot and do not dissolve enough aluminum to cause poisoning"; and this in face of the fact that sometimes as many as three hundred to a thousand persons have keeled over at one time because of that very thing.

But How About the People?

JUST noticed in a San Francisco paper an illustrated free advertisement that a certain aluminum coffeepot stands the test. That is all very well for the coffeepot, but the important question is, How do the people who drink the coffee made in it stand the test? At a cost of \$30,000 the Massachusetts Institute of Technology proved to its own satisfaction that "metal" (by which was meant aluminum) coffeepots are not desirable things in which to make coffee, but if *you* want to drink aluminum hydroxide, just go right ahead.

Whisky as an Anesthetic

TWO babies were recently operated on successfully in a Kansas City hospital. As they were too young to place under ether, they were made to absorb whisky through a small sack of sugar placed in the mouth; and while the baby was on the whisky jag the operation was performed.

Insects May Yet Be Killed by Radio

EXPERIMENTS which have far progressed indicate that the time may soon come when a farmer will be able to take a specially designed radio set and travel with it from tree to tree through an orchard, killing all the pests automatically as soon as he gets to a tree.

Clay Impregnated with Poison Gas

GERMAN chemists have invented a method of impregnating clay with poison gas. The clay is sprayed from an airplane exhaust in the form of a fine powder. When ground is sprayed with this powder it cannot be occupied or crossed for eight days.

Should Be Afraid of the Dark

IT REALLY looks as if pedestrians and automobile drivers ought to be afraid of the dark, because there are almost four times as many killed during the four rush hours of the evening (5 to 9 p.m.) as during the four rush hours of the morning (6 to 10 a. m.).

Therapeutic Value in Radio Waves

IT HAS been demonstrated that radio waves have a therapeutic value. When beds are hooked up to receive short waves, it is claimed, certain diseases that ordinarily take six weeks are completely cured in four days.

Dye Treatment of Burns

THE new method of treating burns is to spray the burns with tannic acid or purple dye. This forms a shell which remains until new skin forms underneath. Best of all, this method of treatment renders the burns painless.

Twelve-Hour Day for Women

A FACTORY inspector in Britain found six girls who had been working in an ice-cream factory from 9:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. every day in the week, Sundays included. This was at Plaistow.

Monkeying with the Alphabet

The Business of Not Raising Hogs

IT SEEMS that one of the best-paying businesses in the country is that of not raising hogs. At Poplar Bluff, Mo., in June, a farmer received 18c for 670 pounds of hogs; the rest went for yardage, insurance, commission and drayage. In Kansas City, Mo., in August, 44 pigs were sold at \$1.75 per dozen, and two days later, in Harper, Kans., two 80-pound pigs would have brought their owner 96 cents, but inspection charges, yardage and selling cost him 81 cents, and when he took his 15c check to the bank that businesslike and humane institution charged him 10c for cashing it; so the total he got for two pigs was 5c. On the other side of the story is the money that is paid out by the government for not raising hogs. The *Financial Chronicle*, of New York city, has the following:

"A friend of mine in New England has a neighbor who has received a government check for \$1,000 this year for not raising hogs. So my friend now wants to go into the business himself, he not being very prosperous just now; he says, in fact, that the idea of not raising hogs appeals to him very strongly. Of course, he will need a hired man, and that is where I come in. I write to you as to your opinion of the best kind of a farm not to raise hogs on, the best strain of hogs not to raise, and how best to keep an inventory of hogs you are not raising. Also, do you think capital could be raised by issuance of a non-hog raising gold bond? The friend who got the \$1,000 got it for not raising 500 hogs. Now we figure we might easily not raise 1,500 to 2,000 hogs, so you see the possible profits are only limited by the number of hogs we do not raise. The other fellow had been raising hogs for 40 years and never made more than \$400 in any one year. Kind of pathetic, isn't it, to think how he wasted his life raising hogs when he could have made so much more not raising them! I thank you for any advice you may offer."

Shooting Cattle in Oklahoma

ARTHUR L. CLAUS, pioneer, encloses a clipping from the *Tulsa Tribune* that of 63,968 head of drought-distressed cattle purchased by the government the first week in September, 27,684, or more than forty percent, were shot because they did not seem able to stand shipment to pasturage. Mr. Claus says:

"The Federal Government is buying hundreds of cattle here in Creek county, paying \$4 for calves up to a year old and \$12 for cows and steers, shooting them down at the place they buy them, and giving them back to the farmer after they are shot. Sometimes they are skinned and the meat is put up by

neighbors and the poor, and again they are not even buried, but are left to rot. Should the farmer skin a beef he can sell the hide at an average of \$1.09. One woman pleaded with the men shooting down good milk cows to please give her one, as her children had not had a drop of milk all summer; they replied that she would raise a calf or two if they did, and increase production, and that is what the Government wants to stop. They pulled the trigger, shot down a nice cow and said to her, 'You go home and get you a knife, skin her and take home as much meat as you like, and if you won't wish to do that, why let it rot.'"

Operation of FERA in Mississippi

SAYS Rhodes Gibson, of Mississippi: "As your paper is one of facts, I would like to report a recent ruling of the FERA put in force in this county, and said to come through state headquarters from Washington, that is, that only home owners can get direct relief or work; share croppers and renters are cut completely out. This rule is strictly enforced here, even to extending medical aid. In this little community I can count nine home owners; all except two own over 100 acres of land; four of them have share croppers on their places, and four of them operate automobiles; one operates a grist mill, and one a saw mill. This is the condition that exists in all places from which I hear. The men mentioned above as getting relief are good men as far as the world goes, and no doubt need it, but the renters and half croppers need it worse. We renters are not surprised; we know that this ruling is in keeping with the policies of the present administration."

Nothing More Ridiculous

IN A FINE article entitled "Remove the Profit from Legalized Killing" the *Pictorial Review* says:

"At the present time we are facing more disarmament conferences. We have been through several of various types. Nothing could be more ridiculous or atrocious than delegates from civilized countries, men who are supposed to be intellectual and humanitarian leaders, sitting around the conference tables discussing, not how to disarm, but in all seriousness arguing over what kind of lethal weapons and chemicals may be ethically used to slaughter the youth of their lands, and knowing full well that when war comes none of the nations involved will pay the slightest attention to these so-called ethics except to blame each other for violating them."

"All the Elements of Cost"

SAID Hon. John E. Rankin, of Mississippi, in an address to Congress:

"It is said that the Tennessee Valley Authority does not take into account all the elements of cost the private concerns have to meet. That is true—they do not have to take them all into consideration. They do not have to take into consideration the payment of dividends on watered stock. They do not have to take into consideration money paid as tributes to holding companies, bonuses, and rake-offs to high-priced promoters, such as Samuel Insull and others. They do not have to take into consideration the money expended to hire lawyers that they do not need—invariably the sons, relatives, or law partners of men in responsible offices, and in 'rare instances' the officials themselves. Their services are very valuable and often very expensive. Then there is a swarm of power lobbyists in and around Washington, as well as around every state legislature. The TVA does not have to pay for them. It does not have to pay for the propaganda in big newspapers and magazines. Not only that, but we found college professors on the payrolls of certain power interests. They were writing school books in the state of Ohio, and probably other states. All that money spent for propaganda from the kindergarten to the higher colleges the TVA does not have to take into consideration."

Louis T. McFadden Defeated

READERS of *The Golden Age* will be interested to know that Louis T. McFadden, courageous and honest and capable, was defeated for reelection to Congress, and well they know the reasons why. Naturally the Devil and his ally, the Roman Catholic church, would do everything possible to prevent the return to Congress of any man who would dare to stand for liberty and righteousness in this evil time. We are assured that God, who gave him such great privileges of usefulness last winter, is not forgetful or indifferent and the time will come when Louis T. McFadden will look back and rejoice that he was permitted to be absent when scenes about to be enacted shall occur.

How a Sales Tax Works

A SALES tax puts the heaviest burden on the one least able to bear it. By way of illustration: Here is a bachelor; he has one mouth to feed, his own. Here is a widow with five children; she has six mouths to feed, her own and five others. The sales-tax plan proposes to let the burden rest six times as heavily on the widow as it does on the bachelor.

What California Refused

CALIFORNIA refused to have poverty ended and voted to keep in power the system under which it is now almost \$100,000,000 in the red. What it refused, when it refused Sinclair, were: State land colonies, state factories, state financing system, repeal of the sales tax upon poverty, passage of the graduated state income tax on wealth, increase of state inheritance tax to one-half of large fortunes, increase of taxes on public utilities and banks, exemption from all taxation of homes and ranches occupied and used by owners where the assessment is less than \$3,000, a graduated tax on all idle land, a pension of \$50 for every needy person over 60 years of age, pensions to the blind and disabled and to mothers. Apparently, it was Hearst and the so-called "churches" that defeated this plan that would have really done something for the common people. California prefers bankruptcy to ending poverty, and is in a fair way to get what it prefers. We are not objecting; we are just telling about it.

Homestead Tax Exemption in Florida

THE State of Florida has passed a constitutional amendment exempting from taxation all homesteads up to \$5,000 in value, and it really seems like the most sensible legislation passed by any government in years. What is a government for, but to make the homes of its future citizens secure? How ridiculous to let church institutions go untaxed and yet sell a poor man's home from over his head because he cannot pay taxes on a little place that he has been able to save for himself from the clutches of the bond-clipper! The home is an asset to the country, but the church, because it dishonors the name of Jehovah God, is a liability, sure to drink of His wrath soon.

Government Will Distribute Unaddressed Matter

HEREAFTER the government will distribute unaddressed matter, circulars, leaflets, etc., to all the homes in any one or more letter-carrier routes of the United States. The mail may be simply addressed to "Patron" or "Householder", Letter Carrier Route No.—. The minimum number of pieces that will be received for distribution is the total number of homes in one route. The number of homes in each route may be ascertained at the post office.

Japan in the Philippines

THE Japanese consul general in Manila went out of his way to warn the Philippine people of what they would suffer if their legislature, which is at present a part of the government of the United States, favored the United States in respect to its tariffs. How is that for nerve? It may be mentioned that the United States government has expended several hundred million dollars in the Philippines, and will never get any more in return for it than it got from loaning money to the militaristic and quarrelsome governments of Europe once called "The Allies". Japan expects to gobble up the Philippines, as a matter of course, and now cannot even wait until the United States is through pouring in its money. Britain would be well pleased to see Japan and the United States in mortal combat.

Duranty's Picture of Moscow

WALTER DURANTY, of the *New York Times*, after describing the terrible conditions which prevailed in Moscow at the time he first visited it, thirteen years ago, at which time the population had fallen from 2,000,000 to less than 1,000,000, says:

"What a different picture today! The ruins have all disappeared and every vacant lot is bright with grass and flowers. The main streets and squares are smoothly paved, traffic signals have been installed, and everywhere there is building in progress. The existing edifices have been cleaned and refurbished and on thousands extra stories have been added. The population is now 4,000,000, and it has increased so rapidly that it was only this year that the building program caught up and surpassed the demand."

Austria's Hangman Goes Insane

AUSTRIA'S hangman, widely renowned because he always wore evening clothes and a silk hat at hangings, has gone insane from overwork. For each legal killing he received \$33.50, half of which went to himself and the other half to his two assistants. Jails are so overcrowded that factories, gymnasiums and warehouses have been turned into prisons. Tourists have dodged the country, trains are running empty, the streets are full of beggars, thousands cannot pay rent, stores are empty and going into bankruptcy every day. When the crops were being gathered there were so many workers in jail as to make the harvesting a serious matter.

Prison Conditions in Europe

CERTAIN types of prisoners in Russia are allowed one-day vacations, and others are allowed to meet their families privately from time to time. In France, in some prisons, the prisoner is not allowed to speak for two years. In Italy the prisoner receives macaroni soup and bread once a day, at noon. The prisoner may take the left-over bread to his cell, and it must suffice for his evening meal and for his breakfast the next morning. In the United States many prisons are in charge of men of low caliber. British prisons are far better, as a general rule, though some of the latter are unspeakable. These conclusions are the result of a four-month study by a former deputy commissioner of correction.

To Increase Italian Families

TO INCREASE Italian families Mussolini's newspaper *Popolo d'Italia* indicates that his next move will be to remove all Italian women from industry and give their places to men, even though it results in the breaking up of many homes. The paper says in extenuation of this terrible act of injustice, "There is no victory without dead." Mussolini is determined to have more Italians, and to get them by making it almost necessary that all Italian women should be confined to the home and the raising of children, and, so far as possible, that all Italian men shall become heads of homes.

Motor Horns and Radios

IN ROME and Paris and all over Britain motorists must not toot their horns between 11:30 p.m. and 7:30 a.m.; and it seems like a good rule to make world-wide. A British woman, fearful of burglars, has installed in her home ten loud-speakers, each installed in the wall of a different room. Should a burglar enter one room a light ray will start the set working and from each loud-speaker a specially made record will reproduce the barking of a dog and a man's voice shouting, "Who is there?"

Furs Brought by Plane

FURS from northern Canada are now brought in every spring by plane. In a few hours they come distances that are traversed by trappers both ways with great effort only once in a year.

The Black Man in His Own Land

THE Manchester *Guardian's* correspondent in South Africa says:

"The Department of Labor has admitted that Indians and men of mixed birth may be regarded as 'civilized' if they conform to the European standard of living. But for the native there is no hope. He is totally excluded from the definition, and it has been categorically stated that neither skill, length of service, nor rate of wage will avail to turn the native into a 'civilized' worker. He remains for all time the object of discriminatory legislation on the part of the authorities of the State."

Icebound for Five Years

FORTY-FOUR Russian colonists of Wrangel island, in the Arctic ocean, far north of Bering strait, icebound for five years, were visited and furnished with supplies in August last, the first time a ship had been able to get to them in that time. They have received supplies by airplane, and, having a sending station, have been in constant touch with the mainland by radio.

Boys of Eight Taught Love of Murder

THE Italian government now makes all Italian males over eight years of age conscripts. From 8 to 14 they are taught love for war and military life, from 14 to 18 they get athletic training, from 18 to 21 they serve in the militia, from 21 to 55 they are in the reserves. Children will not be promoted in school, nor receive diplomas at any stage, unless they take this course in the love and practice of murder.

Belgium Would Humanize Murder

BELGIUM would humanize murder, having issued invitations to all foreign governments for an international conference to be held next year to humanize war. The conference will meet at the Brussels world fair, and will probably have Zaharoff, the Du Ponts, Vickers Armstrong and the Schneiders as its patron saints.

Russia Restores Rights to Many

THE Russian government has restored rights to several millions, including former landlords, clergymen, minor officials in the czar's police, children of rich peasants, choir singers, organists, charwomen, bellringers and other church employees, but they must have served five years in exile first.

International Telephone Grafters

IN ARGENTINA the government has been asked by the director general of posts and telegraphs to forbid the International Telephone grafters from continuing monthly surcharges for new telephone instruments which the company admits are cheaper than the old ones. Wonder if it would be possible to get such men to emigrate to North America, and, if they landed here, if they would have the same courage and honesty.

The Big Postage Stamps

THE Honolulu *Star Bulletin*, referring to Mr. Farley's big stamps, says, facetiously, "We used to think a stamp was a stamp, but Big Jim has made it a combination mural painting, tapestry and radiator blanket. If he could make those two-centers a little thicker a pair of them would make a very attractive runner for the front hall." A subscriber calls up and says he thinks it a shame for the government to throw money away on unnecessarily big stamps, in these trying days.

Nazis in Austria Taste Own Medicine

THE Nazis who seized a radio station in Austria, but failed to seize the government, though they tried to do so, are said to have made a sorry sight when they came into court. They had broken arms to exhibit, to which, they added, they also received kicks, beatings with rifle butts and even bayonet thrusts to make them sign the statements put before them.

Big Game Increasing in Uganda

THE game warden for Uganda reports that elephants are twice as numerous as twenty-five years ago, one herd encountered numbering 600. White rhinoceroses and black rhinoceroses are plentiful, and lions abound.

White Man's Burden in Singapore

IN SINGAPORE alone there are about 300 opium shops licensed by the government; the colonial governments of the Far East are run on the money made from the opium trade.

Air Mail Service in Britain

THIS past summer intercity air mail service was begun in Britain. Letters posted before lunch are delivered almost anywhere the same evening.

Frauds of Various Kinds

"How I Was Stranded in Africa"

THE magazine *Real America*, issues of July and August, 1934, have a stirring article by Margaret Reinhart entitled "How I was Stranded in Africa". To prevent other young people from getting similarly stung by the Paul Rader outfit she describes in detail how this gang that boasted that it raised over \$100,000 a year set her on a platform in Chicago and used her as bait to wring money out of the audience, but, thereafter, after hustling her off to Africa, far from civilization, from September of one year to October of the next, let her stay in the heart of Africa with only \$10 for her support. This faithful and trusting young woman lived on white ants and locusts while Rader and his religious frauds disposed of the \$100,000. Miss Reinhart reports that many missionaries thus inveigled into the work die or become insane; she had a good constitution and pluck and made her way across Africa, where, at length, she got word to her mother. That faithful soul mortgaged her home and sent her \$500 for her return passage. The letters that Miss Reinhart received from these missionary frauds while she was in Africa would be a disgrace to the Devil. They were strong on telling her they were praying for her, but she had to depend on the Africans to keep her from starving. She declares that the female savages of Africa have more of real Christianity in their make-up than the persons who got her into the mission field; and, without a doubt, she is correct. Rader and his gang almost drove this woman out of the United States, in seeming haste to get her into the mission field. They would not allow her time to go home to see her folks. On this point Miss Reinhart says: "Only now do I realize that all this rush and hurry were just part of the racket. We were rushed off our feet for two reasons: to keep us from changing our minds, and to serve as sacrificial lambs in a calculated scheme of money raising."

The Thing That Would Amuse

STANDING up for the truth on this subject of aluminum poisoning, and referring to the attitude of the American Medical Association and its editor on that subject, the *Gunnison Empire* says: "A man who can deal with public poisoning in a humorous vein ought to get quite a kick out of seeing his mother run over by a freight car."

Doctor Clarence Tucker Craig

C. H. YAXLEY (pioneer) sends us a clipping which says, in part:

The principal address delivered to the council at yesterday's session was by Dr. Clarence Tucker Craig of the graduate school of theology of Oberlin College. His theme was "The Significance of Jesus for Personal Faith and Living in a Day of Social Crisis". He said: "Jesus is not a teacher who answered all the issues of life. He had one great interest—religion. He was not in our modern liberal sense a well-balanced personality."

On this basis Yaxley says:

Am enclosing another gem of sparkling light emanating from one of the bright minds of our modern liberal age. This pearl of "wisdom" proceeded from a Dr. Craig, teacher of theology at Oberlin College. He charges that Jesus was interested in religion to the exclusion of other important matters. After reading the 23d chapter of Matthew I think the religionists of His day would have been glad if Jesus had not been interested in religion at all. But because He was chiefly interested in the honor of His Father's holy name, and the Devil's religionists in dishonoring that name, He did interest himself sufficiently in the matter to show those religionists where they got off. (John 8: 44) Note the further accusation, that Jesus was an unbalanced personality. Why, then, does this "doctor", who doubtless would call himself a Christian, follow (or profess to follow) the teachings of one whom he considers his mental inferior? 'He who honors not the Son dishonors God, who sent Him.'

New Church Deal in North Dakota

SAYS L. H. Strege, of North Dakota: "The Lutheran churches out here started a new deal; they leave small banks at each home, and each one in the family, before each meal, must drop one cent into the bank to keep up the church. Someone told me that even that was getting hard to do." Of course it was getting hard to do. Roughly, it is \$50 a year for an average family, and the real good that the family would get would be 50c, at the outside.

The Man Who Got It Easiest

THE *Wall Street Journal* says that three children were discussing the incomes of their fathers. One said: "My father writes a song in the evening and sells it for \$25." The next countered: "My father writes a story in an evening and takes it down town the next morning and sells it for \$50." "That's nothing," declared the third, "my father gets up in a pulpit on Sunday and talks for half an hour and it takes twelve men to carry the money up to him."

Herewith we present the seventeenth in the series of eighteen short Bible talks by Judge Rutherford. These talks are intended to clarify important Biblical questions, and have been greatly appreciated by earnest seekers for the Truth. In his straightforward presentation of the facts Judge Rutherford not only points out the right view, but also clearly shows why certain views are wrong. In this way the reader gets a clear conception of the point at issue and is in a position to fortify himself against misconceptions that tend to confuse the mind.

Sanctification

TO BE wholly devoted to God and His kingdom means *sanctification*. When a person believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as the redeemer whom God has provided for man, and agrees to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by doing the will of God, he thereby makes a consecration. If the person who makes a consecration to do the will of God then faithfully carries out that agreement he must become sanctified. How can he become sanctified?

Church organizations teach that one, to be sanctified, must have some kind of ceremony performed for him by a clergyman or preacher in the meeting house or church building. That is not the way the Scriptures say that sanctification is accomplished. The faithful apostles of Jesus had consecrated themselves to do the will of God and had followed Jesus for more than three years. Jesus had said to them: "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God." At the time He spoke to them the mystery was not revealed to them. He told them that after He had ascended into heaven unto His Father they would receive the holy spirit and then understand. Just before His departure He prayed to Jehovah concerning these faithful disciples, using these words (John 17:17, 18): "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world." Clearly these words mean that the disciples must know the truth and devote themselves wholly to the truth in order to be sanctified. That same rule applies to all who believe on Christ Jesus.

To participate in some formal ceremony performed by men could have nothing to do towards sanctifying you. According to the announced rule you must learn the truth as contained in the Bible and then devote yourself to telling others about the truth. That means that you

have taken your stand on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom, that you believe in and recognize Christ Jesus as the Savior of the world, and God's appointed King, and that His kingdom is the only hope for the people. If you truly believe this you cannot fail to tell others about it. Your proclaiming this message to others will offend all who are teachers of error, such as the clergy, but you must not be disturbed by reason of that. You cannot be a man-pleaser and at the same time please God. All men who love and serve Jehovah God will be pleased because you tell the truth, but those who are under the control of Satan, the god of this wicked world, will be offended and will say all manner of evil things against you.

To the one who has made a consecration these words of instruction are given in the Scriptures: 'Study to show yourselves approved unto God, and sanctify yourselves, and make yourselves meet for the Master's use.' (2 Timothy 2:15) The work of the great Master, Christ Jesus, is to vindicate Jehovah's name; and to be meet for His use you must be a witness in the vindication of Jehovah's name. You must shun vain babbling or doctrines of men and learn and obey the truth of God's Word. No one can gain the truth for you, but you must acquire it for yourself by carefully studying the truth as set forth in the Bible. By the grace of God books are provided in these days of great need to enable the people to find in the Bible these truths and to learn how to understand them. That is the reason for many books' now going into the hands of the people. Every question that today arises concerning the sickness, suffering, oppression, woe and distress upon the earth is completely answered in the Scriptures. The only means of relief for the people, their uplifting and blessing, is also stated in the Scriptures. At once it becomes apparent that a knowledge and under-

standing of God's Word not only is necessary but is the only means of sanctification. Learn His truth, obey His commandments, and you will rejoice. The man who finds understanding and wisdom is he who learns and obeys the Word of God. To such Jehovah graciously says (Proverbs 3:13-18): "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."

[The series of eighteen talks of which the above is one has been recorded for use on the phonograph. These records are a valuable addition to any collection, furnishing not merely entertainment, but worthwhile instruction. Those who have obtained the set are making good use of them by inviting friends, neighbors,

acquaintances and relatives to hear the talks. Inquiries concerning these records, however, should not be addressed to *The Golden Age*, but to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y. It is by special arrangement with the Society that these talks are run in *The Golden Age*.]

Extracts from Letters Received at Paris

TOWARDS the light:

Now since you have opened my eyes, like those who are blind, I open them wide—.

B., Paris.

Lightnings reaching Italy:

May I ask you to send me the catalogue of your publications and journals? Thanking you in advance, I remain, ...

A. C., Milano.

... and Portugal:

The post Radio Toulouse has transmitted to us your radio talk, which was well heard over here and which gave me your address in order to obtain some information and subscriptions. Would you therefore let me know the price of the subscription for abroad, as I learned the price for France to be only six francs. ...

I have received your letter and sample copies of the *Age d'Or*¹ journal and thank you for it. I am sending you through my son who lives near Paris 20 francs, i.e., 10 francs for a subscription for the *Age d'Or*, and the other 10 francs for some publications as marked in your catalogue.

Amongst the addresses of the offices which you maintain I find also Portugal. This surprises me, however; for never during the 44 years I have been here have I heard anything of your journal. Please tell me, I ask you, where I can write to, probably to Lisboa, and tell me also if the literature is translated in Portuguese.

L. M., Portugal.

Desires instruction:

Having read with pleasure and interest your book *Creation*, I should be obliged to you if you could tell me the price of the other books *Harp of God* and *Deliverance*, for I deem it interesting to learn more about God's purposes and I want to know the hidden truth.

R. S., Seine Inférieure.

A zealous sower:

I should be happy to receive a hundred copies of your special issue of the *Age d'Or*. I will distribute them with joy amongst my friends and acquaintances.

N. L., Nord.

Generosity:

It is with great pleasure that I am writing you in order to let you have my offering for helping along my pioneer brethren in their task; herewith a thousand francs.

D. E., Nantes.

As I cannot take part in the Kingdom Praise Period, I am sending you a small amount to assist you in your good work. Please accept, dear friends of the Tour de Garde, my sincere greetings.

J. B., Saône et Loire.

Again I am so happy to send you the amount of ——. Last Sunday I happened to be favored with a visit of one of Jehovah's witnesses. I am not able to express my joy which the brother, who so unexpectedly met us, has brought to me, the more so as it was the first time I had this experience. As this thoroughly devoted brother did not want to accept my gift, I asked him to come with me to dinner. ... A friend devoted to your cause.

D. A., Nord.

¹The Golden Age, French edition.

From Canada:

I am thanking you herewith for the great favor which you have accorded me by letting me know the message of Christ Jesus. I am satisfied indeed for having learned your address. From a person passing through here I [obtained] a book which carries the title *La Harpe de Dieu*. Please send me a Bible if possible. I am passing all the books to the other members of my family and wherever I go I announce these good news. Please do not forget me, for it is my greatest pleasure to read. Please do tell me if I am on the right way and if in order to please God I must confess that I have read this book so much. After forty years of Roman religion one is fearful to change, and I want to know if I am duty-bound to go on confessing and taking communion. I am but a poor woman suffering from deafness, and I would like to read of you again. Do not forget me; I wait patiently for your answer. A thousand thanks.

L., Montreal.

Strength, courage and confidence:

Would you be so kind as to send by the bearer of this letter the book *Light*, for which I am waiting with great impatience. I should be very glad to have the visit of one of Jehovah's witnesses, if there would be one passing through this town, in order to talk with him about things personally. Yes, I begin to regain strength, courage and confidence through these books where the Truth is revealed. It is not too early, I assure you; one cannot go on any longer like this.

Respectfully yours,

Mme Ww. Pl., Seine.

Who would have thought?

I am taking an immense interest in your radio talks of Wednesday and Saturday evening by Radio Toulouse on the subject of such interesting matters. I should like, therefore, to get some of the books of your firm in order to learn more about the problems you are entertaining us with.

Would you be so kind as to let me have your catalogue with a sample copy of your journal *L'Age d'Or* for which I desire to subscribe in case I should like it. Please accept, dear sir, my most sincere thanks.

_____,
the abbot of _____,
Haute Savoie.

Madagascar!

Having had the opportunity to see one of your publications, I hasten to address you this letter in order to ask you for the two following books and five booklets as well as all the other books and different writings you might already have published and which are not among those mentioned. Furthermore, would you kindly let me have a copy of each new book or tract which you are publishing in the future.

J. L. T., Madagascar.

At sixteen, ready to serve the king!

I have received your letter. I have a boy who is our gardener, and a daughter. She is sixteen years old, and helps her brother in the garden and me in the house. She is free every day, and would be glad to spread the message of the Kingdom at E——. Be assured, dear friends, of my profound sympathy.

S., Nord.

Minister Desires to Go Straight

THE Memphis *Press-Scimitar*, August 28, 1934, contains this advertisement, under "Positions Wanted—Male":

Baptist minister, 50 years, desires honorable work. Any kind, at your wages. Willing worker. 8-1389.

We are sure this will appeal to everybody. Here is a man who wishes to reform his life and

now desires to get into something honorable. If he has really caught the proper thought, that the dishonoring of God's name is the most dishonorable work in the world, and if he now honestly desires to do something worth while for the good of his fellow men, he should be granted every encouragement and aid.

What You Get for Only \$25

A COPY of *Filipinas*, which seems to be put out by "Father" Walter S. Cain, M.S.S.E., Box 493 H, Brisbane, Australia, tells what you get for only £5 or \$25 cash, or in installments. You get your name written in an album and you get a receipt for the money, but your name is not published. When you part with your col-

lateral you can specify that you desire either a speedy entrance into heaven, or a happy death, or blessings on your home, or business, or farm, or cattle. The album is put under the altar, to tip the Lord off to the fact that "Reverend" Cain has got your \$25 and that it is up to Him to carry out His end of the bribery.

The Fraud Supreme

The Crib of the Divine Infant

BY SENDING 25c a name you can get your name and your friends' names written in a book at the Office of the Provincial, 2222 West Market Street, Louisville, Kentucky, and as soon as the book is full it will be presented "at the crib of the Divine Infant on Christmas Eve". We understand that the Provincial, "Fr." Aloys, O.M.C., keeps the money. Unless they have the loose-leaf system, about the most names anybody could write in the book in a day would be 1,000, which at 25c apiece would be only \$250 for a full day's work, but with the loose-leaf system this could be multiplied indefinitely. But even if the loose-leaf system is not used, it is probable that the 'Divine Infant in the crib' would not put up any special uproar if more than one book of names were placed near the crib. Considering these hard times, this looks like quite a good enterprise.

A Worse Mix-up of Relationships

SAYS C. R. Johnson, of Tennessee (and we think his friendly criticism is quite right):

"Referring to the 'Mix-up in Relationships' in *The Golden Age* of October 24, I wish to say that the relationship of two popes in the tenth century, Pope John XI, 931, and Pope John XII, 956, outrivals the Samuel Kriebel and Jacob Doney affair. Historians tell us that John XI was the son of Marozia to Pope Sergius III (904-911). When John XI became pope, Marozia then poisoned her husband and became the mistress of her own son. Shortly after, Alberic, another son, imprisoned his brother the pope, and became the paramour of his mother. From this criminal intercourse sprang a child who afterwards became Pope John XII, in 955. Pope John XII was not only the son of Alberic but also his brother. Marozia was not only his mother but also his grandmother. Can you beat that?"

Holy Name State Police Now

EVER since the Holy Name Saloon was opened over in Newark there is a rush to get more and more "Holy Name Societies" in everything political. The New York *Times* mentions a Holy Name Society of New York State Police, held at the Elks Club, Freeport, L.I., and predicts that this particular "Holy Name Society" will probably be the nucleus of a state-wide organization among the state police; and we hasten to say that we haven't a bit of doubt that the prediction is the truth. Everybody these days is hustling to put on his garments of indentification.

Get a St. Joseph's Cord

THE way to get a "St. Joseph's cord" is to write to the Pious Union of St. Joseph, St. Benedict, Oregon. The "St. Joseph's cords" are "blessed" and distributed by the priest members of this Union. No money, no priest; no priest, no cord; no cord, no bless. However, if you are thinking of digging up for one of these cords, you can get a prayer to the cord free of charge. The prayer contains 66 words and for saying it once a day and adding to it seven times Gloria Patri you get 100 days indulgence; and if that isn't something, what is? Moreover, by a decree of Pius IX there is a plenary indulgence for those who die while wearing one of these cords. The place where this cord is mentioned in the Bible is 00 times in Book 00, chapter 00, verse 00.

Lace Frocks and Petticoats

THE Cleveland *Plain Dealer* contains a wonderful picture of large numbers of persons with big feet, dressed in lace frocks and petticoats. Not sure if they were men or women, but as they had apparently backed into their stiff white collars, they were probably wearing the nice, pretty lace only because they liked the feel of it, and were probably masculine persons in disguise. Another thing that suggests it is that their bonnets were not as stylish and cute as they might have been, their faces would stop a clock, and in a few instances, where bonnets were missing, there was some indication that the domes above the collars were poorly thatched. A bird without feathers makes a mighty poor-looking bird.

More Equitable Distribution Wanted

IN TALKING it over at Vatican City with the bishop of Springfield, Ill., Ambrose said, "A more equitable distribution of the world's wealth is the Catholic idea." What he means was illustrated in St. Louis recently, where a wealthy woman left something like \$2,000,000 to the 'church' and about \$10,000 to her needy relatives. Had she made "a more equitable distribution" of her wealth she would have forked the whole estate over to the 'church', as thousands have done, and been coaxed to do, and the relatives could have been put on relief and fed by the taxes wrung from the poor suckers who do not understand how to distribute wealth when they get it.

A Remonstrance to Keokuk Chief of Police

THE Dubuque *Leader* contains the letter of F. W. Mahlke, of that city, addressed to the chief of police, Keokuk, Iowa, respecting the arrests of Jehovah's witnesses which occurred in that city last summer:

DEAR SIR: Your letter received and contents noted. In reply will state that I have no intentions to enter any controversies with you whatever, but I believe you were led to make last Sunday's blunder through a lack of knowledge of facts relative to what Jehovah's witnesses were endeavoring to accomplish in your fine city. Permit me to say that this witness work is universal and this preaching of the gospel of Christ's kingdom is printed in more than fifty different languages and does not involve the slightest commercialism or the getting of a few pennies by street-hawking or peddling which your city ordinance on peddling covers. It is the same gospel that Jesus Christ preached, that the kingdom of God is at hand.

If you had given the matter careful thought you would have realized that when more than one hundred fifty people come several hundred miles, at their own expense for gas and food, the small contribution any resident of Keokuk might voluntarily offer for such priceless books or booklets would be microscopic compared with the valuable vital information and knowledge contained in this literature.

Through the action of your department you permitted the impression to be spread throughout the United States, by a biased press, that more than one hundred and fifty criminals infested your city and that every householder was in danger of having something pilfered. Now you know the truth of the matter was that kind, meek, gentle-hearted men and women with the love of Christ in their hearts were endeavoring to enlighten the minds of your citizens that have been kept in darkness through superstition and fear in the nominal systems.

You state, "The clergy had nothing to do with the arrest of these people." In the next paragraph you state you "assisted in the arrests that were made after we received numerous complaints from our citizens". I grant you the benefit of a doubt, but in doing what you thought your duty you placed yourself "between the Devil and the deep blue sea". The very fact that numerous complaints came pouring in over the phones from all parts of the city and almost simultaneously is proof positive that someone or several people incited your citizens to call your headquarters. It certainly has all the earmarks of the usual methods employed by the clergy. If one or two isolated calls had been made it would have been a passing incident, but you let the cat out of the bag by emphasizing the fact that "numerous calls were made", which very clearly indicated that a premeditated concerted action had been carefully launched to ridicule and

persecute honest and earnest respectable men and women.

Now, Mr. McPherson, I want you to observe the whole matter without prejudice or bias of any kind. Is it not strange that, with thousands of Jehovah's witnesses working from coast to coast, going from door to door, preaching the gospel of good news that Christ's kingdom is in the process of being established, they go unmolested except in a few places like Keokuk, where the clergy still seem to have the upper hand? These visitations by Jehovah's witnesses have been made time and time again to such towns as Rockford, Ill., LaCrosse, Wis., Waterloo, Iowa, Davenport, Iowa, Burlington, Muscatine and Fort Madison, Iowa, just to mention a few good-sized cities, and no one was molested. On the contrary, all were given a hand of welcome, because everyone knows that what this sick world needs more than anything else is more of the holy Bible, Jehovah God's inspired Book. Other cities offer police protection rather than to incarcerate big-hearted, loving Christians. Police chiefs have said, "The city is yours"; "May every success attend your efforts"; "God bless you in your work"; and other friendly remarks.

You have no excuse for the outrageous treatment offered last Sunday. Before any of the workers went to a single home a paper explaining what was being done and a list of the names of the workers were left at your office on your desk by your assistant to whom everything had been fully explained as to what kind of a mission these people were on. You should have known that these people do this work without any recompense or profit. You should have known that a small contribution of five cents could not cover the cost of printing or production and distribution, saying nothing of the expense of coming to your city.

However, you permitted your department to become an agency of suppression of Bible truth, using the weak excuse of violating a city ordinance which can in no sense of the word cover the preaching of the gospel according to the Constitution of the United States. Several hundred of the booklets were given gratis where no contribution was offered. Does this look like peddling? This door-to-door visitation is not selling, but an educational work, purely philanthropic and altruistic in every sense of the word, and is so recognized by all right-minded people.

In the crowds at the jail many Masons and other fraternally minded Keokuk citizens voiced their disapproval of the high-handed methods employed, and voluntarily offered money and influence to right the injustice. One Keokuk citizen, Dr. Wedel, made the offer in your office to sign bonds for the release of all arrested. Another Keokuk citizen offered to advance \$1,000.00 to be used to liberate Jehovah God's faithful ones. These sympathetic Keokuk citizens were all strangers to Jehovah's witnesses and were ashamed of

what had occurred. But Jehovah's witnesses rely on no men, but stand on their constitutional rights, with faith in the Supreme One above. Are they contumacious? Not a bit. Being law-abiding and determined to do their duty by preaching the gospel by the printed page, thereby sacrificing time, energy and money because they love their fellow man, they cannot be stopped by threats of future arrests. They have no fear of what man might do to them, but they must obey what Jehovah God wants them to do.

In your sixth paragraph you complain of the methods used by Jehovah's witnesses. You state "all were sorry for these people". You do not specify nor clearly state how these methods are unlawful or remiss in any way. You deal in generalities. Honestly, now, you cannot truthfully state that any of these people looked like convicts or jail birds, can you? If the methods employed were criminal, why were these good people released? You state in the same paragraph that if the same methods are employed again, these people will probably again be arrested "and will not get off so easily". I do not wish to think you mean to insinuate a threat, but none of Jehovah's witnesses desire to violate any laws, but are polite, kind-hearted, God-fearing people, and when imposed upon and insulted offer no resistance but sing songs to Jehovah's praise, considering it a privilege to go to jail rather than to be cowardly and deny their Lord.

You state in the last paragraph of your letter that you do not belong to or attend any church. I congratulate you on your good sense in this respect. But do not make the mistake by thinking that Jehovah's witnesses' work is just another silly creed or new religion. It is merely Bible education explaining what is in store for all of mankind in the near future.

You also state how fair you have been to all creeds. You may not know it, but all the creeds are being relegated to the ash can and people all over the world refuse to be any longer flimflammed by man-made dogma and doctrines, but want the Bible truths.

I thank you for your kind welcome asking our return to Keokuk. However, you qualify the invitation to your city by saying we are welcome if we obey your laws. You know now that we have not disobeyed any of your laws; and so far as peddling licenses are concerned, your city ordinance in this respect does no more apply to the work of Jehovah's witnesses than it would to preachers or priests who take contributions on Sundays in collection plates and not even give the contributor a book or booklet to take home for further instruction and information.

If you will permit me to suggest it, I think you should procure the entire set of our Bible helps and study them. You will learn what it is all about, and surely will be well repaid for your time spent. Then when narrow-minded bigots and religious fanatics come to you demanding you to exercise your authority to jail mothers and fathers of good, respectable families

and even take innocent children, like last Sunday, you can do your duty by showing them that they lack tolerance and a Christlike spirit. With a knowledge of what these books contain you will be well qualified to show the hypocrites and bigots the truth.

"Large Metal Container"

NO MAN advertising aluminum would intentionally let it get out that lemonade stored in an aluminum bucket will half kill those who drink it. Therefore we read in the Springfield (Mo.) *News and Leader* the following dispatch from Tulsa, Okla.:

A group of 63 Clarendon (Texas) Boy Scouts today resumed their homeward journey after ptomaine poisoning struck like an epidemic in their midst Friday night at their roadside camp east of here. The attention of six doctors was necessary at the boys' camp during the night to treat the ailing youths, suffering from the poison contracted in drinking lemonade made and served from a large metal container.

Butler's Way to End the War Racket

DENOUNCING war as nothing but a racket, Major General Smedley D. Butler, in the September *Forum*, says:

"The only way to stop it is by conscription of capital before conscription of the nation's manhood. One month before the government may order the young men of the nation to be killed, it must serve notice of conscription on the country's capital. Let the officers and directors of our armament factories, our gun builders and munition makers and shipbuilders all be conscripted, to get \$30 a month, the same wage paid to the lads in the trenches. Give capital thirty days to think it over and you will learn by that time there will be no war. That will stop the racket—that, and nothing else."

Nuns and Their Activities

THE Cincinnati *Times-Star* gives some interesting figures regarding the number of nuns that are active in the United States spreading and assisting in the spreading of the doctrine of complete submission to the pope of Rome as necessary to salvation. There is a total of 123,304 of these workers, which means that there is a nun for nearly every 1,000 persons in the country. Most of the nuns are teachers, many of them nurses, while others sit around in prominent places holding receptacles into which the unwary traveler may drop a coin, if he has no better use for it.

Five Days with the Sound Car By Thomas A. McKnight (Pennsylvania)

TOM. Joe, how about going out with the sound car all next week?

JOE. How about starting Wednesday?

TOM. Fine! We shall ask Lester to arrange an itinerary for us. Where to, Lester?

LESTER. Here is a map. Take this highway, beginning here, and cover it to this point, then west to this point; circle around these few towns and come back north to this point, and then make a wide circle and cover what you can in this direction. You have an outline of what you should cover, and can work it to suit circumstances.

TOM. O.K. Will meet you at ten o'clock Wednesday morning, Joe.

WEDNESDAY

TOM. Good morning, Joe.

JOE. Hello, Tom. Sure a fine morning, isn't it?

TOM. Certainly is. (*Car proceeds to assigned territory.*) Look there, Joe! But no; Lester said that town had it. Let's start at the next.

JOE. Well, there she is in the distance. (*After a few minutes' drive.*)

TOM. Here we are; Star Junction. Looks like a town of about 500. There is a pretty good spot.

JOE. I think we'll pull up to the other side. . . . Here we are. Looks pretty good from here.

TOM. O.K. We can turn all four horns in a semicircle.

(*Music, "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life."*)

TOM. Look at them come out, Joe! What are you going to give them?

JOE. "Kingdom Blessings for the People."

TOM (*through the microphone when music has ended*). "To the people of Star Junction: What you are about to hear is not man's idea, nor does the speaker, Judge Rutherford, claim it as his message. He is merely doing his part as one of Jehovah's witnesses in bringing this message to you . . ."

(*Then the lecture. Many people stand in their tracks, listening to the end, and many come out and sit on their porches, listening to the message.*)

TOM. Now, Joe, on to Everson. (*Upon arrival*) Here we are. Let's turn here. Looks like a hill up there. Wonder in what direction the wind is?

JOE. There doesn't appear to be much wind. I think I'll pull up here. This takes us to the top.

TOM. Go slow, Joe. Looks as if they're fixing the road. Go slow over these sharp stones. That's fine. . . . Well, here we are, all set up; let them have it. (*The lecture proceeds.*)

STRANGER (*standing near car*). That's true; every word of it.

JOE. Here's a booklet, stranger. Can you contribute a nickel?

STRANGER. Sure!

TOM. There's Scottdale over there, Joe. Looks like a pretty nice spot, over on that hill, to set up after we leave here. (*To stranger*) How do we get to that hill over yonder?

STRANGER. Pull up to center of town and turn left.

JOE. Boy! what a swell site! We'll turn two horns over this way and swing the other two over that section.

TOM. O.K. Let them have it. (*In a few minutes*) Well, they are getting it. Look at them come out! They ought to, we are only half a mile away.

(*Next day, by party who witnessed in Scottdale.*)

K (*after knocking at door*). Will you kindly read this card, Madam?

LADY. Sure. . . . Why, I heard Judge Rutherford yesterday.

K (*not knowing sound car was in the vicinity the day previous*). Is that so? Where?

LADY. I don't know. I just heard it.

K (*at next house*). "I have here an important message. Will you kindly read it?"

LADY. Certainly. . . . Why, I heard the judge yesterday.

K. Where was it coming from?

LADY. I don't know.

K. That's funny. He was not on the air, that I know of.

K (*meeting partner*). Say, they all seem to have heard Judge Rutherford yesterday. How come? I wonder.

PARTNER. They had the sound car out here. One person said she saw them 'way up on that hill. She said she heard every word of it. Boy! that's something, isn't it? It shows how few the Lord could get along with, if necessary. Think of it! all these people hearing the message, and only two with the car.

(*Back to the car.*)

JOE. Where to now, Tom?

TOM. To Vanderbilt. It's about seven miles from here.

(*At Vanderbilt.*)

TOM. Well, here we are.

JOE. It lies in a nice valley, doesn't it? It should resound here. Let's pull up here. Appears that the road ends abruptly.

TOM. Lady, may we go to the top of this hill through this gate and put on a program?

LADY. Surely. Go right up.
(*At top of hill.*)

JOE. Horns O.K., Tom. Let them have it.
(*Lecture proceeds.*)

STRANGER. Boy! He knows how to tell them, doesn't he? I believe every word of it. See that fellow with the white trousers. Notice how closely he is examining your outfit. He is an electrical expert.

ELECTRICIAN. You boys have some sweet job here. I have never seen anything just like it before, and I have seen many.
(*At Leisenring, a mining town.*)

TOM. One can see it's a priest-ridden town. Nothing but poverty. Let's pull up here. This looks pretty good.

JOE. Look, Tom! There's a Catholic church. Let's put two horns over there and two on the town. They are all there in a group. O.K., Tom?

TOM. O.K. . . . Look, Joe! Look at the priest scurrying up the steps. He just came out from among those trees. Look; he runs up two steps and then looks, and then two more, and looks. Reminds me of how we used to jump rabbits.

JOE. He might just as well stay where he is; he can't get away from this. He can't shut this off as he can the radio. Say, look at the crowd coming! My! They are coming in swarms.
(*Fifteen minutes later.*)

TOM. Say, Joe, did you ever see a crowd sitting around in such a uniform manner? Nothing but a clay bank, but it looks more like a stadium, the way they are sitting.

JOE. Yes, but some of those younger kids look mischievous.

TOM. Well, there's the end. . . . Everything O.K., Joe, hop in.

(*Joe looks back and sees boy putting something under the wheel. Jumps out, with threatening look in his eye, and warns boy. As we reached the bottom of the hill some rocks came perilously near.*)

TOM. Only the Lord helped us to get out of that jam. Well, I guess we'd better go back to Brother J's and get our supper, so as to be in Connellsville in time to put on a couple of programs before it is too late.
(*After supper.*)

J. I can show you boys a place where you can get both this end of town and a suburb with one blast.

JOE. Fine, let's have it.

(*Eight o'clock, in another location.*)

J. Now here is a good setup for this end of town. (*Horns are directed as suggested, when.*)

JOE. All set, Tom?

TOM. Yep, let her go.

(*With first sound the people of both sections come out like flies.*)

STRANGER (*after listening a while*). Whom do you represent? Do the clergy support this work? It must cost a lot of money to build a car like that . . .

(*The work is explained to him and a few other professional-looking men standing near. Meanwhile R comes running up.*)

R. Say, the minute I got off the train I heard the judge's voice. You can hear it all over the place down there. I didn't know you were in town. I traced the voice, and here I am.

JOE. There is something wrong with the mike, Tom. Your announcement did not go over well. Shake the mike a little. I think there must be a loose connection. Well, we have only one more town, and if it does not work we'll fix it this evening when we get home.

(*At J's home that evening.*)

JOE. Do you know of a good radio man in town, Brother J? We should like to get the mike looked after, but we don't want anyone to hold us up. If we were nearer home we could get one of our boys to look at it.

J. Come to think of it, Brother A works for the Bell Telephone Company in town. He is an expert. I will call him up. (*Phones.*) He said you can call at the office at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY

TOM AND JOE. Good morning!

A. Good morning, boys; what can I do for you?

JOE. We should like you to test our mike.
(*Half an hour later.*)

A. Here you are; try it out.

TOM (*at car, parked on Main street, after connecting microphone*). One, two, three, four; one, two, three, four; keep in line, you rookies; hip, hip, hip, hip.

JOE. That's enough, Tom. It must be working. Look at the men running up here.

(*A Jewish cobbler runs out of his shop and up to the car, all aghast.*)

COBBLER. I thought the whole army was coming down the street. Say, that's a swell outfit you've got! (*Reading sign on car*) "Jehovah's wit-

nesses, Pittsburgh Division." It must be an army, after all, since you designate yourselves a "division".

(On way to territory, after driving an hour.)

TOM. There's Somerset. Quite a big town.

JOE. Yes, it will take a couple of blasts here.
(Just as the lecture ends a man pulls up in a car and shows his badge.)

OFFICER. You are disturbing the court down there and will have to stop.

TOM. Are you an officer of the law?

OFFICER. No, a court attaché.

TOM. Well, we will stop. *(Officer's chest swells up as he draws away thinking that he has gotten rid of these "locusts".)*

TOM. Joe, I thought we would let him think he bluffed us. I want to see that chest go down. We don't want to be so close as to disturb the court; so let's find a place where we can get it over here in a way that the people can get it, and not disturb the court.

JOE. It seems that the judge outside is interfering with the judge inside. Well, the Lord didn't say we should go out with this sound car and, if court is in session, go back home. So we will get out of town and find a place to send it over. There's a good spot over there.
(At another point.)

JOE. Well, here we are. Boy! what a site! All ready, Tom?

(Tom walks about half a mile toward the town while the lecture is in progress, and returns.)

TOM. Joe, it is hitting over there like a machine gun. Can you imagine that officer's chest go down when he heard the first strain of "Sweet Mystery of Life"?

(Lecture nears completion. A woman approaches all out of breath, after half running almost a mile. Either her husband is after her or she is heading for us.)

WOMAN. "Where the carcass is, there are the eagles gathered together!"

TOM. Then you are one of us?

WOMAN. Yes, I am Sister W; and is it coming in down there! I was near the school, just a block from the courthouse, when the judge's voice came over. A man was passing me at the time, and we both stopped. "What is that?" he said. "It sounds like Moses' voice"; and with that I started, and here I am. Come over, and I will prepare dinner for you.

TOM. Since you have not started dinner yet,

we will go over to the other side and give them a blast, and then we will come in for lunch.

(Later, at Somerfield.)

TOM. Well, here is Somerfield, Joe. A nice little town. Let's stop here before we go into it. Won't it smack against that ridge over there, though! Let them have it.

(Lecture almost through when young lady approaches on the run.)

LADY. I am Brother M's niece, Sister S. Every word is coming in clear down there in the valley; clearer than it is up here.

(After supper. At Connellsville. First lecture in progress.)

STRANGER. That sure is a nifty outfit you have there. What are you advertising?

TOM. God's kingdom.

STRANGER. We need it. What kind of mike is that, a "G.E."?

TOM. Oh, no. It's a "J.w.", and that beats a "G.E." any time.

(On to final lecture for the second day out. Wind up at 9:45, tired, and to bed.)

FRIDAY

A beautiful spot overlooking downtown Connellsville; and a more beautiful sight, overlooking a nice big building with a cross on it and a beautiful parish house beside it. Music begins. Two nuns bring the children out and line them up facing the hill on which the sound car is located. The lecture comes on and a priest comes out and turns his ear into the wind. The nuns go over to confer with him but do not seem to arrive at a decision, so the children stay.

Another setup at Villa, then on to Dunbar. At a beautiful spot just half a mile from the edge of town a man gives permission to locate on a knoll near his house. Tom starts program and walks almost into the town. The nearer to the town, the clearer the judge's voice becomes. People on mountainside a mile away are out on the porches, looking and listening. As the lecture nears completion a car approaches from Dunbar and stops. The occupants jump out and almost stumble over themselves to get to us. It is a carload of Jehovah's witnesses from Brownsville. We didn't know they were there, and they didn't know we were around, until the lecture began. They locate the sound car, and everybody is happy. On their way back they make arrangements for us to have our supper at Uniontown.

At the next town, Mt. Braddock, we pass

through town and up a hill into a yard where a lady graciously permits us to set up. At the first blast everybody on Main street halts and looks up. Men come out of doors and sit with pipe in mouth. Women come out wiping hands upon their aprons and sit down to listen.

The next town is Lemont Furnace. Here Tom stays in town to listen while the car proceeds up a slope to a point near the schoolhouse. It is recess time. The music begins and teachers and pupils surround the car. Tom, from the hill opposite the town, can hardly see the car for school children. The dresses of the school girls add color and make the scene a beautiful one. The judge's voice comes over, but the wind is strong, blowing it away at a distance.

Tom descends the hill to the town nestling in the valley. No wind down there. He winds in and out through the streets and alleys, but just can't get away from that voice. It is clear and distinct wherever he goes. People on their porches, business men at their doors, stand and listen. "It is marvelous in our eyes." On to Oliver, and then to the Government camp for unemployed men. These say, "It is simply great. Come back again. We are sick of those preachers they send out here every Sunday."

SATURDAY

At Washington, Pa., we pass through the outskirts, on to Amity, and set up on the main road leading into town. As the music comes on people from both sides of main street run out into the street, and collect in groups to listen. Then to Waynesburg. Sister S prepares dinner while sound car sets up in suburbs. It is a "Holy Roller" town. People roll out. Several climb roof of abandoned factory and sit and listen till lecture is finished. After lunch, on to Sycamore, a sleepy little town which suddenly becomes very much alive. It hasn't been aroused so much since Morgan's Raiders were headed its way.

Then to Nineveh, Graysville, Wind Ridge. Wind Ridge is a beautiful little town situated on top of a 1500-foot hill, the very knoll of the hill where we set up being slightly higher than the town itself. They must have thought it was the angel Gabriel, so many swarmed out into the street. Then to Rogersville, and to Waynesburg again for one setup and an early supper, so as to get an early start for Morgantown that evening. We arrive at Sr. S's, who suggests that we see the burgess and get permission to set up at the band concert which is held every Saturday

night in that town in front of the courthouse. We interviewed the burgess, who is a fine man. Although a strict Catholic, he said he had heard every word of the lectures, "Jehovah," "Rebellion," "Armageddon," an hour previously, but hesitated because he did not know how the people would take to such a program. We were finally able to gain his consent, and were taken to the station house and introduced to the policemen, so they would know what was going on.

Then to Morrisville to put one on there before the one at the band concert. Covered Morrisville with two horns, swinging the other two over Waynesburg, which was a few miles to the west. Needed only two horns where we were, so thought we would get what we could of this side of Waynesburg. After the lecture in the very center of Waynesburg, for the benefit of the concert crowd, a lady living a block away said she heard the lecture just as plainly from Morrisville. Our setup in Waynesburg for this occasion was in a park two blocks from the courthouse. Had we set up at that point, traffic would have been blocked. We could see the people as they came to the main intersection and look our way. It came in there well, for Tom had gone there to get the correct amount of power on, so as not to have it too loud. The people had to keep moving, however, as the streets were crowded, but they all got some of it. Couldn't get away from it. That name "Jehovah" struck that old intersection and the crowd at the concert more than in all the years that preceded this occasion. Only the Lord himself knows the results. Then, home and to bed, tired.

SUNDAY

(Rose bright and early. A beautiful Sunday morning. Ate a hearty breakfast and headed south. First stop, Mt. Morris.)

TOM. There's a nice spot, Joe, across the creek and upon that knoll. It overlooks a beautiful little stream, clear and pure, and also the town, as quiet as a little town nestled in the hills could be. How does this look, Joe?

JOE. Fine. Swing those two horns around a bit. *("Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" hits the town and the distant hills and echoes back. The echo is nearly as plain as the original. People come out and stand listening to the music, but with beginning of the lecture some sit down and make themselves comfortable.)*

(On to Morgantown, where, up a road overlooking the river and the town from West-

over, the entire business section and the university lie before us. One blast and everyone stops. A crowd collects on the bridge on the other side and there are a half dozen men sitting on a porch roof. Some are standing on the campus, a mile to the northeast. The program continues.)

STRANGER. Say, I can take you fellows to a place where you can get the whole business without moving.

TOM AND JOE. O.K. That's fine. *(Lecture ends. Stranger squeezes into car with us, and up, up, up, over another road, and up, up, up, until Reservoir Hill, the pinnacle of the mountain, is reached, and there before us is a panorama to behold.)*

STRANGER. There is Morgantown; you can see practically every house in it. There is another town over there to the south, and over there to the north still another. In fact, you are looking at the entire county.

TOM. Joe, it looks like a long way over there. I wonder if it will reach.

JOE. I don't know. All we can do is give it to them, and how!

(In a home four miles from Reservoir Hill.)

MRS. T. "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life!" Isn't that beautiful! An organ solo. Clara, tune in and see where that is coming from.

CLARA *(turns dial of radio)*. That's funny; I can't get it.

MRS. T. Isn't that sweet! Seems to be coming right up from out of the river.

(Then the judge's voice; and Mrs. T stated she did not know from what source it was coming until the announcement after the lecture, and then had no realization that she was listening in to something that had its source four miles from her home. She claims to have heard every word of the lecture.)

(On Reservoir Hill)

TOM. Joe, let's have those field glasses. There should be more people out down there if there weren't a sound car around. Such a beautiful morning! *(Adjusts glasses and looks.)* See that house up there, Joe? that one on the very top; the one farthest from here? I can see them standing on the porch and looking. They must be getting it there. *(Looks at watch.)* I've got it! It's church time! That's where they are, and boy! is it hitting in there, Joe! It's not hitting hard enough to disturb them, but, can you imagine? it's going through the open windows of those

churches down there just enough to tickle the ears of the "prisoners" and to the discomfiture of the 'prison keeper'. And they can't turn it off.

JOE. Well, good-bye, Morgantown and vicinity. It is almost beyond comprehension, isn't it, Tom? that within one hour the Lord's message was carried over this entire country. And into the "prison houses" also; a place where it could go in no other way.

TOM. That's true, Joe, and no doubt it will cause many people to give more heed to the message when we go from door to door. Well, we must hurry, as we want to give the works to—let's look at the map. There are four more towns yet to do, and that will complete our five days of blessedness.

(After completion of towns)

TOM. Let's look at your logbook, Joe. Well! It shows that we worked thirty-six towns, some of them necessitating as many as four setups. Your estimate of hearers is conservative, approximating 57,000. And we put in an average of almost eleven hours per day.

JOE. Didn't the time go fast! Small wonder the Bible says that with the Lord "a thousand years" is "as one day". When one is busy the time passes so quickly. Well, here's your home, Tom. Good-bye! I'll see you later.

TOM. Good-bye, Joe. We will plan another trip soon.

Wipe Out Tyranny

AT THE recent San Francisco Convention of the American Federation of Labor, President Wm. Green said: "The A. F. of L. has no creed, no race, no nationality. It is our hope to unite the entire world into an international brotherhood. We must continue this boycott [of German goods] until the tyrannical governments of Germany and Italy are wiped out. So far as it is within my power I shall do everything possible to make the boycott effective until the liberty and freedom are restored to the workers of Germany and they are allowed to work and live in peace." There was only one dissenting vote to the resolution to continue the boycott. Evidently the delegates to the convention were not convinced that the present conditions in Germany really express the will of the German people. The only power, however, that can wipe out tyrannical governments is the supreme power of Jehovah God; and He will accomplish that very thing in the great battle of Armageddon.

The Feast of the Sun and "the Mass of Christ"

IT IS over once again, the time of "the mass of Christ", formerly observed as the "feast of the sun" and identified with the birthday of Nimrod, the wicked founder of Babylon. It is a time when there is supposed to be much graciousness abroad, when otherwise surly and cussed people blossom forth into benevolence and sweetness. It is a time when there is singing of carols, and jazz. It is a time when stomachs are stuffed beyond the limits designed for that much-used organ. It is a time when the poor, or some of them, forgotten throughout the year, receive baskets of food and other supplies. It is the time when in great cathedrals and temples and smaller places of worship "mass is sung" and the people look at little babies in cribs, and perhaps kiss an old board, which is claimed to have been part of the original "cradle" in which Christ supposedly slept in His Nazareth home. (Cradles were unknown until A.D. 1140.) It is a time when "gifts" are "exchanged", as an evidence of love, sentiment and unselfishness!

"Christmas" is a sweeping and all-inclusive holiday. Gentile and Jew, sinner and saint, believer and infidel, Christian and anti-Christian, have all to some degree and in some fashion bowed, whether sincerely or obsequiously, ignorantly or with understanding, at this shrine of hoary antiquity.

It should be apparent to everyone who does any thinking at all that merely attaching the name of Christ to anything does not make it either holy or desirable. Nor does such a practice honor either the Father or the Son, but is more likely to show deference to some crafty scheme of Satan.

Jesus Not Born in December

That Jesus was not born on December 25 is now an admitted fact. The circumstances surrounding His birth show that date to be wrong. It was at a time of the year when the shepherds and their flocks were in the field by night, while the stables were empty. It was not in midwinter, which even in Palestine would be too cold to keep the flocks in the fields.

There is proof that Jesus was born about the time of the autumnal equinox, approximately October 1. How, then, did the birthday of Christ happen to be associated with December 25? It is a long story, and the details are more or less obscure, but it is not hard to see the machinations of the Devil back of it all. Going back to

the days of Nimrod we find some interesting clues. These are set forth at length in a book named *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop. Incidentally, this book shows up so thoroughly the pagan sources back of the practices of the Catholic church that it is not obtainable in the United States, but can be had only by addressing the publishers, Partridge, London.

Nimrod and Semiramis

Briefly the story unfolds itself as follows: Not long after the Flood the peoples of earth began to turn away from Jehovah God and to exalt instead the names of men. Foremost among the "great" men in the earth was Nimrod, who performed deeds of daring and prowess and who made a great impression. His mother, Semiramis, was an imperious woman, unscrupulous, cunning and ambitious. She idolized her son and carved for him a position of glory and power. Though the wanton shedding of the blood of animals was forbidden by the covenant which God made with Noah and all flesh, Nimrod became a mighty hunter "before the Lord". Evidently he was not such with Jehovah's approval, but in spite of Jehovah's disapproval. Nimrod preferred to follow his own will rather than to obey God. The people, self-willed and apostate, preferred their visible and glamorous "hero" before Jehovah, the invisible and holy One, whose ways are righteousness and truth.—Genesis 10: 8-10.

Having captivated the imagination of the people, Nimrod, encouraged by his mother Semiramis, who also became his wife, furthered his ambitious designs by making himself king and undertaking the building of the tower of Babel, from which as a center he extended his kingdom to the surrounding territory in every direction. Legend and myth bring the story to us in dim outline. Only the Word of God gives us some definite and clear indications of the extent of Nimrod's ambitions and conquests. Finally, in some manner, he was slain, whether by the beasts which he harried and hunted or by some enemy cannot be definitely determined. Hislop, in his analysis of the numerous myths about the occurrence, attempts to prove that Nimrod was judicially executed at the behest of the patriarch Shem. The Scriptures, however, are silent on this as well as other points in the story.

Whatever the means may have been, Nimrod was slain. Semiramis, his wife and mother, determined to perpetuate the glory of her son, and incidentally her own. Urged on by Satan, she claimed that Nimrod had become a god, who, though invisible, would still be the deliverer of the people. She identified herself with the woman who was to be the mother of the seed that should bruise the serpent's head, according to the divine promise given in Eden, and stated that Nimrod was the seed foretold. She called attention to an evergreen tree growing out of the stump of a dead tree, and asserted that the new tree sprang up in one night as a symbol of her son's rise to new life as a god. Nimrod became "father of the gods" and Semiramis was, of course, "mother of the gods" and "queen of heaven". By secret and magic rites the worship of Nimrod spread far and wide.

Madonna and Child

In the course of time the original story regarding Semiramis and Nimrod took on varying forms. The worship of "mother and son" is found in practically all heathen religions, under one name or another, and in many forms. In Assyria these two appear as Rhea and Ninus; in Egypt, as Isis and Osiris; in Greece, as Ceres and Dionysus, or Bacchus; in India, as Isi and Iswara; in Asia, as Cybele and Deoius; and in Pagan Rome, as Fortuna and the boy Jupiter. Even in far-away China a counterpart of the "mother and son" idea is found in Shing Moo with a child in her arms. Nimrod also appears under the names of Belus in some countries; in others, as Zoroaster, Adonis or Ninus. The Scandinavian countries, too, present in the stories of their pre-Christian gods similarities to Semiramis and Nimrod.

In connection with feasts held in honor of the "queen of heaven" and "father of the gods" there were weird symbols and ceremonies, orgies, debaucheries. The chief feast of all occurred in the latter part of December or early in January, varying in different countries, but centering around the fact that the sun, having reached its lowest point, was again increasing in strength. The sun was worshiped, frequently, as the embodiment of the great "father of the gods". The old Roman feast of the birth of Sol was observed on the 25th of December.

When Christianity spread among the peoples of Europe, in name rather than in spirit, the

feast which was originally celebrated in honor of the sun, or of Nimrod under some other name, became a bone of contention. True believers would not celebrate it at all, others compromised, and finally the name of Christ was attached to the sun-feast. *The Encyclopedia Americana* says, on this subject:

Christmas, derived from the mediæval *Christes Masse*, the Mass of Christ; the feast commemorating the birth of Jesus, observed by the Christian Church annually on the 25th of December. It was, according to many authorities, not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian Church, as the Christian usage in general was to celebrate the death of remarkable persons rather than their birth. The death of the martyr Stephen, and the massacre of the innocents at Bethlehem, had been already long celebrated, when . . . a feast was established in memory of this event in the 4th century. In the 5th century the Western Church ordered it to be celebrated forever on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed. Among the German and Celtic tribes the winter solstice was considered an important point of the year, and they held their chief festival of Yule to commemorate the return of the burning-wheel.

The Merry Yuletide

McClintock and Strong's *Cyclopedia* tells us:

Yule (from *huel*, a wheel) was a sunfeast, commemorative of the turn of the sun and the lengthening of the day, and seems to have been a period of pagan festival in Europe from ancient times. At court, among many public bodies, and in distinguished families, an officer, under various titles, was appointed to preside over the revels. . . . In Scotland he was termed the *Abbot of Unreason*; but the office was suppressed by act of Parliament, A.D. 1555. Stow (*Survey of London*, p. 79) describes the same officer as *Lord of Misrule*. . . . Prynne says, in his strong way (in *Histrio-Mastix*), "Our Christmas lords of misrule, together with dancing, masks, mummeries, stage-players, and such other Christmas disorders, now in use with Christians, were derived from these Roman Saturnalia and Bacchanalian festivals."

The reference here to a "lord of misrule" is unmistakable reference to a representative of the Devil, one who is against the rule of the righteous Jehovah. Satan himself is the chief "lord of misrule", and Nimrod became his first royal earthly representative, since which time the dominion of earth has been exercised by those who have not known God.

While the name of Christ was attached to the popular sun-feast by calling it "the mass of Christ", it was just as heathenish as before, and

practically all the heathen ceremonies and observances, together with drunkenness and ribaldry, continued. The Christmas tree, reminiscent of the tree which Semiramis employed as a symbol of her slain son-husband, saying he had become the father-son god, has been traced back to the Romans. It went from Germany to Great Britain, and thence to the United States. It has nothing to do with the worship of Jehovah or with His Son Jesus Christ.

Befana and "Saint" Nick

Christmas, with its numerous customs and practices, is a fusion and confusion of many holidays and ancient observances connected with heathen gods and goddesses. The holly, the mistletoe, the wreaths, the special foods, all have their significance and are hang-overs from the time when the people believed that the burning of a yule log would keep away bad luck, or the display of festoons and wreaths would exclude evil spirits.

One of the feasts which, in the United States, seems to have been absorbed by the Christmas celebration is that of Befana. This old lady, in Italy, takes the place of "Saint" Nicholas. Befana is supposed to be the spirit of an old lady who, when the "wise men" passed through her little town on their way to Bethlehem, was too busy to go and look at them, intending to see them on their return. They never came back that way, and, somehow, she is still supposed to be waiting for them. At the feast of Epiphany, January 6, commemorating the visit of the "wise men", bringing their gifts, Befana is supposed to bring gifts to little children who hang up their stockings on the preceding evening. Bad children receive a stockingful of ashes.

Patron of the Hock-Shop

"Saint" Nicholas, a legendary character, is supposed to have lived in the fourth century. Nothing certain is known of him, but tradition says that he helped out a poor nobleman by furnishing dowries for his three daughters, a bag of gold for each, which he threw into an open window on three successive nights. Sometimes "Saint" Nick is represented as holding three bags of gold, and at other times as holding three golden balls. He is called the patron saint of Russia, and is considered as the special guardian of virgins, children and sailors, and also of pawnbrokers, and sometimes of thieves.

In Europe the feast of "Saint" Nick occurs on December 6. He is dressed quite differently from the "jolly old Saint Nicholas" who in the United States is represented as riding in a sled drawn by reindeer. The European "Saint" Nicholas, which in the Netherlands is abbreviated to Sinte Klaas (hence our Santa Claus), is dressed in rich ecclesiastical vestments, wearing the high "fish-caps" of the priests of the god Dagon, and carrying his bishop's crook. Of course, such a splendidly dressed individual could not slide down the chimney; hence the European or Netherlandish Nicholas is accompanied by a swarthy servant, whose complexion does not suffer from contact with the lining of chimneys. This dusky accomplice of the dignified bringer of gifts also carries the rod and attends to the chastening (and frightening) of bad boys and girls, and some not so bad.

All this fibbing about "Saint" Nick and Befana, and similar stories so common in connection with the Christmas season, would be effectually ended if people believed that the dead are dead, and that neither the old Nicholas nor the unfortunate Befana can go wandering about for good or ill, if either of them ever did exist.

Old Nick or Christ?

The observance of the feast of "Saint" Nick on the same day on which Christmas is celebrated is evidently another attempt on the part of Satan to obscure the important issue before creation, and to detract from the honor that is due the One whom Jehovah has appointed to settle that issue. The effort of the adversary has been, right along, to oppose the work of God, and to bring reproach upon His name. He has exalted unrighteous men to carry forward his schemes, and has multiplied myths and superstitions to obscure the truth. Jehovah alone is God, and Jesus came to bear witness to that truth. He faithfully did bear witness and suffered death because of so doing. It is His death which He commanded His disciples to commemorate, for His death was the seal of His faithfulness and the price of mankind's redemption.

One more point must be mentioned. It has to do with the magi, who are indirectly honored in the legends about Befana and Nicholas, bearers of gifts. The magi, incorrectly referred to as "wise men", who came from the east to honor Jesus shortly after His birth, were un-

doubtedly used of Satan, though they were ignorant of that fact. The "star", which they followed, did not guide them to the child, but to one who was the enemy of the newborn King. It was as a result of the visit of the magi, or magicians, that the babes of Bethlehem and vicinity were slain, with the object of making sure of the destruction of Christ. Surely Satan himself was back of that scheme. The instruments he used were such as would be thoroughly under his influence, for they practiced magic arts and were readily influenced by visions, omens and apparitions.

Not of Jehovah God

The entire development of the Christmas celebration marks it as not of Jehovah, but as of His enemy, Satan, whose only purpose is to confuse and confound the people, and to dishonor the One to whom all praise and honor are due. Just as at the time of Jesus' birth Satan sent his tools to "worship" the babe, so he still uses those who are under his influence and who come in an attitude of "worship" and at the same time resist the truth. While in the past Jehovah's people may have given unwitting support to the Christmas desecration of the truth, they will no more lend countenance thereto.

In recent years Jehovah's witnesses have, at the time of the autumnal equinox, or about the beginning of October, taken part in a nine-day period of praise and thanksgiving by bearing the message of the truth to the people. While this was not consciously and especially done in commemoration of God's great gift, it is surely a fitting way to show their appreciation of the goodness of Jehovah and their desire to honor Him and His glorious King.

Took Two Scientists to Do This

DISPATCHES from Paris state that it took two scientists to photograph a shroud at Milan "said to be Christ's" and to send out word that Jesus Christ was 5 feet 10.9 inches tall, that they had found chemical stains to that effect. It is good to know that they put two high-class scientists on this job. One of them probably was given the job of seeing to it that the Jew who made the shroud had not left his price ticket on it. It is best to be careful about proofs, especially when you are trying to put a swindle across.

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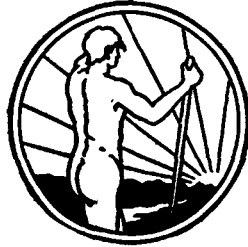
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What About Modern-Day "Divine Healing"?

TO DECEIVE the people, Satan brings forth a false remedy. First he induces men to teach that there is no death. Tempting Eve in Eden he said to her: "Ye shall not surely die." (Genesis 3:4) Many men have long taught that very false doctrine. Jesus said such doctrine was Satan's first lie. (John 8:44) In modern times Satan gets up religious organizations and falsely attaches the name of Christ thereto in order to mislead the people. One such organization teaches that there is no death and that ill health or sickness is a mental conclusion, and that men and women can heal and give health to all who exercise faith in the so-called "science of health". Many persons seeking temporary relief have been inveigled by the Devil into this trap and bodily healed.

It is true that Jesus did some healing of the sick when He was on earth, but He stated that such was done merely as an example to foreshadow the great work He would do in His kingdom. It also served to establish faith in Him as Messiah, the Christ. But as for Satan the Devil, so far as possible he uses his invisible power to cause some healing from sickness, and his very object therein is to turn the people away from God by in fact turning them away from God's truth. One thing all must admit: that no one who claims to have been healed by the so-called "Christian Science" or by so-called "divine healing" of other religious systems ever stayed healed continually, but in the course of time sickened and died, and even the leaders and practitioners of the said "divine healing" themselves have grown sick and died in like manner and do still die.

Jesus and all the apostles stated repeatedly that death is the result of sin and can be eliminated only by the sacrificial value of the life of Jesus (Romans 5:12; 6:23); and that only by faith in the shed blood of Christ Jesus can anyone possibly be saved; and that the healing blessings do not come by the operation of men,

but come only through Christ Jesus, all which cannot begin until His kingdom is in full operation.—Acts 4:12; 1 Corinthians 15:25, 26.

To point out here that "divine healing" practiced by religious organizations now for years is by Satan's power is not meaning to say that in the past God has not worked cures by His true servants and that He will not make the obedient ones of mankind perfectly well under the kingdom of His anointed Son, Christ Jesus. The first Bible mention of sickness concerns Abimelech, king of Gerar, a pagan. Of course, the Bible mentions the deaths of all the patriarchs and others before Abraham's time; also it must be agreed that aside from old age, accidents, murders and other causes, some of such died from sickness, to which all were now subject due to Adam's fall from human perfection and its complement, perfect health. But this first specific case of sickness on record, how was it treated? The Great Physician, Jehovah, reports: "So Abraham prayed unto God: and *God healed* Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bare children. For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife," whom Abimelech had taken from Abraham to be one of his wives. (Genesis 20:17, 18) And Abimelech and his household did not, either, have to become believers in Jehovah God and worshipers of Him in order to be healed or to stay healed. They remained Philistines, even though friendly to Abraham.

And Does Satan Cause Disease?

Thus early is established the fact that, to accomplish His purposes, Jehovah can send illness and plague as well as remove such, and that without human physicians. Other cases are of record where Jehovah sent disease upon those not in a covenant with Him and who were opposing Him: page that plague upon Egypt, when Jehovah smote them with the "boil break-

ing forth with blains upon man, and upon beast"; also the smiting of King Herod for not giving God the glory, so that Herod was eaten of worms. (Exodus 9:8-11; Acts 12:23) This should not be understood as proving that all cases of disease and pestilence among the peoples of the world are afflictions from God for not being in covenant relationship with Him or for opposing Him. Excepting the cases definitely marked by the Scriptures, the cause of all sickness and physical disabilities upon all peoples is set out at Acts 10:38, to wit: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the holy [spirit] and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were *oppressed of the devil*." Well, then, the Devil also has power to induce sickness, has he? So other scriptures show.

Concerning the "woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together", and whom Jesus healed, He said: "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom *Satan hath bound*, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16) Concerning that "man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job", it is written: "And the Lord [Jehovah] said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. So went Satan forth from the presence of the Lord, and *smote Job* with sore boils, from the sole of his foot unto his crown." (Job 2:6,7) There it was the three false "friends" of Job that proved to be "physicians of no value", because they argued that Jehovah God had sent disease upon Job because of wickedness and that God was even then exacting less of Job than he deserved to get.—Job 13:4; 8:1-6; 11:1-6.

The Scriptures positively set forth that Jehovah has sent sickness, plague and pest only when His name is involved, and the cleanness and soundness of His organization and its members. This was so respecting the pagan, Abimelech, who was ignorantly about to defile Sarah who God had given His word should bear a seed to His friend, Abraham. (Genesis 17:15-22) For like reasons Jehovah sent disease on those who were in covenant relationship with Him. He smote Moses' sister, Miriam, with leprosy (Numbers 12:9,10); also Elisha's servant, Gehazi (2 Kings 5:25-27); and also presumptuous King Uzziah. (2 Chronicles 26:16-21; see also 21:14, 15, 18, 19) In the terms of the covenant which He made with the Israelites in

the land of Moab just before crossing Jordan river, Jehovah warned that chosen people that if they sinfully departed from their covenant He would smite them with "all the diseases of Egypt", "also every sickness, and every plague." (Deuteronomy 28:59-61; 29:22) The purpose of this was to prove that Jehovah is the only source of life and health, that His is the way of life, and that only by faithfulness and integrity toward Him and by obedience to His Word through His great Mediator can anyone in the covenant get life.—Deuteronomy 18:14-19.

Sickness of Christians: a Punishment?

Many have concluded that sickness or bodily infirmity upon a Christian is a punishment for sins committed, and that if a Christian leads a faithful life he will never be sick: God will see to that. They will quote Matthew 9:2-6: "Behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee. . . . For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house." Also the case of the man at the pool of Bethesda, who "had an infirmity thirty and eight years" and whom Jesus cured at a word on the sabbath day: "Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."—John 5:5-14.

That certain sins, as gluttony, drunkenness, uncleanness, etc., may, even to Christians, result in disease of body is not disputed, no, not by the Scriptures. (Proverbs 7:10, 22-27; 9:13-18; 23:21, 29-35) But if all sin committed by the Christian must be punished with some physical distress, then no Christian would be normally well at any time. Writes the apostle John: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Also what would be the value of asking and receiving forgiveness of sins? "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our

sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 1:8, 9; 2:1, 2) To insist bodily affliction must certainly accompany as a result of sin, which sin is confessed to and forgiven of God, lines up with the Roman Catholic doctrine that forgiveness of sins is not sufficient, but that penance must be performed by the forgiven one by self-infliction of bodily pain and torment; all of which would make of no value and power the blood of Christ Jesus, who has "washed us from our sins in his own blood" and who "was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification".—Revelation 1:5; Romans 4:25.

That the aforementioned is an incorrect diagnosis as to cause or reason of a Christian's maladies, occasional or rare, is clear from Scriptures. Against it is the testimony of John 9:1-3: "And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man [an Israelite] which was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Lest this record be not enough to prove to sticklers for "divine healing" that servants of God have gotten sick, and may and do get sick, even while continuing faithful, hence not as a punishment from God for sins committed, note the following (Genesis 48:1; 50:2): "It came to pass, after these things, that one told Joseph, Behold, thy father [Jacob] is sick: . . . And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel [Jacob]." A thousand years later (2 Kings 13:14): "Now Elisha [the prophet] was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father! the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof!" Over two hundred years later: "And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days: afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it."—Daniel 8:27.

Now as to Christians (John 11:1-4): "Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, . . . Therefore his sisters sent unto him [Jesus], saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be

glorified thereby." Had Lazarus' sickness been punishment from God for sin and unfaithfulness, would Jesus have raised him out of death? Some years later: "Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber." (Acts 9:36, 37) Had her fatal sickness been a divine visitation for sin, would the apostle Peter pray God to raise her from the dead? And how about the apostle Paul's missionary associates? He writes (Philippians 2:25-27): "Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow-soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. For indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow." And to Timothy Paul wrote: "Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities." (1 Timothy 5:23) "Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Mile-tum sick." (2 Timothy 4:20) Paul had gifts of healing. If (as some claim) the gifts of healing are to be used on Christians to keep them well or to recover them, why did not Paul heal and recover Trophimus before he left him at Mile-tum? or heal Timothy of his "often infirmities" rather than tell him to use alcoholic liquor, wine?

What Means of Treatment, Then?

If it be God that sends bodily afflictions to punish sin, then nothing the Christian does for relief by applying natural remedies or using services of a human doctor could make him well; because, would God then allow a human creature to undo punishment from Him? Likewise one would reason that those who backslide from the church permanently would henceforth never have a well day physically in their lives. But does it work out that way? Can you prove it, from Scripture or from your actual observations? But sickness of Christians, not to speak of those not in covenant relationship with Jehovah God, cannot Scripturally be charged up to God.

What, then, should be the means of cure that would have God's approval if used? Here "Christian Science" will point to its healing practitioners and will recommend a course of mental treatments. (Strange, the Bible nowhere prescribes a course of mental treatments to heal, by denial to oneself that sickness and injury exist in oneself or at all.) Those strong for a sanctimonious (or even shouting) form of "holiness" will stoutly argue for "divine healing", and will warn against using natural medicines, herbs, osteopaths, chiropractors, or other human doctors and remedies, as being frowned upon by God and as showing lack of faith in His power to cure.

True, the Bible does at places make out cases against human physicians (2 Chronicles 16:12): "And Asa, in the thirty and ninth year of his reign, was diseased in his feet, until his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the Lord, but to the physicians." At Jeremiah 8:22: "Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?" At Luke 8:43, 44: "And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, came behind him [Jesus], and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd." But if always service of a human doctor were contrary to divine arrangement, why did the apostle Paul write: "Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you." "Only Luke is with me." (Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11) Besides, Paul had gifts of healing; were not his gifts to be used? Ah, yes, but not upon himself and fellow Christians for personal comfort; but upon those outside the faith, to establish the belief of such non-Christians that the apostles and fellow believers were of God's organization and were His servants and instruments, and that their teachings were the truth, the doctrines of the only true and living God, Jehovah, and which must be believed and obeyed to gain life.

The apostles of Jesus Christ were commissioned to heal by divine power (Matthew 10:1, 8), and gifts of healing were bestowed upon them and their immediate associates. (Acts 4:30; 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30) But as Jesus refused to follow Satan's suggestion to use His divinely given power to turn stones into bread

to satisfy His forty-day-old hunger (Matthew 4:1-4), even so the apostles with gifts of healing were not to use them for easing of themselves or of others already established in the faith, fellow Christians. Hence, back there and since, informed Christians used what natural means of relief and healing were available in times of sickness, rather than praying and seeking for a miracle of healing from Jehovah God.

It is eighteen hundred years from the time of the apostles and their personal associates. Gifts of healing have therefore long since ceased to be available and to be conferred and exercised. Many religionists, deceived by the scripture Mark 16:16-18, *Authorized Version*, but which scripture is omitted by all revised and modern versions as spurious, try to revive such gifts of healing, but cannot; not from the Lord. Gifts of healing, being no longer needed to establish faith in the gospel, have ceased, God's written Word being complete and sufficient for the man of God. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) As stated in 1 Corinthians (12:28-30; 13:8): "God hath set some in the church; first, apostles; secondarily, prophets; thirdly, teachers; after that [fourthly], miracles; then [fifthly] gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? Charity [love] never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away." Apostles have now passed out; so have prophets and prophecies; so have teachers, the teachers being now, not men, but Jehovah and Christ Jesus (Isaiah 30:20; 54:13); and so have miracles! And the apostle listed all such as ahead of gifts of healing. As well try to revive the preferred list as to revive gifts of healing. Hence all who take only convenient portions of the Bible or spurious verses thereof and try to practice "divine healing" fall into Satan's trap, and Satan uses his power through such deceived ones to work apparent miracles, cures and tongues (languages). This explains all the un-Christlike, selfish, commercial use of such latter-day miracles, cures, etc., for financial and material gain.

The case is clearly made out: there is no Scriptural prohibition against use of doctors or natural remedies by Christians or others in

hours of physical ailments. If necessary, have a physician, as Paul did; or use a little wine, as did Timothy; or lay a lump of figs on a boil, if that's good, as in King Hezekiah's case (2 Kings 20:7); or use some 'balm of Gilead' (Jeremiah 8:22; Genesis 37:25), if you can get it; or pour on some soothing oil (Mark 6:13). But, above all, avoid spiritual sickness; there human physicians and earthly remedies are powerless. (Jeremiah 30:13; 46:11; Ezekiel 30:21; 1 Corinthians 11:30) In such cases also, as the Bible shows, even the clergy shepherds of "Christendom" and "elective elders" are "all physicians of no value". (Job 13:4; Ezekiel 34:4, 16) Were such latter of any value spiritually, "Christendom" today would not, like Judah and Jerusalem of old, be a "sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, . . . The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment."—Isaiah 1:4-6.

In Spiritual Sickness

This query may now be raised: If the natural Israelites in the law covenant with God were punished of Him with physical afflictions for unfaithfulness, why should not Christians, who are in the new covenant with God? If Christians are not afflicted with bodily troubles for sins, not those due to inheritance from Adam, but sins which are willful and against light of truth and rebellious, do they, then, go scot-free, without adverse dealing by the Lord? Certainly not! But Christians are not known of the Lord "after the flesh" (2 Corinthians 5:16), and they are not, to Him, "in the flesh, but in the spirit." (Romans 8:9) Hence, when they take a willful course of transgression against the Lord, they become sickly spiritually, and that is far worse and more serious in possible consequences than bodily sickness. The Lord withdraws from Christians who sin with willfulness the light of knowledge and understanding of His Word of truth, and they may at last become totally blind and deaf spiritually, and uselessly lame in God's service, and go into eternal destruction, "second death." (Revelation 2:11; 20:6) And the Lord takes away and withholds from them His blessings and privileges of service and the evidences of His favor. "How much sorer punishment"!—Hebrews 10:28-31.

When one is spiritually sick, ah, then is when only the Lord Jehovah, by Christ Jesus, can heal and restore one to spiritual health and strength. Then is when sins and sickness are directly related to each other as cause and effect. Then is when the sick one must turn to the Lord and pray: "Lord, be merciful unto me; heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee." (Psalm 41:4) And the Lord says: "Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings. [And the humble and repentant respond:] Behold, we come unto thee [not to priest, preacher, or healing practitioner]; for thou art the LORD our God." (Jeremiah 3:22) "Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily." (Isaiah 58:8) Then Jehovah God is One "who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases [spiritually]; who redeemeth thy life from destruction [in *Gehenna*: second death]".—Psalm 103:3, 4.

A professed Christian may lapse into error of thinking and action and become so weak spiritually that he cannot approach the Lord alone. He needs help of the faithful ones, firmly established in God's truth and service, and who are mature, elders in fact by growth and not made such nominally by election votes of churchgoers. Such elders "make straight paths for [their] feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed". (Hebrews 12:13) Now is when the counsel of James (5:14-16, 19, 20) applies: "Is any sick [spiritually] among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil [of joy of the Lord (Isaiah 61:3)] in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults [under aforementioned conditions] one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. Brethren, if any of you [Christians] do err from the truth, and one convert him [help him to discern the error of his course, and the way back to God's organization], let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death [second death], and shall hide a multitude of sins."

It is written (Psalm 107:19, 20): "Then they

cry unto the Lord in their trouble; and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Hence the one desiring recovery must turn to the Lord's Word, which He sends by His faithful servants; and such one must take the course of full devotion to God and of active service of Him, confessing His name publicly, sacrificing the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declaring His works with rejoicing. Then Jehovah will heal him and raise him up, through Christ Jesus, who "died for our sins".—Verses 21, 22.

As to the mentally, morally and bodily sick world of mankind, permanent healing for all

obedient ones is nigh at hand, yea, even the resurrection of their dead. The radiant "Sun of righteousness", arising, will soon shine forth "with healing in his wings". (Malachi 4:2) Those who please the Lord and conform to His arrangement will not try to run ahead of the Lord by now trying to do the miracles of healing physically which the Lord has prophesied in His Word that He will perform by the King, Christ Jesus, during His thousand-year rule over earth. Of those coming miracles of healing the miraculous cures by Jesus when here in the flesh nineteen hundred years ago amongst men were but glorious and prophetic foregleams.—Revelation 21:4; 22:2.

Public Opinion *By Alex. Smith (Queensland)*

THE fact that public opinion is formed by the influence exerted by the political press is eloquent. That fact is like a voice crying in the wilderness and needs to be heralded far and near. Let the people understand that they are being led by the nose to think along certain lines, even by that section of the press that is supposed to be raising up a standard of reform for the people.

Some of the people are already conscious that they have been misled and are beginning to think for themselves. Others are so prejudiced by certain schools of thought that they unconsciously put their heads under the yoke; they allow themselves to be used as propagandists to spread the teachings of these greedy parties or cliques. Let each one who reads these lines ask himself: Am I easily led? Does a certain point of view appeal to me? What is the true reason why it appeals to me? Am I looking forward to getting something for nothing? Or am I looking forward to and longing for an opportunity for getting my own back? Am I *unsatisfied* or *dis-satisfied*?—there is a difference. Would I be satisfied to live and let live, if I got the opportunity? Am I afraid of poverty? Am I ambitious to be rich, even though it means hardship and want for others? There is plenty for all; would I be satisfied if I had my share of it?

Seeing that we all take ourselves far too seriously, we need a little self-examination now and again. By the same token, it does not do

one any harm to imagine oneself in the other fellow's place, to decide what one would do or say under similar circumstances. We may be victims of circumstances or environment, but there is no reason for intelligent people to be slaves of prejudice.

About 18,000 do the governing throughout the world today. Part of this governing business is to cultivate prejudice in the minds of the people; and so, to this end, the press of the world is harnessed. It does not matter whether it is the merchant in his office, the engineer in the works, or the laborer on the job; either the daily or the periodical newspaper is read with interest, eagerly devoured or maybe criticized. Prejudice is a ruling element today, and many good people would like to get from under the yoke and look about them with clear mental vision.

It is only by making a great effort that we may succeed in escaping from the evil of prejudice. We can do so only by ridding ourselves of all those things that we have learned to take for granted. Very few people will take the trouble to make such an effort, because a great mental inertia lies over the human race like a heavy wet blanket. The people have got into the habit of allowing others to do their thinking for them. In not thinking for themselves they have allowed their reasoning faculties to become dormant; and so we begin to understand how it is that many people are so dogmatic, in voicing opinions that did not originate

in their own minds. They have acquired a mental leaning-post.

Some people are capable of mental gymnastics, and will jump from one conclusion to another without careful thought. These people are undergoing the devastating mental process or condition of mental chaos. Something has happened to demolish the support on which they leaned so comfortably. Something has undermined the false teaching of one or more of the conflicting schools of thought. Take religion, for instance. There are over 430 religions in the world today. Of this number, 213 are so-called "Christian" religions, all teaching differently. Whether it is a "Christian" religion or Mohammedan, Confucianism or Shintoism; whether they worship a little tin god or a large wooden one, a cast-iron god or a gilt-edged god, those at present responsible for any of these 430 religions go through a series of formalities. Such formalities consist of various forms of make-believe; and, whether it is the Gippo in Cairo or the desert, or the Mohammedan priest in the mosque, bowing to the sun at sunrise and sunset and gabbing his prayers (either of them will steal your eyeteeth the next minute if he gets half a chance), or the sleek, well-fed, sable-gowned divine, "Doctor of Divinity" if you please, in London, Berlin or New York, etc., telling his beads or gabbing prayers for the repose of some poor soul (for which he requires payment in advance), it is all formality, just make-believe: something mysterious, to fool the person most concerned; a cloak, behind which to conduct a business. Of the two here mentioned, the Gippo is the more honest, if such a word can be introduced where everything is founded on dishonesty, robbery and graft. And then again, all this make-believe, formality or ceremony is just sheer hypocrisy.

Of all the religions practiced in the world today, those claiming to be Christian are the greatest hypocrites, because they claim to understand God's Word and also to teach God's Word to the people. If their claim to understand and teach God's Word were a just and truthful one, then there would be just one teaching, and not 213 conflicting teachings, as obtain today. If the teachings of these 213 conflicting sects and creeds were founded on God's Word, there would have been no Great War, because God's Word is that the human race of black, white, yellow and red are all brothers, and will eventu-

ally live as brothers in God's appointed time. The appointed time is very close now. It is man's own fault that they have lived in enmity so far. What we see happening today, in fact since 1914, is just the crumbling of the present oppressive evil system.

It is the conflicting teachings of these "jarring sects and schools, fettering reason with their rules", that has caused so much hatred, bitterness, suffering and bloodshed throughout the world.

Real Christianity is a form of government, without politics, without commerce, without religion. 'Do unto others as you would they should do unto you' is a law, and the one law that man needs to understand. When the appointed time comes, then no nation or league of nations can delay its establishment even for one day; no, not even for one minute. We see, today, a time of transition, a state of change from evil to truth, from hypocrisy to sincerity, from dogmatism and prejudice to sane understanding and cooperation in the widest meaning of the word; in a nutshell, from misery and unreality to REALITY and HAPPINESS.

God's Word says that when man's understanding is opened, all the make-believe, formalism, ceremony and hypocrisy will be exposed, and that the people will speak a pure language—truth; and that the people will seek a good government, a righteous government, when 'nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and man shall learn war no more', but each man shall live under conditions of comfort and security, and "none shall make them afraid".

At that time there will be no such thing as politics, to lead the people by the nose and to breed prejudice and misunderstanding. For the government shall be upon His shoulder, when He comes whose right it is. At that time there will be no such thing as religion, to blind the mental outlook of the people; for He will give to the people a pure language—truth; and they shall all call upon the name of the Lord with one consent. And at that time there will be no such thing as commerce, which, as we see it today, means the exploitation of the people, and the resultant degradation.

Instead of the sordid struggle for existence and of the greedy striving after gain, we shall emerge from this welter of selfishness and darkness into the glorious light of love and truth. At one time, long ago, man stepped aside from

that course, allowing Satan, that evil genius, to overreach him, and forgot about his Great Benefactor, Jehovah, the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Becoming more greedy and selfish, the further man got from God's Highway of Truth, he has at last brought himself to the present sordid, filthy state of society.

These are just a few of the links in the chain of evidence, taken from God's Word, to show the people who are breaking away from the yoke of prejudice that there is a world of information waiting to be explored by each individual who chooses to do so. Each one has a responsibility to God, concerning one's own course. Each one has a freedom of choice, and can either choose to explore this evidence or allow prejudice to override one's reasoning abilities and to go the road of least resistance.

The Great War pricked the gasbag of "organized Christianity", that filthy image built up by this hypocritical civilization. Many people had been church-goers until the Great War opened their eyes to the hypocrisy of religion. They consequently experienced a condition of mental chaos, and turned from the Bible and everything associated with it, to seek something 'more substantial' on which to lean. Since 1914 the daily newspapers and periodicals have provided an ever increasing supply of "scientific" reading matter; devils' doctrine. To such an extent has this taken place that many people have again been caught by plausible writers. These writers always have their eye on the main chance, money; and so, with copy and matter more or less "scientific", they endeavor to make their writings interesting. Millions of people have thus been led to think along unsound lines, until now these people find themselves in a dead-end of prejudice.

In the press the reports read of conferences here and conferences there, of conversations between leading politicians or so-called "statesmen", and special reports by certain newspaper associations, are just blither. Good word, blither; it just fits, and fills the bill. In point of fact, all this blither is just the mainstay of the condition of unreality which like a dense fog or mist has spread over humanity since 1914.

The present system, this financial parasite-ridden system, is possible only while politics and religion work hand in hand to exploit the people. When the understanding of the people has been opened, so that all may see this great

make-believe, hypocritical system in all its slimy filthiness, then we may look forward to a much better condition; a condition or state of reality, when men will live without any make-believe at all; when each individual's abilities will be directed along natural lines.

According to the press, war is inevitable. Well, if war is to decide men's differences, then the strong physically and the robust ones will be destroyed first. Anyway, war with its poison gas and disease germs would undoubtedly let loose such a deadly pestilence that it would sweep through all nations and wipe the human race off the earth altogether. Again, if another great war should come, then some new form of habitation would need to be invented; at least, for those engaged in hostilities. And no scientist can devise such a contrivance. Don't expect too much from the scientists.

Science is, according to one of its leading spokesmen, merely in its infancy. It is just like a child paddling on the beach. Science is dabbling in the shallows of knowledge. The great potential depths of knowledge are ahead of us. Scientists hope, some day, to plumb those depths of knowledge, and to harness the great unseen forces of the universe for the purpose of doing man's work.

The present is flooded with unreality or blither. The past has been nothing but unreality in various forms; at least, since man stepped down from his original high estate, when, throwing away his birthright of life, he wallowed in the cesspool of greed and selfishness. Autocracy and feudalism prevailed for a time, and then gave place to democracy in its various forms. Democracy has failed. Then what of the future?

To be candid, the human race is bushed and has just about completed one great circle since the old feudal system gave way and the era of free competition began. Commerce and profit-taking have ever been associated with politics. It is an interesting study to follow the moving picture of history down through the ages, and note the so-called "progress" under the ever changing forms of government. One thing is apparent to the student of history who refuses to take things for granted; and that is, that, right down through the whole of the sorry spectacle, there have always been unscrupulous men, ever ready to plot and plan to seize the leadership, to gratify either their own or their employer's ambition. Whether, under the régime

of feudalism, when the favorite courtiers of the king were granted private ownership of land that belonged to the people, or monopolies to deal in certain commodities, and were thus enabled to make large profits from which they provided the king with spending money; or, under the system known as constitutional government, when charters were granted to the East India Company, Hudson Bay Company, South African Company, and others; or under the peculiar system known as democracy, when the banking corporations throughout the world dictate to the governments, and politicians run with cap in hand to do the bidding of the plutocrats of finance—yes, money talks, and always has done so. Yes, money talks, either with the smooth, polished speech of the diplomatic toady or by the devastating roar of shot and shell and other deadly forms of frightfulness.

And yet the scientific writers (save the mark!) have the intestinal fortitude to state, in a very convincing manner, that this record of greed and selfishness is an evolutionary process, and that the more-near perfect or socialistic state will eventually emerge from such a welter of filth. When one views the ever widening slough of despondency into which the human race is being either led or driven or is rushing headlong, one must ponder for a while and wonder at the attitude adopted by these plausible writers toward two of the greatest truths ever brought to the notice of men. First is the diabolical ingenuity of that evil genius Satan, who as bright, intelligent Lucifer, overseer of mankind, rebelled against God and set out to accomplish the evil scheme to ruin mankind in the eyes of Jehovah God the Creator. The second and most important truth is that the great and wonderfully provident purpose of Jehovah deals very effectively with the rebellion of fallen Lucifer and also with the sorry results of that rebellion. God's purpose has been, right from the beginning of evil, to arrange a way of escape from the trap that the fallen one, Satan, had arranged for fallen man. When God's holy name has been vindicated, then man will fall no more, but will put forth all his endeavors to become worthy of the benefits which will be the gift of God to everyone who is of good will and teachable.

The political press does not tell the people that the race for armaments by the nations is the preparation that Satan is making for Arma-

geddon, the last tribulation of mankind. Of course not, because Satan has now blinded the minds of these men; and if they have not the light, how can they give it to others? Satan sees to it that they give something that passes for enlightenment; that is, scientific writings, more or less. God's Word sums it all up by telling the seeker after truth, 'Man's wisdom is foolishness.' Knowledge is not wisdom. God's Word says: 'The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom'; 'only the wise shall understand.' *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, but have no understanding of its meaning. The two are necessary to go together that good may result.

The fact that a man is educated and graduated from a theological university is no proof 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 of the meaning thereof. The majority of the educated clergymen of today repudiate the inspiration of the Scriptures, and have set up man's wisdom as superior to that expressed in the Bible. God's Word says: "They have eyes, and they see not; they have ears, and they hear not." Jesus said that they are "blind guides".

Those people who are of good will, or teachable, have ears to hear the Message of Truth from either radio sets or the transcription machines which are being used where the radio is not available. Those who have eyes to see are reading the literature at present being placed in the homes of the people by Jehovah's witnesses.

Such books as *The Harp of God, Deliverance, Creation, Reconciliation, Government, Life, Prophecy, Light, Vindication, Preservation, Preparation* and *Jehovah* are wonderful books. There are also a number of booklets, such as *Who Is God? What Is Truth? Cause of Death, Hereafter, Good News, Liberty, The Final War, What You Need, Health and Life, Home and Happiness, Keys of Heaven, Where Are the Dead? The Kingdom the Hope of the World,*

The Crisis, Escape to the Kingdom, Dividing the People, Righteous Ruler and Angels. All of these publications are Bible helps, and are issued by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, which is a world-wide organization.

The Bible is no longer a book of mystery. It is like a diamond, in that its pages throw light in many directions. Those people who regard the Bible as God's Word of Truth find the above

publications of great benefit because of the help given to "search the Scriptures". They are not deceived by plausible writers. They are not deceived by the so-called "scientists"; and they are not deceived by either clergymen or politicians. They desire to live as Christians, with Christ Jesus as their King, when real Christianity brings peace on earth to men of good will.

Television: When? *By James M. Robinson (Indiana)*

"WAIT until we get television." How often have you heard that expression? Few people know that the first system of television, and incidentally the principle of scanning on which the present commercial outfits are based, was patented in 1884, by a German named Paul Nipkow. The feeble attempts to perfect the Nipkow system have failed, primarily, because the number of lines per picture is limited to the number of holes or apertures in the single revolving scanning disc and, secondly, because of restrictions in the use of television; that is to say, advertising and sponsored programs will not be permitted as in radiocasting; and, last but not least, no attempt has been made on the part of station owners to standardize on a certain number of lines per picture, number of pictures per second or the type image, that is, negative or positive.

Television is similar to motion pictures in that both are optical illusions; but television is much more complicated, because each picture must be broken up into small elements according to its color value by means of a scanning system, and each element converted into an electrical impulse which is amplified and transmitted. These transmitted impulses are received in the usual manner, as in radio, amplified and converted into corresponding light variations, which, when passed through a suitable scanning system, operated at the same speed and "in step" with the transmitter, reconstructs the picture just as the televisor at the transmitter saw it.

Some advancement has been made in the cathode ray type of television, but so far the cost involved makes this system prohibitive for the average person. At present a 4- or 5-inch picture is produced with an 18-inch cathode tube, and these tubes cost from \$60 to \$90 each. In

order to produce a picture that would be acceptable to the public, a tube at least 6 feet long would have to be produced, and the cost of such a tube would be several hundred dollars.

The writer is the inventor of a new system of mechanical scanning in which any number of lines per picture can be produced without decreasing the size of the picture and which reproduces the natural colors of the objects scanned. This is accomplished by the use of two circular discs which overlap and which revolve at different speeds. One of the discs carries small rectangular cylindrical lenses radially spaced and revolves at a high speed, while the other disc carries three curved cylindrical lenses, placed elliptically around its periphery, each of which is one of the prime colors, red, blue and green. The two discs are arranged in such a manner that when operating the small lenses intersect the curved lenses at right angles, which in effect produces a perfect spherical lens. The number of lines per picture is determined by the number of small lenses that intersect the curved lenses per picture, while the number of pictures per second is determined by the number of revolutions of the disc carrying the three curved lenses.

No one knows just how soon television will be perfected to such a degree as the radio is today; however, we can be sure that in due time it will be accomplished.

Hitler Shot [At]

THE press report of an attempt upon Hitler's life was headlined by the statement "HITLER SHOT". Honesty and accuracy require the addition of the "at", as in our headline. We regret the necessity of making this correction, trusting it will not be necessary a second time.

Parents Can Forbid Vaccination

THE American Medical Liberty League, Inc., 35 E. Van Buren St., Chicago, Ill., suggests the following notice to school authorities, if parents refuse to have their children vaccinated and are prepared to defend their rights in the courts, if necessary:

To Principal and Teachers of.....
School, (address).....

You are hereby given legal notice that I refuse to permit the vaccination or medical inspection of my children, (names)..... at school, and that I shall hold you LEGALLY AND FINANCIALLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES if you allow such trespass upon my right as parent; also if you exclude my children or any one of them from school for failure to be medically examined or vaccinated, you will be held responsible in damages for all loss and injury accruing therefrom.

Your attention is called to the fact that my refusal, as above, invades no right of others and imperils no one. Failure of my children to be vaccinated cannot endanger the vaccinated—all being vaccinated who wish—since, if the vaccinated are not protected by their own vaccination, they would not be protected by the vaccination of others. Any children found at school with contagious disease have already exposed others, so that the claim that medical inspection prevents the spread of contagion is untrue. In sending my children to school I delegate my control over them to you, BUT ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EDUCATION AND NECESSARY SCHOOL DISCIPLINE. You cannot delegate even that control to others. Therefore I trust you will refuse any and all orders to commit the trespass referred to and save yourselves troublesome and costly litigation.

Date

Name

Address

The Trail of the Aluminum Trust

IN *The Encyclopedia Americana* (1927 Edition, Vol. 1, page 453, column 2, paragraph 4) we read:

The healthfulness of foods containing aluminum compounds, and baking powders in particular, have been carefully investigated by the United States government (Bull. No. 103 U. S. Dept. of Ag.). It was found that baking powders containing aluminum compounds were no more unhealthful than any other baking powders. Seventy percent of all the baking powder used in the United States contains an aluminum salt. Large amounts of aluminum salts are also used in

purifying water. Aluminum cooking utensils are in common use and the corrosion of these utensils doubtless results in small quantities of aluminum compounds being mixed with the food. Alum is used in the preparation of pickles and of maraschino cherries; the amount of alum left in these usually amounts to less than two-tenths of one percent. No case of injury or ill health has ever been reported due to aluminum compounds ingested from any of the above sources.

But the 1903 edition told the truth, in Vol. 1, as follows:

ALUM POISONING. This poisoning may be acute or chronic, the latter being much more common.

In the acute variety, often the result of accidental swallowing of a gargling solution, symptoms are nausea, vomiting, purging, cold clammy skin, small thready pulse, thirst, muscular tremor, followed by rise in temperature in those who have recovered. Treatment: Wash out stomach and use white of eggs as a chemical antidote.

Alum being much used as a preservative, as a means of clarifying water, and as an adulterant in baking powder (aluminum sulphate), the question of chronic alum poisoning becomes of great importance.

Symptoms most frequently observed are disturbances of digestion and constipation. The question as to its harmful action on the kidneys is not decided yet, but it would seem to be harmful rather than the reverse.

The foregoing item from the 1903 *Americana* was sent in by A. L. Wood, Florida, who says, "All cheap baking powders and self-rising flours contain aluminum sulphate; so be warned."

Not Public Property

MRS. A. S. FAHL, New York, writes: "Your articles on aluminum touch the spot. And to think we ate out of it for the last twenty-five years! Personally I had come to the point where I couldn't eat rhubarb, cooked fruit, salty things, etc. Since I put the aluminum all out everything agrees with me. All around me I can cite any number of cases of illness and pain that disappeared when the aluminum pots were discarded.

"I live in a little village; 35 children in the school. When the M.D. came to vaccinate, the other day, only 9 would submit to it. The strongest girl there took sick right away after the injection. I sent a note to the teacher that my boy was not public property, and in case they vaccinated without my consent I would hold the M.D. responsible for any sickness my child would be subject to for six years."

Utilizing Surplus Foods

ELSIE SMITH (New York) offers the following suggestion: "Due to the fact that prices on foodstuffs keep advancing, I am trying to utilize everything along this line. Sometimes one has an oversupply of a certain fruit or vegetable or meat on hand. This is what I do: Cook it in a granite or good enamel kettle until tender, and season or add sugar. Then have a good jar and cover (not chipped) thoroughly sterilized in another kettle or pan of boiling water. Drop the jar rubber into the boiling water for a few seconds. Fill jar quickly and seal and stand it upside down for a couple of hours to see if it is air-tight. If there is any leakage, contents should be reboiled for a few minutes, jar again sterilized and a new rubber put on jar, proceeding as before. (It is always best to use new rubbers.) Berries should be washed thoroughly, and boiled a few minutes only, leaving them almost whole. Cook other fruits until tender; chicken, meats and vegetables, the same way."

Fuller's Earth for Sore Feet

MRS. M. M. CAMPBELL, Texas, writes: "Here is a sure cure for athletic foot or sore, raw feet: Wash your feet in warm water and with a mild soap. Dry with a soft cloth and apply fuller's earth in all the cracks and crevices between the toes. Many have spent a great deal of money to heal athletic foot, when with one dime one can perfect a cure by means of a few applications. Most drug stores keep fuller's earth. It comes in bulk [or in cans] and is more easily applied if put in an old powder can or salt shaker. It is also fine for infants when sore and chafed and when nothing else helps. It soothes and heals rapidly."

Potatoes at 15c a Bushel

IN OCTOBER, in Wyoming county, New York, farmers were marketing their potatoes at 15c a bushel and some farmers were letting them rot in the ground rather than dig them and handle them at such an infamous price. Now that it is up to the taxpayers to feed the hungry of the whole country, it would seem as if attention should be given to the potato producers, as well as the producers of cotton, corn and wheat, and that this food should be saved. What is more delectable than a baked potato, buttered, salted, and eaten jacket and all?

When Scalded or Burned

THE usual dressing for burns, of wet boracic acid compresses, has been replaced by a dressing made of clean cloth or sterilized bandages placed over the burned or scalded area and then sprayed with a five-percent solution of tannic acid. A supply of the tannic-acid powder should be on hand in every medicine cabinet for such emergencies, but if, for any reason, it is not at hand a good strong brew of tea, made fresh and cooled, can be applied through the bandages. The tea contains enough tannic acid to make a good covering. This will form a brown covering over the burned or scalded surface, which will turn black and finally peel off. This treatment of burns is of inestimable value if resorted to at once, particularly if it is impossible to get a doctor quickly. The tannic-acid solution is made by adding six teaspoonfuls of the powder to a tumbler of water. The cloths must be kept soaked with this solution until the burned skin turns a deep brown and pain is gone.

White Bread for Rheumatism (?)

DR. LUELLA STARKFY, of Oklahoma, writes: "If you want to publish something about white bread that will be a help to the readers of *The Golden Age*, tell all that are suffering with rheumatism this: Go on a strict bread-and-butter diet for ten days, eating nothing but bread and butter—I mean white bread, with a lot of butter (cow's butter). The white bread to be white 'baker's bread', white 'homemade light bread' or white common homemade biscuits (just so they do not contain hog's fat [lard]). You do not need to tell them what to do next, after the ten days on white bread with butter have expired. They will have the secret by that time, and there will be no more argument." (This may be true—but—?—*Ed.*)

Discriminating Pets

JANET HORNE, of New York, writes: "I read with interest, in a recent issue of *The Golden Age*, that if one desired to put one's dog out of existence a good way would be to feed it white bread for a time. I wish to inform you that this method would not work in all cases, because neither our dog nor either of our two cats, which are habitually fed homemade whole-wheat bread, will touch a bit of white bread; in fact, they will go hungry rather than eat it."

A Flaw in the Argument

THE American Federation of Labor proposes a thirty-hour work week for all industries, and figures it would work out about as follows: As the average length of the work week is now forty hours, a reduction of ten hours would mean that there would be work for 25 percent more workers than are at present employed, or one-fourth of nearly 40,000,000. Instead of 40,000,000 workers, there would be 50,000,000, and these would receive as much for the thirty-hour week as was formerly paid for the forty-hour week. Employers would thus be paying out 25 percent more for labor, but it is argued that the increased income of these millions would result in the sale of more merchandise. So far so good, but the increased demand for merchandise would require more workers, and these also would want more goods, and, of course, they would all be taken off relief rolls. It sounds as if the thirty-hour work week would be worth trying, but meanwhile it is well to continue to keep in mind that the kingdom of God is the only hope for the world. Big business will not consent to paying their servants 25 percent more for the same amount of work.

Country Housing Condemned

MR. A. CONLEY, president of the British Trades Union Congress, made the surprising statement, "The country cottage with roses around the door, with a majestic elm waving above its roof, looking so charming in sun and shadow amidst the fields and hedgerows, is often an unspeakable habitation." "The fact that they are picturesquely situated somewhat hides their wretchedness and squalor, but were they suddenly transported to our towns and cities there would be an immediate outcry about them."

The "Hunger March" on Albany

A GENTLEMAN who claims to know the facts states that the so-called "Hunger March" on Albany was a gang of hoodlums sent by political opponents of the party in power; that they had clubs, stones, acid and other weapons on the trucks that transported them, and also brought along two trained nurses for the casualties which they expected and which they received. This information from a subscriber is probably correct.

"Atlantic and Pacific"

THE A. & P. does the largest grocery business in the world, has several bakeries, and controls other enterprises. The business was started as a small tea store, in New York, in 1859, by Geo. H. Hartford, father of the present heads of the business. The stock is owned almost entirely by the Hartford family. The firm sells ten percent of the groceries bought in the United States. It has 15,500 stores, located in all sections of the country, and employs nearly a hundred thousand persons. The gross business done by the concern exceeds a billion dollars a year, and profits have increased from \$1,821,000 in 1916 to \$29,793,000 in 1932. The A. & P. received much unfavorable publicity in its recent controversy with its Cleveland employees, at which time all the Cleveland A. & P. stores were closed to discourage the unionizing activities of the workers, and remained closed for a week. An agreement was finally reached through intervention of the National Labor Relations Board.

See Their Finish

IN A RECENT release the American Federation of Labor says: "Scored on every hand for operating industry solely for the maximum profit which can be wrung from the people, regardless of the social consequences, the reactionary industrial bourbons refuse to read the handwriting on the wall and reorganize industry on the basis of social service. Perhaps the rugged individualists of American industry are not far from what may be their economic Armageddon." While the term "Armageddon" is incorrectly used, it is evident that the finish of the "kings" who have ruled and ruined the earth is foreseen.

"Homework Protective League"

TO GET around NRA codes and decent wages wealthy homework profiteers in Connecticut finance a "Homework Protective League", which conducts a continual fight against banishment of the sweatshop disgrace. Its paid lawyers and its principal representative appear constantly in the courts and at NRA hearings. They defend the rights of women to work at home for an average monthly wage of \$6.95, and average earnings per person of less than eight cents an hour. Even when the entire family take a hand in the homework they are unable to support themselves on the earnings.

Transportation

Freight Transportation by Plane

WHERE formerly 7,300 mules would have labored for weeks to transport the 735 tons of mine machinery from Cuzco to the Huanacopampa minehead, the work was done by planes making 421 round trips, the total flying time being 425 hours. The heaviest piece of machinery weighed 4,362 pounds, and there were 26 pieces weighing about a hundred pounds less. Cuzco is situated 10,900 feet above sea level, and the planes had to fly across the Andean Divide at 16,000 feet. The Huanacopampa minehead was 12,675 feet above sea level. The line of flight was over dangerous jungles and ravines. Radio kept the planes in touch with Cuzco and the minehead.

Some Things Done by the Zephyr

THE fuel cost of the Zephyr, which made the 1,015 miles from Denver to Chicago in 13 hours 5 minutes, was only \$15. The fuel cost of steam locomotives for the same trip is \$255. Some wondered what the Zephyr would do if it ran into anything. On its way from Buffalo to Detroit it struck a Chevrolet truck stalled on the track. The truck was completely demolished. The man who was cranking it suddenly found himself with only the crank in his hand. He had an impression that a silver streak of lightning had passed him by. The only damage to the Zephyr was a dent in the stainless steel cowcatcher.

What Frank Hawks Said

FRANK HAWKS, a speed flier, told the Federal Aviation Commission: "I can fly from Tokyo to New York in 48 hours. If we were to have enemies in either the Orient or Soviet Russia the same performance could be duplicated. The Japanese would not care if they ever returned or not. There are plenty of young Japanese warriors who would willingly sacrifice their lives for the chance to destroy our New York skyscrapers." (An airplane has now been developed which can carry a load over three thousand miles non-stop.)

Radio Direction Finders

AIRPLANES can now be equipped with radio direction finders which make the finding of a small island in a wide ocean a simple matter instead of a dangerous undertaking.

Patents Earn Millions for Inventors

THERE are in the United States 50 patents earning a million dollars a year, 300 earning five hundred thousand dollars, and over 2,000 earning at least a hundred thousand yearly. The "Kiddie Kar", the collar button with the turn-down clip to hold the tie, the barbed-wire fence, and the cap for beer bottles have made their inventors millionaires. Many inventors do not get their share of the profits from their inventions, due to inexperience in obtaining a patent.

Transoceanic Mail and Passenger Service

ARRANGEMENTS for transoceanic mail and passenger service are being given serious consideration and plans are under way for making them a matter of regular, everyday occurrence. Passengers and mails can now be carried profitably by both planes and airships. Ships that will carry a hundred passengers and several tons of mail and express of high value are sure to make their appearance soon.

Record of the Graf Zeppelin

THE Graf Zeppelin, considered out of date for commercial service before it was ever flown, has made over sixty transatlantic flights and has sailed to the tropics and the arctic and has functioned perfectly under all kinds of conditions. On the other hand, the United States, with all its boasted superiority, seems to have been unable to build a dirigible that will go from Ohio to New Jersey without being wrecked.

Balloon Rips Ten Miles Up

IMAGINE the feelings of three men up ten miles from the earth when their balloon ripped. This was over North Platte, Nebr. The men waited until the balloon was within 5,000 feet of the earth; then, one after another, they leaped, and, with their parachutes, all landed safely.

Sleeper Plane to Chicago

NEW YORK now has a nightly sleeper plane to Chicago, leaving by American Airlines at 12:35 a. m. There are 12 berths, each 6 feet 2 inches long, equipped with fine linen, soft, warm blankets, comfortable mattresses and downy pillows. Two experienced pilots and a stewardess are aboard each plane.

The eighteenth in the series of short Bible treatises by Judge Rutherford is presented herewith. The subject, "Sheep and Goats," is an appropriate one for the conclusion of the series, as it deals with the final judgment of the nations. This parable, and the explanation given herewith, call forcefully to our attention what course of action will have the Lord's approval and what course He disapproves. A proper appreciation of Jesus' words is of vital importance. Those who turn a deaf ear to the warning sounded by the parable will be found among the "goats". Those who give heed to the instruction therein will be included with the "sheep".

Sheep and Goats

JESUS spoke a prophecy concerning the dividing of the people which He said would be fulfilled at His coming for judgment, and which prophecy is recorded at Matthew 25. He stated that He would divide the people into two classes, one represented as "sheep", and the other class as "goats". The "sheep" take the side of the Lord, and the "goats" take the side of the Devil. Jesus Christ is now at His temple for judgment, judgment is in progress, and the prophetic parable concerning "the sheep and the goats" is now being fulfilled. By the Scriptures and the facts you may intelligently decide which side you are on.

There are some persons on earth who are wholly devoted to God and His kingdom and, as followers of Christ Jesus, are the witnesses for Jehovah. There are a large number of persons who are members of some so-called "church" organization and who, under the leadership of the clergy, indulge in cruel persecution of Jehovah's witnesses. For example: In New Jersey the clergy have caused the police to repeatedly arrest and imprison faithful men and women for no offense save that of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. In prison they have often been hungry and sick and their persecutors have continued to cause them to suffer. Jesus foreknew that the cruel clergy and their allies, whom He called "goats", would persecute His faithful followers, and concerning this "goat" class He said (Matthew 25: 42, 43): "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." Those of the goat class then asked the Lord when they did such cruel things: "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."

The persons of good will and kind heart form the company represented as "sheep". They see men and women faithfully trying to help others by bringing to them the message of God's kingdom. Recognizing these faithful ones as the followers of Christ Jesus they seek to do good unto them because they are the brethren of Jesus. They are glad to give these witnesses of the Lord a cup of cold water, some food, and speak kind words to them, and when they find them in prison they not only sympathize with the imprisoned witnesses of the Lord but do what they can to relieve their suffering. The words of Jesus to the people of good will called "sheep" are these (Matthew 25: 35, 36): "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." These people of good will say to Jesus: "When did we do these good deeds unto you, Lord?" "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."—Verse 40.

At the present time the Lord is bringing the truth to the attention of the people, and thereby giving each an opportunity to place himself on the side of the Lord or against the Lord. When you see clergymen and others persecuting faithful men and women because they are preaching the message of God's kingdom from house to house you may know that such persecutors have placed themselves on the side of the Devil, and to such "goats" Jesus says: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." "These shall go away into everlasting punishment." Such is their fate.

Those who love righteousness and who do good unto the Lord's witnesses because they

are preaching the gospel thereby show their love for the Lord. Thus taking their stand on the side of the Lord they refuse to have any part with the persecutors. To this "sheep" class the words of Jesus are: "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." The Kingdom is for those who love and who do righteousness.

The division of the people into two general

classes is now in progress, and will continue until the great battle of Armageddon, at which time Jehovah will destroy all who are on the side of the Devil, and will extend His blessings of the Kingdom to all who love and serve Him. It is of the greatest importance to you that you now take your stand on the side of the Lord and His kingdom and fully acquaint yourself with His truth.

[The series of eighteen brief Bible talks, of which the foregoing is the last, may be obtained in the form of phonograph records. Such important subjects are discussed as "Redemption," "Life," "Soul," "The Dead," "Resurrection," "Purgatory," "Whose Servant?" "Trinity," "Keys," etc. There are nine rec-

ords in all, two talks on each one. They may be run on an ordinary phonograph. This unusual set of records is distributed by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. The demand for the records indicates wide interest in the themes they discuss. Inquiries should be addressed to the Society; not to us.]

Jehovah's witnesses

A Jonadab in Austria

THE Polish *Bulletin* says: "A certain Jonadab in Austria, who recently received a knowledge of the truth, has removed the 'Chaplet with Madonna' which he had built in front of his house to express his zeal when a Catholic. Instead, he got a painter to make a large sign on the wall of his house, quoting Isaiah 42:17, 'They shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images'; and at the bottom of the sign quoted Matthew 23:9, 'And call no man your father upon the earth.' People from all over the country have come, even in automobiles, to see the sign on the wall. Best of all, the Catholic priest had to pass the sign almost every day and had the man pulled into court for treason, but the court decided in favor of the sign."

Jehovah Has Witnesses Everywhere

SAYS Charles F. Condart, one of Jehovah's witnesses in the great San Quentin prison: "During the Kingdom Praise Period [September 29-October 7, 1934] there were eight workers, 175 testimonies, 132 placements, 12 books, 120 booklets, *Golden Ages* loaned to many. We are never idle nor unfruitful in the work given us to do. My work as a first-class painter, decorator, glazier, etc., takes me all over the prison reservation, and even off the reservation.

Yet I have lots of time to witness and loan the books and booklets out. So, since Satan has caused my imprisonment, he has only served to help in witnessing where it could not be given very well in any other way. Glad that soon the trafficking and merchandising in human life will come to an end, when the poor and helpless of the earth will at least have a chance for their life. Now they have no chance whatever; how well I know it!"

Spiritual Hybrids for Ever Debarred

A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know why no illegitimate child, even to the tenth generation, could enter into the congregation of Jehovah (Deuteronomy 23:2). The answer is that, while this forbade acceptance into the congregation of fleshly Israel of those born out of wedlock (so that God's laws would be held in due regard by all Israel), the true meaning is, as we now see, that none will ever, at any time, get into the congregation of Jehovah God unless they become wholly His children, unless they get to love Him with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, and stay that way. Those who are expecting to gain eternal life by outward formalistic piety, while at heart they do not love Jehovah God, and do not love their fellow men, will get what they deserve, destruction. And that will be a great blessing to everybody else.

Truth Spreading in Egypt

THE Greek magazine *Christopoliteia* does not intend to say anything favorable about Jehovah's witnesses, but amuses them mightily with the following:

After Alexandria, behold Cairo also and the interior of Egypt have the honor to be visited by Chiliasts [persons who believe in the Millennium]. This does not surprise us; they found in Greece a very wide field to take advantage of, and having accomplished in our unguarded fold what wolves could accomplish, they have now come into the fold of the Alexandrian church with the hope that they will find this one too unguarded, and to a great degree they so find it. Our chief shepherds are fraught with various service matters and their voice is heard only on Sundays for half an hour and no more. The under shepherds are inadequately furnished, being busy in providing their daily bread, and for this reason cannot guard the flock from the wolves; besides, they have not the arms.

Sundry British Items

IT IS said that English manors are rapidly breaking up, due to duties, taxes and the demands for country estates. This is in line with common sense. Crops in Britain in 1934 were good despite the drought. The London *Daily Express* claims that there are now 10,000 racketeers in the country, known to the police, but not disturbed by them. They can be hired to "attend" to anybody considered obnoxious and to keep "order" in public meetings. There is now hardly a city or town in the country without its band of hooligans organized for terrorist purposes. They always stop short of taking life. They got their start in Britain levying toll on bookmakers at racecourses, on the ground of furnishing them "protection".

The Biggest Steel Plant

THE biggest steel plant in the world, when completed, will be in Russia. The foundries in this plant are scheduled to produce 60,000 tons of castings yearly, twice the output of the Krupps. It is expected to produce annually sixteen rolling mills for the steel industry.

Russia's Plant Wizard

RUSSIA'S plant wizard, Michurin, has developed a fruit which is a cross of the apple and the cherry, an apricot which grows almost to the arctic circle, and a hardy grape which grows as far north as Moscow and the Urals.

The Hard-Pressed Vicar of Walkhampton

THE vicar of Walkhampton, Devonshire, England, has resigned. He had a house of eighteen rooms, six acres of land, a large garden and other buildings to keep up, and complained that the living provided by the taxpayers amounted to only £316 net. It does seem that an income of only about \$1,600 is little enough for keeping up a big place like that, for a humble follower of 'One who had not where to lay His head'. Still, when it is reflected that the vicar had nothing to do, absolutely nothing, except to draw his breath, and go through certain religious motions once a week, he was paid plenty.

Curious Tax Arrangement in Britain

IT WILL be news to most American readers that in Britain no taxes are levied on unoccupied property. Some owners of properties worth millions purposely hold them at such high rentals in hard times that they remain unoccupied. In that way they dodge everything except repairs, and insurance.

On the Shores of the Dead Sea

ON THE shores of the Dead sea there are now gardens where beans are raised that have pods two feet long, there are radishes eighteen inches long, and oranges sometimes weigh two pounds. The treasures of the Dead sea are being rapidly converted into potash and other chemical finds.

Trinidad Has the Staggers

TRINIDAD, famous for its asphalt deposits, surprised its inhabitants by something new. Inland the earth crumpled up in furrows, with trees tipping and leaning at odd angles like drunken men, and on the south shore 300 feet was added to the beach.

The Biggest Dam in India

THE biggest dam in India, and claimed to be one of the largest in the world, has just been opened at Mettur, across the Cauvery river. The dam is a little more than a mile long and has an average height of 215 feet.

West Australia Claims Unfair Treatment

WEST AUSTRALIA claims unfair treatment financially, and has sent a deputation to England to plead that they be separated from the Australian Commonwealth.

Big Business and His Babies

Capitalism at War with Society

SAYS *New America: Its Goal and Program*: The cause of their [the American people's] confusion and impotence is also the cause of their increasing misery—the traditional profit economy which is without plan or purpose except to put the ultimate direction of society into the hands of the most successful money makers. The American people have had their heritage taken away from them, and they are now being denied their future, by the profit system. Through its increasing waste of both our natural and human resources, its gradual destruction of its foreign trade and investment, this system has nearly exhausted the possible purchasing power upon which it depends for profit. Hence, the period of imperialist expansion being almost ended, the profit economy now turns in upon itself in economic nationalism. It now requires limitation and destruction of production. Thus the system is at war with the needs of the society it is supposed to support. This is a situation which cannot be tolerated. When the economic process which is supposed to increase production begins to limit and destroy it, then revolutionary changes in the whole social structure must ensue. The first of these is already in process. Without any definite mandate from the American people, without any clear understanding of what is involved even by those who are directing the process, this nation has passed from the era of private capitalism into a period of state capitalism. The profit system, unable any longer to operate on its own power, is now being kept going only by state subsidy. This is the economic essence of Fascism. Here, as in Italy and Germany, the vast powers of the state are being used in the attempt to revive a dying profit system. The inevitable outcome is a greater concentration of ownership, increased power to the inner circle of financiers, a lessening of the resistance of labor, a lower standard of living for most of the population. The course which this nation is now pursuing leads to a long period of extended undernourishment and almost universal underdevelopment, either under the present political control, or if that breaks down, under a more rigid and repressive form of Fascism controlled by the reactionaries and directed more completely in their interest.

What \$2,000 Can Be Made to Do

IN *Popular Mechanics* for September, 1934, L. R. Smith, president of the A. O. Smith Corporation, alleges:

"A five-room house equipped with every article of furniture, rugs, linens, kitchen utensils, in a word, everything, together with a garage and a lot, with all improvements such as sewers, pavements, sidewalks, lawns, trees, can be sold to the workingman for two thousand dollars, allowing adequate profit to the manufacturer, adequate time financing cost and every other similar type of expense."

Throwing Money Away in a Cemetery

A GENTLEMAN who has previously thrown money away in a cemetery tells of his will that when he dies he is to be buried in a plain, rough box, and taken to the cemetery as cheaply as possible. Further, he also says: "Fourteen years ago I placed in 'Hell' (the cemetery) a stone for which I paid \$350. The other day I realized \$100 back, after having left a good substantial mark at each of two graves in the form of a granite slab which cost me \$35. The memorial man said he had replaced small stones with larger ones, but not large ones with small ones. This gave me a good opportunity to give him a witness, which I did. Possibly this might be the means of others to realize a little ready cash."

Cremating the Dead

CREMATATION as a means of disposing of the dead is a custom which has been observed down through the ages. It was the method used by the entire ancient world except Egypt, Judea, and China. The first cremation in England took place in 1855. There are now nearly 3,000 cremations annually in England, and 17,000 in the United States. Germany leads, with 40,000 annual cremations, while Italy shows an average of 18,000. Approximately 85 percent of all cremations in the United States take place in southern California. This is ascribed to the fact that the population is largely transient. It takes a heat of from 1,800° to 2,000° Fahrenheit to disintegrate the larger bones of the body.

Wuxta! Wuxta! "Too Many Churches"

RIGHT REVEREND PHILIP COOK, bishop of Delaware and second presiding bishop of the Episcopal diocese of America, must have been reading *The Golden Age*. On his arrival by Panama Pacific liner in San Diego, Calif., from New York, he is alleged to have said that the United States has too many churches; and, anyway, that is the truth, even if he hasn't read *The Golden Age*, and even if he is a bishop.

The Shirts of Mussolini and Hitler

THE mail shirts of Mussolini and Hitler, made in the United States, are said to have cost \$700 each, and not to be very uncomfortable except on hot days. The day Dollfuss was killed the weather was very hot and he left his mail shirt at home.

Wonderful Cooperation of Murderers

INTERNATIONAL MURDERERS, LIMITED, otherwise called the Munitions Trust, cooperate with one another wonderfully. Ameringer, in *The American Guardian*, defines them as "flag wavers and saber rattlers, aiming at coining profit from empty eye sockets, cork legs, widows, orphans, corpses and shattered brains". The American state department of 1928 stands convicted of helping these people unload their devilish wares in Spain and Poland and playing both ends against the middle when the Peruvians and Colombians were so near war over Leticia. When these two countries were on the brink of war the American Arms Company, during an armistice, sold to Colombia rather than to Peru, because Colombia had more money. Ameringer goes on: "This is the outfit that stands behind every preparedness parade, war scare and red hunt. These are the patriots who drive teachers and college professors out of class rooms for exposing the criminal imbecility of war; break up pacifist meetings and persecute students who protest against swapping education for goose-stepping. These are the buzzards who bought up generals, admirals, inmates of the Department of State, and selected peace delegates to disarmament confabs, and picked the nation's bones camouflaged by Old Glory. These are the 'red, white and blue' boys who spill the red blood of others, wave the white feathers from swivel chairs in time of war, and create the blues that follow." The World War was egged on by the Krupp murderers in Germany, linked with the Schneider murderers in France; and as a net result there were ten million murdered fathers, sons and brothers, three times that many widows and orphans, twenty millions carried away by the flu, typhoid and pest, an untold number of gutted cities and towns, thousands of square miles of devastated farms, and with the able cooperation of our great bankers the murderers piled up money to beat the band—and still have it.

Government Strikes at Music Trust

THE Government has struck at the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, alleging that the 97 publishers and 969 composers and authors composing this corporation control 'practically all the musical compositions demanded by the public'. Members of the society assign to it the right to the public performance

of their work, and the society then sells licenses to radio stations, theaters and others. Anyone presenting publicly for profit any of the numbers of its members must obtain a blanket license to present the work of all its members, thereby making it impossible to obtain permission for just one or two songs. This confirms Judge Rutherford's statement, *Vindication*, Book Two, page 165: "Big Business dominates everything on the land." (Then follows a wonderful list, and in it) "Big Business owns and controls the majority of the colleges and the universities, and even the public or common schools. It owns the radio and controls the music that goes on the air, and the musicians that play."

Opposition to Progress

ELECTRIC light and power profiteers are exerting themselves to block the extension of Tennessee Valley Authority development, which purposes to bring electric light and power in to the towns and country districts throughout the vast territory within transmission distance of the great dams under the control of the directors. Under the policies of the TVA a demonstration fertilizer plant is nearly completed at Muscle Shoals, two large hydroelectric power dams are practically finished, electric current at unheard-of cheap prices is being supplied to small towns and rural regions, a \$7,000,000 transmission line is rapidly nearing completion, remedies for soil erosion are under way, and land planning and reforestation are in progress. The TVA is considered to be a sort of laboratory where the federal government can ascertain how to generate and sell electric power efficiently at rates so low as to make its broad use possible.

Roger Babson's Idea

PROPOSING to employ everyone in the United States under 30, Roger Babson said, "I would take the unemployed below a certain age and definitely quota them to the business interests of their community. We business men must support these people either directly or indirectly, and it is far better to support them by giving them jobs than it is by giving them doles or even government jobs." Just how Roger figures that the business men, exclusive of all other classes, support the unemployed, is difficult to explain. It is just an indication of the conceit which afflicts big business.

To a California Subscriber

WE DESIRE to manifest the fullest kindness and courtesy to all our friends, but cannot always bend to their ideas, and think they should not expect it. No doubt you are familiar with the Wickersham report on the Mooney case. If not, you should familiarize yourself with it before making any further expression in regard to it. This committee of the most eminent jurists in the United States has expressed such keen regret at the way this case was handled in California and is still being handled there that the United States supreme court is now considering a laying of this scandal. They would not even consider this, were it not for the widespread indignation over the methods taken in your state to keep an innocent man in prison merely because he is offensive to the powerful street railway system of San Francisco.

We cannot take the time to write you again regarding this matter, but feel that your assumption that you know more about this case than the judge who tried it and who has denounced the trial as a gross injustice; and that you know more about it than the jurors who sat in the case and who also denounced it as a gross injustice; and that you know more about the case than the witnesses who have admitted that their testimony against Mooney was perjured; and that you know more about the case than the photographs which prove that he could not possibly have been at the place of the crime at the time it was committed—all leaves us hopeless that we could say anything whatever to you that would change your mind.

Born into Bondage

By S. O. Sanderson (Minnesota)

NINETY-EIGHT out of every hundred children born in this land of plenty come into the world with millstones of debt around their necks.

In the case of the city of New York, the public indebtedness, federal, state, city and local, amounts to \$610.00 for every man, woman and child.

What a birthday present this is for 98 out of every 100 newborn babes! The other two come into the world with an inheritance of millions of dollars in property and a mortgage

for \$60,000.00 against the unfortunate ninety-eight.

No wonder birth control is resorted to under conditions like this! No wonder criminals are reared! Confronted with a debt, not of their own making, and an environment of hunger and want in the midst of plenty, what else can you expect?

Instead of being born into a life of servitude, every child should be endowed with a sufficient income to enable its parents to bring it up under a decent standard of living and education.

With the inexhaustible natural resources of the nation, and its tremendous mass-production facilities and man power, together with the elimination of interest on the public debt, in other words, the issuance of currency instead of bonds, this could easily be accomplished.

\$322,593,356.25

This huge sum is the amount of tribute the United States Treasury Department has obligated the men and women who toil to pay to the money-lenders under the guise of interest on the government bonds and notes amounting to \$1,892,946,500.00 issued December 15, 1934.

Since June 30, 1917, this form of tribute to the money-lenders has cost the men and women who toil the staggering sum of \$13,314,519,710.88.

This amount of money changed into twenty-dollar gold coins would load 629 freight cars with thirty-two tons each, and still leave a small matter of \$1,055,390.88 for pocket change. However, there is not that much monetary gold in the world.

This tremendous amount of money could all have been saved, and this depression and its consequent misery and despair averted, had the government obeyed the constitution and issued currency instead of bonds.

Only 65 Percent?

FREELING FOSTER, in *Collier's*, says: "More than 1,300,000,000 persons, or 65 percent of the entire population of the world, live today in countries whose newspapers and magazines are not only heavily censored but whose editors are given daily 'instructions' by dictators or government press bureaus. Thus news published in these countries is colored or distorted to an unbelievable extent, undoubtedly a great menace to the peace of the world."

Public Ownership League

THE Public Ownership League of America, located at 127 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill., has for more than twenty years advocated and furthered the public ownership of utilities. Numerous cities and towns have prospered phenomenally as a result of installing their own power plants, and tax-free municipalities are by no means few. The Public Ownership League is to be credited for much of this progress. In one of its circular letters we read, "On November 6 Sacramento, California, voted nearly 3 to 1 for a \$12,000,000 bond issue for a district public power system; Memphis, Tennessee, voted the same day nearly 18 to 1 for a bond issue for a municipally owned distribution system, so they could buy current from the TVA. Great projects like Muscle Shoals, Boulder Dam, Fort Peck, Casper-Alcova, the Grand Coulee, are under way and many more coming. Public ownership is here." The Ninth Biennial Conference of The Public Ownership League will be held at the Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C., February 21-24.

Big Business Not Eager to Help

THE attitude of big business toward efforts to help the unemployed is shown in the following extract from a pamphlet distributed by Associated Industries of Missouri:

Your business will be directly and vitally affected by many dangerous bills which will be introduced—or reintroduced—at the coming session.

Costly unemployment insurance legislation may be forced upon the states by Federal coercion. In the last Congress, this scheme was represented by the administration-supported Wagner 5% payroll tax with its rebate to employers taxed under state unemployment insurance laws.

This bill would cost you \$5,000 annually per \$100,000 of payroll. It is estimated (on the basis of this year's low payrolls) that it would have cost Missouri employers an annual toll of \$20,000,000.

Such a bill would force Missouri to embark on an extremely costly unemployment insurance program.

Britain's Doctors Want Right to Kill

IN PRUSSIA, if the consent of the patient is obtained, together with a certificate signed by three doctors, it is legal to kill humans if incurable. This right certain British physicians now wish to be extended to Britain, and a bill has been introduced in Parliament to that effect.

In the Land of the Free

ELMER G. STARK, Connecticut, writes: "Here is something to promulgate, though not unusual. I was rejected from the Civilian Conservation Corps, August 2, 1934, replacement center at Fort H. G. Wright, New York, for refusing an inoculation. I think it was for the prevention of typhoid fever; they did not tell us. You just take it. Everyone has to take three inoculations. I regret to say I submitted to one injection.

"On top of my application memorandum paper is printed 'Administrative Discharge. Unwilling to abide with C. C. C. Rules and Regulations.—G. G. Greenleaf, Capt. C. A. Res., Commanding.'

"I am told that my parents cannot receive any help or relief from the city or government if we need any in the future. Is there any difference between guinea pigs and humans?"

The Soley Armament Company

THE Soley Armament Company and the British Government are not the same concern, certainly not. The Soley Company is merely that corporation through which the British Government disposes of its surplus and cast-off arms. It freely admits that it resorts to bribery: it freely admits that the stocks which it controls are of such magnitude that the sale of a big block of them could alter the balance of power of small states. The conscience of the British Government is officially in the keeping of the Episcopal church.

Three Million Unemployed in Prosperity

EVEN if America could go back to the unemployment level of 1929, the last year of the period of prosperity, there would still be 3,000,000 persons without jobs. It would mean that every factory, store and farm would be employing the same number of workers as in 1929, which is beyond the bounds of possibility under present conditions.

League of Nations Badly in Debt

THE League of Nations is in debt £2,000,000 and is in such a jam financially that it over-budgets itself in order to keep going at all. It is afraid to sharpen up on nations in arrears for fear they will quit altogether. Only 12 of the 57 nations in the League are paid up in their dues.

Gas Bomb Department

Salvation and Gas Bombs

IT IS only recently that it came out that there is a relation between gas bombs and salvation. It was in a letter from the "Reverend" Paul Young, missionary in Ecuador for the Christian and Missionary Alliance. "Reverend" Young's brother is in the gas-bomb business, in Pittsburgh. The "Reverend" writes a good letter; it is interesting; he writes to his brother in one paragraph about praying for a job lot of Indians who had been pulled down by sin, and in the next paragraph told of the efforts he had made to get the chief of police of Quito, and other officials, to lay in a stock of gas bombs. The idea is that a missionary cannot be in one place all the time, to pray a bunch of bad Indians into line, so if they get pulled down by sin, and the missionary is in some other place pulling up somebody else who has been pulled down by sin elsewhere, why, the best way to do with the first bunch pulled down by sin is to give them the gas bombs and have it over with. Why have people around who are pulled down by sin when with a good order for gas bombs you can have Christianity spreading like wildfire, and nobody pulled down, but everybody pulled up, except those that strangle on the fumes?

Saints in Texas Disagree

SERIOUS disagreement is reported from saints in Texas. Baptists and Apostolics got into an argument over whose benches were whose. Knives, clubs and fists were used to support the arguments. One gentleman of 70 had his skull fractured; one was stabbed in the abdomen; at least eight were sent to hospitals. Several women were knocked out, and others fainted. A good time was had by all. The man with the fractured skull died.

People Not Interested in Their Line

IN AN address at Hartwick Lutheran Theological Seminary, Brooklyn, Rev. Dr. O. H. Pannkoek tried to prepare the budding young dominies for the pick-and-shovel method of earning a living when he disclosed to them that "we have an overproduction of pastors; we have all the evils of a glutted labor market in our ministry; our missionary policy has degenerated into nothing more than a plan for job insurance".

Bishop Laid Hands on the Colors

MAKING it clear that in his mind the Union Jack is to all intents and purposes the same as the pillar of fire by night and the pillar of cloud by day that led the Israelites, Bishop Richardson of the Anglican church, at St. John, N. B., laid his hands on the flag, "blessed" it "in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost", prayed that the soldiers and their officers would never do anything naughty (like getting drunk, or swearing like a trooper, or chasing around with wild women, frinstance), and that "they may all so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that they fail not finally to obtain an entrance into Thy heavenly kingdom, through the merits of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen". (This person last mentioned is the One who had so much to say about hypocrites.)

"Organized Christianity"

SAYS Dr. Leonhardt Ragaz, for thirty years professor of theology at the University of Zurich:

"I refuse to get excited about the so-called organized godless movement. The action of the godless society, sponsored by the Communists, is not a fight against Christ, but it is a protest and a judgment of the manner in which the cause of Christ has been represented in our time. The godless movement in Russia and elsewhere among the working-class is a purely theoretical movement, whereas the godlessness of the modern states, with their constant use of violence, their trampling of man's most sacred rights, the denial of freedom, their huge armament programs, with a view to killing human creatures, that is practical godlessness. That is real godlessness. Yes, it is far worse that evil is done in the name of God. God is something entirely different from religion."

"The Unholy Alliance"

SAYS the Reverend B. R. Wylie, M. A., B. D., as reported in *The Spectator*, Melbourne, Victoria, August 15, 1934:

"From the time of Constantine to the present day there has been almost uninterrupted cooperation between church and state. It is, therefore, not difficult to understand the church's attitude in 1914-1918. We failed simply because we had accepted this unholy alliance without question. We had no definite ideas about the moral nature of God as revealed in Christ and were caught unprepared. The church established itself on the side of authority and supported the war as an accepted Christian institution, and as a result lost the moral leadership of the world."

The Baptists and the World

HERE is a bookmark put out by the Northern Baptist Convention Board of Missionary Cooperation. It says in part: "This is a time for facing the requirement of Jesus that Christianity make itself a world force. Such a time lays upon our churches a special obligation to recognize themselves as world institutions and upon our church members to recognize themselves as world citizens." Wondering just what it was that Jesus said about His people's 'recognizing themselves as worldly institutions' we looked it up, and finally found it in John 15:19: "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

What the Church Offers

SOME have wondered, in these days, what the "church" now has to offer, but just read the following announcement sent in from De Soto, Ill.:

"Carnival Saturday, September 29, 7 P.M., Lutheran Church Basement. Admission: Adults 10c, grade school children 5c. Everybody Come. See the boxing match between Virgil Wheatley and Lloyd Ebersohl, the animal show, the floating match, and many other interesting side-shows. Hear the big broadcast, better radio program than you could get on your own radio. Don't miss it. Feed the elephant peanuts, a very dangerous elephant but carefully and skillfully trained by our well known Craig twins. Fortune: have our famous palmist read your future. Eats: hot dog and hamburger sandwiches, homemade candy and pop corn."

Taking Out the Profit Motive

THE Congregational and Christian ministers at Oberlin denounced the capitalist system because it "creates industrial and civic strife and international war, precipitates periods of unemployment and perpetuates insecurity, curtails cultural opportunities, and destroys human values, moral and spiritual". The Potomac Synod of the Lutheran Church said that the profit motive must be for ever taken out of industry so that only holy love can prevail. Yet in the face of both of these pronouncements, when Jehovah's witnesses have honestly tried to take the profit motive out of the religious business they have been misrepresented and in some cases even locked up.

Communion at a Dollar a Plate

THE Second Lutheran church, Selma Road at Linden Avenue, Springfield, Ohio, believes in communion. Yes, siree! Here is a card reading: "A call to the table of our Lord; Holy Communion Service, Sunday July 1st, 1934, 10:30 A.M. Jesus invites you; the Church welcomes you; the Lord's Supper awaits you. R.S.V.P. Why not make this Holy Communion Sunday a generous 'Dollar Day' for the Lord's work? Kindly bring the most liberal offering possible. Thank you. C. Ray Byerman, S.S. Supt.; Dr. E. H. Dornblaser, Pastor Emeritus; Dr. C. A. Sundberg, Pastor." The words "Dollar Day" were put in capitals on the postal card, for reasons which will be apparent to all. The only one who made any money at the first communion was Judas; he seemed to be the only one of the apostles who had an eye to business, but we couldn't truthfully say that he tried to sell places at the Lord's table to the other apostles at so much a plate. These Kiwanis and Lions' and Elks' and Rotary meetings have got the preachers all confused. They get so used to the dollar-a-plate idea that they think it goes everywhere. It really doesn't seem as if we ought to have to call their attention to the fact that the Lord's supper is not a blue-plate affair. If we didn't do something to stop them, the next thing we know they would be circulating invitations marked "Music and Dancing—No Cover Charge". Meantime, we do our duty, even if we get disliked for it.

Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity

THE Lady Margaret professor of divinity at Cambridge University, England, teacher of young clergymen, in an address to a conference of churchmen at Birmingham, said: "Although in the past the church has treated all the New Testament as literally true, we cannot do so today. It is religious literature, and its value is to be found in the religious ideas it suggests to us." How is that for "high"?

Time He Retired

THE Very Reverend William R. Inge, dean of St. Paul's, London, made the statement that there is an Oriental ferocity about many of the Psalms which makes them quite unfit for use in public worship: he also said that the Song of Solomon is not a religious book, but a collection of love songs. Then he resigned; and it was time he did.

Melbourne Sees Prince Henry at Church

THE Sydney *Daily Telegraph* of October 22, 1934, tells us:

It was simply a tall, rather diffident young man who walked down the great length of the nave at St. Paul's cathedral this morning and stood rather nervously in the front pew and looked up into the towering arches of the roof.

The cathedral was packed, and the doors carried the unusual placard, "Cathedral full."

Although the prince listened with rapt attention to the service, it was noticed that he did not sing at all, nor speak.

A problem arose when the collection was taken. In the Melbourne cathedral the plates are covered with a sort of wire cage, through which the money is dropped. The church officer nearest the prince looked at him and hesitated, not knowing whether to approach or not.

The prince settled the doubt by plunging his hand deep into his pocket, where his contribution to the offertory was already neatly folded. It was a note.

The subscriber who sends us this bit, which the newspaper describes as a revealing study of Prince Henry as churchgoer, wonders why St. Paul's cathedral does not trust anyone who comes there to worship. We ourselves wonder why the cage-carrier had to add insult to injury by his obvious hesitancy in approaching the prince. The plate was covered with a grid, and that should be sufficient precaution even though the prince's obvious discomfort in church was misconstrued. It was probably due to his dim realization that he was not being trusted.

It may be that we have drawn from the story a moral different from the one intended by the clergy who arranged for this publicity stunt. Probably the emphasis should be placed upon the fact that the prince was there in spite of the fact that he didn't enjoy being there, and the further fact that he managed to get a note through the grid. Probably the thing to do is to enter the church rather nervously, look up at the tall arches, "listen with rapt attention," regardless of the content of the sermon, and then, when the plates are passed, drop in a note, even though you are prevented by the cage from getting any change.

Dedicating the Shrine

By A. L. Philpott (Australia)

I QUOTE you from the Sydney *Sun*, one of the famous "newspapers" of this land. The paper is dated Sunday, November 11, 1934, and

in column 7, page 2, the following article occurs:

Tomorrow the prince's last and perhaps most important and poignant ceremony in connection with the Centenary—the dedication of the Shrine of Remembrance—will be attended by at least 300,000 people.

The Shrine has been so constructed that by natural lighting on the eleventh hour a beam of light strikes through an aperture on the shrine illuminating the sacred scroll of remembrance, which can only be observed by the public in an attitude of reverence requiring the observers to kneel to witness it.

That is the article, and in case you are a bit hazy as to the names of these things, permit me to enlighten you a little.

The so-called "shrine of remembrance" is an edifice of stone, not like Nebuchadnezzar's golden image; but what is the difference, as long as the Devil can entice the people that the thing he rears up is better than JEHOVAH? This image of stone is erected in one of the finest city parks of Melbourne, and is supposed to be something by means of which the people can remember the war, and incidentally, the manner in which the clergy "helped God" to win that war for the allies. This stone image was "dedicated" (excuse the word) by the prince of the British empire who is at present visiting these shores and making a great splash among the people who delight to have limelight. This article was printed in this paper on Saturday, but what was there printed happened, because every wireless station in Sydney, and all Australia too, I suppose, broadcast the ceremony, and believe me, the fat, sleek, and hypocritical humbug clergy were there in all their glory, throwing the smoke screen as they usually do.

The Way You Look at It

ONE of our subscribers sends us a program of the Bethany Evangelical church of Buffalo for December. First they had a business man talk on "Our Preparation for Christmas as a Layman Looks at It". That ought to be good. Then, the following Sunday they planned to have a bishop of the Polish National Catholic church tell how a bishop looked at it, which should be still better, if the truth were told. Then, the following Sunday the preacher tells how he looks at it, and that ought to be overwhelming. And finally, the fourth Sunday, the "White Gift Christmas Service with Christmas Pageant". Motion pictures with each service.

Trial by Lynch Law in Quebec

REFERRING to certain prosecutions for blasphemy in the province of Quebec, Bishop John C. Farthing, of Montreal, of the Church of England in Canada, indicates that he is not in favor of legalized lynch law. He says, in part, in a letter to Premier Taschereau:

"In neither case has the accused spoken a word against God or His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the case of the one condemned I understand that criticism was made against certain occupants of the papal see. These cases are being conducted by the crown prosecutor, and I presume, therefore, with the full sanction of the attorney-general of the province. The government of the province, therefore, assumes the role of prosecutor of anyone who reflects upon the character or official action of any pope of the Roman church either in the present or past and regards such reflection as blasphemy against Almighty God. Mr. Justice Charles A. Wilson is reported to have said that the interpretation of law differs, and depends on the mentality of the people, that what would be blasphemy in one place, say in Toronto, would not be blasphemy in Quebec, and vice versa. If this interpretation of the criminal law is as stated, with regard to the subject of blasphemy, then it is equally so for other offenses. It is only a step from this point to legalized lynch law. Are we to understand that from henceforth anyone in this province who criticizes adversely the action of ecclesiastics in the past or present is subject to imprisonment? How can we teach history if that be so?"

Hand on Humanity's Purse

A SUBSCRIBER sends us a clipping about the return from Italy of Bishop Byrne, of Galveston, and the welcome given him by the people. The bishop praised the government of Italy, which indicates where his sympathies lie. Among those who spoke at the gathering which was held in honor of the bishop's return was Rabbi Cohen, who praised Bishop Byrne and, referring to the pope, said the audience should listen carefully to the messages the bishop brought back, as they came from a man who had "his hand on the pulse of humanity". Our subscriber thinks the "i" in the word "pulse" should have been an "r", as do some other Texans whom he happens to know. The clipping further says "Rabbi Cohen praised the bishop", and "Congressman Thompson commended Bishop Byrne", and "Senator Holbrook praised the bishop". "Father" O'Connell also praised the bishop. The clipping does not say anything about any of them that he praised Jehovah God.

The Truth About Mexico

IN A COPYRIGHTED article for the New York Post Anita Brenner shows that the to-do about "religious persecution in Mexico" raised by the Catholic hierarchy is all a myth. The situation there is almost purely political, and if the Hierarchy only limited itself to "religious" activities there would be no "religious persecution". She says, "If the church has its way, the present government, its laws, its constitution, and the social beliefs it voices, will all go down in a great revolutionary wave supported by Americans, either underground or openly. . . . If you and I went from house to house in Mexico today, asking 'How do you feel about the church-government conflict?' we would make a discovery that would amaze you, because the answers we would get would seldom touch on the religious issue at all." She states that in such a canvass we should find that many devout Catholics do not support the church side, while many Protestants and Jews take a pro-church stand. The matter is really summed up in the following words: "The reason is a political axiom true of Mexico and of every Catholic country—the religious question never appears alone. *Material* as well as religious issues are always at stake."

How the Blessing Got Through

BEFORE the days of the radio the apostle Paul wrote to various companies of God's people and repeatedly terminated them by such expressions as we find at 2 Corinthians 13:14, where he says: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the holy [spirit], be with you all." But now we have the radio, and just see the improvement. The pope sent the benediction of the "Omnipotent God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost" to his folks at Buenos Aires, but explained that he did it by the intercession of eight different persons, whom he named, from the virgin Mary down to Gonzalez, Rodriguez, and Castillo. At that rate, after a few centuries, the string of intercessors would be so long that by the time it got to the ones that were going to bestow the blessing everybody would have forgotten their names or what it was all about. The intercessors would have the front seat, and the others would be so far in the rear that it would not matter whether they got to them or not.

"An Investment Is Made for Eternity"

IN HAND some advertising matter of Sulpician Seminary, 3218 Seventh St. N.E., Washington, D. C. It is willing that people should turn their cash over to them while they are still alive. This is a nice arrangement, for it "makes it possible for people to so arrange their financial affairs during their lifetime as to be absolutely sure of being beneficiaries after death of the spiritual returns merited by deeds of charity". It seems that "the necessity is eliminated of the precarious alternative of eventually making a will, for the breaking of which by others so many ways are found". There is the further information that "five hundred dollars or more may be invested in this way with us; and an investment can be increased at any time through additional payments". The advertising literature also says, "An investment is made for eternity." Without a doubt that is the truth: you part with your money, and you part with it for ever.

Trying to Maintain Its Independence

A SPECIAL correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* compared the ruthlessness and brutality of Loyola and that of Hitler. The Jesuits got into action. The *Sun* printed several of their complaints about the statement. The archbishop took a hand and virtually insisted that the affront was intentional and that the editor must submit to impossible terms of surrender of independence, which were rejected. Though domiciled in a Catholic city, the *Sun* had the courage to tell the whole story in a two-column article and to conclude with the assurance that it "must be careful to maintain its complete independence and that it cannot accept suggestions, under duress, as to the conduct of its affairs".

Roman Catholic Wing of American Navy

THE Roman Catholic wing of the American navy made quite a hit with the pope when 400 midshipmen gave their college yell followed by three "holy fathers" in the pope's audience chambers at the Vatican. The account says of these ardent Roman Catholics that "they were led by their officers and Admiral Hayne Ellis, in charge of the cruise ships Wyoming and Arkansas". It seems that Admiral Ellis had a fifteen-minute private audience with the pope prior to the yell.

Correspondent Confuses Conditions

A CUMBERLAND (Wis.) correspondent sends two items, which seem to be 10.00 each: one is dated Sept. 4, 1934, St. Joachim's Congregation, beer license, 10.00, and the other is dated St. Joachim's Church, Sunday, October 14, High mass at 10 a.m. This idea of adding together 10.00 for a beer license and 10.00 for a high mass does not seem just right, somehow. Maybe the idea is that at the mass they get 20.00, the same being twice as much as was spent for the beer in September; but if 20.00, why is it advertised as 10.00, and what have masses to do with beer? The thing is twisted. Of course, it might be that before 10.00 one might imbibe beer to the amount of 10.00, but in that case would there be anything left for the mass 10.00? It seems doubtful. Certainly there would not be 20.00, so why mix the two 10.00 s as if they referred to the same thing? The correspondent is confused.

Bible Alone Not Safe?

IN ITS issue of November 25, 1934, *Our Sunday Visitor* tries to defend the Catholic church's attitude toward the Bible and contends that Catholics are not forbidden to read it, and all that has been said about Catholic ignorance of the Scriptures is untrue. The fact remains, however, that in entirely Catholic countries knowledge of the Word of God is the exception, and not the rule. The Bible may have been the most widely circulated book in the Middle Ages, but that was because so few other books were circulated. The distribution of Catholic Bibles as compared with the distribution of Bibles by Protestant Bible Societies tells the story, and needs no further comment.

The Family Prayer

A N ANONYMOUS post card from Newark, New Jersey, reads as follows [sic]: "Your last discourse was interrupted by a painful cough.* Our family prayer whilst listening was, 'Hell, that you might choke.' Why, do you engage in such Damnable work? Everybody knows there is nothing without blemish, not even you. Give up your dirty rotten work. Shew by your every-day behaviour that you are worthy of emulation. The Priests & Rome will live in perpetuity, whilst you 'should you not change' will be Roasting in Hell or some worse place.—One of the ignorant Catholics you despise." [*Only slight, and temporary.—Ed.]

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

THE *West Virginian*, Fairmont, has a page entitled "Go to Church Sunday, Your Church, any Church, But Go". Apparently all the churches in town are behind the page, in the center of which, set out in large type, there appears among other things the following: "When the war was on our government turned to the church as one great agency to reach the people. Never before had the government taken the church so fully into its plans. And the church stood up to the job and did its work faithfully. The war was won not by American material as much as by the American spirit. And the church sustained that spirit." Makes you think of a horse with a head and front legs at each end of its body: you can put a halter on either end, and the horse will go as readily in one direction as it will in another. The only trouble is that it has a double appetite and no eliminative apparatus, and when you speak to it you never know which end of the horse will obey your instructions.

Doctor Mueller's Nazi Church Plans

THE London *News Chronicle* says of Dr. Mueller's Nazi church plans that they constitute a definite defiance of the Vatican and that Catholics are to be made to join with Protestants in his national church: if they do not they are to be dealt with along typically Nazi lines. The *News Chronicle* notes the difficulty of making the Vatican followers do anything whatever without the pope's consent, and also notes that the Pastors' Emergency League is beginning to see that the Protestants must take a stand or perish, and is wondering what will be the outcome of this "strange mixture of the odious and the merely ridiculous". When it comes to sticking their foot into it the Germans are certainly entitled to the grand leather medal.

Another Stab for Peace in the Chaco

THE pope's secretary of state, on a trip with 200 other Catholic prelates to see what can be done to stop morbid and sensual practices in convents in Argentina, will make another stab at peace between Paraguay and Bolivia over peace in the Chaco, and may succeed, as all the parties to the strife are Roman Catholics. In 1932 the pope arranged a twenty-four-hour truce, which the warring countries themselves prolonged to forty-eight.

Demonism in Jamaica

REVEREND JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS, S. J., in an address in London, tells of demonism in Jamaica. The Reverend M. E. P., a Catholic priest, was giving extreme unction to a dying woman when an arm, with no body attached, reached around him and struck the poor woman on the side of the head with such force that her head was dislodged from the pillow. He tried it a second time: the arm reached around him and this time dragged the woman from her bed and threw her dead at his feet. We confidently expect things of this kind to come closer and closer to those swallowed up in Catholicism until the victims would rather be dead than to live.

Items of Interest from Mexico

MEXICO city has a new palace of art, which was thirty years in building and cost \$7,000,000. Of late Mexico has had many earthquakes, one of which, in the state of Jalisco, caused 50 deaths and 400 injured. In the state of Hidalgo the state legislation now permits one priest for every 5,000 people; in the state of Yucatan only three priests are allowed for the whole state, and for reasons best known to the men of Yucatan those three priests must be married men. In the city of Puebla, where Catholics had seized a government school, they were dispersed by tear-gas bombs thrown by soldiers and police officials.

"O Baal, Hear Us"

SAYS Mrs. S. W. Austin, of Idaho: "Last Saturday, October 22, I tuned in on the radio and got a football game, on a field at Eugene, Oreg., between the Gonzaga College, a Catholic organization at Spokane, Wash., and a team in Oregon. Just as the game was to start, the announcer was very careful to say the Gonzaga men had dropped to their knees in prayer. They were beaten 13 to 0, and finished the game in a pouring rain."

"Leave It to the Clergy"

IN THE September (1934) issue of *Hunting and Fishing*, published in Boston, Mass., is an item headed "Guns", and reading:

"Leave it to the clergy! The first successful patent for the application of fulminate for igniting the charge of powder in a gun was obtained in 1807 by a Scottish minister, Rev. A. J. Forsyth."

Sending Out Purgatory Certificates in Advance

THE "Holy Trinity Missionary Cenacle, House of Studies, Holy Trinity Heights, Silver Springs, Md., Reverend Theophane Mulroy, M.S.S.S.T." has put out a new idea in the merchandising of "Purgatory Certificates" that seems to have some merit. Instead of waiting until you can get \$10 to send and get one of these certificates the certificate is or was sent first. The letter explains: "This enrollment of your beloved dead is free; but we do invite you to join the 'League of Friends of the Holy Souls' and to promise if possible your own prayers, holy communions and good works for our Spiritual Treasury. Life membership in the League is \$10 which may be paid at your convenience." It is not explained just what luck the "poor souls" in "purgatory" will have if the one who gets the certificate fails to come across with the \$10; but who would want his mother cooked to a cinder when he has a certificate that she is getting every reasonable attention from the "purgatory" jail keepers, and when he ought to know that if he doesn't let go of his \$10 she will get the double cross?

Cardinal to the Rescue

CARDINAL MUNDELEIN gave character testimony for one of the defendants in the Insull mail fraud trial. He described as "splendid" the reputation of Harold L. Stuart, La Salle Street investment banker, who was accused, along with Samuel Insull and fifteen others, of swindling investors of a hundred million dollars. "On my petition and recommendation Mr. Stuart received one of the highest orders the Catholic church can confer," said the cardinal. "That was the order of Pope Pius the Ninth." Insull and codefendants were found "not guilty".

Plenty of Publicity for Priestcraft

JUDGING from the amount of space the priestly crowd get in the papers, as well as the many positions of prominence they manage to crowd into, one would judge that they are far more numerous and important than the facts warrant. Archbishop Edw. J. Hanna, of San Francisco, has been appointed as a member of the National Arbitration Board; and while we do not question the bishop's ability, we wonder how he interprets the apostle's counsel to Christians, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life."

The Association of the Miraculous Medal

SOMEONE has kindly sent us the advertising literature of "The Association of the Miraculous Medal, Reverend Joseph A. Finney, C.M., Director, St. Mary's Seminary, Perryville, Missouri". We can understand the offer of an annual membership for 25c, a five-year membership for \$1, a life membership for \$5, an individual perpetual membership (in "purgatory" and out) for \$10, and the family perpetual membership for \$50; we even understand about the beautiful engraved certificate which some get for their \$5 or \$10 or \$50; they should have something, and as the certificate costs not more than 1c or so it still leaves a good margin for doing business. Moreover, we can also understand the special offer, fifteen times repeated, of premiums for sending in names of members in batches of six. Six is a Bible number: as in 666, and otherwise; so we can see why there are special arrangements to reward those who send in 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42, 48, 54, 60, 66, 72 and 78 members; but we can't just understand why, when in all these cases the receivers of the cash were satisfied with 25c a member, yet when somebody got out and hustled around and sent in names of 84 members they have to send in an extra 50c for the lot. Now just why is this? Is this on the level? If we send in, say \$19.50 for 78 members (25c a member) or \$22.50 for 90 members (also 25c a member), why should we be compelled to send in \$21.50 for 84 members (which is at the rate of over 25.595238c a member)?

The Champion Silver Buyer

A PARTY who signs himself "Sucker who paid" says:

"It's too bad 'Father' Coughlin doesn't practice what he preaches. As one who had implicit faith in him, I was amazed to read of his gambling in the purchase of 500,000 ounces of silver on a 20-percent margin, and with the funds he receives from his radio audience. Hereafter, my money will go to a charity that I am sure of, as this seems to be the greatest racket of them all."

Mayor of Pittsburgh Got Permission

BY DINT of much effort the mayor of Pittsburgh got permission of the pope to put "Father" James R. Cox of that city on the board of assessors at a salary of \$4,500 a year. It is thought he had an awful time getting the consent(?).

"The Kingdom of God on Earth"

SINCE 1922 Jehovah's witnesses, then more generally known as "Bible Students", have been "advertising the King and His kingdom". Satan has sought to obscure the issue by various misconceptions of the subject. First of all, he had ready his League of Nations, which the reprobate clergy of the Protestant classification hailed as "the political expression of the Kingdom of God on earth". Catholics have pushed their own ideas of the Kingdom, hailing a piece of bread as "our Eucharistic King", and since this "Eucharistic King" can be "created" only by the hands of the Catholic priestly tribe, it is evident that they, and not the "Eucharistic King", are the big thing. Now another misconception of the kingdom of God is brought to the fore, and news dispatches describe it as follows:

It all centers around Thomas R. Wallace, Alexandria, Va., architect, who is establishing a 'nation within a nation'—to be known as 'The Kingdom of God on Earth.' On a square mile of farm land near Herndon, Va., Wallace plans to abolish the use of currency and embark upon a community venture of deliberate overproduction. The only money is the original contribution by the veterans—from \$500 to \$1,000 each—and whatever income the citizens of 'The King-

dom of God on Earth' may receive in monthly disability checks. As the Colony flourishes, each veteran will be given his own mansion, Wallace explained, to carry out the familiar Biblical description of heaven.

Assuming that the newspapers have represented the matter honestly, we would say that the foregoing effort, whatever may be its merits, is presumptuous in styling itself "The Kingdom of God on Earth".

Food Adulteration in Britain

FOOD inspectors in Britain found fruit drinks without fruit; arsenic in yeast; copper in cider; potted meat that was largely starch; chicken and ham paste containing lead; spiced beef and tongue containing tin; sausages deficient in meat; ice cream alleged to contain cream and eggs but that contained little cream and no eggs; lime juice that was a solution of citric acid and glycerine; ground cinnamon that was adulterated with sand; delightfully flavored ripe fruit juice consisting of corn starch; aerated water mislabeled as soda water; custard powder that contained no egg; canned fish that contained tin and lead. It represented capitalism at its best.

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GREAT EVENTS have heretofore come to pass and which involved many nations. In the very near future a far greater event will come to pass and which will involve the entire universe. The war of 1914 was the greatest war up to that time. The universal war that is near will be far more stupendous, and only a few persons, comparatively, will survive. Those who do survive will be the ones who receive a knowledge of and who obey the truth. On this occasion attention is directed to the coming universal war in order that the people of good will may have opportunity to be informed and to take the steps necessary for their own protection.

The conclusions here announced are not based upon the opinion of man, but are fully supported by the inspired prophecy recorded in the Bible. The greatest storehouse of information is the Bible, and without doubt there is greater ignorance amongst the people concerning the Bible than of any book ever written. Because we now stand at the very portals of universal war the information concerning the same, as set forth in the Bible, is of greatest interest, convenience and necessity to the people. Never in the history of the world has there been such a concerted effort made to prevent the freedom of speech as now, and the reason is directly connected with the universal war soon to be fought.

That all the nations are now feverishly arming for war, no one will attempt to deny. If

you ask the rulers of the nations why this great war preparation, not one will be able to give a satisfactory answer. All nations openly declare that they do not desire war, and yet they go madly on building all manner of machines for the destruction of men and property.

HE WAS ASHAMED

A BUSINESS MAN writes that he persistently refused to listen to any of Judge Rutherford's lectures or to read any of his books. While trying to get something on his radio besides "jazz" he happened to tune in on the talk "UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR", and listened. He was suddenly profoundly impressed with the fact that here was the simple and yet the most astounding truth being set before him. He realized that he had permitted the prejudices of others to erect a barrier between him and the most essential knowledge that people today can have. "I am ashamed," he confesses, as he considers how foolish he has been, and he is now most eager to read everything Judge Rutherford has written.

"UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR," which is widely considered the most impressive talk Judge Rutherford has ever given, is now presented, in full, to readers of *THE GOLDEN AGE*.

Why Nations Arming

What is the real reason why the nations are hurrying to war? The correct answer is, because there is an *unseen* power that is drawing all the nations into an armed camp. Let all persons of good will now lay aside religious, political or other prejudice and calmly consider this matter. The great Jehovah God has put the truth in the Bible for the benefit of man, and through His prophet Isaiah (1:18) He says to men: "Come now, and let us reason together." Let that admonition be obeyed upon this occasion, and those who do calmly reason will profit thereby.

It is expressly stated in the Bible that it was written for the instruction of man at the time of the end of the world, where we now are. Furthermore it is stated in Revelation that God has given Jesus Christ a revelation of the things that must speedily come to pass following 1914 and that Christ in turn informs men of what is coming to pass, if such persons diligently seek to understand the truth.

At chapter sixteen of Revelation these words are recorded, to wit: 'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the

dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of demons, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of that great day of God Almighty. . . . And they gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.' (Revelation 16: 13, 14, 16, *R. V.*) These words constitute a part of the revelation of things that must speedily come to pass after 1914. The word "dragon" there used is one of the names that God gave to the Devil; and the words "beast" and "false prophet" therein used are names given to the instruments which the Devil uses to accomplish his wicked purpose.

"Beast" is the symbolic name used in the Scriptures to describe the visible or earthly part of Satan's organization that rules the nations of the earth and is made up of three elements, to wit, religion, commerce, and politics. "False prophet," used in this text, symbolically means that part of Satan's visible organization which is his chief spokesman or mouthpiece on the earth. The "false prophet" is composed of the leading nations of "Christendom" speaking for the nations of the world and using the League of Nations as a dummy, like a ventriloquist who appears to speak by a dummy. It is really the wicked Devil speaking through the "false prophet" and using the League of Nations dummy to deceive mankind. Here is the plain statement from God's Word that the Devil is using invisible wicked spirits and his visible representatives on the earth for the purpose of gathering or drawing all the nations of the world to the great and universal war, which is called in the Scriptures "the war of the great day of God, the Almighty".

Why?

By what authority can it be said that the gathering of the nations is now taking place and that the universal war is near? The prophecies in the Bible, which are true, give the complete answer to that question. That answer in brief is this: Before the tragedy in Eden all creation honored the name of Jehovah God. Lucifer was, by God's appointment, the overlord of the earth, and a part of Jehovah's organization. Lucifer rebelled against God and boasted that he could cause all men to curse and defame the name of Jehovah God and turn them away completely from God. For this wicked rebellion God en-

tered His judgment of death against Lucifer and at the same time changed his name to that of Dragon, Serpent, Satan, and Devil. (Ezekiel 28: 13-17; Revelation 20: 1-3) God did not execute His judgment against the Devil at the time entered, but, as recorded at Exodus 9: 16, Jehovah told Satan that He would permit him to remain and attempt to carry out his boastful challenge before Satan is destroyed and that God would do so that in due time He, Jehovah, might exhibit His own supreme power and cause His own great name to be declared by His witnesses throughout the world. Jehovah God set a specific time during which Satan has been permitted to do all within his power to prove his wicked challenge, and God has declared that at the end of such time He will destroy Satan and his wicked organization. That period of time for the operation of Satan is designated in the Scriptures as a 'time of waiting', the end of which period of waiting marks the end of Satan's world. (Psalm 110: 1; Zephaniah 3: 8; Matthew 24: 3) When that period is reached, then the prophecy of Revelation begins to be fulfilled, and which things must speedily come to pass.—Revelation 1: 1.

Question in Dispute

During that period of waiting the question in dispute has been, Who is supreme and who shall rule the world? and will the Devil be able to turn all men away from God, or will some of them maintain their integrity toward God? During the waiting period God has not attempted to prevent the Devil from exercising his power over men and nations, but God has kept the truth before mankind so that those who desire might learn and obey the truth and prove faithful to God under the test and thereby maintain their integrity toward the Most High. The end of that period of waiting must come sometime, and when reached it marks the beginning of the preparation for the execution of Satan and his wicked forces in the great universal war.

That long period of waiting came to an end in 1914, the proof of which is abundantly given by prophecy and the physical facts in fulfilment thereof. The prophecy of Christ Jesus, the great Prophet, definitely fixes the date of the end of that period of waiting. The first evidence of the end of that period of waiting was the World War, beginning in August 1914. According to Revelation, chapters 11 and 12, there was, about that time, a war also in heaven, resulting in

Satan and his wicked angels' being cast out of heaven and down to the earth, and since then the Devil has confined his work to the nations of the earth. Since 1914 great woes have come upon the world; as it is written, in Revelation 12:12: "Woe to the inhabitants 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." As there stated, the Devil sees that his time is short in which he must prepare for the great and final battle, and his purpose is to destroy all men rather than to see any man serve Jehovah God. In no other way could Satan win the great issue between himself and Almighty God. And Satan is certain to fail!

Gathering the Nations

It was in 1918 that the Lord began to gather His faithful ones unto himself and to cause them to declare that the kingdom of God under Christ is here and is the hope of the world. From that time forward the Devil hastens to draw the nations into the war camp. It was about the same time that the League of Nations was formed, which is the Devil's substitute for God's kingdom, and which League is employed to deceive the nations and to blind the people to the truth that God's kingdom is the only hope of mankind. Now the Devil uses his invisible forces, composed of wicked spirits, and his visible forces, composed of the "beast" and the "false prophet", to deceive the people and to gather the nations of the whole world together for the universal war.

Do the rulers of the nations of the earth and those forming the "false prophet" know that the Devil is the real power that is drawing them into this universal war? The Scriptures and the facts show that they do not know and understand it. Although they have been repeatedly told and warned, they do not believe the testimony of God's Word, and hence are not enlightened. They are in the dark as to what God's Word really teaches, for the reason that the Bible has been repudiated by those who claim to teach it. The Scriptures designate the Devil as the prince of darkness and the great deceiver of man, and the one who blinds men to the truth lest they should see and learn the truth and serve Jehovah God. (2 Corinthians 4:3,4) If the rulers in "Christendom" really knew and believed that the Bible is the inspired Word of God they would turn away from the League of

Nations and forsake all parts of Satan's organization and would give their allegiance to the kingdom of God under Christ, which Jehovah declares is the only hope of the nations.—Matthew 12:21.

Three Unclean Spirits

Mark that the Scriptures relating to the gathering of the nations to the universal war say that the Devil, the beast and the false prophet are the three unclean spirits or demons, that is, wicked invisible powers, which go forth to gather the earthly rulers to the great war. Such gathering is being done by false messages declared and proclaimed to the nations by those unclean spirits. Those wicked ones the divine prophecy likens unto frogs, which symbolically means that they speak great swelling words, look wise, and make believe that they know much. The false messages that come out of the mouth of these wicked spirits may be summed up in these few words which they are declaring to the nations, to wit: 'Come, let us associate ourselves together in a league to rule the world; let us make peace pacts, set up world courts, and associate ourselves together in covenants, and together let us robe the earth in glory and beauty and make it a place fit to live in. Such is within the power of the nations, and let us do it.' That is an expression of a conspiracy of the nations, led by the Devil conspiring against God and His kingdom, as stated by the prophet, to wit (Psalm 2:2,3): 'The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us disregard God and His kingdom and run the world to suit ourselves.'

Willingly Ignorant

Do the leading men of "Christendom" fully realize that they are playing into the hands of the wicked Satan and are joining in a conspiracy against God and His kingdom? The scripture at 2 Peter 3 answers that: 'They are willingly ignorant of this fact, because they will not hear and will not believe the truth.' Therefore Satan is leading them into his trap. In the language of Jesus those worldly leaders are made blind by Satan and they are blindly leading the people into the ditch. (Matthew 23:16) Why, then, is it the will of God that this warning be now given to the people? In order that the people who desire righteousness may be informed and hasten to the place of refuge before the univer-

sal war breaks upon the world. All people who do not hear and heed the warning and break away from Satan's organization will go down with that wicked organization.—Revelation 18:4.

Demonstration of Supreme Power

Why, then, are the nations now so extensively arming for war? Are they doing this knowing that they are going to engage in the universal war? They do not know why they are arming, and can give no good reason why. There is no real reason why Japan should go to war with America, or why France should go to war with Italy. The real reason why the nations are arming is, because Satan and his wicked angels are forcing them into the great war camp with the hope and expectation of turning all the nations away from God and His kingdom, and also of destroying those people who stand firm for the kingdom of God. Thereby Satan expects to win the great question in controversy. The majority of the leaders of the nations of the earth do not believe the Bible, and hence do not believe that a universal war is impending and about to break, and hence they are being deceived by Satan.

The name and Word of Almighty God is involved, and that holy name must be vindicated, and the way God will vindicate His name is by the demonstration of His supreme power. Jehovah God is the only source of life. Satan cannot give life to any creature. All persons who remain on Satan's side must, with Satan, be destroyed. All those who will live must take their stand on the side of Almighty God and be faithful and true to Him. Life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ, and there is no other way to get life. (Acts 4:12) Those who do not gain life everlasting must die and remain dead forever. The Devil, in order to deceive the people, has always held before mankind the lie that there is no death. The destruction of Satan and his organization not only will prove Satan a liar and vindicate Jehovah's name but will operate beneficially to every creature that sincerely desires to live. These great truths are now being brought to the attention of the people at the command of the Lord, and they give all people of good will the opportunity of taking the right side and finding life everlasting.

When God sentenced Satan to death, at the same time He declared that He would appoint a righteous King to rule the world and to administer blessings to all the nations of the earth that obey Him. That righteous One is called

the 'Seed of promise', is the rightful Ruler of the world, and His name is Jesus Christ the Lord. In 1914 God enthroned Christ Jesus, and there He began His reign, as it is written in Psalm 2:6, to wit: 'I have set my King upon my holy throne.' To the Lord Jesus Jehovah then said (at Psalm 110:2): "Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." Christ Jesus has begun His rule, but He must first oust Satan and his organization and destroy wickedness in the universe, that righteousness may completely prevail. Satan well knows that his time is up and that he must give up the rulership of the world or fight, and that if he loses the fight that means his complete end. Satan therefore assembles all of his forces against God's organization and prepares for the great universal war, which war will involve not only all the nations of the earth but all of the heavenly host.

Alignment

Since the year 1919 the three unclean spirits mentioned in Revelation 16 have been uttering their boastful words and working under Satan's direction to gather his forces to the universal war. On the Devil's side are all the wicked angels of the universe, led by Satan's chief marshal, who is named Gog. The ruling powers of the nations of the earth are completely dominated by Satan, and these form his visible organization, the chief part of which is designated under the symbols of "beast" and the "false prophet"; therefore says the scripture (1 John 5:19): 'The whole world lies in the wicked one Satan.'

The world war that began in 1914 was instigated by the Devil for the purpose of destroying the nations, and that war would have continued until all the nations were wrecked; but according to the testimony of Jesus Christ, at Matthew 24, Jehovah stopped that war in 1918 and cut it short in order that He might give His witnesses an opportunity to give testimony to the nations of earth, which testimony must be completed immediately preceding the great and universal war. It was in 1918 that Christ Jesus came to His temple, and shortly thereafter began the gathering together of those whom God has designated as His witnesses and who are sent forth to give the testimony of Jesus Christ. Now both the Scriptures and the physical facts show that the giving of that testimony is near the end and that Satan has gathered the nations into his war camp; hence it may be confidently

stated that the universal war is very near. The nations of the earth, blindly moving under the influence of Satan, are arming for a great struggle, and while this arming and gathering is being completed Jehovah's witnesses are diligent in giving the testimony of Jesus Christ as God has commanded that they must do.

Churches

In the alignment for the universal war, which side will the churches take? The answer is found both in the Scriptures and in the physical facts. The churches form the religious part of the world's organization, and hence are a part of the world. All of the churches and their leaders participate in the politics of the world, and about that there is no dispute. The churches and their clergymen, forming a part of the world, are therefore, according to the Scriptures, enemies of God. (James 4:3, 4) In the language of God's prophet, the church leaders call upon the name of God by the mouth only, but their heart devotion is to Satan's world. Concerning these religious organizations it is written; at Matthew 15:8, 9: "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips: but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (See Isaiah 29:13.) The majority of the clergy deny the inspiration of the Bible, and particularly that part which declares that Jesus is the Savior and King of the world. The church leaders do not tell the people that the kingdom of God under Christ is the only hope of the nations, but, on the contrary, they join with the political and commercial rulers in support of the League of Nations and hail it as the substitute for God's kingdom and call it the only light of the world. The League of Nations is the Devil's creation; and since the churches support the League of Nations, they have thereby aligned themselves against God and His kingdom and therefore take the enemy's side. This is the real reason why the clergy vigorously oppose the testimony concerning God's kingdom which is being delivered by Jehovah's witnesses. It is the reason why Jehovah's witnesses suffer persecution at their hand. The religious organizations form a part of that organization which rules the earth, and which is designated in the Scriptures under the name of "Babylon". To the people of good will Jehovah, through His prophet Jeremiah (51:6), now says: "Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and

deliver every man his soul; be not cut off in her iniquity; for this is the time of the Lord's vengeance," or vindication.

God's expressed purpose is to destroy Satan's organization, and He warns the people to flee therefrom. This is further evidence that the clergymen who call themselves shepherds or pastors of the flocks, in the churches, will be found on the side of Satan in the universal war. In support of this conclusion, note the language of God's prophet, to wit (Jeremiah 25:34, 35): "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." Mark you, I am not holding churchmen up to ridicule, but I am merely calling these prophetic truths to the attention of the people, that those who desire may learn to be guided by God's Word and not be guided by the words of man.

Truth Involved

Why is the truth involved in this universal war? Because Jehovah God is the fountain of truth. His Word is the truth. (John 17:17) All the ways of Jehovah are truth. (Psalms 25:10; 33:4) "For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth." His truth "endureth for ever". (Psalm 117:2) Jesus Christ is the perfect expression of God's Word of truth. Jehovah sent Jesus to earth to give testimony to the truth and appointed Him as King to rule the world, and concerning this Jesus said (John 18:37): "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voice." Every one that is on Jehovah's side must believe and bear testimony to the truth. The giving of testimony to the truth is true worship of Almighty God in spirit and in truth.—John 4:23, 24.

That which is the very opposite of truth is a lie. The Bible designates Satan the Devil as a liar and the father of lies; hence Satan and his agents not only manufacture and tell lies but fight against everything that is truth and righteousness. (John 8:44) Almighty God hates a liar. (Proverbs 6:16-19) The Devil hates the truth. Therefore from the time of Eden forward there has been a deadly conflict between lies and truth, and every one that has vigorously

advocated God's truth has been persecuted by Satan and his agents.

All the holy prophets of God from Abel to John suffered martyrdom because they spoke the truth. (Hebrews 11:1-39) When Jesus, the great Messenger of the truth, came to the earth Satan tried to destroy Him because He spoke the truth. Mark this, that in the persecution of Jesus and the other prophets Satan used the religious leaders to do the persecuting, and this is conclusive proof that such religious leaders have been on the Devil's side. To the clergy and religious leaders that persecuted Jesus He said (John 8:37-44): "Ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. . . . Ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God." The religionists of this day likewise persecute Jehovah's witnesses.—John 15:19-21.

The Final Show-Down

It is Satan who blinds and injects into the minds of men the desire to kill Jesus and His witnesses, and that wicked thing Satan does because Jesus and His witnesses declare God's purpose is to rule the world in righteousness by Christ Jesus. Satan has always known that the setting up and successful operation of God's kingdom of righteousness means Satan's finish, and he has therefore sought the death of every one that has advocated God's truth concerning the Kingdom.

Now the end of the waiting period has come. Christ Jesus, earth's rightful Ruler, has come. God has placed Him upon His throne of authority. Now there must be a complete show-down as to whether the Devil shall continue to rule the world and keep the people in darkness or Christ Jesus shall rule in righteousness to the glory of Jehovah God, and open to the people the way to everlasting life. That final show-down must shortly take place, and it will take place at the battle of Armageddon. Just before that universal war Jehovah sends forth His witnesses to testify the truth to the people concerning His kingdom. When that testimony is delivered in completeness, then will follow the greatest of all tribulations, which is the universal war of Armageddon. (Matthew 24:14-21) Mark that it is the Devil or Dragon and his agents that are gathering the nations to the universal war, and it is the same Devil or Dragon and his agents that now make war upon and try to de-

stroy Jehovah's witnesses because Jehovah's witnesses are telling the truth of and concerning God and His kingdom under Christ. At Revelation 12:17 the plain statement is made that the Dragon is angry with those of God's organization and goes forth to make war with Jehovah's witnesses, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ. These are some of the reasons why the truth is involved in the universal war.

Sedition

The crime of sedition is defined by earthly authorities as "incitement to discontent against the government". God's faithful prophets of old were persecuted to death upon the false charge of sedition, because they spoke the truth of God's Word. Jesus was falsely charged and wrongfully convicted of the crime of sedition because He spoke the truth which was considered by the rulers as inciting the people against the government. The common people heard Jesus gladly, because He told them of God's purpose to give them a righteous government and the boundless blessings it would bring. The clergy of that time, as a part of Satan's organization, called a council to determine how they might destroy Jesus, and the high priest on that occasion used these words (John 11:47-51): 'If we let this man Jesus alone all men will believe on him. . . . Consider that it is expedient for us that one man should die.' That was a conspiracy to commit murder. Thereafter, at the instance of the clergy, Jesus was charged with sedition and put to death. The faithful apostles were likewise charged with sedition, because they told the truth. (Acts 5:28) Jehovah's witnesses today are commanded by the Lord to tell the truth of and concerning His righteous government, and because they do so in obedience to that commandment they are charged with crime and imprisoned.

Only a few days ago, in Quebec, two of Jehovah's witnesses were wrongfully convicted of the crime of sedition because they distributed amongst the people a booklet telling of God's kingdom under Christ. It was the clergy, both Catholic and Protestant, who voluntarily appeared at that trial against Jehovah's witnesses and who testified that these Bible truths would tend to bring about a revolution. It is easy to be seen that Satan was back of that persecution and blinded religious men and used them as his instruments to accomplish his wicked designs.

Jailed for Telling Truth

Less than a month ago a young man in Germany called on his sweetheart and showed to her passages in the Bible concerning God's kingdom, which shall soon replace the kingdoms of this world, including the Hitler government, and for that offense the young man was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. The reason is that the Devil is in complete charge of the government of Germany and is desperately attempting to keep the truth concerning God's kingdom away from the people.

Just now all the nations are attempting to suppress the truth. In several of the state legislatures bills are pending to suppress the truth. In the Congress now in session attempts will be made to cause the enactment of law to suppress the freedom of speech and making it a crime to tell the truth. When such laws are enacted, then look for greater persecution of Jehovah's witnesses who bear testimony to the truth concerning God's kingdom under Christ. Members of Congress and other public officials will soon demonstrate which side they are on in the great universal controversy.

The radio is one of the God-given means of transmitting the truth to the people. The official record of testimony recently taken by the Federal Communications Commission concerning radio broadcasting is now before the Congress of the United States. That official record discloses that the two great broadcasting corporations of America, to wit, the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System, have entered into an agreement with the clergy by which Jehovah's witnesses are wholly denied the use of their radio facilities to broadcast the truth of and concerning God's kingdom. They have created what they call "THE CHURCH OF THE AIR", which limits broadcasting of all matters pertaining to the Bible to the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy and with the understanding that none of these will say anything about their belief in the Bible that might shock the religious susceptibilities of another. That unholy arrangement denies the people the opportunity of hearing the message of truth by the great radio stations of the land, and the purpose and effect is to suppress the truth.

Why this discrimination against Jehovah's witnesses? Is it because the religionists are afraid of them? No; because Jehovah's witnesses are small in number and would harm no one.

The real reason is, because that old Dragon the Devil is desperately attempting to keep the people in ignorance of the truth of and concerning God's kingdom under Christ and is blinding selfish men and using them as his instruments to accomplish his wrongful purposes.

Many Independent Stations

But more than ninety *independent* radio stations are now broadcasting this speech. In behalf of millions of American people I express to the owners and managers of those independent radio stations keen appreciation of their cooperation in carrying this message to the people, and I commend such stations to the favorable consideration of all honest persons.

Satan would keep the people in ignorance of the universal war that is near, in order that he might prevent them from seeking the way of escape. Upon the members of Congress there now rests a tremendous responsibility. Every member of Congress who votes to continue the present method of controlling the facilities of the big radio stations, and permitting the selfish clergy, by the practice of boycott and coercive methods, to prevent the use of radio stations by Jehovah's witnesses, will thereby be taking the Devil's side of this great controversy, and hence fighting against God. They will therefore align themselves on the enemy's side in the coming universal war. Congress would do well to consider the present situation.

Every law that is enacted for the purpose of suppressing freedom of speech and publication of the truth will be an act of fighting against God. In the battle alignment for the universal war you may be certain that the ruling powers of the present nations of the earth will be on the side of Satan the Dragon, because, say the Scriptures, 'he goes forth unto the kings of the whole world to gather them to the war of that great day of God Almighty.'

The rulers are not opposing Jehovah's witnesses and the message of God's Word because they have a grudge against Jehovah's witnesses, nor because they even think Jehovah's witnesses are important. They are opposing because they fear the truth and because their universal leader, Satan the Dragon, has blinded them and is leading them to the place of Armageddon.

Jehovah's Side

The word "Armageddon" means the "place of assembly of troops" of Jehovah the Almighty

God. It is Satan and his wicked forces that come up to make war against Jehovah's troops. Where, then, is the place of assembly of Jehovah's troops, and who is on God's side? The Scriptures disclose that the organization of Jehovah God is symbolically called "Mount Zion"; that there assembled are Christ Jesus and His close associates, such as the faithful risen apostles, and also a multitudinous host of holy angels. It is that invisible or spiritual host that will engage in the great war. On the earth, and forming a part of Jehovah's army, is the little company of Jehovah's witnesses, and these also Satan is attempting to kill. The only part that Jehovah's witnesses will perform in the universal war is to bear testimony before the nations and peoples of the earth concerning God's purpose by and through His kingdom. Jehovah's witnesses must perform their part before the real battle begins.

According to the prophecy of Christ Jesus the World War was stopped in 1918 that testimony might be given to the nations and peoples concerning the Kingdom. To His witnesses the Lord commanded that this testimony must be given as a witness to the nations first, and when it is done, He added (Matthew 24:14-21), "then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." This testimony Jehovah's witnesses must give, and their failure or refusal to do so would mean their own destruction. During the past fifteen years, in obedience to God's commandments, Jehovah's witnesses have been giving this testimony to the nations. They have published this gospel message in more than sixty languages and placed in the hands of the people books containing that message to the number of more than 178 million. Many millions of people by reading those books have learned the truth, even though greatly opposed by Satan and his agents. The Scriptural evidence and the physical facts strongly indicate that such witness work is now almost done, and when it is done the universal war will begin.

Sudden Destruction

Universal war is absolutely certain to come, and that soon, and no power can stop it. The Almighty God has decreed that it shall be fought to rid the universe of wickedness. God does not change. (Malachi 3:6) His decree once made must be carried out. He says: "I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isaiah 46:11) Dur-

ing the long period of waiting, from the resurrection of Jesus until now, God has commanded those who have faith in Him to wait patiently for His due time to act. To such He has said (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."

During the few remaining months until the breaking of that universal cataclysm the powers that rule the nations of the earth will continue to make treaties and tell the people that by such means they will keep the world peace and bring about prosperity. They will also continue to enact and enforce strenuous laws to suppress the freedom of speech and to take away the liberties of the people. They will continue to persecute and oppose Jehovah's witnesses who are trying to get the truth to the people. Having laid a strong hand upon the people and completely subdued them, then the dictatorial powers of the nations of the earth will say: "Now we are at peace and in safety"; and the scripture replies thereto, at 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 Fight

Through His prophet Zechariah God tells how the fight will begin and what will be the result. You who desire to know should study that prophecy which is explained in the book *Preparation*. Armageddon will be the battle of God Almighty against all the powers of wickedness, both seen and unseen. Through the prophet Zechariah God says: "I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle." "Jerusalem" symbolically stands for Jehovah's organization, and hence includes all who are on the side of God and His kingdom. Jehovah is commander in chief of all the forces of righteousness, and He selects the place of battle, and there the battle must be fought. That place is called "Armageddon", and against it Satan assembles his forces. When the visible rulers of this world have apparently subdued all opposition and when the telling of the testimony by Jehovah's witnesses is completed, the fight will begin, and Jehovah God will fully demonstrate to all crea-

tion that He is supreme and all-powerful. Concerning this His prophet Zechariah (chapter 14) says: "Then shall [Jehovah] go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle," in times of old. By reference to God's fighting against the enemies of Israel in times of old we are given some insight as to how the universal war will be fought. The holy prophets record that Jehovah God fought against the enemies of Israel, to wit, the Midianites, Sisera, and others, and that those fights foretell the manner of the battle at Armageddon. (Psalm 83:9, 10; Isaiah 28:21) "They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sisera. The river . . . swept . . . away" multitudes. (Judges 5:20, 21) In a battle led by Joshua against the combined enemies of God's chosen people, it is written, God caused the sun and the moon to stand still and threw great chunks of ice down from heaven and thereby destroyed multitudes.—Joshua 10:10-14.

Jehovah's Invincible Forces

Jehovah will employ like weapons of war against His enemies at Armageddon. Concerning the coming universal war it is written by the prophet Joel (3:15, 16): "The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining: The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake; but the Lord will be the hope of his people."

Guns, air machines, battleships, and poison gas will be of no avail against the forces of Almighty God under Christ. That universal war will demonstrate to all creation that the power hurled against the enemy is supreme and that hence it is Jehovah of hosts who is doing the victorious fighting. Says the prophet Zechariah (14:12): "And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; 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."

This means that the visible forces of Satan, while standing on their feet and on the march, the Almighty God will mow down. When the earthly armies of Satan attempt to shout, says the prophet, 'their tongues shall consume away out of their mouth.' While using their field glasses to discover the location of God's faithful

ones, the prophet says, 'their eyes shall consume away in their sockets.'

Religious teachers will now say to you: "We do not believe anything of the kind. Do not hear those old foggy prophets." Their prototypes said the same thing in opposition to God's prophet Jeremiah, and then God destroyed them. (Jeremiah 28:1-17; 29:20-32) When the enemy stood before Jerusalem and demanded immediate surrender and the repudiation of Almighty God, then Jehovah smote 185,000 of them in an instant. (Isaiah 37:8-36) These things were recorded in the Bible merely as types of the universal war. Jesus says that universal war will be the worst the world has ever known.

"Christendom" has hypocritically taken the name of Jesus Christ, the Head of God's organization, and the leaders of "Christendom" tell the people that they will make the earth a safe place in which to live and that no evil shall befall the people. To "Christendom" Jehovah says through His prophet Jeremiah (25:29-31): "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. . . . A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations," and all of them that are wicked God will destroy.

Result

The net result of that universal war will be the complete destruction of every creature that stands on the side of Satan and fights against God. As to the number of the slain in that war, note these words of the prophet Jeremiah (25:33): "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."

The forces of Almighty God at Armageddon will be led by Jesus Christ, and concerning Him it is written: 'He is called the Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth make war.' (Revelation 19:11-15) 'The armies which are in heaven follow Him. And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword with which He should smite the nations.'

Mark again that it is the Devil and his organization that by means of deceit and fraud gather the rulers of the earth to the war, and concern-

ing the result of that fight it is written (Revelation 19:19-21): "And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against [Christ] . . . and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet. . . . These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword."

The host of wickedness will suffer complete defeat at the hand of the Lord of righteousness, and then the Devil shall be destroyed, as it is written in Revelation 20:1-3: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more." Thus the righteous war shall completely and for ever cleanse the world of wickedness.

Not Looking for Trouble

Before that terrible war is fought, however, Jehovah's witnesses know that they must inform the people by delivering God's message of truth to them. These witnesses of Jehovah have no fight with human creatures. They are not seeking trouble, but are giving testimony in obedience to God's commandment; and thus they worship the Almighty God. While doing this work they know that they will be viciously assaulted by Satan and his agents, but they will go on with their work fearing neither man nor devil, because Jehovah says to them (Isaiah 51:16): "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."

The lawmakers of the nations, goaded on by their religious allies, will continue to make laws to suppress the proclamation of the truth, and this they will do at their own peril, because they have been warned. The courts will continue to side-step the issue and render decisions contrary to the fundamental law of the land and in violation of God's holy law, and thus they participate in opposing and suppressing the truth. Regardless of all this Jehovah's witnesses will go on in their work, as harmless as doves and with the boldness of the lion. In the performance of their duty they may die at the

hands of men, but their failure to obey God's commandment would mean their destruction at the hand of Almighty God. Therefore Jesus says to them (Matthew 10:28): "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in [Gehenna, *Greek*]."

Vindication

The Scriptures disclose that the purpose of the battle of the great day of God Almighty is to vindicate the name of Jehovah, that is to say, to prove that Jehovah is the Almighty God of supreme power, that He is all-wise, that justice is the foundation of His throne, and that He is wholly unselfish. He bides His own due time to vindicate His name. He waits until wickedness has run its full course, and then He acts. He has selected Christ Jesus as His mighty instrument to carry out His purpose, because Christ Jesus is always faithful and true to Jehovah. Now Jehovah has enthroned Christ Jesus and sent Him forth to destroy the enemy for the vindication of God's name. Now to Jesus Jehovah speaks these words (Psalm 45:2-7): "Thou art fairer than the children of men; grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever. 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 [Jehovah] 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 [O Mighty One], is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness; therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows."

Jehovah is the "Right Hand" of Christ Jesus; and of the terrifying things that He causes Christ to do, these are some, as recorded in Isaiah 34:2-5: "For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig

tree. For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment." These prophecies Jehovah caused to be written and declares that they shall be fulfilled at the end of Satan's world, where we now are. Their fulfilment is now at hand.

False Brethren

In the world there are those who profess to be Christians but who are blinded to the truth and who employ their religion for selfish purposes, and who conspire together and with others of the enemy for the destruction of the faithful followers of Christ Jesus. These professed Christians claim to be brethren of Christ, even as Esau claimed to be brother of Jacob. They are designated in the prophecy under the names of "Edom" and "Idumea", dwelling in organizations symbolized by "Bozrah". In the universal war none of these, whether they be Catholic or Protestant or others, will be on the side of Jehovah, but will join forces with the enemy and go down with the Devil; and here is the proof: Jehovah caused His prophet Isaiah to record a colloquy with Christ Jesus. (Isaiah 63:1-4) The prophet beholds the victorious Christ returning from the universal war and says to Him: "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength?" To this the victorious Christ replied: "I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save." Then says the prophet to Christ: "Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the [winevat]?" To this Christ replies: "I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people [professed Christians] there was none with me. . . . For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come."

The decree of Jehovah is summed up in a few words (Psalm 145:20): "The Lord preserveth all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy."

Today falsehood rides in the saddle and truth is suppressed. With the end of the universal war all lies will cease and truth will be enthroned for ever. Then all creation shall know that the name of the Almighty God is Jehovah. That will be a glorious vindication of His holy name. It will be a time of great blessing to all those who love God and His righteous law. Then the

Prince of Peace will lead all the survivors into truth and everlasting righteousness.

Safety

In the war universal every man on Satan's side will turn his hand against his neighbor. Amongst men there will be no place of safety or escape. Jehovah God has provided a way of escape and a place of safety for those who obey His commandments, and for that reason the truth must now be proclaimed to the common people that they may have an opportunity to flee to the place of refuge. When the chosen people of God entered into the land of Palestine they were commanded to build certain cities of refuge. When a man unwittingly committed the crime of manslaughter he might flee to that city and find refuge under certain conditions. Those cities of refuge symbolically represented God's organization. (Numbers 35:9-34) Now there are millions of persons on earth who desire to do right but who have been unwittingly led into the way against God and His kingdom. Their place of refuge now is to be found only in God's organization. To that class of persons God through His prophet Zephaniah (chapter two) says: "Before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you . . . seek righteousness, seek meekness; it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." To seek meekness you must hear and learn the truth. To seek righteousness you must obey God's Word of truth when you hear it. In support of this scripture, Jesus says to all persons who love righteousness to now "flee into the mountains", and thus take refuge in the organization of Jehovah God.—Matt. 24:15, 16.

Those who are preserved and pass through the great universal war will be the ones first in line for the blessings which God will administer to the peoples on earth. Such blessings will include peace on earth and good will toward men. Wars will be forgotten for ever. Health and strength will be given to the people, and they shall dwell together in joy and contentment. Among the greatest blessings to be bestowed upon man is everlasting life, the gracious gift of God through Christ Jesus. (Romans 6:23) God made the earth to be inhabited by righteous men, and under the reign of Christ the people will dwell in their homes in complete happiness and live forever.

The present governments of this world cannot bring to you the blessings of life and happiness. Why, then, should you longer stand in jeopardy?

When you see the most terrible storm of all time rapidly approaching, why not break away from the cruel and oppressive things of this world, and flee to the kingdom of God and find safety by taking your stand wholly on the side of God and His kingdom?

If This Be Sedition!

Now you can see why Satan has put it into the minds of earthly officials to charge faithful followers of Christ with the crime of sedition. To be sure, the message of truth speaks deliverance and blessing for the nations, and these truths stir the people with zeal for that universal government of righteousness. Jehovah, the Almighty God, has commissioned His witnesses and commanded them to declare these truths, and they must do it. If the conclusion is that the proclamation of these great and eternal truths constitutes sedition, then let the Devil and his earthly representatives make the most of it. By the grace of Almighty God His witnesses will remain faithful and true to Him and continue to declare His message of truth until He says it is enough!

Honest persons desire to see peace on earth and good will toward men, prosperity, happi-

ness and life everlasting. It is only God's Word of truth that shows the people how these blessings can come. Therefore Jehovah has made provision that men shall be brought to a knowledge of the truth. When God's kingdom is in full sway and wickedness for ever gone, then will truly apply the words of Jehovah by His prophet, to wit (Psalm 85:10-12): "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 time has come when there is no middle ground to take. Every person on the earth will, within a very short time, be either on the side of the Devil and his organization or on the side of God and His kingdom. It is God's kingdom, and it alone, that can and will set you free and bring you the blessings you desire. Those who put their trust in God He will protect. Let every person who loves righteousness and who desires to see on this earth a government of righteousness and everlasting peace now take his stand on the side of God and His kingdom and so indicate by standing and shouting, Aye!

SOME OF THE TELEGRAPHIC RESPONSES

JUDGE RUTHERFORD's address on "UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR", broadcast over 103 radio stations, including four short-wave transmitters, was enthusiastically received, as shown by numerous letters and telegrams received. Only a few of the telegraphic responses are given herewith, as there is not space to print them all.

Berne, Switzerland. "Jehovah's witnesses here rejoiced in hearing your heart-stirring speech." Harbeck.

Honolulu, Hawaii. "Message clearly heard. Re-broadcast KGMB highly successful. Hawaiian publishers thrilled. Send love, greetings." Haslett.

Winnipeg, Man. "Lecture well received over short-wave. Rejoicing in message." Jehovah's witnesses.

Midland, Ont. "Lecture strong and clear. Jehovah strengthen you for the battle." F. C. Wainwright.

Phoenix, Ariz. "Thirty-eight witnesses and Jonadabs heard lecture through Schenectady. Unanimously voted 'Yes'." John A. Peterson.

Fort Smith, Ark. "Thirty assembled heard every word of forceful lecture and answered 'Aye' to righteous government." J. w's.

Berkeley, Calif. "Marvelous message. God bless you and give you strength to proclaim His name and word unto the end." E. M. Parsons.

Fresno, Calif. "Through the facilities and courteous cooperation of KMJ Fresno we have just been blessed by Jehovah to hear clearly and distinctly your most inspiring lecture. Happy to be on the Lord's side." C. Talbot.

Oakland, Calif. "A righteous message." C. R. and M. Welch.

"Lecture grand, thrilling, magnificent." G. W. Adams.

San Francisco, Calif. "Thrilling message received clearly. Pressing on with you to the end." J. w's.

San Rafael, Calif. "Grand courageous message received like clarion note of Gideon's trumpet." C. and E. Condart.

Denver, Colo. "Lecture came in excellent. Denver company rejoicingly support the message

- and ask the Lord's blessing thereon." J. w's.
 "Thanks be to Jehovah God for your life-giving message." E. S. Holt and W. G. Grant family.
- Washington, D. C. "Jehovah's message heard clearly in Washington. Blessed be Jehovah's name, who strengthens you to boldly declare the truth today." A. Koerber.
- Atlanta, Ga. "Your message was great. Keep up the good work." Tom Jinis.
 "Message wonderful." Whatley and Smith.
- Augusta, Ga. "Judge Rutherford's lecture came to Augusta Station WRDW fine and distinct. It was highly appreciated." H. M. Frost.
 "Your fearless and forceful presentation inspires us to greater zeal." Bill and Elmira Treder.
- Columbus, Ga. "Lecture came in clear here. Enjoyed by many." O. W. Waldrop.
- Chicago, Ill. "Over two hundred Jehovah's witnesses and Jonadabs assembled together this morning. Their hearts overflowed with joy on hearing 'UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR' and to know that the glorious vindication of our great Jehovah of hosts is near. Aye! Reception clear, volume good over station W2XAF."
- Indianapolis, Ind. "Lecture was a wonderful blessing from Jehovah." J. w's.
- Manhattan, Kans. "Your inspiring lecture very clear and this company of Jehovah's witnesses give hearty approval."
- Parsons, Kans. "Lecture 'UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR' reception splendid. Very impressive. A complete demonstration of the truth. We declare our full allegiance to Jehovah and the kingdom of righteousness, intelligently, sympathetically, appreciatively. Never more than now." J. w's.
- Ashland, Ky. "Lecture 'UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR', reception perfect, logic clear and convincing." Jehovah's publishers.
- Bangor, Me. "Reception perfect WLBZ. Message thrilling. Such fearless proclamations for Jehovah approved. Continue. We are with you." J. w's.
- Hallowell, Me. "Excellent reception of your thrilling and wonderful presentation of God's word." J. w's.
- Springfield, Mass. "Message over WMCA clear, forceful, thrilling, inspiring. Jehovah's vengeance boldly declared." Mr. and Mrs. John Dulchinos.
- Detroit, Mich. "Reception to broadcast excellent. We all were thrilled with your message and appreciate being associated with you in the work of Jehovah's kingdom. With Christian love." J. w's.
- Greenville, Miss. "Lecture plain over WREC. Endorsed every word." J. w's.
- Kansas City, Mo. "Congratulations. Reception was splendid. Message most timely." J. w's.
- St. Louis, Mo. "Heard your lecture on 'UNIVERSAL WAR' at KWK studio. Came very clear. Shepherds howling on phone entire hour." M. Bird.
- Lincoln, Nebr. "Reception clear. Greatly encouraged to press on to the end." J. w's.
- Plainfield, N. J. "Four hundred Jehovah's witnesses assembled here. Thrilled by your courageous and heart-cheering lecture, which has filled all with renewed zeal and determination to further press the battle. Relentless persecution continues. Jehovah's witnesses arrested today while placing announcements of broadcast in Plainfield. We now go into action for second round." New York and New Jersey division Jehovah's witnesses.
- Bernalillo, N. Mex. "Heard every word perfectly." Frances Baumann.
- New York, N. Y. "Greetings. Message very clear. All here heartily pledge our cooperation." J. w's.
- New York, N. Y. "Jehovah's name and His word supremely honored in the message of today and His blessing and strength were so manifestly upon you." Bethel family.
- Buffalo, N. Y. "Praise Jehovah for most thrilling message. Perfect reception." Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Leary.
- Syracuse, N. Y. "Cheered by Jehovah's message, heard clearly. Aye!" J. w's.
- Akron, Ohio. "Akron company send you our love and appreciation for a message of encouragement. All answered as one man when resolution was read. Reception clear as a bell."
- Columbus, Ohio. "A thrilling message of universal importance." J. w's.
- Piqua, Ohio. "Just heard lecture through Detroit. Message most impressive." Kellers.
- Chickasha, Okla. "Heard powerful lecture against Satan and for Jehovah. Greatly rejoicing." Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Young.
- Portland, Oreg. "Your fearlessness and boldness are an inspiration." J. w's.

Hazleton, Pa. "Reception perfect. Message inspiring. More power to you." A. K. Smoker.

Philadelphia, Pa. "Tremendously thrilled with 'UNIVERSAL WAR NEAR', heard over WIP. Thank Jehovah for encouragement." Group of Philadelphia company publishers.

Deadwood, S. Dak. "Speech, theme, transmission and reception best ever." Fred W. Werner.

Knoxville, Tenn. "Program clear and distinct over W2XAD Schenectady. Rejoice with you in the Lord's service." J. w's.

Memphis, Tenn. "Your thrilling message came through clearly on WREC. Praise Jehovah." E. W. Beasley.

Beaumont, Tex. "Greatest message ever. All join in resolution. May Jehovah richly bless the witness work until the end." J. w's.

Corpus Christi, Tex. "Your lecture indeed timely." Geo. L. Spivey.

San Antonio, Tex. "Message powerful and thrilling. The best yet." I. R. Peoples.

Sweetwater, Tex. "Your comforting and inspiring lecture received by company of good-will people assembled at Sweetwater, who enthusiastically and intelligently responded." B. R. Kent.

Roanoke, Va. "A most remarkable witness in name of Jehovah." J. w's.

Suffolk, Va. "Judge Rutherford's lecture heard distinctly. Every word appreciated." Rita B. Murray.

Milwaukee, Wis. "Your broadcast was masterful, courageous and timely. Issue very clearly presented." J. w's.

LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

"I have heard Judge Rutherford's record programs and also in person over radio station KTSA and am deeply and earnestly interested. I want, more than anything, to have a perfect understanding of this all-important subject and shall appreciate any help you may be able to give me . . . and ask that you send me a copy of Judge Rutherford's talk which was delivered from California, Sunday, January 13." Mrs. C. R., San Antonio, Tex.

"Please send me three [copies] of the knock-out address 'Universal War Near'. . . I sincerely thank the Lord for knowledge and understanding of His Word." Mrs. W. McM., Flushing, N. Y.

"Having heard a number of your very excellent addresses on radio, the one last Sunday, January 13, was about the best of all. Would appreciate if you would send me a copy of the same. . . . It is no doubt a most amazing day in which we live and it is a very noble work you are doing in enlightening the masses as to the inevitable result of the present system of political and economic trends toward utter chaos." T. T. H., Chevy Chase, D.C.

"Your lecture of this date heard over KWK, and I was greatly impressed, even thrilled. . . . I beg of you to forward a copy to me. I am permitted to lecture occasionally in my own church and shall of a certainty pass this truth on to them. By reading over your lecture I may ab-

sorb a bit of your eloquence and impressiveness." L. J. B., St. Louis, Mo.

"I am sending for the lecture 'Universal War Near', delivered by Judge Rutherford last Sunday. I never heard such a wonderful lecture in my life, such an array of Scripture woven together. . . ." Mrs. G. W. E., Pittsburg, Kans.

"Today I listened to Judge Rutherford's fifteen-minute electrical transcription over KTSA, San Antonio, Texas, and again his one-hour lecture in person from Los Angeles, and thought they were wonderful, especially the personal lecture from Los Angeles." C. B. M., Yoakum, Tex.

"I am sure the viewpoint expressed by you on the Bible and conditions in general are the sentiments of a great number of people who are really honest with themselves and others, and who are not afraid to face the facts as they really exist." I. L. R., Norristown, Pa.

"To my mind it is the most instructive spiritual and Biblical talk on the air. I never saw the speaker and do not know intimately any of the witnesses of Jehovah, but I know truth when it is so plainly put." Mrs. M. I., Boothwyn, Pa.

"In this little isolated town in the Ozark hills we were able to get all of Judge Rutherford's talk on 'Universal War Near'. We tuned in on our nearest station KWK, St. Louis, Mo. We could hardly wait for 11:30 a.m., so anxious were we to hear these great truths explained." Mrs. C. E. P. and Mrs. W. R., Centerville, Mo.

Free Speech for All Broadcasters

FREQUENTLY those who try to please everybody succeed in pleasing nobody. In fact, that may be taken as a fairly constant rule. A year or so ago a number of radio stations were stampeded into excluding Judge Rutherford from their programs at the behest of Catholic priests. These priests came to them with certain statements which the unwary radio managers took at face value; a most injudicious step. A little knowledge of priestly tactics would have enabled them to see through the scheme of these priests, which was to accomplish their own ends regardless of the means. The priests claimed to represent a substantial section of the public. As a matter of fact, their influence, even among intelligent Catholics, is definitely limited. True, there is always a modicum of priest-controlled people who will write letters, publish statements, and otherwise make a loud noise, but it soon becomes evident that the furor spends itself quickly and no real harm has been done. Radio stations could have weathered the storm of the protests of an inflamed Catholic minority without serious difficulty. They might have felt the pinch of boycott for a brief space, but would have emerged stronger than before.

Roy L. Albertson, of WFBR, seems to have arrived at some such conclusion. He is fairly well balanced, even though his characterization of Judge Rutherford's talks as "full of hell and brimstone" is not strictly correct. Probably he meant to say that there was considerable "blood and thunder" in Judge Rutherford's talks. Anyway, his letter to the American Broadcasting System will be of interest to *Golden Age* readers. The attitude revealed by the accompanying letter is the common-sense attitude, one which other station managers are beginning to share.

True, there may be a section of the population that does not like Judge Rutherford's talks. It is certain that there is a large proportion that has no use for Catholic broadcasts. That is not the question to determine, however. Rather it is a question of fairness and freedom of speech.

Jehovah's witnesses would not move a finger to exclude "Coughlin" from the air, regardless of their personal opinion of him and his speeches. They feel that the same rights should be extended to all, and that the WATCHTOWER programs, in which they are particularly interested, should be given equal consideration by station managers to that given to other paid programs.

The letter is reproduced herewith.



December 17, 1934

Mr. Fred Weber
American Broadcasting
System, Incorporated,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Fred:

You recently inquired whether we would take on Judge Rutherford as an ABS commercial.

Yes. We have had several of his transcriptions. While they are full of hell and brimstone they do not seem to have caused any earthquakes around here.

Rutherford, above all others, has accused radio of being muzzled insofar as religion is concerned. He should be allowed the freedom of the air just the same as Father Coughlin and others are exercising it at the present time. While you and I may not believe a word that he says, he evidently has millions of ardent followers who support him generously, because he always pays his bills promptly.

Yours Truly,
Roy L. Albertson
General Manager.

Edict of Nuremberg

THE edict of Nuremberg was issued by the pope in 1524, and decreed that all printed matter should be censored by the magistrates, the object being to check the spread of "Lutheranism". It was one of the first attempts to interfere with the freedom of the press.

The papacy thrives in darkness and favors suppression of the liberties which are most highly prized in America and which seem to be in great danger of being taken away. Efforts to censor radio, motion pictures and other means of publicity are significant.

TWO of Jehovah's witnesses while distributing in the city of Quebec pamphlets proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom and declaring His judgments against the present unrighteous order of Satan, were arrested and charged with being parties to a seditious conspiracy. The case was heard recently and the jury brought in a verdict of "guilty". Justice Belleau sentenced them to two months in prison and a fine of \$300, or in lieu of the fine a further five months in prison. The case has been appealed.

Jesus declared concerning His faithful followers living today, "... they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony."

It is interesting and encouraging to note how His words are being fulfilled today, and the close parallel between His experiences and those of His followers. He, for preaching the Kingdom message, was accused by the priests of sedition; so are they. He was arraigned before the court of "justice" by the strong-arm squad; so are they. He was found guilty; so are they. The whole farce in Jesus' day, as today, was carried on with much pomp and dignity, but one observing could not help being impressed with the thought that the dignity was that of dignified humbugs.

Remember Them Whose Name Is Mud

The *Toronto Daily Star*, under the caption "Our Quarrel with the Foe", editorially says:

Time passes on.

Of every 1,000 people in Canada today, approximately 460 were either not yet born when the Great War ended or were not older than six years; had never, most of them, been to school. These 460 either know nothing at all of the war as an actual experience or have no adequate memory of it.

Again, of every 1,000 now living, there are 120 others who were no older than thirteen when the armistice was signed; in a general way they may be said to have been of public school age at that time. Some of them who lost fathers and brothers have vivid memories of the war's horrors.

But out of the 580 who have been born since the war or were not over thirteen at its close, it is probably true that about 500 (half of our present population) have no adequate personal knowledge of what the war meant to mankind. A new generation has

grown up which knows not war except as war exists upon the printed page.

It is important that they should be told about it; that Remembrance Day should be not only an occasion for revering the memory of those gallant men whose "name liveth forevermore", but an occasion for resolving that the thing must never happen again; that nevermore must the world be plunged into armed conflict.

Getting Paid for Conviction

The new attorney general of Ontario is endeavoring to improve a very corrupt condition that has existed in our institution of "justice". The *Toronto Star* says:

He is ending in this province the magistracy which got paid if it convicted and fined people who came before it, but got nothing if it found anybody innocent of the charge laid against them. Surely it is high time to be done with a system of that kind, calling itself a system of justice.

Hard indeed for some to believe that such an unrighteous condition could exist.

Presents to the Communists

Speaking of "The Man Who Cannot Find Employment", the last-quoted paper contains the following very fine editorial:

The general practice is to denounce as a Communist any unemployed man who speaks up for his kind. It is a good thing for the United States and for Canada as well that all those who are denounced as Communists are not Communists but workers distracted by their troubles.

Should a man be content because he is on relief, because he gets his weekly voucher? He can get for his family so much meat, so much bread, so much milk. Should he be glad, happy and grateful? Should he not, rather, long for work and be unhappy until he gets it? He has known the time when he earned and drew his pay and was an independent citizen. He started to buy a home of his own on the instalment plan and was getting on with it until the bottom fell out of the world through no fault of his own. He had to forfeit the home he was buying—he could not get work and he could not keep up his payments. He had to live, or his family had to do so, so he had to hand his property back and stand in line at the relief office.

Should we expect him to be jocular about it? Is he a Red if he is impatient to be on his own feet again?

He is an individualist suffering the agonies of utter defeat. Even if he does, on occasion, use the bitterest language, why not? The world as it is is enough to wring it out of him.

No greater mistake is made by those in authority than to make a present to the Communists of every

man who does not cringe and demean himself when accepting relief as a charity for which he should fall on one knee and thank the giver for a bottle of milk. If he does not do so it does not show that he is a Red. It shows that he is such a man as you. And if you were in his place you would say: "Give us work and we will do it. There being no work we shall, if you do not mind, continue to live."

To Keep from Starving

Another striking example of the terrible hardships endured by many in this land of plenty is found in the following from the *Calgary Albertan*:

Rimbey was the setting for a scene more pathetic than the most imaginative fiction writer could invent when on Saturday a woman dressed in men's attire and driving one horse hitched to a two-wheeled gig brought her five children to town to keep them from starvation. The family lives about 50 miles west of Rimbey in the moose country along the Saskatchewan river, beyond the bounds of any municipality, and they have been subsisting on wild fruit, berries and what rabbit meat they could snare.

It took two days for the party to make the trip through rain and snow and over very bad roads. They were huddled together in a crude box affair on the gig; only covered by old quilts, and their clothing consisted of tattered floursacks and gunny sacking.

Barefooted and hungry they were received at the Cottage hotel, where they were fed and warmed, and Constable Fordham of the R. C. M. P., who now has the children in charge, saw to it that suitable and sufficient clothing was obtained.

There are four boys and a girl, the eldest 10 years of age, and none has ever been to school.

Travelers through that part of the country report that the home where the family lived had no floor and that these children have run all summer without a stitch of clothing on them.

Prison Did Him Good

Tim Buck, who was sent to the penitentiary three years ago because he believed in Communism, was released a few days ago and given a rousing reception upon his arrival in Toronto, and a few days later 16,000 people jammed the huge Maple Leaf Gardens to hear him speak and thousands were turned away. To the cheering crowds upon his arrival he said:

"A few years ago a premier of Ontario said a few years in prison would do us good. It did do us good. Look at this crowd tonight. And then when I read about the Abitibi scandal I said, all right, Mr. Henry, your words have come true.

"Yes, I am glad to get back, glad to fight again against intolerable conditions, the cesspools, the pest

houses that infest this province and every other province. I am glad to be with you for a number of reasons.

"After the rest of the gang at the penitentiary had their supper tonight and had gone to bed, I was told to prepare to leave the old grey walls. I was told you wouldn't have a chance to welcome me. They boasted they were going to beat that gang of bums in Toronto who might want to make a demonstration, by sending me home tonight. So here I am and there you are and I'm glad to be with you. This is how they beat you. Let me say this. I am now ready to fight for you and with you at any time or place."

Rubber Horseshoes

In the consideration of ways and means of overcoming unnecessary noises the iron shoes of the horses have been up for discussion, and in this connection the following item appears in the *Toronto Star*:

Rubber horseshoes will entirely replace steel shoes in the future, predicts J. C. Lee, manager of Atlas Drive Calk Co., denying emphatically the suggestion, made at a York township council meeting, that rubber shoes are bad for horses' health and tended to rot the hoofs in summer.

Mr. Lee explained that since modern rubber horseshoes were of conventional open shape, hoofs got plenty of air and consequently would not rot. "Besides being more silent," he said, "the rubber shoes are only about half as heavy as ordinary steel shoes. You can understand the advantage, therefore, to a horse which has to go 20 or 30 miles. . . ."

Mr. Lee added: "One firm in Hamilton put our shoes on a horse that had been wearing steel shoes and had been lame for weeks, and in two or three weeks the horse was cured. The blacksmith praised the rubber shoe for such a cure."

"Those who opposed the shoes," he continued, "were sore blacksmiths who feared they would lose their jobs, because a forge was not needed, as the shoes could be adjusted cold. There is little danger of their losing their jobs, however, since someone has to take care of the horses' feet, trimming them and adjusting the shoes; and many blacksmiths who bitterly opposed the shoe at first are now very much in favor of them."

On Carrying Weapons

In an effort to reduce crime a drastic law has been passed pertaining to one's having in his possession a revolver. Under the caption "Weapons" the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* says:

"The amendments to the Criminal Code covering the possession and carrying of revolvers or pistols will go into effect on January 1. It is, therefore, of real importance that owners of such instruments, whether they be effective weapons or souvenirs, should register them with the proper authorities.

The penalty for possession of an unregistered revolver or pistol is rather severe: \$50 and costs or 30 days in jail or both. And the good citizen who is in possession of such weapons has no reason for not registering them.

In the case of persons who have a revolver in their possession during the commission of a crime, whether they use it or not, the penalty will be two years in the penitentiary in addition to the ordinary penalty imposed for the crime itself. That surely will be a deterrent to criminals carrying weapons.

Much of the crime which is so prevalent in the United States may be attributed directly to the facility with which weapons may be obtained and kept. There anyone can have a pistol, and the possession of a pistol too often leads to its use. If the United States could eliminate the possession of weapons it would be a tremendous step in the conquest of crime.

The practice of owning and carrying weapons has never gained much ground in Canada. Nevertheless, every year there are crimes in which the possession of a revolver has led to its use.

Result of Depression

Due to the economic depression in Canada as elsewhere farm buildings and agricultural machinery have gotten into a very bad state of repair, particularly so in western Canada, where in the province of Saskatchewan alone it is estimated it will require \$140,000,000 to restore them to a proper condition. Commenting upon an address by Professor Hope the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix* says:

Extent to which the return of industrial prosperity awaits the recovery of agriculture is indicated from some figures given Friday by Professor E. C. Hope, of the department of farm management of the University of Saskatchewan, after a study of rural surveys made by that department. To restore to the condition of 1929 the buildings, farm machinery, household equipment and clothing of the dwellers on the 136,000 farms in Saskatchewan would take a sum of at least \$140,000,000, his figures show.

During the past four years buildings have gone unpainted and unrepaired, machinery has been used that was ready for the scrap heap, the normal expenditure on household furnishings has been cut to a fraction, and the stock of clothing has been greatly reduced.

The farm buildings in Saskatchewan were worth \$236,000,000. Professor Hope puts the wear and tear not replaced at \$50,000,000. It would cost that sum to put the buildings in the same state as in 1929.

Before the depression the districts surveyed had an equipment of farm machinery running from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per farm. This machinery is four years older. Little has been replaced, and repairs have been cut to a minimum. It would cost \$40,000,000 to put it back in shape.

The internal fittings of the homes have also depreciated. At Kindersley the farmers used to spend \$60 a year in replacements, and in the Turtleford district, \$48. It would need some \$20,000,000 to bring the home furnishings back to par.

In the Kindersley district the farmers used to spend \$157 per farm each year for clothing, and in the Turtleford district, \$164. Recent surveys show the expenditure cut to a figure that cannot replace wear and tear. Some \$30,000,000 would be needed to bring back the wardrobe to the pre-depression state.

These estimates do not include the replacement of the automobiles now pulled by horses or the worn-out trucks.

Beriberi and Whole Wheat?

The following is a Canadian Press report from Newfoundland:

Staggered by estimates that 25 percent of the people in Newfoundland were on the dole last winter and that 20 percent will be dependent during the next few months, doctors of the outposts have their backs to the wall in a valiant battle with beriberi, dreaded disease that stalks in the wake of poverty and cripples many of its victims so they cannot return to work when jobs are available.

Repeated visitations of the disease in villages where most of the fisherfolk are existing on rations equaling \$1.80 a month have left the human stock deteriorated physically, mentally and morally.

Some hope is found in return of the island to the status of a crown colony under the wing of Great Britain, but in the opinion of Dr. C. F. Parsons, superintendent of the Notre Dame Bay memorial hospital, economic rehabilitation of the country must await restoration of its people to health.

Dr. Parsons explains that beriberi is found in people who live on a highly restricted diet "such as the dole diet".

He finds a reliable remedy and preventive in whole-wheat flour, and service clubs in St. John's are endeavoring to supply as much as their means permit.

But some northern outposts are isolated for the winter. In these spring will find youths tottering or crawling. Many of the aged will have been buried.

Strangest Job

Under the heading "Overhauls Ovens in 300-Degree Heat and Toils on Roofs at 15 Below Zero" the Toronto *Daily Star* reports the following:

Louis Green is Toronto's number one claimant for the "strangest job" title. Mr. Green makes an honest living by going into bakers' ovens, at temperatures which range up to 300 degrees, and repairing them. He has given his life to the study of chimneys and such, and for twenty years has done work that would scorch the eyebrows off an ordinary mortal. About 35

years old, he lives on Major street, with a wife and five children, one of whom, he hopes, will follow in his footsteps as a human piece of asbestos.

"I work in ice plants, too," he admitted, but though his real life work was connected with fire-breathing ovens, cold does not bother him. Recently a liquor store heating plant ceased to function. Louis went down and fixed up the chimney, sitting on top of a roof at 15 degrees below zero to do it.

Change, but No Improvement

Indicative of public unrest and dissatisfaction with the existing condition of affairs was the outcome of the provincial elections in Ontario and Saskatchewan. Speaking thereof editorially the *Edmonton Bulletin* says:

The provincial elections held yesterday in Ontario and Saskatchewan resulted in landslides for which there are few precedents in Canadian history.

In Ontario a government which elected 91 members out of 112 in 1929, was yesterday so decisively defeated that on election night it seemed Premier Henry might be the sole survivor of his cabinet, this only by grace of five other candidates who split the opposing votes, and with a following no larger than the usual party contingent on one of the committees of the legislature. . . .

In Saskatchewan the Anderson government suffered even worse, the premier himself being numbered among the casualties, and his party left without a single member in the new legislature. . . .

Only one interpretation can be placed on these two simultaneous outbursts of public opinion. The people of Canada are in revolt against the inaction that has allowed deflation to sweep the land like a destroying storm, and heartsick of being admonished to tighten their belts, keep faith in "sound" money, revere their deluded grandfathers, and suffer want in the midst of plenty for the sake of their beloved but much-abused country. They have had all they want, and all they intend to stand for, in the way of blasted markets, doles, and the paying of public debts over and over by each successive generation.

Spending the People's Money

Under the caption "Their Own Money" the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* editorially says:

There is a tendency on the part of governments seeking re-election to speak of money spent on relief as though it were something given by that particular government as a result of the generous instincts of the party which is seeking a return to office.

Figures and statistics roll impressively from the tongue of speakers. The government has spent so many millions of dollars, they say, for the aid of so many thousands of individuals.

They never suggest that the people of Canada have spent so many millions of dollars for the aid of those

less fortunate residents of the country. Nevertheless, that is exactly what has been and is being done.

Expenditure for relief is simply money provided by all residents of the Dominion, including those who receive relief, for eventually they will have to share in paying the bill.

The part played by the government in the transaction is simply that of a clerk or agent or bookkeeper who keeps the tally and measures out the funds.

In the same category comes money being spent on public works. If \$750,000 is spent on roads it is money provided by those who pay the taxes, and that means everyone.

In Ontario there is a vast outpouring of public money on a gigantic work program. It runs into many millions and makes the amount being spent in Saskatchewan look comparatively small.

Time was when such expenditures and claims for credit for its expenditure successfully fooled the electorate. But after the last four years, during which such matters have undergone a close public scrutiny, it is hardly possible that anyone fails to recognize this type of spending as a case of trying to buy the public with its own money.

Shake Hands with William R. Watson

A Canadian Press report from Montreal tells of one overcoming great odds in the battle of life. We quote:

This is the story of a conquest over almost unbelievable odds—of a man who has been without arms and hands since birth, yet who shaves, writes perfectly, does a hundred things. All with his feet.

He is William R. Watson of Edmonton, in Montreal to attend the convention of the International Society for Crippled Children. He wants to see established in Canada vocational training schools for handicapped children. That is his aim in life.

You couldn't help admiring and liking Mr. Watson—from the time you enter his room and see him extend a toe for you to grasp, with the words, "Shake hands with me."

You see him open a brief case with his feet, reach in and sort among some papers. You see him pick up a hair brush and brush his hair.

At 30 years of age, William Watson has conquered his handicaps, not the least of which was self-consciousness at appearing in public and using his feet as hands.

He was graduated in arts and law from the University of Alberta after taking his lectures down by writing with his mouth, an accomplishment he has mastered equally well as writing with his feet. He learned to swim, to ride, to eat with his feet. He calls foot-writing "pedescript". He skis and plays bridge, using a ledger for his cards at his end of the table.

To his mother he gives the credit. His mother, he said, has been the driving force behind his accomplishments.

Freedom of the Press in Peril

CHARGING that the administration intends to establish a censored news service, Senator Schall, of Minnesota, said: "The censored news service will have the inside track on all government news and will be available to all newspapers willing to print news colored to the satisfaction of President Roosevelt. Plans are now being made to join all foreign radio stations in the news service so that the Roosevelt news service will have full coverage of all foreign news. . . . Secretaries Wallace and Tugwell are said to have had a large part in working out this new plan to censor the press by this new 'club'."

Elisha Hanson, Washington attorney for the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, said: "There is great danger that, unless publishers are alert, your only news about Washington will be just that news which the administration wants you to have, supplied to you by official agencies, charged with the responsibility of bottling up all sources and preventing the dissemination of any information other than that officially sponsored."

Both the president and Postmaster Farley deny these charges, but in view of the influence of the Catholic hierarchy in governmental affairs, and in further consideration of the history of the 'unchanging church', they are very probably true. Senator Schall was not at all disturbed by the denials, but went a little further by adding that the administration planned to establish a censored radio press service under the cloak of a private corporation, but will support it through the Public Works Administration. All this uncensored talk by Senator Schall and others must be highly annoying to those who would like to put a muzzle on channels of information, but it seems to liberty-lovers that it is something to be thankful for that there are still some men in Washington and elsewhere who are not afraid to talk out and tell the people what they have a right to know.

J. P. Morgan & Co. in the Depression

JP. MORGAN & Co. do not seem to have suffered greatly from the depression. From June to October they managed to increase their resources to the tune of \$40,000,000, according to their latest report of their activities.

What Is Your Guess?

THE following editorial, which appeared in the *Inland Independent*, Burns Lake, B. C., Wednesday, January 9, 1935, seems to indicate that the editor, A. Edward Windle, lives up to the name of his paper. In the column next to that in which the editorial appeared we find an item headed "Please Tell Us!" This item is also reprinted. The proscribed speaker mentioned in the editorial is the one who spoke over the stations named in the other item. His name is well known, and the complete text of the lecture given by him on January 13, 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time, is the leading article in this issue of *The Golden Age*.

"Error of Opinion is to be Tolerated When Reason is Left Free to Combat It."

BE CAREFUL, DICK, OR
YOU'LL BE BANNED!

Coincidence plays odd tricks. Just the other evening while a friend was telling us how strongly he disagreed with Mr. Bennett's recent radio talk, we discovered, in an old file we were then examining, an order of the Canadian Radio Commission forbidding a certain gentleman the right to broadcast from any radio station in Canada. The reason, subsequently given, was that "... dignified complaints" had been laid by certain other gentlemen who—only incidentally—disagree with the views expressed by the speaker who is now proscribed.

Imagination conjures an amusing scene. Suppose our friend were to write to the Commission as follows:

Gentlemen:

I wish, sirs, to lay a dignified complaint against one Richard Bedford Bennett, of Calgary and Ottawa, for broadcasting statements with the sense and purpose of which I strongly disagree, and urge upon you that his future radio addresses be banned.

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PLEASE TELL US!

It is rumored that we are forbidden to tune in on: KJR in Seattle; KFIC and KGA in Spokane; KVI in Tacoma; KSL in Salt Lake City, or on KNX in Hollywood, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, Sunday, January 13. If this is so, we'd like to know why! Can you tell us?

Small Depositors Favored

LARGE depositors in the First National Bank of Detroit, which had failed, agreed to subordinate their claims in favor of the small depositors. The depositors who will be paid in full are those having deposits of \$300 and under. A step in the right direction.

The Case of Charles W. Johnston, Veteran

CHARLES W. JOHNSTON was up against it. He had had a tough time of it. During the war he had been in the navy and suffered from exposure. Tuberculosis had developed, and he had been treated at a naval hospital. The cough returned a few months after he was discharged from the hospital, and he was soon back again for more treatments. He became addicted to narcotics as a result. His troubles affected his mind, and he did not get along very well, even though he had a small pension. Then it happened that he was arrested for burglary of a drug store. He had to have his morphine. Sent to jail, he got into trouble with the officials; he does not remember why. But he was confined in a small cell, and for several months lived on bread and water. He said he didn't want anything else. He didn't want his hair cut either, so his beard and hair grew long. Sitting on the edge of his cot in the dim, dingy cell, he seemed more a figure of the Dark Ages than of the twentieth century. But it was the twentieth century, and the jail in which Charley was confined was The Walls, at Huntsville, Tex. He is now in a veterans' hospital, through the efforts put forth by a veterans' organization which learned of this case of stupidity and cruelty inflicted upon an irresponsible victim by representatives of the law.

Methodist Youth Against War

AT EVANSTON, Illinois, 1,012 delegates of the National Council of Methodist Youth, claiming to represent 1,500,000 young Methodists, not only voted that they would neither sanction nor participate in any war for any purpose whatsoever, but even appealed to their pastors to come over on the Lord's side and take a stand against the wholesale murders they hitherto supported.

League of Purely British Origin

IN HIS *Memoirs*, Chapter 28, Lloyd George says: "It was found at the Peace Conference that the British Government alone had taken measures to work out a practical scheme for the constitution of a League of Peace. President Wilson had not gone beyond the vague idea and the striking phrase. He had not attempted to develop his thoughts into any concrete plan."

Giannini and the Sinclair Campaign

A. P. GIANNINI, president of the Bank of America and one of the foremost financiers in America, said, "You can't tell me that when a man like Sinclair, with the millions against him and without newspaper support, can get nearly a million votes, there isn't something wrong somewhere.... The sooner Wall Street and other opponents of the president stop fighting Roosevelt and let the people have the social reforms they are demanding, the sooner we will have peace. I say to these opponents, it is better to take half a loaf than nothing." But the big business crowd and their allies will not be satisfied with half a loaf, and will get it in the neck at Armageddon.

New Homes for the Poor

SLUM tenements with a total frontage of over a mile have been pulled down during the past few months by the operation of the New York City Housing Authority. About half of the buildings demolished were on the lower East Side, where about fifty percent of Manhattan's slum tenements are located. All together, over 1300 dwelling units have been destroyed, in 155 buildings. Sanitary tenements of modern construction will take their place.

Housing in Great Britain

SINCE 1919 the British government has financed approximately 200,000 low-cost homes and has encouraged private enterprise to build an additional 1,200,000. These houses rent from \$2.50 to \$3 a week, and contain living room, kitchen, bath, two or three bedrooms, and garden in front and rear. No doubt, however, a great deal still remains to be done, particularly in London.

Compelling Children to Lie

A BRITISH father was about to flog his son for telling him he had seen a tiger in the garden, when there came a rap at the door and there was a circus trainer in uniform inquiring whether anybody had seen the tiger which had escaped its den and was known to be somewhere in the neighborhood. A child flogged for telling the truth never forgets it, and it is a thing that is hard to forgive.

Lest We Forget*By a Former Catholic*

"THE idea of such foolish propositions as destroying the very wherewithal needed to clothe the people as has been advocated by Mr. Herbert Hoover in his program to plow up cotton."—F. D. Roosevelt, at Topeka, Kans., 1932.

We do not need the papal press to persuade or convince us the "New Deal" inaugurated by the Tammany-Roosevelt-Farley régime was hatched in the Vatican. Just a little travel in any papal-dominated land like Italy, Spain or Mexico and one "will be shown" that scarcity and ignorance among the laity is the basis of Rome's power. Such is the old, old deal of the pope.

The A. T. & T.

THE American Telephone & Telegraph Company has a practical monopoly in the telephone field. The 1933 report of the company stated that there were 13,163,000 telephones in use. Assets were reported at \$4,907,000,000. The company's common stock has earned \$9 a share annually since 1921. Some of the dividend is paid out of surplus during depression years. The net income of the A. T. & T. for the first nine months of 1933 was \$90,203,878, or \$4.83 a share on 18,662,275 capital shares outstanding.

How Can Insects Be Repaid?

IT HAVING been pointed out by scientists that insects destroy food of the value of \$3,500,000,000, and it appearing from the operations of the Government that the destruction of food is one of the most important and worthwhile achievements of mankind, the question arises as to what reward can be given to these insects for their valuable work. A commission or bureau could look into this, and it would cost only a few millions more.

\$50,000 Narcotic Garden

JUST off Adams street, Brooklyn, near Nassau street, police found a narcotic garden valued at \$50,000, hidden away between the tenement buildings. The raiders found the marijuana, or loco weed, growing in abundance. This weed is smoked in the form of a cigarette and produces a pleasant relaxed sensation, but induces insanity in the habitual user.

The Arvey Ordinance

MRS. ALICE K. MILLARD, of the Erie County Anti-Vivisection Society, tells us: "Word has just come from Mrs. Irene Castle McLaughlin that they have had a hearing before the judiciary committee of the city council of Chicago on the question of repealing the Arvey Ordinance, which gives every month 1,000 dogs from the city pound to the medical laboratories of Chicago for torture. They will have another hearing before the entire city council. . . . She says they have had about 25,000 protest cards signed all over the city of Chicago, and have formed groups in the various wards, to bring influence to bear upon their particular alderman. She has given four fifteen-minute programs over the air at an evening hour, protesting against the ordinance, and feels they have left no stone unturned."

Stockholders' Liability

STOCKHOLDERS of the defunct Harriman National Bank and Trust Company have received a letter from the receiver stating "it is necessary to enforce the individual liability of the stockholders". A 100-percent assessment is levied against the stockholders to cut the losses of depositors and creditors, who have thus far received 50 percent of their approved claims. The gross deficit of the bank amounted to \$9,000,000. The levy against stockholders will total \$2,000,000.

Theodore's Mistake

THEODORE MILLER's grandfather had \$2,000 in the bank and could not get it out. So Theodore decided he would make an effort to get it in his own way. He is now under arrest, charged with holding up the Charlevoix State Savings Bank, at Charlevoix, Mich. As Theodore is eighteen years old, he should have known better than to try to get his grandfather's money back from the bankers.

Pays Rent with Gold Fillings

SHE was an old woman and had seen better days. There was a time when she could afford to have gold fillings put in her teeth. But now she was unable to pay her rent; so she went to a dentist and had the fillings removed, and sold them to pay the rent. It happened in El Paso, Texas.

Home and Farm

The Art of Sleeping When You Wish To

THE Vienna physician, Dr. Robicsek, recommends breathing exercises which are supposed to make it possible to overcome the most stubborn cases of insomnia. They are quite simple:

Lie down, and first relax every muscle of the body, beginning with the feet, and gradually every other muscle of the legs, the abdomen and the chest, the arms and hands, the neck, and finally of the face and the eyes.

While doing this, exhale without any restraint, letting out all your breath, as it were "groaning", and let yourself go completely, relax fully and, so to speak, collapse into yourself.

Now there follows a pause; remain thus, completely relaxed, until the desire to inhale asserts itself, which desire must be gratified. But now you inhale differently from usual. Breathe only with the abdomen; leave the position and condition of the chest as acquired by the exhaling process, unchanged. The chest remains drawn in and one breathes by expanding the abdomen (which in the meantime has relaxed) until the lungs are again sufficiently filled with air. Inhale slowly, evenly, sort of stealthily and sipping-like. Now, hold your breath briefly (a short pause in breathing), and at the same moment a strong desire to yawn (as a reflex) automatically is felt, which is the symptom of approaching sleep.

If all this is repeated again and again while the body is completely relaxed in a comfortable position, one just naturally slips off to sleep after only a few minutes, without any further aid.

This method has proved effective also in cases of sleeplessness due to external causes, such as pain and noise. It fails only after stimulants, such as coffee; however, the person suffering from insomnia will, of course, avoid exciting, agitating drinks in the evening.

Uses of the Lemon

THE juice of half a lemon in a cup of hot water on awakening is an excellent liver corrective and successful substitute for calomel and other alterative drugs.

A dash of lemon juice in plain water makes a cleansing tooth wash, not only removing tar-tar, but sweetening the breath.

A lotion of lemon juice and rose water will

remove tan and whiten the skin. Suck fresh lemons sprinkled with salt for sore throat.

Lemon rind dipped in salt cleanses brass beautifully and conveniently.

To have clothes beautifully white, slice an unpeeled lemon into the water when boiling.

Lemon juice with olive oil is far superior to vinegar for salads.

Application of lemon juice to insect bites reduces the irritation.

A refreshing drink is made by adding a freshly beaten egg to lemonade, and the same mixture, when frozen, makes a delicious ice.

If, when boiling sago or rice, a teaspoonful of lemon juice is added, the kernels will be whiter and of a more delicate flavor.

Lemon juice and salt remove rust stains from white goods.

Tough meat may be made tender by adding a teaspoonful of lemon juice to the water in which it is boiled.

A lemon rinse after a shampoo removes all traces of soap and gives the hair a delightful sheen.

For flavoring cookery, lemon juice is unexcelled.

Slices of lemon garnish fish of all descriptions.

New Shades for Interior Decorations

THE Clydebank (Scotland) *Press* has an item about new styles for interior decorations. You can now get colored aluminum cooking utensils, or should be able to get them soon, and thus have your interior decorated with the right shade of aluminum plating, from jet-black to cream and the most delicate pastel shades. We believe that jet-black or pale green would be the most appropriate shade for general purposes, as it so aptly indicates the sickening and destructive effect of aluminum poisoning upon the human organism.

Crops in Ten Days Without Soil

A DEVICE is being used in Suffolk county, England, for growing food for cattle in ten days. No soil is used, but a carefully prepared chemical solution is fed to the seed, which, by this method, called "Kwick-Grow", produces five times the volume of seed planted in the ground. It is anticipated that this method of growing food in cabinets may be extended to vegetables and that it may be possible to grow in one's kitchen all the fresh vegetables needed.

An Iceless Cooler

EUGENE HOFFMAN (Idaho) gives us the following interesting bit of information: "My wife wanted some kind of cooler in which to keep food, and as we could not very well afford an icebox or electric refrigerator, she told me of a cooler which is not very expensive and which keeps food quite cool, saving a lot of food that would otherwise spoil. The cooler is made in this way: Take four pieces of 2" x 4" for the legs, and 1" x 12" common lumber for the shelves. With these construct a sort of cupboard or table, having the board on top flush with the legs. Then, for the sides, take sheets of cloth of one thickness and tack on three sides of this cooler, tacking the fourth side at the top only, so that it may serve as a door. The one I made is about 3 feet high by 16 inches wide and 2 feet long, and has three shelves. On top of the cupboard place a pan or bucket of water, putting a good-sized piece of white goods of any kind in the bucket of water and allowing it to hang over onto the cloth tacked on the cooler. Set the cooler out in the shade where the open air may circulate around it. The cloth in the bucket will seep up the water, making it necessary to refill the bucket from time to time. The air blowing through the wet cloth around the sides of the cooler makes it cool inside."

[Note. Such a box could be constructed in front of a window on the shady side of the house after the manner of window-cooling boxes, and would be particularly useful if built out from the lower part of the pantry window.—Ed.]

Powder Your Garden Instead of Your Face

By H. W. Newcomb (Massachusetts)

WHILE out in the work this summer I witnessed to L. A. H—, in C—, Vt., and placed some literature with him. After I had finished he asked me to step out into his garden, as he had something he wanted to show me. I did so, and found out something that I think will be of interest to you.

The gardens in that section of Vermont were pretty well cleaned out by the drought and insects, but he had as nice a vegetable garden as I have seen for some time. Everything was covered with a white powder, but the plants were all healthy, with no sign of insects or disease of any kind, with vegetables of more than ordinary size. There was no sign of borers in the corn or squash vines, nor was there a weed in sight.

He told me that fifteen years ago he bought the place and had had the garden in the same spot every year. When he bought it everyone laughed at him and said he would starve to death trying to raise anything there, as no one else had ever been able to. This proved an interesting statement; so I looked for information as to how it was done.

The white powder proved to be talc, and nothing else. He informed me that that was all that he used. No manure or fertilizer of any kind. He covered the ground with it in the spring, and kept the plants covered while growing. He claims that the flavor is 'way ahead of vegetables raised any other way.

His contention is that the talc draws the nitrogen and moisture out of the air; but whether it does or not, we will have to admit that he gets the vegetables.

I was also taken out into the cow barn, and there I saw the nicest-looking herd of cows I have ever seen, with not a trace of cow-barn odor. All nice and clean, and the floor was covered with talc to produce the results.

He uses the American talc, which can be bought for \$22 a ton.

Away with insects, disease, blight and weeds in the garden, by the simple process of putting talcum powder on your plants instead of on your face.

Robbing a Blind Man of a Farm

IT IS quite a trick to rob a blind man of a \$4,000 farm, and to do such a good job of it that the blind man gets out of it only a \$5 bill and a pair of shoes. That is what happened to Anthony Summer, 65 years old, now a blind pauper in Michigan. When his wife died he had the farm, and it was worth the \$4,000 he asked for it. Mr. Shanahan bought the farm, and paid something on it; Mr. Summer was lodged with the Little Sisters of the Poor. Then Mr. Shanahan got Summer to sign a paper signing away any further payments on the farm; then the Little Sisters of the Poor dumped him on the county as a pauper. Then the lawyers got on the job, and what Shanahan and the Little Sisters of the Poor did not get they got. The blind man who got \$5 and a pair of shoes for his \$4,000 farm hitch-hiked his way to his last appearance in court; reporters paid his way back to the poorhouse.

Alfalfa—"Father of All Foods"

(Reprinted from *The Golden Age* No. 277)

ALFAFALFA is not something new. It was cultivated in Greece as early as 400 B.C. and has always been much appreciated by the Arabs. They called it *alfafa*, which means "father of all foods". It has been grown in America for seventy-five years and is considered *par excellence* food for cattle.

Alfalfa roots have been known to penetrate the soil to a depth of 125 feet. It is a legume, like peas or beans, and its stems have been known to reach a length of fifty feet. The deep rootage brings to the plant ten times as much of the valuable minerals as is found in the grains.

An analysis of the mineral ash of alfalfa shows the following:

Peroxide of iron	1.30%
Silica	1.50
Soda	3.00
Sulphates	3.70
Phosphates	7.35
Chloride of sodium	11.00
Chloride of potassium	12.00
Magnesia	12.25
Potash	12.90
Calcium (lime)	34.90

Dietitians claim that potassium is the elixir of life, and the claims made for alfalfa tea seem to suggest that they are not far away in their calculations. Tea made from alfalfa leaves has a bitter taste, but causes increased secretion of the kidneys, increased peristaltic action of the bowels, increased appetite, increased assimilation of foods, and increased weight. A large drink produces a sensation of warmth in the stomach, and a good night's rest.

For years it has been known that cattle and horses grow better if given some alfalfa every day along with their hay and grain. An experiment was made in Kansas with fourteen little pigs. Seven of them, fed on corn alone, averaged 75 pounds apiece in 180 days. The other seven, fed on corn and alfalfa hay, averaged 185 pounds apiece in the same time. In the alfalfa-fed hogs the bones were twice as large and three times as strong, and the muscles were firmer and less fat.

The famous dietitian Dr. Frank McCoy says: "For several years I have been advising my patients to eat alfalfa, if they could get it fresh, as it makes a very delicious salad or addition to a combination salad." A noted dentist said:

"Alfalfa is especially rich in vitamins and minerals which are important in keeping the teeth firm and strong."

Government Bulletin No. 247 says: "The results show that 90% of the potassium, 85% of the magnesium, 75% of the phosphorus, 50% of the nitrogen and 40% of the calcium (lime) contained in the dried alfalfa plant are soluble in water."

Those who have used alfalfa claim wonderful results in cases of lumbago, rheumatism, hardening of the arteries, tuberculosis, dropsy, bladder trouble, prostatitis, blood disorders, and all those other troubles whose name is legion, which start in the intestines, where all diseases start.

Luther Burbank once said: "Alfalfa is a vastly different thing from ordinary hay as people usually think of it. It contains some of the most important nutritive substances known, and in greater abundance, the salts, so especially important in the nourishment of human [creatures], especially children, such as potassium, sodium, magnesium and the phosphates and sulphates."

A boarding-house keeper tried alfalfa tea on her boarders. They drank it without comment, noticing no difference in the taste of the new tea, but in a few days their appetite had increased prodigiously. The tea was good for the boarders, but hard on the landlady's larder. As a milk-producer and general tonic in maternity cases, alfalfa tea, according to the statement of a prominent physician, F. L. Wilson, is practically infallible.

What Doctor Holmes Said of Medicine

DR. OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES was for thirty-seven years professor of anatomy in Harvard University, and on page 260 of his *Medical Essays*, he says: "The disgrace of medicine has been that colossal system of self-deception, in obedience to which mines have been emptied of their cankering minerals, the vegetable kingdom robbed of all its noxious growths, the entrails of animals taxed for their impurities, the poison bags of reptiles drained of their venom, and all the inconceivable abominations thus obtained thrust down the throats of human [creatures]."

East Side Boy Climbs Throne

THE East Side is the Poor section of New York city. A boy born and reared in that section of poverty and Catholicism has left it all behind and climbed a throne. The poverty is still there, more poignant and more Catholic than ever. The East Side boy who "made good" is Cardinal Mundelein. *The Literary Digest* of December 1, 1934, shows him sitting on a throne in "Holy Name Cathedral", Chicago. Describing the parade that followed the cardinal into the cathedral on the occasion of his "silver jubilee", the *Digest* gives us this to digest:

Led by Cardinal Hayes and the Most Rev. Amleto G. Cicognani, apostolic delegate in the United States, seventeen archbishops, eighty-seven bishops, nine abbots, 800 priests, Papal Knights and Sisters of the Diocese, entered the cathedral, over the entrance of which hung the cardinal's coat of arms. It was a long stream of color, in which were mingled the white and black of surplice and cassock, the violet of monsignori's robes, the red of the cardinal's attire, jeweled decorations flashing from the uniforms of Papal Knights, and the somber brown of monks' robes, girded with rope.

This reminds us of a parade of unemployed recently seen not far from the East Side the cardinal has left behind, except that there were no violet robes, red skirts, jeweled decorations or flashing uniforms, but only the somber drab of worn-out clothing.

Theologians Endorse Evolution

IN THEIR eagerness to back the Devil in his opposition to Jehovah God theologians of Canadian colleges were willing to support educationists in Nova Scotia who approved books containing references to evolution. Rev. Dr. F. H. Cosgrave, provost of Trinity College, said: "I know the book well. It is a splendid book—very well written." The book referred to was *Ancient Times*, by Brestedt, containing references to man's supposed descent from some form of mammal the ancestor of which was also the ancestor of the ape. Rev. Dr. S. A. B. Mercer, lecturer in "religious knowledge", as well as Rev. Dr. T. Eakin, principal of Knox College, likewise endorsed the books which assume the correctness of the evolution theory. Rev. K. H. Cousland also thinks evolution is O.K. Monsignor Frank Carroll, Roman Catholic authority, said: "There are two forms of scientific evolution, the absolute, or material, and a modified

form. The latter is not condemned by the Catholic church, and there is no clash between it and the account of creation in Genesis. Modified evolution means that lower forms of life could be raised, not by the unaided physical forces of nature, but by the providence of God; and this process could be continued to the very body of Adam, to which a created spiritual soul was added by God's creative act. This theory is merely tolerated in the sense that it has never been condemned."

Jehovah's witnesses refuse to even consider the diabolical doctrine of evolution as worthy of refutation. Its direct contradiction of the entire tenor of the Holy Scriptures makes a detailed discussion of it an act of dishonoring the Creator, whose laws of justice and harmony are flagrantly ignored and reproached in the devilish evolution theory. They are willing to let the clergy believe that *their* ancestors were monkeys, but will not permit these deceivers to make monkeys of them. They will not stultify themselves or dignify the foolishness of the clergy by listening to them. The theologian may be sincere, but he could not possibly have any competent evidence in support of the astounding evolution theory.

"Mascot" Failed

FLIGHT-LIEUT. H. D. GILMAN wasn't going to take any chances when he took part in the Melbourne Centenary air races. He carried a St. Christopher's medal as a mascot. The *Birkenhead Gazette* states, quite seriously, "St. Christopher is the patron saint of voyageurs." It is a matter of regret to us to inform our readers that St. Christopher, as on previous occasions, failed to live up to the reputation given him. In the course of the air races Lieutenant Gilman was burned to death together with another New Zealand flier.

What Will the Pope Give?

COMMENTING on the suffering occasioned by last summer's floods in Poland the Polish *Awakening Weekly*, of Chicago, said:

The Americans are giving much aid and support to the poor suffering Poles. We are now wondering whether we will ever hear of the pope's giving anything ... who takes vast sums of money through the "Rome penny" collections? Maybe he will send the destitute and flood-stricken people another candle with his blessing.

“Jehu” in the Pacific

SOUTH AMERICA is Roman Catholic. Indeed, it is so thoroughly Roman Catholic that it has newspapers which carry cartoons of the papal priesthood which would never be tolerated in the United States, where even a candid discussion of the papal system and its practices in the light of the Scriptures results in radio lecturers' being banned from the air.

One of the newspapers, *A Lanterna*, a journal which seeks to “combat clericalism”, has cartoons picturing a priest and a pig, the same in outline, the obvious lesson being that a priest is nothing but a pig and that, of the two, the latter is the more to be respected. Another picture shows a priest driving a man who pulls the cart on which the priest rides with a nun sitting with her feet down the back. The nun evidently anticipates maternity at a not-far-off date. Still another illustration shows a woman sweeping into a dustpan a collection of rosaries, “prayer” books, medals, priestly equipment and other “religious” goods. Priests are pictured with repulsively hideous faces, which they hide behind a mask of sanctimoniousness. Should *The Golden Age* reproduce pictures such as these there is no telling what might happen. It does not want its readers to suffer from nightmare.

Yes, South America knows her priesthood, but it is almost entirely ignorant of Jehovah God and His gracious purposes. So Paul Mann, one of Jehovah's witnesses, decided to go to South America and tell the people of the goodness of God and the blessings of His kingdom.

Quite without the thought of doing anything spectacular, he decided to go by boat, and to be his own captain, taking his family of wife and four children and trusting in Jehovah to guide him safely along the coast from California to his destination. So he got the boat, equipped it with a small Diesel engine and the necessary provisions and furnishings and made ready to go. But when his intentions became known he was warned that it was a most hazardous undertaking to make the trip and that it was a matter of committing suicide.

But, having been permitted to go as far as he had, Paul concluded that there was no reason why he should not carry out his original plan, and that Jehovah would see him through.

The papers and movies took an interest in the matter. When the party made ready to de-

part many pictures were taken both for the press and for the screen, and Paul so maneuvered his boat as to bring the name “Jehovah's witnesses” into prominence, as well as the name of the boat, “Jehu.” The news of the “foolhardy” undertaking was published all over the United States. Moving pictures were shown in thousands of theaters, and inevitably the name of Jehovah was coupled with the proposed journey. Here was one of Jehovah's witnesses going forth “not knowing whither he went”, though having in mind a definite destination. No doubt, Satan, back of the scenes, permitted the wide publicity with a view to bringing discredit upon the “visionary” Paul, and thus also upon the name of Jehovah, certain that the trip would end in disaster. The Devil would undoubtedly have been pleased to send the boat with its passengers and cargo to the bottom. As Satan stirred up the sea of Galilee in an effort to engulf the Master, so he sought to raise storms to overturn the “Jehu”. Once as the travelers were about to anchor for a rest a heavy storm seemed to come from nowhere, striking the side of the little ship with such force that it seemed the end had come. But the boat survived. Later a great fish leaped over the boat and did its bit to add to the “terrors of the deep”.

But the trip, for all its hazards, was successfully negotiated from Los Angeles to Panama, a distance of well over 3,500 miles. From this point the journey was continued by means of regular passenger service, the “Jehu” being sold, for it had become clear that it was not sufficiently seaworthy to continue the trip through the Atlantic. Faith in Jehovah does not justify one in disregarding ordinary caution, but God is pleased to honor the faith of His people, even when it appears to others that they fail to exercise sufficient care for their own safety.

The story of the “Jehu” accompanied the group, and wherever they went the name “Jehovah” was noted with interest, and the message, which was given courteous hearing. Newspapers in the cities to which the travelers came gave publicity to the venture, saying, “Jehovah Was with Paul Mann as He Sailed down the Pacific Coast.” The greatest of all names was read by thousands who had never before heard it spoken or seen it written. Jehovah's pioneer witness followed up the interest aroused and told the good news of the coming Kingdom of justice and truth.

On the New Jersey Front

THE following article is reprinted from the Plainfield (N. J.) *Post* (issue of January 18, 1935):

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Serve Notice to Governor and Police

Courier-News and Plainfield Police Rebuked

In the public interest, the Governor of New Jersey was served personally on yesterday by Jehovah's witnesses with a copy of a letter delivered on Wednesday to *The Police Reporter* of New Jersey. That magazine, edited by P. J. Siccardi, the president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, carried in its issue of last November an advertisement* furnished and paid for by Jehovah's witnesses.

On last Saturday a copy of *The Police Reporter* containing the advertisement mentioned was delivered individually to each member of the Plainfield police force.

The Plainfield *Courier-News* was invited to reproduce that advertisement in its issue of January 12, 1935, so that all the people of the community might have the benefit of the information. The *Courier-News* refused to publish the advertisement, even as paid copy, announcing that its 'censorship board' had decided that the advertisement contained information not fit for the people to have.

Jehovah's witnesses firmly believe that fair-minded persons of Plainfield and other communities will agree that the people of this country are entitled to the opportunity to exercise their right to receive and judge for themselves what is fit for them.

In accordance with its public-service policy, the *Post* reproduces below the complete text of the letter sent to the Governor and to *The Police Reporter*. The advertisement which the *Courier-News* refused to publish is also reproduced in this issue of the *Post*, page 8, exactly as it appeared in the police magazine.

THE LETTER

Peoples Pulpit Association
124 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn, New York

January 16, 1935

The Police Reporter of New Jersey,
Attention P. J. Siccardi, President,
International Association of Chiefs of Police,
Hackensack, N. J.

SIRS:

In the November 1934 issue of your journal, at page 3, appears an advertisement entitled JEHOVAH.

That advertisement, solicited on behalf of your organization through its business director, was furnished

by Judge Rutherford, president of this association, and was paid for at your request.

The advertisement sets forth in plain language the position of men and women who, as Jehovah's witnesses, are sincerely and earnestly worshipping Almighty God in humble obedience to His commandment, and doing good unto the people throughout New Jersey and other communities.

To all officials and officers who receive your journal that advertisement is notice as to the character of men with whom they are dealing in arresting Jehovah's witnesses.

It is also notice to such officials and officers that they are working against that which Almighty God has commanded shall be done at this time among the people of all nations by His witnesses.

To proceed to arrest men and women for testifying about the Kingdom of Almighty God after being thus notified is a direct insult to the Most High God and His Son, Christ Jesus.

The grossness of this insult to the Lord is enhanced by the fact that police officers will listen to and act upon the suggestion of clergymen who are moved by malice and wicked hatred toward Jehovah's witnesses. Have in mind, as an example, that one who will use concerning Jehovah's witnesses language such as that of a clergyman (who is also chaplain of the local police department, as I am informed) in counseling the Paterson recorder, to wit, 'Put the screws on them tight,' shows that he has murder in his heart. He has a heart regardless of social duty to his fellow creature, and his motive is fatally bent on doing wrong to others. When police officials and officers act at the behest of such vicious and malicious men they put themselves in an exceedingly dangerous position.

Judge Rutherford instructs me to say that he authorized the copy for the advertisement in utmost good faith, hoping that the police would see our position and take a reasonable course. He was willing to pay a large price for the advertising space in your journal, not to influence the police, but for an opportunity of serving notice as to the exact facts.

In the light of the persistent actions of the police toward Jehovah's witnesses (as described in my letters to your business director under date of December 19, 1934, and December 28, 1934, and also the fresh arrests made in Plainfield on January 13, 1935), Judge Rutherford deems it not only useless but cooperating with mockery to furnish further copy even if it were published free in *The Police Reporter*, when the effect of publishing copy already supplied seems to be to cause spineless policemen to act at the behest of malicious men in utter disregard of what is right and just.

Shall we indulge the presumption that the clergy and the police whom they can control mean that "this is war to the hilt"?

*For reproduction of this advertisement see *The Golden Age* No. 397, page 160.

If so, then take further notice now that Jehovah's witnesses, by the grace of the Almighty God 'whose name alone is JEHOVAH', will receive with joy whatever comes, trusting in the Most High God whom we serve to deliver us in due season.

Our first and highest duty is to obey the commandments of Jehovah God. This we will do, by His grace. In doing this we are not lawbreakers in any sense. We are not such as police should have to give their attention to. We are doing injury to no one, but endeavoring, sincerely and openly, to do good unto all people. If we are still made the objects of vicious and malicious persecution because we are doing right, then those who induce policemen to take such action against us, as well as the policemen themselves, must bear the responsibility before God.

Probably some of the police organization laughed up their sleeves when they got \$200 for that page of advertising, saying in substance: 'The dupes are willing to give up their money, but we will take it and still go after them.'

You are reminded that, at the time, Judge Rutherford informed your representative that he would not spend a penny to influence the police, but that he would spend some money to let them know the truth. He has done so. Now let the responsibility rest where it ought to rest. We have carried out our part faithfully and truly, and leave the result with the God whom we serve and worship.

The police will never be heard to say anywhere that they acted ignorantly concerning the facts when they continue to arrest and imprison Jehovah's witnesses. The laws of this land hold a man responsible for his acts even though he is ignorant of the law. The law of God does not hold a man responsible until he has notice. Now the policemen of New Jersey have received full and fair notice and the responsibility is not to man but to Jehovah God, and be assured that He will administer the recompense in His own due time and good way. Now there is not a policeman in New Jersey but that knows that every time one of Jehovah's witnesses is arrested he, the policeman, is exceeding his legal authority and acting at the behest of a malicious class of men who hypocritically pose as the representatives of a Christian people but who are really the diabolical agents of the Devil himself.

Furthermore, take notice that every police officer in attempting to hinder the activity of Jehovah's witnesses, whether he does so on his own initiative or by direction of his superior, acts clearly in flagrant violation of both the spirit and the letter of the definitely restrictive provision of the basic law of New Jersey, namely, that "No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience."

Cordially,

A. R. Goux.

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The Golden Age, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Germany Completely Under the Domination of Satan

GERMANY is completely under the domination of Satan. The present-day fulfilment of prophecy should fully convince all who have a knowledge of the Bible that the battle of the great day of God Almighty is near, and hence the time for the vindication of Jehovah's name. Jesus uttered this prophecy which is now being fulfilled, to wit: "And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs; for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty. And they gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew Har-Magedon."—Revelation 16: 13, 14, 16, R. V.

Germany is entirely in the camp of Satan and is openly defying God and His kingdom, as will be observed from newspaper reports and court decisions now being rendered, some of which are herein set out. The *Northland Magazine* of Germany, a Hitler publication, says:

Those who belong to the past should not worry about the way of German youth. The epoch of Christianity is absolutely done. A new myth arises born out of the battle of words of the twentieth century, a myth of blood which will decide over the fate of this people for centuries. The idea of gathering all peoples under the world-God Jehovah dies with the last generation of an inglorious age. . . . May the representatives of the old spirit finally acknowledge that the church with all her dogmas of the middle ages has lived its span and cannot offer anything further to the youth. The German youth of the 20th century acknowledges proudly that it can live without sin and therefore without grace.

The same paper, in another issue, says:

In the sign of the cross the Orient conquered the North. In the sign of the swastika the north will for ever bring to its knees all Asiadom.

The Christian World, No. 19, page 908, states that President Kube said:

"We will see to it that Germany's youth will be brought up in the proud spirit of Langemark and not in any confessional spirit. The faith of the German youth is in Germany only. . . . Therefore you should remember one thing in to-day's confessional controversy: God wishes, my German boy, that on earth you should believe in Germany and in its immortal life and we will enforce the right to such a faith for you. Adolph Hitler yesterday and to-day and for ever."

The courts are completely under the domination of Satan. The unreasonable and devilish spirit that controls them is evidenced by the decisions recently rendered. For instance, one court sentenced a young man to prison because he showed his lady friend some scriptures in the Bible concerning God's kingdom. The judicial opinion filed by the said court of Storbeck in the case of Germany vs. Honemann *et al* is here set out, to wit:

COURT OPINION

S. G. M. 65/34
in connection with
S. G. M. 66/34

In the name of the German people
Criminal proceedings against

1. Wilhelm Hönemann, invalid (formerly assistant railway clerk), of Elster, at present in police protective custody in the police prison in Halle S., born on September 12, 1888, at Dussnitz, Schwiednitz district;
2. Wilhelm Conrad, mill owner, of Elster, born on December 31, 1878, in Pullupönen, Stallpönen district;
3. Mrs. Alma Conrad, formerly Hille, of Elster, born on October 1, 1885, at Elster, Wittenberg district;
4. Hermann Harz, railway laborer, of Elster, born on August 28, 1877, at Riesdorf, Jüterbod district;
5. Mrs. Ernestine Harz, formerly Tauscher, of Elster, born on January 3, 1883, at Kurbitz;
6. Friedrich Gehne, engine-driver, of Zschornowitz, at present in police protective custody in the police prison Halle, born on October 18, 1898, at Nienburg S.;

7. Richard Völker, machine artificer, of Burgkernitz, at present in police protective custody in the police prison in Halle S., born on December 26, 1899, in Dessau;
8. Emil Mathei, mine laborer, of Zschornowitz, born on April 14, 1897, at Gornitz, Netze district;
9. Ernst Richter, laborer, of Grossmöhla, born on September 17, 1872, at Pratau;

on account of transgressions against §§ 1, 4, of the Administrative Decree dated February 28, 1933 (Reichs Law Sheet 1, page 83, in connection with the decree of the Prussian Minister of the Interior, dated August 24, 1933) II 1316a (August 23, 1933) and furthermore of the Secret State police office of September 28, 1934 - II B 1. 30621/1667.

The Special Court of the province Saxony and the country of Anhalt has, in its session held on November 20, 1934, at Halle S., and in which took part

Dr. Fenner, director of the Provincial Court, as president;

Dr. Haberkorn, councilor of the Provincial Court, Storbeck, councilor of the Provincial Court, as assistant judges;

Rabbow, councilor of the Public Prosecution, as official of the Public Prosecutor;

Heinrich, clerk of the legal authorities as documentary official of the Office,

adjudged as legal and right:

The defendants are each sentenced to three months' imprisonment on account and by reason of transgressions against §§ 1 and 4 of the Administrative Decree of the Reichspresident for the Protection of People and State, dated February 28, 1933, in connection with the decree of the Prussian Minister of the Interior, dated June 24, 1933.

The defendants have to bear the costs of the proceedings.

Reasons:

By reason of the confession of the defendants and the testimony of the witness Criminal Assistant Nestler, it is established that the defendants have participated regularly in religious gatherings, whereby parts of the Bible have been read and discussed, etc., in a similar way as was customary before the prohibition, after the issue of the prohibition of the "International Bible Students Association" (I.B.S.A., including all its organizations) dated June 24, 1933, of the Prussian Minister of the Interior. As the defendants themselves state it, these gatherings differ from those which were held before the prohibition was issued, in general only in so far as they took place in smaller circles. The defendants no longer call themselves Bible Students. They state: The I.B.S.A. is now dissolved. There are now only Jehovah's witnesses (*vide* Harz), they mostly call themselves "witnesses of Jehovah" (as, for instance, Höne-mann, Mr. and Mrs. Harz) or "Jonadabs", that is, "people who stand on the side of God" (as Conrad

or "consecrated Christians" and "followers of Jesus" (as Mathei). They acknowledge on principle only the authority of Jehovah, the laws, etc., of worldly authorities, instance courts, etc., only in so far as these do not, according to their, the defendants', opinions and ideas, come into conflict with the laws and decrees of Jehovah.

That latter has, as they state, come into contact with them personally, so that they themselves do not need any more teachings or enlightenment (*vide* Gehne).

It is, however, their duty to visit one another and to gather together as this procedure is prescribed by the commandments of Jehovah (letter to the Hebrews) (*vide* Mrs. Harz). They will not allow themselves to be hindered in this by any worldly power whatsoever. They have therefore also come together to set up a petition to Reichschancellor Adolf Hitler such as is to be found in the files, and which, in substance, says that they would come together in spite of the prohibition. . . .

According to the declarations of the defendants, the literature of the kind which was in the possession of various and single defendants, and which was confiscated, was intended for those that were still to be converted. Various defendants receive such literature from Berne, as, for instance, *The Golden Age, Escape to the Kingdom, Righteous Ruler*, etc. Reference is made to this literature.

The defendants have partly also sent money abroad for such literature. When they received deliveries of this kind from abroad, they regarded them as a present from Heaven.

Although the defendants admit the substantial circumstances, they, after all, believe that they have not rendered themselves liable to punishment. They call attention to the fact that, as members of a religious body, they have been active only in a religious sense. They refer to the Weimar Constitution (Art. 137), as well as to the principles of the National Socialism regarding freedom of religion, and consider the prohibition of I.B.S.A. as contravening the said principles and the Reichs Constitution, and invalid, and point out explicitly that the Constitution could only be altered by a Reichs law which altered the Constitution, but not by a decree of the Reichspresident, such as that of February 28, 1933. They, first of all, lay claim to the fact that the Ministerial Decree dated June 24, 1933, whereby the I.B.S.A., inclusive of all its organizations (Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Magdeburg, etc.), is dissolved and prohibited in the territory of the Free State of Prussia, was rescinded by the letter of the Reichsminister to the American Consul General, dated September 13, 1934. This, however, is not the case. By the decree of June 24, 1933, the property and monies were also confiscated and sequestered. In the letter of September 13, 1934, it was mentioned principally that the governments of the countries have received orders to release the property and monies and not to furthermore hinder

the printing and distribution of Bibles and other unsuspicious literature. The letter of September 13, 1934, furthermore, however, contains the explicit passage: "On the other hand, every other activity of the Earnest Bible Students, such as teaching and meeting work, as well as the printing and distribution of tracts, leaflets, propaganda bills, etc., must remain stopped."

In view of this, therefore, teaching and holding meetings and the distribution of suspicious literature is forbidden, just as heretofore, and is punishable in accordance with the decree of June 24, 1933, by reason of §4 of the Administrative Decree of February 28, 1933.

More especially is therewith also every kind of meeting activity of the I.B.S.A., etc., of hitherto, prohibited. The defendants cannot take it that in view of the fact that their meetings no longer have such large audiences as hitherto, and are therefore of a smaller kind, such gatherings are of a different character and therefore do not come under the heading of gatherings which are prohibited.

The counsel for defense has, amongst other things, put forward the Verdict of the Special Court of Darmstadt, dated March 26, 1934, S. G. M. 26/24. In this verdict the corresponding Decree of Hessen has been considered illegal, because it contravened Article 137, paragraph 2, of the Reichs Constitution.

The Special Court has, however, no scruples about the validity of the Prussian regulations mentioned.

It is correct that Article 137 of the Reichs Constitution "guarantees the freedom of unity of religious societies" and that this is still in force. But this can apply only and solely to such societies as do not wish to be and, above all, are really nothing else than religious societies. Only in this sense may and must Articles 136 and 137 of the Reichs Constitution be construed.

The National Socialistic State assures only religious confessions their freedom, under the proviso, as a matter of course valid for every state, that the practice of "religion" does not show up in such a way as to endanger the stability of the State.

Religious societies are therefore protected, in accordance with the Reichs Constitution, in so far only as they do not endanger the State.

The National Socialistic basic comprehension re this is to be seen in No. 24 of the program of the NSDAP. There we read:

"We demand the freedom of all religious confessions in the State, in so far as they do not endanger the stability of same or infringe the feelings of morality and good breeding of the Germanic race. The party as such take up the standpoint of a positive Christianity, without binding itself confessionally to any certain creed. It combats the Jewish-materialistic spirit in and around us and is convinced that a permanent convalescence of our nation can only result from within on the basis of mutual interest before self-interest."

The cultural political principles of the NSDAP comprises, just as it does the aphorisms "Full freedom of religion and opinion" and "Special protection of

Christian Confessional creeds", also the demand: "Suppression and keeping out of all confessional doctrines which go against the German feelings of morality, the contents of which doctrines show a character destructive of state and people." As with every other law, so can also the Reichs Constitution be interpreted in various ways. When interpreting any law whatsoever, the real sense of the law must be ascertained and fixed. The Court must not stick to single letters or words. It would therefore be quite unreasonable to protect any kind of state-endangering contrivance simply because it appears clothed in the cloak of a religious society.

Every state abandons itself that (and this the more especially if by the terms of its Constitution) supports and protects an organization that fights against it to the utmost. It cannot possibly be desirous of protecting state-endangering endeavors solely for sake of their exterior form.

Were the I.B.S.A., as represented by their advocates living in Germany, only a religious community, and were their members in Germany to concern themselves only with religion, then this work and activity could never be prohibited. More especially the National Socialistic State would not have the slightest interest whatever in going up against these endeavors. The representatives of the I.B.S.A. and their supporters or a similar lot, such as the defendants, are not satisfied, however, with dealing only with religious questions.

As the defendants clearly pointed out to the Special Court, they considered it their duty to convince as large a circle of the people as possible of the correctness of their doctrines, by distributing the literature in question and by propagating their ideas and thoughts.

In these pamphlets, booklets, etc., however, the Third Reich is baited in a very nasty way. The literature which was distributed by the defendants and which was partly confiscated whilst in their possession is full of destructive and decomposing material, of attacks against the government of the Reich and of thoughts which, without the slightest doubt, are of a nature destructive to state and people.

The fact that all these state-endangering and state-hostile ideas are brought out under cover of a trumpeting of religious creed is especially dangerous. Thereby all such as do not know conditions in detail are led astray. But in this case, it is not a matter of belief, pure and simple. It is rather the case that, under the cloak of religion, a systematic, especially bitter struggle is carried on against the state of today, under the leadership of a foreign management abroad, against which the German State has no influence whatever.

A few examples taken from the literature above mentioned will explain this:

The (Swiss) *Golden Age*, Berne, No. 281 (June

1934, page 15), deals with the only too justified demands of the government to allow the prohibition of meetings to remain in force. These demands are termed as curious and ridiculous. It is pointed out that a well-known high official of the American government has said with regard to the Nazi leaders, that: "Such as the gods will destroy, they first make mad."

"The vain boasting of the German officials is censured."

Obviously with reference to the Reichs Chancellor and Leader, after mention having been made of the letters and telegrams addressed to him, it is said that "the enemy Satan tries to destroy such as have the testimony of Jesus Christ. The servant is not above his master".

"Thus we see that the Devil nowadays parodically imitates the kingdom of God and that he tries to divert the attention of the people from the true Kingdom of God."

"The above facts clearly prove that the Third Reich does not dare to style itself a component part of the Kingdom of God."

The "unjust measures of the German authorities" are described with a complete distortion of the real facts to the extent that "our brothers" (sometimes mention is also made of "sisters") "have been beaten and ill-treated in the concentration camps, and this only on account of their faith in God and Christ". (That means a misuse of religious feelings and sentiments, to work up the people against the State.)

Of the "brothers" it is said that they have stood firm in their belief and have given eloquent witness before the cruel agents of Satan, the Devil, who has been "a murderer from the beginning".

On page 13 "the persecutions of the Christians" are described.

On page 11 these alleged persecutions are compared with the persecutions of the Christians in the Middle Ages. Detailed outrageous news is given as coming from concentration camps.

In a proclamation "to the members and officials of my former congregation" a leader gives vent to the following, on sheet 11, which sums up in "The Kingdom of God is now about to be set up". "But that, before it is completely set up, Satan's cruel, oppressive organization, which nowadays completely dominates over all the governments of the earth, and especially over those of 'Christendom', must be done away with for ever, in the battle of Armageddon."

In No. 285 of *The Golden Age* we find, on page 12, the following poem:

"The training of heroes"—
A whole people must crouch
And bow down under drill;
The press must hush up
And keep as quiet as a mouse;
Right must not show itself;
Truth is hated.
And thus "heroes are trained
That serve their purposes".

At the same time a picture shows a man swinging a whip over a company of men drilling.

The adherents of the I.B.S.A. are therefore, as is shown by these specimens, without the slightest doubt, hostile and opposed to the State, and most especially to the National Socialistic State, and also operate and strengthen this hostility thereby, inasmuch as they come together in small circles as in former times and stick together, having printed matter of the kind shown above, sent from abroad, and which latter they distribute in this country. As the Special Court in Darmstadt has quite correctly stated, in the above-mentioned verdict on this point, they reject the State altogether as a "work of the Devil". They are subject to foreign influences which cannot be gone into and examined and show Jewish tendencies.

It is a vital necessity for the new state to protect itself most decidedly against such state-endangering contrivances.

The Special Court has convinced itself, by the impression it got in the Chief Session, of the personalities of the defendants and their manner of appearance before the Court, how very right the Prussian Minister of the Interior was, when he states, in the decree of June 24, 1933, that "their methods of contest are characterized by a fanatical influencing of their adherents".

As is furthermore stated, an astonishingly large number of adherents of former communistic and marxistic parties and organizations have been received into the ranks of the Bible Students.

There can consequently be absolutely no question of the prohibition of the I.B.S.A., etc., as having infringed upon the Constitution of the Reich. For Articles 135 and the following ones, in view of their aforementioned, alone possible sense and purpose (and that is what really comes into consideration, not the single letter), cover and protect only purely and exclusively religious societies, but not associations like the I.B.S.A. or the "witnesses of Jehovah", which are assuredly also religious societies, but apart from that are furthermore eminently state-endangering unions. The Prussian prohibition, rather than being a violation of the Constitution, was an urgent necessity, because elements hostile to the State had joined up under the cloak of a religious society to develop activities hostile to the State.

The defendants have therefore to be punished in accordance with §4 of the Administrative Decree of February 28, 1933, by reason of contravention of the decree of the Minister, dated June 24, 1933, for renewed activity in the sense of the I.B.S.A. The law provides for imprisonment for from not under one month up to five years or for a fine up to Marks 15,000.

The Court has taken into consideration the fact that, with the exception of one of the defendants, all of the latter have hitherto been without punishment. On the other hand, however, the danger which indeed is

to be perceived for the German community had to be considered.

A penalty of three months' imprisonment seemed therefore to be the necessary but also quite sufficient atonement for the deed.

The decision regarding the charges is based upon §§ 464, 465, Criminal Law Regulations.

(Signed) DR. FENNER DR. HABERKORN STORBECK

Both by word and by act the government and the courts of Germany show that they do not care what the commandments of Jehovah God may be. They boldly condemn honest men and women for the perfectly reasonable and proper stand that human laws can be properly obeyed and enforced only if they are in accord with the divine law. The issue is clearly drawn. Other servants of God than those already mentioned are similarly unjustly condemned and punished. The *Westfälische Landeszeitung Rote Erde* of November 13, 1934, calling Jehovah's witnesses "fanatical sectarians, the religious garb for international movements", says:

Mrs. Lydia Herrmann, 22 years of age, whose husband is also accused and in a concentration camp as a former communist, and Mrs. Luise Schwedler, 42 years old, both from Castrop-Rauxel, had to appear before the Dortmund Court and account for the distribution of forbidden literature of the International and therefore dissolved Association of the "Earnest Bible Students".

Mrs. Lydia H. appeared rather challenging and assured the Court that in calling upon Jehovah she would in the future also do her duty in this, that she would call the attention of her fellow-men to the Kingdom of God and the near establishment of the Kingdom of Christ Jesus on earth.

For this great offense the court of justice (?) sentenced Mrs. Herrmann to one year in prison, and her fellow witness to nine months. The sentence was made severe because the accused "showed no repentance". Such is religious liberty in Germany today. But Satan is not limiting his activities to that land. In America, England, Canada, and other countries where a measure of freedom of speech still obtains, desperate efforts are made to control the freedom of speech and the publication of the truth. Unreasonable laws, cunningly framed, are advanced to suppress the liberties of the people and to make them amenable to the arbitrary and shortsighted policies of fallible men in contravention of the Word of God. We may expect to see these priceless liberties, bought at such great cost, shortly taken away from the people.

But what is back of all this retrogression, this turning back to Dark Age methods and practices? What power, unseen but clearly in evidence, is limiting and circumscribing the rights, privileges and liberties of the people? What is back of it all? The Scriptures answer, It is the power of the demons. These, under the leadership of the rapacious Gog, are seeking to bring together, and do bring together, the ruling powers of the earth in a determined stand against righteousness and truth, and, above all, against Jehovah, the eternal God. Only recently *The News of the World*, London, carried an article in which Lord Riddell told how Lloyd George and Winston Churchill believe themselves to be under the guidance of unseen powers or spirits. The article reads, in part, as follows:

We (Lord Riddell and Mr. Lloyd George) walked along the shore (at Criccieth), and sat for some time on the rocks watching the waves. L. G. gave me an insight into a curious side of his character.

He showed me a letter he had received from a palmist and soothsayer, who stated, among other things, that L. G. was beset by many dangers, but would be protected by unseen spirits until he had accomplished a great mission he was destined to perform.

L. G. said: "That is a remarkable statement, because I am myself convinced that nothing will be allowed to happen to me until I have accomplished some great work for which I have been singled out. I feel that I shall be quite secure until then."

I said: "But what is to happen afterwards?"

"Ah," he replied, "afterwards! Well, afterwards, I suppose I shall share the fate of all other men who have been selected to perform great works. I shall be left to my fate. I shall be deserted."

In January, 1914, when he was fighting a ding-dong battle in the cabinet for a stronger navy, Mr. Winston Churchill also confided to Lord Riddell that he was "watched over".

"Think," he said, "of the perils I have escaped."

Hitler, too, is considered as under the direction of some "spirit". In a German illustrated magazine there appeared a reproduction of a picture which hangs in the Brandenburg Hall of the City Hall of Berlin-Schöneberg. The title of the picture is "The divine mission of National Socialism". It represents Hitler standing upon a mountain, and in the sky appears an angel offering him a globe upon which appears the swastika. Other prominent men and leaders in the financial and political field, as well as in ecclesiastical circles, are known to have communication of one kind or another with invisible powers. Spirit mediums frequently figure in

their lives, while others have great faith in horoscope readings, occult revelations and what not. All these things, according to the Holy Scriptures, are definitely of the Devil and his invisible cohorts.

In this connection attention is called to the booklet *Angels*, published by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., which booklet clearly sets forth the position and the activities of these demons, or fallen angels. A clear understanding of this matter is now possible, and is of the greatest importance to those who would be found on the side of Jehovah God in the great conflict that is fast approaching.

There will be only two sides in that great final battle. Satan's forces, under the leadership of Gog, will fight against the hosts of Jehovah, under the direction of Christ Jesus. On which side will you be? Knowledge is of the greatest consequence. Satan will deceive all who do not love truth and righteousness and who refuse to obey Jehovah God, but the Lord has made provision for the enlightenment of the meek and honest-hearted, the people of good will. These, like Jonadab of old, will be in heart harmony with Jehovah's King, the Greater Jehu, and will 'ride with Him, in His chariot', as He vanquishes the hosts of wickedness for all time.

In Defense of Fairness

THAT a few clergymen are not entirely blind to common justice and fairness is evident from the fact that at the trial of two of Jehovah's witnesses in Quebec recently, Louis Abram, a United church pastor, appeared as a defense witness. He stated that while he did not agree with all the teachings in the books distributed by Jehovah's witnesses he was not of the opinion that they were of a nature to incite the people to revolt. It was another clergyman, L. M. Pepperdene of the Anglican church, who made such a charge, saying that the writings in question were "subversive to law and order and held in contempt all constituted authority". He said he testified with the sanction of the bishop of Quebec as a representative of the Anglican church.

The *Witness and Canadian Homestead* of Montreal, in its issue of November 28, 1934, discussing the trial, said, in part:

Freedom of speech and religion in the province of Quebec received another body blow last week by the imposition of fines or imprisonment upon members of the sect calling themselves "Jehovah's witnesses" on charges of sedition. The "sedition" consisted of severe animadversions upon modern governments and the churches, Roman Catholic and Protestant, contained in booklets which the accused people were selling in the city of Quebec. . . . Critical as they are of most human institutions, they have not been shown at any time to have urged violent overturning of these—preferring as they do to predict that God himself will destroy that which is unworthy. What they said about the various Protestant churches is pretty much what ardent Roman Catholic apologists have themselves said on repeated occasions. It is diffi-

cult to resist the suspicion that it was their inclusion of the Roman Catholic church in their condemnation and their references to the pope that prompted the prosecutions. Freedom of speech as a principle must be upheld even for the protection of a truculent minority. Because of their unpopular opinions, this particular minority's plight has been ignored by many who would have leaped to the defense of any orthodox religious body whose elementary rights were menaced. But it is not freedom at all, if it is denied to the weak and unpopular. It is indeed painful to see a Church of England clergyman with, as he claimed, the approval of the Anglican bishop of Quebec, joining in the attack by taking the witness box to testify that what the pamphlets contained could fairly be described as sedition. It ought surely to be evident both to the rector and to his ecclesiastical superior that the proceedings at Quebec are merely another phase of the same brand of intolerance which in Montreal is bringing before the courts an Anglican brother clergyman on a charge of blasphemy for saying in public and in print what all three believe of a distinctive Roman Catholic doctrine, and which also in Montreal is dissolving legally celebrated marriages upon the strength of Roman Catholic ecclesiastical decrees against which Bishop Lennox-Williams of Quebec has himself made emphatic protest. Open freedom of speech is far safer than subterranean whisperings.

This impartial comment brought forth the following observation from Allan H. Ferry, a clergyman of Corbetton, Ont., which appeared in the December 12 issue of the *Witness and Canadian Homestead*:

SIR:—May I compliment you on your editorial in the issue of November 28 under the caption "This Freedom"? I cannot help wondering whether we are embarking on an era of religious persecution in

Canada, when I read of such cases as the one referred to by you, and others that are known to some of us but which have not reached the publicity stage. . . .

In the same issue appeared a long letter from the "Rev." L. M. Pepperdene, who evidently got hot under the clerical collar when he read something that seemed to favor even a measure of fairness and impartiality. In this letter Pepperdene included several alleged quotations from books distributed by Jehovah's witnesses. These excerpts were so arranged as to give the impression that Jehovah's witnesses denied the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, a glaring misrepresentation. If Pepperdene had lied outright his object could not have been more patent. He sought to shock the religious susceptibilities of the readers of the *Witness and Canadian Homestead* so that they would ever thereafter be thoroughly prejudiced against them. Pepperdene, both in his testimony and in his letter, was a "false witness"; for his unfairness is evident even to the *Witness and Canadian Homestead*, as will be seen from their comment on Pepperdene's letter. Judge Rutherford has charged that Catholic and Protestant clergymen are in a conspiracy against Jehovah's witnesses and their work. Pepperdene's letter shows that this charge is in no sense an exaggeration. *The Golden Age* quotes at length from Pepperdene's letter and from comment thereon appearing in the *Witness and Canadian Homestead* as follows:

(To the Editor of the *Witness*)

SIR:—I have read and reread your editorial of November 28, regarding the recent conviction of the self-styled "Jehovah's witnesses" in the Quebec court during the previous week, with much interest.

I feel that you are not conversant with all the facts of the case. In the first place you write as though his lordship the bishop and myself were the only Protestant clergy who had taken action in this matter. I should like to advise you, out of fairness to my bishop, that the action which I took was the outcome of a conference of the Protestant clergy in Quebec at which every Protestant church was represented with but one exception. At that conference, besides myself, representing the Anglican church, there was the Rev. Dr. Gordon of the Presbyterian church and the Rev. Mr. Matheson of the United church. We discussed the matter very fully, not even forgetting the case of Mr. Rahard of Montreal, and finally came to the conclusion that there was no comparison between the two cases, the one in which we as Christian ministers were interested here in Quebec, and the one in Montreal in which we are all also interested.

For reasons which are of little interest to anyone other than ourselves, I was asked if I would take the stand as representing the group. This I did only after further very serious consideration and prayer.

Personally I cannot feel that the question of freedom of speech is so vitally involved in this case. The trouble with so many people is, that they will confuse freedom of speech with license. These people have not been denied freedom of speech; they have never to my knowledge tried to hold a meeting and address the public in decent language. They came to Quebec under cover of early morning darkness and proceeded to scatter abroad literature which attacked everything which a Christian ought to hold most sacred. Literature which I would not have fall into the hands of my own children were they old enough to read it, under any consideration. . . .

Let me assure you, my dear sir, that the group of clergymen whom I represented in the witness box at that trial would be just as zealous, if not more so, to defend any orthodox Christian, or anyone else, for that matter, whose fundamental rights were menaced. But to spread among a peaceful community literature which is seditious, libelous and slanderous, is not a fundamental right of any citizen, and more especially when it is imported from a foreign country. It is not British. It is not Christian.

Your article of November held a very prominent place in your paper. I hope that you will publish this letter in an equally prominent place.

Sincerely yours,

L. M. PEPPERDENE.

NOTE:—Mr. Pepperdene makes the very common error of confusing defense of a principle with support of the beliefs of those for whom application of that principle is advocated. St. Paul's warfare for the faith was purely spiritual and polemic. We have yet to learn that he sought the aid of the civil power, or called for the exercise of force against those who taught "another gospel". Liberty is not liberty at all unless it is extended to all alike. It becomes a mockery when refused to an unpopular minority. It includes the right of talking nonsense, such as we believe the peculiar doctrines of "Jehovah's witnesses" to be. The appearance on the witness stand of a Protestant clergyman in support of the case for the defense shows that not all Quebec Protestantism was prepared to lend itself to the aims of an intolerant majority. It will hardly be argued that this minister's testimony—that he did not look upon the literature dispensed by the accused as "seditious"—implies that he agrees whole-heartedly with its contents. Literature which in Mr. Pepperdene's phrase, is "seditious, libelous and slanderous" is proscribed by the laws of every civilized country. It is strange that the literature under review has not encountered legal inhibition in any parts of Canada or the British Empire other

than in Quebec, where the courts have been called to the aid of religious intolerance. A recent dispatch from Germany tells of a jail sentence imposed on a member of the sect in Berlin. It would be interesting to know how many of the clergymen who lent their aid to this prosecution bestirred themselves when, in 1933, a young "orthodox Christian" was brought to trial in the same city for blasphemy for selling or distributing a pamphlet written by a Baptist minister of Ottawa. True, the Christian church ought to expose heresies—even such as are hugged by the dominant majority in this province. And is there no distortion or suppression of truth among Protestants? Experience since the days of the early church has shown that the least effective method of extirpating error is by persecuting it. A martyr now and again strengthens the cause for which he suffers. Do Mr. Pepperdene and his fellow-pastors really think that

the propagation of the errors of "Jehovah's witnesses" will be in any way checked by this invoking of the arm of flesh, even should the appeal of the convicted persons be rejected by a higher court of law? Nothing the erroneous sect can do will impair the Christian church so much as the negation of Christ by its members in everyday individual and national life. The *Witness* has long and earnestly looked for the closer coming together of all who profess and call themselves Christians, but the kind of co-operation of denominations which Mr. Pepperdene cites in his letter is one that it is to be hoped will not be repeated. Better isolation than to unite in what, were the shoe on the other foot, would rightly be regarded as a conspiracy against the operation of a sacred principle. Understanding the meaning of that word we cannot silently see it so violated that free speech is limited to those with whom we are in agreement.

Citizens of Plainfield Object

THE clergy and police of Plainfield, N. J., continue to oppose and interfere with the circulation of the Kingdom message in that city. But many of the citizenry are beginning to tire of the needless trouble and expense resulting from these unlawful interferences with the people's rights. This is evidenced by the following item which appeared in the *Plainfield Post*, January 25, 1935, and the "PROTEST AND REQUEST" which, together with a facsimile copy of a letter written by Assistant Attorney General Harvey Rothberg, also were given prominent places in that paper. These items will be of great interest to *Golden Age* readers, and are therefore reproduced herewith:

CITIZENS RESENT ARREST OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES RESIDENT TAXPAYERS INSIST NEEDLESS EXPENSE FOR PROSECUTION CEASE AT ONCE

During the past week public-spirited citizens of Plainfield have been stirred deeply by facts brought to light concerning the misleading stories circulated from time to time by members of the Plainfield police force with co-operation of the *Courier-News* regarding the arrest and imprisonment of Jehovah's witnesses who occasionally call at homes in all parts of the city.

As an example of public opinion, the *Post* reproduces in this issue the letter of Harvey Rothberg, a resident who is the State's assistant attorney general.

In the public interest, we take pleasure in presenting also in this issue the complete text of a "PROTEST AND REQUEST" which has already been signed by hundreds of resident taxpayers who disapprove of the expenditure of public funds for needless prosecu-

tion of inoffensive persons who are doing a good work in the community.

PROTEST AND REQUEST

To THE MAYOR and the Common Council
by the Inhabitants of the City of Plainfield:
GREETINGS

WE THE UNDERSIGNED resident taxpayers of Plainfield, New Jersey, possessing the right to learn of and to hear broadcast by radio such programs as we may desire and to read such printed matter as is pleasing to us, and this without interference or hindrance from or by the officials or non-officials of this city, do hereby vigorously protest against the persistent and wrongful interference with our said rights by the police and clergy or others of this city who do so interfere by causing the arrest and arresting and prosecuting certain harmless persons known as Jehovah's witnesses and who call at our homes with radio programs and other printed matter.

The Watchtower radio programs and the publications of and concerning the kingdom of Jehovah God are of great interest to us and it is our desire and we do hereby request that the persons known as Jehovah's witnesses should call at our homes from time to time and exhibit to us such radio programs and publications concerning the Bible testimony of God's kingdom which right so to do is guaranteed to all persons by the Constitution of this state.

We therefore respectfully call upon you

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONHARVEY ROTHBERG
ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

January 22, 1935

To the Mayor and Common Council
City of Plainfield

I have read some of the literature distributed by the witnesses of Jehovah in Plainfield, and have found it interesting and enlightening.

I am in favor of its circulation in Plainfield without the necessity of any

Police permits.

as officials of this city to immediately take proper and necessary steps to prevent such hindrance and interference with our rights to have persons known as Jehovah's witnesses call at our homes as aforesaid and for the purpose aforesaid and that the use of the taxpayers' money to prosecute Jehovah's witnesses cease now and for all time.

Respectfully
Harvey Rothberg

Church Membership Increasing?

Paul Revere No. 2
THE police towing car was advancing through Germantown (Pa.) to capture parked autos. But a modern Paul Revere, in an automobile, rode ahead of the police car, dashing up to houses and warning owners of parked cars, who moved them in time to avoid a \$6 fine for all-night parking. On and on went "Paul Revere", and as the police car passed through the territory not a parked car was in sight. Neither was "Paul Revere".

DR. GEORGE L. KIEFFER, who is the president of the Association of Statisticians of American Religious Bodies, says that during the last 134 years the population of the United States had increased 22 fold, and church membership 80 fold. According to that, Americans were anything but churchy in the beginning of the nineteenth century. These figures sound imposing, but the fact remains that less than a third of the people in the United States are connected with the churches.

Jannes and Jambres on Their Last Legs

Yes We Don't Want Intervention

THE Catholic hierarchy is trying its best to get the United States mixed up in Mexico's internal affairs, meanwhile declaring loudly that the Catholic church 'don't want intervention in Mexico, nohow'. One of the Hierarchy's representatives, J. S. Holgan, is all "het up" because Mexico is going to have just plain Mexican schools and will not let the church interfere. Mexico has the right idea and wants to give the children a real opportunity to start life with a fairly sane outlook. General Calles had said, "We must enter into and take possession of the mind of childhood, the mind of youth." The United States ambassador thought that was a good idea, and happened to express his thought too publicly. Now the Catholic hierarchy is trying to have him recalled. Soon, no doubt, we shall have Catholic societies sending resolutions to Congress or to the president, just as they sent resolutions to newspapers and radio stations in the case of Judge Rutherford in their effort to get him off the air. A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, particularly to the Hierarchy. And to have others adopt their scheme of getting possession of the mind of childhood is just too much for those who thrive on ignorance and superstition. We do not see, however, how anyone could do more harm than the Hierarchy has done in getting possession of the minds of the children. The Hierarchy would dearly love to see the United States do something about the Mexican situation, while they cry "Intolerance!" and other similar expressions of dismay. But it is very much like the boy who cried "Wolf!" too often. No attention is being paid to the Hierarchy's loud and bitter howls. People just don't believe what the Hierarchy tries to tell them. Confidence is not instilled by mere assertions. There must be something back of them. The Catholic church has not delivered the goods. The countries where she has exercised greatest power are the countries where she is least trusted. The United States government will do well to keep its eyes open.

Farley's Condescension (?)

WE CANNOT quite make out a picture which appeared in the press just lately. It caught the postmaster general of the United States in the act of getting down on his knees. The reason for it is not clear, but he is doing it

in front of a little man; and as Farley himself is quite big, it may be that he was just getting down to the level of this other man, whose name is Amleto Cicognani and who is called an "apostolic delegate". Perhaps it was just to be on speaking terms with the little fellow that the postmaster general was so condescending as to stoop so low. It certainly cannot be, and yet it might, that the postmaster general was doing obeisance to the little man, and that it is all a part of the game. If that be so, and if Al Smith had been made president of the United States, Americans might have had the edifying (or mortifying) example of their president kneeling to a little representative of a little state in Italy. (There is no record that Cicognani said, "Stand up; I myself also am a man."—See Acts 10:26.) And now they say Farley is going to resign as postmaster general.

American Bishops Welcome

MR. RATTI, of the Vatican, familiarly known to *Golden Age* readers as Ambrose, likes to have the American bishops call on him. Every time an American bishop calls, papa gets a nice present, some bishops bringing as much as \$60,000, and that amount is not to be sneezed at these days, not even by papa Ambrose. Last year the proceeds from these visits netted him over a million dollars. One of our subscribers, commenting on this fact, says, "Please note — \$1,000,000 to Ambrose. Why not use this swag in the U. S. A. — in Ohio, for instance, where the Catholics are asking taxpayers to use State money to keep their propaganda schools going?" This answer to the question is fairly obvious.

Charged with "Sedition"

THE *Daily Mail and Empire* of November 24, 1934, contains the following item: "Sentences of two months in jail and fines of \$300 each were to-day imposed on George Brodie, Toronto, and G. C. Barrett, Belleville, Ont., convicted on charges of being parties to a seditious conspiracy. Their lawyers have announced an appeal will be taken against the conviction." The item does not state that the "sedition" consisted of a distribution of Bible literature. Since the incident occurred in Quebec, which is strongly Roman Catholic, it is clear why the distribution of Bible literature is considered "seditious". It is well to remember that Jesus was crucified for "sedition".

The Prisoner in the Breadbox

DID you know that there are people who worship a god who is kept prisoner in a breadbox, a very fancy and ornate breadbox, to be sure, but a prisoner nevertheless? And did you know that this god, should you see him taken out of his breadbox prison, would present himself to you as a wafer, a piece of bread, or several wafers? Such is nevertheless the case, and all the ceremony of the "temples made with hands" in which this god, duplicated a thousand times, dwells, centers around the idea that he is really there, in the breadbox, a prisoner. Before the breadbox burns a candle or taper continually. And, does it not surprise you to learn that the people who worship this "god" call themselves Christians at times, though they are more generally known as "Roman Catholics"? That the prisoner in the box is really the big power back of the priestly control of the people is not generally known. For only the priest can "create" this "god", and the only way the worshipers can ever get out of purgatory or escape eternal torment is to eat him, while they are alive, or to have somebody else eat him for them after they die. All this comes from a literal and material interpretation of Jesus' symbolical words, "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life."

The *Eucharistic Quarterly* tells about this prisoner in the breadbox: "He who is greater than all is left alone, with none to keep him company to while away the weary hours of the day and the dreary watches of the night—none but the tiny taper with its flickering light like a guard before the tabernacle door behind which is detained the prisoner of love ... in chains in our tabernacles."

In Catholic Quebec

IN QUEBEC Jehovah's witnesses are arrested and charged with "sedition" when they go around telling the people about the kingdom of God and the blessings it will bring to the world. In that same benighted province the priests of the Catholic hierarchy rule with a high hand. The following letter is a fair sample of the treatment they accord their parishioners when they do not come across with the cash demanded for the "support" of the rector. If there is a note of clemency and kindness in the letter, we have failed to detect it. The rector does not make allowance for parents who are having all

they can do to make both ends meet. Jesus' description of the scribes and Pharisees of His day exactly fits the clergy of the present. The exceptions are so few that they cannot be taken into consideration. The letter, translated from the French, follows:

Lac Cayamont, Que., August 27, 1934.

DEAR PARISHIONER:

Each year several do not occupy themselves in settling their question of support owed to the rector, and there are only a few to pay their support. To the end that all be treated with justice and equality here is what has been decided:

(a) Beginning January 1, 1935, those who will not have made a settlement for their support already due, namely, for the years 1934, 1933, etc., etc., ... will see themselves refused by me all exterior religious service, as call for the sick and others. ...

(b) Beginning January 1, 1935, every head of a family will have to settle the question of support before January 1 of each year, so as not to undergo the same penalty as the one indicated at No. (a).

(c) Beginning January 1, 1935, every man being 21 years of age and who is not chief of a family will have to pay a support of \$1.00 each year or he will be subjected to the penalty indicated at No. (a).

Please communicate the contents of this letter to the members of your family who are interested to know it.

If this letter needs explanations, I will be able to give them to you at the visit of the parish which will take place in the month of September.

Yours in J. C.

(Signed) J. A. LATOURELLE,

Rector.

The Diamond-Studded Chalice

TO COMMEMORATE the Lord's poverty when on earth, the Roman Catholic hierarchy keeps a large part of its membership poor. To commemorate the riches which the Lord left to redeem mankind, the priests and other members of the Hierarchy live in the greatest splendor. This was forcibly brought to the attention of the public when three golden chalices were stolen from the Roman Catholic Church of Our Lady of Victory, at Throop avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y. Each of the chalices was studded with diamonds, and the three were valued at \$5,000. It is a very convenient arrangement to have the poor remember the poverty of the Lord, as the pope admonished the unemployed to do, while he and his assistants the world over forget that the Lord left His riches to become poor for the sake of fallen mankind, and especially to honor and vindicate His Father's name.

Coughlin and the Monroe Doctrine

"FATHER" COUGHLIN seems to be slightly confused, as he is trying to stir up the people of the United States against Mexico and to claim that the Monroe Doctrine makes it incumbent upon the United States to interfere. He is all mixed up. What the Monroe Doctrine says is that no European power shall interfere in the affairs of any independent government in the Western Hemisphere; and that would seem to indicate that the shoe is on the other foot; and that the United States, if it did anything, would call upon Vatican City to desist from interfering in the case of Mexico's internal problems. The Monroe Doctrine reads as follows:

"With the existing colonies or dependencies of any European power, we have not interfered and shall not interfere. But, with the governments who have declared their independence and maintained it, whose independence we have, on great consideration and on just principles, acknowledged, we could not view any interposition for the purpose of oppressing them, or controlling in any other manner their destiny, by any European power, in any other light than as the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

Since the Vatican is a temporal European power, its interference in Mexican affairs through its tools in any part of the world is apparently in conflict with the terms of the Monroe Doctrine.

Charles Coughlin vs. Wm. O'Connell

WILLIAM O'CONNELL, otherwise Cardinal O'Connell, celebrating his birthday in Boston, observed that Coughlin and "all clergymen, no matter what creed, tread hazardous ground" when trying directly to solve political or economic problems. To this "Father" Coughlin replied: "If he spoke as a churchman as he did on the three occasions when he publicly rebuked me he has done nothing more than to usurp the power which belongs to the apostolic delegate in America." He goes on to say that he himself was carrying out the instructions of Pius XI and Leo XIII. Coughlin may come to the point where he will recognize that both of these gentlemen have usurped an authority which was never given them by the only sources of authority in the church, Jehovah God and His Son Jesus Christ. Another observation by Coughlin is of interest, to wit: "For more than forty years William Cardinal O'Connell has been more notorious for his silence on social

justice than for any contribution he may have given either in practice or in doctrine toward the elimination of those glaring injustices which permitted the plutocrats of this nation to wax fat at the expense of the poor. Now he castigates me for doing what he was ordered to do."

Perpetuating a Falsehood

IN A REVIEW of Catholic activities during 1934 the Providence *Visitor* says:

The year saw further radio stations banning the broadcasts of "Judge" Rutherford, but it also saw petitions favorable to the retention of Rutherford broadcasts on the air descend upon members of Congress in great numbers. Investigations made in three separate cities showed that a large number of persons signing these petitions had no clear understanding of the petition they signed; that many had never heard "Judge" Rutherford's broadcasts; that the names of some appeared on the list without their knowledge; that in a number of cases one person signed for a number of persons, and that many who signed were surprised to learn later the nature of the Rutherford broadcasts.

It need only be added that these "investigations" were made by Catholic agents who had no business to have the petition, in the first place, and whose words are not to be relied upon, in the second place. Members of Congress who turned over some of these petitions to the agents of the Romish priests thereby showed that they were not serving the people but the interests of a foreign meddler who is now trying to stir up trouble between Mexico and the United States to protect its own unrighteous schemes of extortion.

A Difficult Case

IT IS not often that stories of the escapades of Catholic priests get into the papers, but censors apparently had difficulty in handling the case of "Father" John J. Leonard of Lawrenceville, N. J., murdered by a jealous husband. The story reads: "The five shots which Steinmetz allegedly poured from an automatic into the bodies of his wife and the priest brought hotel employees quickly to the room. Opening the door they saw the student lying in what they described as a 'drunken stupor'... Beside him lay the bodies of the wife and Father Leonard—fully clothed." The addition of the last two words was probably the best the censor could do, considering the fact that the lady and the priest were found together in his bedroom.

Cardinal O'Connell on Persecution

THE New York *Daily News* of December 2, 1934, says: "Condemnation of Nazi persecution of Jews was voiced by Cardinal O'Connell of Boston yesterday when he returned on the Italian liner *Saturnia* from a two weeks' visit to Pope Pius XI. 'I have a horror of a race or religion being persecuted for no other reason than it is a race and a religion. No Christian can take sides in a matter of a persecution of a religion or a race.' " If we could only feel sure that the cardinal meant it. If he did, he should say something about the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey and elsewhere and the boycotting of radio stations that broadcast Judge Rutherford's lectures. The Roman Catholic church is back of that. It is likely, however, that the cardinal does not mean what he appears to say. Adept in casuistry, members of the Hierarchy can say things that appear to be directly contrary to the well known and long established policy of the Roman church, and then explain to the proper persons just what they did mean.

Catholic Becomes a Jew

ASON was born to Mrs. Alfred L. Lyman (Roman Catholic) in a Jewish Sanatorium in New York city. Seven days later the child was circumcised and given a Jewish name, and inducted into the Jewish faith with full ritual, but all without the knowledge of his father or mother. Now the parents, true Roman Catholics, are suing the hospital for \$75,000. It seems possible that Mr. and Mrs. Lyman have not heard of the tolerance and harmony that now exist between Catholics, Jews and Protestants, but it will probably be called to their attention by their 'father confessor', upon which they will forgive the mistake of the hospital authorities and will, unquestionably, withdraw the suit. Or will they?

Just an Informal Visit

CARDINAL O'CONNELL, on the eve of the fiftieth anniversary of his entry into the priesthood, paid a visit to President Roosevelt. Subsequently the cardinal said, "I have never come to Washington without presenting myself to the president. . . ." This is very nice of the cardinal. It shows his humility of mind. It shows, too, that he probably does not feel as bitter toward Protestants as does Mr. Ratti of Vatican City, better known to *Golden Age* readers as Ambrose.

The Ruthless Go-Getters

ADDRESSING the Union League Club, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace said: "It is interesting to reflect that in 1929, in the United States, the 36,000 families with the greatest income received as much as the 11,000,000 families with the least income. Since 1929, of course, the income of the 36,000 has doubtless been cut in half. Nevertheless, most of the 36,000 still have far more than they can possibly consume."

"Against the New Deal have come thundering highly individualistic business men, mostly of the Protestant background, but some Catholic, some Jewish, and all cast in the mold of nineteenth-century economics and biology. Ruthless go-getters, they are still determined to get theirs."

We wonder why the secretary stressed the fact that most of these go-getters had a Protestant background? That should be expected in a country which is less than twenty percent Catholic. In Catholic countries the go-getters are Catholic, or if they are not go-getters it is because they already have grabbed everything in sight. It is an undeniable fact that in Catholic countries the common people are far worse off than in countries mainly Protestant.

Turkey Ahead of United States

TURKEY is away ahead of the United States in the enactment of sensible legislation. The wearing of religious garb except in service was banned by the government last November. A severe punishment is provided for violation of this law. Meanwhile, in the United States clerical relics of the Dark Ages appear in public on the slightest provocation, the wearers thinking thereby to get Americans used to the idea of tolerating them. On the contrary, they serve only to stir up the disgust of the people generally.

The Power of the Priest

IN *The Catholic Fireside* (England) of September 28, 1934, the following eulogy of the priest, consecrating the little piece of bread in the mass, appears: "At the Consecration a weak human arm seems stronger than the arm of the Almighty Creator at the beginning of time, and the mouth of the priest more potent with creative power than the Divine mouth when God spoke: 'Let there be light!' This is the priest of God." Could blasphemy go further?

"Organized Religion" Bargain Counter

Answering the Call of Mammon

"REV." HOMER LEWIS SHEFFER, of Oklahoma City, put his cards all on the table when he left his charge there for a more lucrative one in Spokane, Wash. He said, brazenly, "I assure you there have been no pious conversations with the Almighty. The reason for my resignation will be apparent to all who know the financial condition of the church. Money is speaking in tones of thunder, and I am answering its call." That was speaking the simple truth, and if other ministers and priests would do the same thing the people would know where they stand. They would see that the preachers are the devoted servants of Mammon.—Matthew 6:24.

Pickets at Broadway Tabernacle

THE Broadway Tabernacle congregation and its pastor were moved to pity when a group of shabby pickets paraded up and down in front of the church with placards which read, "The Broadway Tabernacle is really the Bro-Tab Realty Corporation, and is evicting a war veteran from a tax-exempt house at 1035 Elder avenue, the Bronx, for \$12.50 back rent." It was decided to let the veteran remain another week, even though the house was not exactly tax-exempt and the back rent amounted to \$80. Also, the church decided to help him find a new home for his family of a wife and four children.

Methodists Repent

AT THE Michigan conference of the Methodist church criticism of the church's investment of endowment funds in armament companies caused the trustees to repent, and they decided to withdraw these investments and bestow elsewhere the funds the earnings of which are used to support retired ministers and the widows and orphans of ministers. It does seem questionable to make widows and orphans by supporting armament manufacturers and then use the money gained to help other widows and orphans.

Only Twenty?

R. PARK ANDERSON, pastor of the M. E. church, Kennebec, S. Dak., inserts the following notice in the *Advocate-Leader*: "For Sale:—Twenty dead church members! For further information and price list see R. Park Anderson, pastor of the M.E. church."

Ten Dollars Cash for You

THOSE who seek first the kingdom of God are assured that things needful will be provided. It is not a lucrative proposition, however, to engage in the King's business. But the Bible Institute of Los Angeles is going to change all that and you can now make easy money off your friends by taking subscriptions for "The King's Business". They give you \$1.50 and you keep \$1.00 and send in 50c to the publishers of this "Bible Family Magazine". You have to send in at least ten subscriptions. If you send in a hundred subs you "earn" \$100!

Maybe He Is Right This Time

W. C. SALE, pastor of the Margaret street Baptist church, Jacksonville, says, "It is estimated that 14,000 of real praying people are in Florida, and that there are at least 180 praying people in Jacksonville." He figures that there are 3,000,000 persons in the United States that pray. The pastor may be right in his figures, but as he has been wrong in nearly every thing he has been telling from the pulpit, we would not be too sure that he is right this time.

What Harry F. Ward Said

DR. HARRY F. WARD, professor at the Union Theological Seminary, of New York city, said, "Organized Christianity at the present time is simply a tool in the hands of the moneyed interests, and its ethics are the ethics of capitalism." He stated that "big money" is engaged in building up the same attitude toward Russia as was built up in England against Germany before the war.

What Could One Expect?

AT PRESTONBURG, Ky., seven persons were convicted of fraudulently converting \$122,500 in administration of federal relief money. They used the relief orders to get work done for themselves. One of them was a minister, which probably accounts for the six others' going wrong.

Blessing Battleships

SAYS H. G. Cocks, in the London *Daily Herald*: "Bellicose Bishops Believe in Blessing Big Battleships Because Battleships By Being Blessed Become Better Boats for Blowing Blighters and Bounders not British-Born to Blazes."

Governmental Items

Still Trying to Get the U. S. In

AGITATION and propaganda to get the United States into the League of Nations continues. Of course, the people have repeatedly indicated that they do not want the United States to enter the League, but certain active interests continue to press the matter. A referendum taken in Massachusetts, which showed 135,485 in favor of the League and 81,936 against, is taken as an indication that the country as a whole would offer less objection to entering the League. Mr. Roosevelt's administration, though in favor of adherence to the World Court, is for the time being compelled to drop the subject, but it will doubtless come up again.

Precautions Against Marine Disasters

ONE of the consequences of the Morro Castle disaster is the appointment of naval officers to sail on American merchant vessels as special representatives of the federal government. These representatives, 25 in all, will be detailed to sail on one vessel and return on another, and during the voyages will inspect all equipment, lifeboats, fire-fighting apparatus; will observe the general conduct and discipline of the crews, study lifeboat drills of sailors and passengers, train members of the crews to act in emergencies. The object is to organize a system of inspection and maritime practice which will assure the traveling public of greater safety.

Shadowed Childhood

THERE are about 45,000,000 children in the United States, and of these 6,000,000 are of families dependent on relief. In these financially destitute families children may receive the necessities, but lack everything that makes for a happy childhood. If, in addition to these, we have in mind that there are numerous homes which, though not on relief, have little more than necessities, we gain some idea of the condition the Devil's world is in.

The U. S. and the League

THE American people do not want to join the League of Nations, but they will probably join it nevertheless. Senators Pope and Robinson sponsored resolutions calling for participation in the League and in the World Court. Popular sentiment, for the present, defeated these efforts.

Water for San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, though surrounded almost entirely by water, has worked for more than two decades and spent \$100,000,000 to get water from mountains 156 miles away. The water will flow into the city through 87 miles of tunnels and 69 miles of steel-pipe flumeway, coming from Hetch Hetchy Valley in Yosemite National Park, 3,500 feet above sea level. The valley was turned into a reservoir by means of a dam costing \$6,647,356.34 and forming a lake seven miles in length. It holds 67,000,000,000 gallons. Lake Eleanor, 12 miles beyond Hetch Hetchy, forms another reservoir and holds 9,000,000,000 gallons.

Another Dictator Plot

SAMUEL GLAZIER, of Baltimore, an army captain, told the House Committee investigating un-American activities that Jackson Martindell, New York counsel, had laid before him plans to enlist 500,000 young men with a view to taking over the United States government and set up a dictatorship and that funds totaling \$700,000,000 would back the move. The oppressors of the people are determined to get complete control of everything, and would doubtless succeed were it not that the battle of Armageddon is just ahead and will put an end to their plotting.

Taxation Borne by the People

SENATOR WILLIAM E. BORAH, in an address at Cambridge, Idaho, said:

In a statement put out some time ago by those speaking for labor, it was shown that the increase in prices which the laborer has to pay exceeded his increase in wages by 8 percent. . . . Reports and figures now out disclose that some . . . corporations have made net gains in the last six months of over 608 percent. Net gains, bear in mind! But it is said that we take these huge gains away from these corporations through taxes. But we do nothing of the kind. The great bulk of taxation is borne by the people.

The End of the Poorhouse in Sight?

SENATOR ROYAL S. COPELAND, of New York, says: "The time has come when the fear of poverty in old age shall disappear. The poorhouse is one of the greatest blots on the history of our country. It is utterly wrong that such an institution should exist." Instead of poorhouses the senator would have the government provide old age pensions.

Here and There Over the Planet

"The Kings of the East"

PREDICTING a world war more terrible than the last, E. L. Branson, at the St. Louis Coliseum, applied the expression "kings of the east", found in Revelation 16:12, to the Japanese Empire, whose emblem is the rising sun. The interpretation is superficial and incorrect, as will be seen from an examination of other scriptures on the subject in *Light*. The final conflict of earth, the battle of Armageddon, will not be between contending factions of earth, but between Jehovah God and His enemies. A war between Japan and other nations would have no bearing on the great question at issue, that is, "Who is God?" The Kings of the East are those who come as the Greater Darius and the Greater Cyrus. An attempt to interpret Scripture without reference to parallel passages results in confusion.

The World Foundation?

UNWILLING to be governed by Jehovah's commandments, the German Nazis have made unto themselves commandments more to their liking, as follows: "1. Honor the Deity, the world foundation. 2. Honor ancestors and grandchildren. 3. Honor the great of thy people. 4. Honor thy parents. 5. Keep yourself clean. 6. Be loyal to your people. 7. Do not steal. 8. Be truthful. 9. Help the noble." It will be noted that this set of "commandments" does not prohibit killing, covetousness, and adultery, and is partly a rehash, and a poor one, of the original ten commandments. It is known that adultery and general lasciviousness are greatly on the increase in Germany.

"The Divine Mission of National Socialism"

"THE Divine Mission of National Socialism" is the title of a large painting which has been hung in the city hall of Berlin-Schoneberg. It depicts Hitler receiving the symbol of the Nazi movement, a globe surmounted by a swastika, from a supernatural personage. This is undoubtedly the representation of an actual fact, whatever may have been the inspiration of the painting. The supernatural source of Nazism, as evidenced by its activities, is demonistic or satanic. A German subscriber for *The Golden Age* says, "Enclosed cutting may be of some interest to you, because it shows the deep darkness which covers our poor country."

India's Population

DURING the decade from 1921 to 1931 India's population increased by 34,000,000, which is only 6,000,000 less than the entire population of France, and nearly a third the population of the United States. This makes the present population of India 316,000,000. In 1911 the birth rate was larger than it is now, but the death rate has fallen much more than the birth rate. In India both are high compared with other countries. It has been said that in Bengal 95 percent of the people live on a diet that would hardly keep rats alive. It is estimated that from one-third to one-half of the employable population is without work.

Payment on War Debt

ARRESTED in France for speeding, and fined a hundred francs (\$6.60), an American refused to pay the court, but said he would make out the check to the American treasury on France's account, to apply on the war debt. He made it plain that he didn't think much of the French republic's treatment of her creditor. The judge accepted a photostat copy of the check in lieu of payment of the fine.

Some years ago a Frenchman, more honest than the government of his native land, left \$1,000 to be paid to the United States Government on the French debt.

Still Want the Money

WHILE the Protestant and Catholic churches in Germany have resisted the encroachment of the state in matters affecting the church, they are willing enough to accept the state subsidy which has been pocketed by them until now. The Protestant church receives 90,000,000 marks, or about \$36,000,000, yearly, and the Catholics receive 40,000,000 marks, about \$16,000,000. These churches are much disturbed over the prospect of losing this swag. Not having the help of the Lord they would naturally dread losing the support of the state.

Sri Padmanabhaswamy Takes a Bath

ONCE every six months the guardian deity of the Hindus, Sri Padmanabhaswamy, takes a bath. However, he cannot attend to this matter himself, as he is only an idol. So the maharaja of Travancore gives what's-his-name a bath, plunging him into the sea and then taking him back to the temple.

Lifting Forty Billion Tons

John Patterson, the director of the Dominion meteorological service, has a flair for measuring the influence of weather on various phases of Canada's national life, when he is not busy trying to find out when cold spells are likely to end.

So he has found Nature operates the biggest transportation system in the world. Every year she has to lift between 30 billion and 40 billion tons of water from sea and lake and carry it thousands of miles to drop it on the wheat lands of western Canada. Between 12 billion and 15 billion tons of this must come during the growing season. A shortage, an excess or a faulty distribution means a partial or total crop failure.

Testing Dams by Musical Pitch

PIANO wires buried in the concrete of the great Dnieprostroy dam in Russia are used to test stress and load. As variations of tension change the pitch of the wires, it provides a basis for calculating how much strain the dam is subjected to. This method of measuring pressure or strain is called teletensometry. Pressures on the strata of rocks in mines and tunnels were measured by this method long before it was utilized in the Dnieprostroy dam. Measurement of stress in tunnels enables engineers to design lining and props that will offset the strain.

"Photographing" Thought

"PHOTOGRAPHING" thought consists in recording and amplifying impulses discharged by the brain. When the mind is quiescent there is a regular discharge of electrical impulses of ten per second, which increases as the mind is directed toward and concentrated upon something. At least so says Professor Joseph Barcroft, of Cambridge University. He adds, "On a long wave emanating from the brain, there are superimposed thought waves due to physical sensation or mental concentration, varying in intensity and frequency."

Slept for Six Years

VICTOR STANLEY CLEAVE, of Folkestone, England, suffered a nervous breakdown and lapsed into a complete coma in May 1928 and momentarily regained consciousness in May 1932, since which time he slept for a period of two years. After the first four-year snooze he awoke and thought he had slept but a few hours.

Dog Article Appreciated

RALPH PARKER BISHOP, California, writes as follows:

I am writing to express my appreciation of the splendid article entitled "Man's Four-footed Friend—The Dog". It is one of the finest articles about dogs that I have ever read, and I would be ungrateful if I did not write to tell you of my pleasure in reading it. It is remarkable how the writer of the article assembled so much interesting information.

The human race does not realize how much it has to be grateful for in the loyal and faithful friendship of dogs, and yet the practice of vivisection continues unrestricted and uncontrolled in America. Ever since I have been a reader of *The Golden Age* I have been deeply grateful for the fearless and courageous articles that you have been publishing against vivisection, both human and animal.

A Good Dancer

THE white gony, or northern albatross, is a good dancer. The "dance" of these birds is a good deal like an old-fashioned square dance, without the motion of the feet. The birds face one another in pairs or groups, bow several times, rise on their toes, stretch their heads upward and bow again. Then, after bowing, they place their heads under their upraised wings, and touch beaks with their neighbors. The movements are performed in unison or in succession, and at times in whatever manner the bird seems to feel like executing them.

Seven Eclipses in 1935

THERE will be seven eclipses during 1935. The moon will eclipse the sun five times, and the earth will eclipse the moon twice. The last time there were five eclipses of the sun was in 1805, the occasion preceding that one being in 1255. The next year in which the sun will be eclipsed as often as that will be in 2485, 550 years from now, which event millions now living will be privileged to witness.

Treasure in the East River

SIMON LAKE, submarine inventor, is going to look for lost treasure. He hopes to find it at the bottom of the East river, to which it sank when the Hussar went down at Hell Gate carrying \$5,000,000 to \$40,000,000 in gold and silver coins to pay the British troops who were fighting the American revolutionists. The United States Treasury Department will get a percentage of any money recovered.

The Quintuplets

THE five daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Dionne of Callander, Ont., Canada, have been given so much publicity that it is now necessary only to refer to them as the quintuplets. They are said to be the first quintuplets ever to have lived more than fifty minutes. It has cost upwards of \$50,000 to care for the quintuplets thus far. They have their own private hospital, costing about \$10,000. The doctor who has cared for them has received practically nothing for his services, though numerous gifts have made things more comfortable for the parents than they have ever been before. The solicitous care given these five babies contrasts sharply with the neglect that is the experience of thousands of other babies of unemployed parents.

What the Iceman Says

THERE is really no such thing as an "electric refrigerator". Every ice machine uses a chemical refrigerant; electricity simply drives the pump that compresses the gases. Many people do not know that "electric refrigerators" use gas and that there is an element of danger in their use. The gases used are either poisonous, suffocating, explosive or toxic, or would be if they escaped, which sometimes happens. The leading manufacturers use sulphur dioxide, one part of which to ten thousand parts of air is intolerable to human creatures. Methyl chloride, escaping from a basement plant, resulted in killing a family composed of father, mother and baby.

Washington, D. C., recently passed a local ordinance requiring every ice machine to bear a label indicating the kind of gas used therein.

In hot weather the pressure in the small ice machine increases sometimes to over a hundred pounds to the square inch (more than twice as high as in the average tire), and the danger of explosion increases proportionately.

Mechanical refrigerators must be defrosted once a week or so, during which process there is no refrigeration.

Service men wear gas masks.

Meats, fruits and vegetables are shipped in ice-refrigerated cars almost exclusively. Ice is preferred because it is dependable and does not dry out or ruin the flavor of delicate foods.

About 64 percent of all ice is consumed between June 15 and September 15. During that time light is used proportionately less; so it is

difficult to determine just how much electricity the ice machine uses. It is estimated, however, that an electric refrigerator in the home doubles the bill for electricity.

While an ordinary icebox will last twenty to twenty-five years, an ice machine depreciates far more rapidly. It would be remarkable if a machine lasted ten years, but if it did, and cost \$200 to begin with, the depreciation would be \$20 yearly. Current, on an average, would be \$24 yearly, and service charges about \$15; which is about \$59 yearly, twice the size of the average ice bill.

[After reading this most of our readers will be reconciled to having to hold on to the old icebox a little longer.]

About Comfrey Root

MRS. HERMAN THAMS, Washington, writes: "About four years ago an article came out in *The Golden Age* [about Comfrey Root]. I cured enlarged glands in my face and neck which were so bad that the doctors were at a loss to know what to do for them. I steep one ounce of it in plenty of water and then recook the herbs as long as there is any strength in them. For a severe cold in the lungs I drink from eight to ten glasses a day. One glass a half hour before meals is plenty in ordinary ailments."

Cancer Killed 17,000 in New York

DURING 1934, in New York state alone, 17,000 persons died of cancer, the highest death rate from cancer ever recorded. This is to be expected as long as aluminum continues in the kitchens of homes and restaurants. Perhaps the undertakers are pleased, the doctors, too, and the aluminum trust; but those who love their fellow men will continue to long for the time when the kingdom of God will put an end to the slow poisoning of thousands upon thousands of unsuspecting victims of commercial greed.

The Influenza Patient

THE influenza patient should be kept by himself as much as possible and should stay at home until he recovers. He should have his own set of dishes, his own drinking glass, knife, fork, etc. Paper napkins should be used instead of handkerchiefs, and children should be kept away from him. So says a health bulletin.

Candy with a Kick

IMMEDIATELY following the end of prohibition manufacturers of 'candy with a kick' did a thriving business. One firm sold more than half a million dollars' worth of penny candy in a few months. This candy, filled with 20 percent alcohol, was eagerly bought by school children, who often came to their lessons in a semi-stupor. One Chicago concern circulated a sales letter, dated December 9, which said: "5,000 boxes were sold in Chicago since December 6, the first day of repeal. During the period of prohibition it was only possible to obtain such candies in foreign countries. Our candy is chocolate covered, and each box is chock-full of the finest assortment of Cordials, Brandy, Bourbon, Cognac, Scotch, Wines, etc.

Every piece is a real mouthful." The members of the firm were indicted on four counts, even though the claim was made, "All inside contents are Government tax paid and are being legally sold by us."

A More Appropriate Fruit?

IN *Family Circle* it is reported that a church calendar recently carried a notice which read: "Our Annual Strawberry Festival Will Be Held Next Friday. Admission 35c. (Owing to the depression, we will serve prunes.)"

Probably True

IT IS said that the first playing cards were designed by an insane man in an asylum. As a time-wasting device there is certainly nothing to surpass the deck of cards.

The Abundant Metal Again *By R. H. Barber (New York)*

GRADUALLY, during the past eight or ten years, and stimulated by the incessant labors of Dr. Betts, of Toledo, and the many warnings given in the columns of *The Golden Age*, the people are waking up to the fact that they are being slowly poisoned to death. The proof is incontrovertible, but it is no easy matter to convince all the people, or even to get them to investigate the subject. The fact that nearly "everybody" uses aluminum ware, and the fact that it is beautiful and convenient, and sold by the "best" stores, advertised in the "best" magazines, recommended by the "best" doctors, and used in many (not all) of the "best" hospitals, is convincing, to most people, that it is the proper thing. These "best" recommendations have also "taught" the people that any who differ with these opinions, or who attempt to "show up" these fraudulent claims, are "fanatics", "quacks" or "radicals".

However, it is cheering to note that many doctors, chemists, scientists, dietitians and professors have become convinced that foods cooked or allowed to stand in aluminum containers are thereby poisoned and unfit to eat. These are lifting up their voices in protest and are warning the people of this danger. It is also cheering to note that some of the aluminum manufacturers are quietly changing from aluminum to stainless steel ware. I have also learned of two retail concerns who refuse to handle aluminum ware and warn their customers against its use.

Many people are entirely unaware of the fact that common ALUM is simply aluminum in another form, and that in using alum baking powder they are slowly but surely filling the system with a poison "deposit" from which they must suffer in after years. Millions of tons of alum are dumped into the city and village water reservoirs every year, to further increase this poison "deposit" in the system. The city and village health officials do this on the recommendation of the above-mentioned "best" authorities, while the aluminum manufacturers use their highly paid magazine writers and other "hirelings" to put forth propaganda intended to make the people believe that aluminum ware is a gift sent from the "gods" for man's blessing and health. The doctors and health officials drink in this propaganda, aid in setting it before the people, and deny and belittle the efforts of honest persons who try to get the truth to the people.

Persons possessing a strong digestive apparatus and great power of resistance to poisons laugh at the charge that food cooked in aluminum is harmful. But sooner or later it "gets" them. Others with less power of resistance are poisoned and made ill by eating a single meal cooked in aluminum. I am one of the latter class, and on several occasions have been made severely ill by eating such foods, not realizing that they were cooked in aluminum, until too late.

Why is it that, within the period during which aluminum has been brought to the fore, skin diseases, blood diseases and intestinal diseases have increased by leaps and bounds? Cancers, and ulcers of the mouth, stomach and intestinal tract, are killing many thousands today, while the doctors are unable to cure the sufferers or to explain the prevalence of these diseases. The medics frankly admit these facts. It is really encouraging to note that several important hospitals have junked their aluminum and refuse to use it further, and admit that it is injurious to use it for cooking purposes.

A few months ago I served at a funeral held in the city where "The World's Largest Rayon Mill" is located. The deceased was a young married woman, who worked in this rayon mill. This particular mill served its employees with a dinner which was cooked on the premises, and in aluminum. This young woman took a bus for her home after the day's work was completed, and en route was taken violently ill, with nausea and vomiting, and it became necessary to take her into a house along the road; and after suffering terribly she died, in just a short time. At the funeral I learned these facts, and also that the doctor could give no reason for her death. Readers of *The Golden Age* will identify this as only another case of aluminum poisoning.

This brings me to my object in writing this letter. Another disease, which has come into existence recently, is called by the name "athlete's foot". This is a smarting sensation, usually between the toes, and is accompanied, at times, with a sort of a blister, which, when broken, exudes a watery fluid. Often the skin cracks between the toes, and the patient suffers greatly. I realize all this by a sad experience with the pesky disease. Many men and women complain of this same stinging and smarting sensation under the arms, and in other places where perspiration is prevalent. What causes this disease? The doctors do not know. For want of a better name (and to impress people with their wisdom) they call it "athlete's foot". Please notice, that at all the points affected the skin is very thin, tender and sensitive, and subject to almost continuous perspiration due to the constant friction.

But what has this to do with aluminum poisoning? My answer is as follows: While serving at the above-mentioned funeral in the

city where "The World's Largest Rayon Mill" is located, I accidentally learned that the young woman was accustomed to eating her dinner at the mill, and that it was always cooked in aluminum. This brought up the subject of aluminum poisoning. A bystander, listening to the conversation, remarked that all rayon products are "weighted" with aluminum, just as silk is "weighted" with tin. These metals give them their luster and weight. The heavier silks and rayons have more of the metals in them.

Now, I am not a chemist, a scientist, a professor or a doctor, but I am nearly "nine-eighths" convinced that this poisonous metal gets in touch with the tender, sensitive and perspiring skin and that this is what causes the mischief. Of course, the highly paid chemists, so-called "scientists" and doctors will deny this. But the very best possible proof is "FACTS". And here are the facts. Last week, Friday, I had occasion to serve at a second funeral in the same city where "The World's Largest Rayon Mill" is located. At the time I was suffering terribly with a specially severe attack of so-called "athlete's foot".

After the funeral, I was visiting with a husband and wife, and the subject of aluminum poisoning came up again, occasioned by a reading of the first article on this subject in September 12 *Golden Age*. I mentioned the fact that rayon products are "weighted" with aluminum. Both the husband and wife denied the statement, with emphasis. The wife said that she knew the statement was not true, because she had formerly worked in the rayon mill. I felt quite sure that they were mistaken, and pressed the point. Finally they began to enumerate the different things used in making rayon. After mentioning several things, the husband paused and said, "There is another thing they put in the acid, and I cannot remember what it is." Instantly the wife spoke up and said, "ALUM." Neither one of them knew that ALUM is aluminum.

Now for the best part of this story: I arrived home, immediately took off the pair of "pretty" rayon hose, gave my smarting feet a good bath and put on a pair of common, everyday, homely and despised cotton socks. After three days the smarting all disappeared, and I have had no "athlete's foot" since that time. It is now three months since this occurred. Will the cure be permanent? Well, it remains to be seen. I believe

it will. Here's hoping that these suggestions will be of some help to those poor creatures who are suffering with "athlete's foot".

I am writing this in hope that someone who possesses the necessary qualifications, such as time, proper instruments and real honesty, will make an investigation, and render a proper and honest report, which will be a blessing to the

people, but which will not be intended to sell more aluminum ware. Aluminum is a fine article for use in making automobile bodies, streamlined railroad trains, and airplanes, but it is entirely out of place when used as a lining for the stomach and intestines or to "weight" the kidneys, liver and other internal organs, doctors and chemists to the contrary notwithstanding.

Poisoning by Aspirin *By Dr. Chas. T. Betts (Ohio)*

ACETOSALICYLIC acid is a coal-tar product. Manufacturing chemists use the word "Aspirin" for the trade name. It was first produced in Germany, after which it has been extensively made and sold in other countries for the purpose of the alleviation of pain.

During the National Medical Convention at Detroit in 1915 it was stated that practically all disease is caused by "focal infection": absorption of pus from abscessed teeth, pyorrhea or diseased tonsils. The medics gave this information to their patients upon returning to their various homes. As a result a teeth-extracting and tonsillectomy orgy began which has continued to the present day, yet no particular general health benefit has been noted.

The public soon learned that the above remedy was not giving them relief. Many found, after the operation, that pain continued rampant in their bodies. After taking medical treatment and most of their money was gone they did not know which way to turn. Often they see advertising by drug manufacturers, heralding the virtues of agents that give relief for various ills. One of the most extensively advertised for this purpose is ASPIRIN.

VERDICT BY THE UNITED STATES DISPENSATORY BY WOOD-LAWALL

"Aspirin has been one of the most popularly used drugs in the last two decades. It has been grossly and variously adulterated, especially during the World War. Among the adulterants reported have been sugar, starch, talc, tartaric acid, acetanilid, phenacetin, milk sugar, salol, acid calcium phosphate, bone acid and cream of tartar.

"There have been reported a considerable number of cases of aspirin poisoning in humans with symptoms very different from those caused by the salicylates, and in many of these cases of poisoning the dosage has been so small as to practically exclude salicylic. After two doses of five grains each there occurred

marked cardiac weakness with pulse rate of 136 and edematous swelling of the face and mucous membranes with eversion of the lids and lips with the swelling. Shelby has reported alarming edema of the face from a single dose of 5 grains.

"Overdoses of aspirin commonly produce ringing in the ears. Frequently, however, even in quantities not excessive, it produces a very different type of intoxication. Among the most common symptoms are profuse sweating, cold extremities, either with or without a fall in body temperature, rapid or irregular pulse, and occasionally albuminuria. In many reported cases there has been marked facial edema involving not only the skin but the mucous membrane of the mouth and throat."

In 1913 many ailments attracted attention, but those of the stomach seemed to exceed all others. The writer found that drugs were often used by his patients to relieve pain in various parts of the body, especially headache. It was noted that some contracted general systemic poisoning by the ingestion of aluminum which dissolved from their cooking utensils or was taken into the body by drinking faucet water or eating baked goods containing alum (aluminum) baking powders. Many were completely cured by no other therapy than discontinuing the use of aluminum cooking utensils and alum products. Those who did not do this often resorted to the use of ASPIRIN, to allay their aches and pains.

At times the effects are brought vividly before us, especially when it is "news"; then the public press will print items that should cause an individual to stop and think. A city policeman, Joe Swionteck, was charged with being drunk while on duty. When taken to the station, Safety Director A. D. Black suspended him for 21 days. Directly after, however, the official reported that there was no evidence to prove charges of drunkenness against the patrolman, the man admitted that he had been overcome by a dose of ASPIRIN, taken shortly before

he was found. The article describing the above case is contained in the *Toledo Blade* of October 22, 1929.

Many of the writer's patients use ASPIRIN regularly. They seldom understand what causes that pale or ashen color of the face. It is only after repeated questioning that they admit taking it. After having observed the terrible effects upon many it was decided to investigate the literature upon the subject.

It is apparent that much has been published for the medical profession only. It is rare that one can secure a magazine or other periodical which gives the laity information along this line. A splendid start was made, however, in 1929, in *Health Culture* (New York), which gives the following timely warning:

THE ASPIRIN PERIL

Set the following words, if you please, Mr. Printer, in all the PANOPLY OF BLACK TYPE. They were spoken by Dr. Thomas M. Dishington, president of the British Homeopathic Congress, held in London last month, and it would be impossible to exaggerate their significance.

"There were more deadly drugs taken per head of the population today than ever before in the world's history. Five hundred tons of aspirin were consumed in one year in our country, and to judge from the amount of expensive advertising of other drugs, this sapping of the vitality of our race was a more than ordinarily profitable business. Deaths were common from overdoses or from errors in dispensing, yet we are complacent. Today we are living in a dark hour, and this drug-consuming is the black spot on the fair page of 20th century progress."

What does it all mean? Are we committing race suicide, or is this drug-craze merely a transient phase . . . ? The fact is that civilization is outstripping the capacity of human nature. Without narcotics, drugs, and stimulants we cannot stand the pace. The human machine has not yet adjusted itself to the new conditions. Speed is the desideratum in all departments of life, and the "coming race" will differ from ours inasmuch as it may be sharpened up or blunted down in all its senses, according to the new circumstances. Let us try to realize the change that has already taken place. We boast that science has enlarged the average length of life. So it has, but only by improving the figure as regards infant mortality. The babies are having the time of their lives. We love them more and more wistfully because they are the only natural human [creatures] that are left. But they will presently pass out into the hurly-burly of modern civilization, where the drug fiend awaits them.

Leave out the children under fourteen and I doubt whether the average span of life is any longer than it was a hundred years ago. Sanitation and hygiene have done much to banish endemic disease, but today our ills are mental; our nerves rather than our physical organs bring us down, and the frantic haste to patch and temporize is reflected in the floods of patent medicine and the mountains of patent pills which are annually absorbed by the national stomach.

Aspirin was "discovered" about twenty years ago by a German professor, who claimed that salicylic acid gradually released into the system would pass through the digestive tract, soothing, or deadening the nerves as it proceeded, without producing any deleterious aftermath. No one pretends that there is a virulent poison in a small dose. No one denies that the nerves are temporarily relieved. The danger lies in the fact that the small dose is never sufficient; for when the effect has worn off only a stronger application will suffice, and the more powerful members of the ASPIRIN family—heroin, veronal, phenastin, and the like—are subsequently called in to club the jarring nerves into silence.

Let Us Be Fair

Hurrying humanity has no time to lay up. This tablet-taking is so handy, so quick; and when bread-and-butter depends on work at the office, the shop, or the factory, who wouldn't try a short cut to health and efficiency?

Alas! the principle is all wrong. Nature never hurries. We may stand aghast at the calamity, and cry "How frightful, how sudden!" but the earthquake has been hundreds of years in the making, and the avalanche started before the present generation was born. What if the debacle of white races be beginning now! We must breed a race of super-men to withstand this riot of speed. They must draw their strength from the only reliable source, from nature, and the aspirin peril must be met, not by flinging dope and opiates to the enemy, as Ethelred flung bribes to the Danes, but by open fight, stern determination, and a changed outlook on the scope and purpose of life itself.

In the following item under the caption "The Asp in Aspirin" it is noted that 500 tons of aspirin is used in the British Isles annually. America, no doubt, uses as much per capita as the English. The article continues in the above-named journal of October 1929:

THE ASP IN ASPIRIN

Poor Cleopatra, distracted by the loss of Antony, and rebuffed by Augustus, clasped the asp to her bosom, and so died. Modern Woman, suffering grievously from Nerves, carries the asp in her handbag—the "asp" in aspirin! And, truth to tell, Modern Man too often carries the "asp" in his waistcoat

pocket. At the International Homeopathic Conference, recently held in London [England] it was stated that 500 tons of aspirin are consumed in that country every year, and when we remember that each tablet contains but five grains, it should be easy for the arithmetician to tell us exactly how many million tablets this enormous bulk represents. We must always allow for exaggeration, but, subtract and discount how we may, the fact remains that the use of drugs is on the increase and the drug principally employed is aspirin.

Roughly, its action is to deaden the symptom without eradicating the cause; and since this accommodating body of ours can accustom itself to all sorts of situations, it follows that the process of "deadenings" can be continued only by stunning the resilient nerves with ever-increasing doses. In Dumas' *Monte Cristo*, old General Nortier, suspecting that his "friend" desired to poison him, sets about taking small pinches of the poison himself so that his system may be impervious to the attack by the time the fatal dose shall be administered; but do not let the aspirin addict be deluded into the idea that immunity from evil consequences can be secured by adopting the same line of argument.

Aspirin is based on acetosalicylic acid, and a "tablet" is rapidly absorbed and circulated as sodium salicylate. A moderate dose causes a more rapid heartbeat, a rise in blood pressure, and promoted perspiration, and to that extent relieves the jarring nerves, but it affords nothing that is permanently beneficial. Indeed, one authority declares that aspirin actually kills deadening pain. "Make no mistake about pain," he says; "it is unpleasant, but beneficent. It is a flag set up by nature to warn us that something has gone wrong. Aspirin pulls down the flag, and makes people think everything is all right, till often it is too late to make it right. It conceals the symptoms; it waves aside the sore throat, the slight cough, the headache, as a thing of no consequence, and allows the disease to work under cover till it gets a grip no medical skill can break!

In other words, Nature keeps a strict Debtor and Creditor account. We are able to overdraw occasionally, but the balance must be made up sooner or later by honest retrenchment. Drugs are a spurious currency which cannot be accepted at the Bank of Health. How, then, shall we check the petty ills of life, inseparable from the hurry and turmoil of modern civilization, if the convenient little tablet is to be denied us? Those who ask the question would hardly defend drink on the ground that alcohol conquers care, and yet the analogy is there; and in the end drunkard and drug-taker reap the same unhappy fate. Nature has her remedy in both cases, but, like the orthodox practitioner, she demands her fee.

The machine that we have been misusing is out of gear. We have patched it up to get to the end of the journey, and, thanks to the original soundness of the

works, we have reached our destination. Before we can go any farther there must be an overhaul, and the natural thing to do is to try to understand the machine, and provide the proper fuel and lubricants it requires. Food is fuel; sleep, meditation, and the mental and bodily exercises are lubricants. Headache, insomnia, neurasthenia, neuritis, and all the tribe of nerve ailments can be lulled to rest by aspirin, but the root cause of them is our mode of life, and there will come a time when the cumulative effect of the doping will be as deadly as poor Cleopatra's asp. Nature's fee is paid in restraint, abstinence, fasting, exercise, fresh air, sunshine, and a recognition of our duties as well as our rights. There is a healer more benign than the asp in aspirin; it is the asp in aspiration when we make up our minds to tread nature's path. There are two kinds of tonic, the true and the false, and the difference between taking and making trouble.

Investigation proved conclusively that the orthodox medical profession is acquainted with the deadly poisonous effects of aspirin. Pharmaceutical houses put out literature warning against prescribing the drugs. Many patients, after teeth have been extracted and tonsils removed, find their pains continue. Aspirin is indeed frequently prescribed as a cure. The writer believes that the menace has become so great that the evil should be known by all. I will quote the "Gleaner" of August 1928, published by the Lloyd Bros., Inc., pharmacists, Cincinnati, Ohio. The article was written by A. F. Stevens, M.D., and was distributed to the medical profession under the caption "Ultimate Effects of Drugs".

THE ULTIMATE EFFECTS OF DRUGS

Aspirin is as staple in drug stores and department stores as cathartic pills and cotton goods. Everybody takes aspirin. Doctors give it for almost every ache and pain, everything from a cold to corns, with the assurance that the drug is harmless. During the flu period almost every victim got his aspirin. Almost everybody believed in it because it relieved his distress and "couldn't do him any harm". The result was that thousands died who might have lived had they been willing to bear discomfort for a little while. They died like flies around a plate of poison, although "science" did all that could be done to "save" them. May the good Lord deliver us from the science that kills.

Many of those deaths were said to have resulted from pneumonia, but those cases of so-called "pneumonia" coming under my observation were, in reality, a hypostatic congestion of the lungs and did not show the symptom-complex of pneumonia at all. The primary effect of aspirin is exerted upon the sensory portion of the nervous system and destroys the power

of the brain to receive the sensation of pain, thereby leading the patient to believe he is improved. The pain and the cause of it are still acting, but the patient does not know it. The sensory current flows no more to the feeling organ. What else does aspirin do? Ultimately it inhibits the vasomotor impulse, thereby destroying the contractive power of the capillary vessels. Under the influence of the drug the capillaries lose their contractile force and extreme dilation results. Having destroyed the conducting power of the vasomotors, turned the current off, the vessels fill to their limit and never regain their power to act. The patient dies drowned in his own blood, and they call it pneumonia.

I do not say that all cases of flu that were given aspirin developed this condition, but I do say that, given a case of pulmonary complication, it is a dangerous thing to give aspirin. I do not say that the drug should be entirely prohibited under all circumstances, but I do say that, knowing the ultimate effect of the drug, one should carefully select his cases for its administration.

It should be noted here that our strongest and healthiest manhood was in our cantonments during the early period of the war. Yet more than 15 percent died from a disease known as the "flu", while during the same period only 2 percent of our weaklings, children and old people at home died of the same ailment. My brother-in-law who was in the army and very ill with the disease was told that he would not be alive the following day; however, he was given his regular dose of 5 tablets of ASPIRIN, which he then and there refused. He got well, while those around him who took the drug died. Dr. Stevens admitted that "they died like flies around a plate of poison", under their care. This is a terrible indictment against the orthodox medics in charge of the soldiers.

When the editor of the *Fruitarian and Vegetarian* read the above article he published it in full with the following comment:

Who is responsible for the administration of aspirin or any other drug? Is it your butcher, dressmaker, milkman, or morning newspaper? Common sense should teach people that anything that stops pain or a headache in five minutes is dangerous. But nearly every clubwoman, society butterfly and those on high tension carry something in their handbag to allay headaches, etc. On every hand we see, among such women, twitching nerves, little nervous peculiarities, apparently impossible to control. Wrong foods and habits demand something unnatural; so drugs are resorted to. The bootlegger is arrested, but those prescribing nervines and details as deadly, if not as rapid in action, as "hootch" is go free, carry titles, and the pack does homage.

It might be well at the present time to investigate drug conditions. Our federal penitentiaries are filled with criminal drug addicts. More than twenty-three hundred of them are in the three prisons. One would think from current newspaper reports that they are filled with violators of the liquor laws instead. These are second in number, only slightly over eighteen hundred. These facts should cause Americans to ask: Should the public be able to buy painkilling drugs without some check upon such purchases? Let us take a calm view of the aspirin situation.

What are the basic reasons for our nervousness, headaches, insomnia, and a thousand other diseases like neuritis, gastric troubles, etc.? What is it in the last twenty years of modern life, other than automobiles, theaters, and airplanes, that causes these diseases which call for 500 tons of aspirin per year in England and many more tons in America? Is it our devitalized foods done up in beautiful packages which will not attract worms, mice or rats? Is it our lack of time to properly prepare foods for ingestion? Is it our new modern method of cooking in aluminum dishes and baking with alum baking powders? Is it our city faucet drinking water which is loaded with chlorine and aluminum mixed with sulphuric acid? Is it our white bread made with portions of plaster of Paris and other poisonous ingredients? No doubt all of these have a direct bearing upon our general well-being. The writer has found that many scientists have determined that aluminum is absorbed into the blood when ingested, and that this is one of the great sources of body evils, producing diseases which require drugs to control.

Dr. Harry Gideon Wells, pathologist, of the University of Chicago, states under oath that aluminum compounds cause the red corpuscles to aggregate or clump in the capillaries of the body, causing an anemic condition arising from the reduction of the red corpuscles. Along with this condition comes a whole train of diseases due to the lowered vitality of the body which calls for aspirin, *aspirin!* more ASPIRIN! May the good Lord deliver us from a science of murder as generally practiced today by prescribing aspirin.

Camels' Hair Brushes

CAMELS' hair brushes are not made from camels' hair, but from the hair of the tails of Russian and Siberian squirrels.

The Purpose of All Creation

“**L**OOK across the street, will you! Two gangs of yelling youngsters.” You hear the leader of one gang cry out, “I am Dillinger!” while the other gang leader shouts, “I am Mussolini!” The youthful ruffians begin gouging one another’s ribs with pointed sticks and clubbing one another with butts of toy guns and pistols. You are startled at this sudden explosion of youthful dynamite, but then you smile on it as being only a playful expression. Still, afterwards, you are led to believe it is born in the heart of a child to worship some hero, somebody he can imitate. This same spirit to worship something or somebody bursts out at national athletic games. Thousands stand on tiptoes, shouting at the top of their voices as their baseball team or hero brings in the run that ties the score. At football contests the spectators become literally wild, and crowds cry out like hoodlums as their gridiron hero carries the pigskin twenty yards for a touchdown. Election and wartime scenes display a like burning in the hearts of millions to follow an idolized leader. For such honoring and worship of a creature man whole armies have been sacrificed on battlefields, women have debauched themselves, and even children have made up games for pastime. One cannot doubt that there is something in man’s heart and mind which impels him to worship somebody. But the question is, Has man found the proper somebody to worship?

Examination of the Scriptures relative to creation discloses that man was placed on earth for the pleasure of the Creator, Jehovah, and to worship Him. (Revelation 4:11) Had man remained in harmony with Jehovah, the purpose of man’s existence would even now be realized by his praising and worshipping the Most High. Due to rebellion, however, God’s enemy has turned many creatures away from the great Benefactor, and the object of creation has been hid and greatly misunderstood. The Devil, realizing that man desires to worship some person or thing, has turned the attention of the human family away from Jehovah and caused the creatures to bow down to anything else than the Creator, who is worthy of all honor and godly fear. The human family has been blinded to the existence and the good purposes of Jehovah. The Devil is responsible for this condition. A time must come, however, when the blinding influence cast over the minds of the people will be removed, and all who desire to know and wor-

ship Jehovah will be at liberty to do so. Then the purpose and objective of all creation will be realized in the unending songs of praise to Jehovah. 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.

All God’s Works Shall Praise Him

Knowing the purpose of His works and the intimate relationship of the Kingdom 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.” (Psalm 145:10-13) Millions of creatures have not known Jehovah heretofore, and it is impossible for such creatures to worship the true God. When the creature comes to an appreciation of who Jehovah is, and of man’s 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 of what may temporarily please creatures or even benefit them. The real issue is, What is pleasing to the Lord? He who un-

derstands and appreciates the Creator's purpose must also persist in following a course consistent therewith.

Good Intentions Not Sufficient

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 Chronicles 13:9, 10; 15:2) On account of his disobedience the Lord smote him to death. The Kingdom work requires 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. A creature realizes his greatest efficiency and happiness when he zealously does those things that he was designed to do. 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 to either please Him or serve Him. Jehovah's witnesses at this time throughout the earth are putting forth every effort that the people might have an opportunity to know something about Jehovah, that in due time they too might in turn serve the great Benefactor. We see, therefore, the great necessity for the vindication of the name of Jehovah at the outset of the Kingdom arrangement. Those who love the Lord 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 the earth appreciate the righteous judgments of the Lord and learn of His goodness, then they will praise Him for ever. 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."

Rebels Against the Most High

There are numerous creatures both visible and invisible who have rebelled against the Most High. Satan has used wicked angels to cause both angelic sons of God and mankind to be drawn away from the course of righteousness; these seduced ones are temporarily in the snares of the evil one. Satan and his wicked agents 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 untrammelled 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."—Psalm 44:5-8.

In this connection let it be emphasized that all men should trust in the Lord, and not in the arm of flesh. Man has a power greater than his own with which to combat; he has powerful spirit creatures to resist if he wishes to be pleasing to Jehovah. No man on earth is able to fight single-handedly against the Devil and expect to be pleasing to the Lord. Therefore, if man wishes to battle against the enemy he must rely upon a power superior to that at the command of Satan. The Lord Jehovah is much more powerful than the Devil. It is pleasing to the Lord when man trusts Him, and Jehovah is a strong fortress to those who flee to Him.

Blessed Is He Who Trusts God

No man has any right to boast in his own prowess; but if he boast, let it be in the Lord. In point we read from Jeremiah 17:5-8: "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is: for he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit."

The Creator is the source of all power, and He will abundantly manifest that power in the coming battle of Armageddon in the 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." (Psalm 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 kingdom of equity will hold 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 peoples of the nations who will survive (and there will be 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 obedient 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."—Psalm 86:6-10.

A Never-to-be-Forgotten Event

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 unsearchable. 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." (Psalm 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.

From Darkness to Light

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 the nations will be lifted, and the people will see what is pleasing to God and will do it. "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 veil that is spread over all nations."—Isaiah 25:6, 7.

Today the people are merely existing, nations are submerged in poverty and ill health. The oppression of the enemy has broken the desire and health of mankind. Like an old man, the human family goes tottering to the grave. Jehovah never purposed that obedient man should die; neither does He take pleasure in the death of the wicked. Health, life, joy and righteousness will be given the obedient of the people to the end that they may sound forth His praises. Now note the Scriptures: "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."—Psalm 67:2-4.

Jehovah has made the earth for man, and has so constructed the materials thereof to supply the common necessities and to sustain life. During the reign of evil, selfish men have obtained possession of the mines and the oil fields 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 on the backs of the laboring masses. The ponderous systems of government, with their many useless bureaus, politicians, grafters and armies, have really been playing into the hands of the privileged few and have resulted in the undoing of the people. "When the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn." (Proverbs 29:2) "Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain [the Devil's destructive organization], saith the Lord, which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain."—Jeremiah 51:25.

An Abundant Yield

Things will be reversed under the kingdom of the Creator. The Lord will teach the people how to rehabilitate the earth and repair the ravages caused by the greedy hand of the enemy. Scientists have been trying to improve the land for the benefit of the profiteers, but the Lord will actually increase the fertility of the land as one of the sure blessings of the people. When the crops of a righteous man are plenteous he desires to express his gratitude to the Lord and the Giver of all good things. When the people recognize the abundant provision of the Creator they will fear Him and honor Him. "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."—Psalm 67:5-7.

It is the purpose of the Creator that all His works should praise Him. This includes both the animate and the 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 the people, under the reign of Satan, have been kept in the darkness concerning an appreciation even of the wonders of the visible universe. Evolution and the wisdom of man have purposely left out of account the great Benefactor of the people; the Devil's design has ever been to keep them from the truth about the Creator. When man learns the truth and appreciates the great Giver, then Jehovah will take pleasure in the devotion, praise and service of His earthly creature. We might expect that there is a vast reservoir of knowledge about the Creator's works yet unfathomed, and which science falsely so called either has not disclosed or has so twisted as to give an entirely wrong impression of the Creator.

God's Glory in the Heavens

Studying the glory of the heavens and the laws by which the stars and the planets are held together and move through space 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 fulfil His word. These things Jehovah makes and uses in a manner strange and wonderful to man. They do not function by mere chance, but

will certainly be used marvelously to accomplish the will of their Maker and Governor. Even by the sane consideration of the Scriptures and our limited knowledge of the visible universe through the distorted spectacles that we now have, one can see the utter foolishness of man worship, or, for that part, any other worship than that of the Creator, the God of the universe.

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 stablished 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."—A.R.V.

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THIRTY Methodist Episcopal churches have been sold from the auctioneer's block, while four hundred others are having a hard time to keep going. One-fourth of the denomination's 20,000 churches have debt problems, according to Dr. F. W. Mueller, superintendent of the denomination's department of church extension. Interest on church debts exceeds all donations for "world service".

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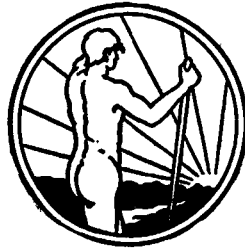
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The Second Hand in the Timepiece of God

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AN EXPLANATION RESPECTING A COMPLETE CHANGE OF CALENDAR, WITH SUGGESTIONS AS TO HOW THE CALENDAR OF JEHOVAH GOD CAN BE PUT INTO EFFECT EASILY AND NATURALLY, WITHOUT ANY CONFUSION.

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MATTERS have arisen recently to call sharp attention to the Gregorian calendar and its confusions, and to direct attention to the Word of God on the subject of time, with a consideration of what may be called the timepiece of God, the beautiful and orderly arrangement of the sun and moon as they were set in the heavens by the Creator "to rule over the day and over the night" (Genesis 1:18), 'to be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and for years.'—Genesis 1:14.

This is no nonsense, or worse than nonsense from the Great Pyramid in Egypt (built with unpaid slave labor), but there is now a wealth of information regarding the exact length of the year, and the exact length of the lunation (from one new moon to another), which makes all past history an open book, where the number of years involved is known, and where there is associated with those years some marked reference to the moon.

"The Precious Things Put Forth"

It is an interesting possibility indicated by Moses when he mentions "the precious things put forth by the moon". (Deuteronomy 33:14) In the beautifully working parts of His great timepiece Jehovah God has preserved evidence that will yet shame all the wise of the earth.

Does it not seem a very wonderful thing, a gift from Jehovah God, that Jehovah's people may now have a perfect calendar of the Lord's life, knowing, for example, in terms of the Gregorian calendar, with which all are familiar, the exact days of the week, month and year when, as a boy, He remained behind in the temple, asking and answering questions; that they may know the exact date when Moses came marching out of Egypt, the exact date the Jordan was crossed by the forces under Joshua, the exact

date Noah and his family went into the ark, and the day they came out, and the probable day of Adam's creation, all from the silent movements going on constantly by which the sun and the moon never get out of place or out of order, as do other clocks, but are far enough away that no mischief-maker can get at them to interfere?

It is so simple, when one gets into the subject, that it is passing strange that Jehovah's people never became interested in it before. Though the moon has its variations in speed, yet the mean lunation, 29 days 12 hours 44 minutes 2.864976 seconds (2551442.864976 seconds), is one of the definite fixtures of the heavens, and its reliability is such that astronomers meet and gravely discuss the reasons for differences of so small an amount as 1/1000th of a second in a lunation.

The nature of the oscillations of the moon is known many years in advance, and will be laid before the reader, and he will be able to make intelligent predictions as to times of lunations himself. Nor will this knowledge, when understood, lessen confidence in the second hand of God's timepiece, but rather increase it. A man may run up and down the length of a swiftly moving train and thus move slower or faster through the surrounding country, yet, after all, the net result is not changed if he quietly stays in his seat. That is the way it is respecting the oscillations of the moon.

In his work *The Calendar; Its History, Structure and Improvement* (published by the Macmillan Company) Prof. Alexander Philip, LL.B., F.R.S., of Edinburgh, says the exact length of the year is 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes 46.15 seconds. He made a careful study and had access to many works; in this production it is assumed that his statements are correct.

Indebtedness is acknowledged to 220 works on astronomy; also to Dr. Clyde Fisher, Ph. D., LL.D., curator of the Department of Astronomy, The American Museum of Natural History, 77th street and Central Park West, New York city. Dr. Fisher is rated the ablest astronomer in New York.

An Intricate, Confusing Subject

Gentile scholars of eminence sadly say that years are "incommensurable"; an incorrect but excusable statement, in view of the difficulties involved. There is only one way out: God's way; which way is simplicity itself, as will appear in due course.

That the Jews are confused is self-evident. Here is what the International dictionary says of their efforts: "The common year is said to be defective, regular or perfect (or abundant) according as it has 353, 354 or 355 days. The leap year has an intercalary month, and a total of 383 (defective), 384 (regular), or 385 (perfect, or abundant) days. The calendar is complicated by various rules providing for the harmonious arrangement of festivals, etc., so that no simple perpetual calendar can be constructed." In their calendar the Jews show only 3,761 years in the era B.C., whereas the Scriptures, preserved in their midst, show that somewhere, somehow, they have lost account of at the very least 267 years. Jehovah's people have nothing to learn from the Jews on this subject; the Jews have lost the "key of knowledge".—Luke 11:52.

Jehovah's people are not interested in the old Roman calendar of ten months in a year, even though "Christendom" still uses the original names of the last four months of that year: September, October, November, December.

They are not interested in the old Greek calendar, the use of which caused such confusion in the Roman empire that in the year 46 B.C. it was necessary to add two months to the year, making it fourteen months long, in order to bring the seasons back to their proper position.

They are not interested in the Julian calendar, which followed, unless they chance to live in Greece, or unless they are astronomers. The first of the year, with the Greeks, is thirteen days behind the one now in general use. The reason why the astronomers cling to the Julian reckoning is that it has been in use constantly, in some sections of the world, 1,980 years. They merely use it as a convenient measuring rod, to connect up with the past. Julian days, used

by all astronomers, begin to count 250,310 days prior to the day of Adam's creation, and are to that extent in error. In this article the Edenic day, i.e., the day from Adam's creation, is substituted for the Julian day; and it is hoped that all astronomers, in the interest of pure truth, will adopt and accept and use the Edenic day exclusively.

Jehovah's people disdain to consider for a moment the Mohammedan calendar, which takes its start in July of the year 622 (A.D.), and which even the Mohammedans no longer take seriously.

Napoleon put an end to the French Revolution calendar, which began in November, 1793, and perished in 1805. Everything was supposed to be done by the decimal system. There were 12 months of 30 days each, and five or six fete days at the end of the year, to balance things up.

The Gregorian Calendar

But though Jehovah's people ignore all of the foregoing, they cannot quite, in the immediate present, ignore the Gregorian or papal calendar inaugurated in October, 1582, at which time ten days were dropped from the Julian calendar, the fifteenth of that month hooking up next to the fourth. It was not until 1752 that England adopted the Gregorian calendar.

In this series of articles it will be shown that all the foregoing calendars are calendars of the Devil. If that is shown to be true regarding the Gregorian, it will certainly be true of all the others. Please, now, take the time to examine some of the necessary details of this intricate subject.

Jehovah God is nowhere mentioned in the Gregorian calendar. It would suit Satan well to have Him lost sight of altogether. Christ is mentioned, but the year 1935 is not the year of our Lord at all, for He was born in 2 B.C. and died in A.D. 33.

In these articles the Gregorian calendar is supplanted and discarded by the unique expedient of extending it into the past, as if it had always been in operation, using it to establish historical points in terms that will be understood by those now living, and then letting it die an ignominious death.

The present pope is not sure, even, as to in what year Christ died. One of his alleged reasons for extending the "Holy Year" to 1934 was that, so he said, he was not sure whether Christ

died in A.D. 33 or in A.D. 34. Of course, the real reason why he was making both ends of the year "holy" was that thus he could get collections at both ends.

The Gregorian calendar was the work of a council of theologians, professedly the successors of the apostles, but eager to hide the apostles from sight except as they might wish to shine in their reflected glory. One can see this in what the council did, and in what they failed to do.

Gregorian Calendar and Apostles

Let it be supposed that the Gregorian council had really desired to honor the apostles whose successors they claim to be. What a fine chance they had! For instance, they could have changed January to James, in honor of the man to whom the Scriptures refer as the Lord's brother. But they preferred to have millions of people everlastingly writing down a name in honor of Janus, the original Roman "father". Janus was two-faced. His successors have been like their "father". He was worshiped as the god of gods, supreme janitor of heaven and earth. The word "janitor" takes its derivation from the word "Janus". A writer who made a study of this subject says: "But here is the important fact that, till the pope was invested with the title, which for a thousand years had had attached to it the power of the keys of Janus and Cybele, no such claims to pre-eminence, or anything approaching to it, was ever publicly made on his part, on the ground of his being the possessor of the keys bestowed on Peter." In other words, he was Jupiter, the Devil, and naturally those who claim to rule heaven, earth and hell, and who love the name "father", did not wish to part with anything that so well upheld their claims.

The theologians had a second opportunity with regard to the second month. On or about what is now February 15 the ancient pagan Romans had heathen priests, called the priests of Faunus, who clad themselves in goatskins, and made a circuit of the Palatine Hill, striking with goatskin thongs all women encountered. The ostensible object was to insure fertility and easy delivery; the real object was to enable the grafting priests to keep their hold on the superstitious people. This ceremony was supposed to "februate", or purify, the women. One can readily understand why the Roman Catholic

theologians wanted to retain this connection with heathenism.

In connection with the "februation" of the women the priests held a festival, the Lupercalia, in honor of Lupercus, the god of fertility. There is a brief account of a similar "festival" in Numbers 25:1, 2: "And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods."

These alleged successors of the apostles who made the Gregorian calendar could have named the second month Boanerges, in memory of James the brother of John, the one who had the honor of being the first martyr among the Lord's chosen twelve, but they preferred the old pagan name.

The Old Roman Year

The old Roman year began with March, and its first month in the year was named Martius, after Mars, the god of war. The war priests of ancient Rome were the Salii, or leapers. Their job (contrasted with their present successors) was not so much the encouragement of the production of more Roman soldiers, but to see to it that Mars was well bribed by their leapings and other gymnastics. Their chief ceremony was on March 19.

The Gregorian ecclesiastics had another good opportunity here. They might have named this month after Peter, for whom they profess to have so much attachment. But as between following the advice of Peter to "seek peace, and ensue it" (1 Peter 3:11) his alleged successors have done all possible to keep the world in wars and turmoils throughout their entire history, and tomorrow, if another world war were to start, the Roman Catholic theologians would be the very first to climb on the band wagon, for their full share of chaplaincies or whatever other graft was to be had, in every country involved. And the Protestant clergy would be scarcely one whit behind. And so one can see why the Gregorians desired to retain the martial spirit, martial law and martial music of Mars rather than to have a month named after the humble fisherman who, in his writings, counseled peace at least five times.

The second month of the old Roman year of ten months was Aprilis, from a word meaning

'to open', and probably signifying that this was the month in which the buds open. There is no objection to this, surely, but, as this was the month in which the Savior died, what a chance there was here to commemorate that event upon which all human life depends. The month could have been called Christ, and it would have been an annual reminder of man's debt that can never be repaid.

But the theologians preferred the old name, with which, no doubt, some god or goddess was in some way involved. Incidentally, as will later be shown in this series of articles, there is ground for the tradition that Christ was nailed to the tree on April 1, and that the so-called "April fool" pranks on that day are intended by the Devil to bring ridicule on the One who counted not His life dear unto Himself, but gave it all up in the doing of Jehovah's will and in the vindication of His name. May God help all of Jehovah's people to be like their Master, and "fools" for His sake.—1 Corinthians 4:10.

The Month of Maius

The month of Maius in the old Roman calendar, the present May, refers to Master Jupiter, the great father god, who had more wives than Henry VIII. It would have been a rather nice thing for the theologians who pretended to think so much of the apostles if they had called this month Matthew. But it was Matthew, in the 23d chapter, that specially drew attention to the Lord's warning: "Call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called [Master]: for one is your Master, even Christ." (Verses 9 and 10) And the theologians knew better than to draw the attention of the people to the word of God which exposes their paternalistic method of gaining control of the men through control of the women.

Juno, so the encyclopedia discloses, was "the most exalted divinity of the Latin races in Italy next to Jupiter, of whom she was the sister and wife. She was the queen of heaven and under the name of Regina (queen) was worshiped in Italy at an early period". It would have been nice for the Gregorian theologians to name the sixth month after John, the one whom the Lord especially loved, but that would have been a hard blow at mariolatry; and so the Gregorian ecclesiastics, who are so strong for the pagan queen-of-heaven idea, preferred to let the name June stand as it is.

In the old Roman calendar the fifth month was named Quintilis, which merely meant that it was the fifth month of their year. When Julius Caesar reconstructed the calendar, making the year one of twelve months instead of ten, one of the new months was named after himself, and Quintilis became July. Here again the theologians had a fine opportunity to choose between a great warrior and the humble and faithful Jude, whose short epistle contains so much; and so, because they more admired military conquerors than a humble messenger of peace, they chose to retain the name of the warrior, born in that month.

The Month of August

It was Mark Antony, the politician, that fixed it up to have the seventh month of the year named after Julius Caesar, but Julius' successor Augustus was less modest. He changed the name Sextilis, sixth month, to August, and the Roman senate, to gratify his vanity, took one day away from February and added it to the month thus named. That is why February is so short.

Theologians love everything that exalts men; and so when the question came up, if it ever did come up, of naming the eighth month after the apostle Andrew, the suggestion was voted down 100 percent in favor of retaining the name of the publicity-seeker who started world-wide taxation.

September, seventh old Roman month, could have nicely been named after Philip, but it was not. October, eighth old Roman month, could have been named after Thomas, but it was not. November could have been named after Nathanael (Bartholomew), but it was not; and December could have been named after Simon (Zelotes), but it was not. The theologians did not want any of the months named after the real apostles. They preferred that the old paganism which constitute their sole stock in trade should be perpetuated, as long as possible. Certainly, on no account do they wish the people to have the Scriptures, or even to be reminded of them, except in so far as they can twist these to seem to sustain their pretensions.

The Days and the Hours

The Devil, of course, was the one who induced the ancestors of the present generation to name all the days of the week after heathen gods and goddesses. Neither God nor Christ, nor any

prophet or apostle, is represented in the days of the week as now in common use. Sunday is named after the sun god; Monday, after the moon god; Tuesday, after Zeus, or Tyr; Wednesday, after the god Woden; Thursday, after Thor, the god of thunder; Friday, after Frigg, or Friga, Woden's wife; and Saturday, after Saturn. The theologians could have changed all this if they had wished to do so, but they did not.

God made the day to begin at sundown, and so the Devil has changed that in almost every place, but not quite. In most countries the beautiful robe of starlit night is rent in twain and the day begins at midnight, which practice was handed down from the Egyptians and Romans. The Babylonians began the day at sunrise. Astronomers make it begin at noon, and number the hours from 1 to 24 consecutively. This system is followed in some parts of Italy. In all of these matters the theologians have gone along with every scheme to dishonor the Maker of the stars and to stray farther and farther from the Word of God. They have seemed to instinctively realize that their protection consists in keeping as close as possible to the Devil and the Devil's way of doing things.

Latest Ecclesiastical Muddling

Under the leadership of Doctor Cadman, ex-president of the Federal Council of [Protestant] Churches in America, a still further mix-up in respect to calendars is in sight. Following a big get-together council of all the most pompous Protestant theologians, at Fanoe, Denmark, in 1934, the proposition was launched to make every year one of 364 days, adding the 365th day as an "extra" Saturday, coming always between December 30 and January 1; then when the year would have 366 days the "extra" day would be inserted as an "extra" Saturday between June and July. By this plan, in which the Scriptural arrangement of the days into weeks would be entirely ignored, there would be four quarters of the year identical in length, each containing three months of 31, 30 and 30 days, and, if one is foolish enough to believe it, "any given date will fall on the same day of the week."

It is thus seen that the Devil and the children of the Devil are greatly interested in having everything different from the way God arranged it, not only as respects the years and the months, but as respects the weeks, the days, and even the hours, and the reason for it is clear. The

Devil is determined to leave no stone unturned to dishonor God, and he also well knows that as one error leads to another so one truth also leads to another, and is in terror lest great truths long covered should be brought to light.

And so, with this preliminary examination, please turn to make a *study* of the various items that enter into the making of calendars, a Scriptural as well as a scientific study, to which is invited the closest scrutiny of astronomers, mathematicians and others, as well as Jehovah's people. Should any errors be discovered in statements of fact or in calculations, be so good as to transmit them to *The Golden Age* as promptly as possible. In this material, high-school and college teachers have abundant opportunities to put the skill of their pupils to the test and at the same time exalt the name of Jehovah, the true and living God.

The methods that will be pursued will be entirely different from any ever before used. The place to begin is with the year.

A Consideration of the Year

According to Genesis 1:14 God made both the sun and the moon to be "for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years". The thought that the signs here mentioned have anything to do with the signs of the zodiac is all nonsense, demonism. The word "signs" signifies "en-signs", as if here is some standard that needs the attention which will now be given to it.

The seasons recognized in the Scriptures are but two, the summer and the winter, which seasons will continue forever. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."—Genesis 8:22.

Jehovah's people are familiar with the instructions to Israel to "keep the passover at his appointed season" (Numbers 9:2), and know why Jehovah spoke of it as "the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt". (Deuteronomy 16:6) They know that the Lord, in the parable of the vineyard, spoke of "fruits in their seasons" (Matthew 21:41), that the apostle also mentioned "fruitful seasons" (Acts 14:17); the prophecy of Zechariah (14:8) speaks of summer and winter as ever continuing; and there are other references to the seasons in the Scriptures, and yet the clergy have never recognized in any way these grand divisions of time in any of their calendars. One would have thought

that they would at least have named one month after the opening of the vernal season or one after the opening of the autumnal season, but the clergy have no zeal for the honoring of anything with which Jehovah God has had anything to do. They are interested only in the things that bring dishonor to Him and do bring honor to men and to their master, the Devil, whose they are and whom they serve. On the other hand it seems that the attention of the *true* people of God has been directed to the vernal equinox for centuries, and there must be some reason for it. To this day, Jehovah's people, striving for truth and obedience, seek the beginning of Nisan (the name is of heathen origin), the month in which Jesus died, and locate it with the new moon nearest to the said equinox.

When Do the Seasons Begin?

For various reasons it is desirable that the new year should have a fixed point at which to begin, and to end; and what better point than that made by Jehovah himself in the heavens, when the days and nights are of equal length at every point on the globe? It is the time of life, a time when all should specially turn their minds and hearts to the great Creator who provided such a convenient day for the settlement of accounts that are in the past and for the opening of new vistas for the future. "Thou crownest the year with thy goodness."—Psalm 65: 11.

Years ago many of those who are now Jehovah's witnesses had the belief that the true time of the year's beginning is in the fall, yet, whatever may have been the reason, in the two texts where the two seasons are mentioned together the summer is mentioned first.—See Genesis 8: 22; Zechariah 14: 8.

All intelligent persons know that on the equator the days and nights are always of equal length. They also know that twice a year the sun apparently shifts its position with respect to the earth, and in March and September there are what are called equinoxes; that is, the days and nights are of equal length in every place on the earth. The human family was first implanted in the Northern Hemisphere; there the Scriptures were written; there the Lord died. Hence the Scriptures tacitly recognize the fact.

Additionally, the Northern Hemisphere contains most of the land surface.

The summer season (which men, but not the

Scriptures, divide into two parts, one of which is named "spring") begins in March (in the Northern Hemisphere) and contains the growing and harvesting seasons of that part of the world, wherein most of the land surface of the earth is found. The cold seasons are inaugurated by the autumnal equinoxes.

The Gregorian calendar does not begin at either equinox, and does not even begin any month with either of them, but it cannot quite ignore these important fixed points in terrestrial history, and so one generally finds in an almanac a brief mention of the time when the equinox (usually the vernal) occurs. It is manifest that, in the mind of God, the true year would have its beginning at one of these points. Would it not seem reasonable, since God made the sun to rule the day and the moon to rule the night, that He would have the greater of these two luminaries fix the length of the year and the lesser fix the length of the month?

Jehovah puts the mind at rest on this subject of *His* time for beginning the year. As the Israelites were about to leave Egypt (which, as will be shown subsequently, was about the time of the vernal equinox) He said to Moses: "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you."—Exodus 12: 2.

Much has been said of the observance of so-called Jewish "New Year" at the autumnal equinox, but the Devil has been after the Jews as well as after the Christians. Can anybody show where the Jews or anybody else was ever commanded or authorized to begin a new year at any other time than that fixed by Jehovah God? He cannot. It is quite true that Exodus 34: 22 speaks of "the feast of ingathering at the year's end" (revolution of the year, *margin*); but the reference is manifestly to the crop year, which does indeed end in the fall, as is well known to everybody. Exodus 12: 2 is the *law* on this subject.

The foregoing text, therefore, ought to be sufficient proof that the true time of the beginning of the year is with the vernal equinox; but there is more. Nine months from the autumnal equinox would be on or about June 23, at which time in Palestine it is exceedingly warm. Nine months from the vernal equinox is about December 22. Here read Jeremiah 36: 22: "Now the king sat in the winter house, in the ninth month: and there was a fire on the hearth

burning before him." What time that year started ought to be plain to all.

On Solomon's Porch—in Winter

When Jesus was here on earth His every word and act was designed to be an honor to His Father's name. He was able to say, "I do always those things that please him." (John 8:29) The Father himself said: "Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."—Luke 3:22.

As a result of this close relationship, one may study with minute care every detail of what Jesus said and did and always find in it something that the Father is telling His people by that means. There is this item: "And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch."—John 10:22, 23.

Theologians have endeavored to explain this text, aiming to show that Jesus was trying in some way to participate in a feast of dedication not mentioned in the Scriptures, and in so doing they have missed the point.

In this passage the heavenly Father seems to be gently hinting to the reader that there is a point in connection with Solomon's temple that needs to be considered; it is the time of its dedication. And if one looks the matter up he finds that it was dedicated "in the month Ethanim" (the name itself is of heathen origin), "which is the seventh month" (1 Kings 8:2), and the "feast of dedication", identified with the seven-day dedication of the altar, was on the 8th to the 14th of that month. (2 Chronicles 7:9, 10) The seventh month was the first month of the winter season. Additionally, it is well known that the day of atonement and the feast of tabernacles, which occurred in the seventh month, were observed when the Israelites had gathered in the fruits of the land and were entering the winter season. (Leviticus 23:27, 39) It is thus established by the mouth of four witnesses that the true beginning of the year is at the vernal equinox.

The Length of the Year

The length of the year, from vernal equinox to vernal equinox, is not an exact number of days.

Beginning with the vernal equinox of the year 1886 (A.D.), the times between the vernal equinoxes for the next succeeding fifty years, down to 1936 inclusive, are, in their order, 365 days 5 hours and the number of minutes which fol-

low: 46, 45, 48, 54, 44, 05, 46, 48, 60, 27, 45, 48, 50, 13, 57, 81, 41, 52, 66, 60, 00, 60, 60, 60, 21, 49, 53, 40, 56, 51, 48, 61, 40, 52, 58, 40, 51, 53, 49, 57, 46, 50, 55, 37, 47, 49, 45, 54, 40. This information was gleaned from reference works in the New York Public Library. The general average for this particular period is 365 days 5 hours 46 minutes 45.6 seconds.

The length of the year is influenced by conditions in the earth itself, near the equator, by the approach and recession of other planets, and by the precession of the equinoxes. In the accompanying diagram (page 363), in the right-hand lower corner is shown in graphic form how the influences that make one year shorter than another are overcome in succeeding years. The small differences are not cumulative; the total divergences of less than an hour from the mean would not be greater six thousand years ago, which means that one can tell accurately the time of the vernal equinox in any year from creation to date. Moreover, its day in the week can be ascertained, which is something quite new in the field of human interest, a path never before trodden.

Extending the Gregorian Calendar

Taking note of the fact that there are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in an hour, and 24 hours in a day, it follows that in one of God's years, a so-called solar year, or tropical year, or synodical year, that is, from one vernal equinox to another, there are 31,556,926.15 seconds; in a calendar year of 365 days the number of seconds is 31,536,000; so God's year is longer than man's year by 20,926.15 seconds.

In the Gregorian calendar arrangement man puts in an extra day once in four years; so in that time he has 1,461 days. In four of God's years there are 126,227,704.6 seconds. In 1,461 calendar days there are 126,230,400 seconds; so at the end of the four years man has borrowed 2,695.4 seconds from the future, to make up for his extra inserted day.

After twenty-four leap-year periods of four years each, man has borrowed nearly a day. Accordingly, when the end of the century is reached, the leap year is usually omitted. The normal century of man, therefore, has in it 24 leap years and 76 years that are not leap years. The total of days in such century is 36,524 days, amounting to 3,155,673,600 seconds. In one hundred of God's years He has 3,155,692,615

seconds. At the end of a normal century, man has not used in his calendar all the time that has been made for his use, by 19,015 seconds.

After four centuries, or rather, every fourth century, man finds it necessary to put in an extra leap year. These years, called quadricentesimal years, go in at the end of such centuries as are divisible by 400. The next one would be in the year A.D. 2000, but it will not be needed. The Lord has a much better way.

In four of man's centuries he has 146,097 days: 97 leap days and 146,000 ordinary days. In seconds this amounts to 12,622,780,800. In 400 of God's years there are 12,622,770,460 seconds; so at the end of each quadricentesimal period of 400 years the man has again borrowed from the future a total of 10,340 seconds.

Another shift is necessary after eight quadricentesimal periods. In that time man will have borrowed for his calendar 82,720 seconds that did not belong to him. This is almost a day (there are 86,400 seconds in a day); accordingly at this point no quadricentesimal leap day occurs. The net difference, then, in 3,200 years amounts to 3,680 seconds, or 1 hour 1 minute 20 seconds. A further correction would be necessary after 23 such 3,200-year periods; and so on indefinitely.

Projecting the Calendar Backward

If the Gregorian calendar can be projected forward it can also be projected backward; and this has been done in the accompanying illustration. The outline at the top (page 363) shows in a general way the time of vernal equinox of every year from creation to date. Each century is in a little diamond-shaped section by itself, except where the quadricentesimal leap days occur, when two sections are merged in one. The latest date in each century when the equinox could occur is named, and the earliest one. A little careful study of the enlarged diagrams beneath the outline will show how to make use of the outline. The quadricentesimal leap years are fourteen in number; that is, 4000, 3600, 3200, 2800, 2400, 2000, 1600, 800, 400, and 1, B.C., and A.D. 400, 800, 1200 and 1600. The year 1200 B.C. is not a leap year, for the reason that it is one of the correction places in the whole general scheme, as has already been fully explained.

In using the Gregorian calendar between centuries removed from each other, it is neces-

sary when finding how far apart any two equinoxes are, if one is in a century B.C. and one is in an A.D. century, to make the total one year less than that indicated by adding the years together. In computing time from a B.C. date to an A.D. date the portion of the year that has elapsed must be taken into consideration. That the exact number of years is not to be had by simply adding B.C. and A.D. dates together, as some long supposed, can be immediately demonstrated. In the spring of 1 B.C. Christ was $\frac{1}{2}$ year of age; He died 33 full years thereafter, but not in the spring of A.D. 32, as would be the case if it were correct to add B.C. and A.D. dates together: the 33 years were not up till the spring of A.D. 33. If B.C. and A.D. dates are added together, the total number of years is one less than the sum thus obtained.

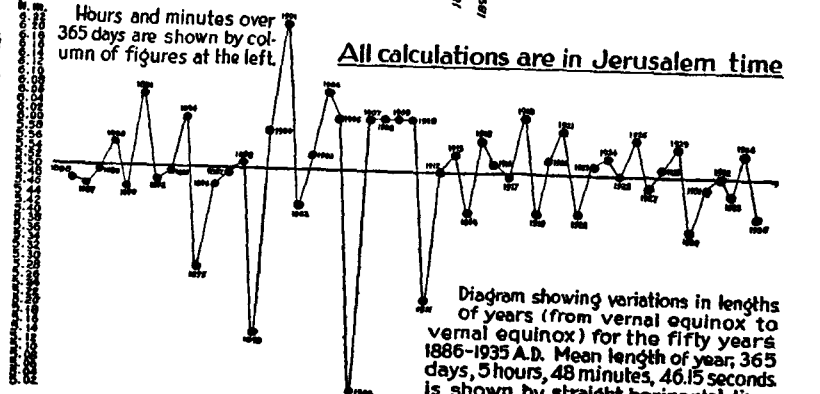
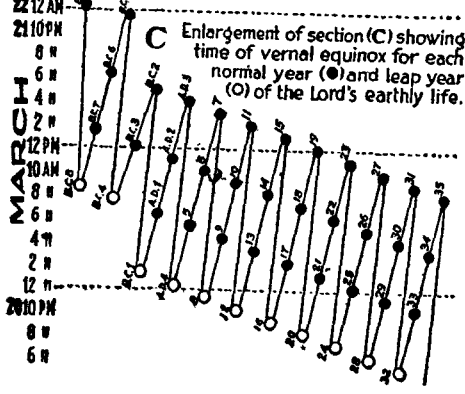
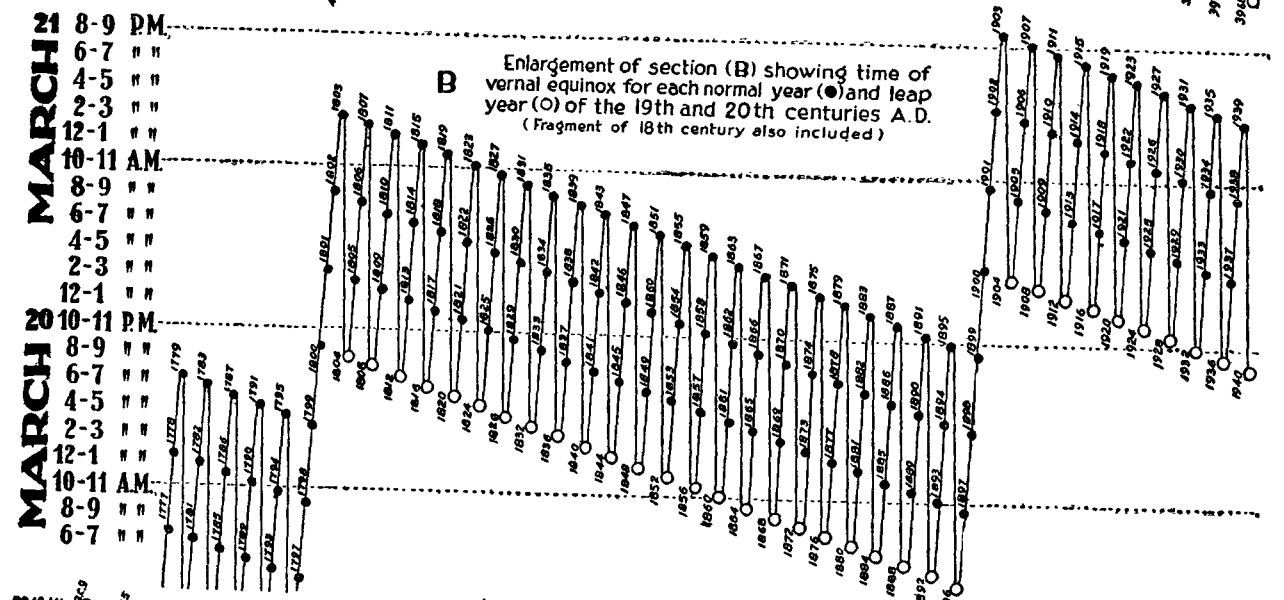
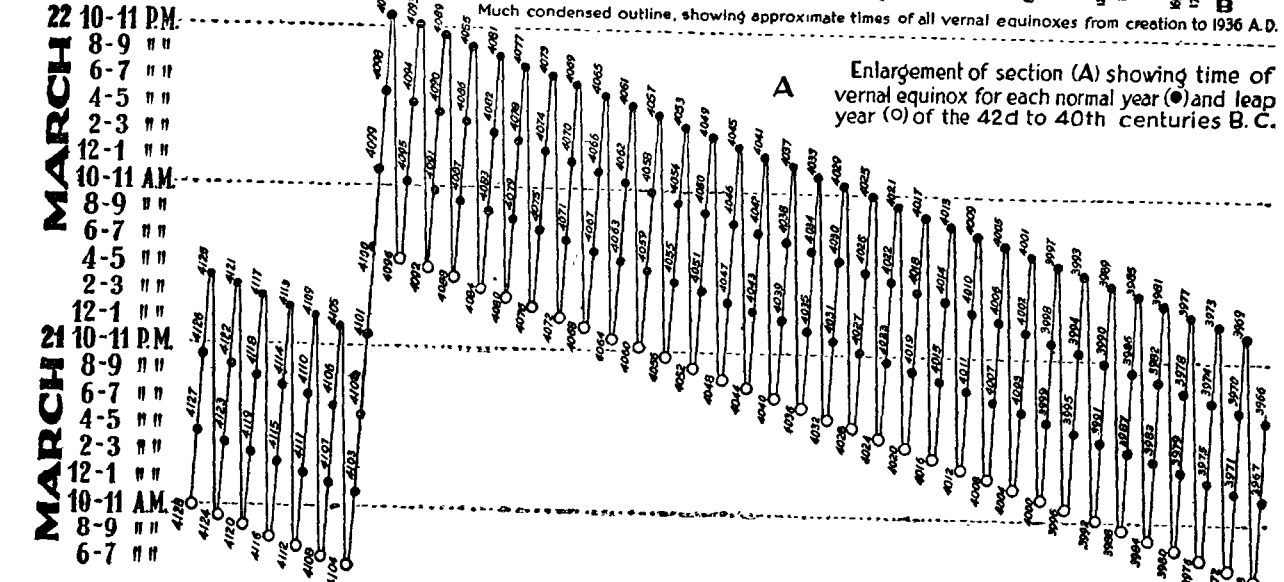
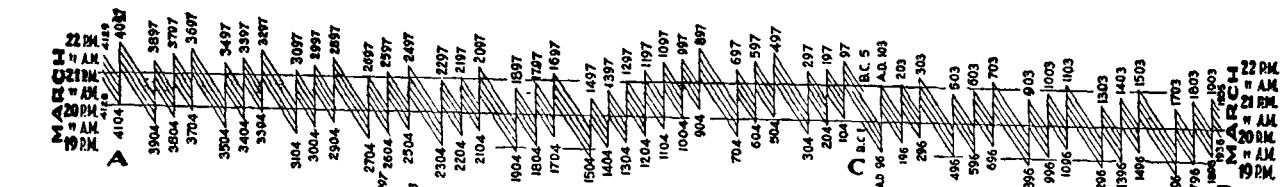
The year 4 B.C. is a leap year, though only three years away from the leap year of 1 B.C. (a quadricentesimal year). This feature is shown in one of the diagrams (C) below the outline.

Calculating the Equinoxes: Problem 1

Reference to the outline at the top of page 363 shows that in the year 1935 A.D. the equinox is on the afternoon of Thursday, March 21.* To be exact, it is at 52 seconds after 3:42 p.m., Jerusalem time, which is the proper time basis to use in all human affairs, for reasons to be explained later. The time of equinox at the 75th meridian west, commonly called Eastern Standard Time, is 8:18 a.m., March 21. This is 7 hours 24 minutes 52 seconds later than Jerusalem time (used henceforth in calculating the equinoxes). Enlarged section of the last years of the nineteenth century and the remaining years to date shows more fully the times of equinoxes at Jerusalem in the past century. See the diagram on opposite page for particulars.

Jehovah's people have heretofore thought they had good evidence to believe that Adam was created in 4128 (or fall of 4129) B.C., and Problem 1 is to ascertain the time of vernal equinox for the year 4128 B.C. Reference to the small outline at top shows it was in the morning of March 21, 4128 B.C.; the enlarged section (A) of the first period after creation shows it was very close to 10:00 a.m. Exactly what time was it?

*Master chart, from which this greatly condensed outline was drawn, is 15 feet 3 inches long; on file at the *Golden Age* office, where it may be seen on application.



From 4128 B.C. to A.D. 1935 is not 6,063 (4128+1935) years, but 6,062 (4128+1935-1) years. The number of seconds in 6,062 solar years, God's years, is 191,298,086,321.3; in 2,214,098 days, the total number of seconds is 191,298,067,200.0. The difference is 19,121.3 seconds, which is 5 hours 18 minutes 41.3 seconds; to be figured back from (before) 3 hours 42 minutes 52 seconds (3:42:52) p.m., the hour of equinox on March 21, A.D. 1935. The answer is that the equinox on March 21, 4128 B.C., was at 10.7 seconds after 10:24 a.m. Now, what day of the week was it?

The 2,214,098 days from March 21, 4128 B.C., to March 21, A.D. 1935, are found as follows:

- (a) Each of the 6,062 years
had at least 365 days . . . $6062 \times 365 = 2,212,630$
- (b) The 60 centuries had at
least 24 leap days each . . . $60 \times 24 = 1,440$
- (c) 14 quadricentesimal years
had each a leap day $14 \times 1 = 14$
- (d) 8 leap days in the 20th
century $8 \times 1 = 8$
- (e) 6 leap days in the period
before 4100 B.C. $6 \times 1 = 6$

Total number of days 2,214,098

Leap day for the year 4128 B.C. would not be counted, as the vernal equinox is not as far back in the year as the point at which the leap day occurs.

Another method of arriving at the same result is to take the number of leap years (1468) and multiply by 366; and then, deducting the number of leap years from the total of 6062 (6062-1468=4594), multiply the result by 365, as follows:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 1,468 \text{ leap years;} & 1468 \times 366 = & 537,288 \\ 4,594 \text{ common years;} & 4594 \times 365 = & 1,676,810 \end{array}$$

Total number of days 2,214,098

In 2,214,098 days there are 316,299 weeks and 5 days. In the year 1935 the 21st of March falls on Thursday. In 4128 B.C. the 21st of March fell five days earlier in the week, which day is Saturday. Therefore, the vernal equinox of 4128 B.C. fell on Saturday, at 10:24:10.7 a.m.

The Result of Some Calculations

Using exactly the same method as above, but without going over all the operations, the next step in order is to give a considerable list of vernal equinox dates, in the past and the present. After A.D. 1886 there is given a plus or minus number of minutes by which the actual

time of equinox varied from the mean which the astronomers have provided.

Problem No.

1	B.C. 4128	Sat.	10:24 a.m. and	10.7 sec., Mar. 21
2	" 4028	Thu.	3:41 p.m. "	5.7 " " 21
3	" 2472	Fri.	12:25 p.m. "	55.1 " " 21
4	" 2372	Wed.	5:41 p.m. "	50.1 " " 20
5	" 2045	"	10:30 p.m. "	21.15 " " 21
6	" 1945	Tue.	3:48 a.m. "	56.15 " " 21
7	" 1920	Fri.	5:08 a.m. "	9.9 " " 20
8	" 1615	Sat.	2:01 a.m. "	5.65 " " 21
9	" 1575	"	6:31 p.m. "	51.65 " " 20
10	" 1515	Thu.	7:08 a.m. "	.65 " " 21
11	" 1475	"	11:58 p.m. "	46.65 " " 21
12	" 1469	Fri.	3:39 p.m. "	51.12 " " 21
13	" 1035	"	1:27 p.m. "	12.65 " " 21
14	" 1028	Sun.	6:08 a.m. "	35.7 " " 21
15	" 998	Tue.	12:31 p.m. "	40.2 " " 22
16	" 745	Mon.	7:10 p.m. "	16.15 " " 21
17	" 641	Thu.	11:42 p.m. "	15.75 " " 21
18	" 607	Fri.	5:20 a.m. "	24.85 " " 21
19	" 537	Mon.	4:14 a.m. "	15.35 " " 22
20	" 468	Tue.	9:21 p.m. "	no " " 21
21	" 455	Thu.	12:53 a.m. "	19.65 " " 21
22	" 3	Sat.	12:16 p.m. "	59.45 " " 21
23	A.D. 12	Tue.	9:39 p.m. "	45.55 " " 20
24	" 33	Sun.	11:53 p.m. "	54.7 " " 21
25	" 1879	Fri.	2:11 a.m. "	47.6 " " 21
26	" 1884	Thu.	7:15 a.m. "	38.35 " " 20
27	" 1914	Sat.	1:38 p.m. "	42.85 " " 21
				(minus 14 min.)
28	" 1918	Thu.	12:53 p.m. "	47.45 sec., Mar. 21
				(minus 14 min.)
29	" 1922	Tue.	12:08 p.m. "	52.05 sec., Mar. 21
				(plus 2 min.)
30	" 1926	Sun.	11:23 a.m. "	56.65 sec., Mar. 21
				(minus 1 min.)
31	" 1931	Sat.	4:27 p.m. "	47.4 sec., Mar. 21
32	" 1932	Sun.	10:16 p.m. "	33.55 sec., Mar. 20
				(plus 1 min.)

Notes on the Above Problems:

Problems Nos. 2, 3, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 22, present the same features as Problem No. 1, and are solved by taking similar steps.

Problems 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, are similar to Problem 1, but, being wholly within the A.D. period, the years that intervene are ascertained by subtracting the year in question from the year 1935. All other steps are the same as for No. 1.

Problems 5, 16, 17, 20, 21, 31, are similar to Problem 1, but fractions are large and must be watched; in each of these instances there are sufficient hours in the fractional days to make them count as complete days.

Problems 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, 23, 24, 26, 32, show the vernal equinox for the desired year falls on March 20. By this trick of the calendar one full day is lost, and must be accounted for in the answer. This is clearly seen in Problem 26. The 18,627 days involved are 2,661 weeks (fractions in the problem being too small to affect the answer). March 20, 1935 A.D., is on Wednesday. One might infer from this that the equinoctial date of March 20 in the year 1884 A.D. (which is an even number of weeks away from the equinoctial date of 1935 A.D.) would also be on a Wednesday, but it is on a Thursday (the same as in 1935). (See diagram [B] page 363.)

Problems 15, 19, show the vernal equinox for the desired year falls on March 22, instead of the 21st. By this trick of the calendar one full day is borrowed, and must be accounted for in the answer. These two problems, like those in the paragraph last above, require close reasoning.

To aid students of these problems there is published, on pages 368, 369, a calendar from creation to date, occupying two full pages of *The Golden Age*, and greatly simplifying the arriving at correct dates in the remote past, both as to the days of the month and as to the days of the week.

Date of Autumnal Equinox 4129 B.C.

Inasmuch as some have held that Adam was created in the fall of 4129 B.C., at a date convenient to the autumnal equinox, the date of that equinox is fixed by the following accurate and convenient method:

Autumnal equinox, 1934 A.D., Jerusalem time, was September 23, 8:11 p.m. Vernal equinox, 1935 A.D., is, Jerusalem time, March 21, 3:43 p.m. Therefore the length of time from the autumnal equinox of 1934 to the vernal equinox of 1935 is 178 days 19 hours 32 minutes. The year 4128 B.C. was a leap year; therefore 178 days 19 hours 32 minutes back from the time of the vernal equinox of 4128 B.C. brings us to September 24, 4129 B.C., at 10.7 seconds after 2:52 p.m. as the time of the autumnal equinox of that year.

Following are the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, Jerusalem time, for the years stated:

Vernal		Autumnal	
1923, March 21,	5:54 p.m.	September 24,	4:29 a.m.
1924, " 20,	11:45 "	" 23,	10:24 "
1925, " 21,	5:38 a.m.	" 23,	4:09 p.m.
1926, " 21,	11:27 "	" 23,	9:52 "
1927, " 21,	5:24 p.m.	" 24,	3:42 a.m.

1928, March 20,	11:10 p.m.	September 23,	9:31 a.m.
1929, " 21,	5:00 a.m.	" 23,	3:18 p.m.
1930, " 21,	10:55 "	" 23,	9:02 "
1931, " 21,	4:32 p.m.	" 24,	2:49 a.m.
1932, " 20,	10:19 "	" 23,	8:41 "
1933, " 21,	4:08 a.m.	" 23,	2:26 p.m.
1934, " 21,	9:53 "	" 23,	8:11 "

Average date, vernal: March 21, 7:41:32 a.m.

Average date, autumnal: September 23, 6:18:50 p.m.

Average time, vernal equinox forward to autumnal equinox, 186 d. 10 h. 36 m. 18 sec.

Average time, autumnal equinox forward to vernal equinox, including the three leap days, in the 12 years, 178 d. 19 h. 23 m. 42 sec.

As some will be interested at this point to consider them, two small items are now slightly anticipated in the following summary:

New moon rose Sunday, September 22, 4129 B.C., at 8:23:27.504592 a.m.

Autumnal equinox was 54½ hours later, Tuesday, September 24, 4129 B.C., at 2:52 p.m.

New moon rose Tuesday, March 17, 4128 B.C., at 12:47:44.694448 p.m.

Vernal equinox was 94 hours later, Saturday, March 21, 4128 B.C., at 10:24:10.7 a.m.

Do any of Jehovah's witnesses, or any of the Jonadabs (comrades of Jehovah's witnesses; see *Vindication*, Book Three), see anything in the placement of these moons with respect to the equinoxes, or anything in the days of the week on which they occurred, to specially indicate the hand of God, as one might reasonably expect it to be manifested at such an interesting time in earth's affairs? No such pleasing evidence appears. More on this point later, in its proper place, when careful consideration will be given to the details of the calendar of Jehovah God; which calendar, it is hoped and believed, will permanently replace, as far as calendars are concerned, the efforts of Satan to hide some of God's beautiful truth, now, since 1918, coming out from His temple in such a refreshing stream.

God's Love of the Beautiful

In the summertime, in Pike county, Pennsylvania, in a region where one may see a score or more of wild deer in a single day, deep down in the heart of the forest, a mile or more from the highway, lives all alone a little old lady who loves the truth. She got it by listening to Watchtower programs over the radio station WBBR, of New York city.

When this little old lady was found she went into ecstasies over the messages she had heard. Explaining her environment, and that she could live with her children in New York city and in Philadelphia, if she chose, she said, "I prefer to live here, like a gypsy, in the midst of God's bouquets." The frost had just touched the leaves of the forest, tinting them with colors that beggar description.

How much more God loves beauty! And how much the most beautiful things of His creation are all a little different from one another! When men try to make things beautiful they try to make them all alike.

No two flowers in a flower garden were ever exactly alike; no two roses on a rose bush, no two petals on a rose. A million new-born infants can be fingerprinted, or a billion of them, or ten billion, for that matter, and no two sets of fingerprints will be the same. And thus one comes to a consideration of God's beautiful months, His lovely, exquisite months, that the more they are studied, the more they are to be admired, because, while all substantially alike, they are all slightly different.

A Study of God's Months

The word "month" comes from the word "moon"; God's months were all arranged for before man appeared on the earth. It is man's proper place to inquire humbly at God's feet respecting the work of His hands; it is not man's right to discard things which God has made for His government, nor to substitute others in their place.

"And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven, to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven, to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that it was good." (Genesis 1:14-18) Herein is the first reference to the moon in the Scriptures.

Even though the moon had not been mentioned at all in God's Word, man would be compelled to take note of it; it is too conspicuous in

the heavens to be ignored; and too beautiful; and too useful.

Satan has endeavored to get men to hold God's month and its instrument the moon in little esteem; hence the terms "lunacy", "lunatic," "moon-struck," and terms of similar import. The apostle does indeed say, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holy day, or of [feasts celebrating] the new moon, or of the sabbath days; which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ." (Colossians 2:16, 17) But this is far from urging men to set aside the plain statement of God's Word that God "appointed the moon for seasons" (Psalm 104:19), monthly seasons being manifestly what is here meant.

"A Faithful Witness in Heaven"

It is true that the prophet Isaiah brings the message to an idolatrous and rebellious people, "Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth" (Isaiah 1:14), but that does not change the fact that the prophet Ezekiel writes of the future offerings of "the prince" which are to take place "in the new moons". See *Vindication*, Book Three, pages 287, 293, 295, for comments and explanations on references to the new moons in Ezekiel 45:17; 46:1, 3, 6. These may not be ignored or set aside.

Though Isaiah mentions in the first chapter God's disgust with Israel's hypocritical observances of the new moons, he says in the next to the last verse of his prophecy: "And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith [Jehovah]." (Isaiah 66:23) Of course, that is after the oncoming battle of Armageddon has done its work of destroying Satan's organization, and the earth has been cleansed of all its defilements.

When the psalmist said, "When I consider . . . the moon" (Psalm 8:3), he meant that he really did consider it. Especially significant is his statement of David's seed, that "it shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven". (Psalm 89:37) The moon is, indeed, a faithful witness in heaven, a witness whose testimony cannot be gainsaid.

It is the voice of God, speaking through Moses, that mentions the "precious things thrust forth by the moons". (Deuteronomy 33:14, *margin*) What some of those precious things are it is now the privilege of Jehovah's wit-

nesses and their companions in the chariot of Jehovah's organization to see and understand. Indeed, it is even possible that there may be some direct reference to these present unfoldings of truth that God had in mind when He said of this day that "the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun".—Isaiah 30:26.

Anyway, it was infinitely wise of God to set a second hand in His timepiece, and to put it out there in the sky 239,000 miles away, far enough away that the theologians could not get at it to interfere with it, which they would surely have done if they had been able to so do. Now it is about to put them all to shame.

Calendar for 6,062 Years

This issue contains, on pages 368, 369, all the essentials of a calendar covering all past human history. All know that in the normal year there are 52 weeks and 1 day and that therefore in the next succeeding year, unless it is a leap year, the days of each month are one day later in the week. Thus, in the year 1933 A.D. the 22d day of March came on Wednesday; in the year 1934 A.D. the 22d day of March came on Thursday, while in the year 1935 A.D. the 22d day of March comes on *Friday*. In the year 1936, on account of that year's being a leap year, the 22d day of March will come on Sunday.

The use of the calendar is very simple. Every year is represented. If a given day of the month falls on *Friday* in the year 1935, the day of the week on which that same day of the month will fall in other years is shown at the head of the column above the year desired. Persons using the calendar must consider, in the case of leap years, that dates in January and February must be separately calculated after some other date is known. The calendar will be found very useful and valuable when the manner of using it has been mastered. It is assumed that the user has an ordinary calendar and can readily locate a *Friday* in 1935 or a Thursday in 1934, from which information any other desired data regarding past days of the week may be at once obtained. This is the first time the Gregorian calendar, or any other, has ever been projected back to creation.

Besides the calendar for 6,062 years there is also presented a table of "Lunations Ushering in the Years or Periods Which Contained the Most Important Events in History". Let the table speak for itself. There will be frequent

reference to it in the explanations of the Calendar of Jehovah God which follow.

God's Will Regarding Months

The years of God are not each of an equal number of months, nor of an equal number of weeks, nor of an equal number of days, nor of an equal number of hours, nor of an equal number of minutes, nor of an equal number of seconds. Man has no right to ignore these years of God. It is his duty to number them, and to mark them well as they go, and to use them to God's praise, but not to endeavor to force them to begin or end at some point in no way indicated in the divine Word of the Creator.

The months of God are not of a fixed number in the years of God, nor within themselves are they composed each of an equal number of weeks, nor of an equal number of days, nor of an equal number of hours, nor of an equal number of minutes, nor of an equal number of seconds. Man has no right to ignore these months of God. It is his duty to number them, and to mark them well as they go, and to use them to God's praise, but not to endeavor to force them to begin where the years begin or to end where the years end.

Is it necessary to start a new year on July 4, or Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas, or Washington's Birthday, or Lincoln's Birthday? Not at all. Each of Jehovah's years properly begins at a certain point, and, reasonably enough, at the beginning of a specific day, as in the case of the months, but neither the years nor the months nor the weeks need to be in accord exactly, nor are they in accord except by man's egotistic and destructive acts.

The days in the months of God are never less than 29; and they are never more than thirty. There is a sure and proper method of determining how many days the month should have. Jehovah God fixed the method. He so arranged and ordered all the details connected with the sacrifice of His own dear Son that that event, of first importance in history, occurred at Jerusalem on the fourteenth day of the month, when the moon was at its full. The fourteenth day of each month, therefore, is that day of the month when the moon is full over Jerusalem. That automatically makes Jerusalem, not Greenwich, the time center of the earth.

The weeks are for man, but they are of God, and no man may change the arrangement which

Table Showing that Dates Falling on Sunday in 4128 B.C. will, in 1935 A.D., 6,062 Years Later, Fall on Friday (Leap year columns are in light-faced type)

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Lunation Experience Table, Jerusalem Time

(Jerusalem time is 2 hours 25 minutes* earlier [faster] than Greenwich; or 7 hours 25 minutes earlier than Eastern Standard time. To get Jerusalem time, therefore, add 7 hours 25 minutes to Eastern Standard time.) (*24 minutes 52 seconds)

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in seconds as 2551442.864976 seconds. This stating of time in such detail as to take note of millionths of a second seems strange to most practical persons, but is in regular use among astronomers.

Astronomers Must Love Truth

It may as well be settled that astronomers love truth in the abstract. They must; their business requires it. It was of great interest in New York city some years ago when an eclipse was due. The astronomers, as a matter of their

common duty to mankind, announced the exact time the eclipse would occur. Additionally, they stated that the edge of totality of the eclipse would be "somewhere between 145th street and 165th street in upper New York". When the eclipse came, its edge of totality was at 155th street, just halfway between. This was not an accident, but the result of careful calculations.

In the year 1846 two astronomers, Adams in England, and Leverrier in France, located

Moon	Days	Date	Actual Time	Mean Date	Mean Time	Compared with next			Compared with Mean		
						Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow	Fast	Slow	Fast	
							hr	mi	hr	mi	hr
1894 A.D.											
73230	30	Su Jan 7	5:36am	Su Jan 7	8:07am	1118	5	54			2 31
73231	29	Tu Feb 6	12:14am	Mo Feb 5	8:51pm	993	3	49		3 23	
73232	30	We Mar 7	4:47pm	We Mar 7	9:35am	822	58			7 12	
73233	29	Fr Apr 6	6:29am	Th Apr 5	10:19pm	642		2 02		8 10	
73234	30	Sa May 5	5:11pm	Sa May 5	11:03am	494		4 30		6 08	
73235	29	Mo Jun 4	1:25am	Su Jun 3	11:47pm	409		5 55		1 38	
73236	29	Tu Jul 3	8:14am	Tu Jul 3	12:31pm	399		6 05			4 17
73237	29	We Aug 1	2:53pm	Th Aug 2	1:15am	460		5 04			10 22
73238	30	Th Aug 30	10:33pm	Fr Aug 31	1:59pm	580		3 04			15 26
73239	29	Sa Sep 29	8:13am	Su Sep 30	2:43am	733			31		18 30
73240	30	Su Oct 28	8:26pm	Mo Oct 29	3:27pm	897	2	13			19 01
73241	30	Tu Nov 27	11:23am	We Nov 28	4:11am	1046	4	42			16 48
73242	29	Th Dec 27	4:49am	Th Dec 27	4:55pm	1146	6	22			12 06

1895 A.D.											
73243	30	Fr Jan 25	11:55pm	Sa Jan 26	5:39am	1157	6	33			5 44
73244	30	Su Feb 24	7:12pm	Sa Feb 24	6:23pm	1062	4	58			49
73245	30	Tu Mar 26	12:40am	Tu Mar 26	7:07am	886	2	02			5 47
73246	29	Th Apr 25	3:54pm	We Apr 24	7:51pm	695		1 09	7	49	
73247	30	Fr May 24	3:15pm	Fr May 24	8:35am	545		3 39	6	40	
73248	29	Sa Jun 23	12:20am	Sa Jun 22	9:19pm	461		5 03	3	01	
73249	29	Mo Jul 22	8:01am	Mo Jul 22	10:03am	444		5 20			2 02
73250	29	Tu Aug 20	3:25pm	Tu Aug 20	10:47pm	479		4 45			7 22
73251	30	We Sep 18	11:24pm	Th Sep 19	11:31am	555		3 29			12 07
73252	29	Fr Oct 18	8:39am	Sa Oct 19	12:15pm	661		1 43			15 36
73253	30	Sa Nov 16	7:40pm	Su Nov 17	12:59pm	798		34			17 19
73254	30	Mo Dec 16	8:58am	Tu Dec 17	1:43am	951	3	07			16 45

1896 A.D.											
73255	29	We Jan 15	12:49am	We Jan 15	2:27pm	1073	5	09			13 38
73256	30	Th Feb 13	6:42pm	Fr Feb 14	3:11am	1115	5	51			8 29
73257	30	Sa Mar 14	1:17pm	Sa Mar 14	3:55pm	1055	4	51			2 38
73258	29	Mo Apr 13	6:52am	Mo Apr 13	4:39am	924	2	40			2 13
73259	30	Tu May 12	10:16pm	Tu May 12	5:23pm	776	12		4	53	
73260	29	Th Jun 11	11:12am	Th Jun 11	6:07am	652		1 52	5	05	
73261	30	Fr Jul 10	10:04pm	Fr Jul 10	6:51pm	567		3 17	3	13	
73262	29	Su Aug 9	7:31am	Su Aug 9	7:35am	521		4 03			04
73263	30	Mo Sep 7	4:12pm	Mo Sep 7	8:19pm	515		4 09			4 07
73264	29	We Oct 7	12:47am	We Oct 7	9:03am	549		3 35			8 16
73265	29	Th Nov 5	9:56am	Th Nov 5	9:47pm	624		2 20			11 51
73266	29	Fr Dec 4	8:10pm	Sa Dec 5	10:31am	732		32			14 11

1897 A.D.											
73267	30	Sa Jan 3	8:32am	Su Jan 3	11:15pm	850	1	26			14 43
73268	30	Mo Feb 1	10:42pm	Tu Feb 2	11:59am	943	2	59			13 17
73269	30	We Mar 3	2:25pm	Th Mar 4	12:43am	988	3	44			10 18
73270	29	Fr Apr 2	6:53am	Fr Apr 2	1:27pm	982	3	38			6 34
73271	30	Sa May 1	11:15pm	Su May 2	2:11am	940	2	56			2 56
73272	30	Mo May 31	2:55pm	Mo May 31	2:55pm	869	1	45			
73273	29	We Jun 30	5:24am	We Jun 30	3:39am	783		1 45			1 45
73274	30	Th Jul 29	6:27pm	Th Jul 29	4:23pm	691		1 13	2	04	
73275	29	Sa Aug 28	5:58am	Sa Aug 28	5:07am	617		2 27			51
73276	30	Su Sep 26	4:15pm	Su Sep 26	5:51pm	582		3 02			1 36
73277	29	Tu Oct 26	1:57am	Tu Oct 26	6:35am	592		2 52			4 38
73278	29	We Nov 24	11:49am	We Nov 24	7:19pm	635		2 09			7 30
73279	30	Th Dec 23	10:24pm	Fr Dec 24	8:03am	689		1 15			9 39

1898 A.D.											
73280	29	Sa Jan 22	9:53am	Sa Jan 22	8:47pm	736		28			10 54
73281	30	Su Feb 20	10:09pm	Mo Feb 21	9:31am	777	13				11 22
73282	30	Tu Mar 22	11:06am	Tu Mar 22	10:15pm	823	59				11 09
73283	29	Th Apr 21	12:49am	Th Apr 21	10:59am	878	1	54			10 10
73284	30	Fr May 20	3:27pm	Fr May 20	11:43pm	911	2	27			8 16
73285	29	Su Jun 19	6:38am	Su Jun 19	12:27pm	938	2	54			5 49
73286	30	Mo Jul 18	10:16pm	Tu Jul 19	1:11am	887	2	03			2 55
73287	30	We Aug 17	1:03pm	We Aug 17	1:55pm	816	52				52
73288	29	Fr Sep 16	2:39am	Fr Sep 16	2:39am	747		17			
73289	30	Sa Oct 15	3:06pm	Sa Oct 15	3:23pm	703		1 01			17
73290	29	Mo Nov 14	2:49am	Mo Nov 14	4:07am	683		1 21			1 18
73291	30	Tu Dec 13	2:12pm	Tu Dec 13	4:51pm	666		1 38			2 39

1899 A.D.											
73292	29	Th Jan 12	1:18am	Th Jan 12	5:35am	652		1 52			4 17
73293	29	Fr Feb 10	12:10pm	Fr Feb 10	6:19pm	611		2 33			6 09
73294	30	Sa Mar 11	10:21pm	Su Mar 12	7:03am	628		2 16			8 42
73295	29	Mo Apr 10	8:49am	Mo Apr 10	7:47pm	678		1 26			10 58
73296	30	Tu May 9	8:07pm	We May 10	8:31am	762		02			12 24
73297	29	Th Jun 8	8:49am	Th Jun 8	9:15pm	851		1 27			12 26
73298	30	Fr Jul 7	11:00pm	Sa Jul 8	9:59am	917	2	33			10 59
73299	30	Su Aug 6	2:17pm	Su Aug 6	10:43pm	945	3	01			8 26
73300	29	Tu Sep 5	6:02am	Tu Sep 5	11:27am	941	2	57			5 25
73301	30	We Oct 4	9:43pm	Th Oct 5	12:11am	912	2	28			2 28
73302	30	Fr Nov 3	12:55pm	Fr Nov 3	12:55pm	861	1	37			
73303	29	Su Dec 3	3:16am	Su Dec 3	1:39am	785	21				1 37

nomical calculations very similar to those used in this series of articles.

In figuring the mean calculations shown in the central part of the tables, No. 73176, August 26, 1889, was taken as the starting point, because it was only about 2 minutes away from the mean generally used by astronomers for *current* calculations, that is, 29 days 12 hours 44 minutes (seconds being dropped). From this starting point the calculations were carried backward to January, 1886, and forward to December, 1936.

The next column, entitled "Minutes over 29 Days", is a very useful one for purposes of study. Each moon is a period of 29 days and a certain number of minutes in addition. The total number of minutes over 29 days between this moon and the one next following it is given. Thus, from the new moon of Tuesday, January 5, 1886, at 10:13 a.m., to the new moon of Thursday, February 4, 1886, at 5:43 a.m., was 29 days and 1,170 minutes. See Nos. 73131 and 73132.

In the next two columns each moon is compared with the one next to it. Thus, it being taken for truth that the normal time from one new moon to another is 29 days, 12 hours and 44 minutes, that is, 29 days and 764 minutes, if a moon takes 29 days and 1,170 minutes, it is slow by the difference, which is 406 minutes (6 hours 46 minutes).

The Moon Runs Fast

The experience tables show that the moon has the habit of running ahead of its schedule (if such an expression is permissible). Thus, according to the "Mean" the moon on January 5, 1886, was not due to rise until 7:31 p.m. of that day, but, as a matter of fact, it rose 9 hours 18 minutes earlier; so it was fast by that amount of time.

The lover of Jehovah God will now be greatly interested in the accompanying chart of lunations which shows the beautiful and graceful manner in which the moon keeps care of the seconds of the great Creator. It instantly appears that there is order, not the order of cogs and gears and rattling machinery, but the order of rhythm on a magnificent scale. But first another glance at the tables.

Take note of the last four columns of the tables and note how the moon is usually for seven moons fast, then for seven moons slow, etc., as compared with those that have gone before; it

Moon	Days	Date	Actual Time	Mean Date	Mean Time	Mins. over 29 Ds	Compared with next Slow Fast		Compared with Mean Slow Fast	
							hr mi	hr mi	hr mi	hr mi
1900 A.D.										
73304	30	Mo Jan 1	4:21pm	Mo Jan 1	2:23pm	691	1 13	1 58		
73305	29	We Jan 31	3:52am	We Jan 31	3:07am	602	2 42	4 5		
73306	29	Th Mar 1	1:54pm	Th Mar 1	3:51pm	545	3 39		1 57	
73307	30	Fr Mar 30	10:59pm	Sa Mar 31	4:35am	533	3 51	5 36		
73308	29	Sa Apr 29	7:52am	Su Apr 29	5:19pm	567	3 17		9 27	
73309	30	Mo May 28	5:19pm	Tu May 29	6:03am	637	2 07	12 44		
73310	29	We Jun 27	3:56am	We Jun 27	6:47pm	736		28	14 51	
73311	30	Th Jul 26	4:12pm	Fr Jul 27	7:31am	850	1 26		15 19	
73312	29	Sa Aug 25	6:22am	Sa Aug 25	8:15pm	964	3 20		13 53	
73313	30	Su Sep 23	10:26pm	Mo Sep 24	8:53am	1050	4 46		10 33	
73314	30	Tu Oct 23	3:56pm	Tu Oct 23	9:43pm	1070	5 06		5 47	
73315	30	Th Nov 22	9:46am	Th Nov 22	10:27am	1004	4 00		41	
73316	29	Sa Dec 22	2:3 am	Fr Dec 21	11:11pm	875	1 51		3 19	
1901 A.D.										
73317	30	Sa Jan 20	5:05pm	Su Jan 20	11:55am	729		35 5	10	
73318	29	Tu Feb 19	5:14am	Tu Feb 19	12:39pm	608	2 36	4 35		
73319	30	We Mar 20	3:22pm	We Mar 20	1:23pm	524	4 00	1 59		
73320	29	Fr Apr 19	12:06am	Fr Apr 19	2:07am	481	4 43		2 01	
73321	29	Sa May 18	8:07am	Sa May 18	2:51pm	475	4 49		6 44	
73322	30	Su Jun 16	4:02pm	Mo Jun 17	3:35am	517	4 07		11 33	
73323	29	Tu Jul 16	12:39am	Tu Jul 16	4:19pm	617		2 27	15 40	
73324	29	We Aug 14	10:56am	Th Aug 15	5:03am	771		07	18 07	
73325	30	Th Sep 12	11:47pm	Fr Sep 13	5:47pm	953	3 09		18 00	
73326	30	Sa Oct 12	3:40pm	Su Oct 13	6:31am	1103	5 39		14 51	
73327	30	Mo Nov 11	10:03am	Mo Nov 11	7:15pm	1159	6 35		9 12	
73328	29	We Dec 11	5:22am	We Dec 11	7:59am	1101	5 37		2 37	
1902 A.D.										
73329	30	Th Jan 9	11:43pm	Th Jan 9	8:43pm	967	3 23		3 00	
73330	30	Sa Feb 8	3:50pm	Sa Feb 8	9:27am	809		45	6 23	
73331	29	Mo Mar 10	5:19am	Sa Mar 9	10:11pm	660			1 44 7	08
73332	30	Tu Apr 8	4:19pm	Tu Apr 8	10:55am	535	3 49	5 24		
73333	29	Th May 8	1:14am	We May 7	11:39pm	446		5 18	1 35	
73334	29	Fr Jun 6	8:40am	Fr Jun 6	12:23pm	408		5 56		3 43
73335	29	Sa Jul 5	3:23pm	Su Jul 6	1:07am	438		5 26		9 39
73336	30	Su Aug 3	10:46pm	Mo Aug 4	1:51pm	542		3 42		15 05
73337	29	Tu Sep 2	7:49pm	We Sep 3	2:35am	710		54		18 47
73338	30	We Oct 1	7:38am	Th Oct 2	3:19pm	904		2 20		19 41
73339	30	Fr Oct 31	10:42am	Sa Nov 1	4:03am	1071		5 07		17 21
73340	29	Su Nov 30	4:33am	Su Nov 30	4:47pm	1160		6 36		12 14
73341	30	Mo Dec 29	11:53pm	Tu Dec 30	5:31am	1154		6 30		5 38
1903 A.D.										
73342	30	We Jan 28	7:07pm	We Jan 28	6:15pm	1061	4 57		52	
73343	30	Fr Feb 27	12:48pm	Fr Feb 27	6:59am	907	2 23		5 49	
73344	29	Sa Mar 29	3:55am	Sa Mar 28	7:43pm	726			38 8	12
73345	30	Mo Apr 27	4:01pm	Mo Apr 27	8:27am	557		3 27	7 34	
73346	29	We May 27	1:18am	Tu May 26	9:11pm	442		5 22	4 07	
73347	29	Th Jun 25	8:40am	Th Jun 25	9:55am	395		6 09		1 15
73348	29	Fr Jul 24	3:15pm	Fr Jul 24	10:39pm	425		5 39		7 24
73349	30	Sa Aug 22	10:20pm	Su Aug 23	11:23am	520		4 04		13 03
73350	29	Mo Sep 21	7:00am	Tu Sep 22	12:07am	659		1 45		17 07
73351	30	Tu Oct 20	5:59pm	We Oct 21	12:51pm	820		56		18 52
73352	29	Th Nov 19	7:39am	Fr Nov 20	1:35am	976		3 32		17 56
73353	30	Fr Dec 18	11:55pm	Sa Dec 19	2:19pm	1100		5 36		14 24
1904 A.D.										
73354	30	Su Jan 17	6:15pm	Mo Jan 18	3:03am	1158	6 34		8 48	
73355	30	Tu Feb 16	1:33pm	Tu Feb 16	3:47pm	1115		5 51		2 14
73356	30	Th Mar 17	8:08am	Th Mar 17	4:31am	974		3 30		3 37
73357	29	Sa Apr 16	12:22am	Fr Apr 15	5:15pm	785		21		7 07
73358	29	Su May 15	1:27pm	Su May 15	5:59am	612		2 32	7 28	
73359	30	Mo Jun 13	11:39pm	Mo Jun 13	6:43pm	497		4 27	4 56	
73360	29	We Jul 13	7:56am	We Jul 13	7:27am	451		5 13	29	
73361	29	Th Aug 11	3:27pm	Th Aug 11	8:11pm	465		4 59		4 44
73362	30	Fr Sep 9	11:12pm	Sa Sep 10	8:55am	522		4 02		9 43
73363	29	Su Oct 9	7:54am	Su Oct 9	9:39pm	611		2 33		13 45
73364	30	Mo Nov 7	6:05pm	Tu Nov 8	10:23am	730		34		16 18
73365	29	We Dec 7	6:15am	We Dec 7	11:07pm	871	1 47		16 52	
1905 A.D.										
73366	30	Th Jan 5	8:46pm	Fr Jan 6	11:51am	1009	4 05		15 05	
73367	30	Sa Feb 4	1:35pm	Su Feb 5	12:35pm	1093		5 29		11 00
73368	30	Mo Mar 6	7:48am	Mo Mar 6	1:15pm	1084		5 20		5 31
73369	29	We Apr 5	1:52am	We Apr 5	2:03am	987		3 43		11
73370	30	Th May 4	6:19pm	Th May 4	2:47pm	846		1 22		3 32
73371	29	Sa Jun 3	8:25am	Sa Jun 3	3:31am	714			50 4	54
73372	30	Su Jul 2	8:19pm	Su Jul 2	4:15pm	612		2 32	4 04	
73373	29	Tu Aug 1	6:31am	Tu Aug 1	4:59am	551		3 33	1 32	
73374	30	We Aug 30	3:42pm	We Aug 30	5:43pm	526		3 58		2 01
73375	29	Fr Sep 29	12:28am	Fr Sep 29	6:27am	539		3 45		5 59
73376	29	Sa Oct 28	9:27am	Sa Oct 28	7:11pm	589		2 55		9 44
73377	30	Su Nov 26	7:16pm	Mo Nov 27	7:55am	676		1 28		12 39
73378	29	Tu Dec 26	6:32am	Tu Dec 26	8:39pm	786		22		14 07

is not always for seven fast and for seven slow, but is so 73 percent of the time, a few sixes, eights and nines being sprinkled in.

Note again from the tables that the moon is in the habit of running fast not only with respect to the previous moon, but with respect to its mean lunation; for about $9\frac{1}{2}$ lunations it is fast with respect to its mean, and then, for 4 lunations, slow until the balance is recovered.

The way the astronomers put it is that the moon has a maximum eccentricity of orbit of 1.61959788103203 days. That is to say, stating this in a manner suitable for the general reader, the variation over any period of years, no matter how remote, will be not more than 1 day 14 hours 52 minutes $13\frac{1}{4}$ seconds. But the differences need not be of such an amount, and by proper care in taking the right kind of starting point the total difference over so long a period as 6,000 years will be only an hour or so, as will be shown.

Metonic Cycle and the God of Order

Men have been studying the moon many centuries. It is now about 2,400 years since the astronomer Meton discovered that after 235 lunations the new moon usually rises on the same day of the month that it did 19 years before. Thus, compare No. 73131, January 5, 1886, with No. 73366, January 5, 1905, or any two moons 235 lunations apart, and it will be found that this is *nearly* exact. The Callippic cycle is a refinement of the Metonic, in which 1 day is dropped every fourth Metonic cycle, to make the Metonics come out more nearly exact over longer periods of time.

Of much greater interest is the saros or eclipse cycle of 223 moons, used by all astronomers in calculating time of eclipses. Every 223 moons the moon is back where it was, if such an expression may be used. The chart (pages 374-375) helps to make this clear. Note again the data regarding the first moon mentioned in the table, No. 73131, of January 5, 1886; now note its position on the chart. Then add 223 moons, reaching to No. 73354, of January 17, 1904 (a period of 6,585.32 days, or 18 years and 10.32 or 11.32 days, depending on how many leap years are in the period), and notice on the chart that the moon is in the same relative position that it was at first. Compare any two moons 223 moons apart, and note the results.

Take the time to pay very special attention to this eclipse cycle feature, as it is the key to

1 minute = 60 seconds
 1 hour = 3600 seconds
 1 day = 86400 seconds
 1 week = 604800 seconds
 1 mean lunation = 29.53058875 days
 1 mean lunation = 2531442.864976 seconds
 1 solar year = 365.2422 days
 1 solar year = 31556926 seconds
 1 solar year = 365 days, 5 hours, 48 minutes, 46.15 seconds
 12,3682 mean lunations

1 mean lunation -
29.530588715 days

1 mean lunation -
29.53442864976 seconds

1 mean lunation - 29 days
12 hours 44 minutes 2.864976 seconds

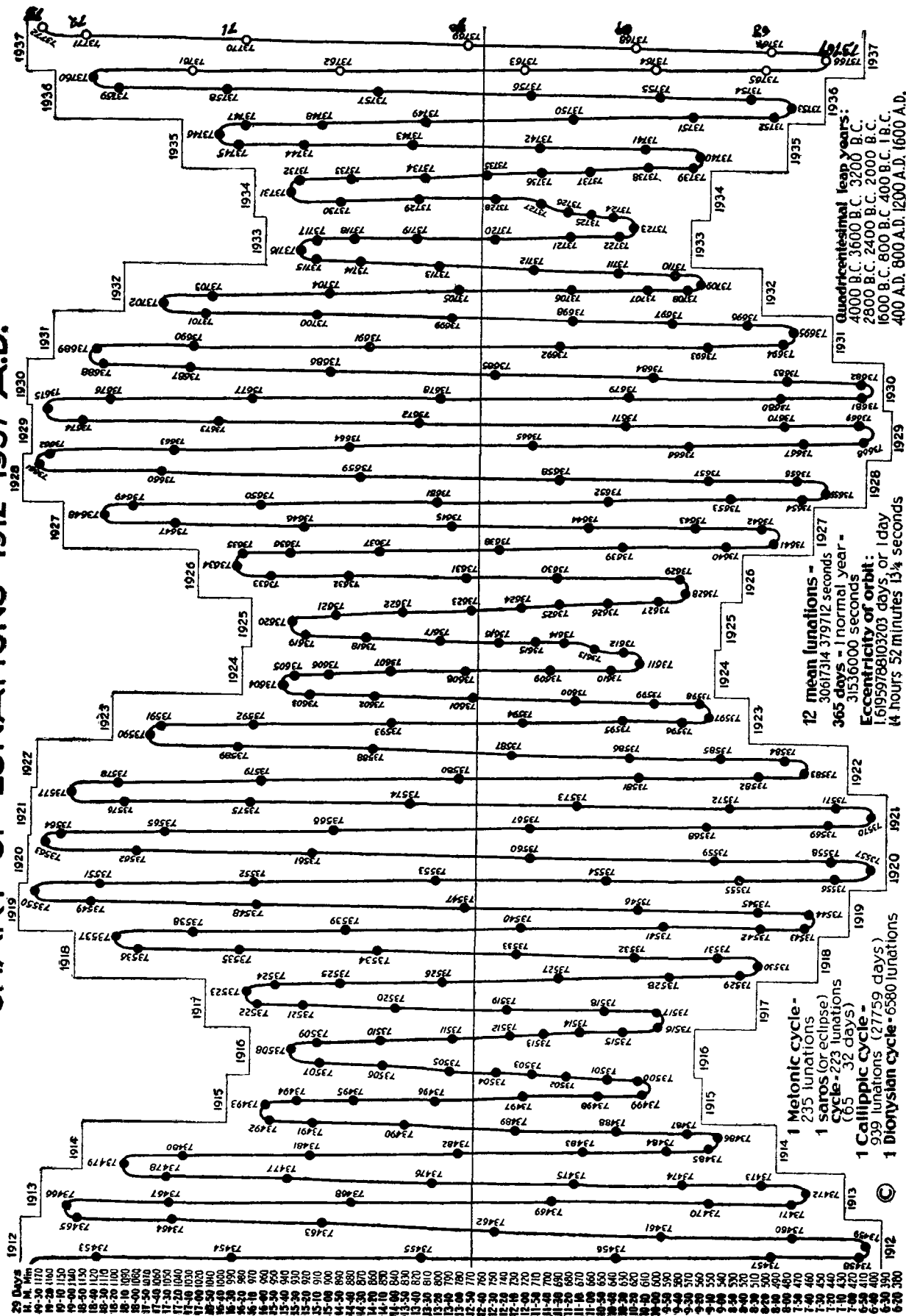
1 Solar Year =
365.9597615 seconds or
365.2422 days

1 Solar Year - 365 days
5 hours 48 minutes 40.15 seconds

1 Solar Year -
12.3682 mean lunations

Year	Solar Year Length (Days)
1900	365.9597615
1901	365.9597615
1902	365.9597615
1903	365.9597615
1904	365.9597615

CHART OF LUNATIONS 1912-1937 A.D.



						Compared with next		Compared with Mean		
Actual				Mean		Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow	Fast	Slow	Fast
Moon	Days	Date	Time	Date	Time	29 Ds	hr	mi	hr	mi
1906 A.D.										
73379	30	We	Jan 24 7:38pm	Th	Jan 25 9:23am	890	2	06		13 45
73380	30	Fr	Feb 23 10:28am	Fr	Feb 23 10:07pm	953	3	09		11 39
73381	29	Sa	Mar 25 2:21am	Sa	Mar 25 10:51am	974	3	30		8 30
73382	30	Mo	Apr 23 6:35pm	Mo	Apr 23 11:35pm	954	3	10		5 00
73383	30	We	May 23 10:29am	We	May 23 12:19pm	905	2	21		1 50
73384	29	Fr	Jun 22 1:34am	Fr	Jun 22 1:03am	834	1	10		
73385	30	Sa	Jul 21 3:28pm	Sa	Jul 21 1:47pm	748			16	1 41
73386	29	Mo	Aug 20 3:56am	Mo	Aug 20 2:31am	666			1 38	1 25
73387	30	Tu	Sep 18 3:02pm	Tu	Sep 18 3:15pm	609			2 35	
73388	29	Th	Oct 18 1:11am	Th	Oct 18 3:59am	594			2 50	2 48
73389	29	Fr	Nov 16 11:05am	Fr	Nov 16 4:43pm	618			2 26	5 38
73390	30	Sa	Dec 15 9:23pm	Sa	Dec 16 5:27am	663			1 41	8 04

1907 A.D.									
73391	29	Mo	Jan 14 8:26am	Mo	Jan 14 6:11pm	706		58	9 45
73392	30	Tu	Feb 12 8:12pm	We	Feb 13 6:55am	742		22	10 43
73393	29	Th	Mar 14 8:34am	Th	Mar 14 7:39pm	781		17	11 05
73394	30	Fr	Apr 12 9:35pm	Sa	Apr 13 8:23am	833		1 09	10 48
73395	30	Sa	May 12 11:28am	Sa	May 12 9:07pm	891		2 07	9 39
73396	29	Tu	Jun 11 2:19am	Tu	Jun 11 9:51am	927		2 43	7 32
73397	30	We	Jul 10 5:46pm	We	Jul 10 10:35pm	920		2 36	4 49
73398	29	Fr	Aug 9 9:06am	Fr	Aug 9 11:19am	867		1 43	2 13
73399	30	Sa	Sep 7 11:33pm	Sa	Sep 8 12:03am	797		33	30
73400	30	Mo	Oct 7 12:50pm	Mo	Oct 7 12:47pm	738		26	03
73401	29	We	Nov 6 1:08am	We	Nov 6 1:31am	704		1 00	23
73402	30	Th	Dec 5 12:52pm	Th	Dec 5 2:15pm	680		1 24	1 23

1908 A.D.									
73403	29	Sa	Jan 4 12:12am	Sa	Jan 4 2:59am	653		1 51	2 47
73404	29	Su	Feb 2 11:05am	Sa	Feb 2 3:43pm	621		2 23	4 38
73405	30	Mo	Mar 2 9:26pm	Tu	Mar 3 4:27am	605		2 39	7 01
73406	29	We	Apr 1 7:31am	We	Apr 1 5:11pm	631		2 13	9 40
73407	30	Th	Apr 30 6:02pm	Fr	May 1 5:55am	701		1 03	11 53
73408	29	Sa	May 30 5:43am	Sa	May 30 6:39pm	787		23	12 56
73409	30	Su	Jun 28 6:50pm	Mo	Jun 29 7:23am	895		2 11	12 33
73410	30	Tu	Jul 28 9:45am	Tu	Jul 28 8:07pm	943		2 59	10 22
73411	29	Th	Aug 27 1:28am	Th	Aug 27 8:51am	960		3 16	7 23
73412	30	Fr	Sep 25 5:28pm	Fr	Sep 25 9:35pm	947		3 03	4 07
73413	30	Sa	Oct 25 9:15am	Sa	Oct 25 10:19am	907		2 23	1 04
73414	29	Tu	Nov 24 12:22am	Mo	Nov 23 11:03pm	836		1 12	1 19
73415	30	We	Dec 23 2:18pm	We	Dec 23 11:47am	742		22 2 31	

1909 A.D.									
73416	29	Fr	Jan 22 2:40am	Fr	Jan 22 12:31am	640		2 04 2 09	
73417	29	Sa	Feb 20 1:20pm	Sa	Feb 20 1:15pm	560		3 24 05	
73418	30	Su	Mar 21 10:40pm	Mo	Mar 22 1:59am	520		4 04	3 19
73419	29	Tu	Apr 20 6:20am	Tu	Apr 20 2:43pm	531		3 53	7 23
73420	30	We	May 19 4:11pm	Th	May 20 3:27am	586		2 58	11 16
73421	29	Fr	Jun 18 1:57am	Fr	Jun 18 4:11pm	676		1 28	14 14
73422	30	Sa	Jul 17 1:13pm	Su	Jul 18 4:55am	790		26	15 42
73423	29	Mo	Aug 16 2:23am	Mo	Aug 16 5:39pm	914		2 30	15 16
73424	30	Tu	Sep 14 5:37pm	We	Sep 15 6:23am	1025		4 21	12 46
73425	30	Th	Oct 14 10:42am	Th	Oct 14 7:07pm	1085		5 21	8 25
73426	29	Sa	Nov 13 4:47am	Sa	Nov 13 7:51am	1060		4 56	3 04
73427	30	Su	Dec 12 10:27pm	Su	Dec 12 8:35pm	953		3 09	1 52

1910 A.D.									
73428	30	Tu	Jan 11 2:20pm	Tu	Jan 11 9:19am	802		38	5 01
73429	29	Th	Feb 10 3:42am	We	Feb 9 10:03pm	659		1 45 5 39	
73430	29	Fr	Mar 11 2:41pm	Fr	Mar 11 10:47am	553		3 31 3 54	
73431	30	Sa	Apr 9 11:54pm	Sa	Apr 9 11:31pm	488		4 36 23	
73432	29	Mo	May 9 8:02am	Mo	May 9 12:15pm	463		5 01	4 13
73433	29	Tu	Jun 7 3:45pm	We	Jun 8 12:59am	484		4 40	9 14
73434	30	We	Jul 6 11:43pm	Th	Jul 7 1:43pm	557		3 27	13 54
73435	29	Fr	Aug 5 9:06am	Sa	Aug 6 6:27am	688		1 16	17 21
73436	30	Sa	Sep 3 8:34pm	Su	Sep 4 3:11pm	867		1 43	18 37
73437	30	Mo	Oct 3 11:01am	Tu	Oct 4 3:55am	1044		4 40	16 54
73438	29	We	Nov 2 4:25am	We	Nov 2 4:39pm	1154		6 30	12 14
73439	30	Th	Dec 1 11:39pm	Fr	Dec 2 5:23am	1151		6 27	5 44
73440	30	Sa	Dec 31 6:50pm	Sa	Dec 31 6:07pm	1043		4 39	

1911 A.D.									
73441	30	Mo	Jan 30 12:13pm	Mo	Jan 30 6:51am	887		2 03	5 22
73442	29	We	Mar 1 3:00am	Tu	Feb 28 7:35pm	727			37 7 25
73443	30	Th	Mar 30 3:07pm	Th	Mar 30 8:19am	587		2 57 6 48	
73444	29	Sa	Apr 29 12:54am	Fr	Apr 28 9:03pm	479		4 45 3 51	
73445	29	Su	May 28 8:53am	Su	May 28 9:47am	415		5 49	54
73446	29	Mo	Jun 26 3:4 pm	Mo	Jun 26 10:31pm	413		5 51	6 43
73447	30	Tu	Jul 25 10:43pm	We	Jul 26 11:15am	482		4 42	12 34
73448	29	Th	Aug 24 6:43pm	Th	Aug 24 11:59pm	623		2 21	17 16
73449	30	Fr	Sep 22 5:06pm	Sa	Sep 23 12:43pm	812		48	19 37
73450	29	Su	Oct 22 6:38am	Mo	Oct 23 1:27am	1000		3 56	18 49
73451	30	Mo	Nov 20 11:18pm	Tu	Nov 21 2:11pm	1131		6 07	14 53
73452	30	We	Dec 20 6:09pm	Th	Dec 21 2:55am	1170		6 46	8 46

unlocking the past. By means of this key astronomers have located many events which occurred hundreds of years before Christ. The chroniclers mentioned eclipses with much exactness, with the result that the dates could be exactly located.

Calculations in the *Golden Age* office show that in six thousand years the eclipse cycle locates a certain moon with absolute accuracy. It is on this wise: There were 73,740 moons from the lunation nearest the spring equinox of 4028 B.C. to the lunation nearest the spring equinox of A.D. 1935. There are 223 moons in an eclipse cycle; i.e., in 73,740 moons there are 330 eclipse cycles and 150 moons besides. Accordingly, 150 moons back from moon No. 73740, moon No. 73590 (of February 15, 1923) should be in exactly the same position in the heavens as the one some 5,950 years earlier (in 4028 B.C.); and such is the case.

At 29.530588715 days each, 73,590 moons amount, in total, to 2,173,156 days and about 34 minutes over. In 330 eclipse cycles, at 6,585.32 days per cycle, the total days are 2,173,155.6 days. In 5,950 years the moon is in the same position, and positively identifiable, with a total difference in the two calculations of less than 10 hours 3 minutes.

Getting Ready to Explore the Past

With this divinely provided measuring rod there will now be made an exploration of the past, particularly those passages in Holy Writ in which certain things are said to have taken place at such and such a time in such and such a moon. The right place to start inquiry is with the moon nearest at hand, say the one which is nearest to the vernal equinox in the year A.D. 1935. This new moon makes its appearance, astronomically speaking, at Los Angeles, Calif., at 4:11 a.m., Wednesday, April 3; on the 75th meridian, near New York and Philadelphia (Eastern Standard Time), at 7:11 a.m. on the same day, and at Jerusalem at 2:35:52 p.m. on the same day.

It is desired to ascertain as accurately as possible just when, astronomically, the new moon rose, in the year 4028 B.C., at the time nearest the vernal equinox. Remembering the accuracy of the eclipse cycle, one could wish to start backward from the moon which exactly corresponds in its movements with the one around the middle of March, 4028 B.C., but to do this it would be necessary to start with moon No. 73590, of February 15, 1923.

Moon	Days	Date	Actual Time	Mean Date	Mean Time	Compared with next				Compared with Mean			
						Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow	Fast	hr mi	hr mi	hr mi	Fast	hr mi
1912 A.D.													
73453	30	Fr Jan 19	1:39pm	Fr Jan 19	3:39pm	1114	5	50					2 00
73454	30	Su Feb 18	8:13am	Su Feb 18	4:23am	985	3	41			3	50	
73455	29	Tu Mar 19	12:38am	Mo Mar 18	5:07pm	811		47			7	31	
73456	30	We Apr 17	2:09pm	We Apr 17	5:51am	634			2	10	8	18	
73457	29	Pr May 17	12:43am	Th May 16	6:35pm	490			4	34	6	08	
73458	29	Sa Jun 15	8:53am	Sa Jun 15	7:19am	409			5	55	1	34	
73459	29	Su Jul 14	3:42pm	Su Jul 14	8:03pm	405			5	59		4	21
73460	30	Mo Aug 12	10:27pm	Tu Aug 13	8:47am	471			4	53		10	20
73461	29	We Sep 11	6:18am	We Sep 11	9:31pm	592			2	52		15	13
73462	30	Th Oct 10	4:10pm	Fr Oct 11	10:15am	744				20		18	05
73463	29	Sa Nov 9	4:34am	Sa Nov 9	10:59pm	902		2	18			18	25
73464	30	Su Dec 8	7:36pm	Mo Dec 9	11:43am	1042		4	38			16	07

1913 A.D.													
73465	30	Tu Jan 7	12:58pm	We Jan 8	12:27am	1133	6	09				11	29
73466	30	Th Feb 6	7:51am	Th Feb 6	1:11pm	1141	6	17				5	20
73467	29	Sa Mar 8	2:52am	Sa Mar 8	1:55am	1045		4	41			57	
73468	30	Su Apr 6	8:17pm	Su Apr 6	2:39pm	877		1	53			5	38
73469	29	Tu May 6	10:54am	Tu May 6	3:23am	692			1	12	7	31	
73470	30	We Jun 4	10:26pm	We Jun 4	4:07pm	549			3	35	6	19	
73471	29	Fr Jul 4	7:35am	Fr Jul 4	4:51am	472			4	52	2	44	
73472	29	Sa Aug 2	3:27pm	Sa Aug 2	5:35pm	460						2	08
73473	30	Su Aug 31	11:07pm	Mo Sep 1	6:19am	499						7	12
73474	29	Tu Sep 30	7:26am	Tu Sep 30	7:03pm	572			3	12		11	37
73475	30	We Oct 29	4:58pm	Th Oct 20	7:47am	672			1	32		14	49
73476	29	Fr Nov 28	4:10am	Fr Nov 28	8:31pm	803						16	21
73477	30	Sa Dec 27	5:28pm	Sa Dec 28	9:15am	935			2	51		15	47

1914 A.D.													
73478	30	Mo Jan 26	9:03am	Mo Jan 26	9:59pm	1048		4	44			12	56
73479	29	We Feb 25	2:31am	We Feb 25	10:43am	1087		5	23			8	12
73480	30	Th Mar 26	8:38pm	Th Mar 26	11:27pm	1032		4	28			2	49
73481	30	Sa Apr 25	1:50pm	Sa Apr 25	12:11pm	913		2	29			1	39
73482	29	Mo May 25	5:03am	Sa May 24	12:55am	779		15				4	08
73483	30	Tu Jun 23	6:02pm	Tu Jun 23	1:39pm	665			1	39	4	23	
73484	29	Th Jul 23	5:07am	Th Jul 23	2:23am	588			2	56	2	44	
73485	30	Fr Aug 21	2:55pm	Fr Aug 21	3:07pm	547						3	37
73486	29	Su Sep 20	12:02am	Su Sep 20	3:51am	540			3	44		3	49
73487	29	Mo Oct 19	9:02am	Mo Oct 19	4:35pm	568			3	16		7	33
73488	30	Tu Nov 17	6:30pm	We Nov 18	5:19am	634			2	10		10	49
73489	29	Th Dec 17	5:04am	Th Dec 17	6:03pm	727				37		12	59

1915 A.D.													
73490	30	Fr Jan 15	5:11pm	Sa Jan 16	6:47am	829		1	05			13	36
73491	29	Su Feb 14	7:00am	Su Feb 14	7:31pm	911		2	27			12	31
73492	30	Mo Mar 15	10:11pm	Tu Mar 16	8:15am	953		3	09			10	04
73493	30	We Apr 14	2:04pm	We Apr 14	8:59pm	956		3	12			6	55
73494	29	Fr May 14	6:00am	Fr May 14	9:43am	926		2	42			3	43
73495	30	Sa Jun 12	9:26pm	Sa Jun 12	10:27pm	874		1	50			1	01
73496	30	Mo Jul 12	12:00 nn	Mo Jul 12	11:11am	801			37				
73497	29	We Aug 11	1:21am	Tu Aug 10	11:55pm	720				44	1	26	
73498	30	Th Sep 9	1:12pm	Th Sep 9	12:39pm	650			1	54		42	
73499	29	Sa Oct 9	12:11am	Sa Oct 9	1:23am	610						1	12
73500	29	Su Nov 7	10:21am	Su Nov 7	2:07pm	611			2	33		3	46
73501	30	Mo Dec 6	8:32pm	Tu Dec 7	2:51am	642			2	02		6	19

1916 A.D.													
73502	29	We Jan 5	7:14am	We Jan 5	3:35pm	680		1	24			8	21
73503	30	Th Feb 3	6:34pm	Fr Feb 4	4:19am	712			52			9	45
73504	29	Sa Mar 4	6:26am	Sa Mar 4	5:03pm	744				20		10	37
73505	30	Su Apr 2	6:50pm	Mo Apr 3	5:47am	788		24				10	57
73506	29	Tu May 2	7:58am	Tu May 2	6:31pm	848		1	24			10	33
73507	30	We May 31	10:06pm	Th Jun 1	7:15am	906		2	22			9	09
73508	30	Fr Jun 30	1:12pm	Fr Jun 30	7:59pm	932		2	48			6	47
73509	29	Su Jul 30	4:44am	Su Jul 30	8:43am	909		2	25			3	59
73510	30	Mo Aug 28	7:53pm	Mo Aug 28	9:27pm	850		1	26			1	34
73511	29	We Sep 27	10:03am	We Sep 27	10:11am	783			19				08
73512	30	Th Oct 26	11:06pm	Th Oct 26	10:55pm	733				31	11		
73513	29	Sa Nov 25	11:19am	Sa Nov 25	11:39am	701				1	03		20
73514	30	Su Dec 24	11:00pm	Mo Dec 25	12:23am	669				1	35		123

1917 A.D.													
73515	29	Tu Jan 23	10:09am	Tu Jan 23	1:07pm	629		2	15			2	58
73516	30	We Feb 21	8:38pm	Th Feb 22	1:51am	596			2	48		5	13
73517	29	Fr Mar 23	6:34am	Fr Mar 23	2:35pm	596			2	48		8	01
73518	29	Sa Apr 21	4:30pm	Su Apr 22	3:19am	645			1	39		10	49
73519	30	Su May 21	3:15am	Mo May 21	4:03pm	736				28		12	48
73520	30	Tu Jun 19	3:31pm	We Jun 20	4:47am	838		1	14			13	16
73521	29	Th Jul 19	5:29pm	Th Jul 19	5:31pm	921		2	37			12	02
73522	30	Fr Aug 17	8:50pm	Sa Aug 18	6:15am	966		3	22			9	25
73523	30	Su Sep 16	12:56pm	Su Sep 16	6:59pm	974		3	30			6	03
73524	29	Tu Oct 16	5:10am	Tu Oct 16	7:43pm	947		3	03			2	33
73525	30	We Nov 14	8:57pm	We Nov 14	8:27pm	889		2	05				
73526	30	Fr Dec 14	11:46am	Fr Dec 14	9:11am	795		31				2	35

All things considered, it seems best to start with the moon nearest the present (moon No. 73740; April 3, 1935), but to take advantage of the eclipse cycle data, and thus start three hours earlier than moon No. 73740 indicates. Comparing the records of these two moons we find that No. 73590 was 10 hours 35 minutes ahead of the mean, while No. 73740 was but 7 hours 35 minutes ahead of it; the difference is 3 hours. Therefore the start is made at Jerusalem at Wednesday, April 3, 1935 A.D., at 11:35:52 a.m. (instead of 2:35:52 p.m. on the same day), so that the answer when obtained will be as nearly exact as possible. Any date in the remote past may now be sought with confidence.

Method of Calculating Lunations

Problem: Find the date of lunation nearest the autumnal equinox of the year 4129 B.C. Answer: 6,062½ years from the above starting point is October 2, 4129 B.C., at 11:35:52 p.m. In 6,062½ years there are at least 6,062½ × 365 normal days, which are 2,212,812½ days; in the 60 unbroken centuries, counting 24 leap years to each century, there are 1,440 more days; in the fragment of the 42d century B.C. there were 7 leap days; in the portion of a century in which this generation now lives there have been 8 leap days; there were also 14 so-called quadricentesimal leap years (being the years B.C. 4000, 3600, 3200, 2800, 2400, 2000, 1600, 800, 400, 1, and A.D. 400, 800, 1200, and 1600, but not the year 1200 B.C.). Total leap days, 1,469. Total days for 6,062½ years, 2,214,281½.

There are approximately 12.3682 lunations each year. In the 6,062½ years (multiplying) the correct number is found to be 74,983 lunations. In a lunation there are 2,551,442.864976 seconds; in 74,983 there are 191,314,840,344.495408, which at 604,800 seconds to the week, 86,400 to the day, 3,600 to the hour, and 60 to the minute, resolves into 316,327 weeks 3 days 3 hours 12 minutes 24.495408 seconds.

The starting point having been on a Wednesday (April 3, 1935) at 11:35:52 a.m., the time of the lunation in 4129 B.C. is 3 days 3 hours 12 minutes 24.495408 seconds earlier in the week than Wednesday, and is therefore on Sunday at 8:23:27.504592 a.m. In these problems the decimal fractions are preserved and carried along, as they afford protection against errors and provide methods of checking results.

As to the day of the month: In the 6,062½ years the total days were found to be 2,214,-

Moon	Days	Actual				Mean				Compared with next				Compared with Mean				Moon	Days	Actual				Mean				Compared with next				Compared with Mean			
		Date	Time	29	Ds	Date	Time	29	Ds	hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi			hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi	hr	mi		
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Moon	Days	Actual		Mean Date	Mean Time	Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow hr	Fast hr	Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow hr	Fast hr	Moon	Days	Actual		Mean Date	Mean Time	Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow hr	Fast hr	Mins. over 29 Ds	Slow hr	Fast hr		
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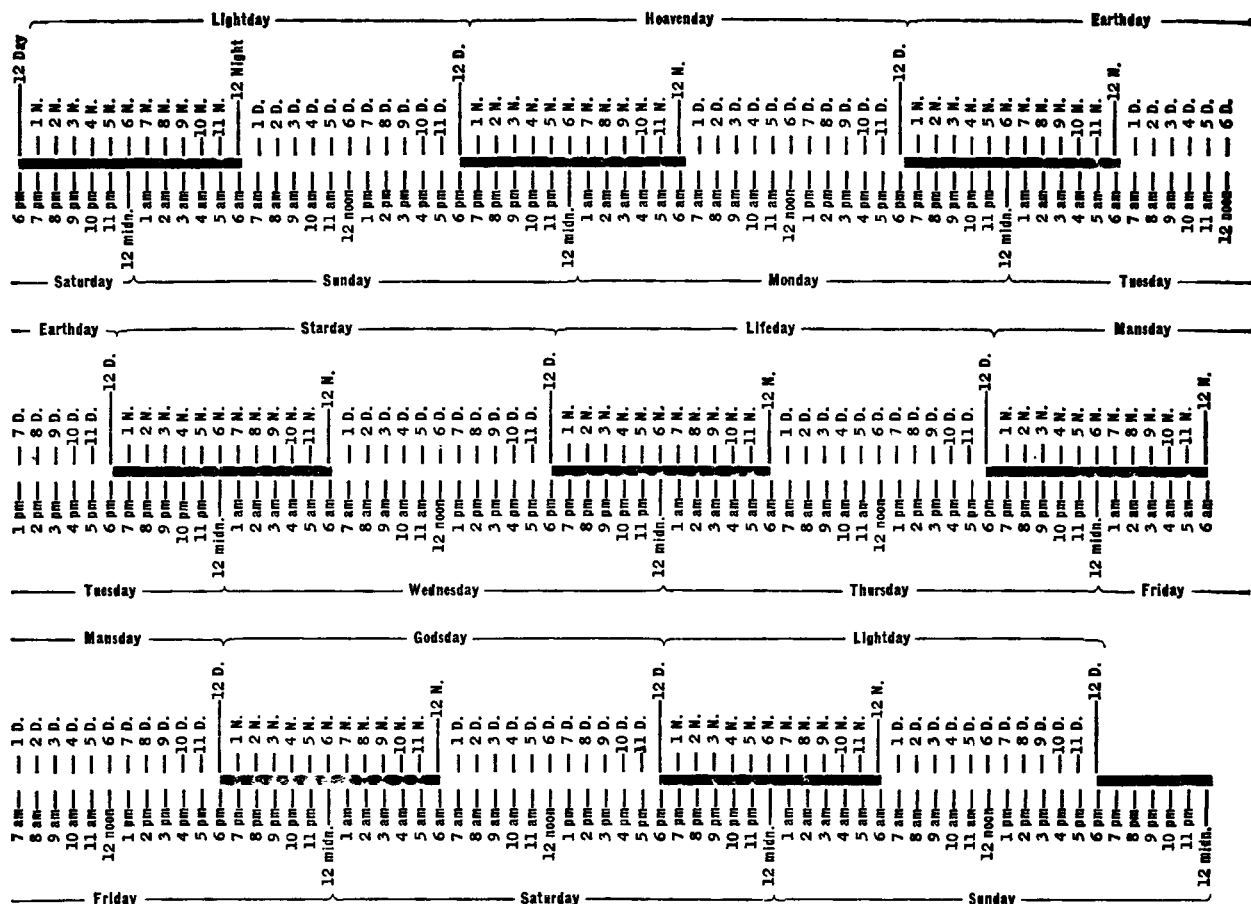
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6	360	59	3,540	6	15,308,657.189856				
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34	2,040	Seconds in		7,000	17,860,100,054.832				
35	2,100	Days		8,000	20,411,542,919.808				
36	2,160	1	86,400	9,000	22,962,985,784.784				
37	2,220	2	172,800	10,000	25,514,428,649.76				
38	2,280	3	259,200	20,000	51,028,857,299.52				
39	2,340	4	345,600	30,000	76,543,285,949.28				
40	2,400	5	432,000	40,000	102,057,714,599.04				
41	2,460	6	518,400	50,000	127,572,143,248.8				
42	2,520			60,000	153,086,571,898.56				
43	2,580	Seconds in		70,000	178,601,000,548.32				
44	2,640	Weeks							
45	2,700	1	604,800						
46	2,760	2	1,209,600						
47	2,820	3	1,814,400						
48	2,880	4	2,419,200						
49	2,940	5	3,024,000						
50	3,000	6	3,628,800						
51	3,060	7	4,233,600						
52	3,120	8	4,838,400						
53	3,180	9	5,443,200						

CHART FOR CHANGING OVER THE DAYS AND HOURS OF THE GREGORIAN
CALENDAR TO THE DAYS AND HOURS OF THE CALENDAR OF JEHOVAH GOD



281½. In the 74,983 lunations there were 2,214,292 days, or 10½ more. The correct day of the month is therefore September 22, which is 10½ days back from October 2, at 11:35:52 p.m. The full answer is that in the autumn of 4129 B.C. the new moon rose at, Jerusalem time, 8:23:27.504592 a.m., Sunday, September 22.

"So Teach Us to Number Our Days"

In the 90th Psalm, verse 12, in his prayer there recorded, Moses, the man of God, includes a petition, "Teach us to number our days." Surely the days of God are precious enough that once a year their number may be taken into account. Their grand total to date is considerably less than two and a quarter millions, a figure which, in these days, stated in dollars, is, in some quarters, considered small.

The year which begins in the spring of the year 1935 A.D. and ends in the spring of the year 1936 A.D. is the *Year of Ransom* (or, *Y.R.*) 1903. The year which began in the spring of the year 4028 B.C., and ended in the spring of 4027 B.C., was the year *Before Ransom* (or, *B.R.*) 4060.

Dates in March-December (inclusive) of any B.C. year are transformed into *B.R.* dates by the addition of 32 years to the B.C. date. Dates in January and February of any B.C. year are transformed into *B.R.* dates by the addition of 33 years to the B.C. date.

From the spring of 4028 B.C. to the spring of A.D.1935 is (4028+1935-1=) 5,962 years. From the spring of *Before Ransom* 4060 to the *Year of Ransom* 1903 is (4060+1903-1=) 5,962 years.

The vernal equinoxes should be numbered, year by year. They come but once a year. Counting as No. 0 the one that occurred in the spring of the year *Before Ransom* 4060 (4028 B.C.) the total number to and including the one in the spring of the *Year of Ransom* 1903 (A.D. 1935) is but 5,962. Surely it is not a laborious task to keep annual record of these gifts of God.

The Calendar of Jehovah God

The calendar of Jehovah God first appeared in the *Year Book* of Jehovah's witnesses for the year 1935, page 168. The page which there appeared is here reproduced, with some slight alterations found advisable.

CALENDAR

Jehovah's Year of Ransom 1903

	Lightday	Heavenday	Earthday	Starday	Lifeday	Mansday	Godsday
	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Redemption	*	*	*	*	*	1†	2
First Month	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
(Exodus 12:2)	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
No. 73740	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	

Life							1
Second Month	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
No. 73741	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						

Visitment		1	2	3	4	5	6
Third Month	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No. 73742	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28	29					

Freedom			1	2	3	4	5
Fourth Month	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No. 73743	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

Vindication					1	2	3
Fifth Month	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No. 73744	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29		

Hope						1	2
Sixth Month	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. 73745	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

	Lightday	Heavenday	Earthday	Starday	Lifeday	Mansday	Godsday
King	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Seventh Month	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
No. 73746	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30					

Peace			1	2	3	4	5
Eighth Month	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
No. 73747	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			

Order					1	2	3
Ninth Month	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
No. 73748	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29		

Logos						1	2
Tenth Month	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
No. 73749	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Jehovah	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Eleventh Month	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
No. 73750	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29						

Temple		1	2	3	4	5	6
Twelfth Month	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
No. 73751	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	28†	29	30				

† This day, corresponding to Friday, April 5, 1935, is Edenic day No. 2177588, completing 311,084 weeks from the creation of Adam.

* Vernal equinox No. 5963, which is the last day of Jehovah's Year of Ransom 1903, occurs on this day.

‡ Jehovah's Year of Ransom 1904 begins with this day, corresponding to Sunday, March 22 1936. It is Edenic day No. 21779

NOTE: *Lifeday, Redemption 14, 1903 Y.E.*, really begins at 6:00 p.m. of Wednesday, April 17, 1935 A.D., and was so shown in the calendar as originally published in the 1935 Year Book.

Lightday, the first day of the week, is commemorative of the great gift of light in creative epoch No. 1. (Genesis 1:3) For a full account of the work of this and the other creative days, see the Watch Tower publication *Creation*. Concerning this work a gentleman in Paterson, N. J., whose brother is a clergyman, said, "When I obtained possession of this book I hated God; when I had read it I loved Him."

Heavenday, second day of the week, is commemorative of the gift of an atmosphere, necessary to sustain the life of breathing creatures.—Genesis 1:8.

Earthday, third day of the week, is commemorative of the making of the beautiful home which God made for man and other breathing creatures.—Genesis 1:10-12.

Starday, fourth day of the week, is commemorative of the unfoldment of the magnificent pageantry of the heavens, suns, moons and stars inconceivable in number and beauty; the matchless spectacle of the universe. (Genesis 1:16) "Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light."—Psalm 148:3.

Lifeday, fifth day of the week, will ever be commemorative of the great epoch in which the Creator first bestowed upon earthly creatures the unspeakable boon of life.—Genesis 1:20-22.

Mansday, sixth day of the week, will ever remind man of the gracious act of God in making the human creature and will remind him of the time when he was not in existence. (Genesis 1:26, 27) It was not at all necessary to the happiness of God that such a creature as man should ever have lived.

Godsday, seventh day of the week, reminds man for ever of the source of all his joys and hopes and the eternal resting place of his love.—Genesis 2:2, 3.

The hours of the day, as God arranged them, are six hours ahead of those days which man starts at midnight (and by which he rudely assumes to rend each beautiful night in twain). The hours of night are 12; the hours of daylight are 12. The first hour of the 24-hour period begins with the hour 12:00 D. (or, Day), and ends at 1:00 N. (or, Night). The sixth hour ends at midnight, 6:00 N. The twelfth hour is the last hour of the night, and there, 12:00 N., begins the daylight period of the day. It stands midway between midnight and the succeeding noon, which point, 6:00 D., is properly called the close of the 6th hour of the day. The 9th hour of the

day ends at 9:00 D., commonly designated 3:00 p.m. The day ends with the 12th hour, at 12:00 D.

"Man Became a Living Soul"

"The secret things belong unto [Jehovah] our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us, and to our children for ever." (Deuteronomy 29:29) None may say at just what time "Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7, *A.R.V.*), but this series of articles contains the strong evidence that it was in the spring of the year 4060 *Before Ransom* (4028 B.C.).

The evidence has already been presented that the vernal equinox that year was at 9:41 D., *Lifeday, Temple 28, 4060 B.R.* (3:41 p.m., Thursday, March 21, 4028 B.C.). The new moon appeared about 29 hours subsequently, 2:55 N., *Godsday, Temple 30, 4060 B.R.* (8:55 p.m., Friday, March 22, 4028 B.C.). If it subsequently appears that Jesus, the Second Adam, was born into the world about the ninth hour of the night (heretofore called three o'clock in the morning) would it be unreasonable to reverently hold the thought that the first Adam was completed about the same hour? That he was created sometime before sundown of that day certainly seems to be suggested by the reference to the "sixth day" in Genesis 1:31. These two events, equinox and new moon, rarely come so close together as they did on this occasion, and they come in the order that one would expect, if the creation of man occurred midway between them.

Concealed from clear vision behind the mists, the first moon shining over Adam was moon No. 0, month Redemption, and it may have been that even before that first month was ended he had need of the hope contained in God's mysterious statement to the great adversary, "I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." (Genesis 3:15) There is no record as to the number of the days of innocence and happiness in Eden.

Using the Six-Thousand-Year Calendar

Glance now at the six-thousand-year calendar. Note the letter "H" in the year 3793 B.C. (3825 B.R., 235th vernal equinox). The year is the year of the birth of Enos, Adam's grandson. The Scriptures say that "*then began men to call*

themselves by the name of Jehovah". (Genesis 4:26, *margin*) Then, while Adam had yet to live 695 years, hypocrisy had already begun in the earth. Adam at this time was but 235 years of age.

Glance again at the six-thousand-year calendar and note the letter "M" in the year 3341 B.C. (3373 B.R., 687th vernal equinox). Adam at this time was 687 years of age, but still had 243 years before he finished his course. Methuselah was born in this year. It is as certain as anything can be that Methuselah and Adam knew each other intimately for at least two hundred years. What the one knew, the other learned; what God had told the one, Adam, was (one would think) certainly told by him to the other, Methuselah. There is but one link necessary to connect Methuselah with Abraham; he (Shem) was contemporaneous with them both.

Using the six-thousand-year calendar again, note the "A" in the year 3098 B.C. (3130 B.R., 930th vernal equinox), the time of Adam's death; note the "E" which indicates that the godly Enoch was translated only 57 years later. It would be good to connect all the lettered points by ruled lines, so that explanations of the calendar may be made readily to friends. It will be

apparent that Adam had the privilege of living with Enoch 308 years, long enough for them both to learn much.

Note the "S1" in the year 2470 B.C. (2502 B.R., 1558th vernal equinox); this is the year of Shem's birth. From then until the "D" (for the Deluge and Methuselah's death) in the year 2373 B.C. (2405 B.R., 1655th vernal equinox), a period of over 97 years, Shem had abundant opportunities to learn all Methuselah knew.

Referring to the table containing list of "Lunations Ushering in the Years or Periods Which Contain the Most Important Events of History", it shows a new moon rising at 3:21 D., *Earthday, Edenic day No. 604846, precursor of God's month No. 20482, 1656th vernal equinox, 2404 B.R.* (9:21 a.m., Tuesday, March 26, 2372 B.C.).

But as the account of the Flood is the first place in the Scriptures where months are mentioned, and the question of when and how the months are to be reckoned arises, it is desirable that not only the days of the lunations, but the hours as well, should be determined as accurately as possible. To this end, use is made again of the eclipse cycles.

(To be continued)

"THIRTY DAYS HATH SEPTEMBER"

So begins the old rhyme intended to help children remember the number of days in each calendar month. But very few people give any thought to the question of *why* the months are arranged as they are, or why they are named the way "Christendom" has them. Who fixed it all up, anyway? and why should the whole world follow the arrangement? What authority is there for it all? Read "THE SECOND HAND IN THE TIMEPIECE OF GOD", a series of articles beginning in this issue, and you will appreciate why a new calendar should be adopted by those who would honor the Creator.

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The Second Hand in the Timepiece of God

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Eclipse Cycles Promote Accuracy*

THERE are 238 eclipse cycles of 223 moons each from No. 20470 listed in the table below to No. 73544, *Lifeday, Life 28, Edenic day No. 2171798, Y.R. 1887* (Thursday, May 29, 1919 A.D.). God's months Nos. 73544-73557 are the counterparts of Nos. 20470-20483. See Lunation Experience Table and Chart of Lunations.

Applying this corrective, the lunation on

Edenic day No. 604846 (2372 B.C.), listed below, at which day "the waters were dried up from off the earth", is found to have occurred at 9:40 p.m. of the day named in the table, instead of 9:21 a.m., as shown in the table of lunations ushering in the most important events in history. The times of all the moons covering the period of the Flood are now shown as the eclipse cycles indicate them to have occurred:

Vernal Equinox	Moon No.	Hour	Day of Week	Edenic Day No.	Ensuing Month	Year B.R.	Hour	Gregorian Date	Year B.C.
1655	20470	10:27	N. Mansday	604492	Redemption	2405	4:27 am	Fri. Apr.	7 2373
"	20471	6:08	D. Godsday	604521	Life	"	12:08 pm	Sat. May	6 "
"	20472	2:36	N. Heavenday	604551	Visitment	"	8:36 pm	Sun. June	4 "
"	20473	12:52	D. Earthday	604580	Freedom	"	6:52 am	Tue. July	4 "
"	20474	1:49	N. Lifeday	604610	Vindication	"	7:49 pm	Wed. Aug.	2 "
"	20475	5:55	D. Mansday	604639	Hope	"	11:55 am	Fri. Sep.	1 "
"	20476	12:35	D. Lightday	604669	King	"	6:35 am	Sun. Oct.	1 "
"	20477	8:10	N. Earthday	604699	Peace	"	2:10 am	Tue. Oct.	31 "
"	20478	2:42	N. Lifeday	604729	Order	"	8:42 pm	Wed. Nov.	29 "
"	20479	6:50	D. Mansday	604758	Logos	"	12:50 pm	Fri. Dec.	29 "
"	20480	8:11	N. Lightday	604788	Jehovah	"	2:11 am	Sun. Jan.	28 2372
"	20481	6:58	D. Heavenday	604817	Temple	"	12:58 pm	Mon. Feb.	26 "
1656	20482	3:40	N. Starday	604847	Redemption	2404	9:40 pm	Tue. Mar.	26 "
"	20483	10:56	N. Lifeday	604876	Life	"	4:56 am	Thu. Apr.	25 "

The Story of the Flood

The story of the Flood is told, mostly in the language of the Scriptures with which are now connected both of these nomenclatures. "And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write; for these words are true and faithful." (Revelation 21:5) It takes longer for some minds to get used to new things than it does for others; but afterwards, how much the new things are enjoyed! and how much better they are than the old! Who is there that would wish to return to the sanitary(?) conveniences of the "good old

days"? its "churches"? its politics? its finance? its "medicine"? its "education"? its inquisition? its newspapers? its radio? its wars? its oxcarts? its monasteries? its vermin? its wooden plows? its priests? its poison gas? its convents? its theological seminaries? its manure piles?

"In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month" (see No. 20471 in the table, for details), on the tenth day of the month (Genesis 7:7-11), Noah and his family went into the ark. The first day of the month, beginning at sundown at the end of the day the moon rose, was Edenic day No. 604522; the tenth day was Edenic day No. 604531. The day, therefore, when Noah and his family went into their place

* The twelve hours of Joshua's long day are believed to have been subsequently compensated.

of safety was *Earthday, Life 10* (Tuesday, May 16). (They probably entered the ark the Monday evening previous, which, according to Bible usage, was a part of the day in question.)

"[On] the seventeenth day of the month," one week later, *Earthday, Life 17, Edenic day No. 604538* (Tuesday, May 23), "the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights." (Genesis 7:11, 12) It rained 14 days in that month and 26 in the next one, Visitment (see the table), ending on *Godsday, Edenic day No. 604577* (Saturday, July 1). At the time, in the year 1934 A.D., when the month Visitment was named, it was not known that this visitment of God applied so perfectly to this month.

"And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days" (Genesis 7:24), and were due to end, to be exact, at the end of *Life-day, King 17, Edenic day No. 604687* (Thursday, October 19). And it was so; that was just what occurred. "And after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters were abated. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat."—Genesis 8:3, 4.

Here Enters the Visibility Factor

God helps man in the things in which he cannot help himself, but as soon as he has been provided adequate assistance he is left to his own resources. This can be seen in Peter's deliverance from prison. In answer to the prayers of the Jerusalem company of witnesses the angel came to him and found him asleep in the care of his jailers. The angel gave him a little punch, set him up, and told him to get up the rest of the way himself. As he obeyed an unseen angelic confederate unlocked Peter's handcuffs, and the chains fell. Then the angel ordered Peter to gird himself, bind on his sandals, cast his garment about him, and follow him. He did so. As they came to various doors and gates other unseen confederate angels unlocked them, and Peter stepped into the street a free man. The angel escorted him down one block, just to steady Peter's nerves, and let him go the rest of the way alone. All will see that this method is right.

Manifestly this is the way it was with Noah at the time of the Flood. Although the earth had been illuminated at night from the time of Adam

down to moon No. 20472, at which time the Deluge was at its height, yet probably not a human eye ever saw the moon until the Deluge had cleared the skies of the prevailing mists. On this point, and at length, see *Creation*, published by The Watch Tower. Further, even now, thousands of years after the Flood, the sun itself is sometimes not seen for many days, and indeed has not been visible in Brooklyn, New York, for four full days past, including the day this is written.

Revelation and Observation

It is very evident that Noah received his information about months down to No. 20472, Visitment, inclusive, by revelation, and from that point onward by his own observations, and those of his family. Viewed in this manner, the story is consistent with itself and with the facts.

The first moon that Noah saw, therefore, was No. 20473, Freedom, which rose astronomically at the hour 12:52 D., *Earthday, Edenic day No. 604580* (6:52 a.m., Tuesday, July 4). It could have been seen that night; the earliest a new moon may be seen after its astronomical rising is sixteen hours; it is often forty hours. From the time observation was possible, it seems to have been the custom to count the new month as beginning at sundown of the day following that in which the new moon was seen.

Referring now to the table, it is manifest that Noah's months, after observation was possible, began to count about two days later than the astronomical rising. Thus, take moon No. 20476, rising at 12:35 D., *Lightday, Edenic day No. 604669* (6:35 a.m., Sunday, October 1). It was probably seen sometime in the succeeding night, and the new month began to count with sundown of what the heathen call Monday night, which day is in fact and in effect *Earthday, King 1, Edenic day No. 604671* (Tuesday, October 3).

The seventeenth day of that month, *King 17, Edenic day No. 604687* (Thursday, October 19), concludes, just where it should, the 150 days mentioned in the account. In other words, revelation and observation combine to make the record perfect.

Theologians have tried to make people believe that Moses, the writer of Genesis, was influenced by his Egyptian education and that at this point he followed the Egyptian custom of ignoring God's months and making 150 days to be exactly five months of 30 days each. This

argument answers itself. Moses was a man of God, writing the record of God, for God's witnesses to use now, to put His enemies to shame. Moses was not influenced by anything but a desire to put down the record as it came from God, through God's faithful intermediate messengers, Shem and others. Moses' grandfather, Levi, was a grandson of Isaac, living in the days of Shem.

Logos and Jehovah in the Record

"And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen." (Genesis 8:5) The moon itself (No. 20479, *Logos*) rose astronomically at 6:50 D., *Mansday, Edenic day No. 604758, 2405 B.R.* (12:50 p.m., Friday, December 29, 2373 B.C.). It was probably not seen that night, *Godsday*. Therefore the month did not begin until 12:00 D., *Heavenday* (6:00 p.m., Sunday, December 31). The next morning, corresponding to Monday, January 1, the tops of the mountains were seen, *Edenic day No. 604761*.

"And it came to pass, at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: and he sent forth a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground: but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark." (Genesis 8:6-9) The time indicated is *Mansday, Jehovah 10, Edenic day No. 604800,* God's month No. 20480, 2405 B.R.* (probably Friday evening, February 9, 2372 B.C.).

Jehovah in the Record Thrice

"And he stayed yet other seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark: and the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf, plucked off; so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth." (Genesis 8:10, 11) The time indicated is *Mansday, Jehovah 17, Edenic day No. 604807, God's month No. 20480, 2405 B.R.* (probably Friday evening, February 16, 2372 B.C.).

"And he stayed yet other seven days, and

sent forth the dove, which returned not again unto him any more." (Genesis 8:12) The time indicated is *Mansday, Jehovah 24, Edenic day No. 604814, God's month No. 20480, 2405 B.R.* (Friday evening, February 23, 2372 B.C.).

"And it came to pass, in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry." (Genesis 8:13) The time indicated is *Mansday, Redemption 1, Edenic day No. 604849, God's month No. 20482, 2404 B.R.* (Friday, March 29, 2372 B.C.).

"And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee." (Genesis 8:14-16) The time indicated is *Lifeday, Life 27, Edenic day No. 604904, God's month No. 20483, 2404 B.R., vernal equinox No. 1656* (Thursday, May 23, 2372 B.C.). And who shall say that this was not the ideal time for them to come forth from the ark and plant their first garden in the rich alluvial lands covered by the detritus from the Flood? And so there naturally follows, as the concluding verse of the chapter and of this part of the story: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease."—Genesis 8:22.

The Covenant with Abraham

The next place where one of the months of God is in evidence is at the time of the covenant with Abraham: see again the six-thousand-year calendar and note the "C" in the year 1945 B.C. (1977 B.R.). It was in this year that the covenant was made, and Jehovah God has been pleased to reveal the day.

Although the history of the making of the covenant is recorded in the twelfth chapter of Genesis, the day is not disclosed in the Genesis account (further than to make it clear that it was the day Abraham crossed the Euphrates at Haran); but it is mentioned in Exodus 12:41, where it says, "And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of [Jehovah] went out from the land of Egypt." It is clear that the covenant was made on *Heavenday, Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 760812*,

* There are just 604,800 seconds in one week

God's month No. 25763, 1977 B.R., vernal equinox No. 2083 (Monday, April 3, 1945 B.C.).

Shem lived on after the Flood, down through the deflection in the days of Nimrod, the dividing of the land among the people, or possibly the rending of the continents asunder, in the days of Peleg, the building of the tower of Babel and the confusion of tongues. Abraham's father, Terah, was born, grew to manhood, lived to be 205 years of age, and died, and Shem lived on. Abraham himself was born and lived to be one hundred years of age, and Shem lived on.

Refer again to the six-thousand-year calendar and note the "I" in the year 1920 B.C. (1952 B.R.). Isaac was born in that year. Isaac grew to manhood, and was married to Rebecca at forty years of age, and it was not until ten years after that marriage that Shem passed away. See the "S2" in the year 1870 B.C. (1902 B.R.).

Although there is no record that either Abraham or Isaac ever met Shem, there is nothing in reason nor in Scripture to the contrary. It would seem reasonable that God had some reason for perpetuating the life of this man whose grandfather Methuselah must have known Adam well, and who had himself passed through all the experiences of the Flood, and that the reason was that he might convey to some faithful soul like Abraham the things that he knew. Indeed, he might have conveyed the same information to Isaac.

The Time of Isaac's Birth

Isaac was born in the year that Abraham was 100 years old, 1920 B.C. (1952 B.R.), but the time of the year is uncertain. Consider the circumstances. Abraham was circumcised when he was ninety-nine years of age. (Genesis 17: 24) He subsequently entertained angels unawares, the angels who came to destroy Sodom and to announce the forthcoming birth of Isaac. On this occasion one of these angels made the promise, to Sarah, "At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son." There is a reason to believe that the time of life* when the angel returned to fulfill his promise was in the month Logos, and that it was the Logos himself

that made the promise. Sarah's conception was delayed nine months.

Before the promise was fulfilled, Sodom was destroyed and Abraham left that part of the country, to dwell in the land of Abimelech. While he was in that land Abimelech seized Sarah, intending to have her for his wife, but "[Jehovah] had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife". (Genesis 20: 18) Jehovah defeated the Devil's plans to prevent the birth of the promised seed, but permitted him to go the limit to do what he could to interfere. These experiences necessarily took some time; so there was a delay. After this there is the simple record:

"And [Jehovah] visited Sarah as he had said, and [Jehovah] did unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old when his son Isaac was born unto him."—Genesis 21: 1-5.

Isaac Born in the Autumn

Though Abraham's birthday was evidently in the spring, about the time the covenant was made with him, there is reason for thinking that Isaac was born in the autumn, sometime around October 1. At that time Abraham would still be spoken of as "an hundred years old", for when Christ was 12½ years of age he was still referred to as twelve, the half year being ignored.

The reasons for thinking that Isaac was born in the autumn are several. There is the curious reference to "the time appointed" (Genesis 18: 14), the delay occasioned by the journey to the land of Abimelech and what there occurred, and the reference to "the set time of which God had spoken to him".—Genesis 21: 1-5.

In a very special sense Abraham represented God and Isaac represented Christ Jesus; and it pleased God that Christ should be born in the autumn. "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed

* The "time of life" here referred to is 280 days. Therefore we may understand that if the birth of Isaac was on October 1, 1920, as is believed to have been the case, the day of the visit of the angels was March 21, 1921 B.C., and the day of conception was December 26, 1921 B.C.

be called. Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure." (Hebrews 11:17-19) "Which things are an allegory." (Galatians 4:24) When Jehovah God makes allegories He makes them right.

Isaac was Abraham's heir, heir of all that he had. He was to have the land of Palestine for his inheritance, and the Scriptures declare that he really got that inheritance (typically and, in a fuller sense, in his posterity), though his posterity, the children of Israel, had to wait about four hundred and fifty years for it. It was 450½ years from the fall of the year 1920 B.C. (1952 B.R.), when Isaac was born, to the spring of the year 1469 B.C. (1501 B.R.) at which time the division of the land among the twelve tribes of Israel occurred.

Genesis 15:13, 14 reads: "And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years: and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance." This scripture proves that four hundred years were up at the exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt; they wandered in the wilderness for forty years more, and thereafter were occupied six years in conquest of the land before the division of the land took place. This makes a total of 446 years. Isaac was born five years before these years began, making a grand total of 451 years, which is "about four hundred and fifty years".

One of the most trustworthy of all the versions of the Holy Scriptures explains the entire matter as above set forth. Note carefully:

"Ye men of Israel! and such as revere God! hearken:—The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and the people he exalted by their sojourn in the land of Egypt,—and with a high arm brought he them out of it; and for the time of about forty years bare with their manners in the desert; and overthrowing seven nations in the land of Canaan gave them their land as an inheritance—about four hundred and fifty years. And *after* these things he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet."—Acts 13:16-20, *Rotherham*.

The *American Revised Version* is the work of many able scholars. Their rendering of verses 19 and 20 is similiar:

"And when he had destroyed seven nations

in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance, for about four hundred and fifty years: and *after* these things he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet."

Another version much appreciated by many is the *Weymouth*. Dr. Weymouth, who made his living for many years teaching Greek in college, renders the last-cited passage:

"After overthrowing seven nations in the land of Canaan, He divided that country among them for their inheritance for about four hundred and fifty years; and *afterwards* [after their 450½ years of waiting for their inheritance were at an end] He gave them judges down to the time of the Prophet Samuel."

Isaac was born in the autumn. God now discloses, thrusting it forth as one of the 'precious things of the moons' (Deuteronomy 33:14), that it is not necessary to mutilate or alter His Word, in order to force a chronology, as was done with 1 Kings 6:1, where a "4" was changed to a "5" to make things fit better (?). All that is necessary is to keep faithfully on with His organization until such time as He sees fit to explain things theretofore obscure. But, anyway, even if Isaac was born in the spring, four hundred and fifty-one years is "about four hundred and fifty years" and would be properly so mentioned.

God's Witness and the Exodus

The next time months are mentioned in the Scriptures is in the record of the Exodus. As several are mentioned within the first fourteen months, and it is desirable that the exact time be known, as near as possible, reference is again had to the eclipse cycles, already used with good results.

From the new moon which rose nearest to the time of the Exodus, in the spring of the year 1515 B.C. (1547 B.R.), there are 191 eclipse cycles of 223 moons each down to No. 73674 (see Luration Experience Table and Luration Chart). Nos. 31080-31097, of Moses' day, find their exact counterpart in Nos. 73673-73690, now but about five years in the past. Therefore, the following table shows, as near as may be calculated, just when the lunations in those days occurred. Comparison of the second item with the corresponding one in the Luration Table shows a correction of 3 hours 55 minutes, obtained by using the eclipse cycles at this point.

Moon No.	Hour	Day of Week	Edenic Day No.	Ensuing Month	Year B.R.	Hour	Day of Week	Name of Month	Day	Year B.C.
31080	11:41	N. Lifeday	917811	Temple	1548	5:41 a.m.	Thursday	February	6	1515
31081	4:28	N. Godsday	917841	Redemption	"	10:28 p.m.	Friday	March	7	"
31082	11:22	D. Lightday	917870	Life	1547	5:22 p.m.	Sunday	April	6	"
31083	6:47	D. Earthday	917900	Visitment	"	12:47 p.m.	Tuesday	May	6	"
31084	1:13	D. Lifeday	917930	Freedom	"	7:13 a.m.	Thursday	June	5	"
31085	5:26	N. Godsday	917960	Vindication	"	11:26 p.m.	Friday	July	4	"
31086	6:48	D. Lightday	917989	Hope	"	12:48 p.m.	Sunday	August	3	"
31087	5:17	N. Earthday	918019	King	"	11:17 p.m.	Monday	September	1	"
31088	1:27	D. Starday	918048	Peace	"	7:27 a.m.	Wednesd.	October	1	"
31089	8:22	D. Lifeday	918077	Order	"	2:22 p.m.	Thursday	October	30	"
31090	3:17	N. Godsday	918107	Logos	"	9:17 p.m.	Friday	November	28	"
31091	11:22	N. Lightday	918136	Jehovah	"	5:22 a.m.	Sunday	December	28	"
31092	9:28	D. Heavenday	918165	Temple	"	3:28 p.m.	Monday	January	26	1514
31093	10:01	N. Starday	918195	Sanctuary	"	4:01 a.m.	Wednesd.	February	25	"
31094	1:04	N. Mansday	918225	Redemption	1546	7:04 p.m.	Thursday	March	26	"
31095	6:16	D. Godsday	918254	Life	"	12:16 p.m.	Saturday	April	25	"
31096	12:51	D. Heavenday	918284	Visitment	"	6:51 a.m.	Monday	May	25	"
31097	7:31	N. Starday	918314	Freedom	"	1:31 a.m.	Wednesd.	June	24	"

Stirring Times in Egypt

Jehovah God must have had some reason for disclosing the time that elapsed between various acts of the drama of vindication and deliverance in the land of Egypt. It is manifest that the very days in which the Israelites were making all their preparations to leave the land of bondage were the days in which the plagues were visited upon the Egyptians. It is so in the fulfillment.

At this point the reader is urged to procure the book *Jehovah*, and to read it all, but especially Chapters II and III, and there see what the plagues upon Egypt foreshadowed. Briefly, these plagues, preceding the vindication of Jehovah's name in Egypt, foreshadowed the truth of God's Word, at the hands of His witnesses, shining into every part of the Devil's organization, and revealing that commerce is bloody and death-dealing; that all plans of human origin for the recovery of humanity are frog-like in appearance and effect; that the visible organization of Satan is active for the same reason that a lousy person is more active than one that is not lousy; that in claiming to be the "higher powers" Satan and his agents are disclosed as mere side-steppers, false flitters; that the "Holy Year" scheme, and all similar schemes, aim, not to bear away the burdens of the people, but to add to them; that the League of Nations, the World Court, and all similar pretentious political projects, are just so many frauds; that the true people of God openly take their stand for Jehovah and against Satan; that the "locusts",

which are such a pest to the Devil and his crowd, are really a great blessing to all that love truth; that the darkness which covers the earth, and great darkness the people, is because the Devil's crowd have neglected the Word of God; and that the destruction of the Devil's firstborn impends.

In this article there is no thought of more than mere mention of what the plagues represented. The intent here is to pay close attention to what actually happened in Egypt 3,449 years ago, the 'things thrust forth by the moon'. It at once appears that the preliminaries and the plagues covered a total period of 21 days and that each of these days may now be identified. Some think the plagues were strung out for months. The thought herein presented takes an opposite view; but whichever view is taken the tenth plague terminated at the time and in the manner herein presented.

Identification of the Days

Identification of the days really begins with moon No. 31080, which rose at the hour 11:41 N., Lifeday, Edenic day No. 917811, 1548 B.R., vernal equinox 2512 (5:41 a.m., Thursday, February 6, 1515 B.C.). The month Temple began its 30-day course 36½ hours thereafter, due allowance being made for the usual visibility of the moon and proclamation. The story now proceeds in order, as set forth in the Scriptures, each day being accounted for down to the time of the departure from Egypt, on the 15th of the succeeding month.—Numbers 33:3-5.

It was on *Heavenday, Temple 24, Edenic day No. 917836, God's month No. 31080, B.R. 1548* (Monday, March 3, 1515 B.C.), that "Moses and Aaron did so; as Jehovah commanded them, so did they. And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh. And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a wonder for you; then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it become a serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so, as Jehovah had commanded". Pharaoh's heart was hard; Jehovah knew it, and doubtless while His witnesses stood there (as seems at other subsequent times to have been the case) "Jehovah said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is stubborn, he refuseth to let the people go". Within a few hours followed the command to Moses and Aaron, "Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning" and visit him with the first plague.—Exodus 7: 6-10, 14, 15, *A.R.V.*

Bright and early the next morning, *Earthday, Temple 25, Edenic day No. 917837, God's month No. 31080, B.R. 1548* (Tuesday, March 4, 1515 B.C.), "Moses and Aaron did so, as Jehovah 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."—Exodus 7: 20, *A.R.V.*

"And seven days were fulfilled, after that Jehovah had smitten the river." (Exodus 7: 25, *A.R.V.*) For one week there were no additional plagues visited upon Pharaoh. These seven days have a symbolic meaning, but back in the days of Moses and Aaron and Pharaoh they served a very real and practical purpose.

Inauguration of a New Era

In the week that followed it was God's purpose to inaugurate not only a new month, but a new year and a new era. During the week of the plague of blood rose a new moon, No. 31081, at 4:28 N., *Godsday, Edenic day No. 917841, B.R. 1548* (10:28 p.m., Friday, March 7, 1515 B.C.). It was seen the night following, of *Lightday*, and the next day, which followed the seven days of the plague, was the beginning of a new month, a new year, and a new era.

In the Scriptures, as in other literature, it is impractical to put into one chapter all the events

that occur at the same time, and it was manifestly *Heavenday, Redemption 1, Edenic day No. 917843* (after 6:00 p.m., Sunday, March 9, 1515 B.C.), that Jehovah "spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you". (Exodus 12:1, 2) That day was the first day of the month, and the first day of a new era. The account goes on to specify what the Israelites should do on the tenth day, *Starday* (after 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18), and the fourteenth day, *Lightday* (after 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 22), indicating that those days were yet future from when the instructions were given. The week while the plague of blood continued enabled Moses and Aaron, now with considerable prestige among the Israelites, to do something toward organizing the two million or more people that would be in the exodus. As soon as the week was up additional plagues followed one another in rapid succession for twelve days, terminating with the passover and the exodus.

Subsequent Plagues

Without delay, on the morning of *Earthday, Redemption 2, Edenic day No. 917844, God's month No. 31081, B.R. 1547* (Tuesday, March 11, 1515 B.C.), the plague of frogs was visited upon the Egyptians and produced results immediately. "Then [the same day] Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat Jehovah, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice unto Jehovah. And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Have thou this glory over me: against what time shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, that the frogs be destroyed from thee and thy houses, and remain in the river only? And he said, Against to-morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word."—Exodus 8: 8-10, *A.R.V.*

The plague of the frogs was lifted from Egypt on *Starday, Redemption 3, Edenic day No. 917845, God's month No. 31081* (Wednesday, March 12). The very day that the plague of frogs was lifted, and Pharaoh was again proven a liar and hard of heart, a plague of lice was upon him and his people; and when this came, even his magicians had sense enough to admit that it was the finger of God.—Exodus 8: 19.

Moses was instructed to "rise up early in the morning [*Lifeday, Thursday*], and stand before

Pharaoh" (Exodus 8:20) and tell him of the huge swarms of flies that would be upon him and all his people on the day following (*Mansday*) unless he yielded. To hurt him still worse, he was also told that on this occasion a line would be drawn between the land of the Egyptians and the land of Goshen, where the Israelites dwelt: his own people would suffer; the Israelites would not.

The notice that the flies were coming was served on Pharaoh on *Lifeday, Redemption 4, Edenic day No. 917846* (Thursday, March 13). When the notice was served, Moses said, "To-morrow shall this sign be" (Exodus 8:23); and it was: the flies came on schedule, *Mansday, Redemption 5, Edenic day No. 917847, God's month No. 31081* (Friday, March 14).

Tomorrow—Tomorrow—Tomorrow

As one reads the account of the plagues it is striking how rapidly the events follow one another and how well every day is accounted for. It did not take Pharaoh long to get all the flies he wanted, and so he sent for Moses and Aaron, and, after some argument, told them they might go a little way into the wilderness and sacrifice to Jehovah God, but not to go very far. "And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat Jehovah that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow." (Exodus 8:29, *A.R.V.*) The plague of flies was lifted on *Godsday, Redemption 6, Edenic day No. 917848, God's month No. 31081* (Saturday, March 15).

As soon as the plague of flies had been removed, "Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also" (Exodus 8:32), and "then [the very same day] Jehovah said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, behold, the hand of Jehovah is upon thy cattle which are in the field. . . . And Jehovah appointed a set time, saying, To-morrow Jehovah shall do this thing in the land. And Jehovah did that thing on the morrow; and all the cattle of Egypt died; but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one". (Exodus 9:1-6, *A.R.V.*) The plague upon the cattle came on *Lightday, Redemption 7, Edenic day No. 917849, God's month No. 31081* (Sunday, March 16). Pharaoh did not repent, and so on that day (the same Egyptian day,

but not the same day of Jehovah God; probably about sundown) he received double punishment; that day (*Heavenday*) came the boils on man and beast.—Exodus 9:7-12.

Another plague followed hard upon its heels. "And Jehovah said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, . . . Behold, to-morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the day it was founded even until now." (Exodus 9:13, 18, *A.R.V.*) This came to pass, the notice one day and the hail the next, the latter on *Earthday, Redemption 9, Edenic day No. 917851, God's month No. 31081* (Tuesday, March 18).

The Last Week in Captivity

The last week in captivity was a stirring week. The first three days, as above noted, brought in swift succession the plagues upon the cattle, boils on man and beast, and hail such as never before seen in the land, yet "when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased" (in answer to Moses' petition to God offered in the suburbs of the heathen city) "he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants". (Exodus 9:34) Thereupon, "Jehovah said unto Moses, Go in [return into the city at once] unto Pharaoh" with this message: "If thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring locusts into thy border."—Exodus 10:1-4, *A.R.V.*

All the rest of that day, and all that night (in the evening hours of *Starday*), Jehovah brought billions on billions of locusts, so that in the morning, the daylight hours of *Starday, Redemption 10, Edenic day No. 917852, God's month No. 31081* (Wednesday, March 19), they literally covered the earth. One glance at them was enough. Badly frightened, "Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat Jehovah your God, that he may take away from me this death only." (Exodus 10:16, 17, *A.R.V.*) Moses complied, and the plague was lifted. That day, *Redemption 10* (March 19), the paschal lamb was selected by each Hebrew family group.

As usual, Pharaoh's repentance was merely a mouth repentance, and he still refused to let the people go. There then followed three days of pitch-black darkness. At the beginning of these

three days of darkness was the *vernal equinox* No. 2513, at 1:08 D., *Lifeday, Redemption 11, Edenic day* No. 917853, *God's month* No. 31081 (7:08 a.m., Thursday, March 20). During those three days, ending *Godsday, Redemption 13* (Saturday, March 22), "they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings."—Exodus 10:23.

God's hand in bringing the plague of darkness at that time can be plainly seen. The Israelites had rest from their tormentors. Also, they had the necessary time to pack up their belongings and get ready for the great trek, the Exodus. There were final instructions to the companies; contact points were assigned. Everything was ready for the final great event, VINDICATION, and DELIVERANCE. If you have not read them, get the Watch Tower publications bearing these titles and read them, carefully.

The Passover and the Exodus

Refer again to the lunation table published under the subhead "God's Witness and the Exodus"; note moon No. 31081, and see its counterpart in No. 73674 in the Lunation Experience Table and Lunation Chart. This moon came to the full, Jerusalem time, 14 days 21 hours 27 minutes after its astronomical rising, or, in other words, 1:55 N., *Lightday, Redemption 14, Edenic day* No. 917856, *B.R. 1547* (7:55 p.m., Saturday, March 22, 1515 B.C.).

About that time the paschal lamb was slain and eaten, and its blood was sprinkled upon the door posts and lintels of every home of the Hebrew people. That night the angel of death would perform God's act, His strange act, in the land of Egypt. All the firstborn in Egypt were doomed, "from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn of beasts."—Exodus 11:5.

"And it came to pass at midnight, that Jehovah smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and

go, serve Jehovah, as ye have said. Take both your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We are all dead men. And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment [back pay for unpaid labor or ransom money by the Egyptians for themselves not all being killed]: and Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And they despoiled the Egyptians."—Exodus 12:29-36, *A.R.V.*

It took the cavalcade eighteen hours to get under way. It left the contact point, Rameses, at sundown, the beginning of the next day, *Heavenday, Redemption 15, Edenic day* No. 917857, *God's month* No. 31081, *B.R. 1547, vernal equinox 2513* (Sunday evening, March 23, 1515 B.C.). "And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month: on the morrow after the passover." (Numbers 33:3) The pilgrims had good light for their journey. God's 'faithful witness in the heavens' (the moon) was furnishing illumination then, even as it is giving some to the reader now. The moon was at its full, providing, in the clear air of Egypt, ample illumination for night travel.

On the Sinaitic Peninsula

Here and there, in the wanderings of Israel in the Sinaitic peninsula, there is mention, when matters of unusual interest occurred, of the exact time. One of these is recorded in the sixteenth chapter of Exodus, which please see.

God's "second hand" in the heavens assists us in locating the events which took place in the second month after leaving Egypt, the month Life, the new moon of which rose at 11:22 D., *Lightday, Edenic day* No. 917871 (5:22 p.m., Sunday, April 6, 1515 B.C.).

The moon in question, No. 31082, has its counterpart in No. 73674. Reference to the lunation experience table shows that this moon spanned 29 days and 1,134 minutes (29 days 18 hours 54 minutes); one half of which is 14 days 21 hours and 27 minutes. Moon No. 31082 came to the full in the daytime, at 8:47 D.,

Heavenday, Life 13, Edenic day No. 917885, God's month 31082 (2:47 p.m., Monday, April 21, 1515 B.C.). The fourteenth day of the month began at sundown of that day; it could not have begun earlier; the moon would not have been at the full. The fifteenth day of that month, therefore, was *Starday, Life 15*, corresponding to Wednesday, April 23.

In the Wilderness of Sin

"And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt [arrived at their destination *Starday, Life 15, Edenic day No. 917887, God's month No. 31082, B.R. 1547, vernal equinox No. 2513* (Wednesday, April 23, 1515 B.C.)].” The first day at this point was no doubt taken up in getting settled, and it seems that a murmuring against Moses and Aaron arose without delay. Probably the very next day a deputation of representative men came to Moses and conveyed to him the sentiments of the people, who said, “Would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”—Exodus 16:1, 3, *A.R.V.*

The Israelites had been on the trek an entire month, and it is probable that the store of food which they had brought with them was about exhausted and the possibility of famine became a depressing shadow, since they apparently forgot to take into consideration all the wonders Jehovah had worked on their behalf. Moses took the matter to Jehovah, who said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. And it shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.”—Exodus 16:4, 5, *A.R.V.*

Moses and Aaron returned Jehovah's answer to the people, probably the following day, which was *Mansday, Life 17* (Friday, April 25). They said to the people, “At even, then ye shall know that Jehovah hath brought you out from the land of Egypt; and in the morning [*Godsday, Life 18* (Saturday, April 26)], then ye shall see

the glory of Jehovah; for that he heareth your murmurings against Jehovah: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, This shall be, when Jehovah shall give you in the evening [beginning *Lightday, Life 19*] flesh to eat, and in the morning [of *Lightday*] bread to the full; for that Jehovah heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against Jehovah.”—Exodus 16:6-8, *A.R.V.*

The foregoing is the part of the drama which was enacted in the short time, seemingly about three days, which elapsed between their arrival in the wilderness (which did not look very good to them after the palm trees of Elim) and the day when the Lord was ready to send them the manna. Moses had told the people to be ready for the vision of Jehovah's glory in the morning.

Inauguration of the Sabbath System

“And Moses said unto Aaron [*Godsday, Life 18, Edenic day No. 917890, God's month No. 31082* (Saturday morning, April 26)], Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before Jehovah; for he hath heard your murmurings. And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud. And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even [beginning of *Lightday, Life 19* (Saturday, April 26)] ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning [of *Lightday* (Sunday, April 27)] ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah your God.”—Exodus 16:9-12, *A.R.V.*

“And it came to pass at even [beginning *Lightday, Life 19*], that the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the morning [of *Lightday*] the dew lay round about the camp. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a small round thing, small as the hoar-frost on the ground. And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, What is it? for they knew not what it was. And Moses said unto them, It is the bread which Jehovah hath given you to eat. This is the thing which Jehovah hath commanded. Gather ye of it every man according to his eating; an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, shall ye take it, every man for

them that are in his tent."—Exodus 16:13-16, *A.R.V.*

"And it came to pass, that on the sixth day [*Mansday, Life 24, Edenic day No. 917896, God's month No. 31082* (Friday, May 2)], they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which Jehovah hath spoken, To-morrow [*Godsday*] is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto Jehovah: bake that which ye will bake, and boil that which ye will boil; and all that remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not become foul, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath unto Jehovah [*Godsday, Life 25, Edenic day No. 917897, God's month No. 31082, B.R. 1547, vernal equinox 2513* (Sat., May 3, 1515 B.C.)]."—Exodus 16:22-25, *A.R.V.*

"In the Third Month . . . the Same Day"

The next place a day is mentioned in the Scriptures which may now be identified with reasonable accuracy is the day mentioned in Exodus 19:1, where we read: "In the third

month, when the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai." Inasmuch as there is the plain statement of Scripture already noted that they came out "on the fifteenth day of the first month: on the morrow after the passover", it is taken that "the same day" means the fifteenth day of the third month, in which they arrived at Sinai, *Mansday, Visitation 15, Edenic day No. 917917,* God's month No. 31083, B.R. 1547, vernal equinox 2513* (Friday, May 23, 1515 B.C.). It was the beginning of the ratification of the law covenant, for that same day Moses went up into the mountain for instructions and set before the people the momentous words of Jehovah, "If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5, 6, *A.R.V.*) "And all the people answered together, and said, All that Jehovah hath spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people unto Jehovah."—Exodus 19:8, *A.R.V.*

The people were told to sanctify themselves and to wash their clothes to be ready for the

* This day, Visitation 15, when Israel camped at the base of the mount of God momentarily waiting until He should reveal himself, was a most unusual day. Manifestly it stands for or represents the DAY OF JEHOVAH, just preceding God's great revelation of himself at Armageddon. See the account in Hebrews 12, "For ye are not come unto the mount . . . but ye are come unto mount Zion . . .," and consider how true it is that Jehovah was then visiting His typical people as He is in this day of visitation. Consider now the number of this Edenic day, 917,917. The 9 and 1 may be grouped together in a rearrangement of the digits thus:

7
10 10
7

The number 10 is symbolic of perfection toward earth as 7 is symbolic of perfection heavenly. Divisible by 7, this number, 917,917, seems to point to Jehovah God, the Head. "The head of Christ is God."—1 Corinthians 11:3.

Accepting the whole number as representing "God the Judge of all", notice now that one of the factors is 7007. The number 1000 is composed of $10 \times 10 \times 10$; so the number 7007 may be thought of as follows:

7
10 10 10
7

This is the same as the other grouping of digits, except that there is one more 10 enclosed within the other figures. "No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him." (John 1:18) So, besides coming to God the Judge of All, the arrival at the mount of God is also a coming "to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant".—Hebrews 12:24.

It further appears that the number 1001 is a factor of the original number. This number may be set down in this manner:

1
1000

"One . . . among a thousand have I found."—Ecclesiastes 7:28.

Most remarkable of all, one of the factors of the original number is 131,131. Rearrange the digits, adding 3 and 1 together to make 4 (as the 9 and 1 were added together to make 10), and the rearrangement becomes, by easy stages:

140,140, then 144,001, then $\frac{1}{144,000}$

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Zion, and with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads."—Revelation 14:1.

The prime factors of 917,917 are $7 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 131$.

third day, when God himself would speak to them. "And it came to pass on the third day [*Lightday, Visitment 17, Edenic day No. 917919* (Sunday, May 25)], when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of a trumpet exceeding loud; and all the people that were in the camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai, the whole of it, smoked, because Jehovah descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice." (Exodus 19: 16-19, *A.R.V.*) The ten commandments were then given, "and the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was" (Exodus 20: 21, *A.R.V.*) and received supplementary instructions.

"And Moses came and told the people all the words of Jehovah, and all the ordinances: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which Jehovah hath spoken will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah, and rose up early in the morning [*Heaven-day, Visitment 18, Edenic day No. 917920, God's month No. 31083* (Monday, May 26)], and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel."—Exodus 24: 3, 4, *A.R.V.*

Forty Days in the Mountain

"And Jehovah said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou mayest teach them. And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights." (Exodus 24: 12, 18, *A.R.V.*) The summoning of Moses away from the elders, where they all "did eat and drink" in the presence of God (Exodus 24: 11), began after the glory of Jehovah had covered Mount Sinai for six days. (Exodus 24: 16) The first day of this glory was *Visitment 17* (Sunday, May 25); the sixth day of it was *Mansday, Visitment 22, Edenic day No. 917924, God's month No. 31083* (Friday, May 30). The day when Moses went into the midst of the cloud was *Godsday, Visit-*

ment 23 (Saturday, May 31); the day when he came down out of the mount and found Israel worshipping the golden calf was *Lifeday, Vindication 4, Edenic day No. 917965, God's month No. 31085, B.R. 1547, vernal equinox No. 2513* (Thursday, July 10, 1515 B.C.).

"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoso is on Jehovah's side, let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves to-day to Jehovah, yea, every man against his son, and against his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day. And it came to pass on the morrow [*Mansday, Vindication 5, Edenic day No. 917966* (Friday, July 11)], that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto Jehovah; peradventure I shall make atonement for your sins. And Moses returned unto Jehovah, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written." (Exodus 32: 26-32, *A.R.V.*) Moses' great act of intercession took place on the same day of the week on which Jesus died, the great Mediator between God and man. This striking correspondence appears clearly to prove the exactness of these figures.

Setting Up the Tabernacle

The tabernacle was set up (Exodus 40: 2) "on the first day of the first month" of the second year after coming out of Egypt. Moon No. 31094 rose 1:04 N., *Mansday, Edenic day No. 918225* (7:04 p.m., Thursday, March 26, 1514 B.C.). It was first visible about twenty-four hours later, and the first day of the month Redemption began with the evening of the next day; so that the tabernacle was set up on *Light-day, Edenic day No. 918227, God's month 31094, B.R. 1546, vernal equinox No. 2514* (Sunday, March 29). Had it been reared a day earlier the labor on the sabbath day would have been a stumbling block to some.—Exodus 40: 18.

"And they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month, at even, in the wilderness of Sinai." (Numbers 9:5) Was it not superbly arranged by Jehovah God that this first memorial, which meant so much to the Jews, came on their sabbath day? The passover was kept on *Godsday, Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 918240** (after sundown Friday night, April 10, 1514 B.C.). One can see an appropriateness, also, in the sabbath's beginning the evening before the daylight period of the rest day arrived.

The census was taken "on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt" (Numbers 1:1), moon No. 31095, which rose on *Godsday, at 6:16 D. (12:16 p.m., Saturday, April 25, 1514 B.C.)*, but was probably not seen until the next night. The month began at sundown about 54 hours after the astronomical rising. The census, therefore, was on *Earthday, Life 1* (Tuesday, April 28).

"And it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year [*Lightday, Life 20* (Sunday, May 17)], that the cloud was taken up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. And the children of Israel took their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud rested in the wilderness of Paran." (Numbers 10:11, 12) A good day to start on a long journey, the day after the sabbath of rest.

After Forty Years of Wandering

There are no more days located by the second hand in the timepiece of God until after the forty years of wandering were nearly at an end. "And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of Jehovah, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month. And Aaron was a hundred and twenty and three years old when he died in mount Hor." (Numbers 33:38, *A.R.V.*) He died on *Mansday, Vindication 1, Edenic day No. 932225, week No. 133175, God's month No. 31568, B.R. 1508, vernal equinox No. 2552* (Friday, July 26, 1476 B.C.).

Moses survived his brother by seven months and eight days. In thirty-five days he wrote the book of Deuteronomy, and delivered his final exhortation to those for whom, in the providence of God, he had acted as mediator. "And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses

spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that Jehovah had given him in commandment unto them." (Deuteronomy 1:3, *A.R.V.*) That was on *Lightday, Edenic day No. 932402, God's month No. 31574* (Sunday, January 19, 1475 B.C.).

"And Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel. And he said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: and Jehovah hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan." (Moses evidently died on his birthday, *Lightday, Temple 8, B.R. 1508, Edenic day No. 932437, God's month No. 31575* [Sunday, February 23, 1475 B.C.].) "And Jehovah said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die." (Deuteronomy 31:1, 2, 14, *A.R.V.*) "And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And Jehovah showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the hinder sea, and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar. And Jehovah said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. So Moses the servant of Jehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Jehovah. And he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days." (Deuteronomy 34:1-8, *A.R.V.*) The mourning began on the day of his death, and ended on *Earthday, Redemption 7, Edenic day No. 932467, God's month No. 31576, B.R. 1507, vernal equinox No. 2553* (Tuesday, March 25, 1475 B.C.).

The Entrance into Canaan

"Now it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, that ... Joshua commanded the ... people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan ... And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first

* The factors are interesting: 2x2x2x2x2x3x5x1913.

month [*Mansday, Redemption 10, Edenic day No. 932470, week No. 133210, God's month No. 31576* (Friday, March 28, 1475 B.C.)].—Joshua 1:1, 11; 4:19, *A.R.V.*

"And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month, at even, in the plains of Jericho [after sundown, at the early beginning of *Ear'h-day, Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 932474, God's month No. 31576* (Monday evening, March 31, 1475 B.C.)]. (Joshua 5:10) The new life of Israel in Canaan's "fair and happy land" was begun just 1,507 solar years before the day of Ransom, and 3,392 solar years before April 1, 1918.

Division of the Land

One can only roughly estimate the time when the spies returned from spying out the land of Canaan, in the second year after leaving Egypt. A chronology built on such a foundation would be somewhat shaky. Sinai was left on the twentieth day of the second month. (Numbers 10:11) In three days Israel was complaining. (Numbers 10:33) Then followed thirty full days of gorging themselves with quail. (Numbers 11) Miriam's leprosy detained the march seven days. (Numbers 12) The 110-mile journey to Kadesh-barnea is estimated to have taken eleven days, but there is no record: it may have taken more, but would hardly have taken less. The spies were gone forty days. Total days from the beginning of that year, about 140. The time indicated for the return is not earlier than *Gods-day, Vindication 22* (Saturday, July 18). On their return journey the spies brought pomegranates and figs, probably ripe, and one cluster of grapes, probably nearly ripe, so large that it took two men to carry it. In Palestine figs are ripe from the end of June on. In the valley of Eschol grapes even now grow as large as plums. The time of fully ripe vintage is September. A reasonable estimate, on the basis of these known facts, would be that the spies set out on their forty-day journey into Canaan about the time of the summer solstice, say *Lightday, Freedom 17* (Sunday, June 21). By this admittedly circuitous and relatively inexact method (but the best possible under the circumstances) the date last named is here put forth as the birth-day of Caleb. It may have been earlier by several months; it could hardly have been later. The division of the land, therefore, was at some

time in the spring of the year, as appears from the following scripture:

"As Jehovah commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did; and they divided the land. Then the children of Judah drew nigh unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that Jehovah spake unto Moses the man of God concerning me and concerning thee in Kadesh-barnea. Forty years old [but maybe 40½, though counted as 40] was I when Moses the servant of Jehovah sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt; but I wholly followed Jehovah my God. And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy children for ever, because thou hast wholly followed Jehovah my God. And now, behold, Jehovah hath kept me alive, as he spake, these forty and five years, from the time that Jehovah spake this word unto Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and five years old."—Joshua 14:5-10, *A.R.V.*

It has been pointed out that it was 450½ years from the birth of Isaac, in the fall of the year 1952 *B.R.* (1920 B.C.), to the time of the division of the land among the twelve tribes of Israel, in the spring of the year 1501 *B.R.* (1469 B.C.), at which time, as above shown, the division of the land occurred.

The Scriptures describe this period of time as "about 450 years". (See Acts 13:17-20, *Rotherham, Weymouth, and American Revised Version.*)

From the Exodus to the Temple

Everything in the Scriptures is written with direct reference to the erection of the temple of God and the subsequent vindication of His name. The exodus was associated with one grand picture of the coming vindication: the building of Solomon's temple was a picture of the true temple, through which Jehovah vindicates His name and which is of God's building, not of man's. In His Word Jehovah God has been pleased to join together these two pictures, and to make them an integral and necessary part of the divine record. Note the care with which the connection is made, enabling one now

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Suppressing Truth

A five-minute talk

(Part 1)

by Judge Rutherford

FREEDOM of conscience and speech is dear to the hearts of true men. Today there is an organized movement to deprive the people of such rights and to suppress the truth. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is the prime mover in this endeavor to suppress the truth. Many persons have unwittingly fallen into the deceptive trap of that organization.

Early in 1934 two and one-half million American citizens petitioned Congress to take the necessary steps to protect the rights of the people in freedom of speech by radio. Congress then enacted a law creating the Federal Communications Commission and commanded that Commission to take testimony concerning the use of the radio and to report to Congress. In obedience to that mandate testimony was taken, and the testimony of the two great radio corporations of America disclosed that they control most of the radio facilities; that they permit only clergymen of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish organizations to broadcast matters of religion, and that they refuse to Jehovah's witnesses the use of their facilities to broadcast the Bible truths, on the ground that such programs by Jehovah's witnesses "hold up to ridicule the doctrines of the churches and shock the religious susceptibilities of those who are opposed to Jehovah's witnesses". The chief witnesses for said radio corporations are sons of clergymen. Catholic priests and other clergymen testified, and all of them agreed that Jehovah's witnesses should not be permitted to use the radio for broadcasting programs to the people.

Testimony was offered by Jehovah's witnesses showing that they have no controversy with men; that their only purpose is to call to the attention of the people the plain truths of God's Word, which it is essential for the people to know; that not one of their programs has ever attacked any individual; and that they broadcast only the truth as found in God's Word, the Bible, which truth necessarily exposes erroneous doctrines. The testimony of Jehovah's witnesses, fully supported by the Bible, shows that the Devil at all times has tried to prevent the people from hearing the truth and that it is the Devil who blinds men to the truth of God's Word and attempts to wholly suppress the truth, and

that the Devil uses selfish men to accomplish his wrongful purpose.

America has always claimed to be a Christian nation; which means that the nation acknowledges Christ Jesus the Son of God as the great Teacher, and that the Word of God is supreme. The radio law provides that programs broadcast should be of public interest, convenience and necessity. These words, as defined by the Bible, mean that such programs should be of value to the people, that is, for their upbuilding in righteousness, and which will serve the best interest of mankind. It is written, at 2 Timothy, that every scripture inspired of God is profitable for the instruction of men in the way of righteousness. The programs broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses, therefore, are the only ones that strictly comply with the law as written, because they broadcast the Bible truths, and the Bible truths make known that which is for the best interest of mankind.

The testimony before the Federal Commission disclosed that the Roman Catholic hierarchy, by the use of threats, of boycotting, and other means of coercion, is attempting to prevent radio stations from broadcasting programs of Jehovah's witnesses because these programs make known God's truth. Since the Scriptures show that Satan is the great opponent of truth, the question is now placed squarely before the people: Whom does the Catholic hierarchy represent, God or the Devil? The opposition of that organization to the truth shows that it represents the Devil. Now, shall the people take the side of the Devil, or shall they take the side of God's Word of truth? Shall the people be permitted to hear the truth, as stated in the Bible and as broadcast by Jehovah's witnesses, and each person decide for himself what he wants to believe, or shall a few selfish men be permitted to constitute themselves the censors of public programs and thus prevent the people from hearing what they really need to hear? Shall freedom of speech continue in America, or shall it be suppressed?

Public officials are sworn to safeguard the general welfare of the people. In violation of that oath many officials in America now conspire with a foreign power to control the radio facilities and limit the use of the same to selfish in-

terests. This they do in order to suppress the truth and keep the people in the dark concerning the kingdom of God which Jehovah's witnesses

now proclaim to the people. Let the people take courage; for the truth is from Jehovah, and the truth shall prevail.

[The foregoing short talk by Judge Rutherford is one of 36 obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be run on an ordinary phonograph. The wide demand for these talks indicates a desire on the part of the people to know more about the important truths now due to be understood, as well as an effort

to pass on these comforting truths to others. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society (Brooklyn, N. Y.) and are designed to aid those who, having been blessed by the truth, wish to pass it on to others. Inquiries regarding these records should be sent to the Society, not to The Golden Age.

Making America Catholic

THERE are two kinds of Italians, the decent ones and the other brand. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is made up of the grasping type of Italian and is a dominantly Italian institution. In the "College of Cardinals", which is called "The Senate of the Roman Church", there are 26 Italian representatives, while other countries are represented as follows: France 6, United States 4, Germany 3, Spain 3, Austria 2, Poland 2, and England, Belgium, Hungary, Portugal, Ireland, Brazil, and Canada, 1 each. Clever, isn't it? How would the United States Senate be likely to work if one state had as many representatives as all the other states combined?

Theodore Roosevelt had it right when he said, "The Catholic church is not an American institution." And that it isn't. It isn't anything but an Italian institution, and is far from being a credit to the Italian people. The more of it there is imported into the United States, the worse for that hitherto favored land. But the Hierarchy has set out to "make America Catholic" by hook and by crook. They have a system of hooking every key position in American politics on which they can lay their hands. This accounts in considerable measure for the crookedness which is commonly associated with American politics. The Hierarchy cannot work as freely as it does in more Catholic countries, and so has recourse to all kinds of chicanery.

To see what happens when the Italian religious racketeers exercise a dominating influence, just glance at South America and compare it with North America. In countries where they have had the longest experience with this sneaking and treacherous system the real statesmen will have the least to do with it and its agents. In such countries this religious (!) organization does not hesitate to encourage violence, bloodshed and revolution. Its activities in less

Catholic countries are moderated as "prudence" may require. Hence, in seeking to "make America Catholic" the papal emissaries proceed with some caution and much diplomacy.

Many American politicians are of either the "innocent" or ignorant type, who seem never to have read history, or who, having read history, are so utterly beguiled by the charms (?) of papal diplomacy that they fatuously think of it as other than it was in those days of the stake, the rack and the dungeon vault. So at least appearances indicate, for these same statesmen (?), instead of holding the papacy properly in check, are induced, or seduced, to co-operate in its schemes to "make America Catholic".

Censorship and boycott are favorite weapons of the Hierarchy. To suppress the truth is all-important. It has to proceed with caution, but must accomplish its ends. The effort to censor the movies, not to speak of the radio and the press, is disguised as a step in the direction of decency. But how does the papal crowd propose to raise the morals of the people? Not by instruction in and proper inducements to righteousness. Oh, no. Rather, it would favor a censorship board which would have at least *one* Catholic representative; but the more, the merrier, for the Hierarchy. Then would not only "indecent" pictures be eliminated, but a fine opportunity afforded the papal system to exclude all pictures that cast even slight reflection on its operations. Such pictures could very nicely be classed as "likely to offend religious susceptibilities".

Various and devious are the ways of the papacy, but if there is one thing that will bring it out into the open with vituperation it is a frank criticism of its schemes and methods, or even the appearance of such criticism. It was so in Minnesota, where, in the senate, somebody evidently had his religious susceptibilities ter-

ribly hurt when a number of citizens left on the desk of each of the senators a copy of the booklet *Truth: Shall It Be Suppressed?* The St. Paul *Dispatch* made mention of this distribution and the reaction of Senator Charles Hausler to the question. It appears that he immediately and loudly voted "Yes" in answer to that question, even before a vote was called for. He just couldn't hold himself back, and worked his religious sensibilities overtime in his demand that henceforth and forever the truth should be suppressed in the Minnesota senate chamber. Said Hausler, "Never, until yesterday, have we ever had to submit to ridicule because we were either Catholic, Protestant or Jew. It is an *insult* to every intelligent American." That word "insult" is characteristic of agents of the Catholic hierarchy. Just let anybody appeal to truth and righteousness as against the tactics of the unscrupulous Catholic political system (for such it is), and immediately he has "insulted" somebody or hurt somebody's religious sensibilities.

Hausler was pleased to refer to the contents of the booklet as "dirty". Everything that shows up the Hierarchy in its true colors is "dirty". This may be acceded with the thought in mind that reference to an unchaste lady by that Scriptural one-syllable word so carefully avoided by the clergy is considered "dirty" language. But truth is never dirty, not even when it is compelled to deal with dirty subjects. Hausler wanted the rules committee to "see that this kind of literature is not passed to our desks so we don't have to swallow this dirty literature". No doubt, he was especially anxious that the booklet should not be placed on the desks of the other senators. As for his own desk, he could put up a sign, "No truth wanted here." Or perhaps his objection was based on the fact that the booklet was not written in Latin. When one writes in Latin one can be as dirty as one wishes. Witness the book that deals with questions which priests may address to females in the confessional. The book would not be printable in English, but the priests do ask the questions in English. The booklet left with the Minnesota senators was different. It sets forth important facts, showing the tactics of the Hierarchy in its efforts to carry out the plan to "make America Catholic".

Another senator, Charles Orr, chairman of the rules committee, feeling he had to say something, said that the booklets were "sneaked" into the chamber, but that in the future safe-

guards would be made against a recurrence. Perhaps so. But does papal politics imagine it can hold back the floodwaters of truth which will sweep away the refuge of lies? That the booklet was not "sneaked" into the chamber is evident from the following letter which appeared in the St. Paul *Daily News*, and which makes a few other important points as well.

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS

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RAPS STATE SENATORS

Editor, *Daily News*: In the *Daily News*, January 15, attention is called to an "objection" being made by Sen. Charles Hausler over the distribution among the senate members of pamphlets entitled *Truth—Shall It Be Suppressed?* I am writing to Sens. Hausler and Orr in this mail and enclosing you a copy of my letter to them. Inasmuch as this matter was called to the attention of the public in your paper, will you not also publish my letter enclosed, a reply to their statements made on the senate floor on January 15, 1935. The letter follows:

In a recent issue of the public press I note what you had to say from the floor of the senate concerning distribution in the senate of a booklet entitled *Truth*, and referred to the same as "dirty politics", and further the statement that this booklet was "sneaked into the senate". Both of you gentlemen are in error, and I am addressing you thus in order to set you right as to facts.

I am a resident taxpaying citizen of St. Paul for more than 30 years. I shared in the distribution of those booklets in the senate, and others shared in the distribution of the same booklet in the house of representatives. I did not sneak into the senate, but walked in, as I had a right to do. I had been informed that the senate convened at 2 p.m. on the 10th. When I reached the senate chamber I learned the senate was not in session. Hence I walked in and placed the booklets on the desks of the senators.

Had you read the booklet you would have seen that it contains information important to the people. The major portion of it is quotation from the official record of the Federal Communications Commission at Washington, which testimony is now before Congress. As a senator of this state you should be informed about that matter, and in bringing this to the attention of the senators I was doing my duty, and was certainly clearly within my rights and not subject to any such criticism as you gentlemen have placed upon me.

You seem to think that senators are bosses of the people, instead of servants of the people, as in fact they should be. Apparently you hold to the theory that senators are entitled to special privileges that other citizens are not. The capital building does not belong to you. The taxpayers paid for it, and I have always understood that every citizen had a right to go into it on legitimate business, and it is legitimate to call the attention of public servants to matters of public interest.

Again you are wrong when you say that you have had to submit to ridicule because of your religion. That is worse than foolish. The facts show that certain religionists are attempting to take undue advantage of the American people, and surely no religionist, regardless of the religion he represents, has this right. There is a desperate effort being made by certain religious organizations to suppress the truth in America and take away from the people liberty of speech and press. Are you in favor of such action? If so, then surely you are not representing the interests of the people from your senatorial district.

When did the senate chamber become such an exclusive place that a taxpaying citizen cannot enter it without first having the approval of that body? The sooner the people of this city know that citizens have to have an O.K. from a senator in order to enter a public place, the better it will be for them, and they will doubtless elect a class of men who will accord to citizens their just rights and privileges without vigorously and unrighteously denouncing them.

—H. B. MORRISON.

In writing this straightforward but dignified letter to those who should be the servants of the people (not their papacy-controlled bosses) H. B. Morrison was instrumental in rendering a great service to the liberty-loving people of Minnesota. In answering Hausler's papal-senatorial outburst he made it clear to the unprejudiced members of the senate that an effort was being made to browbeat them into refusing to consider a booklet which contained information of vital importance. This booklet was gladly received by the United States Senate and House of Representatives. Every state legislature in America likewise received copies. It remains only for the arrogant, oppressive, self-opinionated, self-important Catholic agents to denounce American citizens for exercising their just rights.

It would appear that the Catholic hierarchy is not functioning so well in liberty-loving Minnesota. It would have been more in line with Catholic tactics to sneak around and quietly suppress any mention of the booklet. Perhaps the *St. Paul Daily News* and the *St. Paul Dispatch* are among the few papers that do not have Catholic "contact men" suppressing items of information which do not please the Roman hierarchy, and which would interfere with its effort to "make America Catholic".

Note how friend Morrison went after them for the statement that the booklets were "sneaked" into the senate chamber. Americans do not have to sneak around in making known the truth. Much less do Jehovah's witnesses, who are children of the Most High, feel any need of doing anything in a sneaking way. On the contrary, it is the Catholics who sneakily worm their way into public office and utilize such positions for private grab and religious (?) ends.

Jehovah's witnesses and other publishers of the truth do not have to sneak, for they have nothing of which they have need to be ashamed. They are not trying to put anything over on the people, as the Catholic hierarchy is doing. All they want to do is to present the truth, and both sides of the truth. It is for this reason that more than two million petitioners requested Congress

to arrange for proper publicity of *all* the testimony presented before the Federal Communications Commission, dealing with the efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to suppress the truth. The Hierarchy works in the dark, and does not want its activities to be made known. Those who love the truth, and that includes Jehovah's witnesses, do not play a seductively "sweet" tune, but tell the truth in a straightforward manner, not putting on the soft pedal when certain unpopular references to the Word of God are necessary. The trumpet must not give an uncertain sound. The whole counsel of God must be made known, and will be made known.

Satan's opposition to Jehovah's servants and his efforts to destroy them, as well as his determination to keep the people under his control, are variously pictured in God's Word. There is Haman and his scheme to destroy the people of God. He pictures those who have strong "religious susceptibilities", for personal reasons; the crowd that is now trying to choke the truth and to finish those who proclaim it. But Haman, and all who unite with him, will get it in the neck. It is the fifty-cubit gallows for them. How many American statesmen will be found on the Devil's side? How many Minnesota senators favor the return of the Inquisition and its establishment in that state? All who do may so signify by throwing the booklet *Truth* into the wastebasket.

Pharaoh and his officers tried to bring back into captivity those who had just gained their freedom. At the Red sea these oppressors presumptuously followed the Israelites into the divinely provided channel, only to have its fluid walls collapse and engulf them. Likewise the Catholic and like religious officers of Satan, together with their allies, will be overwhelmed by the collapse of the elements through which they seek to make their way in their unrighteous determination to bring back into bondage those who are marching to freedom.

Jehovah's witnesses, like Daniel among the satraps of Babylon, are in a tight place, humanly speaking. They may have to spend a night in the "lions' den", but they will come out all right. The satraps, picturing the rulers of "Christendom" among whom the Catholic hierarchy seeks to take the lead, smiled up their capacious sleeves, so convenient for carrying off booty. They thought they had Daniel where they wanted him. But up came Daniel, and down they went. Their stay in the den of lions was

short-lived, but a good time was had by all—the lions. Will the Catholic clergy take a lesson from this? They will not. They will keep right on trying to “make America Catholic”.

And finally, remember Jezebel. Age is beauty and gray hair a crown of glory in the way of righteousness. Jezebel's old age was not such. Neither is the old age of “Organized Christianity” anything to be admired. Grown old and out of date, but still ambitious as Jezebel, “Organized Christianity” is dolling herself up and parading her charms (?). But the painted face and the finery will not make any impression on the Greater Jehu. His chariot, drawn by its impetuous horses, is already at the entering in of the gates. It won't be long now until He will

draw up at the window of Jezebel's tower and those who have been more or less associated with the old “unchaste lady”, but unwillingly so, will pitch her out of the window. The hoofs of Jehu's horses will reduce her to dog-feed. This is not jesting. “Christendom” has made herself ridiculous, and a look at her would make one laugh were it not for the whoredoms and “enchantments” with which she has defamed the name of Jehovah, the Most High. If anyone feels that his “religious beliefs” are made ridiculous by examination of them in the light of the Word of God, and if he is determined to prevent such examination or suppress the findings, he will meet his finish as did the foregoing notorious examples.

Among the Lovers of Jehovah God

Splendid Testimony in Her Will

IN HER will bequeathing \$100 to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, which will was published in the *Daily Kennebec Journal*, of Augusta, Maine, Miss Myrtie E. Taylor explained that the bequest was “in appreciation of the outstanding work it is doing, the only religious organization during my whole life's experience that has brought to me a comforting, reasonable and satisfactory understanding of the meaning of life, and faith, and trust in the one supreme being, Jehovah God, to whom all honor is due”.

Sent to Jail for Quoting Bible

ERICH SCHAUER, 25, of Halle, Germany, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment because he called his sweetheart's attention to the Scriptural assurance that the Kingdom of God and Christ will replace all the governments of the world, which, of course, includes the Nazi government.

Satisfied

“**S**EVERAL times I had the kind visit of a missionary lady from whom I had procured the book *Prophecy* and three booklets. All these books, which rejoice my heart, have been read and reread several times; for I believe they are the truth, and I pray ardently that this good reign of justice may arrive as quickly as possible.”—P., *Dijon*.

No Longer the Houses of God

“**I** HAVE for many years said and told other folks that churches were no longer the houses of God, but were nothing more than big business, corrupt politics and whatnot, operating behind the cloak of religion and using God's intended house of worship to do so. I have a copy of your book *Crisis*, and enjoyed reading it; I also enjoy all your radio talks, as all you say and speak is the truth and nothing but the truth.”—H. A. W., *California*.

Started Reading the Bible

“**I** WANT to thank you for the good you have done me. It was through listening to you over the radio that I started reading the Bible. All church members I know think there is a ‘hell’ where the wicked will be tormented for ever. I would like your copy of ‘Universal War’ to give one of my church neighbors. They come here and try to get us to go to church, and they are not satisfied with what they get at church either.”—MRS. L. S. R., *Kansas*.

“How Grateful I Am”

“**I** LISTENED to the lecture ‘Universal War Near’, given by Judge Rutherford Sunday, January 13, and I can't find words to express my surprise. I didn't know that such words could fall from the lips of mortal man. It filled my heart with joy, and I want to tell you how grateful I am.”—MRS. C. McK., *Oklahoma*.

Among the Larger Racketeers

The Mortgage Racket

MORELAND Commissioner Geo. W. Alger, in a report to the governor of New York state, shows that the laws under which the mortgage certificate business developed into a racket were not framed for the benefit of the public. He said, in part:

"The law applicable to these companies was always hopelessly inadequate to protect the public.

"As the companies became stronger through the years such meager protection as was contained in the law was gradually whittled away.

"Such sporadic efforts as were made from time to time to strengthen the law were defeated.

"The companies were represented at Albany when legislation affecting them was proposed. . . .

"Various examiners of these companies reported from time to time activities of a given company which ranged from those which were inadvisable to those which involved actual fraud.

"The reports were filed, and that, following what seems to have been the practice of the Department for many years, was the end of the matter. . . .

"A large part of the investors were poor individuals or persons of modest means who sought safe, rather than speculative, investments and relied upon the fact that the mortgage business was under supervision of the State Department of Insurance."

Utilities Propaganda

THE Federal Power Commission has issued a statement that gas and electric companies expend vast sums of money to influence public opinion in favor of privately owned utilities. They even went so far as to bestow attention "upon educators and educational institutions. . . . No means of presenting the utility story to all schools was overlooked, even the kindergarten being provided with a specially published picture book, *The Ohm Queen*, of which the record shows over 400,000 printed and distributed. The very textbooks in the classrooms were carefully surveyed in all schools in many of the states and definite steps taken to eliminate those considered unfavorable and to have them replaced by others written by utility men or by professors receiving retainers from the industry. . . . Most of the utility advertising, in addition to its ordinary advertising value, has part of its return in the creation of good will with the newspaper fraternity. Such good will frequently opens the newspaper columns to matter, both editorials and news, that clearly falls under the head of propaganda".

Advantages of Telegraph Merger

THE advantages of the proposed telegraph merger were variously set forth by various telegraph officials. A Western Union official said that his company could take over all the Postal Telegraph business without adding a man to the staff, while a Postal Telegraph official said that all the Postal employees would be taken care of. The way they would be taken care of would be to be put on the public relief rolls. The net result would be that the Western Union employees would all have more work to do and the big financiers back of the merger would make more money.

Seven Dollars a Day for Teamsters

IN EXPLANATION of the threatened strike of union teamsters, liable to tie up the port of New York, it was explained that though their nominal wages are seven dollars per day, they work only two or three days per week, and that if open shop arrangements go into effect wages will be cut in half and days of work also cut in half, presenting an insurmountable problem for those who have families to support.

United States International Trade

DURING the first half of 1934 United States exports exceeded imports by \$173,000,000. During the same period there was an inflow of \$920,000,000 in gold and \$30,000,000 in paper currency. International trade and financial transactions showed the most favorable balance in several years. Exports to foreign lands were \$1,036,000,000; imports, \$863,000,000.

The 36,000 Go-Getters

IN THE year 1929 the 36,000 American families with the greatest incomes received as much as the 11,000,000 families with the least income. Just which crowd will seek to rectify matters by plowing a portion of the other crowd under has not yet been settled, but a new solution of the problem is being found every day, and prosperity is just around the corner.

Better Times for the Big Fellows

THINGS seem to be going a bit better for the big fellows. In the year 1934, 418 leading corporations made profits of \$911,000,000, a gain of 50 percent over 1933. Meantime wages of employees rose 6.7 percent, food prices went up 11.3 percent, and clothing, 15.3 percent.

New Deal Not for Oklahoma Indians

THE New Deal isn't benefiting the Indians in Oklahoma. John Collier, Indian commissioner of the United States, said that these Indians were suffering cruel and devastating wrongs. He said, "Oklahoma interests were strong enough to persuade Congress to exclude the Oklahoma Indians from the protections and benefits of President Roosevelt's legislation." He also stated that "those members of the tribes who still possess anything have been put under the control of 'guardians', appointed by the courts, who, in numerous cases, almost literally have 'eaten them alive'".

But the Osage Indians of Oklahoma do not seem to be faring so badly. Perhaps they do not have "all things common", but they do hold their land in common, and it happens to be oil-land. Consequently, every gentleman Osage, every lady Osage and every little Osage in Oklahoma has an income ten times greater than the average Oklahoma farmer. Before the 1929 crash the per capita wealth of these Indians, big and little, was \$36,000, and while it is less today by a good deal, they still have enough to buy themselves limousines or tin lizzies according to their individual tastes. Other Oklahoma Indians, who have not been having their land in common, are as poor as the average white man, and that is poor enough even in these days of the pope's New Deal. This year, or rather, last year, the Osage nation got a total of \$1,065,650 out of their oil leases, which, it must be admitted, isn't half bad for an Osage nation, and, divided among the headright holders of the tribe, of whom there are something over 2,000, it seems sufficient to keep the wolf from the door a little longer.

New War Tank

WASHINGTON has been treated to a demonstration of the possibilities of a new war tank, which can go sixty miles an hour, when necessary, and maintain an average speed of thirty miles an hour. It is armed with one 50-caliber and two 30-caliber machine guns, and Thompson submachine guns, is protected with $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch armor, and has a radio. It lays its own track or runs on wheels, as desired. The construction of a fleet of these tanks is under consideration, and all that will then be wanting is the clergy's blessing upon their use, which, of course, it will not be hard to get.

Bicameral Legislatures Inefficient

BICAMERAL legislatures are intended to serve as a sort of balance of power in which one chamber restrains the other from enacting undesirable legislation. But politicians in both houses of such legislatures generally work together, and therefore a unicameral legislature is considered by many to be the better form of government, particularly where checks and balances are provided in the separation of legislative, judicial and executive offices. Nebraska, under the leadership of Senator Geo. W. Norris, has decided to scrap one of its chambers and to henceforth run the state under the supervision of one house or chamber. Politicians, however, are not enthusiastic about such innovations, as it provides fewer jobs for themselves. Business men, as well as the professions, incline to favor the one-chamber plan. Three of the original thirteen states had unicameral legislatures: Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Virginia. These subsequently changed to the bicameral plan.

Prohibition in Texas

TEXAS still has prohibition, the state law prohibiting the sale of liquor in that state without a doctor's prescription. However, with the general breakdown of law and order, no attention is paid to the law, and one retail druggist, checked up, was found to have sold 373,344 pints of whisky in 90 days, and did not have a single prescription for any sale made. All this was entirely safe for the druggist, as he well knew, but if he had put in the hands of the people books or booklets calling attention to God's kingdom as the sole hope of the world, he would have been in luck to keep out of jail. As soon as the bishop got on the job he would have had trouble a plenty. The bishops care not a rap about the law, except where they suspect that some activity is going to cut into their particular line of graft.

Armory Opened for Unemployed

ONE of the Brooklyn armories has been opened as a recreation center for unemployed men who, while they sleep in public and private lodging houses during the night, have no place to go during the day. If the experiment proves successful other armories will be similarly used if needed. The unemployment problem is no nearer being settled than it was when Roosevelt became president.

A New Wood Preservative

ALL woods are subject to the attack of fungi and insects, so industrious and effective in their destructive work that it is noticed, very frequently, only after the damage has been done. They can reduce solid wooden posts to powder, and frequently are clever enough to leave the exterior intact, so as to give the impression of a sound post or board. In reality, however, such undermined timbers are rotten through and through, having been destroyed by an apparently moistureless process called dry rot. A wood preservative, named "Cuprinol", has been invented which may be had in three colors (or without color), dark brown, light brown, green, and neutral. The effects obtained are pleasing, and the wood is made impervious to the attacks of the destructive fungi and insects. The preparation is also of value in the protection of canvas, nets, cordage and sailcloth against decay.

Death Rays

MANY of the stars, especially the "blue" stars, are continually sending out death rays, which are rained upon the earth in a constant barrage. These rays, however, are stopped or turned aside by a layer of ozone about forty miles above the heads of puny man. How easy it would be for the great Creator to wipe out a part or all of the population of the globe by letting through a storm of these death rays which are said to hold the threat "of a blistering, blinding death"! Whatever may be the means employed, Jehovah assures us that He will find out all His enemies and that they shall perish for ever. Yet, He is abundantly able to protect those who trust and obey Him.

A New Motor Oil

A NEW method of making motor oil out of crude petroleum has been discovered. "Chrysalic acid" and propane are poured into the petroleum; the first dissolves and settles impurities, and the second absorbs the useful parts of the oil. The propane oil mixture is then drawn off, and when warmed the propane bubbles off in the form of gas, leaving a superior motor oil. The manufacturer states, "This new way to refine oil is expected to change the entire trend of present-day refining and save millions of dollars for motorists." The savings result from the fact that less oil is needed and that there is less engine wear and no carbon deposit.

Better Lighting Needed

DR. M. LUCKIESH, who is the lighting authority of the General Electric Company, addressing the Optical Society of America, said that the illumination of the average home or factory should be thirty times greater than it is. He stated that seeing is not merely an act of the eyes, but of the whole body. The eye muscles become tired and the whole body becomes tense to the extent that even the rate of the heartbeat is changed when difficult visual tasks are continued over long periods. The tired feeling of the white-collar office workers is just as real as the physical weariness of the manual worker. Electric lights close to the ceiling or covered with shades give no better light than a candle close at hand.

A New Kind of Putty

THE Goodrich Rubber Company is turning out a new kind of putty, called "Plastikon", which, by the way, is a very nice and ingenious name for the product, suggesting something that is both plastic and made to stick on. It is very much like ordinary painter's putty, but is combined with rubber. It contains practically no oil, requires no mixing, and resists corrosive chemicals and fumes. The rubber in the new putty increases its moisture-proof qualities. It is also superior to ordinary putty in use upon steel surfaces, to which it sticks readily.

Flexible Glass

A NEW glass is being perfected which will bend and bulge when struck with sufficient force. A bag of shot weighing eleven pounds was dropped upon a pane of this glass placed in a frame, and produced a permanent bulge. It is suggested that this indicates what would happen if your head struck the windshield of an automobile. The windshield would "give", but it is not entirely certain what would be the effect on the head. It is perhaps best not to experiment with this idea.

Measuring Depth by Sound

A DEVICE called the "shoal fathometer" measures the depth of sea water by means of an inaudible sound, which is directed downward, and returning affects a neon tube in such a manner that the depth of the water can be ascertained to within an inch. It works rapidly, so that depth can be taken every ten inches, giving a continuous "chart" of the sea bottom.

Do You Smoke?

THE debauching of women by inducing them to smoke, by means of attractive advertisements, continues. The advertisements suggest that it is smart, progressive and pleasant to smoke; that if you do not smoke cigarettes you are a back number, a hick, or whatnot. As a matter of fact, if you fall for the smooth suggestions of the ads you show you are a numskull, a nitwit, or at best a thoughtless and spineless copycat. What possible good can smoking do you or anybody else? It befouls the air, and your breath as well, it stains your fingers, and messes things up generally. Nevertheless, during 1933 approximately 120,000,000,000 "coffin nails" were eagerly, fatuously consumed by the American public, including plenty of women. Why bring yourself under the power of a weed? Dr. George Starr White doesn't like the cigarette ads. He particularly disliked the one where the city salesman was trying to get a nice, clean-looking country girl to smoke. What Dr. White said about that ad was plenty. Then he says, "Daily I treat the poor, unfortunate dope fiends—addicts to all kinds of drugs—but the worst I have now are the cigarette fiends! The cigarettes are being drugged, so far as the effects go. I cannot prove how they are doped, but I have been told in confidence by those working in the largest cigarette factories in the world that the doping is being increased gradually. . . . I do know the mental and nervous symptoms of the addicts are terrible now. Loco weed as well as hemp weeds, I am told, are being used with other weeds of a similar nature."

Serum for "Christmas"!

A CERTAIN "health" commissioner offered the suggestion a short time ago that no mother could give her child a better present for "Christmas" than diphtheria immunization, meaning an injection of filthy and poisonous serum. It is said that diphtheria is particularly deadly of late, and that seems likely. Parents cannot give their children the foods needed to build sturdy bodies that can resist the disease. But while parents are not able to get proper foods, they can get the serum injections for their children free. The Devil is bent on destroying the human family, denying them the necessary comforts of life, and urging them to give their children "Christmas" presents of germ-laden pus. What a travesty of civilization!

About Red Noses

A SUBSCRIBER'S complaint that some people have red noses who are not guilty of drinking too much alcohol moves the insertion of this item. The objection was raised to a statement which appeared in the October 10 issue, which said, "People who drink too much alcohol often have red noses, and Dr. B. Kauders, of Vienna, has discovered that this is the result of damage to the part of the brain which governs the operation of the smaller blood vessels." We hasten to say that we are aware that not all red noses are the result of alcoholism, and the item does not so state. The subscriber lists the following among probable causes: kidney trouble, too much milk, tea or coffee, nervousness, weariness, constipation.

Tuberculosis and Climate

THE idea that a patient suffering from tuberculosis must be sent to a climate that is drier and higher is being questioned by physicians. Doctors of the Brooklyn Health Council assert that "in practically all cases the patient suffering from tuberculosis can be treated as successfully in Brooklyn, under adequate and careful medical attention, as in Denver or Arizona". It is further stated that there is not necessarily any danger connected with treating patients at home, provided certain reasonable precautions are taken.

"Sleepy Death" and Vaccination

IN AN official report of the scientists of the United States government it is stated that the sleeping sickness is a sequela to vaccination for smallpox, and that in all instances where death followed vaccinia was found in the brain upon post-mortem. More than a hundred persons in St. Louis died of this malady in the latter half of August 1933, and the scientific investigation of the "sleepy death" was reported in the March 1934 issue of the *Country Gentleman*.

"Black Widows" Move Inside

ONE of the most poisonous of spiders, the "black widow", is invading Denver in large numbers. Ordinarily encountered only outdoors, they are now found in residences, office buildings, warehouses, and other heated enclosures. One "black widow" lays two hundred eggs at a time, and under favorable conditions these spiders increase rapidly.

Quack Methods of Dictators

THE *Svenska Dagbladet* gives publicity to the following statements by Professor Gustav Cassels: "A dictatorship has no right to exist if it is unable to contribute to the reconstruction of world economy. But dictatorships have not done so. Instead, they have introduced economic experiments strikingly reminiscent of quack doctors' methods. Developments have been almost identical in Germany, the United States and Russia. Nazi Germany's economic policy is typical and is based on the greatest possible self-sufficiency. If carried through, it means the ruin of international trade as well as a return to terrible universal poverty and the consequent incompetency of nations to fulfill their obligations. Moreover, German Nazism means the denial of . . . justice and liberty."

Ex-Senator Reed said: "The present administration, having abandoned the precepts of the Democratic platform and the solemn commands of the Constitution, is drifting upon a sea of Bolshevism, Socialism and Red Internationalism. The major portions of its acts are rendering real recovery impossible." He charged the administration with subjecting the "business of the country to a dictatorship more obnoxious than that of the monsters who control the enslaved peoples of many European countries". Stating that he had supported Mr. Roosevelt with every ounce of energy he possessed, he asserted that the United States has "arrived at a condition where the right to work is no longer a right. It is a privilege granted upon condition by some board or bureau".

The Guardian Angel of Europe

IN THE *Sunday Sun* and *Guardian*, of Australia, there is a cartoon of "The Guardian Angel of Europe". The angel's wings are made of swords, cutlasses, dirks and spearheads. The angel itself wears a gas mask and is busy pouring out poison gas and dropping bombs on the world beneath. A fine picture of the Devil's kingdom.

China and the League

CHINA has, since 1931, paid 5,250,000 gold francs into the treasury of the League of Nations, but she isn't getting much in return. China was not re-elected to a place on the League Council, and is now seeking to have the arrangement made permanent whereby Chinese assessments were reduced by half.

An Aggregation of Wirepullers

THE London *Evening News* says, editorially: "Are we willing to be dragged into wars that don't concern us at the instance of the intrigue-ridden League of Nations, an aggregation of sentimentalists and wirepullers, which cannot possibly be trusted to say who is the attacker and who the attacked?" Another London paper says: "For ourselves, we have long since given up hoping that the League will ever be anything but a dangerous nuisance, or that the League of Nations Union [an English organization] will be anything but the instrument of a bunch of truculent pacifist busybodies who nearly landed us in a war with Japan and are still trying to do it."

The Needle Workers of Puerto Rico

VIRTUALLY everything produced in Puerto Rico is sent out of the country to absentee landlords living in Spain or France in luxury. Some idea of how badly Puerto Rico needs God's kingdom may be gathered from the fact that in an investigation of sweatshop conditions in that beautiful island it was found that in 252 homes the 323 women workers earned less than the cost of decent food. Only 6 percent received more than 4 cents an hour, while 31 percent earned less than 1 cent an hour. Puerto Rico has been solidly Catholic for centuries. Make America Catholic and the whole United States will be like that.

Mummies in Mexico

THE bodies of 37 men and women, nine of them in a perfect state of mummification, were found in the Indian country of Sonora, Mexico, in a remote district south of Ciudad Obregon. They were all over seven feet in length but with extraordinarily small feet. They are said to have been members of a lost tribe that wore sandals and turbans. The discovery was made by an expedition headed by Paxson Hayes, ethnologist of Santa Barbara, Calif.

Unemployment in Britain and Germany

THOUGH Britain's official unemployment figures are but 2,151,000, and Germany's but 2,854,320, the *Winnipeg Evening Tribune* says that unofficial but accurate figures show close to 13,000,000 unemployed in Britain and 14,000,000 on relief in Germany. The only thing that will ever straighten out this situation is God's kingdom.

Department of Ambrose

St. Hubert Falls Down on the Job

EVERY saint in the calendar has his particular job to perform. For instance, St. Anthony has charge of the 'lost and found' department. St. Christopher looks after travelers, including those who travel by auto and by air. He was the one who was looking after the Mollisons when they crashed on their flight from England to the United States, just missing the ocean by a few miles. Now we have St. Hubert brought to our attention, and he also seems to be negligent. Dr. Prentice Pugh, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, blessed a pack of hounds that were about to go fox-hunting. But the blessed hounds failed to get the fox. Since Dr. Pugh was all rigged out in his nightgown when he did the blessing, which anybody knows is the proper way to bless anything, it must be that St. Hubert was the one who fell down on the job of helping the hounds get the fox. Besides, the hunters themselves were all wearing blessed medals; and what more could be done by anybody?

Preparing for the Priesthood

"FATHER" GRIFFITH, an Episcopal clergyman, wanted to become a priest. He had a wife, however, and was told by Catholic church officials that the only way he could become a priest was either to have his marriage annulled or for his wife to enter a convent. So he began to treat her merely as an obstacle in his way to complete sanctity. He struck her, cursed and swore at her, and once hurled a breadboard and a loaf of bread at her. He even refused to be seen with her on the street, saying that priests were never supposed to be seen alone with women. His wife was finally forced to leave him, and gained a divorce by telling the court these facts. Which leaves "Father" Griffith free to become a priest.

Roman Catholic Monopoly on Gambling

IT IS now or never with the Roman Catholic hierarchy to get their hands on every cent that can be nabbed. Hence one reads with interest that at a conference of Chief of Police Callahan with others of like mind, at Louisville, Ky., it was agreed, since other gamblers were making \$100 a night at the form of gambling known as "bingo", and since it was desired that all this money should be kept under "Holy Name" influence, hereafter this gambling must all be done on church property.

Too Many Boys and Girls

THE desperate condition of the Devil's empire is shown by the explanation that the rise in unemployment in the fall of 1934 over 1933 was due largely to the increase in population, which normally adds more than 400,000 to the army of job-seekers. Here is a chance for some great statesmen to rise up and suggest plowing one-third of them under. Isn't it just as bad to have too many boys and girls as to have too many houses and too much food and clothing? Leave it to the great statesmen. Secretary Wallace says that the philosophy behind the new deal is at one with that of the Catholic church, as expressed through the Vatican.

A Fine Way to Treat Peter

AT HOGANSBURG, N. Y., an ice-jam three miles up the St. Lawrence river was pushing its way toward the village, part of an Indian reservation. The priest of the R. C. church saw that the church building was in danger and placed a statue of Peter between the ice-jam and the church. He said later that he did so at the request of the frightened Indians, and thereby confesses his failure to teach these benighted heathen the vanity of idol worship.

Priests Hard Up

WHEN priests have to go to work it is time something were done. So, in Greece, measures are under consideration to give the priests of the Greek church regular salaries, which the people, as you might expect, will pay through taxation. Greek priests had found it necessary to apply for manual work in fields and on roads. It makes one feel very sad, to think that the government would discourage their efforts to make themselves useful.

Jesuit Says Wealth Will Be Seized

IN AN address at Washington Rev. Edmund A. Walsh, prominent Jesuit, said that the wealthy would have to share their profits more equitably or their wealth would be seized. A large part of the finest building sites in Washington are in the hands of the Roman Catholic church. Doctor Walsh was not sure whether the government would conscript the property of those who have too much, or whether the mobs would get it.

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to determine exactly when the construction of the temple was begun, to the very day, and exactly how long it was after the exodus. The two passages that cover the subject are now quoted:

"And it came to pass, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif [the name itself is of heathen origin], which is the second month, that he began to build the house of [Jehovah]." (1 Kings 6:1)

"And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign."
—2 Chronicles 3:2.

Some of the items that go to make up the 480 years from the exodus to the building of the temple are known and may be set down, as follows:

Wanderings in the wilderness	40 years		
To the birth of Boaz (son of Salmon, one of the wanderers, by Rahab) ?	"	(91½?)	
To the birth of Obed, David's grandfather . ?	"	"	
To the birth of Jesse, David's father . . . ?	"	"	
To the birth of David . ?	"	"	
To the death of David . 70	"		
To the 4th year of Solomon's reign . . . 4	"		

Total years . . . 480

In the past some thought it expedient, or wise, or necessary to say of this text that the four should be changed to a five (to agree with a passage in Acts which they misread and misunderstood). It would be folly to think that Jehovah God would make it necessary for any to resort to such a method of preserving the meaning of one of the most important texts in the Bible. This text is the one text that directly connects up the days of Moses with the days of the kings of Israel: in connection with the accurate and reliable record of events preceding Moses' time, and the accurate and reliable record forward from Solomon's time, it enables one to say with full assurance that the building of the typical temple of God was completed just three thousand years after man appeared upon the earth; indeed, this item in itself is very suggestive that there was nothing accidental

about the time of the beginning of this work of construction.

The years that the judges ruled, as stated in the book of Judges, plus the years of the reigns of Saul and David would, if put end to end, be more than 480 years, but they are wisely admitted to be "broken, lapped and tangled", needing a text just like this to keep a true and accurate chronological record for the use of Jehovah's people.

It is highly important at this point that the reader should familiarize himself with the contents of the Watch Tower publication entitled *Preservation*. On this subject of the miraculous manner in which Jehovah God maintained the lineage of Christ Jesus, despite the great age of many of His ancestors at the time of the birth of the one next in line, this work says, in part:

Here is stated the genealogy from Pharez to David. Between Obed and Jesse no one is mentioned. Is this due to the lack of importance of connecting links, or did each one from Nahshon to Jesse live to be of a very great age, and each one in his extreme old age bring forth a son? This latter conclusion is supported by the words of the divine record: "And the three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle: . . . and David was the youngest," and David was the eighth son of Jesse. (1 Sam. 17: 13, 14) "Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an *old man* in the days of Saul."—1 Sam. 17: 12. . . . The fact that no intermediary generations are mentioned in the genealogy of the book of Ruth shows that each one of the men named lived to a great age before begetting the son named in the genealogy. Thus it appears that there was continued difficulty in maintaining the royal line. Jehovah had given his word that the Vindicator should come from the tribe of Judah, hence Satan tried to interfere with the genealogy of that tribe. At various times it appeared that God's word would fail, and each time Jehovah stepped in at the opportune hour, even as shown in the book of Ruth. . . . There does not seem to be any good reason, therefore, to conclude that in the genealogy there are links missing between Obed and Jesse.

In the table just published the average age of the father at the time of the birth of the child next in the royal line was at least 91½ years. To change the divine record from the "four hundred and eighty years" to "five hundred and eighty years" would make the average age of the fathers at least 116½ years at the time of the birth of such child; hence the wisdom of trying to force a chronology by such a method

does not appear. It is better to take the Lord's Word as it is, unless some direct evidence appears that the record has been tampered with: in this case those that most love God's Word have seemed in too great haste.

Would any of the "millions now living" be stumbled by the discovery that they have a hundred years longer to live than they once thought? Hardly. Would they be stumbled because they were consecrated with the understanding on their part that six thousand years of human history ended in A.D. 1874? One can but smile at the thought. Any person consecrated with a condition or codicil attached to his consecration may as well forget the whole matter: he is not consecrated at all, and does not love God.

Nothing in the Scriptures says that Christ Jesus would have to wait until the beginning of the seventh thousand years of human history before the second advent would occur and the Day of Jehovah begin, in which Christ, as Jehovah's vicegerent, rules in the midst of His enemies. As a matter of fact these events occurred in Y.R. 1882 (1914 A.D.); not earlier, and not later.

CONNECTED EVENTS OF HISTORY

Dating from the creation of Adam, *Mansday, Edenic day No. 0, moon No. 0, vernal equinox No. 0, B.R. 4060* (Friday, March 22, 4028 B.C.)

Vernal Equinox Number	Year B.R.	Year B.C.	Event	Scripture Citations	Inter- vening Years
130	3930	3898	Birth of Seth	Gen. 5: 3	130
235	3825	3793	Birth of Enos	" 5: 6	105
325	3735	3703	Birth of Cainan	" 5: 9	90
395	3665	3633	Birth of Mahalaleel	" 5: 12	70
460	3600	3568	Birth of Jared	" 5: 15	65
622	3438	3406	Birth of Enoch	" 5: 18	162
687	3373	3341	Birth of Methuselah	" 5: 21	65
874	3186	3154	Birth of Lamech	" 5: 25	187
1056	3004	2972	Birth of Noah	" 5: 28	182
1656	2404	2372	Flood dried up	" 7: 6; 8: 13	600
1658	2402	2370	Birth of Arphaxad	" 11: 10	2
1693	2367	2335	Birth of Salah	" 11: 12	35
1723	2337	2305	Birth of Eber	" 11: 14	30
1757	2303	2271	Birth of Peleg	" 11: 16	34
1787	2273	2241	Birth of Reu	" 11: 18	30
1819	2241	2209	Birth of Serug	" 11: 20	32
1849	2211	2179	Birth of Nahor	" 11: 22	30
1878	2182	2150	Birth of Terah	" 11: 24	29
2083	1977	1945	Terah's Death; Abraham crosses Euphrates and enters Canaan	" 11: 32; 12: 1-7	
2513	1547	1515	Exodus from Egypt	Acts 7: 2-4 Ex. 12: 40-43 Gal. 3: 17	205 430
2993	1067	1035	Construction of temple begun	1 Ki. 6: 1	480
3029	1031	999	Rehoboam's reign begun	2 Chron. 9: 30, 31	36
3046	1014	982	Abijah's	" 12: 13-16	17
3049	1011	979	Asa's	" 13: 2; 14: 1	3
3090	970	938	Jehoshaphat's	" 16: 13; 17: 1	41
3115	945	913	Jehoram's	" 20: 31; 21: 1	25
3123	937	905	Ahaziah's	" 21: 20; 22: 1	8
3124	936	904	Athaliah's	" 22: 2	1
3130	930	898	Joash's	" 22: 12	6
3170	890	858	Amaziah's	" 24: 1, 27	40
3199	861	829	Uzziah's	" 25: 1, 28	29
3251	809	777	Jotham's	" 26: 1-3, 23	52
3267	793	761	Ahaz's	" 27: 1, 9	16
3283	777	745	Hezekiah's	" 28: 1, 27	16
3312	748	716	Manasseh's	" 29: 1; 32: 33	29
3367	693	661	Amon's	" 33: 1, 20	55
3369	691	659	Josiah's	" 33: 21	2
3400	660	628	Jehoiakim's	" 34: 1	31
3411	649	617	Zedekiah's	" 36: 5	11
3421	639	607	Times of Gentiles	" 36: 11	10
			(in Zedekiah's eleventh year)		
3491	569	537	End of seventy years of the desolation of the land. Seventy years a part of the Gentile Times.	2 Chron. 36: 22, 23	
	Y.R.	A.D.			
5941	1882	1914	End of Times of Gentiles (intervening dates well established)		2520
5962	1903	1935	To the present		21

Footnote on Calculating Future Lunations

The duration of an eclipse cycle is correctly stated on page 373 of *The Golden Age* No. 404 as 6,585.32 days, and the figures on page 375 should be corrected to correspond. (On the latter page also, forecasting the future, insert moon No. 73766 immediately before the moon marked on the chart as No. 73766 and change the latter number and all the remaining numbers to 1 higher.)

It will be observed by the careful student that from No. 73131 (January 5, 1886, 10:13 a.m.) to No. 73354 (January 17, 1904, 6:15 p.m.) is 4 minutes longer than from No. 73354 to No. 73577 (January 28, 1922, 2:13 a.m.). As the sun is constantly making compensations, altering the length of the year slightly, so with the eclipse cycles of the moon. The astronomers understand these latter very well, and the reasons for them, but it is not the intention of *The Golden Age* to examine them. In calculating future lunations they should be noticed, but, even then, any figures the average *Golden Age* reader will make will be subject to astronomical adjustments.

Persons desiring to forecast future lunations should take note of the following table, in which is a list of the "Minutes Over 29 Days" (a) for the eclipse cycle from No. 73131 to No. 73354, (b) for the cycle from No. 73354 to No. 73577, and (c) for the incomplete cycle from No. 73577 to No. 73800; and (d) is the difference, plus or minus, between the corresponding lunations of (a) and (b), and (e) is the difference, plus or minus, between the corresponding lunations of (b) and (c). It will be observed that the figures, plus or minus, necessary to make (a) agree with (b) are about the same as are necessary to make (b) agree with (c). Let the astronomers battle over the differences of a minute or so.

Using this method, the lengths of the 38 lunations needed to complete column (c) are shown in parentheses, and the

table is followed with a list of the times of lunations thus indicated. When the number of "Minutes Over 29 Days" is known, it is an easy matter to determine when the lunations themselves will occur (the approximate days and hours), within an hour or so.

Three Eclipse Cycles Compared (Minutes Over 29 Days)									
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1170	1158	1140	-12	-18	1167	1170	1165	03	-05
1130	1115	1095	-15	-20	1118	1114	1106	-04	-08
936	974	951	-12	-13	933	935	913	-03	-12
792	755	780	-07	-05	822	811	802	-11	-09
613	612	616	-01	04	642	634	629	-08	-05
491	497	507	06	10	494	490	490	-04	00
440	451	467	11	16	469	409	415	00	06
448	465	484	17	19	399	405	415	06	10
504	522	542	18	20	460	471	435	11	14
597	611	626	14	15	590	592	606	12	14
723	730	734	07	04	733	744	753	11	09
877	871	861	-06	-10	897	902	903	05	01
1027	1009	986	-18	-23	1046	1042	1032	-04	-10
1119	1093	1064	-26	-29	1146	1133	1115	-13	-18
1109	1034	1057	-25	-27	1157	1141	1120	-16	-21
1003	937	970	-16	-17	1022	1045	1029	-17	-16
853	846	844	-07	-02	886	877	868	-09	-09
707	714	723	07	09	695	692	694	-03	02
593	612	632	19	20	545	529	558	04	09
553	551	576	18	25	461	472	487	11	15
501	526	553	25	27	444	460	479	16	19
516	539	561	23	22	479	459	520	20	21
573	589	603	16	14	555	572	539	17	17
673	676	678	03	02	661	672	671	11	09
797	786	770	-11	-16	798	798	793	00	-05
914	890	860	-24	-30	951	935	916	-16	-19
939	953	919	-36	-34	1073	1078	1019	-25	-29
1006	974	943	-32	-31	1115	1087	1057	-28	-30
976	954	934	-22	-20	1055	1032	1011	-23	-21
911	905	901	-06	-04	924	913	904	-11	-09
822	834	847	06	04	776	779	724	03	05
724	748	775	24	27	652	665	682	13	17
678	669	699	30	33	567	593	613	21	25
576	606	641	31	32	521	547	575	26	28
568	594	619	26	25	515	540	566	25	26
603	618	630	15	12	549	568	587	19	19
662	663	659	01	-04	624	634	639	10	05
722	706	687	-16	-19	732	727	718	-05	-09
771	742	711	-29	-31	850	829	804	-21	-25
816	781	745	-35	-36	943	911	876	-32	-35
868	833	800	-35	-33	988	953	918	-35	-35
915	891	859	-24	-22	982	956	929	-26	-27
934	927	923	-07	-04	940	926	915	-14	-11
907	920	935	13	15	869	874	831	05	07
839	867	897	28	30	783	801	825	18	24
762	797	834	35	37	691	720	753	29	33
704	738	772	34	34	617	650	634	33	34
678	704	727	26	23	582	610	639	28	29
668	680	690	12	10	592	611	629	19	18
657	653	645	-04	-08	635	642	644	07	02
639	621	600	-18	-21	689	680	666	-09	-14
633	605	576	-28	-29	736	712	635	-24	-27
665	631	579	-34	-32	777	744	709	-33	-35
733	701	693	-32	-08	823	788	753	-35	-35
819	787	778	-32	-09	878	848	822	-30	-26
892	895	883	-03	-12	911	906	894	-05	-12
930	943	956	13	13	938	932	940	-06	08
933	960	938	27	28	887	909	934	22	25
912	947	931	35	34	816	850	895	34	35
873	907	938	34	31	747	783	819	36	36
813	836	856	23	20	703	733	761	30	28
734	742	746	08	04	683	701	715	18	14
647	640	631	-07	-09	666	669	667	03	-02
579	560	539	-19	-21	652	629	613	-23	-16
546	520	496	-26	-24	611	596	571	-15	-25
559	531	506	-28	-25	628	596	565	-32	-31
610	586	566	-24	-20	678	645	616	-33	-29
693	676	664	-17	-12	762	736	712	-26	-24
794	790	790	-04	00	851	838	823	-13	-10
903	914	925	11	11	917	921	928	04	07
1002	1025	1046	23	21	945	966	939	21	23
1055	1085	1112	30	27	941	974	1006	33	32
1032	1060	1084	28	24	912	947	951	35	34
935	953	966	18	13	861	889	913	28	24
799	802	802	03	00	785	795	809	10	14
668	659	648	-09	-11	691	689	684	-02	-05
571	553	536	-18	-17	602	587	572	-15	-15
509	438	469	-21	-19	545	522	499	-23	-23
482	463	448	-19	-15	533	507	452	-26	-25
498	484	473	-14	-11	567	542	520	-25	-22
564	557	554	-07	-03	637	619	604	-18	-15
688	688	692	00	04	736	728	722	-08	-06
857	867	875	10	08	850	854	860	04	06
1028	1044	1059	16	15	964	981	999	17	18
1135	1154	1171	19	17	1050	1077	1102	27	25
1134	1151	1162	17	11	1070	1097	1123	27	26
1035	1043	1047	08	04	1004	1025	1032	21	07
889	887	882	-02	-05	875	883	(891)	08	(08)
737	727	716	-10	-11	729	724	(719)	-05	(-05)
601	587	574	-14	-13	608	594	(580)	-14	(-14)
492	479	469	-13	-10	524	505	(486)	-19	(-19)
424	415	411	-09	-04	481	462	(443)	-19	(-19)
416	413	413	-03	00	475	461	(447)	-14	(-14)
481	492	438	01	06	517	508	(499)	-09	(-09)
617	623	631	06	08	617	616	(615)	-01	(-01)
802	812	822	10	10	771	777	(783)	06	(06)
990	1000	1007	10	07	953	966	(979)	13	(13)
1123	1131	1134	08	03	1103	1120	(1137)	17	(17)

On the latter page also, forecasting the future, insert moon No. 73766 immediately before the moon marked on the chart as No. 73766 and change the latter number and all the remaining numbers to 1 higher.)

It will be observed by the careful student that from No. 73131 (January 5, 1886, 10:13 a.m.) to No. 73354 (January 17, 1904, 6:15 p.m.) is 4 minutes longer than from No. 73354 to No. 73577 (January 28, 1922, 2:13 a.m.). As the sun is constantly making compensations, altering the length of the year slightly, so with the eclipse cycles of the moon. The astronomers understand these latter very well, and the reasons for them, but it is not the intention of *The Golden Age* to examine them. In calculating future lunations they should be noticed, but, even then, any figures the average *Golden Age* reader will make will be subject to astronomical adjustments.

Persons desiring to forecast future lunations should take note of the following table, in which is a list of the "Minutes Over 29 Days" (a) for the eclipse cycle from No. 73131 to No. 73354, (b) for the cycle from No. 73354 to No. 73577, and (c) for the incomplete cycle from No. 73577 to No. 73800; and (d) is the difference, plus or minus, between the corresponding lunations of (a) and (b), and (e) is the difference, plus or minus, between the corresponding lunations of (b) and (c). It will be observed that the figures, plus or minus, necessary to make (a) agree with (b) are about the same as are necessary to make (b) agree with (c). Let the astronomers battle over the differences of a minute or so.

Using this method, the lengths of the 38 lunations needed to complete column (c) are shown in parentheses, and the

CALCULATED TIME OF FUTURE LUNATIONS—Jerusalem Time									
		Approximate		Mean		Compared		Compared	
Moon	Days	Date	Time	Date	Time	mins.	over	with next	with Mean
						29 Ds	hr ml	hr ml	hr ml
1937 A.D.									
73762	30	Tu Jan 12	7:02pm	Tu Jan 12	2:15pm	891	2 07	4 47	
73763	29	Th Feb 11	9:53am	Th Feb 11	2:59am	719		45 6 54	
73764	30	Fr Mar 12	9:52pm	Fr Mar 12	3:43pm	580	3 04	6 09	
73765	29	Sa Apr 11	7:32am	Sa Apr 11	4:27am	486	4 38	3 05	
73766	29	Mo May 10	3:38pm	Mo May 10	5:11pm	443	5 21		1 33
73767	30	Tu Jun 8	11:01pm	Tu Jun 9	5:55am	447	5 17		6 54
73768	29	Th Jul 8	6:23am	Th Jul 8	6:39pm	499	4 25	12 11	
73769	30	Fr Aug 6	2:47pm	Sa Aug 7	7:23am	615	2 29	16 36	
73770	29	Sa Sep 5	1:02am	Sa Sep 5	8:07pm	783	19	19 05	
73771	30	Mo Oct 4	2:05pm	Tu Oct 5	8:51am	979	3 35	18 46	
73772	30	We Nov 3	6:24am	We Nov 3	9:35pm	1137	6 13	15 11	
73773	29	Fr Dec 3	1:21am	Fr Dec 3	10:19am	1191	7 07	8 58	
1938 A.D.									
73774	30	Sa Jan 1	9:12pm	Sa Jan 1	11:03pm	1123	5 59		1 51
73775	30	Mo Jan 31	3:55pm	Mo Jan 31	11:47am	969	3 25		4 08
73776	29	We Mar 2	8:04am	We Mar 2	12:31am	793	29		7 33
73777	30	Th Mar 31	9:17pm	Th Mar 31	1:15pm	634		2 10 8 02	
73778	29	Sa Apr 30	7:51am	Sa Apr 30	1:59am	509	4 15	5 52	
73779	29	Sa May 29	4:20pm	Sa May 29	2:43pm	426	5 38	1 37	
73780	30	Mo Jun 27	11:26pm	Tu Jun 28	3:27am	400	6 04		4 01
73781	29	We Jul 27	6:06am	We Jul 27	4:11pm	440	5 24	10 05	
73782	29	Th Aug 25	1:26pm	Fr Aug 26	4:55am	554	3 30	15 29	
73783	30	Fr Sep 23	10:40pm	Sa Sep 24	5:39pm	726		18 59	
73784	30	Sa Oct 23	10:46am	Mo Oct 24	6:23am	926	2 42	19 37	
73785	29	Tu Nov 22	2:12am	Tu Nov 22	7:07pm	1087	5 23	16 55	
73786	30	We Dec 21	8:19pm	Th Dec 22	7:51am	1166	6 42	11 32	
1939 A.D.									
73787	30	Fr Jan 20	3:45pm	Fr Jan 20	8:35pm	1146	6 22		4 50
73788	30	Sa Feb 19	10:51am	Sa Feb 19	9:19am	1043	4 39		1 32
73789	29	Tu Mar 21	4:14am	Mo Mar 20	10:03pm	885	2		6 11
73790	30	We Apr 19	6:59pm	We Apr 19	10:47am	708		56 8 12	
73791	29	Fr May 19	6:47am	Th May 18	11:31pm	549	3 35	7 16	
73792	29	Sa Jun							

Three		Eclipse Cycles		Compared (Minutes Over 29 Days)					
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
1159	1175	(1191)	16	(16)	1154	1150	(1146)	-04	(-04)
1101	1112	(1123)	11	(11)	1061	1052	(1043)	-09	(-09)
967	968	(969)	01	(01)	907	896	(885)	-11	(-11)
809	801	(793)	-08	(-08)	726	717	(708)	-09	(-09)
660	647	(634)	-13	(-13)	557	553	(549)	-04	(-04)
535	522	(509)	-13	(-13)	442	441	(440)	-01	(-01)
446	436	(426)	-10	(-10)	395	402	(409)	07	(07)
408	404	(400)	-04	(-04)	425	435	(445)	10	(10)
438	439	(440)	01	(01)	520	533	(546)	13	(13)
542	548	(554)	06	(06)	659	673	(687)	14	(14)
710	718	(726)	08	(08)	820	827	(834)	07	(07)
904	915	(926)	11	(11)	976	973	(970)	-03	(-03)
1071	1079	(1087)	08	(08)	1100	1089	(1078)	-11	(-11)
1160	1163	(1166)	03	(03)					

170402 170398 170392 Totals

(To be continued)

CORRECTIONS FOR NO. 404

Page 371: moon No. 73142 rose 9:47 p.m., not 9:49.
 Page 373: moon No. 73316 rose 2:30 a.m., not 2:32.
 Page 375: eclipse cycle is 6585.32 days, not 6538.32.
 Page 375: moons 73766-73772, change to 73767-73773.
 Page 376: moon No. 73446 rose 3:48 p.m., not 3:49.
 Page 377: moon No. 73476, minutes over 29 days, 798, not 803.
 Page 378: moon No. 73575 rose 3:51 p.m., not 3:49.
 Page 378: moon No. 73632 rose 1:31 a.m., not 1:10.
 Page 379: moon No. 73679 rose 9:33 p.m., not 9:32.
 Page 381: omit first asterisk (*) (under Lifeday) at top of page.
 Page 381: put asterisk (*) after 26 in month Temple, not after 27.
 Page 381: put double dagger (‡) after 27 (in month Temple), not after 28.
 Page 381: footnote ‡, Saturday, March 21, 2177939; not Sunday, March 22, 2177940.

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(In 3 Parts—Part 3)

Building of Solomon's Temple

IT IS a simple matter, now, to ascertain the exact date when the construction of Solomon's temple was begun. The new moon nearest the vernal equinox rose at 10:55 N., *Light-day, Edenic day No. 1093164, B.R. 1067, vernal equinox No. 2993* (4:55 a.m., Sunday, March 16, 1035 B.C.). This was the counterpart of No. 73590 in the Lunation Experience Table. Making use of the eclipse cycles to promote greater accuracy, the next new moon rose at 4:39 N., *Earthday, Edenic day No. 1093193* (10:39 p.m., Monday, April 14). The moon was not seen that night: hence the second month did not begin until 45 hours later, *Lifeday, Life 1, Edenic day No. 1093195, God's month No. 37019, vernal equinox No. 2993* (6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 16, 1035 B.C.). The second day of the month was 24 hours later; the work of building the temple would hardly have been begun after sundown; therefore, the work on the temple was begun *Mansday, Life 2, 1067 B.R.* (sometime Friday morning or afternoon, April 18, 1035 B.C.). Probably all that was done that day was to lay the corner stone.

* The asterisks at top of the calendar on page 381 of *The Golden Age* No. 404 represent days, each counted as a part of Jehovah's Year of Ransom 1903. The first asterisk on that page (the one immediately beneath *Lifeday*, the day of vernal equinox, *Lifeday, 9:43 D.*, Jerusalem time) is no part of Jehovah's Year of Ransom 1903, but belongs to the year previous.

"In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of [Jehovah] laid, in the month Zif [name of heathen origin]: and in the eleventh year, in the month Bul [name of heathen origin], which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it."—1 Kings 6:37, 38.

It is wished to locate the days of dedication of the temple, and as it is desirable to be as exact as possible, recourse is again had to the eclipse cycles. No. 37105, nearest the vernal equinox of 1028 B.C., is the counterpart of No. 73677, Friday, February 28, 1930, 3:58 p.m., from which it is removed by 164 eclipse cycles of 223 moons each. Table for the first eight months follows (overleaf).

The point of special interest is moon No. 37111; a correction of one hour and 29 minutes over the

"mean" lunation was obtained by using the eclipse cycles. In this month the temple was dedicated, before it was quite completed.

Dedication of the Temple

The dedication of the temple was forecast in the following instructions to Moses: "The fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto Jehovah... Besides the sabbaths of Jehovah... on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye

ESSENTIALS OF JEHOVAH'S MEMORIAL CALENDAR

EACH year has 365 or 366 days, from one vernal equinox to another, governed by the sun. Each year ends with the end, about sundown, of that day in which the vernal equinox occurs at Jerusalem; the old year's ending at that point marks the time of the beginning of the new.* The years are numbered, backward or forward, from the Ransom of mankind, by the death of Jesus, at Jerusalem, which by that act became the time center of the earth.

Each month has 29 or 30 days, governed by the moon (at Jerusalem). The 14th day of each month is that day, beginning about sundown, in which the moon becomes full over Jerusalem. The months of God (His moons) are numbered from the creation of Adam in Eden; they are named after the works of God, His doings.

Each day has 24 hours, 12 of night followed by 12 of day, of equal length at equinox, governed by the sun. The day begins, about sundown, at that point which is midway between noon and midnight. The total days of human history (Edenic days) are numbered from the creation of Adam, in Eden. They are named after the works of God, His doings.

The date of this issue (No. 406) of *The Golden Age* is Starday, Redemption 6, Edenic day No. 2177593, God's month No. 73740, Jehovah's Year of Ransom 1903.

Vernal Equinox	Moon No.	Hour	Day of Week	Edenic Day No.	Ensuing Month	Year B.R.	Hour	Gregorian Date	Year B.C.
3000	37105	5:24	N. Heavenday	1095734	Redemption	1060	11:24 pm	Sun. Mar. 28	1028
"	37106	9:37	D. Earthday	1095763	Life	"	3:37 pm	Tue. Apr. 27	"
"	37107	10:59	N. Lifeday	1095793	Visitment	"	4:59 am	Thu. May 27	"
"	37108	10:30	D. Mansday	1095822	Freedom	"	4:30 pm	Fri. June 25	"
"	37109	6:40	N. Lightday	1095852	Vindication	"	12:40 am	Sun. July 25	"
"	37110	1:35	D. Heavenday	1095881	Hope	"	7:35 am	Mon. Aug. 23	"
"	37111	8:40	D. Earthday	1095910	King	"	2:40 pm	Tue. Sep. 21	"
"	37112	4:45	N. Lifeday	1095940	Peace	"	10:45 pm	Wed. Oct. 20	"

have gathered in the fruits of the land, ye shall keep the feast of Jehovah seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest . . . And ye shall rejoice before Jehovah your God seven days. . . . It is a statute for ever throughout your generations."—Leviticus 23:34, 38, 39, 40, 41, *A.R.V.*

Allowing for the usual time for observation and proclamation, the eighth day of the seventh month began at sundown *Mansday, King 8, Edenic day No. 1095920*, which day began Thursday evening, September 30, and continued until sundown of October 1 (vernal equinox No. 3000). On that day began the dedication of the altar, lasting for seven days. The day of atonement fell on the tenth day of the same month; very appropriately the dedication of the altar began two days before. The figures are all unusually interesting. The Edenic day itself ushered in week No. 156560. This is a noteworthy number, being composed of $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 19 \times 103$. Falling on October 1 of the year of creation No. 3000, and at the time of the beginning of the dedication of the altar of Solomon's temple, this number probably has some significance that sometime will be understood. The record of the dedication itself is as follows:

"And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim [the name is of heathen origin], which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of Jehovah, . . . There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb, when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah, so that the priests

could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah." (1 Kings 8:2, 3, 9-11, *A.R.V.*) "And on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast [of tabernacles] seven days. And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away unto their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Jehovah had showed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people."—2 Chronicles 7:9, 10, *A.R.V.*

Another Astounding Confirmation

Another astounding confirmation of the accuracy of God's "faithful witness in the heavens" now appears. While, according to Holy Writ (Leviticus 23:33-39), the feast of tabernacles (which began on the 15th of this month, and lasted seven days) could have begun on any day of the week and ended on any day of the week, and both of the days would properly have been counted as special sabbaths unto Jehovah God, yet what if infinite Wisdom had so arranged it that on this most extraordinary occasion these fifteen days ended in such a way as to coincide exactly with the regular weekly sabbath arrangement? That is just what took place, for the 'twenty-third day' above specified was a weekly sabbath. The account is interesting at this point; for instead of saying that Solomon sent the people home, it says that he sent them to their tents. They remained in their tents another night, starting for home the next morning, on the first day of the week, as was meet.

The dedication of the altar for seven days, followed by the feast of tabernacles for seven days, and dismissal of the people on the next succeeding day, is set out in the following table:

Vernal Equinox	Moon No.	Day of Week	Edenic Day	Day of Month	Year B.R.	Gregorian Date	B.C. Year	Activity Specified
3000	37111	Mansday	1095920	King 8	1060	Fri. Oct. 1	1028	Altar dedicated
3000	37111	Mansday	1095927	King 15	1060	Fri. Oct. 8	1028	Feast of tabernacles
3000	37111	Godsday	1095935	King 23	1060	Sat. Oct. 16	1028	Final day

How did it happen that Solomon, after the required time had elapsed for dedication of the altar and the temple, sent the people away a day later "glad and merry in heart" as God's true people are as they read this account? The table answers. The next day was a sabbath day of rest and worship. For, be it known, this record was written for Jehovah's people that are living now. Not until now were these particular 'precious things of the moons' "thrust forth" by the power of Jehovah God.

The student who reads the accounts in 1 Kings 8 and 2 Chronicles 7 will note that not all the details of the temple furnishings, etc., were completed until a few days after the dedication services had ended. The exact time when the last vessel was made ready is not stated; it is merely mentioned that it was in the next month.

It is so in the antitype. The dedication of the spiritual temple of God and its "altar" of the sacrifice of praise to Jehovah has been in full swing for years; since 1918. When the work will all be finished is not known. Probably the end is near, but it does not matter whether it is or not.

Cleansing the Temple

The next days in the Scripture record that can be definitely located are those identified with cleansing the temple in the first year of the reign of the good king Hezekiah. His reign began in the year 777 B.R. (745 B.C.). Hezekiah was the good son of a bad man, Ahaz, in whose days the worship in the temple was neglected and idolatry was practiced. The temple had become so filled with refuse of all sorts that it took 14 men 16 days to clean it, a total of 224 days' work.

After listing the workers the account says: "Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify [clear away the rubbish], and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of Jehovah; and they sanctified the house of Jehovah in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end."—2 Chronicles 29:17, A.R.V.

The cleansing work was not finished in time for the passover to be held at the regular time (fourteenth day of first month), so, in accordance with the law, made elastic to take care of just such an emergency (Numbers 9:10, 11), arrangements were made "to keep the passover in the second month" (2 Chronicles 30:2) and messengers were dispatched to every part of Palestine to have as large and representative a gathering as possible.

"And Jehovah hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread [beginning the next day after the passover] seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised Jehovah day by day, singing with loud instruments unto Jehovah. And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that had good understanding in the service of Jehovah. So they did eat throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace-offerings, and making confession to Jehovah, the God of their fathers. And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept other seven days with gladness. For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the assembly for offerings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. And all the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem. Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even unto heaven. Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake in pieces the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim, and brake down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Ma-

nasseh, until they had destroyed them all."—2 Chronicles 30:20-27; 31:1, *A.R.V.*

Locating the Days of Hezekiah

From the spring of 777 B.R. (745 B.C.) to Y.R. 1903 (1935 A.D.) there are 2,679 years. There are 12.3682 lunations per year: total for the period, 33,135 moons. In 33,135 moons there are 148 eclipse cycles of 223 moons each, and 131 over. Back 131 moons from No. 73740 (down at this end) was the corresponding moon No. 73609. Now, 33,135 moons minus 131 are 33,004, the number of moons it is desired to go back from No. 73609, to locate the lunation nearest to the spring equinox in the year of Hezekiah above mentioned. Moon No. 73609 rose, astronomically, Jerusalem time, at 11:02 a.m., Saturday, August 30, 1924 A.D. In 33,004 moons are $33004 \times 2551442.864976$ seconds, which are 84,207,820,315.667904 seconds. Dividing in the usual way, first by 604800 (seconds in a week), then by 86400 (seconds in a day), then by 3600 (seconds in an hour), and finally by 60 (seconds in a minute), this length of time equals 139232 weeks 3 days 13 hours 12 minutes. These 3 days 13 hours 12 minutes back from 11:02 a.m., Saturday, August 30, take one to a Tuesday at 9:50 p.m. Now it is desired to go back 139,232 weeks (which are 974,624 days) from 9:50 p.m., Tuesday, August 26, 1924 A.D. From 745 B.C. to 1924 A.D. there are 2,668 years. These years contain 2668×365 days (973,820), 26×24 leap days in the 26 unbroken centuries (624), 6 leap days in the present century, 11 in the eighth century B.C., and 6 quadricentesimal leap days: total days in 2668 years, 974,467. The desired day is $974624 - 974467$, which is 157, days back from (before) August 26. The answer is that in the first year of Hezekiah's reign the new moon rose at 3:50 N., *Star-day, Edenic day No. 1199091, God's month No. 40605, B.R. 777* (9:50 p.m., Tuesday, March 22, 745 B.C.). In the year 1935 A.D., March 22 comes on a Friday. Reference to the six-thousand-year calendar (page 368 of No. 404) shows that in the year 777 B.R. (745 B.C.) the date named would have fallen on a Tuesday; which shows that the answer is correct.

Very well. The first month was ushered in about 44 hours subsequently. Cleaning up the temple, therefore, began on the morning of *Mansday, Redemption 1, Edenic day No. 1199093, B.R. 777* (Friday, March 25, 745 B.C.).

This was a work that could properly be pushed on any day of the week. The account says that on the eighth day, which was *Mansday, Edenic day No. 1199100** (Friday, April 1), ushering in week No. 171300, they came to the porch of Jehovah, and on the sixteenth of the month, which was *Godsday, Edenic day No. 1199108* (Saturday, April 9), they made an end of the cleansing work.

Referring to moon No. 73609 (counterpart, in 1924 A.D., of moon No. 40606 in Hezekiah's day), the time intervening to the next lunation was 29 days 699 minutes (29 days 11 hours 39 minutes): it therefore occurred 3:29 D., *Life-day, Edenic day No. 1199120* (9:29 a.m., Thursday, April 21). Another glance at the Lunation Experience Table, moon No. 73610, shows that the time intervening to the next succeeding lunation was 29 days 641 minutes, half of which is 14 days 17 hours 20½ minutes. Therefore, the full of the moon in the second month was 8:49 N., *Mansday, Life 13, Edenic day No. 1199135* (ushering in week No. 171305), *B.R. 777* (2:49 a.m., Friday, May 6, 745 B.C.). Depending upon visibility, it would have been possible to hold this passover on a Thursday night, and it may have been so held, but the account rather suggests that it was held sometime after sundown, next thereafter, on the sabbath which had then begun. The seven days' feast of unleavened bread began, according to the law, on the 15th of the month, *Lightday, Life 15, Edenic day No. 1199137* (Sunday, May 8), and they necessarily ended on a second sabbath; and all received such a blessing from Jehovah God that they remained over for yet another week. Their convention, therefore, like that at the dedication of the temple, seems to have lasted over three sabbaths; it ended on *Godsday, Life 28, Edenic day No. 1199150* (Saturday, May 21).

What Calendar Does God Use?

This item about Hezekiah is set out in some considerable detail, together with the calculations, because it provides yet one more surprising proof of the manner in which Jehovah God caused His 'faithful witness in the heavens' to bear record of the reliability of His Word. If the Devil, or any of his theologians, had had anything to do with the movement of the moon through the heavens, no such record would now be available.

* The prime factors are $2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 5 \times 7 \times 571$.

"For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made." So says one faithful witness of Jehovah. (Romans 1:20) "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun." (Psalm 19:1-4) Who can doubt the precision, the exactitude, the wisdom, of the great Creator? The daytime, the nighttime; summer and winter; seedtime and harvest; year in, year out, follow one another with unfailing regularity. Is it not reasonable to believe that the great Jehovah would give to His human creatures some reliable measuring "line" so their relationship to time could be reliably recorded? Jesus told His disciples the day and the hour of His second coming was known only to His Father. (Matthew 24:36) If the Father kept record with such exactness, what calendar did He use? Would He be party to the caprice of the worshippers of heathen gods and recognize the days and months named after these gods, or would He have the heavens show forth His handiwork? Would their line (measuring cord) go out throughout the earth? Is it not reasonable to believe that, with the time having come for the knowledge of Jehovah to cover the earth, His method of recording the times and seasons would be made known to His people?

Josiah's Great Passover

The next day definitely marked in the Scriptures is the great passover of King Josiah, at which time Josiah destroyed idolatry out of Judah. The reader should read the 22d and 23d chapters of 2 Kings and note the very considerable attention given to this subject in Holy Writ. On account of its connection with the feast of Jeroboam it would seem that this is about to have its fulfillment, in antitype, in "Christendom". After describing in detail the thorough cleansing work carried on under Josiah's direction (similar to that which Jehovah God is now carrying on in the earth) the account terminates:

"And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned

men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jerusalem. And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto Jehovah your God [Exodus 12:22,23], as it is written in this book of the covenant. Surely there was not kept 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 was this passover kept to Jehovah in Jerusalem. . . . 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." —2 Kings 23:20-23, 25, *A.R.V.*

It will now be of great interest to see on just what day this passover occurred. The new moon at that season rose at 12:19 N., *Lifeday, Edenic day No. 1237067* (6:19 p.m., Wednesday, March 13, 641 B.C.). The month began 48 hours thereafter (Friday evening, March 15, 641 B.C.), and its fourteenth day was *Mansday, Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 1237082, B.R. 673*, beginning at sundown Thursday, March 28, 641 B.C. Surely there could be no hour more appropriate to commemorate the passover than the same hour and the same day of the week in which the Lord himself last observed it, and at which time He instituted the new thing, the memorial of His death in vindication of Jehovah's name. How does it happen that in every one of these instances it turns out that the moon was such a true and faithful witness? It does not happen. It was arranged. There is an appropriateness about all these designations of particular days that cannot fail to impress every person who loves God. Jehovah God knew centuries in advance what would be the day of the week, as well as the day of the month, when His first and best loved son would die a ransom for many.

The Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)

The seven (Gentile) times ended with the placing of earth's rightful king upon His throne, approximately *Lifeday, King 10, Edenic day No. 2170097, Y.R. 1882* (Thursday, October 1, 1914). If they had begun exactly 2,520 years previously they would have begun October 1, 607 B.C. But the World War did not begin exactly on time. "The nations were angry" (Revelation 11:18), so angry that they could

not wait until the Devil's lease had expired; therefore the war began some nine weeks ahead of time. An approximate date is the best that can be expected on this item.* The date 588 B.C. in Oxford Bibles is nineteen years out of the way; the proper date for the following passage is 607 B.C., hitherto generally spoken of as being the beginning of the year 606 B.C. (However, the assumption that the true beginning of the year is in the fall is erroneous. The items are properly placed in 607 B.C., and nicely show the anger of the nations ahead of time, 2,520 years subsequently, as the times of the Gentiles were drawing to a close.)

"And the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. And on the ninth day of the fourth month the famine prevailed in the city. . . . And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month . . . came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: and he burnt

the house of [Jehovah], and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house burnt he with fire. But it came to pass, in the seventh month, that Ishmael, the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees." (2 Kings 25: 2, 3, 8, 9, 25, 26) There the seventy years desolation of Judah and Jerusalem began.

In the year 607 B.C. the new moon nearest the spring equinox rose 9: 23 N., *Lifeday, Edenic day No. 1249499, God's month No. 42312, vernal equinox No. 3421* (3: 23 a.m., Thursday, March 27). The day when the famine is noted as having been severe, *Mansday, Freedom 9, Edenic day No. 1249598†* (Friday, July 4), is interesting, as it was about this time (in 1914,

* "But, as above observed, the proof shows that the three and one-half times of Daniel began at the 'time of the end', to wit, October 1, 1914. At that time there were on the earth a number of persons consecrated to God and wholly devoted to his cause. They had entirely separated themselves from and broken off all alliance with worldly organizations. They were putting forth their best endeavors to preach the truth of God's kingdom. The Scriptures and the facts then, and those which follow, show that this class exactly fits the prophet's description of 'the holy people'.

"Just exactly [†] three and one-half literal years, or 1260 days, by Biblical method of calculation, after the time of the end, there began, to wit, 1918, a great persecution of these holy people of God. Early in February, 1918, many of 'the holy people', or God's anointed, in Canada were arrested and thrown into prison. In the same month the books of account and private papers of the Society's office at Brooklyn headquarters were seized. A few days later the officers of the Society at Brooklyn were arrested. They were indicted at the instance of Satan's representatives and were tried, convicted, and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment, and were, on the 20th day of June, 1918, confined in prison. At the same time many others of like precious faith and devotion to God, and in different parts of the earth, were arrested and imprisoned. The main office of the Society was completely dismantled, all communication between the main office and branch offices was cut off, and the work of giving the witness to the truth throughout the earth virtually and effectually stopped.

It was at this climax of the experiences of the church 'when he [Satan the enemy, by and through his agencies] accomplished [that is to say, completed and finished] the work of *scattering* the power of God's holy people'. This work was the wicked expression of Satan, who had been expelled from heaven and who was wroth with God's holy people.—Revelation 12: 13-17.

"As many of the numerals in Revelation appear to be literal, even so the same appears to be true in the prophecy of Daniel. According to Biblical method of calculation of time, a year of 360 days is 'a time'. Therefore, 'a time, times, and an half,' or three and one-half times, is equivalent to 1260 days, or three and one-half literal years. The beginning of this period, which must be at 'the time of the end', to wit, October 1, 1914, would necessarily end in the spring of 1918. [†] The Scriptural statement and the physical facts as they are well known to exist are therefore exactly in harmony and show that 1260 days are literal in time and began October 1, 1914, and ended practically the first of April, 1918."—*The Watchtower*, 1929, page 372.

† Beginning *exactly* October 1, 1914, and ending *exactly* 1,260 literal days thereafter, brings to March 14, 1918, the day when the United States government joined with the British government of Canada in banning certain publications of the Watch Tower Society. The storm raged around Christian literature (now no longer in print), extending, in some instances, even to Bibles and hymn books, and was the end, for that time, of religious freedom in America.

‡ The prime factors are $2 \times 7 \times 7 \times 41 \times 311$.

2,520 years later) that this war to give the liberty-loving peoples of the West a larger and better share of the "new freedom" was first seen as inevitable. The war turned out to be a famine for freedom, not a feast. Canada's Independence Day is a day earlier than that of the United States. Both countries were conspicuous in their advocacy of and participation in the war to make the world safe for democracies.

The day when Jerusalem was destroyed, including the temple, was the seventh day of the fifth month, *Lifeday, Vindication 7, Edenic day No. 1249625,* B.R. 639* (Thursday, July 31, 607 B.C.), generally regarded as about the day, in 1914, when the World War broke out.

The day in the seventh month when the flight of the Israelites (under Johanan) into Egypt took place is not named. In the year 1914 the seventh month began with moon No. 73486, rising, Jerusalem time, 6:02 N., *Lightday* (12:02 a.m., Sunday, September 20). Allowing for visibility and proclamation the month began at sundown Monday evening, September 21, and its tenth day (ten is symbolic of completeness with respect to things earthly) was, as would be expected, exactly October 1, when the world was provided with its new ruler, Christ Jesus, who will destroy every vestige of Satan's empire. (See page 432, ¶ 24.)

It is really astounding, the way in which all those dates, back there, 2520 years before 1914, were timed with such accuracy and such appropriateness to their fulfillments. Only the hand of God could have so arranged. These things particularly, that is, the "times and seasons", He put entirely in His own power, not taking anybody into His confidence, but leaving the record in the moons so that all may now read it clearly.

"The New Moons . . . by Number"

Readers have noticed that *The Golden Age* has numbered the moons from creation forward: this makes an excellent method of identification, good for the purposes of history. There seems to be a possible hint that this course would be proper in God's sight, in 1 Chronicles 23:31, which reads as follows:

"Offer all burnt sacrifices unto [Jehovah], in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order

commanded unto them, continually before [Jehovah]."

When Solomon had determined to build the temple, he wrote to Hiram, king of Tyre, saying, in part: "Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of Jehovah my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts of Jehovah our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel."—2 Chronicles 2:4, *A.R.V.*

End of Seventy Years of Desolation

It hardly seems necessary to say that the seventy years of desolation ended seventy years from the time they began. As they began in the year 607 B.C., they ended in the autumn of 537 B.C., at the time which was formerly (incorrectly) called the beginning of the year 536 B.C. Only one event in 537 B.C. claims attention, i.e., that "from the first day of the seventh month" burnt offerings were made to Jehovah at Jerusalem by the restored remnant. (Ezra 3:6) In the year 537 the new moon nearest the spring equinox (*No. 43178*) rose, astronomically, at 3:09 p.m., Saturday, April 3. The seventh moon of that year, *No. 43184*, rose at 7:33 p.m., Monday, September 27. The first day of the seventh month (*Lifeday, King 1, 569 B.R.*) began at sundown Wednesday, 47 hours thereafter, and ended at sundown Thursday, September 30. This may be taken as a hint from Jehovah God that the legal end of the desolating rule of Satan was the last day of his month of September, 1914.

The movements of Ezra can be traced "in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king" (Ezra 7:7), now known to have been the year 500 B.R. (468 B.C.). "For upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him." (Ezra 7:9) The new moon nearest the spring equinox that year rose at 11:21 N., *Starday, Edenic day No. 1300262, God's month No. 44031* (5:21 a.m., Wednesday, March 22). The new year, and the first month of the new year, began about 37 hours subsequently, and it can be said with confidence that Ezra began his trip to the contact point at the river Ahava on *Mansday, Edenic day*

* The prime factors are $5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 13 \times 769$.

No. 1300264* (Friday, March 24), ushering in week No. 185752.

"Then we departed from the river of Ahava, on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem." (Ezra 8:31) The journey proper was begun *Earthday, Redemption 12, Edenic day No. 1300275, B.R. 500* (Tuesday, April 4, 468 B.C.). Ezra arrived at his destination 107 days after leaving Ahava, i.e., reached Jerusalem on *Lifeday, Vindication 1, Edenic day No. 1300382* (probably about the beginning of that day, sundown Wed., July 19).—Ezra 7:9.

"And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days" (the day of arrival and two subsequent days, including the sabbath). "Now on the fourth day [*Lightday, Vindication 4, Edenic day No. 1300385* (beginning at sundown Saturday, July 22)] was the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the son of Jeshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; by number and by weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that time. Also the children of those that had been carried away, which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering unto [Jehovah]." (Ezra 8:31-35) Although the account does not stipulate that this great burnt offering of the people was made "upon the first day of the week" (1 Corinthians 16:2), yet the record of God's "faithful witness in heaven" discloses that it *was* made on that day, and that accounts for the delay on the part of Ezra and his companions for three days so that the offerings could be made at the appropriate time.

Ezra's Further Activities

One of Ezra's tasks was the breaking up of the mixed marriages with the heathen women of the land, entered into by certain Israelites. "It was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain." (Ezra 10:9) This conference was called for *Earthday,*

Order 20, Edenic day No. 1300520, B.R. 500* (Tuesday, December 5, 468 B.C.).

"And Ezra the priest, with certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by their names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter [ten days after the date last named]. And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month." (The session lasted three months, beginning *Mansday, Logos 1, Edenic day No. 1300530,† week No. 185790* [Friday, December 15], and ending *Earthday, Redemption 1, Edenic day No. 1300618, B.R. 499* [Tuesday, March 13, 467 B.C.]) (Ezra 10:16, 17) The chronicle of Ezra, written with references here and there to the days of God's months, now becomes a diary which can be read with accuracy and therefore with added zest and enjoyment.

A Glimpse at Nehemiah's Diary

The last date, prior to the time of Christ, that is "thrust forth by the moons" through the Scriptures is "the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king". (Nehemiah 2:1) This year, hitherto mentioned as 454 B.C. (by which was meant the beginning of the year 454, on the supposition that the true beginning of the year is in the autumn), is now positively known to be the year 455 B.C. In this article the time of Christ's death will be exactly shown. That event was midway of a week (of years) before the full end of seventy such weeks (490 years) which ended October 1, A.D. 36. (Daniel 9:24-27) From the beginning of the year 455 B.C. to the fall of A.D. 36 is 490½ years, the ½ year being ignored as in the case of Jesus, who, when 12½ years of age, is referred to as 12.

Nehemiah was a great organizer and a great worker. At the time of his first visit to Jerusalem he had but a brief leave of absence from the court at Shushan, Persia, but managed to get the wall of the city repaired by "the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days". (Nehemiah 6:15) The name "Elul" is of heathen origin; it refers to the sixth month of the year. The date is located as follows: The new moon nearest the spring equinox rose 9:33 D., *Lifeday, Edenic day No. 1305016, B.R.*

* The factors are $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 13 \times 2501$.

† The factors are $2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 563$.

* Prime factors are $2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 7 \times 7 \times 31 \times 107$.

487 (3:33 p.m., Thursday, March 28, 455 B.C.). The date desired is 174 days later, *Starday, Hope 25, Edenic day No. 1305190* (Wednesday, September 18). Nehemiah's trip one way, in those days, required four months. Now airplanes make it in a few hours, and underneath the way that he traveled runs, almost the whole distance, the largest pipe line in the world.

"And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate: and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which [Jehovah] had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month." (Nehemiah 8:1, 2) This was on *Earthday, King 1, Edenic day No. 1305196* (Tuesday, September 24).

As Ezra, on the second day of the convention, read to the people, "they found written in the law" (Nehemiah 8:13, 14) the arrangement for eight holy days (Leviticus 23:39) to be observed, beginning with the fifteenth of that month, *Earthday, King 15, Edenic day No. 1305210* (Tuesday, October 8). The people at once expressed their desire and intent to wholly obey Jehovah God. The last day of this holy convocation was *Earthday, King 22* (Tuesday, October 15). In the next verse (Nehemiah 9:1) there is an account of what took place on the twenty-fourth day of the month, two days later.

All the days definitely mentioned in the Scriptures, down to the time of Christ, that can be identified by references to the month (God's months) have now been located and discussed, and a true and perfect chronology has been found with which, in due time, all history will be found to be in accord. Not an item has been found, or could be found, that is out of harmony with God's 'faithful witness in the heavens'. The 'precious things thrust forth by the moons' have been found precious indeed; but most precious of all are the things that are coming next.

"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 host. Praise ye him, sun and moon: praise him, all ye stars of light. Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, and ye waters that are above the heavens. Let them praise the name of Jehovah."—Psalm 148:1-5, *A.R.V.*

In the Month Logos

In the naming of the months in the calendar of Jehovah God, the command of Jehovah seems to properly apply: "Declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted." (Isaiah 12:4) Among all the doings of Jehovah God for humanity, what can compare with His sending of the Logos to be man's Redeemer? Appropriately, therefore, this month in which the Logos was sent is named to commemorate that act, and in grateful appreciation, also, of the Logos himself.

Quickly calculating 29 days 12 hours 44 minutes for each lunation from the one nearest the spring equinox, mentioned in the Lunation Table, it appears that the new moon which was to usher in the month *Logos* rose 3:56 D., *Godsday, Edenic day No. 1470358, God's month No. 49791, B.R. 35* (9:56 a.m., Saturday, December 5, 3 B.C.). The new month began at sundown 32 hours later. The nineteenth day of that month *Logos, Mansday, Edenic day No. 1470378* (December 25), has arrived—day of tremendous importance in heaven and in earth.

The scene shifts to Nazareth. Elisabeth, wife of Zacharias, cousin of Mary, still in the hill country of Judea, was then in her sixth month, carrying with her her blessing, her gift from Jehovah God. The Logos and Gabriel have received their great commission: nothing like it has ever been done before, or will ever be done again. When that commission, accepted gladly, instantly and unquestioningly, had been given, the Father then and there "sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world". He did not come of himself: He was sent; but He was glad to come; glad to do *anything* that would reflect honor upon His heavenly Father's name.

He came, the Logos, accompanied by Gabriel, from the courts of heaven to the lowly scenes of earth. Together they located the humble abode of a true and faithful woman, the one to whom they had been sent. It was on the 19th day of God's month No. 49791; the heathen call it December 25; other heathen call it Christ's mass. The Logos remained invisible; Gabriel alone materialized in human form.

Gabriel came in and said to Mary, "Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women"; what followed is a matter of history, recorded in the first chapter of Luke. The evidence now in hand provides proof that it was on that

day, and probably within a second from the time Mary said, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word," that the Logos "made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men". "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."—2 Corinthians 8:9.

Then and there the Logos *divested* himself, laid aside the royal livery of heaven and entered into the tiny cell which Jehovah God had prepared for Him. The Father closed the door softly and the Logos slept; and in that cunning chamber in which all humanity were fashioned the One that had made all things, and 'without whom not anything was made that was made', experienced great changes in His organism; and they went on in Mary's too, until the early morning, 280 days later, when she held in her arms her own hope of life eternal, and the hope of all the rest of humankind, "hope of earth and joy of heaven," the Lord Jesus.

The Lord Born October 1

The evidence herein seems to clearly prove that the day of Christ's birth was *King 3, Edenic day No. 1470658*, completing *week No. 210094*, *God's month No. 49801*, *B.R. 34* (Oct. 1, B.C. 2). He was born on a *Mansday* (Friday), and died on the same day of the week, which, as will hereinafter be shown, was *Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 1482894*,* completing *week No. 211842*, *God's month No. 50215*, *Year of Ransom 1* (Friday, April 1, A.D. 33). The time of His death was 9:00 D. ("the ninth hour" of the day, 3:00 p.m.). (Mark 15:34-37) This was midway from the beginning of His ministry, about Oct. 1, A.D. 29, to the conversion of Cornelius, about October 1, A.D. 36. Jesus' ministry began on His thirtieth birthday, when He "began" to be thirty years of age, or, as the *Diaglott* puts it (Luke 3:23), "And he, Jesus, was about thirty years old when he began [his work]." Jesus being 33½ years old when He died, it is manifest that the season in which He was born was a half year removed from that of the time of His death. Jesus was born at 3:00 a.m., October 1.—Daniel 9:26, 27.

There is a nice point in determining the

* This number is made up of $7 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3923$, and will probably be found sometime to have deep significance. The sum of the digits of 3923 is $10 + 7$.

exact number of days that the Lord lived. He was cut off in the midst of the last week (of years) of the seventy weeks determined upon Jerusalem. He therefore lived to be exactly 33½ years old, from the moment of His birth to the moment of His death.

If it be true that not one sparrow falls to the ground without your heavenly Father's knowledge, how much more the critical care with which all the details of the great Vindication on Calvary were looked after! The honest-hearted will get a blessing from their confidence in the Lord that so small a matter as this was not overlooked by Jehovah God. He made the sun, and its years, and nothing is too small to escape the notice of the One who marks the sparrow's fall.

"And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the *ninth hour* Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down. And Jesus cried with a loud voice, and [expired]. And the vail of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to the bottom."—Mark 15:33-38.

The accounts of Matthew and Luke also mention the ninth hour (9:00 D., 3:00 p.m.).

(a) If the years of Jesus' life are counted as ordinary calendar years, then He lived 33½ x 365 days (12227.5 days), plus the 9 leap days of B.C. 1 and A.D. 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28 and 32; total days, 12,236, and 12 hours. In the 12,236 days there are just 1,748 weeks; and by this reckoning Jesus was born on a *Mansday* (Friday) at 3:00 a.m.; in other words, in the early morning of October 1, B.C. 2. This seems the most likely view. Jesus was born into Satan's world (2 Corinthians 4:4; John 14:30), and lived on earth while the vagaries of the Roman calendar were in use.

(b) If the years of Jesus' life are counted as years of God, i.e., each 365.2422 days in length, then the days of His life were 12235.6137, or almost a day less than in the paragraph above. By the latter calculation He was born at 12:16 a.m. a day later, i.e., *Godsday* (Saturday), Octo-

ber 2, B.C. 2. Both views are presented, so that the reader may take his choice. But there are reasons down in A.D. 1914 to believe that the view presented in (a) agrees best with the logic of later events.

The next point of special interest is when God's boy had come to the age of 12½ years. Meantime "the child went on growing, and waxing strong, becoming filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon it. And his parents used to journey yearly into Jerusalem, at the feast of the passover. And when he became twelve years, and they went up, according to the custom of the feast, and completed the days, and then were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, and his parents noticed it not."—Luke 2:40-43, *Rotherham*.

Using the eclipse cycles, to locate the temple incident as closely as possible, moon No. 49955 was the counterpart of No. 73593 in the Lunation Experience Table, which please see. And 106 eclipse cycles of 223 moons each take one back to 5:43 N., *Godsday, Edenic day No. 1475201, B.R. 21* (11:43 p.m., Friday, March 9, A.D. 12), at which time the new moon rose under which Jesus and His parents went to Jerusalem to the passover and subsequent feast. The new month and new year began 36 hours later. On the 14th day the passover was celebrated in the early hours of *Lightday, Redemption 14* (Saturday evening, March 24). The feast of unleavened bread began the next evening, and lasted seven days, ending at sundown (Sunday evening, April 1).

The three days in which Jesus was left behind were *Heavenday, Earthday and Starday, Redemption 22-24, B.R. 21* (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 2-4, A.D. 12). No doubt some of the very doctors of the law with whom Jesus talked on *Heavenday, Redemption 22* (Monday, April 2), were rejoicing 21 solar years later, to the very day, that Jesus was then silent in the tomb. At the end of the Millennium they will get a chance to see what they missed.

The Time of Jesus' Death

Of great interest to readers of *The Golden Age* is it to know the time when Jesus could look up to the One who had sent Him and cry out, in the place of the sinner He came to redeem, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" and shortly thereafter bow His dear head and meekly say, "It is finished." The read-

ers of this magazine are the first in the world to know this most precious of all the ancient things which Jehovah God has thrust forth through the moons. Recourse is had to the eclipse cycles, to be as exact as possible.

Jesus' last days were spent under moon No. 50215, removed by 105 eclipse cycles of 223 moons each from No. 73630, its counterpart, which please see in the Lunation Experience Table and the chart. This moon, No. 50215, rose at 1:22 D., *Lifeday, Edenic day No. 1482879* (7:22 a.m., Thursday, March 17, A.D. 33). Reference to the table shows it was 29 days and 693 minutes to the next in succession, No. 50216, one-half of which amount of time is 14 days 17 hours and 47 minutes. The moon under which Jesus was crucified, therefore, was at its full at 7:05 N., *Mansday, Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 1482894* (1:05 a.m., Friday, April 1, A.D. 33). Fourteen hours later that day Jesus was dead; the battle was fought and won. The Vindicator had done what He came to earth to do, and what He did was in itself a great vindication of Jehovah's word and name.

Calendar of the Lord's Last Days

The Jewish feast of the passover, held on the fourteenth of the first month, was thereafter followed by seven days of unleavened bread. These seven days of unleavened bread, in the mind of most Jews, seem to have been the important thing. They occurred on the 15th to the 21st of the month, inclusive. The 14th, the day of Christ's death, was referred to as "the day of the preparation". (Matthew 27:62; Luke 23:54) See footnote, *Emphatic Diaglott*, comment on Luke 2:43: "Eight days, of which the feast of the Passover was one, and the rest were the seven days of unleavened bread."

When, therefore, one reads, "Then Jesus, six days before the passover, came to Bethany," and "There they made him a supper", the proper understanding is that He came in the daytime, not of *Godsday*, but of *Lightday, Redemption 9, Edenic day No. 1482889, Y.R. 1* (Sunday, March 27, A.D. 33), and that the supper at which Mary broke upon Him the alabaster box of ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, was in the closing hours of *Lightday, Redemption 9* (Sunday, March 27). John 12:1-11 may now be read with added zest.

The story continues (John 12:12) that "on the next day", *Heavenday*, occurred the tri-

umphal entry, which is therefore identified as having taken place in the daylight hours of *Heavenday, Redemption 10, Edenic day No. 1482890* (Monday, March 28). There God's paschal Lamb was selected for sacrifice. (See John 12:12-15; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:29-44.) This is the day on which Jesus wept over Jerusalem and declared it should be leveled to the ground. (Luke 19:41-44) "And Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple: and when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the eventide was come, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve."—Mark 11:11.

"And on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he was hungry." (Mark 11:12) It takes considerable food to supply the needs of twelve active men, and apparently rations were short or missing for Jesus and His followers on the morning of *Earthday, Redemption 11, Edenic day No. 1482891* (Tuesday, March 29). Some of Jehovah's people today are familiar with the sensation of hunger which led to Jesus' prophetic act. (Verse 13) It was on this day that the second cleansing of the temple occurred. "And when even was come, he went out of the city."—Mark 11:19. (See Luke 19:45-48; Matthew 21:12-16; Mark 11:14-18.)

"And in the morning [*Starday, Redemption 12, Edenic day No. 1482892* (Wednesday, March 30)], as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots." (Matthew 21:20-22; Mark 11:20-25) On this day Christ's authority was challenged by the chief priests and elders (Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8); He spoke the parable of the certain man who planted the vineyard (Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19); answered the question about the tribute to Caesar (Matthew 22:15-40); spoke about the woman who had seven husbands, and which is the greatest commandment (Mark 12:13-34; Luke 20:20-40); asked whose son is Christ (Matthew 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44); gave His condemnation of the clergy (Matthew 23; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 20:45-47); contrasted the ostentatious rich with the poor humble widow who gave her all. (Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4) On this day Jesus said His hour was come, and on it the Father spoke to Him audibly from heaven. (John 12:20-36) On this day the Jews turned away from Him, refusing to accept Him (John

12:37-50); on this day was the great prophecy spoken regarding the end of the world (Matthew 24 and 25; 26:1, 2; Mark 13; Luke 21:5-38)); and on this day Judas made his bargain with the chief priests. (Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16; Mark 14:1, 2, 10, 11; Luke 22:1-6) One can hardly imagine the amount of nervous energy used up in such a strenuous day.

On *Lifeday, Redemption 13, Edenic day No. 1482893* (Thursday, March 31), the disciples prepared for the passover, and that night, after sundown, there was the last supper (Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:7-30; John 13:1-30), and Jesus gave His intimate followers His farewell discourses (Matthew 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-38; John 13 to 16 inclusive) and the last prayer.—John 17.

On that same day, i.e., *Mansday, Redemption 14, Edenic day No. 1482894, Y.R. 1* (Friday, April 1, A.D. 33), there was the agony in Gethsemane (Matthew 26:30-46; Mark 14:26-42; Luke 22:39-46; John 18:1), the betrayal and arrest (Matthew 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-52; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-12), the trial before the Jewish authorities (Matthew 26:57 to 27:10; Mark 14:53-72; Luke 22:54-71; John 18:12-27), the trial before Pilate (Matthew 27:11-31; Mark 15:1-20; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28 to 19:16), and, of course, the crucifixion and burial.

On *Godsday, Redemption 15, Edenic day No. 1482895* (Saturday, April 2), the priests and the Pharisees had their watch posted at the Savior's tomb.—Matthew 27:62-66.

On *Lightday, Redemption 16, Edenic day No. 1482896* (Sunday, April 3), Jesus was raised from the dead (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-11; Luke 23:56 to 24:12; John 20:1-18), and the watch reported their unsuccessful efforts to keep Him in the tomb (Matthew 28:11-15); Jesus took the walk to Emmaus with two of His disciples (Mark 16:12, 13; Luke 24:13-35), and that night appeared to the disciples, Thomas being absent.—Mark 16:14; Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25.

Life and Visitation

Awakened from the sleep of death on the day last above named, Jesus "shewed himself alive after his passion, by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days". (Acts 1:3) Therefore His ascension into heaven

took place on *Lifeday*, *Life* 24, *Edenic day* No. 1482935 (Thursday, May 12). Had Jesus not ascended into heaven and there presented the evidence of His perfect work on man's behalf, God's gift of *life* to fallen man would have been held in abeyance. All hope of life for man rests in the fact that Jesus finished in every respect the work the Father gave Him to do, and this included His ascension on high as well as His death. A dead Savior would be a great testimonial of love, but a risen and exalted Savior means *life* to a dead and dying world.

Ten days later, at Pentecost, *Lightday*, *Visitment* 6, *Edenic day* No. 1482945 (Sunday, May 22), the holy spirit was poured out upon the little company waiting for it at Jerusalem. The name *Visitment* is applied to this month because of this great event. See in the concordance the many, many times in which God promised to visit His professed people, either for good or for ill. This word may be used in respect to either kind of visit; in this case, how gracious and kind!

Thus, of the thirteen months that may go to make up one of the years of Jehovah God, four, *Redemption*, *Life*, *Visitment* and *Logos* are named after the doings of God at the time of the first advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. The other months are named after His doings in the last threescore years. In the interim little of real consequence occurred.

The Watchtower—Visitment

The night of darkness that settled down upon the world with the death of the apostles began to be lifted on *Earthday*, *Visitment* 11, *Edenic day* No. 2157222, *Y.R.* 1847 (Tuesday, July 1, A.D. 1879), by the publication of the first number of the magazine that Jehovah God has used as His mouthpiece from that time to this. Twice every month it has gone to His people in every part of the world, filled to the brim with the truth as it has become due in these last days. What *The Watchtower* is, and what it does, can be readily learned by any inquirer who will address The Watch Tower, Brooklyn, N. Y., and request a sample copy. The journal is devoted entirely to the vindication of God's name. All its studies in the Scriptures are to that end. It should be in the home of every reader of *The Golden Age*, and, indeed, of every child of God. The month *Visitment* is also appropriately named in that in this month the first

issue of *The Watchtower* appeared. Not only are the contents of *The Watchtower* different, and on a far higher plane than of any other journal in the world, but the Lord's poor have always been able to get it without money and without price, merely by asking for it once a year. Studies in the Divine Word, appearing from issue to issue in *The Watchtower*, often find their way, later, into important books on Bible subjects. The readers of *The Watchtower* get the truths first, and later on the same truths get to the general public.

Under moon No. 73630, *Earthday*, *Visitment* 12, *Edenic day* No. 2174351, *Y.R.* 1894 (Tuesday, May 25, A.D. 1926), at London, England, there the 1335 days ended and there began the great era of blessedness spoken of by Daniel the prophet. This blessedness was marked by a testimony to the rulers that Jehovah God has placed His chosen One upon His throne.

Order—1 Corinthians 14: 40

"Order is heaven's first law"; and so that the Lord's work might be prosecuted in an orderly manner in the earth, the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society was incorporated, on *Godsday*, *Order* 21, *Edenic day* No. 2159214, *Y.R.* 1852 (Saturday, December 13, 1884). Back in the days of Judges, the Bible says of the simple pastoral people that then constituted Jehovah's people, "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." But those that then lived in Canaan were not entrusted with a world-wide witness work. Such a course now would be wasteful, disorderly and inefficient in the highest degree. God's work, to be done properly, requires organization, order, system. (Deuteronomy 12: 8) The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, God's organization in the earth, is today the most efficient organization beneath the sun. The arrangement is of God. The Society was incorporated by men, true, and men carry on God's work, the witness feature; but the witnessing is of God.

The Day of Jehovah

The "Day of Jehovah", "That Day," the "Great Day of God Almighty", began with His placing His Son upon His throne, and commissioning Him to rule in the midst of His enemies. While the Bible is full of pictures representing that epoch, which reaches from the establishment of the kingdom of God in

the earth down to and including Armageddon, yet none seem to represent it better than Moses' errand to Egypt, so forcefully presented in the book *Jehovah*.

Moses, in Egypt, delivering the Israelites, humbling Pharaoh and bearing witness to the approaching vindication of God's name, represents the Lord Jesus, through His organization visible and invisible, doing the same thing, on a colossal scale. The serving of notice on Pharaoh, and the subsequent pouring out of the plagues, engaged Moses and Aaron for 21 days.* Christ Jesus has been reigning in the midst of His enemies 20½ years. The anti-typical plagues, however, did not begin until after the coming of the Lord to His temple, in the spring of 1918. Everything indicates that Armageddon is very near.

It will be a pleasure, now, for Jehovah's people to hastily sketch some of the principal items that have gone to make up the Day of Jehovah and to observe how appropriately the names selected for the remaining months of the year agree with the things that Jehovah God, through His Field Marshal, and His organization, has been doing within that period.

King

Throughout the Elijah period of the activities of Jehovah's organization in the earth, there was repeated insistence of expectation of a great change to take place October 1, 1914. How well that expectation was based upon the Scriptures is clearly apparent from comments on pages 423-425 of this issue on "The Times of the Gentiles".

It is now noted that the *King* came on *Mansday*, *King 3*, *Edenic day No. 1470658*, *B.R. 34* (Friday, October 1, B.C. 2). That was the day that He was *born*. "Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I *born*, and for this cause came I into the world."

* Others have fancied the plagues extended over long intervals, months or even up to 2½ years, but the reverse view, i.e., that Jehovah God was there to deliver His people and to absolutely crush all opposition by continued and ever-increasing pressure, seems much more reasonable, especially in view of the fact that the expression "tomorrow" occurs so repeatedly in the account. Exodus 7:7: "And Moses was fourscore years old . . . when [he] spake unto Pharaoh," coupled with the fact that he died just forty years (lacking 16 days) afterwards, *proves* that the plagues all occurred in less than two months up to the passover in the spring of 1515 B.C.

(John 18:37) Christ became earth's righteous ruler 1915 years from the day He was born. In other words, the long anticipated Hope of the World began His reign on *Lifeday*, *Edenic day No. 2170097* (Thursday, October 1, A.D. 1914). It is from that date that the 1260 days of Daniel 12:7 begin to count.

Because it is the reign of Christ Jesus that constitutes the Second Presence or *Parousia*, it would seem to be not improper to say that the Second Advent occurred on *Lifeday*, *King 10*, *Edenic day No. 2170097*, *Y.R. 1882* (Thursday, October 1, A.D. 1914), under moon No. 73486. He came to bring life to man; He came as man's *King*; He came to perfectly fulfill His office as the appointed Ruler of the earth, as the symbolism of 10 indicates. Ezekiel 21:27 shows that when Jesus comes God gives Him the Kingdom. Before that coming God did not disclose the day or the hour.

Under moon No. 73548, *Starday*, *King 6*, *Edenic day No. 2171923*, *Y.R. 1887* (Wednesday, October 1, A.D. 1919), the first issue of *The Golden Age* was published. It has always been true to the King, earth's bright and morning Star. Some will notice the "6" and remark that *The Golden Age* is not quite perfect yet; yes, but the best possible under the circumstances. Its columns, also, are full of hope for distressed humanity.

Under moon No. 73572, *Godsday*, *King 28*, *Edenic day No. 2172654*, *Y.R. 1889* (Saturday, October 1, A.D. 1921), *The Harp of God* was published. It is a book of God, a book of the King, now in its 6,000,000 edition, in 32 languages. What hope and comfort it has brought to millions can hardly be estimated. In instances, even clergymen have said of this work that it is the most wonderful book they have read.

Under moon No. 73647, *Godsday*, *King 4*, *Edenic day No. 2174845*, *Y.R. 1895* (Saturday, October 1, 1927), *Creation* was published, one of the most valuable of aids to a comprehension of God's purposes; a perfect harmonization of science and the Bible. In instances this work has been used as a textbook in high schools, in the coal regions, as the most scientific and reasonable record in print as to how the coal measures were laid down.

Under moon No. 73684, *Godsday*, *King 3*, *Edenic day No. 2175937*, *Y.R. 1898* (Saturday, September 27, A.D. 1930), *Light*, Books One

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Suppressing Truth

A five-minute talk

(Part 2)

by Judge Rutherford

THERE are millions of persons associated with the Catholic and Protestant church organizations who desire to know the truth and to do what God commands. If they are not permitted to hear discussed the truth of the Bible, then they cannot learn. The clergy teach the people the same doctrines that they were taught 1500 years ago. The Bible says that greater light shall come to the people at the end of the world. We are now at the end of the world, and greater light has come, and the people must hear the truth.

If the truth when broadcast exposes to view the erroneous doctrines that have long been taught by men such programs are not an attack on clergymen as men, but are for the good of all honest persons because the truth is of greatest public interest, convenience and necessity. The Scriptures declare: 'Let God be true though the truth make liars of all men.' Note some of the doctrines taught by the churches for centuries but which now clearly appear to be erroneous and injurious to the people. One is the doctrine of "purgatory", which teaches that when a man dies he is not in fact dead but that he is conscious in "purgatory", undergoing punishment, and that a Catholic priest by praying for such one in "purgatory" may shorten the term of his punishment, and that the people should pay money for such prayers. The Bible shows such doctrine to be wholly false. The Bible teaching is that when a man dies he is completely dead, cannot feel or hear, and that he knows not anything, and that he is not undergoing punishment anywhere. If the Bible is true, and the doctrines of men false, which one should the people hear? If priests take money from the people with the understanding that it is pay for their prayers to get dead men out of "purgatory", or to shorten their punishment, then that is obtaining money under false pretenses and is to the injury of the people. Is it more important to let the people receive the truth or to keep in vogue false doctrines by which they are injured?

Christ Jesus was raised from the dead, and the Bible teaching is that His resurrection is a guarantee that all who have died shall be raised out of death. Jesus said (John 5:28,

29): 'All in their graves shall come forth.' It follows that those in their graves are not undergoing punishment. The proof shows that your beloved dead are not in "purgatory" suffering, but that when God's kingdom is established all the dead shall be awakened and your loved ones brought back to you. Is the truth more comforting and important to the people than the "purgatory" doctrines which enable selfish men to gain money? Should the people have the opportunity to hear what God's Word says and then each one decide for himself what he wants to believe?

The clergy say that only they can interpret the Scriptures. The Bible says the Scriptures are not of private interpretation. God makes it plain that His due time has now come for all persons to understand the Bible who try to understand it. Jehovah's witnesses are bringing to your attention these great and important truths that you may know what the Bible contains and thus learn the truth and be free from superstition, error and false doctrines that do injury to you. Jesus said, 'Learn the truth, and the truth shall make you free.' Get the books that Jehovah's witnesses bring to you, and thereby learn the truth of the Bible.

Honest persons desire peace, prosperity and life. There is only one way to learn how such blessings can be obtained, and the Scriptures disclose that way. Jehovah God is the Giver of life, through Jesus Christ, but no one can receive a gift without having a knowledge that the gift is offered to him. The clergy talk to the people only about the schemes of men for the peace and prosperity of the world. God in His Word declares that the kingdom under Christ, alone, will bring peace and prosperity. The clergy tell you that the world is growing better, and you know the facts show to the contrary. The Scriptures show that the great crisis has been reached and that the most terrible trouble is just ahead and the only way to escape that trouble is to learn and to follow God's instructions. There is nothing of such great importance to you as a knowledge of the truth, and for that reason Satan and his agents are trying to suppress the truth. But the Lord declares the message of truth shall be established for ever.

[The foregoing is another of Judge Rutherford's "five-minute" talks which have met with such appreciation. This unique series of talks on vital Bible subjects has been reproduced for the phonograph, and the records may be used on the ordinary type of machine. They are being widely used for the home

circle and for passing on to neighbors, friends and acquaintances the Bible's message for today. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries concerning these records should not be addressed to The Golden Age, but to the Society.]

Jehovah's witnesses

More About "Religious Susceptibilities"

THE MONITOR, official organ of the archdiocese of San Francisco, gives space to the following item:

"Montreal, Jan. 11 (NCWC).—An interesting decision on the question of religious liberty was handed down here Monday by Mr. Justice Charles Wilson of the Quebec Superior Court, in dismissing appeals made by 12 members of the International Bible Students Association from convictions of the recorder of Ste. Rose, Que.

"The 12 were found guilty in connection with the propaganda methods. They gathered outside the parish church at Ste. Rose last August and distributed pamphlets to the worshipers as they left the church after mass and stopped to discuss their beliefs with them. They were arrested and found guilty on charges of violating the Lord's Day Act and of acting in a manner likely to cause disturbance of the public peace.

"Mr. Justice Wilson, in rendering his judgment, said that there was a difference between the exercise of religious liberty and license to offend the religious sensibilities of fellow-citizens. He pointed out that if the group had hired a hall to voice their views no offense would have resulted, but, he added, their action in interfering with citizens peacefully leaving their own church was a different matter."

Justice Wilson is to be congratulated on stating what will or will not offend the religious sensibilities or religious susceptibilities of certain people. But his decision is open to question. In a certain section the Catholics and their religious susceptibilities were so profoundly disturbed and offended that when a hall or theater was hired for the purpose of giving a Bible lecture they saw to it that the speaker was surrounded by machine guns and the place was overrun by "officers of the law" heavily armed. You can never tell about religious sensibilities. They don't seem to have a thing to do with what is fair, honest and just. In fact, the more there is of religious susceptibility, the less of justice, truth and righteousness. It is wonderful, too, what you can get by with when you start hollering about your hurt "religious sensibilities". You can put it all over on the judges and "officers of the law" who would

never bat an eye when you point out the undisputed fact that they are going contrary to the law of Jehovah God.

The Lawless Police of Griffin

THE Atlanta Journal gave no intimation, some months ago, that there had been a convention of Jehovah's witnesses in that city during which thousands of individuals went from house to house, without interference, presenting to the people the gospel of the Kingdom, in printed form. Later, however, when forty of such workers were arrested and jailed by the lawless police of the little city of Griffin, the Atlanta "news"paper in question took pains to mention it and to say that they "were reported to have been selling anti-Catholic literature". The press is not interested in giving the people the facts, but in so misrepresenting the facts that the iniquitous oppressors of the people, political, financial and ecclesiastical, including the lawless police, may continue a little longer in their work of spoliation. Incidentally, that little tell-tale lie, "anti-Catholic literature," shows who were the ones behind the crime of illegal arrest.

Eager to Reproach Jehovah

THE eagerness with which the Associated Press welcomes an opportunity to dishonor the name of the Most High is evidenced from the wide publicity given to the following item, which certainly contains no news value.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 21.—A Negro approached a window in the license inspector's office to-day to buy a tag. As the prospective purchaser gave his name the clerk's pencil stopped; he glanced up in surprise. "Is that your name, or the name of some church organization?" Jenkins asked. "It's my own personal name," the Negro replied, displaying a bill of sale to prove it. Jenkins passed over the tag. It was issued to "Jehovah Witnesses".

This item was given considerable prominence in the press, but when a convention of thousands of Jehovah's witnesses assembles or when a petition circulated by them receives millions of signatures, the public press is entirely silent.

Federal Strangulation Board

THE tendency to present and support legislation which will suppress free speech and the free expression of opinion in various ways is increasingly manifest in the affairs of America. A bill to censor motion pictures and to prevent the portrayal of certain unwelcome truths is now under consideration. Among other things, the bill provides that no motion picture would be granted a license if not in accord with public welfare; for instance, such pictures as deprecate or ridicule public officials, or officers of the army or navy, or offend the religious beliefs of any person, creed or sect, or ridicule ministers, priests, rabbis or *recognized* leaders of any religious sect. In other words, the clergy are to be made to appear an irreproachable group, whatever they may be in fact. From this standpoint, it would be improper, for instance, to portray the episode enacted in a New York hotel in which a Roman Catholic priest got a newly married couple well drunk and then took the lady to his own room, thinking the man was asleep. The man followed and caught the priest and the woman together, killed them, and also shot himself. Isn't that enough to shock anybody's "religious sensibilities and susceptibilities"? But it happened in real life, so why not stop such things in reality before attempting to suppress their portrayal? Let the truth be told.

Military Service Not Optional

TWO students of the University of California, Los Angeles, were suspended because they refused military drill, basing their refusal on religious grounds. The United States Supreme Court upheld the University's authorities in suspending the students, declaring that the military training requirement is constitutional. The court held that no conscientious objector, student or not, has any constitutional immunity from military service. This in spite of the fact that Jesus said, 'They that take to the sword, shall perish by the sword.' The weapons of the Christian's warfare are not carnal.

Abandoned Railroad Track

DURING the past year and eight months enough railroad track has been abandoned in the United States to reach across the country and half way back, or a total of 4,555 miles. Less than 100 miles of new track was laid during that time.

Daily Dog Walking Service, Inc.

JAMES DALEY, of New York, observing what an unpleasant job most people find it to take the dog for a walk, has organized a Dog Walking Service, and will take out a dog every day for \$5.00 a month up per dog. We venture the suggestion that the Dog Walking Service provide each dog walker with a shovel, broom and container. This equipment seems to be a necessary item in the fine art of dog walking. Other refinements may be added with the advancement of science. Of course, it would be much better if there were no dogs to be walked in the city at all. The country is the place for dogs.

Lining Up for the Grand Bust

THINGS seem to be lining up nicely for the grand bust. There are 11½ millions of unemployed in America. The proposals for their relief are a half billion under last year's budget, and, as the work relief program will cost more than the method superseded, the exhaustion of the relief fund will be along by early summer. And then what? Might as well ring up the ambulance.

Are You Chiliastic?

R. ORVILLE YEAGER, of Veedersburg, Ind., who claims the title of "Reverend", says that the chiliastic view is heretical. A chiliast is one who believes that Christ will reign upon earth a thousand years. No doubt the "Reverend" considers the apostle John a chiliast and a heretic; for John wrote the words of Revelation 20:4-6.

How He Got the Dollar

TONY N—— (Minnesota) says: "Yesterday a buddy stopped me on the road and wanted to buy my American Legion cap. After I had given him the reason why it would never fit my head again, he still wanted it; so the deal was made. Here is the dollar for a year's subscription for *The Golden Age*."

New York's Poor Man's Court

NEW YORK, N. Y., has opened a poor man's court at which, though not debarred, lawyers are not welcome. Claims above fifty dollars are excluded. Plain English is used instead of legal phraseology. The cost of a trial is only \$1.25.

Eureka

ONCE upon an evening dreary I was searching, weak and weary (And I hoped I would not have to search in vain), Through a mass of reading matter, Most of which was hopeless chatter, For a good outstanding magazine, When at last a cover page, On it written "GOLDEN AGE", Came to view and fairly took me off my feet. Then I knew my search was ended, And that now I was befriended, By a magazine no mortal mind can beat. You may have your numerous volumes With their long and tedious columns; This new find of mine contains them all in one. In concise and pungent dictum It brings forth the world, a victim, Holds it up and slowly turns it 'round and 'round. As it turns we see its actors, Good and bad, and all the factors In this life of joy and hope and greed and woe. So, my friends, if you would gather Truth from all the reading matter, To *The Golden Age* forthwith you'll surely go.—E. D. Eales, with apologies to Poe.

Mr. Hershey's Viewpoint

MR. HERSHEY, chocolate manufacturer of Hershey, Pa., has had a lot of fun providing orphan boys with educational opportunities. He started with two boys, and now has built an industrial school which will accommodate 1500 pupils. At the dedication of the new building which was recently completed Mr. Hershey said: "I had no idea what would happen or how it would grow. I thought that if it grew to provide for 100 boys it would have been a good job. I hope to see this school carry on to new heights. After a man dies he cannot spend his money, and it has been a pleasure for me to spend mine as I have done."

Old Enough to Know Better

THROWING stones at trains is dangerous business. Three boys, aged 8, 9 and 10, indulged in this pastime and broke 25 windows, in 13 trains, injuring 23 passengers, on the New York Central railroad. One of the boys was the son of a policeman.

Two Children Each in Massachusetts Families

IN THE state of Massachusetts there are 1,070,970 families, with an average of 4.017 persons per family. There are 1,808,840 employable persons in the state, which is 42 percent of the population.

Celebrating Christmas

CHRISTMAS tree candles or short circuits in Christmas tree electric wiring caused a number of tragedies. Three children and their mother died in a tree fire in Joplin, Mo., and a similar group lost their lives in another such fire at Sedalia, Mo. For the first time in many years there were no reports of poison liquor cases as compared with the large number of holiday deaths during prohibition years. There were many accidents due to automobile drivers' being intoxicated, however.

Self-Tuning Radio

A NEW radio set has been invented which will tune to any one of seven radio stations desired at any time during twelve hours. Surrounding the clock are little holes or sockets into which cords can be plugged which connect the radio with the desired station or stations. The sockets are fifteen minutes apart; and when the hour hand points to a socket that has been connected with a certain station the radio will tune in on that station.

Crime in the Grand Style

CRIME costs the United States \$12,000,000,000 a year. This branch of present-day civilization gets and spends more than the income of the United States government itself. The United States homicide rate is fifty times that of Great Britain. Now that the rich are in danger as a result of the increased activity of kidnapers, an effort will perhaps be made to do something about the crime situation.

Old Manuscript Found

A PILE of dusty manuscripts found in a Cairo bookshop was discovered to be a portion of the Bible, written in the second century. It is the oldest manuscript copy of the Bible yet found. The next oldest manuscript dates back to the fourth century. The manuscript included the gospel of Matthew, Paul's epistles and portions of the Hebrew scriptures.

Talking Books

BOOKS that talk will soon be a possibility and a probability. It will merely be a matter of recording the book on a film and then having an electric eye projected through the sound tracks, of which there can be several on one film, each representing an installment or chapter in the story.

Transportation Items

Santa Monica's Municipal Buses

MANY Santa Monicans make their living in Los Angeles and therefore have to go back and forth every day. A few years ago the only way to get to Los Angeles was by railroad, and the fare was 30c one way, 55c for round trips, and a slightly lower rate for monthly tickets. The Santa Monicans decided that this was too much for its commuters, and so set about to provide municipal transportation service. Motor coaches or buses, 33 feet long, were purchased, eight to begin with, and others were added as needed. They weigh eight tons each, and carry 31 passengers. By this time the original buses have been driven 700,000 miles, four others have covered 500,000 miles, and two bought still more recently have 300,000 miles to their credit. And the fare is now 15c to Los Angeles, the distance from Santa Monica to that city being divided into three 5c zones. The bus line pays its executives less than private companies do, but the drivers receive 50-percent more than do drivers of a competing privately owned transit company.

Heads We Win; Tails You Lose

UNDER laws kept on the books by the influence of the shipping lobby the liability of the owners of the Morro Castle cannot exceed the present value of the wreck, and collections made from passengers and sale of cargo. Because the vessel is a complete loss, the Ward Line collects and keeps all the insurance. Its liability for damages is reduced almost to zero. Heirs and dependents of the 134 who died in the disaster have brought suits against the company for more than \$1,000,000, but the company went into Federal court and asked for an order limiting its liability to \$20,000, in spite of the fact that it had already arranged to collect several millions in insurance. An American steamship company finds it more profitable to lose a ship than to salvage it, hence an "SOS" is likely to be delayed, even though passengers are in danger. In the case of the Vestris disaster it was charged that this is exactly what was done.

Too Much of a Strain?

H. D. ROBINSON, the engineer who piloted the new streamlined, Diesel-engined train most of the way across the country, from Los Angeles to New York, completing the run in 56 hours 55 minutes, fainted in the New York station when he tried to tell his story to a battery of newsreel operators.

TVA Brings About Lower Power Rates

THE low rate for electricity in the Tennessee Valley has resulted in reduction of power rates in portions of eleven states to the extent of effecting a total saving to consumers of approximately \$15,000,000 yearly. Using the increased consumption of electric power under TVA rates at Athens, Ala., as a gauge, Edward Falck, TVA rate engineer, estimates that under like circumstances and conditions the entire United States would use twenty-one billion kilowatt hours of electricity at a cost of \$463,000,000 instead of the twelve billion kilowatt hours at a cost of \$633,000,000 as reported for 1932 by the census bureau.

New Trolley Car in Brooklyn

BROOKLYN has a new type of trolley car, just one, so far. It is built along modern lines, similar to the new streamlined trains, with the sides extended almost to the street, covering the wheels and giving the car a trim appearance. Windows are operated by means of turning handles, as in automobiles. Lighting is indirect. It has aluminum handrails and fittings. The use of aluminum for exterior trimmings and fittings is objectionable, as it is known to corrode rapidly.

Record Crossings of the Atlantic

THE Bremen, crossing the Atlantic for the 100th time, made the trip in four days 14 hours 27 minutes, established a record run for the North Atlantic trade, though the weather was not entirely favorable. The Italian liner Rex, however, still holds the record for Atlantic crossings, winning the blue ribbon in August, 1933, crossing from Gibraltar in 4 days 13 hours 58 minutes. The Bremen's route was from Cherbourg.

\$25 Fee to Be a Truck Driver

MAYBE you have thought it might be a good idea to come to New York and get a job as a truck driver. But don't come unless you have \$25 initiation fee, to get into the truck drivers' union; and if not in the union it is useless to drive on the piers, as the longshoremen refuse to handle goods from non-union trucks. Life gets more and more complicated every day.

"Glad Now I Listened"

"THIS was the first time I heard Judge Rutherford speak over the radio, and I am glad now that I listened in."—Mrs. J. N., Ohio.

Attempts at Government

If It Be So, Why Is It Thus?

AN ITALIAN, in the *Pittsburgh Press*, asks the following questions with reference to Fascism: "If it uplifts the classes, why is it necessary that every third person in Italy be a policeman, a guard or a spy? If it celebrates a new enlightenment, why does Mussolini say, 'We must furnish the brains of our people less sumptuously in order to build up their character,' and then spend money intended for schools to the building of battleships? If it corrects our institutions, why has Mussolini found it necessary to announce five times the establishment of corporative state, officially, and yet no such corporative state exists? If it means a frank facing of facts, why is there such a tight censorship on news from Italy, so that we hear of the many peasant revolts and farmers' uprisings by letter only months later? If Fascism inspires the respect of the masses of Italian people (and I have far too great faith in my own people to believe that), why does Mussolini find it important that when the people vote they vote 'yes' for Mussolini on a blue ballot and 'no' on a pink as guards watch?"

It Looked Suspicious

SENATOR CLARK, addressing the Senate in connection with the munitions inquiry, said: "Loudly proclaiming our devotion to the cause of disarmament, we in the last Congress aroused suspicion throughout the world and probably caused the start of another disastrous naval-building race by authorizing more than \$1,000,000,000 for additional warships." He asserted that the existence of an international munitions ring is well known and that indisputable evidence had been found of intimate connection between American munitions firms and those of the chief countries of the world. Senator Pope said: "The nations of the world seem to be in the grip of some monster that is driving them to destruction. Preparations for the next war are feverishly under way. That it is inevitable is widely assumed."

"Alone on the Range"

THE Nashville *Tennessean* has a good take-off on the NRA. It is a cartoon of the blue eagle cooking in a pot on a hot stove entitled "Criticism of the NRA". As he cooks the eagle screams, "It is not the heat; it is the 'Hugh'-midity." The title of the cartoon is the popular song "Alone on the Range".

The Boy Who Made the Best Choice

THREE Indiana boys walked twelve miles to a distant town, robbed a grocery, and each carried back a twenty-pound load of food for the folks at home. Arrested, tried and found guilty, the presiding judge offered each boy his choice of a term in a reformatory or, for sixty days, he must walk every day the 24 miles and carry his twenty-pound load. On Saturdays and Sundays the lad need walk but one way. Two of the boys chose the reformatory sentence, but one of the boys chose the better part. Throughout the bitterest winter weather, at last accounts, he was walking out his 1,248 miles. He is not allowed to accept rides. He will emerge from his experience in better condition physically, mentally, and morally than the boys who chose the reformatory sentence.

In the Detention Camp at Fort McPherson

IN THE detention camp at Fort McPherson, Ga., thirty-three persons who had committed the crime of being hosiery workers and wanting better working conditions were confined in a garage not provided with sanitary conveniences. Cases of trench mouth developed, due to the use of aluminum vessels for drinking water; there was no floor to the garage; the furnace leaked, and made the men sick. Rats in the adjoining storeroom kept the men awake at night. Towels and soap were issued after three days. Two meals a day were served, with the diners standing. Letters written by prisoners to their families were not delivered. When the hosiery workers emerged they were verminous. Hitler papers, please copy.

\$13,500 to Watch Nine Rooms

TEN watchmen guard the entire Empire State building, tallest business structure in the world. The Tammany administration had that beat all to pieces. They had nine watchmen at \$1,500 each watching nine rooms. Maybe the real method pursued was to give each watchman three rooms to watch, while the other six were official watchmen or superintendent watchmen or overseer watchmen, or whatever would look best on the pay roll. Indeed, one man could have done the whole work and had time to spare, the idea being that the other eight could go to Miami or Palm Beach or wherever else they wished to go, only having representatives on hand at pay day, Tammany style.

How About It?

“ALMOST all of the new patients coming to us for treatment are suffering with aluminum toxemia, and don't know it. In our examination we always test for at least two forms of aluminum poisoning. We will not treat patients if they continue to use aluminum cooking utensils, after we tell them what aluminum will do. In fact, we do not take their word regarding their doing away with aluminum utensils, as we always test them for this poisoning each time they come to the office for treatment. In the two years we have been preaching against these utensils we have had only three patients who would not co-operate with us. Whenever we have an opportunity to explain what this form of poisoning will do, we make good use of the time. We have been privileged to acquaint hundreds in the past two years.”—S. M. L., *Ohio*.

Synthetic Rubber Tires

IT IS anticipated that synthetic rubber tires will soon be on the market. These tires have been subjected to severe tests and compared with natural rubber tires, proving to be quite as tough and as durable. Coal, limestone, salt and water are among the materials used to make the tires, which are said to be better able to resist the destructive effect of gasoline and kerosene and to be more resistant to the action of air and chemicals of certain kinds than natural rubber.

Thumbs Down on Aluminum at Fresno

SAYS H. A. Scott, California: “Rev. Powell's church at Fresno received the silver (?) communion set from the church at Pinedale when that prosperous community closed at the beginning of the depression. So many were made sick at the communion services from the wine served in supposedly silver cups that when the cause of the trouble was discovered the church was compelled to get a real silver set.” Thus ended the aluminum communion services.

Insulin Increases Number of Diabetics

INVESTIGATIONS carried on by physicians have convinced them that diabetes is hereditary, and that since the discovery and use of insulin as a curative agent for this trouble the number of diabetic children in the United States is increasing at the rate of a thousand a year.

Mechanical Cotton Picker

JOHN and MACK RUST, of Lake Providence, La., claim to have perfected a machine that will pick cotton, an acre an hour, taking the place of a hundred workers. It removes the cotton without use of hooks or claws, but uses instead a smooth spindle, which rotates rapidly and is moistened when it enters the boll, twisting out the cotton.

Cure for X-Ray Burns

X-RAY burns do not heal, the only effective cure being by means of skin grafting. It has now been discovered that the leaf of the aloe vera, a large, green, cactus-like plant, will heal the burns without the need of grafting. This plant, however, is scarce, and obtainable only in parts of Florida, the islands of the Caribbean, and South Africa.

Fireproofing Cloth

CLOTHES or drapes soaked for five minutes in a solution made of one pound of ammonium phosphate and two quarts of cold water are said to be fireproofed, when dried. The powder sells for about 25c a pound. Articles treated in this way remain fireproof until washed or otherwise soaked.

“G. A.” Readers Could Tell Them

“UNIVERSITY hospital authorities are awaiting the reports of chemists and bacteriologists engaged in attempting to trace the source and nature of a food infection which rendered 150 nurses and internes of the institution violently ill Sunday evening.”—Ann Arbor (Mich.) *Daily News*.

Nerve Grafting for Facial Paralysis

FACIAL paralysis has been overcome by grafting in nerves from another part of the body. Such operations have been performed at the New York Hospital and Cornell University Medical College Centre.

Watch Your Fish Bowl

SHINING through a fish bowl and focused to a point of great heat, the sun set fire to a pair of mittens lying beside the bowl in the home of Mrs. Sutton of Penn Yan, N. Y. The fire spread and did \$500 worth of damage.

Silly Health Columns

MUCH of the advice found in so-called "health columns" is written by individuals who know on what side of their bread the oleomargarine appears. Wonder why they are so anxious to tell you that aluminum cooking utensils are O.K.? And again, they are sure that white bread is all right for you, even though, if you eat enough of it at one sitting, it forms a sticky and pasty mass in your insides which acts as a plug somewhere on the way through your anatomy. Then these wise "health" writers will tell you that, of course, you need the roughage that there is in the grain, but this can be supplied in some other way. So then, there is the very sensible procedure of removing your roughage from the grain and then supplying it in some other way. Why not leave it there in the first place, in the proportion and balance in which the Creator provided it? Also, the mineral salts in the grains are a very valuable and important part of it. Why remove these and lose the benefit to be derived from their assimilation?

Not Selling Cooking Utensils

THE GOLDEN AGE does not care what kind of cooking utensils you use. It isn't even concerned if you insist upon using aluminum of any kind. That is your privilege and responsibility. But it will not cease to warn those who are interested in their health that aluminum is injurious to the health in numerous and various ways. There is no question about this whatever. Thousands of tests upon human creatures (not guinea pigs), though unwittingly made, prove that aluminum is poison. The aluminum trust may as well use the metal for some other purpose, for people are going to stop using it, more and more. The foregoing statement is made because of the following vague item which appeared in the *Scientific (?) American*:

"Statements to the effect that the use of aluminum cooking utensils causes cancer or other grave maladies or of the increase of such disorders among the users of such utensils, will be discontinued by an individual engaged in the sale and distribution of cooking ware, as a result of a stipulation [?] of the Federal Trade Commission. Several other representations will be abandoned by this individual, [?] including one to the effect that thousands of people are dying every day from cancer because of their

use of aluminum cooking utensils, and one to the effect that doctors and hospitals are now advising people against the use of aluminum utensils because of poisonous effects."

Also, the *Tacoma News* carries a large advertisement that "Aluminum Is Not Injurious to Cook With". This is all very interesting; for the more the advertisements say that aluminum is *not* poisonous, the more people will suspect that there is something rotten in Pittsburgh. Now what would you think of a person who came to you with the assurance that he or she was *not* a thief, and insisting loudly that you ignore any statements to that effect? You would consider him rather odd, to say the least.

There are numerous doctors who warn their patients against the use of aluminum, and there are thousands of persons who have found out through painful experience what effect food cooked in aluminum is likely to have upon them.

Aluminum Yet Again

LADIES of the Lutheran Reformed church of Sunbury made a potato salad for the Sunday school picnic and placed it in aluminum containers. The picnic was postponed on account of rain, and the salad remained in the aluminum vessels overnight. Next day 30 persons attending the picnic were made violently ill. Now, if these ladies had been reading *The Golden Age* nothing of the kind would have happened. The newspaper reporting this poisoning bee mentioned the aluminum container by name, a flagrant breach of Mellon etiquette. This was mentioned in *The Golden Age* last summer, but the information is of value and worth repeating.

Lemon Juice, Aluminum and Cider

WRITES H. G. Begeman, New York: "I remember, years ago, we took an aluminum flask along when hiking, and one day, when it was filled with lemon juice, it was partly dissolved and leaking. I have thrown out our aluminum kitchen ware. . . . One night after supper I had two glasses of apple cider, and shortly afterwards noticed an unusual fluttering of the heart, followed by extreme weakness, which seemed almost to stop the heart. I assume that this was caused either by poison with which most apples are sprayed or by benzoate of soda (too large a dose) used as a preservative and sanctioned by the law, although it is very detrimental to the heart."

General Butler at B'nai Jeshurun

THE conviction that war is a racket of gigantic proportions is spreading. Speaking to the Congregation B'nai Jeshurun, of New York, General Butler said:

"The churches pepped the boys up in 1917. The next time the people who believe in God cannot preach to the soldiers that war is a holy crusade. It's not. It's the greatest curse of the civilized world, the greatest international racket. . . . The war never brought this country anything. A few insiders made the profits. The International Nickel Company earned 1,800 percent profit. The government bought \$20,000,000 worth of mosquito nets. And there wasn't a mosquito in France. Thirty-five million pairs of shoes, for only 4,000,000 men, when every pair of shoes would last a year. One billion dollars' worth of airplanes that wouldn't get off the ground. . . . Amend the Constitution and change the method of declaring war. . . . Let only those who are going to do the dying do the voting. The story would be different. I beg of you not to espouse a cause of any kind that might force us to war outside the United States. Let's be sure our homes are in danger before we fight. It's up to us. It takes courage. You may be ostracized. But that's nothing. Nobody speaks to me now."

Where Was Jesus?

THE question of Jesus' whereabouts from His 12th to His 30th year has often been a matter of speculation with those who are unwilling to accept the Bible's testimony as sufficient. Some who consider themselves very wise contend that Jesus visited India during that time. Others, that Jesus was a Master of the Sacred Ancient Mysteries, being initiated into the order in the secret chambers of the Great Pyramid of Egypt! But what does the Bible say? "He went down with them [Joseph and Mary], and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." (Luke 2:51) "Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us?"—Mark 6:3.

Divorce War God

DR. LOUIS L. MANN, of the University of Chicago, told 1,000 women delegates to the National Conference on the Cause and Cure of War that religion should never again bless war. He said: "If religion everywhere would boycott war there could be no war. There should be no chaplain in any army. A chaplain is not there to comfort the dying and bury the dead. He is there to give divine sanction to the hellish business of human slaughter."

What the Bishop Thinks of His Flock

SAID Bishop Charles Wesley Burns, addressing the members of the Tremont Street Methodist church, Boston: "The average person has a moronic intelligence of seven and one-half years, and the way to bring a man to God is through his emotions rather than his intellect." In pointing out the strong swing towards things scientific, Bishop Burns told his hearers that in time to come agriculture, industry, and mining would cease to exist. "Everything will be made in the laboratory and we will live on pills. The church has recognized this and is detouring from philosophy to science." No doubt this explains why "the church" has so long been trying to feed the people on such pills as "eternal torment", "inherent immortality," "trinity," etc., and kept them from the food which the Word of God contains. The bishops appear to have much in common with their flocks as far as "intelligence" is concerned. And the flocks for the most part show that they are not so moronic as their leaders credit them with being. At any rate, many of the sheep are turning down the pills and looking for real food.

Dominie Hopes to Win Calluses

A LONG ISLAND episcopal dominie has given up all hope of ever being of any use to his fellow men, but still hopes to raise a set of calluses. He aims to get these on his knuckles instead of on the palms of his hands. He writes to his favorite church paper, "Please do not put any address (for me) in the 1935 annual, as I expect to be a tramp." If any of Jehovah's witnesses notice somebody with a downcast countenance and a lugubrious tone of voice rapping for handouts, they will please wait in respectful silence until the gentleman of the cloth has onward wended his weary way. In his new avocation the gent will at least not be doing anything to push his fellow citizens farther into the muck. He is leaving the world's most disreputable business.

Governor Backs Clergymen

GOVERNOR JAMES M. CURLEY, of Boston, does not want justices of the peace to perform marriage ceremonies, and tells them to expect no reappointments from him if they do. He wants all the business to go to the clergy, in spite of the law that empowers justices to perform such ceremonies. Wonder what church the governor belongs to.

"Holy Murder"

HOLY MURDER, a book by Charles Kelly and Hoffman Birney, tells of the career of Porter Rockwell, who became chief of the secret police of the Mormon church in the early days of its history. This body of men was called "the Danites", and killed those who were likely to be dangerous to the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints". That was their job, their bloody oath binding them to obey the "prophet", Joseph Smith, and his successor, right or wrong, and never to tell anybody about the source of their orders. Porter Rockwell was the most notorious of the Danites, and has at least a hundred murders charged to his account. In many cases the property of the murdered person was confiscated and given to the church.

Kashruth Kosher Killed Poultry

ACCORDING to an "issur" pronounced by the Kashruth Association of rabbis New York Jews are forbidden to eat poultry that does not bear the seal of the Kashruth Koshers. As about a million dollars' worth of kosher poultry is eaten in and about New York every week, the dealers felt very badly about this regulation. The poultry dealers say that to comply with the demand of the rabbis would put many of them out of business by forcing up the price of poultry bearing the seal. It would seem that the dealers doubt the willingness of the orthodox Jews to pay fancy prices for sealed poultry.

Horses in Heaven

DR. F. J. PRETTYMAN, dean of the pastors of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, is of the opinion that the old Methodist circuit riders, who spent almost as much time on horseback as on the ground, would not feel at home in heaven without their horses. He said that John Wesley believed in the immortality of horses. By such absurdities have the clergy misrepresented the truth, and made the Word of God, which they profess to believe, ridiculous.

Wants President to Help Unemployed Ministers

REVEREND CARLETON E. WHITE, of Chase City, Va., has written President Roosevelt that there are 20,000 ministers that nobody wants to hear talk, or to support, and wonders if some way cannot be found to give these useless men something to do.

'Playing on Emotions'

THE New York *World-Telegram* recently said, editorially:

At the closing sessions of the Interstate Evangelistic Association rally in Calvary Baptist church a resolution was passed opposing pacifism on the grounds that it "played on the emotions, causing men to make pledges which were impossible to keep, and are unconstitutional, disloyal, unpatriotic and unchristian". By what strange twist of the human mind can a body of men whose lives are presumably dedicated to the one altruistic profession in the world, the tenets for whose guidance contain the injunction, "Thou shalt not kill," solemnly repudiate the specific teachings of the Book and ally themselves on the side of the jingoes and the munition makers? It is a sad thing when the guides of human conduct retreat into the murk of reaction and substitute the words "unconstitutional, disloyal, unpatriotic and unchristian" for "faith" and "hope" and "charity". And as to 'playing on the emotions', what body of men other than the clergy have recourse to that expedient oftener than the gentlemen who have passed these harsh, militaristic resolutions?

A Pastor's Conscience

THEO. SHEPARD, of Humboldt, Nebr., had no objection to serving as an army chaplain, but he drew the line when he was told to attend a dance. That was going too far. He said: "From my experience I would say that chaplains are not allowed to be real pastors in the army; they are under the thumbs of their commanding officers, and church and conscience mean nothing at all."

God's Eternal Covenants

DR. ALEXANDER B. WINCHESTER, of Knox church, Toronto, gave a talk on the everlasting covenants of God. In considering this subject of the covenants the doctor is on the right track. Now, if he will carefully and honestly read the book *Jehovah*, issued by the Watch Tower, he will get a rich blessing.

CORRECTIONS, No. 404

Page 361, in top line: should read 65, not 05.

Page 361, in eighth line: should read 48, not 46.

Page 370: In 1931, moon rose Thursday, March 19, not Wednesday, March 18.

CORRECTION, No. 405

Page 387, second column, top line: 604847, not 604846.

The Second Hand in the Timepiece of God

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and Two, were released, making the hitherto mysterious Revelation of John as clear as the noonday sun. These works present the physical facts of the fulfillment of The Revelation, and show the things that must shortly come to pass.

Under moon No. 73696, *Heavenday, King 1, Edenic day No. 2176289, Y.R. 1899* (Monday, September 14, A.D. 1931), the booklet *The Kingdom, the Hope of the World* went to the rulers of earth. All can see the appropriateness of this going out on *King 1*. It contains the grave message for all who govern that they must come squarely over on the Lord's side or perish in Armageddon.

Temple and Sanctuary

The Lord Jesus came to His temple in the spring of 1918. There the sleeping saints were awakened. There the purification of the truth began. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith [Jehovah] of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold

and silver, that they may offer unto [Jehovah] an offering in righteousness."—Malachi 3:1-3.

It is of great interest at this juncture to have a little table of Jehovah's calendar for this period. The hours, except for the top line, are assumed, to fill out the table.

One dare not say that the anniversary, in 1918, of Jesus' resurrection marked the exact date of the resurrection of the members of His body, but it would have been a most appropriate day. According to the Devil's calendar it would be four days earlier in the year than the day of Jesus' resurrection (because *Redemption 1* in A.D. 1918 was 4 days earlier than in 33), and it was one day earlier in the week, but the correspondence is very close, and there seems no harm in holding to the thought that on *Godsday, Redemption 16, Y.R. 1886* (Sat., March 30, A.D. 1918), the sleeping saints were awakened.

Historically, it is true that about that time judgment began at the house of God (Malachi 3:5), and it therefore seemed that the last month of the year should be called *Temple* (when there are but twelve months in the year). When there are thirteen months in the year, *Temple* is the twelfth month, and *Sanctuary* the thirteenth. The last month of the year included April 1 in the *Years of Ransom 1883, 1886, 1889, 1891, 1894, and 1900* (A.D. 1916, 1919, 1922, 1924, 1927, and 1933).

WHEN THE LORD CAME TO HIS TEMPLE—IN 1918

Vern. Equi.	Moon No.	Hour	Day of Week	Edenic Day No.	Month	Day Y.R.	Hour	Gregorian Date	Year A.D.	Item
5944	73528	9:00	D. Lightday	2171340*	Temple	11 1886	3:00 pm (Los Angeles Time)	Sun. Feb. 24	1918	"Millions Now Living"—initial address
5944	73528	4:17	N. Starday	2171356	Temple	28 1886	10:17 pm	Tue. Mar. 12	1918	Astronomical ris'g of moon No. 73529.
5944	73528	5:00	D. Lifeday	2171357	Temple	29 1886	11:00 am (before sundown)	Thu. Mar. 14	1918	W. T. literature banned.
5944	73529	1:00	N. Mansday	2171358	Redemption	1 1886	7:00 pm (after sundown)	Thu. Mar. 14	1918	End of 1260 days of Daniel.
5945	73529	2:00	N. Lifeday	2171371	Redemption	14 1886	8:00 pm	Wed. Mar. 27	1918	Memorial of Jesus' death.
5945	73529	10:00	N. Godsday	2171373	Redemption	16 1886	4:00 am	Sat. Mar. 30	1918	Anniversary of Jesus' resurrection.

*The prime factors are $2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5 \times 4021$.

Freedom

Freedom is on the way, and will be here in God's due time. It is not God's will that men should be slaves to Big Business, Big Politicians, Big Clergy, or any other kind of "big guns". All these have been hard taskmasters. Under moon No. 73607, *Mansday, Freedom 22, Edenic day No. 2173682, Y.R. 1892* (Friday, July 25, A.D. 1924), at Columbus, Ohio, was sounded the third trumpet, "Civilization Doomed," exactly ten years, to the day, after the opening of the World War.

Under moon No. 73631, *Earthday, Freedom 3, Edenic day No. 2174372, Y.R. 1894* (Tuesday, June 15, A.D. 1926), the *Watchtower* magazine first announced *Deliverance*. This book is perhaps the first ever published to be dedicated to Almighty God. Its chapter on The Deliverer (96 pages) is the finest life of Christ ever written. This work has encouraged millions to anticipate freedom in God's appointed way.

Under moon No. 73644, *Lightday, Freedom 24, Edenic day No. 2174776, Y.R. 1895* (Sunday, July 24, A.D. 1927), at Toronto, Ontario, Canada, there went out to all the world the message "Freedom for the People" on what was, until then, the greatest radio broadcast in history, and which broadcast was free. This message, the sixth vial of God's wrath, was a message of freedom for all who desire truth and righteousness, and they are to be found in all walks of life. The Lord is impartial. No one is necessarily condemned by Him because of having some of the good things of life, or necessarily approved because he has little, or vice versa. For example: A business man said, "Sure, I will contribute \$1 for your books, but what I really want is that lecture, 'Freedom for the People'; I heard it, and consider it well worth \$1 of any man's money." An evidently wealthy woman said, "Of course I want what you have shown me: I heard that lecture; that man took his life in his hands to give the people the truth." Though it was their masters that sought and accomplished Jesus' death, yet it was the servants that "plucked off the hair" and spat in His face. It was this lecture that caused the fourth month to be called *Freedom*.

Vindication

Now, in the Day of Jehovah, it fully appears that the key to an understanding of the Scriptures is in the vindication of God's name. Un-

der moon No. 73657, *Lightday, Vindication 18, Edenic day No. 2175154, Y.R. 1896* (Sunday, August 5, A.D. 1928), at Detroit, Michigan, there was delivered to all the world the message that Jehovah God is the peoples' Friend, and His name will be vindicated by the establishment of a righteous government in the earth. At that time two of the most important books in the world were released to the people, *Government*, which has been placed in the hands of every important public official, besides several millions in other hands; and *Reconciliation*, which latter is a plain statement of the gracious provision Jehovah has made to bring all men into full harmony with Himself, that the obedient ones may have everlasting life on earth in contentment and complete happiness. Among intelligent, thinking people, no other such constructive work on government* has ever appeared as the work first named. It presents indisputable evidence showing that the peoples of earth shall have a righteous government, and explaining the manner of its establishment. Many of Jehovah's witnesses make the *Government* book their leader, as it goes to the heart of all the difficulties of earth.

One of the most fascinating pictures of the vindication of Jehovah's word and name is that provided by the book of Job, first explained in *Life*. This book, also, was the first book to have a chapter heading "Vindication". The work was issued under moon No. 73669, *Heavenday, Vindication 7, Edenic day No. 2175498, Y.R. 1897* (Monday, July 15, A.D. 1929). In this book it now plainly appears that the terrible experiences of the prophet Job represent the awful experiences that have befallen the human family under the reign of Satan, but as Job finally was granted a great deliverance, so mankind is coming grandly into the golden age of glory and peace and joy and divine blessing everywhere promised in the Holy Word. One of the hardest things mankind has had to bear under the reign of the Devil has been the brand of "comfort" (?) provided by the purveyors of hell-fire or purgatory at so much per.

Under moon No. 73694, *Lifeday, Vindication 13, Edenic day No. 2176243,† Y.R. 1899*

* It is the government of God that vindicates His name, and therefore the doctrine of government is the most important doctrine in the Scriptures.—Luke 8:1; Acts 20:25.

† Four days earlier, *Lightday, Vindication 9, Edenic day No. 2176239* (Sunday, July 26), Jehovah's witnesses accepted that name as their "new name", with all that it implies.

(Thursday, July 30, A.D. 1931), at Columbus, Ohio, *Vindication*, Book One, was released. Under moon No. 73706, *Heavenday, Vindication 6, Edenic day No. 2176590, Y.R. 1900* (Monday, July 11, A.D. 1932), *Vindication* Book Two was released. A week later, *Heavenday, Vindication 13, Edenic day No. 2176597* (Monday, July 18), *Vindication* Book Three was released. Jehovah's holy name will be vindicated by the elimination of all unrighteousness from the universe. The testimony of Ezekiel's prophecy, sealed until the publication of these books, announces the judgments of God against all, in heaven or in earth, that have participated in the defamation of the name of the Most High. Since these studies were completed, God's object in writing the Scriptures, and the manner in which they are to be understood, are clearly revealed. In the last of these three wonderful books the Jonadabs (people of good will foreshadowed by Jonadab) are Scripturally identified as the "millions now living that will never die". The destruction of the Devil and all his forces is imminent.

Hope

Hope for fallen man is a gift from God, and is so stated in His Word. Under moon No. 73547, *Mansday, Hope 10, Edenic day No. 2171897, Y.R. 1887* (Friday, September 5, A.D. 1919), at the international convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Cedar Point, Ohio, the house-to-house witness work was covenanted by Jehovah's people, and has since that time resulted in placing about two hundred million pieces of literature, many millions of which were bound books (and the rest booklets), in the hands of the people, for their comfort, their uplift and their hope in the dark hours of this dark day before the dawn of the glory just ahead.

It was under moon No. 73584, *Mansday, Hope 15, Edenic day No. 2172996, Y.R. 1890* (Friday, September 8, 1922), at the second international convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Cedar Point, Ohio, that the spirit was poured out upon all flesh. (Joel 2:28) There all of Jehovah's people became publishers of the truth. There ended the 1290 days of Daniel 12:11; there began the 1335 days leading up to the peculiar blessedness upon the people of God. (Daniel 12:12) The world may as well know of these facts: their value will be apparent to all in due time.

Under moon No. 73596, *Godsday, Hope 11,*

Edenic day No. 2173347, Y.R. 1891 (Saturday, August 25, A.D. 1923), at Los Angeles, California, "the Second Angel" sounded THE WARNING (a resolution). Man has hope, yes; but hope brings responsibilities which cannot be set aside.

Under moon No. 73621, *Godsday, Hope 8, Edenic day No. 2174082, Y.R. 1893* (Saturday, August 29, A.D. 1925), at Indianapolis, Indiana, was adopted the resolution called "Message of Hope", from which this month takes its name.

Order and Peace—at Last

Under moon No. 73661, *Lifeday, Order 2, Edenic day No. 2175256, Y.R. 1896* (Thursday, November 15, A.D. 1928), there was published in *The Watchtower* the truth about the Great Pyramid; and the same subject was continued, under the same moon, *Godsday, Order 18, Edenic day No. 2175272, Y.R. 1896* (Saturday, December 1, A.D. 1928). The removal of this entanglement from the paths of Jehovah's people has been a great blessing and has resulted in order and peace where before there was disorder and confusion.

Under moon No. 73673, *Lifeday, Order 25, Edenic day No. 2175634, Y.R. 1897* (Thursday, November 28, A.D. 1929), the work *Prophecy* was released. Never before has there been a book published that makes clear so much of the prophecies of the Bible as this book. Because it is now God's due time to make clear His prophecies, any unbiased student can now see much of the fulfillment thereof. An understanding of prophecy establishes faith and confidence in God and lifts many burdens from mankind. *Prophecy* has brought order and peace to the minds of lovers of God's Word in every land. (See chapters entitled "God's Organization" and "Peace".)

Under moon No. 73710, *Starday, Order 2, Edenic day No. 2176704, Y.R. 1900* (Wednesday, November 2, A.D. 1932), the work *Preservation* was released. Two of the most beautiful books of the Bible, Esther and Ruth, are now due to be understood. In these dramas are set forth facts which are of greatest importance for all who love God and who are anxious to see the complete triumph of righteousness in the earth. The final conflict between the wicked and the righteous is just at hand. In this great crisis no man could preserve himself. But the book shows who will be preserved, and how it will be brought about.

Under moon No. 73709, *Godsday, Peace 14,*

Edenic day No. 2176686, Y.R. 1900 (Saturday, October 15, A.D. 1932), there was published in *The Watchtower* a resolution, publication of which was official notification that then and there ended the 2300 days of Daniel's prophecy. (Daniel 8:14) It pleased God to thereafter have a cleansed sanctuary. Since then God's people have had *peace* in God's temple. This was the occasion for the naming of this month. "And all thy children shall be taught of Jehovah; and great shall be the peace of thy children."—Isaiah 54:13, *A.R.V.*

The Best at the Last

Finally, last of all and best of all, under moon No. 73737, *Godsday, Jehovah 27, Edenic day No. 2177526, Y.R. 1902* (Saturday, February 2, A.D. 1935), the book *Jehovah* was released to the public. This book, it is to be hoped, will give Jehovah His rightful place in the hearts of millions. The month which is named for Jehovah God takes the place of what, under the Devil's calendar, was the first month of the year. In His own expression of His will on the subject, God has made it clear that the first month of the year (*Redemption*) is appropriately named as has been done in this series of articles. "Verily, thou art a God that hidest thyself."—Isaiah 45:15.

Some may wonder whether by calling a month "Jehovah" the name will be brought into common use. It *should* be brought into common use. Men need to think about God, the Source of all their hopes and joys, as well as of their present and future life itself.

Hallelujah (Praise Ye Jehovah)

The Israelites caught somewhat the spirit of the Scriptures when they made use of such names as Jehovah-jireh (Jehovah will see to it), Jehovah-nissi (Jehovah is my banner), Jehovah-tsidkenu (Jehovah is our righteousness), Jehovah-shalom (Jehovah is peace), Jehovah-shammah (the name and renown of Jehovah), Jehozabad (Jehovah-endowed), Jehohanan (Jehovah-favored), Jehoiada (Jehovah-known), Jehoiachin (Jehovah will establish), Jehoiakim (Jehovah will raise), Jehoiarib (Jehovah will contend), Jehonadab (Jehovah-largess), Jonathan (Jehovah-given), Jehoadah (Jehovah-adorned), Jehoaddan (Jehovah-pleased), Jehozadak (Jehovah-righted), Jehoram (Jehovah-raised), Jehosheba (Jehovah-sworn), Jehoshua or Joshua (Jehovah-saved), Jehoshaphat (Jeho-

vah-judged), Joab (Jehovah-fathered), Joah (Jehovah-brothered), Joel (Jehovah is his God), Jozachar (Jehovah-remembered), Joha (Jehovah-revived), Jochebed (Jehovah-gloried), Abijah (Jehovah is his father), Adonijah (Jehovah is my Lord), Urijah (flame of Jehovah), Azariah (heard by Jehovah), Ahaziah (Jehovah has seized), Ahiah (Jehovah is his friend), Elijah (God of Jehovah), Amaziah (strength of Jehovah), Amariah (Jehovah has said), Besodeiah (in the counsel of Jehovah), Baaseiah (in the work of Jehovah), Beraiah (Jehovah has created), Bithiah (daughter of Jehovah), Gedaliah (Jehovah has become great), Gemariah (Jehovah has perfected), Dodavah (love of Jehovah), Delaiah (Jehovah has delivered), Hodaviah (majesty of Jehovah), Zerahiah (Jehovah has risen), Haggiah (festival of Jehovah), Hazaiah (Jehovah has seen), Hezekiah (strengthened of Jehovah), Hachaliah (darkness of Jehovah), Hasadiah (Jehovah has favored), Harhaiah (fearing Jehovah), Tebaliah (Jehovah has dipped), Tobiah (goodness of Jehovah), Jaazaniah (heard of Jehovah), Josiah (founded of Jehovah), Ibniyah (building of Jehovah), Jeberechiah (blessed of Jehovah), Igdaliah (magnified of Jehovah), Jedidiah (beloved of Jehovah), Jedaiah (praised of Jehovah), Jehu (Jehovah is He), Jehoahaz (Jehovah-seized), Jehoash (Jehovah-fired), Josiphiah (Jehovah is adding), Joezer (Jehovah is his help), Joash (Jehovah-hastened), Josibiah (Jehovah will cause to dwell), Joshaviah (Jehovah set), Jeziah (sprinkled of Jehovah), Jezrahiah (Jehovah will shine), Jehdeiah (unity of Jehovah), Jahaziah (Jehovah will behold), Jehiah (Jehovah will live), Jecoliah (Jehovah will enable), Jeconiah (Jehovah will establish), Hananiah (Jehovah has favored), Ismachiah (Jehovah will sustain), Jaaziah (emboldened of Jehovah), Iphedeiah (Jehovah will liberate), Jekamiah (Jehovah will rise), Irijah (fearful of Jehovah), Jeriah (Jehovah will throw), Jeremiah (Jehovah will rise), Jeshohaiah (Jehovah will empty), Jesiah (Jehovah will lend), Ishmaiah (Jehovah will hear), Isaiah (Jehovah has saved), Cononiah (Jehovah has sustained), Chenaniah (Jehovah has planted), Moadiah (assembly of Jehovah), Micah (Who is like Jehovah?), Melatiah (whom Jehovah has delivered), Malchiah (king of Jehovah), Maadiah (ornament of Jehovah), Maaziah (rescue of Jehovah), Maaseiah (work of Jehovah), Meso-

baite (found of Jehovah), Mattathah (gift of Jehovah), Neariah (servant of Jehovah), Neriaiah (light of Jehovah), Nethaniah (given of Jehovah), Semachiah (supported of Jehovah), Obadiah (serving Jehovah), Adaiah (Jehovah has adorned), Azaziah (Jehovah has strengthened), Uziah (strength of Jehovah), Azariah (Jehovah has helped), Amasiah (Jehovah has loaded), Ananiah (Jehovah has covered), Anothijah (answers of Jehovah), Athaliah (Jehovah has constrained), Pelatiah (Jehovah has delivered), Pelaiah (Jehovah has distinguished), Pelaliah (Jehovah has judged), Pethakiah (Jehovah has opened), Zedekiah (right of Jehovah), Zephaniah (Jehovah has secreted), Rehabiah (Jehovah has enlarged), Ramiah (Jehovah has raised), Remaliah (Jehovah has bedecked), Reelaiah (fearful of Jehovah), Raamiah (Jehovah has shaken), Rephaiah (Jehovah has cured), Shebaniah (Jehovah has prospered), Shemaiah (Jehovah has heard), Sherebiah (Jehovah has brought heat), Seraiah (Jehovah has prevailed). Jah (-iah) is a contraction for and means Jehovah.

Under the circumstances it does not appear that any valid objection can be raised to the use of this name to take the place of that of the present first month of the Devil's calendar. And, anyway, people who have been writing "January" all their lives, in honor of the two-faced god of war, should be quite willing now to often write the name of the true and living God. The due time has come: Jehovah God will not be pushed into a corner any more. The theologians of the Devil can say nothing; they never have a kind word to say for Jehovah; some of them have freely admitted that they do not know anything about Him.

Not counting the combinations above mentioned, the name Jehovah appears in the Scriptures 6,587 times; yet, in the King James, or *Authorized Version*, it is translated by that name but four times: Exodus 6:3; Psalm 83:18; Isaiah 12:2; Isaiah 26:4. In a single chapter in the original Hebrew (Deuteronomy 28) this name occurs forty times. "Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God. And again they said, Alleluia. . . and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia. . . The voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia; for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth."—Revelation 19:1, 3, 4, 6.

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Belgium — the Crossroads of Europe

BELGIUM has the misfortune of lying at the crossroads of Europe, between three contentious empires. As long ago as the time of the Roman Empire Belgium was the meeting-ground between two great races, the Celts and the Teutons. The former occupied what is now France, while the latter occupied the territory north of the Rhine. Roughly, the Rhine was the dividing line between these two warlike races, but it did not serve to keep them apart in the early dawn of history, nor has it since.

The Belgae, as Caesar called the fifteen Celtic tribes living in the territory between the Rhine and the Seine, were semibarbaric and uncultured. They were beginning to be subjected to the attacks of the Teuton and Frankish tribes from beyond the Rhine when Caesar's armies came and conquered the Belgians (57 B.C.). The Belgians put up a stiff resistance, but finally had to surrender to the superior military power of the Romans.

The conquerors took complete possession, with this advantage to the Belgae, that they hindered the Germanic tribes from making further inroads into the territory south of the Rhine for a considerable period. The Belgae learned the Roman language, after a fashion, and later became "Christian". It is said that Christianity was introduced into Belgium in A.D. 42 by Eucharius, who is supposed to have been one of the seventy disciples; but that is legend, and not history. In fact, there is considerable uncertainty about much of the "history" of those times, and it is only with difficulty that historians construct a connected account of the general course of events. It is generally conceded that Maternus, who lived in the beginning of the second century, was the first missionary to the Belgian tribes.

The First German Invasion

During the third and fourth centuries the Germanic tribes became stronger, while the

Romans, due to the decline of the Empire, growing weaker, were unable to keep them from breaking across the Rhine and establishing themselves on Belgian soil.

The Germanic Franks made great inroads into the country and pushed their armies as far south as Paris, just as in the World War the Germans nearly succeeded in making that goal. At Paris the Franks established their capital of the surrounding territory, making it the Frankish kingdom. Tournai became the capital of Belgian territory. The Germanic language became the language of the northern part of Belgium, because of the large number of Franks that settled there, but the southern part retained the Roman dialect. There the conquering Franks adopted the speech of the Belgians. The result is that division of language in Belgium which persists to the present time and is one of that country's greatest problems. Belgium marks the terminus of the dividing line between the two prominent divisions of Europe, the Latinized Celts, including the Gauls, living to the south, and the Teutons, being located to the north. It is most interesting to note how the dividing line is still noticeable in the fact that the southern nations of Europe are almost entirely Catholic, while the northern nations are largely Protestant. (In England, incidentally, we have a mixture of the two races, together with an attempted compromise between the two religions.)

Charles the Great, who was of Belgian extraction, sought to bring all the states of Europe together under his own control, and succeeded in large measure. But it was customary among the Franks to divide the kingdom among a ruler's sons upon his death, and so the empire which Charlemagne had succeeded in uniting was divided, and his work undone. Belgium fell to Lotharius, and became a part of Lotharingia, which later fell to Louis III. Flanders was separated from the rest of Belgium and assigned

to Charles. Belgium continued divided in this way for three centuries.

During feudal times Belgium was divided among several counts, dukes, and even bishops. During this period the peasants were reduced to serfdom, if they ever were much more. No doubt the bishops ably assisted in this process.

Defender of the Holy Sepulcher

Godfrey of Bouillon belongs to this period. He captured Jerusalem in the first crusade. Offered the crown as king of Jerusalem, he refused, saying he would not be crowned king in the city where the Lord had been crowned with thorns. He accepted instead the title of "defender of the holy sepulcher". Perhaps Godfrey meant well, but he overlooked the Bible statement that the weapons of the Christian's warfare are not carnal.

In a later crusade another Belgian, Baldwin of Flanders, was made emperor of Constantinople.

The Belgian feudal lords owed allegiance to greater princes, but exercised almost unlimited power over their respective tracts of territory. It is during the feudal period that the various provinces took form.

When the towns grew in size and merchants increased in wealth, Belgian commerce brought ships from all parts of the world to Antwerp and Bruges. The merchants began to compete for the power exercised by the feudal lords. The towns, especially of Flanders and Brabant, became very democratic. There were frequent revolts against the ducal rulers.

Philip the Fair, of France, then interested himself in the situation. He sided with the nobility and sent his soldiers into Flanders to help the nobles. Philip was not unselfish as his action in this matter seems to suggest. He saw an opportunity to add Belgium, or at least part of it, to his own kingdom. The French soldiers remained in Flanders, to the great annoyance of the merchants and people. After five years, in 1302, a terrible uprising took place at Bruges. Then as now, the main cause of the trouble was a commercial one. The Flemings murdered all their French Catholic brethren in the early morning hours of a set day. Then Philip sent a powerful army to put down the "rebellion", but it was defeated at Courtrai, in a battle called "the Battle of the Golden Spurs", because of the large number of spurs collected on the

battlefield after the defeat of the noblemen and the French.

The Dukes of Burgundy

Meanwhile the dukes of Burgundy had succeeded in increasing their possessions by various devices.

The dukes of Burgundy brought about the unification of the country, the lesser nobles having been eliminated from the field of competition. The possessions of these dukes included not only what is now Belgium, but also portions of the Netherlands and France. In 1361, with the death of Philip, last duke of the ancient Burgundian line, King John of France added Burgundy, as the country was then called, to his own possessions. In 1363 this king gave the dukedom to his favorite and youngest son, Philip the Bold. In 1382 the Battle of Rosebeque restored the waning power of the nobles. The marriage of the daughter of the last French duke of Burgundy to Maximilian of Austria brought the Low Countries under the control of the Hapsburgs. It is interesting to see how these "kings by the grace of God" conducted matters as if they owned everything in sight, and as a matter of fact they had things pretty much their own way, except when some "king by the grace of God" was pleased to question the right of one of his fellow kings.

Anyway, from the time of the Battle of Rosebeque until the time of the French Revolution the interests of the Low Countries were sacrificed to the schemes of their masters, first the Austrian, then the Spanish branch of the Hapsburg family, one about as bad as the other.

As an outpost of the Spanish power Belgium held about the worst position that could be imagined in the political picture. Its interests were neglected among the huge dominions of Charles of Spain. Cut off from Spain as far as any Spanish assistance was concerned, and open to the attack of enemies, poor Belgium and Holland had a tough time of it.

The interests of these countries were to a large extent similar. From the standpoint of language as well as geographically they were one country, but they had no national existence, being merely a part of the greater empire, their interests being neglected for the benefit of the Spanish power. Added to this were the horrors of religious persecution and inquisition.

In 1567 civil war broke out in the Low Countries, which resulted in their ultimate sepa-

ration into two distinct nationalities. The sovereign rights (!) of kings began to be seen in their true light when these same kings butchered their subjects right and left in an effort to deprive the people of the right to worship God according to their understanding of His will.

The Inquisition

Charles V and Philip II of Spain, which then held possession of the Low Countries, tried to stamp out Protestantism by resorting to the most barbarous cruelty in what is known as the Inquisition. Philip sent the duke of Alva to carry on the war of suppression. It has been estimated that during these times 100,000 were burned, beheaded, buried alive, strangled or otherwise slain, not to mention the atrocious tortures to which additional thousands were subjected. One of the reasons why Belgium is a Catholic country today is that the Protestants were all butchered, with the exception of those who fled to the northern provinces and to England.

The prince of Orange had tried hard to keep all the Netherlands together, but when, on July 10, 1584, he was assassinated by the Spanish, the last hope of unity was gone. The northern provinces gained their independence, while the southern provinces, more completely under the power of Roman Catholicism, were constrained to submit to the despotic rule of Spain, though extorting from that rapacious power some guarantees of liberty.

In the succeeding century the northern provinces, as a republic, made rapid strides toward becoming the first maritime power of Europe; the southern section tasted the dubious benefits of subjection to religious and political despotism. Spain ruled the Belgians, but did nothing to help them. Belgium was in a bad way. It lay neglected and impotent, while liberty-lovers and devoted Christians who would not deny the truth God had given them pressed into the Netherlandish republic, strengthening and enriching it.

Belgium Slowly Recovers

Belgium has progressed only to the extent that it has resisted the encroachments of Roman priests and princes. At the end of the sixteenth century the country was in bad shape. Dikes were pierced, polders flooded, cultivation neglected, and wild beasts were rampant. It is reported that within a mile of some of the largest cities travelers were attacked by wolves. The

Thirty Years' war saw the country in its worst condition.

Then followed a period during which Belgium was the football of the great powers, now subject to this ruler, then to that, and always hampered by Romish influence. Not that Belgium was wholly supine under religious and political oppression, but that the large number of its inhabitants, still blindly loyal to the greatest of all systems of oppression, caused them to constantly lose what little ground was gained in their efforts toward betterment.

When Joseph II, emperor of Germany, by the edict of toleration (1781) tried to sever the relationship between the pope and the clergy the Belgians were ready to fight for independence. It was one of those occasions where the religious or Catholic and the progressive element in the country got together, for Joseph also tried to introduce measures of government which displeased the more liberal Belgians. The United States of Belgium was the result, in imitation of the other United States across the Atlantic.

One of the leaders in this effort for independence was Van der Noot, styled the Belgian Franklin, while another, Van der Meersch, is called the Belgian Washington. However, the nobility and the clergy retained the chief power in the Belgian "United States", and they lasted only a year.

The Nineteenth Century

At the close of the eighteenth century Belgium was subject to Catholic Austria. The revolution then raging in France extended to Belgian territory. Then came Napoleon, and later Waterloo, fought on Belgian territory. The Belgian and Dutch troops were under the command of William I of Holland.

After Waterloo the rulers got together at Vienna and tried to decide what was to be done with the map of Europe; a question, by the way, that has never been settled, and will not be settled until God's kingdom settles it once for all in justice and righteousness.

At Vienna Belgium and Holland were united under William I, and they stayed that way for a few years. Then came the separation, in 1830, largely as the result of the machinations of the international meddler, the Roman hierarchy, now so active in the affairs of the United States of America. The aim of the Hierarchy was to separate the Catholic provinces from the in-

fluence of the more enlightened northern section, chiefly Protestant.

Belgium became a "constitutional, representative and hereditary monarchy", and Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg was made king of the Belgians, June 4, 1831.

As soon as Belgium was definitely separated from the Netherlands the Roman Catholic clergy got busy and tried to get control of the whole business. They were particularly anxious to concentrate the entire educational system into their own hands, of which more will be said later.

King Leopold I is called the founder of modern Belgium. He was an uncle of Queen Victoria of England, who valued his advice, given unofficially, in her position as ruler of the incipient British Empire.

In spite of the fact that Leopold I became king as the result of a supposedly democratic revolution, he was annoyed because a liberty tree had been planted in front of the royal residence. He had it watered with a poisoned solution, so that it died. He felt better after that.

Leopold II was largely instrumental in building up the Congo Free State in Africa, exploiting it for his own benefit until the brutal treatment which his officers accorded the natives provoked so much unfavorable comment that in 1908 he gave the "free" state to Belgium, which made that country fifth in size among the empires of the world.

Leopold II was "a merry old soul". On one occasion a priest undertook to lecture the king on the subject of his private life, telling him about the things that were said of him. The king listened for a while and then said, "What a funny thing, Monsieur de Cure. Do you know, people have told me the same things about you—only I refused to believe them."

A Strange Accident

The next king of Belgium, Albert, was evidently a better-behaved monarch. In fact, all men spoke well of him, giving one the impression that the thing was rather overdone. He was the only one of all the kings involved in the World War to take personal command of his armies. Belgium was completely overrun by the Germans, leaving only a small corner of Flanders to the king and his troops, and naturally the king could not escape close association with his army.

The king was an experienced mountain climber and often visited Switzerland. On one occasion he is reported to have been saved from injury in a bobsled run by one of his companions holding on to the seat of the royal trousers. We suspect, however, that the royal companion may have been trying to save himself rather than the king, who was a big man.

It has been a matter of considerable comment that King Albert should have undertaken to make the climb in which he met his death. Frosts and thaws were known to have loosened many rocks.

The place where the king fell became a great center of attraction, and was plucked bare of stones, leaves, branches and everything movable. The great rock from which he is supposed to have fallen was surrounded by barbed wire. This was probably done for fear that the Catholics might take it away to some church and subsequently charge admission for a look at it, or at least make it an object of pilgrimage with the same general financial result. Most Catholics are great hands at collecting gruesome souvenirs. They dote on bones, hair, teeth, shrouds, and other relics.

While King Albert's body lay in state at the Laeken chateau two "Sisters of Mercy" knelt all day at the bedside. Just why they should make themselves so conspicuous when praying we cannot explain. Jesus counseled *His* followers to withdraw from view when praying.

Some time after the king's death an English author, Lieut. Col. Graham Seton Hutchison, said, "The biggest piece of spoof put over on the world in the past six months was the story of Albert's death. A man with a rope around his waist does not go climbing by himself. There were no bruises on the body. In other words, he was rapped on the back of the head. That is known in Brussels, and nobody dares speak of the death of King Albert in Belgium today."

Borel de Bitché, first secretary of the Belgian embassy in London, said, "If that colonel will come to the embassy and dare repeat his allegation I will give him a punch under the jaw." That, of course, proves conclusively that the story was false, and makes it unnecessary for us to discuss it further.

"Uneasy Lies the Head ..."

Not everybody in Belgium was fond of the royal family. About the time of the marriage of the Belgian Princess Marie Jose to Crown

Prince Humbert of Italy, elaborate precautions were taken against possible attempts on the lives of the king, queen, prince and princess. As it was, an effort was made to prevent the wedding by an attempt to blow Prince Humbert off the map. It was not successful, and the man who tried to save Belgium's tomboy princess from marriage to Humbert was sentenced to five years in prison. He was subsequently pardoned at the request of Marie Jose. Perhaps the princess, after two years of married life, sort of wished the man had aimed more carefully!

An official film of the wedding at Rome was shown at Brussels and the director of the theater was overwhelmed with anonymous letters threatening to blow him up as well as his theater if he did not take the picture off immediately. It was withdrawn. While in Italy, the Belgian photographers were given very little consideration by Mussolini's henchmen. Royalty is in a bad way.

When the present king of the Belgians, Leopold III, rode into Brussels on a white charger, elaborate precautions were taken to prevent a demonstration in favor of a republic.

With the strong sentiment for democracy all about them the Belgian rulers try to be "democratic". The present queen even went so far as to push her baby's carriage through the streets of Brussels. That was when she was still crown princess. The time may not be far distant when royalty will be scrubbing its own floors. And why not? It would be good exercise, and more safe than mountain climbing.

The Land of the Belgians

The land of the Belgians comprises an area of 11,752 square miles, not quite the size of the state of Maryland in the United States. There are nine provinces, or states, in present-day Belgium. They are Antwerp, Limburg, Liege, Luxemburg, Namur, Hainaut, East Flanders, West Flanders, and Brabant. As a result of the World War the German districts of Eupen and Malmady were added to Belgian territory. The people of these districts are now agitating for a return to Germany.

The Belgian seacoast is about fifty miles long, but her best port, Antwerp, must be reached through the Netherlands, a situation which Belgians would like to have changed. However, entrance to the port is now entirely free, tolls at the mouth of the Scheldt having been abolished long ago.

The land is somewhat elevated in the south-east and slopes gradually toward the seacoast, where the low level plains are only a few feet above the sea and in some places below sea level. The southern heights are an extension of the Ardennes, which in some places attain a height of over 2,000 feet. Toward the north of this mountainous section is the coal field of Belgium. North and west of the coal field are deep beds of clay and sand. Part of the clay is suitable for the manufacture of earthenware or bricks, and part of it is suitable for making fine pottery.

The chief rivers of Belgium, the Meuse and the Scheldt, have a northerly direction and reach the sea through the Netherlands. These rivers have many tributaries, so that no other country in Europe, with the possible exception of Holland, is so well provided with internal water communication. The mouth of the Scheldt makes an admirable harbor, and Antwerp, located at that point, is one of the chief ports of Europe.

The climate of Belgium is subject to sudden changes, but generally temperate and agreeable. In the higher regions the air is pure and healthful; but in the low flats, rather sluggish and humid. Recently there was considerable concern over a certain fog which caused the death of nearly a hundred inhabitants in the Meuse valley. Cattle and animals likewise were affected. Scientists were unable to account for the unusual and fatal effect of the fog.

Nearly a fifth of Belgium is covered with woods. In Luxemburg and Namur the forests still shelter wolves and wild boars. The total value of timber produced yearly is about \$4,400,000.

Most Dense Population

Belgium has a population of 8,159,824, which is almost 700 to the square mile. It is the most densely populated country in Europe. In the province of Brabant the ratio is 1,216 to the square mile. The majority of the population is said to be Catholic, but the amount of opposition there is to the Catholic party indicates that many Catholics are such in name only and that there is a considerable proportion of the inhabitants that are not interested in the "church" at all. We are told that the government impartially subsidizes Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish places of worship by contributing to the stipends of ministers, but as Catholicism

is the prevailing "religion" and there are a negligible number of adherents to Protestantism, it can be seen that the Roman Catholic church is the chief beneficiary of this piece of legislation.

Immediately following the revolution which separated Belgium from the Netherlands the Catholics began to gather the entire educational system into their hands. Then the liberals got busy and made themselves heard.

A compromise was reached in the Education Act of 1842 which made religious teaching obligatory in the elementary schools, children of beliefs other than Catholic having their instruction on that subject elsewhere.

Blocked in one direction the Catholic party, with true Catholic spirit, tried to put it over on the people in another way. They appropriated more and more money for "education". As a result, the people threw out the Catholic ministry in 1878.

The liberty-loving people of Belgium then united to secularize education and they obtained the passage of an education bill which threw out religion as a public school subject. There was a big fight over this, and the premier went so far as to break off diplomatic relations with the pope, who was no doubt inserting his proboscis into the affairs of Belgium to an offensive degree. Then the Catholic people were forbidden on pain of hell and damnation to send their children to the public schools, and Catholic teachers were forbidden to teach in them. These unprincipled tactics resulted in the reinstatement of the Catholic party. Consequently, as late as 1890 nearly 27 percent of the population above 14 years of age could neither read nor write. By continued agitation on the part of the Liberals this percentage dropped to 3 percent in 1923, but even yet the educational system of Belgium leaves much to be desired.

There are now both public and "church" schools. Pupils attending "church" schools and attaining the highest grade there must be sent to the third grade in the public schools if a change is made. So say the Liberals, and it may be something of an exaggeration, but there is doubtless much truth in the allegation. The conflict over religious or secular education continues to be a prominent issue in Belgium, indicating that the country is not as completely under the thumb of "mother church" as is suggested in her rating as one of the three most devoted children of that "church".

The Language Question

Closely related to the education squabble is the language question, which keeps Belgium a divided people. In spite of the strong link that adherence to the Catholic church is supposed to provide, the Flemings and Walloons, representing the two linguistic divisions of Belgium, are not overly fond of each other. It is required that every one connected with the central government must speak both Flemish and French. The Flemish members of Parliament, however, insist on speaking Flemish in the Chamber, and when they do so, the Walloon members walk out. The Flemish, in turn, repay their fellow parliamentarians from the Walloon section by walking out when one of them rises to speak in French.

There was a great furor about the Ghent University, which the Flemings insisted should be an exclusively Flemish university. This objective was finally attained. The two sections of the country also disagree as to what part of the territory is Flemish and what part French, and so the fight continues. Extremists are not wanting who would like to separate the Flemish part of the country from Belgium altogether, which would mean about equal division of the territory. The Flemings form the majority of the population, and have strongly resented the efforts of the French section in trying to make that language predominant.

There are even some Flemings who would like to reunite the Flemish territory to the Netherlands, but that country is indifferent to the idea. No doubt the Dutch have trouble enough of their own.

Acta Sanctorum

One indication of how prominently Catholicism appears in Belgian education is the fact that the Jesuits receive an annual stipend from the government for working on a collection of books called "Acta Sanctorum", which contains a record of the lives of the "saints" of the Catholic Calendar. This collection of writings, which is still in process of preparation and publication, will consist of over a hundred volumes. It has been in progress for nearly 250 years, and, while it is a most remarkable work, is comparatively worthless as far as containing any information of practical use is concerned. The "Acta Sanctorum" are supposed to have had their origin as a result of the destruction of Christian records by Diocletian, after which the attempt

was made to fill the gap in the records of the church with legends and traditions. As time went on the record increased in length. The Bollandus edition, begun by Bollandus of Belgium, is an attempt to get out something "authentic" on the subject, but the result is not very convincing. The Catholic records on any subject are not overly reliable, since the end too frequently justifies the means, and it too often serves the purpose of "holy church" to distort and suppress the facts.

Belgian Politics

In Belgium politics is a three-cornered affair and the only way they can get anything done is for two of the three chief political parties to get together on a proposition. The three main parties are the Catholics, the Liberals, and the Socialists. Much of the time of the Belgian legislative body is spent in wrangling, which is not unusual in politics of any country. The three parties are internally divided on the language question. This question has for the time been settled by making French the official language in the south and Flemish the official language in the north. In the Brussels district both languages are declared official. The king tries to speak both Flemish and French, but not at the same time.

The subject of disarmament and cooperation with France, both in a military and commercial way, is another cause of friction in the Parliament. The majority, however, demand adequate (?) means of defense. There is almost complete agreement between Belgium and France on all the main questions of foreign policy. Belgium is nervous about Germany's military activities. In December of last year about \$150,000,000 was appropriated for building forts all along the German border and for the fortification of the Herve plateau. The Belgian line of fortifications will be a continuation of the French line. It is evident, however, that, in the event of war, fortification will play only a minor part in the military operations. Forts will not keep out enemy airplanes or poison gas or bombs. The only nation that is now completely protected is that "nation whose God is Jehovah".

In 1931 Belgian army officers numbered 4,010, and the army itself numbered 68,920. It is planned, however, to enlist the entire man power of the nation, together with its economic and financial resources, in the event of a war. The navy has been abolished.

Under agreements concluded since the World War, Britain, France and Italy undertake to guarantee the rights of the Belgians against foreign aggression. But Belgium's faith in the League and the Locarno pact is evidently not very strong.

The Belgian Socialist party, which is only slightly less powerful than the Catholic party, is strongly in favor of progressive reduction of armaments, while a large proportion of its membership favors complete and unilateral disarmament on the part of Belgium.

The thought of war is never far from the minds of the Belgian people. Anti-gas masks were on sale in the stores until the Government prohibited their sale and the display of exhibits showing the results of gas attacks. It was pointed out that the possession of such masks gave a false sense of security and that they were not of much good in the hands of the uninitiated.

Edith Cavell, the British war nurse, was shot on Belgian soil as a spy, having been incarcerated by the Germans in the St. Gilles prison. It is said that it was her honesty that led to her execution and that she also implicated a large number of Belgians who were accused of being her accomplices. Belgians are not unanimous in their appreciation of the boasted heroism of the nurse, thinking her rather stupid than honest. However, the cell in which she was kept has been set aside as a show place and is always decorated with fresh flowers by warm admirers.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to why Aerschot was destroyed by the Germans at the beginning of the World War. It is stated that it was done by way of reprisal against sharpshooters, but this is vehemently denied by the Council of Aerschot.

There appears to have been some kind of understanding by which the Germans allowed King Albert to keep the little piece of Belgium in which he and his soldiers were quartered during the entire period of the war. The king himself was located at La Panne, about five miles from the battle line. The Germans could have shot La Panne to pieces at any time, but it was not bombarded.

Belgium and America

During the war and also after the armistice 6,000,000 Belgians were fed and otherwise cared for by means of funds raised in the United States. After the war the United States helped

in the reconstruction of Belgium. Three seats of learning were built with American funds: the new University of Brussels at Solbosch, the School of Medicine on the Chaussee de Waterloo, and the new Louvain Library. Belgium has decided to pay nothing more on debts she owes the United States. However, the king always says nice things about the Americans at Memorial Day celebrations.

The architect of the Louvain Library planned a balustrade with the inscription, "Destroyed by German Fury; Restored by American Generosity." This was objected to on the grounds of perpetuating the hatred engendered by the war, and a plain balcony was erected instead. Three times "patriotic" Belgians smashed the plain balcony; but the courts finally decided that it should be plain, and that ended the matter.

Belgium has decided to tax foreigners. As a result many tourists and visitors have left the country. The Dutch were most indignant at being taxed. Belgians in Holland are not thus treated. The Hollanders feel that the Belgians do not show much appreciation of the hospitality given them in Holland during the war.

The Belgian People

The Belgians are short in stature. Statistics show that 29 percent of them range in height from four feet three inches to five feet two; 69 percent range up to a maximum of five feet seven inches. Only 2 percent are over five feet seven inches.

Booksellers say the literary taste of the general public is very low. The best seller is usually a detective story, and novels that have been put on the screen sell readily. An attractive paper jacket counts for 50 percent in the sale of a book.

Women do not take part in funerals in Belgium, but remain at home while the men accompany the casket to the cemetery.

At King Albert's funeral 10,000 war veterans marched before the coffin. It is said that many of them wept in the procession.

Belgium, like other countries that could be mentioned, is troubled with grafters in public office. Embezzlement by tax collectors attained such proportions that the minister of finance issued a special circular dealing with the subject.

However, in spite of the foregoing, crime has fallen off in Belgium to the extent of enabling her to close four prisons. Officials attribute this state of affairs to the leniency of the courts and

to the fact that minors who formerly went to prison now go to the reformatory.

Alarm has been expressed at the steadily increasing number of mental defectives. About ten years ago there were 17,000 registered lunatics; now there are 23,000. Physicians report that there are 60,000 abnormal children in the population of about 8,000,000 Belgians. Belgium, a Roman Catholic country, refuses to consider birth control.

Walking Accordion Players

Walking accordion players are popular in Belgium. There are 40,000 Belgians who get a lot of fun and good exercise out of this diversion. The accordion, "the poor man's piano," is a favorite musical instrument.

Emil Gleaner was acclaimed the accordion champion some years ago. He played his instrument from Thieu to Brussels and back, about fifty miles, taking off an hour for lunch and six hours for sleep. The people along the country roads gathered in groups and cheered him on his way.

Antimilitarism is increasing in Belgium, and the munition makers are exerting their influence to counteract this tendency. Statements appear in the controlled press that in the event of war conscientious objectors will be shown no mercy.

Many of the Belgians are still extremely superstitious. Recently an apparition of the virgin Mary was reported to have been seen at Beauraing, where a new Catholic church was being built. It was also stated that snowflakes had fallen at the spot in midsummer. The Belgian state railway ran forty excursion trains to the town and made a haul of \$240,000. Of course, the building fund of the church got a big boost, and that was the inspiration back of the swindle.

Belgium has a Boy Scout organization, as well as a collection of Rotarians. King Leopold is the honorary president of the Brussels Rotarians.

The sale of liquor is restricted in Belgium, and there is a great deal of smuggling and bootlegging. Regulations prohibit the sale of liquor by the glass in public, but allow its sale in specially licensed stores in quantities of not less than two quarts.

At Arlon an ancient Belgian custom giving aid to lonely lovers is still observed. The young farmers who are looking for wives visit the

fair, called "The Lovers' Fair", where blooming girls from the Ardennes highlands assemble in goodly numbers. The first negotiations are made at the fair held sometime in December, and they are finally completed at another fair held shortly after New Year.

The Belgian flag consists of three vertical stripes of black, yellow and red. The national flower is the azalea.

The saxophone is said to be the invention of a Belgian professor of mathematics, named Sax. The first white man to see Niagara Falls was a Belgian.

Picturesque Cities

As most of Belgium's cities are many centuries old, there is much that is picturesque and reminiscent of the past. Foremost among the cities is Brussels, the capital, with a population of about 800,000. Like Boston, it has many crooked streets which run in all directions, seemingly without purpose and certainly without plan. The old fortifications have been changed into raised boulevards, planted with numerous trees, and extending for five miles around the older part of the city. The only remnant of the old fortifications is a gate, the *Porte de Hal*, built in 1379. The *Hotel de Ville*, built 1401-55, has a spire 364 feet high, which is pretty good for the time it was built. There is also an ancient cathedral the construction of which spanned a period of nearly 400 years. The city is filled with monuments, sculptures, and works of art. John Esch and Henry Vos, the first martyrs of the Reformation, were burned at Brussels July 1, 1523.

Antwerp is the most prosperous city of present-day Belgium, and its only important gateway to the sea. The seaport is open to the largest vessels, in spite of the fact that it is 50 miles from the sea. Ostend, the only other port, is comparatively unimportant.

At one time Bruges was the main port of the country. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries sometimes as many as 150 ships a day entered the harbor, bringing in products from all the then-known world. Bruges was a rival of Venice both as a port and as a city of art. The river *Zwyn* gradually filled with sand, and Antwerp took the place of Bruges as the main port of the land. Today Bruges is only a dream city. The Belgians call it *Bruges la Morte*, which means "the dead". It is the oldest of Bel-

gian cities and a fascinating relic of the Middle Ages.

Ghent, with a population of 200,000, is famous for its flower market, its cotton and woolen manufactures, and is sometimes called the Belgian Manchester. During the Middle Ages it was the chief manufacturing town of north-west Europe.

Liege, with a population of 250,000, is the principal city of the Walloon country. Its main industry is the manufacture of armaments. It also produces steam engines, machinery, hardware of all kinds, watches and jewelry. Liege might be called the Pittsburgh of Belgium. Blast furnaces, machine works and factories line the shores of the Meuse.

Finally, there is Spa, 20 miles southeast of Liege. It is a watering place and was known to the Romans, Pliny the Elder making mention of it. It has been a health resort for 2,000 years. It contains wonderful medicinal springs. The waters are shipped to all parts of the world.

Belgian Manufactures

Belgium is famous for its fine linens, its lace, carpets and porcelain. These products are all of superior craftsmanship. Belgium is the most highly industrialized country in Europe. The factories, as a result of the war and subsequent reparations, contain the most modern machinery. Foreign trade for 1933, total imports valued at 15,217,000,000 francs and exports to the amount of 14,328,000,000 francs. Belgium can support only a third of its population, the remainder depending on industry and commerce.

The diamond trade is an important part of Belgian industry, employing 15,000 skilled workers who draw good salaries. Exports of diamonds, which before the American stock market crash amounted to \$50,000,000, have since decreased noticeably.

Belgian workers do not get much for their toil, and there have been repeated demonstrations and strikes, both in the mining section and in other industries. During the miners' strike the women took an active part. An eight-hour-day law was enacted providing for a work week of 48 hours. American workmen enjoy as comforts what the Belgian workers consider luxuries.

American manufacturers of automobiles are making inroads into the Belgian market and competing with European cars. This the Europeans in general and the Belgians do not like

very much, but there seems to be no way of stopping it at present.

The Belgian Farmer

The Belgian farmer is considered the model farmer of Europe. The farms are usually small and every foot of soil is used for productive purposes, only a narrow road being left between farms. The spade is the instrument most frequently in use, and the ground is divided up into small square fields having the highest point at the center and sloping gradually toward the sides, where ditches carry off the surplus of water. The Belgian farmer has recourse to a process of trenching his farm to a depth of about 18 inches. This is not done all at once, but gradually, and begins by laying out the land in ridges about five feet wide. When seed is sown it is not covered by the harrow, but with earth dug from the furrows about two spits deep and spread evenly over the surface. The furrow is dug a little farther over each year, until in the course of five years the entire ridge has undergone an even spading. This process prevents the formation of a subsoil such as would take place if the ridges remained the same from year to year. The ground remains evenly trenched to a depth of about eighteen inches. Every province has what is called an agricultural commission.

Belgian cattle and horses are of a superior quality. The horses of Flanders are good draught horses.

Belgian farms are fully stocked. The cattle are fed at home instead of being allowed to graze in the field. In winter their food consists of turnips and roots; and in summer, of green crops so arranged as to succeed one another in regular order and supply a sufficiency of good food.

Each farm homestead has a tank into which the liquids of the cattle sheds are gathered. Rape cake is added thereto to increase its fertilizing qualities, especially for promoting the growth of flax.

Those parts of Belgium which are not suitable for raising crops are devoted to pasturage. The mast of the forests is utilized as food for large herds of swine.

Tobacco is raised in the Ardennes valleys, and vineyards line the slopes of the southern highlands.

The dominating factor in Belgian farming is economy, making use of every foot of soil

and every bit of produce. Nothing is wasted. An equally important item is the industry which the farmers manifest in making the very best use of the materials at hand.

A considerable expanse of moorland waste, the Campine, composed mainly of sand, occupies a part of the Limburg and Antwerp provinces. There are in this barren section patches of cultivated soil which are made to produce corn and furnish pasturage. Agricultural colonies have been established in various parts of the Campine. Some of these are voluntary, and others are composed of convicts. Some of the best cattle of the country are now raised in this section.

The Belgian Congo

While Belgium itself is but little larger than the state of New Hampshire, it owns territory in Africa eighty times its own size, one-third as large as the United States. It was explored by Henry M. Stanley, upon order of King Leopold II, in 1876. The explorer founded stations and made treaties with the native chiefs, spending four years in the work. In 1885 the Congo Free State was founded, having its own flag, and being subject only to Leopold. He subsequently transferred it to the Belgian people.

Within this vast tract of land, estimated at 918,000 square miles, there are about 22,000 white people, and 8,800,000 blacks, of Bantu origin. Much has been done to develop this region. Where only fifty years ago there was nothing but boundless wilds inhabited by savages, we now find 2,566 miles of railway, 21,180 miles of roads, 80 post offices, 65 special telegraph offices, 27 wireless stations, and 60 telephone offices and 14 central stations, serving 1,420 subscribers. There is regular air service between Leopoldville and Stanleyville, a distance of over 1,000 miles.

Within the Belgian Congo three vast stretches of mountain, forest and stream have been set aside as natural parks: Parc Leopold, a million acres; Parc Ruwenzori, 500,000 acres, and Parc Albert, 800,000 acres. There are forests so dense that only at midday is the sun able to send down thin streams of light through the heavy foliage. Rain stands for months in the depressions under the overarching trees. The Ruwenzori tract includes the fabled Mountains of the Moon, rising, snow-capped and glittering, 18,000 feet above the jungle. Parc Albert is especially intended to preserve wild animal and plant life

of the Congo, particularly the gorilla and the hippopotamus, threatened with extinction. The killing of animals or removing of plants or trees in Albert National Park is prohibited by severe penalties. The sanctuary is policed by Belgian colonial officers, and no one is allowed even to enter it without a special permit.

Belgium is encouraging the production of rubber and cotton in the Congo, with a view to rendering her industries independent of raw material from the United States.

In giving special concessions to exploit the agricultural and mineral resources of the Congo to any company the Belgian government requires that roads be built throughout the district and that the natives be encouraged in their agricultural activities. It is further required that hospitals be built and public health and education be given attention. At the same time the government does not relinquish its sovereign prerogatives in the territory. Evidently natives are given more consideration than under Leopold II.

The principal industries of the Congo are the mining of copper, diamonds, gold and radium, the production of cotton, rubber, copal, rice, coffee, cocoa and tobacco. The Congo is in reality an extension of Belgium, which takes most of its exports and transforms the raw materials into the finished commercial product. The diamond industry rivals that of the South African mines. The yearly production runs into millions of carats. The diamonds are of the alluvial variety and are of small size. The native workers are concentrated in villages which are provided with hospitals and other sanitary arrangements as well as schools. The diamonds are sent to Antwerp, where they are cut and polished. The cutters handle an average of \$200,000,000 worth of diamonds yearly.

Occasionally there is an uprising of the natives, who seem not to like the idea of the white man's running everything just about as he pleases. Such revolts are of little good to the native; for the white man, with his superior weapons, has no difficulty in subduing any effort at resistance.

Ruanda-Urundi

Belgium has a mandate over the former German colony of Ruanda-Urundi, in Africa. During the last fourteen years 85,000,000 francs has been spent to construct a system of roads; settlements, houses for administrators, schools,

dispensaries, hospitals, clinics, laboratories and coffee plantations have been built, for which a total of 145,000,000 francs has been set aside. It is hoped that by 1951 this territory will be able to meet its own public debt and pay its expenses from mining deposits and coffee plantations.

"Great" Men

Belgium, like other countries, has its quota of "great" men, who doubtless figured prominently in its affairs. It has to its credit some noted names, but we will not here devote space to mention of these, believing that the tendency to hold men in high esteem has been carried to an unwarranted extreme in the affairs of this world. In due course, Belgians, together with the other peoples of earth, will come under the administration of the kingdom of God, that is, as many of them as love righteousness and truth, and they will share in the world-wide prosperity that will then be realized.

Four Unemployed Generals

WHEN Mayor LaGuardia took over the Tammany government of New York he found four unemployed generals. It was this way. In the Bronx district there was a staff of 91 laborers employed in the mosquito war then in effect. Over the 91 laborers with their weekly pay roll of \$1,930 there were 95 generals with a weekly pay roll of \$2,242. This left four of the generals without any privates in their ranks. The others had one each. Timekeepers, one for each five laborers, managed to keep the time; how did they ever do it? There was a chief supervisor for each four men. Fourteen engineers planned the tasks of the army.

Disappointed

OHIO provides pensions for the aged, but not all who expected to benefit from this arrangement had their hopes fulfilled. Those who have only first papers are not entitled to the provision of the state, nor are those who have not lived in the state a sufficient length of time or those who have children who can aid them. Applicants for pensions who have some property are required to turn it over to trusteeship of the state.

Depression and Liberty

By Dr. Hugo Fack (Texas)

MISERY during the war enthroned Lenin, the Russian dictator, who swept away personal freedom.

When economic misery under the communistic régime became more serious, Stalin, the man of steel, became the man of the hour, wiping out the last remnants of liberty.

The depression following the war lifted Mussolini into the saddle, the Italian dictator, suppressing all freedom of thought and expression, and turning the whole nation into soldiers, trained to shoot innocents on command.

The depression (deflation) policy of Brüning in Germany caused such disintegration of the economic and moral structure that the rise of another dictator was possible, Hitler, with freedom of thought, speech and publication ended.

Economic misery meant the end of the democracy in Austria, and other countries are on the way, for the same cause, to revert to tyranny which not only suppresses all popular rights and liberties, but the elimination of all hope of general peace and happiness and individual prosperity.

The depression is the road-paver of dictatorship.

But behind dictatorship stands high finance.

In Eighteen Months

IN Snohomish county, Washington, 175 heads of families organized for self-help and borrowed \$13,000 from the government. In that time they have cared well for their families; canned 80,000 cans of fruit; put in tons of potatoes, carrots, cabbage, turnips and rutabagas; cut 302 cords of firewood; opened a shoe shop capable of making 40 pairs a day; opened a clothing shop where all necessities of clothing for men, women and children are produced; have built and equipped a woodworking plant, machine shop, garage, and blacksmith shop, and bought trucks. The assets are now considerably more than the amount borrowed. If these families had been put on a dole of \$25 per month per family, it is estimated, the sum required to care for them would have been seven times the amount borrowed, and at the end of the eighteen months the borrowers would be as badly off as at the start.

What the American People Lost

ACCORDING to a governmental survey prepared under the direction of Langdon W. Post, tenement house commissioner, the American people, since 1929, have lost \$287,000,000,000 worth of goods and services which were not bought and which could easily have been produced by the nation. Meanwhile the masses were underfed and poorly clothed and taxes raised to care for the unemployed. The report states: "Wholly without strain on production, the national survey budget, drafted to meet a suitable standard of living, would allot 67,000,000 suits and 363,000,000 shirts to the men and boys of the country, and 275,000,000 dresses, 681,000,000 pairs of hose, and 427,000,000 pieces of underwear to the women and girls. As for housing, 60 percent of our people are shown to be financially unable to live in proper homes. Only some \$2,262,000,000 was spent for home building in 1929. The budget calls for 1,550,000 new homes each year (as against 434,964, the annual average from 1920 to 1930), a program which would offer no difficulty, since there are ample construction supplies available."

Vocal Lessons in North Carolina

LABOR men in North Carolina complain that when they obeyed the injunction of Congress to vote for joining whatever labor union they chose, the railroad company had a former detective standing at the door of each polling place warning all employees that they must vote as the company wished or they would lose their jobs. This former detective, posing as a carman, but working only now and then a day, and stopping at the best hotel in town, stated on the witness stand that his unexplained large income was due to his method of conducting vocal lessons. Here is a suggestion for struggling music teachers. Vocal lessons at the door of a meeting of railway employees are much more profitable than any other form of vocal lessons known.

Forests Need 70,000 Men a Year

STUDIES by the forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture show that to keep the national forests alone at their point of highest profitable production, 70,000 men would be needed constantly. The federal-owned forests include only a fraction of the country's total forest area.

The Golden Age

FROM the "Salutatory" of *The Golden Age*, Volume 1, Number 1, the following explanation is given as to the object of the magazine, and the reason for according it the name by which it has now become known in every corner of the earth:

Its purpose is to explain in the light of Divine wisdom the true meaning of the great phenomena of the present day and to prove to thinking minds by evidence incontrovertible and convincing that the time of a greater blessing of mankind is now at hand. Like a voice in the wilderness of confusion, its mission is to announce the incoming of the Golden Age.

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There is a wide diversity of knowledge, which, if properly applied, would result in great and beneficial wisdom to the people. What, then, is the real meaning of the present conditions, and is there a supreme remedy that will bring order out of chaos and establish a lasting peace, prosperity and happiness to the people? *THE GOLDEN AGE* enters the field for the very purpose of answering these questions and confidently expects to answer them to the satisfaction of all thinking minds.

THE GOLDEN AGE will carry into the homes of the people the desired message which will tend to restore calmness to the disturbed minds and comfort to the saddened hearts.

The name *THE GOLDEN AGE* has no back reference to any mythological "golden age" under the so-called reign of the heathen god Kronos or Saturn (the heathen counterfeit for Lucifer before he became Satan), nor does it have reference to any so-called "restitution" of such "golden age". The new world, "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13), are established by Jehovah God, hence are of divine source, and therefore the Bible symbol "golden" is properly applied to the *aion* or age which they introduce.

No Jury Necessary in Woodworth Case

IN *The Golden Age* No. 371 was narrated how a jury of God-fearing men and women awarded \$250 damages to Daniel E. Morgan for false arrest and imprisonment at Pittston, Pa., for distributing free copies of *The Golden Age*. C. J. Woodworth was arrested at the same time, for interceding for those already arrested. After three years' delay, the counsel for the Pittston officials advised them to agree to a consent verdict in Woodworth's favor for the same amount: no jury was necessary.

Newark Evening News for Free Speech

THE *Newark Evening News*, one of the most influential papers in the East, stands squarely for free speech. In a stirring editorial it declares that "a congressional group with strong backing is planning to clamp an alien and unenforceable gag upon the United States", and that this committee thus aiming at the destruction of American liberty "is supported in its efforts by the American Federation of Labor, the United States Chamber of Commerce, members of the armed services and an assortment of patriotic societies". The *News* says, truthfully, that "such a law would be an entering wedge for complete suppression of criticism and concealment of political evils, as well as a present weapon for political reprisal and official gangsterism. The cure is so much worse than the disease that it must be emphatically rejected before the prescription is compounded". Without a doubt the Jesuits of the Roman hierarchy are back of the whole thing.

Hurrah for the Baltimore Sun!

KIDDING the life out of the windbags at Washington who are trying to foist a sedition law upon the republic, the *Baltimore Sun* says, in part:

A sedition law is, of course, the most flatly and blatantly un-American law that could be proposed. . . . It is not attacks on the Constitution that Matthew Woll, Representative Dickstein and the magnificoes of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States have to fear, and a sedition law will not protect them. What they really need is a law making it a hanging crime to laugh in the United States or in any place subject to the jurisdiction thereof. For if there is no laughter in the country, then these gentry can not be laughed at, and the thing that destroys windbags is, not denunciation, but ridicule.

Machine Guns Decried as Educators

SINCE the machine gun reception planned for Judge Rutherford at Plainfield, N. J., somebody must have learned that this form of reception and education is not above criticism. Not sure if "Reverend" Joseph J. McCaffrey, Catholic chaplain at Sing Sing, had Chief Flynn in mind, but he is alleged to have recently said to 3,000 Knights of Columbus that, in the war against crime, education rather than machine guns should be employed. Plainfield papers, please copy.

The Principal of the Flock

Bankers Back in Control

ASSERTING that the bankers are back in control of the government, and denouncing current efforts to push through legislation limiting freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly and freedom of education, the Methodist Federation for Social Service made the official protest that "if this legislation is passed Big Business will have the legal machinery to put out of business any organization that opposes capitalism or that conducts a strike. It will not be necessary to subsidize Fascist storm troops. They will kill democracy in the name of democracy, and they will trample upon every sacred principle of Christianity".

Adam and John D., Jr.

IF WHEN Adam was created he had started to draw wages at the rate of \$4.80 an hour, and had worked 24 hours every day, including Sunday, and had saved every cent of his money, and had lived until now, he would, as a result of his industry and frugality, be able to buy out the oil holdings of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., now calculated as worth \$245,000,000. Of course, Adam might have been worth this wage of \$115 a day, for the lesson it would be worth to other young men who wish to get ahead in the world.

General Butler's Charge Confirmed

GENERAL BUTLER's charge that a plot had been laid to take over the United States government and make it a dictatorship *in toto* was confirmed by James E. VanZandt, of Altoona, Pa., national commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, who stated that he had been approached by agents of Wall Street to be a leader in an effort to establish a Fascist dictatorship in the United States under the guise of a "Veterans Organization".

Federal Reserve Desires More Rope

HAVING done all humanly or inhumanly possible to ruin America, the Federal Reserve system is now asking for new powers of control over the government. Backed by the administration, the Federal Reserve demands "virtually complete supervision of the credit policies of the nation", says The Associated Press. Being entirely discredited in the minds of honest persons, the Federal Reserve may as well have what it asks.

31 Persons Living in One Room

AMERICAN civilization has reached heights never before attained by any other people. The other day the newspapers published the grand inspirational news that Andrew Mellon is worth \$91,000,000 more than he was just a little while ago, and federal relief workers near Joplin, Mo., found thirty-one persons living in a one-room shack. Timbuctoo papers, please copy.

Some of the War Profits

ABELATED investigation of war profits shows that in one year during the war the Calumet and Hecla Company made 800 percent profit, and the next year made 300 percent profit. It thus got all its money back in full eleven times in two years. The great packers make huge profits in all times, but in the war years they made \$121,000,000 excess profits over their usual profits.

The Billion-Dollar Gold Racket

WHEN the gold racketeers anticipated the devaluation of the dollar they shipped one and one-half billions in gold out of the country. It was then worth \$20.67 an ounce. As soon as the dollar had been devalued and the price raised to \$35 an ounce, this gold was brought back, and the racketeers, as indicated by the published statements of the Federal Reserve banks, made \$1,449,477,000 by the deal.

Whipstocking Oil Wells

BY THE use of the whipstock device a driller may control the drift in the drill hole, enabling him to drift in any way he chooses. For example, in swampy land a derrick can be set on firm ground and drifted out hundreds of feet beneath the swampy surface. A camera is lowered with a compass, to show the direction. The average cost of drilling an oil well is \$200,000.

Rich Richer, Poor Poorer

TWENTY-SIX more million-dollar incomes in 1933 than in 1932, and 81,000 fewer persons making incomes of \$5,000 a year, shows that the unscriptural interest system is accomplishing its designed purpose of ruining the world. At present there is not enough money in the United States to pay the interest on its outstanding indebtedness for a single year.

Repentance at Death

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

A MAN had been wicked all his days. When dying he called a Catholic priest, confessed his sins and repented. Will God receive that man into heaven? The clergy say yes, but the Bible says no. No one goes to heaven except those who prove their faithfulness to God while on the earth. To those who are devoted to the Lord He says (Revelation 2:10, *A.R.V.*): "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life."

The clergy attempt to support the deathbed repentance theory by the scripture concerning the thief when dying on the cross, and which is recorded in the twenty-third chapter of Luke. The thief said: 'Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied: 'I say unto you today shalt thou be with me in paradise?' Those words of Jesus had no reference to heaven. The word "paradise" means a beautiful garden like unto Eden, and such will be the condition of the earth in the reign of Christ Jesus. To all persons who are then obedient to Christ during His thousand-year reign will be given the blessings of life everlasting on earth, and such will be in paradise. The thief who died on the 'cross' is still dead, and during the reign of Christ the thief will be resurrected out of death and given an opportunity to obey the Lord and live. Hence Jesus asked him: 'Wilt thou be with me, or on my side, in paradise?'

The clergy claim the thief went to paradise or heaven the very day that he died, because Jesus used the words "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise?" The fact is, the scripture reads: 'I say unto thee today [right now], Shalt thou be with me in paradise?' Jesus did not go to heaven until forty-three days after He spoke those words; and this alone shows that the clergy are wrong in their conclusion. If a man can be wicked all his days, repent at death and go immediately to heaven, that would put a premium on wickedness and induce man to lead a wicked life. The deathbed repentance doctrine is contrary to God's Word. Why, then, do the clergy teach it? Manifestly because they started in the wrong way when they believed and taught that every man has an immortal

soul and that the wicked go to "purgatory" and torment and the good go to heaven. That doctrine was Satan's first lie, and by it Satan has deceived many persons. No man *has* a soul, but every man *is* a soul. No man is immortal, because all men are subject to death, and *immortality* means that one could not die. No man is conscious while dead, because the Scriptures declare the dead know not anything.

Did the thief receive any benefit from his confession to Jesus when dying? No immediate benefit, no. The thief died that day and is dead yet. The Scriptures declare there shall be a resurrection of the just and the unjust. When the thief is awakened out of death he will no doubt immediately call to mind what was said by Jesus to him concerning paradise, and then he will know that if he obeys the Lord he will receive all the benefits of paradise, which include everlasting life on the earth. By taking the Lord's side and obeying the Lord he will then be with the Lord in paradise. There is no way for man to get life except by believing on the Lord and obeying Him. Jesus said (John 17:3): "This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ." Read carefully the book *Reconciliation* and there find set out the Scriptural proof concerning God's provision to give all persons an opportunity for life. A small number of persons will prove faithful to God while on the earth, who will be taken to heaven at the resurrection, while the great majority of men will get life during the reign of Christ and live on earth for ever; and at that time the earth will be made glorious, that is, a veritable paradise.

Being taught the false doctrines of "torment", "purgatory" and human "immortality" many men have joined themselves to the church because of fear and a desire to escape such suffering. Says the Lord, their fear is due to the teachings of men which shall perish. Those who desire God's approval must now carefully study His Word, learn therefrom the truth, and then obey the truth. The first great commandment is that man must love God with all his heart. To love God means an unselfish devotion to Him and then an obedience to His law because

such is right. Such a person tries to do right at all times, and does not wait until he is dying

to repent. The truth must be a guide to his course of action, as the Scriptures declare.

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Jehovah's witnesses

It Shall Not Return Void

By A. L. Henry (Florida)

AN EXPERIENCE which I consider the best that has ever been mine prompts me to pass it on to you. I'm learning more about how Jehovah in His great wisdom and power is not allowing our work to go to waste. Last Sunday I filled an appointment at a man's home, using the small [phonograph] machine. After the lecture I asked if there were any present who desired to ask questions, to which the man of the house replied, "Yes, I want to know if you people are placing much literature in the hands of the people now?"

I said, "The work is growing in leaps and bounds, more books and booklets being placed than ever before."

The man explained that he had worked at the city incinerator since 1928 and that three or four years ago quantities of Judge Rutherford's writings were carried there to be burned. He said he had noticed very little of it going that way during the past year. Then he added, "I want you to know that I have never allowed one piece of that literature to be burned when I could possibly save it. I accumulated wheelbarrow loads of it, giving it to people with whom I've talked the Truth and found interested. I've had many to ask where they could secure some of the literature; and what a joy it was to me to be able to give them help from the 'golden storehouse' which the blind had intended to be burned!"

He also stressed that he always placed the writings carefully away, so that they would never get back to the fire. He states that his supply is just about exhausted.

It shows that the Lord is carefully overseeing His work. We are commanded to be diligent. He will do the rest. I'm so grateful to have just a little part in this great work.

Laughing at the Courier-News

JEHOVAH'S witnesses are getting considerable merriment from the antics of the Plainfield *Courier-News*. That poorly informed organ of misinformation refused to publish the words of Harvey Rothberg, assistant attorney general of the state: "I have read some of the literature distributed by the witnesses of Jehovah, and have found it interesting and enlightening. I am in favor of its circulation in Plainfield without the necessity of any police permit." At least, the *Courier-News* would not publish these two sentences as an advertisement, which perhaps many might not have seen, but the *News* did publish the same two sentences as part of its leading editorial lambasting Mr. Rothberg for telling the truth, and thus everybody would see it who reads the *Courier-News* at all.

The Roman Catholic priests, ably supported by reprobate and non-Protestant ministers, are leading the Plainfield authorities by the nose. Meanwhile the people of Plainfield foot the bills for the cost of the lawless and futile effort to stop decent men and women from calling occasionally at their homes to give them an opportunity to learn about God's purpose to bless mankind.

A Truthful Statement

IT IS so seldom that newspapers give an honest and unprejudiced account of activities and beliefs of Jehovah's witnesses that we feel the appearance of such an account is worthy of "honorable mention". The *Macon Telegraph*, on its editorial page, carried 1¼ columns of truthful and fairly presented information about the Atlanta convention of Jehovah's witnesses and the talk delivered by Judge Rutherford on that occasion. None of the Atlanta papers took notice of the convention, which was attended by six or seven thousand.

Transportation Items

What the Ward Company Lost

THE world was horrified at the dreadful mismanagement and loss of life when the Ward Company's "Morro Castle" burned off Asbury Park. Wondering just how much the Ward Company was punished, one learns with interest that as the ship was insured for more than its value, that company actually gained \$263,099. The relatives of the passengers who died get next to nothing, as the law is fixed so that a steamship company is liable only to the extent of the salvage of the vessel wrecked; and as the loss in this instance was complete, there was nothing to divide among the claimants.

A Thousand Miles on Ten Cents

A NEW car, run by means of a battery which operates four electric motors, one for each wheel, has been invented. It will cost but ten cents to operate this car a thousand miles. This gasless automobile has already been tried out, on the quiet. In the first take-off the tread was completely burned off the tires. In less than half a minute the car got up to 85 miles an hour from a dead start. But don't ask for any more about this new car, or whether the gasoline companies will ever let it get out for actual use. If they do, you will hear more about it.

Increase in Railroad Accidents

THERE were 17 percent more railroad accidents in the first seven months of 1934 than in the same period of 1933, and 22 percent more railroad employees were killed last year than in 1933. Accidents in 1934 were 3,644, while in 1933 there were 3,101. The number of employees killed in 1934 was 316, and in 1933, 258. Passengers traveled in almost perfect safety, however, as only 15 out of several millions were killed in 1934, and 7 in 1933. In 1934, 1,527 trespassers were killed; 1,555 in 1933.

Hello! Is This Japan?

"HELLO! Is this Japan?" There is now regular telephone and radio communication between the United States and Japan, and, indeed, between the United States and almost every other country in the world, including Australia, the Philippines, India, South Africa, and South America. Every Bell Telephone subscriber is now connected with over 30,000,000 telephones, in sixty countries.

Plane Service to China

THE long-anticipated plane service to China, expected to start in April, is in six hops, aggregating 7,900 miles. The longest of these is the 2,100-mile jump from Alameda to Honolulu; it is 1,100 miles from there to Midway Island, 1,100 miles farther to Wake Island, and another 1,100 miles to Guam. From there it is 1,500 miles to Manila, whence it is 1,000 miles to Canton. In 1841 Captain Wilkes of the United States Navy was so little impressed with Wake Island that he did not consider it worth mapping. The island contains 2,600 acres, most of it ten to fifteen feet above sea level.

Inattentive Drivers Cause Accidents

IN MAKING a report on street and highway safety the governor's committee (Pennsylvania) says: "The driver of an automobile, particularly the high-speed cars which now predominate, cannot afford to relax or divert his attention from the job of driving. When he allows his eyes or mind to wander, or removes his hands from the steering wheel for a few seconds, someone pays for the lapse, and pays heavily. He himself may be the victim."

P.R.R. Streamlined Electric Locomotives

FOR its fast passenger travel between New York and Washington the Pennsylvania Railroad Company has ordered a fleet of 57 streamlined electric locomotives able to make 90 miles an hour. The cost is about \$250,000 each. The Santa Fe road, instead of going in for lightweight, streamlined trains, is believed to be intending to operate present equipment with Diesel engines.

Railroads Gradually Shriveling

THE railroads are gradually shriveling, at the rate of about 2,000 miles per year, and, if the present rate of loss of trackage continues, there will be nothing left of them but a memory a little more than two hundred years hence. Who would have thought it possible?

Two New Railroad Wrinkles

THE Great Northern has installed a spring switch at Willmar, Minn., which eliminates the stopping of 2,190 trains annually. One of the Union Pacific's new units is equipped with a headlight that enables persons on the train to talk to those at stations as they pass.

Governmental Brevities

Uncle Sam Has Learned His Lesson

IN AN address before the United States Senate Senator Reynolds, of North Carolina, said, in part:

"We have had enough. We have learned our lesson. When I say 'we' I refer to the American people around whose necks there has been hung a burden of taxation which will be transferred from one generation to another as a result of the forty-odd billions of dollars which those across the seas, and whose language is not ours, cost us during the World War, a burden of \$40,000,000,000 in taxation that hangs around the shoulders of every living, breathing person within the confines of this America today, a burden to descend to the shoulders of our children and their children's children. . . . Enter the World Court? No; never! . . . Are we going to subject ourselves to the will of those who have betrayed us? Are we going to do business with or affiliate with those who have robbed us, those who have deceived us, those whose words we cannot depend upon? Of course we are not."

W.C.T.U. Law Enforcement Division

AT Los Angeles the treasurer of the W.C.T.U. law enforcement division converted \$335.11 of the society's funds to her own use. Seems like pretty good reasoning, that if the props were taken out from under the law enforcement division, then the law would not be enforced; but in this instance it did not work. The lady who took the coin tearfully admitted that the reason why she took it was that she needed it to take care of an elder sister. She seems to have been lame on justice; which is the place where most morally lame people are lame. They seem to think, if it suits their own personal interests, they have a perfect right to betray the innocent, and to heartlessly expose them to inconvenience, sorrow or despair. And the worst of it is that oftentimes they have no remorse, but glory in their shame.

Relief Problem Here to Stay

INVESTIGATIONS by government officials disclose that about half the heads of relief families have passed their forty-fifth year, the age deadline at which many industries refuse employment. Every tenth person in relief families, among the employables, has never had a job, and there are children now living in homes in which during their lifetime the head of the family has never had regular employment. The relief problem is here to stay.

Great Achievement by League of Nations

AFTER great efforts, extending over several years, the League of Nations has brought about the result in South America that "Bolivia can now purchase armaments from all the great countries of Europe, but Paraguay can buy none". Of course, Bolivia has been getting arms right along, and so has Paraguay, and both will continue to get them; but think what a wonderful achievement it was for earth's great statesmen to get such a low-down on the situation that they could proudly say that only one of these countries is getting its arms with the full consent of this institution that sprang into existence as the result of the murder of 10,000,000 men!

Raw Deal for Gypsy Girls in Texas

GYPSY girls, the world over, are accustomed to enter the married state with dowries of gold to help their hubbies set up housekeeping, gypsy style. In Texas Federal agents raided a gypsy camp and discovered and confiscated gold coins found beneath the floor boards of an automobile. And further, the district attorney filed suit for a penalty double the value of the coins. All this, of course, is very reprehensible and discreditable to somebody. The gypsy who got into trouble knew very well that Uncle Sam did not mean what he said on the face of the gold coin, and the girls who do without husbands will see the importance of not making promises and not keeping faith. Strange lesson to learn, is it not?

Kansas City Gone to the Devil

TWO years ago, when the Roman Catholic hierarchy was forcing radio stations all around that city to cancel their contracts to broadcast the addresses of Judge Rutherford, the editor of *The [Roman] Catholic Register*, published in that city, declared that he had two judges in that city who would absolutely do his bidding. He could get anybody he chose arrested and these judges would find them guilty. The Protestant preachers were happy over the whole matter, then. Now they are complaining that Kansas City has gone to hell; that the people have been licked, browbeaten, thugged and cheated out of their rights and at last are groveling before the very people that have made the city an unfit place to live.

Relief Workers' Banquet at Breckenridge

THE relief workers at Breckenridge, Texas, had a splendid time at their banquet. A few weeks after the banquet a grandfather, 65 years of age, himself on relief, urgently begged the relief workers for two cans of tomatoes so that his ailing granddaughter could be fed some soup. Although he had food coming to him, he was arbitrarily ordered by a woman relief worker to come back fifteen days later for it, as she had changed her plans. It was explained to her that there was no food for the sick child but bread and beans, and no seasoning or trimming for either one, but she was adamant, and the child died, and was buried. It was not explained in just what Sunday school this female relief worker received her training. But one can imagine the enthusiasm with which such a believer in hell-fire would tenderly say, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Probably, at the banquet, she was a star attraction.

The Wrong Frederick

ONE of Jehovah's witnesses writes:

A subscriber takes offense at the statement in *Golden Age* No. 400, page 228, that "Frederick the Great" had lice in his beard, and says he will cancel his subscription if this is not soon corrected.

As a matter of fact "Frederick the Great", that is, Frederick II, who ruled 1740-1786, had no beard at all. It may be that *The Golden Age* meant Frederick I, who ruled 1152-1190. This one was not surnamed "the Great", but "Barbarossa" [Red Beard].

The explanation suggested is probably the correct one. The item floated through the press years ago, but the identity of the Fredericks did not remain clearly in mind. Regrets that the lice were on the wrong Frederick. It is not so long since most of the monarchs were lousy. Anyway, Pharaoh was. The encyclopedia says on this subject: "Man is more richly endowed, having three species: the head-lice (*Pediculus capitis*), the body-lice (*P. corporis*) and the crab-lice." Probably Pharaoh had all three varieties. He well deserved them all.

Income Tax Fraud in Pittsburgh

FOR the first time in its history, the United States Government has sued an institution, alleging fraud in the income tax returns of the Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, a Mellon-controlled concern.

The Uses of Armories

IF ANY have wondered of what use the great armories are that stud the big cities, curiosity is relieved by the discovery that this is where the machine-gun gangsters have been getting their arms and ammunition. Finally, after 1,037 rifles had been stolen from these armories in a single year, together with thousands of rounds of ammunition, it dawned upon the brilliant minds that are interested in the protection of the public that it would be best to remove certain of the essential parts of these guns, so that when the gangsters get them, either by theft or purchase, they will be somewhat inconvenienced. The essential parts removed will be kept in the safe. And now when the gangsters want them they have to go to the trouble of chiseling the safe or driving up with a truck and carrying it off to their headquarters. Still, in these days, a real clever gangster could probably get the combination of the safe for a suitable consideration.

Anarchy in Arkansas

AT MARKED TREE, Ark., a jury of planters found Ward H. Rodgers guilty of anarchy on three counts: he had organized Negro share croppers to stand for their legal rights, as well as whites; he had called Negroes "Mister"; he had also said that relief for tenant farmers will not come until the U.S. Government abolishes the plantation system. Being unable to find \$3,000 bail to defend himself from these terrible charges, Mr. Rodgers was locked up. Though not specified in the indictment, it is also no doubt held that Mr. Rodgers breathed Arkansas air and ate Arkansas food, making his crime just that much worse.

A Murder Every Forty Minutes

NEVER before has civilization reached such a high peak as in the United States. Since the Declaration of Independence was made 112,721 persons were killed in action in the country's wars, but in the past ten years 120,000 have been murdered. Of late this is one murder every forty minutes. It is thus seen that, while in Europe and other effete countries murder is practiced more in the open, here it is done in a more quiet, orderly manner. Moreover, over there, when they do have a private murder they usually do something about it, but in America this is considered impolite.

MR. I. A. HOWARD, R.F.D. No. 1, Proctorsville, Vt., has sent me further information about his experience with talc, which I am pleased to pass on to those that are interested.

It seems that back in 1878 he first started his experiments with talc on the farm. The results that he has obtained with it are such that he is so enthused about it that he now states, 'It is the greatest thing to use for agricultural purpose that there is in the world.' Well, I don't know that I blame him, after seeing some of the things he has done with it.

Last year he took a piece of ground that had been used for a garden for a good many years, it being pretty well run out and full of weeds and witch grass, plowed and planted it, using nothing but talc for fertilizer, and raised big crops of everything that was planted on it.

If you want to use any other fertilizer along with it you can do so, but Mr. Howard sticks to the talc. He finds by its use that the fodder corn grows taller and greener, the vegetables are larger and of better color and have an excellent flavor, and the potatoes are smooth and mealy. Flowers fertilized with the talc are larger and more brilliantly colored.

For grain he uses two tons of talc to the acre. In the garden, after plowing and harrowing the ground, he spreads half a pint of talc to a hill and drops the seed, such as potato, corn, etc., into it, or places his tomato plants in the hill. Where a drill is used, use about the same proportion of talc in the drill and drop the seed into it. When the plants come out of the ground, dust them freely with the talc until grown. By doing this no insect will work on them. For pole beans, set the poles in the ground and spread a pint of talc around them, plant four beans to the hill, and dust the plants until grown.

Use talc around all fruit trees, dusting them freely while they are in blossom, and you will have no insects to bother you, to say nothing of having your fruit free from arsenic poison.

The liberal use of talc will relieve you of worry about drought or disease of any kind.

The use of talc is not confined to crops, as excellent results are obtained by using it on the floor of the barn, stable, hen and hog houses. It kills all foul odors, keeping the place smelling sweet.

If a cow or horse hurts its foot, take about

four quarts of talc, warm it and put it in a bag. Put the injured foot in the bag and tie the bag to the leg. This will draw the soreness out and heal at the same time.

When you have trouble with the cow's teats and bag, or if there are warts on the teats, make a paste out of the talc and hot water and apply to the affected part. It will draw out the inflammation and also remove the warts. Mr. Howard also claims it is useful in healing skin disease on cattle and works well in drawing out inflammation in humans. If you use it on sheep it will get rid of the ticks.

Most of the high-priced insect powders have talc as the principal ingredient in them, to choke the insects. Why pay 50c an ounce for something you can buy for \$20 a ton?

Talc is also used in fire extinguishers, being mixed with chemicals; it will smother a fire without damage to clothes or furniture.

If everyone has as good success as Mr. Howard has with the talc, it looks as if the Millennium were a step nearer. I would suggest, though, that reasonable care be taken not to get the talc into your lungs while using it, as any fine dust inhaled in quantities is apt to cause trouble.

The Concrete at Boulder Dam

BOULDER DAM, now completed, used enough concrete to build a standard 16-foot paved highway from Miami in Florida to Seattle in Washington, or to build a monument 100 feet square $2\frac{1}{8}$ miles in height. The dam, 660 feet thick at the base, is 45 feet thick at the top, where it carries an automobile highway from Nevada to Arizona. The dam is 726 feet high, and goes 130 feet into the rock below the river bed. Pressure of water on the concrete at the base of the dam will be 45,000 pounds per square foot. The dam will hold enough water to cover New York state to the depth of one foot. It will pay for itself in fifty years.

Glass Thirteen Times as Strong

GLASS thirteen times as strong as usual is made by cooling the molten fabric by sudden immersion in oil at a temperature of 400 degrees. The resultant glass, when it breaks, instead of breaking into large razor-edged splinters, is said to break into less hazardous small pieces with rounded edges.

"True Christian Heard in Court"

UNDER the heading "True Christian Heard in Court on Vaccination" the Greenwich (Conn.) *Daily News-Graphic* said:

A crowded town hall courtroom today heard Special Prosecutor William L. Larash threaten with contempt of court Maria J. Braught upon her statement, "If this was Hitler or Mussolini country—"

Mrs. Braught, mother of four small children, had been arraigned on a charge of failure to send her 9-year-old daughter, Alice, to school. Her announced reason for the failure was the school rule requiring the child's vaccination. Prosecutor Larash represented the State Board of Education in the case which was held before Judge William P. Mulville.

READS STATEMENT

When called to the stand, Mrs. Braught, in no uncertain tones, informed the court that she did not intend to have her children vaccinated unless the doctors would guarantee the child's continued good health.

Mrs. Braught, instead of telling the court her story, read a prepared explanation.

When explaining her objection she stated, "The court might as well ask me to take a knife and take their life.

"The court has no more right to vaccinate my child than to insert a knife in them.

"I am a true Christian and know and study the law of Jehovah God, which is the Bible. The law of Jehovah God is against the intermingling of animal matter with any human blood, as is stated in Leviticus, Chapter 18. The life is in the blood, and as vaccination is a direct injection of animal matter in the blood stream, vaccination is a direct violation of the holy law of Jehovah God.

"I have no fear of him who is able to destroy the body, but the Almighty Jehovah God, whose sovereign law is just and righteous.

"The fundamental law of the Constitution of the United States was made by God-fearing men and to all guaranteed liberty to worship Jehovah God to the dictates of their own conscience. The law of the United States also guarantees liberty to parents to have any doctor they wish to choose for their family. The law of the schools demands every child to be educated.

"As I am a lawful citizen and taxpayer of Greenwich, I demand to have my children educated. I have nothing to do with the medical board. I am asking the schools to educate my children, not the doctors. . .

"I charge that vaccination is unconstitutional. . .

"Last, but not least, it is against the sovereign will of the Almighty Jehovah God who soon will destroy all unrighteousness and everything that is not in harmony with His sovereign will. Take heed, oh ye mighty men, that ye not anger a just and righteous God.

"I have no alternative. I must obey Jehovah God's law because it is superior to any law men may make.

"Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye.

"If the court insists on inflicting punishment upon me because I am obeying God's law, then the court must take the consequences before Jehovah God."

When asked if she had any witnesses, she replied, "God is my witness."

She was found guilty and fined \$5 on each count. As her daughter had stayed out of school for eight weeks and each week is considered as one count, the fine amounted to \$40. The fine was suspended for two weeks, at which time she will again be brought before the court, to show whether or not she has complied with the law. If she has not complied at that time, further disposition will be made by the court to enforce the law.

Moving Pictures of Souls

"SCIENTISTS," notably Dr. Hereward Carrington, of the American Physical Institute, hope to make pictures of souls. The doctor thinks it is necessary to kill the individual in order to get the soul picture. He says he already has still pictures of the souls of a white rat, a horned frog, a chicken, and a grasshopper. Isn't it thrilling! He said, "We would not care to execute a human being merely for experimental purposes." The doctor has a more sensitive conscience than the aluminum trust. However, since creatures *are* souls, it is evident that pictures of souls have been taken for quite a long while, and the doctor is merely barking up the wrong tree, if we may be pardoned for such a crude expression. The Bible makes it clear that the "soul" is not something separate and distinct from the body. It further assures us that the soul dies.—Psalm 78:50.

Commercial Pantomime of the Clergy

"NOT willing to yield to the commercial pantomime of clergy who are such by profession and not at heart, I always had a desire to learn the truth. Today the knowledge of Jehovah is of greatest importance to humankind. This depression has brought untold hardships for the poorer class of people. I myself thought at one time that life wasn't worth while. Since I took my firm stand on Jehovah's side, have had much blessing, much joy. Life is worth while, when one adheres to the truth."—Mrs. A. D., *Connecticut*.

The Business of a Radio "Priest"

THE claim is made for the Detroit "radio priest" that he has the largest personal following of any man in the United States next to Roosevelt. This may be true. He has made a financial success of broadcasting attacks upon men and institutions that have deceived and oppressed; that is his business. He is not interested in the Scriptures; a sixteen-page radio lecture entitled "Following the Christ Child" contains not one Scripture citation.

His talks are semi-church affairs, all officially endorsed by the bishop of Detroit, and the claim is made by the priest that they represent the wishes of the pope. Yet he has been denounced as a public enemy and a very dangerous man by such outstanding Catholics as Reverend Father Belford, Catholic prelate of Brooklyn; Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston; and Crisuolo, the banker, decorated by the pope as a grand officer of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

He advocated "Roosevelt or ruin"; was sure God was guiding him; nine months later was denouncing him for plowing under cotton and killing millions of unborn pigs; and a few weeks later was back on the New Deal band wagon as if he had never fallen off. It is claimed that his appeal to his radio audience resulted in the sending of 200,000 letters and telegrams to Washington urging senators to keep the United States out of the World Court.

Do labor people feel that they are being imposed upon by their officials? He declares that the American Federation of Labor collected \$900,000,000 in thirty years, and wants to know what became of it.

Do the common people feel that they are being badly stung when all the wealth of the country is handed down from one useless generation of bloodsuckers to another? He declares that America collects in inheritance taxes only \$50,000,000, as against Britain's \$700,000,000. With only 40-percent as much wealth, Britain collects inheritance taxes fourteen times as great.

Public Greatly Taken

The public is greatly taken by his addresses; also greatly taken in. He is interested in himself, and makes it pay. In one week he has received as many as 105,000 letters; on a single Tuesday he deposited in a Detroit bank \$22,000 in one-dollar bills, received in Monday's mails.

Connected with an institution that boasts that when it is strong enough it will put to death all Protestants that lift their voice against its evil teachings, it is claimed that sixty-five percent of this priest's mail is from non-Catholics. It takes 104 young women to handle his remittances and other correspondence.

Part of the priest's business is the sale of his biography and addresses for \$3, bound in one book. Twelve of Judge Rutherford's wonderful books explaining the Scriptures can be had for that money. The priest is a good card-player; has played till 12:30 a. m. He is building a \$1,000,000 radio church; the church business is considered a respectable business, but is most disrespectful. Churches are run for the express purpose of dishonoring the name of Almighty God.

At the time silver was rising in price his secretary, without his knowledge, so it is claimed, and out of surplus funds, if anybody knows what they are in these evil times, invested \$20,000 in such a manner as to rake in \$100,000 net on the deal.

For the small sum of \$1 each, Catholics, Protestants and Jews may "enroll" their departed ones with the priest; if one is enrolled it is \$1; if two, it is \$2; if three, it is \$3; if four, it is \$4; if five, it is \$5. It is making money just like that. What do the people get for their \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, or \$5? Don't ask silly questions. They get stung. Isn't that enough?

The suggestion has been delicately advanced by some of the priest's critics that some of the hundreds of thousands of dollars flowing in to him should be used for direct relief of poverty; well, that only makes one more person or institution for the crusading priest to crusade against, and the net result is that another bunch of suckers put up \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4, or \$5, and there are yet more surplus funds for use in whatever way the priest, or his secretary, or other persons not named, might elect.

Barnum was right: the American people love to be humbugged.

Censorship by Pope

THE picture called "Ecstasy" was impounded by the New York customs after it had been denounced by the pope, says a press dispatch. Why should the pope pass on what pictures Americans shall or shall not see?

Eight Postal Cards

SOME sad-eyed priest in Anaconda, Montana, is out eight cents. As a result of a harangue by this genius that has his collar on backwards and is backing up through the world, eight cents were invested by his flock in postal cards here presented, as a revelation of the brilliant wisdom of this incipient farmer. When he has to work, he will miss those eight cents, which he might just as well as not have squeezed out of his loyal parishioners. It is a surprise to find that eight persons were willing to give up one cent each in response to his pitiful plea. The cards are as follows (sic):

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 13, 4 P.M. "Station KGIR Butte, Mont. Announcer;—I and many Catholic citizens protest against that lying Rutherford. Please take steps to put him off the air or we Catholics will. Ruth Palmer, 105 Chestnut St."

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 13, 4 P.M. "Radio Station K.G.I.R., Butte, Montana. Sirs: As a citizen of the United States I am sending this complaint against that unscrupulous Rutherford. I, and many other Catholics in Montana, wish him removed from the Air. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smet."

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 13, 4 P.M., Radio Station KGIR, Butte, Montana. "Sirs: as one of the many Catholics in Anaconda I object to having Rutherford abuse our Holy Religion. See that this worm is removed from the air. Mrs. John Haramia"

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 14 1 PM, KGIR Radio Station, Butte, Montana. "Sir: I object of hearing Rutherford over K.G.I.R. on Sundays. About his lying against catholic religion. If he wants to talk over the radio he can talk about his own religion, and not mix any of the other religions in his speech. Lois Arvish"

Anaconda, Mont., Mar 14 1 PM, Radio Station KGIR, Butte, Mont. "Sirs: Please remove this horrid man Rutherford from the air who is abusing our religion. If not further steps will be taken. Signed, Mary Rose Balkovatz"

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 14, 1 P.M. Radio Station KGIR, Butte, Montana. "Box 912, Anaconda, Mont "Sir! I am a Catholic and I happened to hear the person that you call Judge Rutherford on your station and I want to make this Protest, that you put that man off the air or I will take further steps to put him off. It is a shame the way that man abuses our sacred Religion. I think he is crazy. the worm. I am surpraised that your station allows crazy men to broadcast. Mrs. Buckley"

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 14, 1 P.M. KGIR Radio Station, Butte, Mont. "Sir: As a Catholic girl I object of hearing Rutheford talking against the Catholic religion over K.G.I.R. Marjorie Blodnick."

Anaconda, Mont., Mar. 14, 4 P.M. Radio Station KGIR, Butte, Mont. "Sir, As Citizens we object to Ruderfords broadcasting. Remove him from the air, at once. Mrs Jos. Kuffner and party. 503 E. 3rd St., Anaconda Montana."

Not so bad, yer riverence, not so bad. Eight postal cards, any one of which is enough to send its writer to prison for sending defamatory and threatening matter through the mails. The motto of the Roman hierarchy is, "Make the United States like Mexico; see what we did in 400 years of uninterrupted control of the country; what we did down there we can do in the United States."

The "reverend father" should preach to his flock on the subject "Beware of Dogs" (also their sons), which would leave him without any congregation. Then the flock could go to night school and learn how to spell and punctuate.

The Pedigree of Mr. Roosevelt

By Wm. Lloyd Clark (Illinois)

THE Chicago convention in which Roosevelt was nominated was the most disgraceful, drunken debauch in American history.

The convention was opened with a speech by John J. Raskob, R. C., who made his millions selling murder machinery.

The permanent chairman of the convention was a R. C. [Roman Catholic].

The radio announcer was a R. C.

The reading clerk was a R. C.

The second session of the convention was opened with prayer by a R. C. priest.

The Catholic church and booze have shaped Roosevelt to do their bidding. To the enemies of his country he is as clay in the hands of the potter or as a corpse in the hands of the undertaker.

They own him brain, heart, and soul. He will do everything Rome wants done. He was nominated in an atmosphere heavy with tobacco smoke and the stench of bootleg whisky.

The mammoth leather suit cases of the Tammany delegation were so heavy with liquid goods that the bell hops carried them to the delegates' rooms in the Drake hotel with difficulty. These bottles were carried empty from the convention building at the close of every session. It required 150 janitors to clean the hall after every session.

The convention was a gold mine for the gamblers, booze peddlers, demimonde, and crowded every service of the Catholic churches.

The election of Roosevelt enthrones Rome in Washington and shames America before the Protestant nations of the world. It puts an enemy of the public school and a champion of the parochial school in the White House. Mrs. Roosevelt was educated in a foreign parochial school, which, it is said, seriously changed her views on life. Is she the shadow behind the president in his opposition to the public school? [Whether or not Wm. Lloyd Clark is going a little too far in his analysis of the situation is left to the judgment of the reader. That there is much to justify his misgivings is not to be questioned.—Ed.]

IT LOOKS as if, next to squelching Judge Rutherford, the Catholic hierarchy would like to put the skids on *The Golden Age* and send it to a place that is reputed to have a much higher temperature than the equally fictitious "purgatory". Persistent efforts are being made by the Hierarchy, through harmless-looking representatives, to get laws passed which will make it a crime to laugh at or otherwise call in question this same doctrine of "purgatory" or its twin sister the old doctrine of "hell". To point out the inconsistency of these teachings with the Bible could be construed as offending the religious sensibilities of those who find the "purgatory" business profitable.

Now that it seems possible that such a bill may be passed in some states, the ground must be prepared to put it to some use. Hence the *Commonweal*, Catholic weekly, tries to indicate that the truths set forth in *The Golden Age*, with a dash of satire and humor, are hurting the religious sensibilities of certain people just terribly. The *Commonweal* says: "Catholic citizens in various Eastern communities, and no doubt in other places too, have found on their porches of a Sunday morning copies of *The Golden Age*, a journal published in Brooklyn, N. Y., by the Rutherfordites. It is likely to make those of them who read it very angry indeed, being interlarded with propaganda of the most outrageous kind against the church. . . . That stupid gossip of this sort should be peddled round among poorly instructed people is an outrage."

Analyzing this, it would seem that *The Golden Age* might be one of the first objects of prosecution under the New Jersey bill designed to protect the Hierarchy in its schemes to wring money from the people under its influence, referred to in the above quotation as "poorly instructed people".

It should be stated that *The Golden Age* is not left on porches anywhere by any of its authorized agents. No one is commissioned to circulate it in any such way, and readers and friends of the journal are requested not to circulate it in that manner. Sorry the *Commonweal* considers some of the items in *The Golden Age* "outrageous", but some of the old teachings of the papacy are very funny (not to say "outrageous"). At the last moment, as this issue of *The Golden Age* goes to press, April 9,

comes the news that this morning the Hate Bill was signed by the governor and it is now "illegal" in New Jersey to tell the truth about the biggest hypocrites on earth.

The Lying Spirits of "Purgatory"

ELIZABETH WHYTE, Jehovah's witness, reared a Catholic, says: "I will tell you of some of my experiences with those lying spirits, known to Catholics as 'The Poor Souls in Purgatory'. At a convent school in Ireland, away back in the sixties, I heard a sermon that impressed me greatly. I learned that when people died, and did not go to heaven because they were not good enough, nor to hell because they were not bad enough, there was an intermediary station where they had to wait and be cleansed from venial sins and made ready for heaven; that we could help them by gaining indulgences, making sacrifices, hearing masses or paying priests to say mass for them. I was born of very religious parents and had heard so much about saints that I resolved to be one. I knew it would cost me something, but was willing to pay the price. Satan saw my efforts to be perfect; just think of it! The thought of the sufferings of the 'poor souls' worried me. I went to bed, rosary in hand, prayed myself to sleep, happy to feel that I had done so much good, and had gotten so many poor souls out of the flames. I had made my first communion, and felt very good indeed. I was fast asleep when my bed shook violently. I looked up into the face of a strange nun; as she stood motionless I screamed. She disappeared and one of the sisters came running to me. I tried to explain. She said I had been dreaming, but in the morning she took me to the priest, a kindly old Irishman. He listened, and told me it was some poor soul that needed prayers and that I should ask her what she wanted, which I never did, of course." (From this little incident it is perfectly apparent where the Catholics get their ideas of "purgatory"; the whole scheme is demonistic in origin and is demonism in fact and in truth. There is not a shred of Scripture to support the whole lying scheme. The passage usually quoted to support it is II Machabees 12:43-46, which, however, says nothing about "purgatory", but plainly shows that the dead are awaiting the resurrection.)

Nephilim and Spirit Mediums

AT THE time of man's creation the spirit creature named Lucifer was a member of God's organization, appointed and anointed of God to office. It was his privilege and duty to serve, support and praise Jehovah God and render complete obedience to Him, and he was fully equipped for that purpose. Of Lucifer it was that Jehovah said: "Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God." (Ezekiel 28:14) It seems quite clear from the Scriptures that Lucifer was the chief officer over a certain division of God's organization, having under him other spirit creatures or angels, and that his organization particularly related to man on the earth. Lucifer rebelled against God and corrupted his sanctuaries: "by the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries." (Ezekiel 28:18, *A.R.V.*) That would mean that at the beginning of his official term Lucifer's organization or dwelling-place was devoted to God and righteousness, but that he willfully became wicked. This would also mean that others joined him in his treasonable course, thus corrupting the dwelling-place of Satan and those in his immediate organization.

At the time Christ Jesus cast Satan and his host out of heaven and down to the earth that company of wicked angels fought on Satan's side, and their operations are now confined to things pertaining to the earth. (Revelation 12:7-12) At the beginning they were creatures of God, but they rebelled and became the seed of the Serpent, Satan. The Lord Jesus Christ announces Jehovah's judgment concerning this wicked company led by Satan as being everlasting destruction, pictured by fire. (Matthew 25:41) Satan is tyrannical in the extreme, and those spirits operating with him are wicked tyrants. From the time of Eden Satan was a murderer (John 8:44), and those who joined him in his rebellion against God doubtless participated in the murder of Abel by Cain, and they also are murderers and have continued to commit murder since. Satan is the invisible ruler or "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:3, 4); which means that he is the most powerful among all the wicked spirit creatures and that the other wicked ones operate under him, and the entire organization fights against every

one that is on the side of Jehovah.—Ephesians 6:12.

From the very time of Eden God pronounced His judgment of destruction against Satan and his host or "seed". (Genesis 3:15) Later, through His prophet Moses, God tells why He did not immediately execute that judgment and destroy Satan and all his wicked host. God's purpose is to permit Satan and his host to go the very limit in opposition to God and in their effort to turn all creation from Jehovah and to prove Jehovah to be a liar; and then in His own due time God will completely destroy such wicked ones, and thus demonstrate His own supreme power. Before their destruction, however, Jehovah will have His faithful and loyal witnesses give testimony to His own great name and to be witnesses before both men and angels. (1 Corinthians 4:9) As Jehovah said to Pharaoh of Egypt who served and represented Satan (Exodus 9:16, *Leeser* translation): "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." It is Satan and his wicked host, invisible to human eyes, that have wrongfully influenced and corrupted the visible rulers of the earth and made the ruling powers of the earth a part of the wicked organization that oppresses the human race. The time for a final showdown between the hosts of wickedness and God's righteous organization is now at hand, and Christ Jesus, who is made the Head of Jehovah's capital organization and His chief executive officer, will completely destroy that wicked organization of Satan.

In Jehovah's universal organization there are many holy angels devoted to His service and who were never a part of Lucifer's company, and who did not participate with Lucifer in his rebellion. All of such faithful angels are the "sons of God", because they received their life from Jehovah. (Job 38:7) Approximately 1,500 years had now passed since the rebellion in Eden. Adam and Eve, in that time, had children and grandchildren, and the human race was continuously on the increase; "and it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose." (Genesis

6:1, 2) All who had allied themselves with Satan the Devil were then, and are, 'the seed of Satan the Serpent,' and hence the sons of Satan. This is proof that the ones here called the "sons of God" are entirely a different class or company from the ones that joined Satan in his rebellion. They were spirit creatures or angels having life from Jehovah God, and, continuing in His service, they are designated as "the sons of God".

It was a part of Satan's wicked scheme to defraud angels as well as men and to induce them to go contrary to God's law. "The daughters of men . . . were fair," and the "sons of God" saw these and observed that they were attractive. By fraud and deceit Satan first entrapped the beautiful Eve, which furnished Adam an excuse to join the Devil; and now 1,500 years thereafter he uses the beautiful daughters or granddaughters of Eve to entrap others, even the "sons of God". Those angelic "sons of God" had power to materialize in human organism, and doubtless did materialize. There is no evidence that by materializing they violated God's law. Appearing in human form they would necessarily be handsome and attractive men that would be pleasing to the women of that time. The Scriptures do not say that they were giants. It would not be at all reasonable to conclude that they materialized as giants, but that they materialized as attractive men. "The sons of God . . . took them wives of all which they chose." The result of this marriage relationship was to greatly increase wickedness amongst the human race, and this of itself is conclusive proof that Satan was the prime mover in bringing about this condition.

Nephilim

"The Nephilim were in the earth in those days." (Genesis 6:4, *R.V.*) The Scripture is definite that it was the "sons of God" that took them wives from the daughters of men, and this statement is conclusive proof that the Nephilim were not the ones who married them. The Nephilim (translated "giants" in the *Authorized Version Bible*), being giants, would have been entirely out of proportion in size to have human creatures for wives. That the Nephilim did materialize as human creatures there is no doubt, because the Scriptures say they were in the earth. Doubtless the Nephilim were the very ones who, together with Satan,

induced the "sons of God" to leave their proper place in Jehovah's service and seek pleasure with the daughters of men, and this they did to turn those "sons of God" away from Him and at the same time bring greater reproach upon His name. These "giants", or Nephilim, materialized and were on the earth, but the "sons of God" married the daughters of men. This the record clearly shows: "There were giants in the earth in those days; and also *after that*, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men [*gibborim* (Hebrew)], . . . men of renown." (Genesis 6:4) It was after those giants first appeared on the earth that the "sons of God" and the daughters of men had children, as this text shows.

These "giants", or Nephilim, were probably called "fallen ones" or 'fallen angels' because they had fallen entirely away from God, and for the further reason that they were "fellers" or ones who fell upon others and treated them in a tyrannical manner. According to a recognized authority, "nephilim" means those who fall (upon others), that is, "fellers." (*Strong's Conc.*) It is certain that they are not the same as the "sons of God" mentioned in Genesis 6, for at least two reasons: (1) they were on the earth before the materialization of the "sons of God"; and (2) these Nephilim or "giants" were not the sons of God, but the seed or sons of the Devil. Other Scriptures fully support this conclusion.—2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6.

By the marriage of the "sons of God" with the daughters of men, children were born, and "the same became mighty men, which were of old, men of renown". Those "men of renown", the offspring of the "sons of God", were not called Nephilim, but according to the Hebrew text are termed *gibborim*. In the great deluge that came upon the earth in Noah's day the *gibborim*, or "mighty men", were destroyed, but there is no Scriptural evidence that either the "sons of God" or the Nephilim were. On the contrary, the evidence shows that they are yet alive. At the time of the flood which destroyed all flesh except the creatures with Noah in the ark, these "sons of God" and Nephilim simply dematerialized and returned to the spirit condition. The Nephilim were a part of the Devil's organization that had operated with him since the rebellion in Eden. By materializing as human creatures they would induce the "sons of

God", who had up to that time been loyal to Jehovah, to materialize and to indulge in marital relations with the daughters of men. While the Genesis record is silent as to whether or not God prohibited them from marrying human wives, yet God's law later on given to the Israelites shows that such a course was contrary to His will.—Leviticus 19:19; 20:15, 16.

The mere fact that the "sons of God", after they had materialized, intermarried with human women would not mean that they were directly a part of Satan's organization or even in sympathy with Satan's organization. Satan and his allies, the Nephilim, would cause these "sons of God" to indulge in false reasoning which led them into an unwise course. The disobedience of such "sons of God" continued during the period that Noah was building the ark. Speaking of them as being now "spirits in prison", 1 Peter 3:19, 20 says they were disobedient when the ark was being prepared. When the ark was completed and the flood came, there the "old world" ended. That means the change in spirit conditions as well as earthly conditions; hence at that time apply the words of 2 Peter 3:6, to wit: "The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished." It was at that time that the "spirits", the "sons of God", were imprisoned, but not destroyed. It was to those imprisoned spirits that Jesus preached centuries later. Who imprisoned them? There is no evidence in the Scriptures that God did. Those angels once in God's organization and in His service had fallen to the Devil's wiles, and God would deliver such up to His enemy Satan and permit the enemy Satan to imprison them. Satan's purpose would be to keep them under his control and thus prevent them from returning to God.

Sentenced to Death

The Nephilim are angels that sinned willfully, joining Satan. Concerning such Nephilim 2 Peter 2:4 says: "God did not spare the angels who sinned, but having confined them in Tartarus with chains of thick darkness, delivered them over into custody for judgment." (*Diaglott* translation) When were these wicked angels sentenced? It was preceding the time of the flood. According to the *Diaglott* translation the phrase "having confined them in Tartarus" is just one word in the original Greek text. According to the Greek mind *Tartarus* pictures a deep abyss and signifies a great

abasement or degradation, a being reduced to a degraded state far deeper than that to the dust from which man was made and from which he is to be raised out of death. It is the same abasement or degradation to which rebellious Lucifer was reduced. The "angels that sinned" committed that great sin long before Noah's day; hence these are not the "sons of God" who married the daughters of men in Noah's day, but these wicked spirit creatures were a part of Lucifer's official organization, who joined him in the rebellion and were sentenced to death at the same time Satan was sentenced. Until the time of their execution they are "confined . . . with chains of thick darkness".

That does not mean literal chains such as we see with our natural eyes, but restraint in darkness of having lost the light concerning God's truth. This means utter darkness as to their understanding of Jehovah's purposes. They are in the dark so far as God's favor and His purposes are concerned. They are degraded and abased to the lowest degree. There is no light of God's favor for them. In the light of God's favor is life (Psalm 30:5); hence "chains of thick darkness" would clearly imply eventual destruction, and could not refer to their being confined in the dark rooms of spirit mediums who operate there. Mediums' operating in dark rooms is merely a means employed to deceive. The "angels who sinned" were once a part of God's organization under Lucifer, and when Lucifer became God's enemy they likewise became God's enemies, and God degraded them into darkness.

"God . . . delivered them over into custody for judgment." That would mean that these wicked ones are constantly under surveillance of the holy angels acting under the Lord's direction. This surveillance, however, did not prevent the wicked ones from associating with and operating with Satan in heaven, for there they were at the time Satan was cast out of heaven by the Lord. At the same time these angels were cast down to the earth with Satan. (Revelation 12:7-12) They operate with Satan in his organization now to bring woe upon the world. Without doubt Jehovah has reserved them alive under restraint of darkness and under surveillance in order to show His power over them at the oncoming battle of Armageddon and thereby to convince all creation that Jehovah is God the Almighty One. (Exodus

9:16, *Leeser* translation) The Lord Jesus declared that these wicked ones who are Satan's angels shall be cut off at the same time the Devil will be cut off. (Matthew 25:41, 46) Jude (verse 6) fully sustains the foregoing concerning the "angels who sinned", including Nephilim.

Communication by Mediums

The wicked spirits that joined Satan in his rebellion have communicated and do now continue to communicate with human creatures by the use of willing mediums, and this they do for the very purpose of deceiving mankind and drawing men away from God and holding them in Satan's snare. Jehovah God provided in His law that all men or women practicing the fraudulent art of mediums, witches, necromancers or soothsayers should be put to death, because they are working as Satan's agents. (See Exodus 22:18; Deuteronomy 18:10.) This is conclusive proof that the efforts of men and women to get in communication with the spirits is entirely contrary to God's law and brings disaster upon those who practice such.

Witchcraft and mediums are of Satan and the fruit of his rebellion: "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (1 Samuel 15:23) These words, addressed to the disobedient king Saul by God's prophet Samuel, announce Jehovah's rule showing the direct relationship between rebellion and witchcraft and that stubbornness and lawlessness against God, the rejection of His Word, is the cause of one's falling into wickedness. Saul was the first king of the nation of Israel, which used to be God's typical organization. Saul disobeyed God and rebelled. Hence Samuel's statement to him supports the conclusion that witches or mediums represent the rebel Satan and his wicked associates, who are also rebels, and that such are the ones that communicate through witches or mediums with the human race. Later Saul sought advice from the witch of Endor, after first having directed his servants to search out such a medium or witch. He fell completely under the control of the wicked spirits operating through that witch. (1 Samuel 28:7-16) Those wicked spirits induced Saul to believe that he was communicating with Samuel; but the related scriptures show that these spirits were lying, because Sam-

uel had now long been dead, and God's Word declares that the dead know not anything. (Ecclesiastes 9:5, 10; Psalm 146:4) Saul fell for Satan's first lie.—Genesis 3:4.

Millions of other persons are deceived, being induced to believe that they can talk with their dead friends, when in fact they are communicating with those wicked spirits that have been opposed to God and righteousness since the days of Eden. Such wicked spirits act through mediums and by this means deceive those who do not adhere strictly to God's Word. Many public officials in many of the countries consult these mediums, and thus consult the wicked spirits, in order to find out what they must do or what course they shall take, and thus the Devil carries on this wicked practice to turn men away from Jehovah and into unrighteousness. Every religious organization that has existed, beginning with Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10), Satan has overreached and used for his purpose. The most glaring example of this is the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Both Catholics and Protestants preach to the people that their dead friends are alive and conscious either in "purgatory" or in "torment". Such is in substance Satan's first lie spoken to man. (Genesis 3:4; John 8:44) No wonder many churchgoers are deceived into thinking that they can get in touch with their dead loved ones by means of spirit mediums! To Jehovah's Word!—Isaiah 8:19, 20.

Lying Spirit Represents the Dead

THE London *Sunday Express* contains a half page of information (?) concerning the "other world" which was given by a demon who represented himself as being the deceased Dennis Bradley. Dennis Bradley had been a spiritualist and had promised to communicate with his family from the "other side". (Incidentally, he died of "food poisoning".) The spirit contradicts himself, which should be expected, as he is manifestly manufacturing his story out of whole cloth. Among other things, the demon says, "All the inventions which have caused such excitement and admiration on earth have been known here ever since time was." Then he promptly contradicts himself by saying, "There are laboratories here in which spirits are trying to find cures for certain malignant diseases on earth." No doubt they are experimenting on spirit cats and spirit dogs, so that

vivisection appears to be practiced in that "other world" in which everybody knew everything since time was. At the same time the demon claims, "Time simply does not exist." He mentions seeing Confucius, who "seemed to be wearing a brown habit something like a monk's". We suspect there is a good deal of monkey-business about this "spirit world" in which everybody goes where he wishes simply by wishing to go. The spirit talks about everything but God and Christ, as might be expected. The demons have nothing in common with Jehovah and His Son.

A Presumptuous Sin

A LETTER which purports to have been written by Christ is being printed in country papers in the Southwest. The letter says that those who, receiving it, fail to pass it on to someone else will be punished in various ways. It further declares that those who keep a copy of the letter in their homes will be safe from harm. Additionally it says, "You shall finish your work every Saturday at 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at which hour the preparation for the Sabbath begins." This statement is one of the many evi-

dences that the letter is a presumptuous act on the part of some misguided individual. The name "Saturday" was not in use in Jesus' day, and to say that six o'clock Saturday afternoon is the beginning of the sabbath is so clearly a misstatement that the whole thing is readily seen to be a fabrication. The Jewish sabbath was the same as the day now called Saturday and preparation for the sabbath was made on Friday. It seems to be the Devil's object to add all kinds of foolish inventions to the Word of God. The Catholics have no end of traditions, very much of the kind of thing this letter claims to be, and Catholic magazines give more space to such absurdities than to the Word of God, by far. Protestant publications incline toward the same thing. Books really worth consideration are those which seriously discuss and adhere to the Bible.

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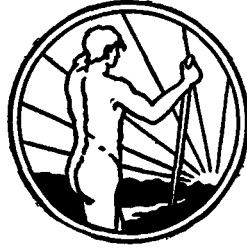
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Inspiring and Stimulating Report of Club Work Carried on by Glasgow Company

(Letter of transmittal on page 484—and see page 498.)

IN December 1933 we started compiling records. Up till September 1934 there were 12 club meetings, 2 Y.M.C.A. meetings, and 1 meeting in a hospital.

In October 1934 we had 4 meetings; in November, 17 meetings; in December, 21; in January, 40; and in February, 59; a total of 141 meetings from October to February, with an attendance of 5,353 strangers, fully 60 percent of whom were Roman Catholics. At these meetings 247 books and 1,021 booklets were taken and paid for, and, in addition, 1,078 booklets and 49 *Harps* were given free, giving a total of placements of 296 books and 2,099 booklets. This week alone, from Sunday till Thursday we have had 18 meetings, with a total attendance of 900 strangers. At one of these meetings there was an attendance of 400.

The list herewith gives some idea of the variety of clubs and meeting-places we have been able to enter.

To begin with, a district is selected and a number of brethren are asked to locate and make a

list of every club, lodging-house and meeting-place in that district. When the list is completed it is given to a sister, who is asked to call

and arrange meetings. We have found that sisters are more suitable than brothers for this work. One sister alone in the Glasgow company has fixed up over 100 of these meetings. Other sisters are now coming forward to help with this work.

When asked regarding her method of procedure, she replied: "I go to the address, knock at the door, and walk right in. I go up to the first group of men I see and ask, 'Can I see the secretary of this club?' If he is not in, I ask for a member of the committee, and the men may turn and call, 'Here, Geordie! Here's a lady to see ye.' I tell him that we have a very interesting lecture called 'World Control', by Judge Rutherford, which we have given in nearly

every working men's club in Glasgow. 'This lecture has been given over the radio and it has now been electrically recorded and we would like

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9th March 1935

Mr. R. G. Burton,

London.

Dear Bro. Burton,

I now have pleasure in sending you a report of the work being done among the clubs in Glasgow, as requested in your letter of 21st Feb'y.

The report has been compiled mainly from data given at last Thursday's service workers' meeting. This meeting was originally arranged for the previous Thursday, but had to be cancelled owing to a number of important club fixtures which came in for that night and which necessitated a number of the principal workers' being absent that evening.

As you will see from the report the gaining of an entrance is mainly a question of tact and method. Sister Annie McLennan, who has done most of the arranging, has a fine bright and breezy manner and keeps herself smart and attractive, and I believe this has been a considerable factor in her success.

I am sorry I have no letters of appreciation to send you meantime. These may possibly come forth later. At present we have to push our way into most of the places because of misrepresentation and misunderstanding. From the report you will see that this is being broken down.

I cannot say that the clubs have affiliated clubs elsewhere, but it is almost certain that similar clubs exist in all parts. Wherever we go we stress the fact that we are giving the Watch Tower programme, and not a religious service.

With warm love,

Yours in Jehovah's service,

[Signed] A. M. Greenlees.

to bring it here and give it to you. It will be preceded and followed by an interesting program of music. The whole thing is a splendid entertainment lasting about an hour. Now we want to bring it here. What evening would suit you? Tuesday at 8 p.m.? Very well, I will send you a notice to put on your notice board so that all the members will know about it. You want to know what it is about? Well, I am not here to tell you that. You will hear all about it on Tuesday.' I tell them as little as possible about the lecture. I have very often to make a second call to see the secretary and get the date fixed. I send them a notice to reach them on the morning it is to be given. If sent before the time, it may mean a cancellation.

"I have many amusing experiences. At a rifle club I got an invitation to go back and learn to shoot. At a boxing club I was told this was Johnny MacMillan's club, and was invited to come back and see a boxing match. They promised to arrange a lecture at some time he was present and assured us of a crowded house."

Personal Calls Necessary

When this work commenced 36 letters were sent to various clubs. Only one reply was received, and that unfavorable. We have found by experience that the only way to get into these clubs is by a personal call.

If the machine is being carried, three brothers go with it. If taken in a car, two are sufficient. We start with two musical records; then an announcement regarding the lecture "World Control" is made. We usually state, among other things: "You may not agree with everything that is said, but we have brought this lecture to you believing that you are all strong believers in free speech and freedom of the press and therefore we feel sure that you will give the lecture a good hearing and at the end we shall be very pleased to answer any questions you may have to put along the lines of the lecture." Immediately after the lecture we put on another musical item. This serves to smooth down any ill feeling that may have arisen amongst Roman Catholics, etc. Then questions are invited and answered. We tell them about the literature, of which we always have an ample supply on hand. To close we put on some popular song, like Harry Lauder's "Keep Right On to the End of the Road".

Reaches a Class Hitherto Untouched

This work has proved to be a wonderful means of getting in touch with a class of people who have never heard our message and who are not reached in the ordinary service work. Much interest has been shown and great appreciation expressed. For example: In one instance the lecture was put on at 9:15 p.m., and at 11:30 p.m. we were still answering questions. There were 19 present at that meeting, and five sets of books, comprising *The Harp of God* and three booklets, were placed. In another instance, where 39 men were present, 73 pieces of literature were left. The club bought five units for the use of the members. At a large lodging-house 400 men were present and 157 pieces of literature were left. At another club, with an attendance of 28 strangers, 52 books and booklets were placed and 12 booklets given away free.

At another working men's club we had to wait until a billiard tournament was finished, and then the men turned their chairs round to hear our lecture. As they listened many of them were drinking beer. Six units and 32 single booklets were placed here, and we had to call back with more books and booklets to supply the demand. The gentleman in charge asked us to come back again, and told us that the two Labor M.P.'s "Jimmy" Maxton and "Davie" Kirkwood were members of this club and he would see that they were present when next we arranged a meeting there.

At the Church of Scotland Club in Renfrew the lecture started at 9 o'clock and at 10:55 we were still answering questions. The chairman, in proposing a vote of thanks, said he had learned more in that short time than he had learned all the years he had gone to church.

We had a very interesting experience at a Co-operative Guild meeting in Johnstone. They advertised it in the local paper as "I.B.S.A. and the League of Nations". We don't know where they got this! The meeting started at 8 p.m. In introducing us the chairman said that he really did not know what his visiting friends were going to give them. The lecture was given, and then the questions commenced. At 10:20 p.m. the chairman said that out of consideration for us he thought they should draw the meeting to a close. It had been one of the most interesting and enjoyable guild meetings he had ever attended. He had learned more that evening about the Bible than he had learned all his days since

leaving school. The organizer said that he would write an article for the Co-operative paper telling about the splendid Watch Tower Program and advising all other guilds to avail themselves of our services. There were 25 members present that night, but he would guarantee that on our return the hall would be packed when the report of this splendid lecture and discussion had been published. Incidentally, they offered to pay our expenses coming from Glasgow.

Examples of Questions Asked

Examples of the questions which we got at that meeting are as follows: Why was Judge Rutherford so much against the League of Nations, which had been organized to carry on the work of the Prince of Peace? What would be our attitude in the event of another war in the time of trouble we said was just ahead? What were our views with regard to spiritism? How did we get over the fact that these mediums could accurately foretell coming events? Why is it that at all military parades there is a clergyman in the very center of things swanking a row of medals and yet claiming to represent the Prince of Peace? Do you suggest that we should stand by and do nothing for the betterment of our fellow men since Armageddon is so near and the League of Nations of the Devil?

On a Sunday evening recently we gave the lecture at a meeting of the Scottish Covenanters. They evidently did not know what they were going to get. The chairman announced that they would hear "wireless, radio, music and other things". About 80 persons were present, who, we were informed, had just come from "a very nice service in the Barrowfield church". While the record was being changed the chairman announced that they would now take the collection (for themselves, not us). Questions followed after the talk, and as a result we were invited to arrange for two further meetings to discuss questions dealing with the resurrection and the trinity, and this we agreed to do on the understanding that Brother Rutherford's lecture would introduce the subject on each evening. The closing remarks of the chairman spoke of the wonders of wireless and how fine a thing it was that many lying on sick beds could enjoy this splendid program. (He evidently thought that our program had come over the air.) It was not often that they had the privilege of hearing such an outstanding speaker as Judge Rutherford, and they were very grateful to us for giv-

ing them the opportunity of hearing him. They wished us every success in this splendid Christian work we were engaged in. This meeting was closed with an evangelistic hymn and a benediction.

Appreciative Catholic Audiences

We have been twice to the Tontine Working Men's Hotel, where we had audiences of 140 and 100, most of them Catholics. This is a hotel which has not formerly allowed any religious meetings of any kind. On the second occasion the manager told us that after our first meeting he was visited by people from the Church of Scotland, the Salvation Army, the Roman Catholics and the missions demanding to be allowed the same privilege as we had obtained. The manager's reply to them was: "These people are different from you." After the second meeting one man told us that he had obtained a two-penny booklet at the first lecture and had changed it five times with other men who had different booklets, so that he had now read six booklets in all. It was in the reading of these booklets that for the first time he had gained any comfort from religion.

In a corporation lodging-house in Paisley there were 110 men present. Our brother was called into the side room and questioned by the superintendent as to the nature of the lecture. Ninety-five percent of the men, he said, were Roman Catholics and he hoped that nothing would be said to "shock their susceptibilities". The brother informed the superintendent that we had given this program in the Tontine Working Men's Hotel, where the majority of the men were also Catholics, and it was so much appreciated that we were invited back. On that occasion we were told that the second meeting had been even better than the first. The brother was then informed that the platform party was ready. He found that he was to be supported in the chair by a town councilor and several ladies and gentlemen. At the end of the lecture questions were invited, and the first question was: "Why was Judge Rutherford allowed to come here when he was the greatest opponent of religious peace in the world today?" Another question was: "Why was Judge Rutherford opposed to the doctrine of the immaculate conception?" To that question the brother tactfully replied that that was a very big and important question which was not covered by the lecture, but if the questioner cared to come forward at the end of

the meeting he would be pleased to hand him free of charge a booklet which dealt fully with the matter. On our departure the two R.C.'s who asked the above questions gave us a hearty send-off and said they would look forward to our next visit. In bringing the meeting to a close the town councilor said it had been a most enjoyable evening. He hoped to have us back again. The superintendent also said that as the second Tontine Hotel meeting had been even better than the first he hoped we would come back for a second meeting here.

Most Unusual Audiences

The proprietor of a large dance hall in the city has invited us to give the lecture there next Sunday. 1,200 bills have been printed advertising it, and he is arranging to distribute these and is announcing the meeting at all the dances held in the hall during the week.

We have held a meeting in the Pearce Institute, Govan, which is controlled by the clergy. When the brother arrived with the machine there was a parson in charge of a game of carpet bowls. When the lecture started he sat down with the others. Then when it came to the League of Nations he rose and went out. Towards the end another parson came in, listened for a few minutes, and also went out. An interesting discussion followed the lecture.

Two lectures have been given in the Ralston Hospital for permanently disabled soldiers. There were 22 men present on the second occasion, lying on invalid chairs, some with no legs, some with no arms, others covered with bandages. Following the lecture there was a most interesting discussion lasting for over an hour. It was evident that their experiences had made these men think. One question asked was: "Is it possible to be a politician and a Christian at the same time?" They entirely agreed with our emphatic "No".

In another meeting in a lodging-house we met a man who told us that his brother, a bus driver, was a great believer in the Truth. He was unable, owing to his duties, to get to the meetings, but he was doing all he could to spread the message by handing out the booklets and *The Golden Age* wherever he went.

Many of the smaller clubs we visit are in disused washhouses, condemned buildings, sunk flats and army huts, lit sometimes only by candles or oil lamps. Here we meet poverty in its direst forms. In such places the booklets are

offered free to any interested. The message is always very welcome here, and greatly appreciated. In an old men's club in such a place the lecture was given and then questions were invited. One man stood up and said: "No, friend, I don't think there will be any questions here about that. We are all agreed on it, and the sooner it comes the better."

More Interesting Questions

In a Church of Scotland social club a number of very interesting questions were asked, including: "What is meant by the statement in the lecture, 'Millions now living will never die?'" (In passing, we might mention that this is a question which is asked at almost every club.) "What is meant by the world's ending in 1914?" "The League of Nations?" "Why is Judge Rutherford the only man on earth who has such a splendid knowledge of the Scriptures?" "What is meant by the everlasting covenant?" "What does Judge Rutherford mean by the statement in his lecture 'the wanton slaughter of animals, which was done chiefly from greed for gain?'" "Why did God give us a Bible so difficult to understand?" "The permission of evil?" "How might we pass through the battle of Armageddon?"

We have found at a large number of meetings that the remark is made: "We did not appreciate what Judge Rutherford's message was until this lecture was given and these questions were answered. It is the most reasonable explanation we have ever heard of present world conditions and the Scriptures."

Frequent Return Engagements

An interesting point we might mention is that we have been back at over 30 clubs, showing that the Watch Tower Program has been greatly appreciated. We might also mention that the social club movement in this part was organized mainly by the clergy to begin with.

In times past when the "Millions" message was being proclaimed world-wide we endeavored to get into the model lodging-houses in our district but were unsuccessful. It is only because of the use of the transcription machines that this door of opportunity has been opened to us. No one who has any part in this work could fail to be enthused by it. It gives an insight into humanity that nothing else could do. It has proved itself to be a means of preaching the gospel of the Kingdom to the very poor, and 'the poor have heard it gladly'.

The Fight for Freedom of Conscience

THE fight for freedom to worship God according to the dictates of one's conscience continues in New Jersey, where, it seems, the greatest and most terrible earthly enemy of that freedom is determined to establish a precedent that will abrogate it. In the following letter an observer of certain occurrences in Plainfield puts the issue squarely up to the governor of New Jersey. *Golden Age* readers will note with amazement the lengths to which the Hierarchy and its accomplices will go to suppress the truth. Unless the encroachments of the Papal emissaries are resisted with strong determination it is not at all unreasonable to anticipate the return of the days when the consciences of men and women were coerced with frightful tortures. Have "Protestants" forgotten the Inquisition?

H. G. Hoffman,
The Governor of New Jersey,
Trenton, N. J.

DEAR SIR:

Thank you for so promptly answering the telegram sent by eleven of my friends and signed by myself. This related to Mrs. Lena Albright and her incarceration in Plainfield, later in the county jail at Elizabeth, N. J., where to my understanding she still is.

Permit me to correct your evident misunderstanding of the reason for Mrs. Albright's arrest. You were certainly misinformed as to her activities in Plainfield.

I have just taken up my residence in New York, having disposed of my personal interests in five broadcasting stations in Ohio. As an owner and manager, I had ample opportunity of experiencing the embarrassment of the subtle, underhand opposition to activities (by radio and otherwise) of Jehovah's witnesses, by selfish interests, particularly the Roman Catholic group.

In Cleveland the radio station (of which I was president and general manager), because of broadcasting programs furnished by Jehovah's witnesses, was subjected to a subtle boycott by Roman Catholic leaders and those whom they could influence. One of the nation's leading newspapers, part owner of that radio station, was similarly embarrassed, and pressure was brought to bear from prominent Roman Catholic leaders to have the newspaper, as an owner, to withhold use of the station from Jehovah's witnesses. Priests advised their parishioners to refuse to purchase anything from sponsors who used the station. I have hundreds of letters testifying to that fact, and which letters I shall be very happy to submit to you personally, if you so desire.

From a careful investigation of the New Jersey situation, I am satisfied that the same un-American

influence is behind the arrest of Jehovah's witnesses in your community.

At present I am interested in gathering correct data regarding the activities of Jehovah's witnesses, and especially in New Jersey, for the purpose of supplying by electrical transcription such information to three hundred radio stations weekly throughout the United States. In this same connection I have found that about three million people have just petitioned Congress to supply them with a copy of information now before the Senate committee regarding the attempted suppression of the activities of Jehovah's witnesses, especially by radio.

In the quest for correct information, I was personally present at the trial of Mrs. Lena Albright in Plainfield. She was charged with violation of a city ordinance designed purely to regulate distribution of newspapers, periodicals, magazines, circulars, etc., and which ordinance is good for the purpose written. However, that ordinance was surely never intended to apply to such a case as that of Mrs. Albright's. It was apparent from testimony that Mrs. Albright was distributing nothing. The record shows that counsel for the defense, on examination, brought out that Mrs. Albright left nothing at any place unless requested to do so by the person visited.

The personal prejudice and bias of the police judge, William De Meza, was displayed in his statement to defense counsel, as follows: "I will allow it, and grant you an exception; FIGHT IT OUT ON APPEAL." Such an expression, made before the trial was slightly more than half over, clearly shows Mrs. Albright was CONVICTED before her trial; else why an APPEAL? Appeal from what?

Mrs. Albright was not permitted by the prosecutor, William Newcorn, to state WHY she was in Plainfield. The prosecutor, aided by the court, would permit to go into the record only that which tended to show that Mrs. Albright was in Plainfield for the purpose of distributing circulars, and nothing else, and that she was being prosecuted for not having obtained a permit from the police. I shall be glad to hear what has appeared to you in your further investigation of this case.

Very sincerely yours,
M. A. H——, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Should Be Ordered by the Gross

THE Men's League of Mercy of the United States gave the pope a bronze medal for fixing it up with Almighty God to grant repose to the soul of a murderess electrocuted at Sing Sing. As most murders in the United States are committed by members of the same church, it seems as if the wise thing to do would be to order these medals by the gross and send one to Italy every time there is a public execution.

Rutherford Group Claims It Floods Austria with Books

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BIBLE STUDENTS' ATTACKS CENTERED UPON
CATHOLICS; LITERATURE DISTRIBUTED
IN MANY COUNTRIES.

By DR. FREDERIC FUNDER.

(Vienna Correspondent, N.C.W.C. News Service)

VIENNA, April 10.—The "International Society of Bible Students," which has its headquarters in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been active in Austria in the last year and its officials boast of having flooded Austria with 266,000 books and 100,000 copies of their periodical. Joseph F. Rutherford of Brooklyn is the head of the organization.

The press products of the organization are issued from Switzerland. The books adorned with fantastic illustrations in which the clergy of the Christian churches, above all Catholic priests, are presented as the helpers and friends of capitalism and militarism.

In a paper, entitled "Proclamation," said to have been printed in 1,400,000 copies in Switzerland, the following is stated: "The pagan religions are devilish and extremely horrible, and a defamation of God as well. But Christianity is far worse and casts still greater disgrace on the name of God. Therefore the demand is made ever and ever again that the power of Christianity be broken as it is a horror in the eyes of God."

The Year Book of the group, just published, deals with its activities in the various countries of the world. In it is contained this statement on Mexico:

"For centuries the Roman Catholic church wielded absolute power. In recent years, however, the people freed themselves of those fetters, yet the cunning influence of those religious fanatics is still remarkable. 1934 was a blessed year and the result went beyond our expectations."

Of Austria, the Year Book says: "The preaching of Truth in Austria continues to take place amidst great difficulties. Wherever the Devil's black representatives are at work, there is darkness, and gloom broods over the people. Yet, in spite of all, light begins to penetrate into the hearts of some of the people."

In their Almanac, it is asserted that in Czechoslovakia 150,000 more copies of booklets were circulated than in the preceding year, or 452,492 in all.

In Poland, it is asserted, 268,292 booklets were distributed last year.

As to Yugoslavia, "some progress" is reported to have been made. On Italy the authors of the Almanac discharge the full vials of their anger, saying: "In that country of darkness are the headquarters of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. That tool of the Devil has its representatives in all departments of the government."

"The Success of the Holy Year"

HERE is a Catholic Action church paper, from Cambridge, Ohio, that gives the following interesting information. It will be specially appreciated by the one-half of all the workers in the United States that are out of work: "Last year in April at Rome the 'holy year' was inaugurated with great pomp and solemnity. The 'holy year' of 1933 commemorated the nineteenth century of man's redemption. It was the fond wish and hope of the 'holy father' that the celebration of the 'holy year' would bring peace to souls and true prosperity to all peoples. This wish has been at least partially realized. People had drifted away from God and, therefore, He sent the depression to bring them back to their senses. The object of the 'holy year' was to ask God to give back prosperity to our people. God has answered our prayers in so far as we have again recognized him as the true God. And now at the end of the 'holy year' we are asked to pray for 'the success of the "holy year"', namely, that the bounteous fruits which have come from it may grow to full and abiding maturity. Since the 'holy year' has been so successful the pope has extended it for another year so that all the people may gain the indulgences attached to it." The same paper tells of a little boy in France that "at the age of four he put stones in his shoes to mortify himself and suffer just a tiny bit for Jesus". Folks here in Brooklyn seem to think Jesus is just as well pleased if little boys put splintered glass in their shoes instead of gravel, but maybe gravel is all right in France.

Holy Name Puerperal Fever

HOLY NAME puerperal fever has broken out at Holy Name hospital, Teaneck, N. J. At least that seems to be what caused the death of nine babies and the closing of the obstetrical ward, until it could be well cleaned.

League of Prayer for the Conversion of America

THE MISSIONARY, Washington, D.C., published by the Catholic Missionary Union, devotes a column to the League of Prayer for the Conversion of America. One of the directors is the Very Reverend John B. Harney, C.S.P., who, as spokesman for the Hierarchy, is down in black and white as advocating the murder of those who antagonize the outfit with which he is connected. It should be explained that these prayers ascend to the one designated in the Scriptures as "the god of this world", referred to by Jesus as "the prince of this world". This conversion business, once it gets under way, ought to be interesting to "milk and water" Protestants who believe Harney and his friends should have all the rope they seek. In Vienna alone, since the machine-gun method of conversion went into effect, it is claimed that in one year 30,000 socialists returned to the church. As between salvation by the "purgatory" route and being shot full of holes, many socialists (ex-Catholics) prefer the "salvation".

A Flower from the Garden of the Jesuits

A JESUIT'S CONCEPTION OF CHRIST

THE following comparison between Christ and the pope was made in an article which appeared in the Yugoslavian publication, "*The Messenger of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*," on page 41 of No. 2 for 1935. The magazine is published by Jesuits who assure its readers "that 'The Messenger' has the magic power to open heaven itself to those who read it".

Christ had only 12 apostles, but the pope has 70 cardinals. Christ had but to look after a handful of faithful ones, such as Lazarus, Nicodemus, and a few pious women, while the pope has to look after 400,000,000 of Catholics. By order of the eternal Father, Christ was only allowed to preach to the Jews in Palestine, while the pope spreads his missions to the whole earth. After three years of public activity Christ had won such a small number of Jews that finally he died all alone, for even the apostles had left him. On the other hand, after 10 years of rulership, Pope Pius XI had won over 6,000,000 heathen for the church of Christ. Christ was but able to make saints of John the Baptist and one of the thieves, but the popes, thanks be to God, filled our calendar with thousands and thousands of glorious divine saints. By the will of the eternal Father, Christ was only permitted to stay for three years on the earth, while Pope Pius XI, thanks be to God, reigns already 4 times 3 years. By order of the eternal Father, Christ was

not permitted to receive homage from the delegations of heathen countries, but the pope receives homage from all the states, which even send their representatives and ambassadors to him. Christ appointed to bishops the 11 apostles only (Judas was not appointed a bishop), but each pope, even if he ruled only for a few months, had opportunity to send out a far greater number of servants of God into the world. Thanks be to God that the pope has got a palace! Where would he otherwise accommodate so many collaborators who assist him in extending the kingdom of Christ? Thanks be to God that the pope does not go barefooted! What a shame it would be for us 400 million Catholics if we would not be able to buy our pope the best shoes! Thanks be to God that the pope has a car! If in America every worker can afford one, why should not our pope have one too? If it is possible, we shall also buy him an aeroplane. Thanks be to God, thanks be to God that the pope is different from Christ in many unessential things. This shows that the church of Christ is no more a bare, little tree, but a big and mighty one. This is the sign that the pope is indeed the disciple of Christ. Therefore it is necessary to obey him. And we will obey him and love him! For he is the second Christ on earth.

What the Apostolic Delegate Had On

MR. CICOGNANI has been to Cincinnati. The Cincinnati *Post* tells what he had on. It says:

"The apostolic delegate will be clothed in a white lace alb bound by a purple girdle, his pectoral cross studded with jewels, a stole covering his shoulders and over these a long tunic with white leggings ornamented with gold, white slippers, the embroidered chasuble, white gloves and over these latter his episcopal ring. After the master of ceremonies places on the legate's head the mitre, or high headpiece worn by bishops, the apostolic delegate will proceed to the foot of the altar to begin mass."

As a result of plowing under so much cotton the price of overalls has about doubled, and many a poor farmer who has no other kind of clothes than overalls is wondering how in creation he is going to get through another season without looking far worse than Mr. Cicognani did.

Joy Among the Sausage Makers

GREAT was the joy among the sausage makers when it was found that by means of an "indult" Catholics could eat meat on Washington's Birthday (Friday). An "indult" is a tremendous joke, but the poor crawfish that has been "indulted" does not know it. He pays, and his posterity, for his lack of information.

What You Get for \$447

UNLESS it is needed for oil stocks or something else bought on margin, if you send only \$447 to The Catholic Church Extension Society of the U.S.A., 360 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Ill., you pay for a vestment of any color, a chalice or ciborium, a monstrance, a cope, a statue, a set of stations, a missionary mass kit, a crucifix and candlesticks, or sanctuary lamp, a benediction veil or missal, a censer and boat and a linen amice, purificator, pall, corporal and finger towel. Peter never saw any of these. Appropriately, the offer is printed with a big black border around it. The black border comforts the poor sucker that gave up his \$447.

Women Sealed in Living Tomb

THE Portland (Maine) *Press-Herald*, under a scarehead two columns wide and six lines deep, says: "Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood Enter New Monastery Here: Bishop McCarthy With Solemn Ceremony Formally Seals Cloister From Which Members of Order Will Not Emerge Until Death." In the story itself, after explaining how the bishop sealed the inside door of a vestibule so that egress is impossible, it goes on to say, "No lay person ever will be allowed to enter the realm of the cloister again." The paper explains, "It was the first time such a ceremony was ever held in this vicinity."

"The Little Group of Picketers"

IN AN item 6½ inches long the New York *Daily News* first told of 2,000 Catholic laymen and students demonstrating in front of the Mexican consulate in New York, and, before the 6½ inches were up, let fall the remark about "the little group of picketers headed by Miss Rose Mary O'Keefe", which shows that the 2,000 was probably about 20 all told. It is astonishing what a lot of satisfaction some people get from flourishing a lot of ciphers around.

Catholics Oppose Child Labor Law

THE New York State Catholic Welfare Committee, officially representing the Roman Catholic hierarchy in all its glory, is out with six reasons why New York state should not ratify the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the United States Constitution. Wonder what the Big Business crowd paid for that.

Big Church Falls in Milwaukee

IT TOOK the Milwaukee *Journal* almost three columns to tell that fire gutted the Roman Catholic cathedral there. It seems that all the stained-glass windows were ruined; they cost upward of \$2,000 each. One painting alleged to be worth \$25,000 was destroyed. The account says, thrillingly, that the steeple did not fall, and explains why. It seems it had a cross on top, that the firemen had crosses on their caps, that a nun in a convent near by told her beads and another nun carried "holy water". Just where she carried the "holy water", or what was done with it, was not explained.

Japs Sore at Catholics Too

MUCH dissatisfied with the international espionage system practiced by the Roman hierarchy, several Catholic churches were destroyed by the inhabitants on the Japanese island of Amamioshima. Now that the United States has butted into Mexico's private affairs, how about taking up the same cudgels against the Japanese? In short, why should not Uncle Sam now start in and try to run the private affairs of every country in the world in the interests of the Roman Catholic church. Page Senator Borah.

"Catholic Lawyers Attend Red Mass"

THE New York *Times* has a column about Catholic lawyers attending red mass, and when one reads the names, O'Brien, Conboy, Hickey, Martin, Hagarty, Bondy, Goddard, Hulbert, Collins, Conway, Koch, Lewis, Leary, O'Brien No. 2, Schmuck, Kernochan, Collins, Allen, Bohan, Rosalsky, McDonald, Madigan, Ryan, Caffrey, Dineen, O'Brien No. 3, McElligott, Tierney, Carlin, Hilly, McManus, and McGurrian, and realizes that Ireland is so far away from Russia he involuntarily wonders why the mass is called a "red" mass.

The \$8,000,000 Debt to Jersey

THE Port of New York Authority owes New Jersey \$8,000,000, but when the New Jersey House of Assembly wanted an investigation it was opposed by John J. Rafferty, Roman Catholic floor leader of the Democratic minority, and one wonders if his reason for opposing the investigation was the same reason as for proposing huge fines for anybody who criticizes in any manner the biggest humbug on earth, the papal one.

Cadman's Opinion of the Bible

IN UTTER contempt of the Bible Reverend S. Parkes Cadman is on record as telling a grieving father or mother, desirous of truth, "Under no circumstances, least of all such as yours, should the book of Ecclesiastes be consulted for light upon the hereafter." As to why the book was written he said: "Fortunately, you can leave that to experts." As to who wrote the books which Jesus said were written by Moses, he said that they "are a compilation of pre-existing documents ranging in date from the eighth to the fourth centuries B.C." As to the other book besides Ecclesiastes that was written by Solomon, and as to the Psalms which plainly declare their own authorship, he said: "The Psalms and Proverbs are also compilations of literary material belonging to various epochs between the fifth and second centuries B.C."; and "Daniel and Ecclesiastes belong to the second century B.C." In other words, he thinks the Bible is what those who love God think Cadman himself is.

Substitute for Heaven

REVEREND DR. S. PARKES CADMAN, addressing the Clergy Association of New York and Neighborhood, said he hoped to find some rich man who would put up a \$5,000,000 house for the clergy in New York city, endowed with a library of 500,000 volumes, where these men with nothing to do during the week could have a place to come and toast their shins. Cadman said, "I would like to have a place where the great lessons taught by the Roman Catholic church could be learned." Isn't it wonderful how Peter and those other non-Catholics got along without big libraries? It says that the people 'took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus and learned of Him'. Cadman may have taken offense at Jesus' statement, "The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head."

Think Christ Should Run the Munition Factories

THE church peace union decries private manufacture of munitions. Its thought is that all munitions should be made by governments. Believing that all governments are parts of Christ's kingdom it would therefore propose that Christ should run the munition factories at least indirectly; and that, at least, has the attraction of novelty.

Blaming the Wrong Clergyman

A CORRESPONDENT in Asheville, N. C., sends in a clipping telling of an Arkansas clergyman who stole a marriage license from the county clerk's office, forged the deputy county clerk's name to it, and then used it, after which he fled to Tennessee. He then says: "It seems as though the 'Reverends' out in the West are having a hard time of it, when they can't slip enough out of the regular snitch to buy a license; or is it that he just can't be honest?" In this are some things hard to be understood, but it doth appear that maybe this preacher stole this only to keep some good girl from going wrong; for the story goes on to say that the girl who was married with the preacher's stolen license was married to the preacher himself.

Minister Denies Wife and Child

IN DEFENDING himself in a divorce case a San Antonio minister denied the paternity of his thirteen-month-old son, and denied he had ever married his wife. Then the state got busy and arrested him for perjury, faced him in court with the judge who had married him, the county clerk who had issued the marriage license, and the doctor who had examined the lady who became his wife, and notified the "Reverend" that she was about to become a mother and that marriage was in order. The "Reverend" was given seven years in prison, for lying on the witness stand. Ministers get so used to lying about God one day in the week that they cannot understand why it is wrong to lie about others whenever the spirit moves them.

When the Sun Stood Still

TWO "Holiness" preachers in Memphis fell to discussing what happened when the sun stood still, and were getting along quite well with their argument, when one drew a knife and slit the scalp of the other for about two inches. It is not clear how it enhances an argument to slice one's opponent with a knife.

Money Called: He Was Chosen

REVEREND HOMER LEWIS SHEFFER, of Oklahoma City, had an offer of more money if he would come to Seattle, and so he said to his congregation: "Money is speaking in tones of thunder, and I am answering its call." Verily he has his reward.

THE inequality by which Quebec and Ontario have maintained a throttle hold on the other provinces of Canada is causing more and more discontent as economic conditions grow worse. Under the caption "A Growing Danger" the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix* editorially refers to the matter as follows:

The dangers of interprovincial strife arising under the Natural Products Marketing Act are beginning to be realized throughout the Dominion. It has been brought forcibly to attention by the proposal coming from British Columbia to so regulate products as to exclude those from other provinces. In the Pacific coast province the demand is a direct, frank quest for protection against competition from other parts of Canada.

The danger was pointed out in these columns at the time the measure came before the House of Commons. It has now come closer to a reality, and if each province proceeds to afford its own industry protection against competition from other parts of Canada it will place a terrific strain upon confederation. In that event, Stephen Leacock's remarks about Canada's being Balkanized would not be so far fetched.

"A Century of Progress" in Free Speech

In an article appearing in the press upon the suppression of freedom of speech in Canada a hundred years ago, Fred Williams states:

On December 10, 1820, the Kingston *Chronicle* contained a report on the trial of a Niagara editor for 'libel on the government'. Barnabas Ferguson was editor of the Niagara *Spectator* and he had dared to comment upon the actions of the council at Toronto in some trifling matter. A warrant was issued for his arrest and he was lodged in the old jail at Niagara. He was tried at the assizes and he was convicted, whereupon the chief justice, William Dummer Powell, condemned him to be imprisoned for 18 months, to stand in the pillory on a stated date, "to be there an object of public obloquy," to pay a fine of 50 pounds or remain in prison until it was paid, and, if released, to give a bond to "conserve the peace" for seven years, himself in 500 pounds and two sureties of 1,250 each.

The unfortunate journalist suffered the pains of prison, went through the indignity of public exhibition in the pillory for a whole day, and might have stayed in jail until he rotted had not compassion seized the governor and Sir Peregrine Maitland remitted the bond on the condition that Ferguson left the country. Such was "liberty" in early Upper Canada.

The implication is that that was a terrible condition to prevail in any civilized country, and all will agree, but are conditions in the land any better today? Three months ago two of Jeho-

vah's witnesses, because of proclaiming by printed page the message of God's kingdom and declaring His judgments as written against this unrighteous order, were declared guilty of having part in a seditious conspiracy and sentenced to two months in prison and a fine of \$300. Twelve more of the same group were charged with disturbing the peace and sentenced to fifteen days in jail for handing out pamphlets telling of God's kingdom.

17,000 Turn Out to Hear "Radical"

Prison bars cannot stop the onward march of truth any more than they can stop the rising storm of discontent against the present injustices in the earth. The Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix*, speaking upon radical developments in this land, editorially says:

When Tim Buck was turned out of Kingston penitentiary and returned to Toronto, 4,000 persons met him at the station, a larger number than, with few if any exceptions, meets a prime minister of Canada.

A few days later when he made a public speech 17,000 persons attended, a larger number than ever before attended a political meeting in this country.

How to Prevent Diphtheria

Under the heading "Child Dies After Inoculation of Diphtheria Serum" the Provost (Alberta) *News* states:

Inoculated with diphtheria antitoxin on Saturday, along with his father and two other members of the household, Bobby Colton, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Colton, of Strand district, collapsed and died within half an hour, despite all efforts to save him. The family having been exposed to diphtheria through contact with a stricken patient, Mr. Colton considered it advisable to take any necessary precautions and called upon Dr. York, then visiting at the home of Martin Mareck, to come over and treat the Colton family.

Bobby appeared in the best of health, and ran out to meet the car as Dr. York and Mr. Colton drove up to the house, then went inside with the men. Keenly interested in the proceedings, the little chap looked on as his daddy was inoculated, and then sat playing with the medicine boxes as his own treatment was administered next. With customary precaution, in view of his extreme youth, only half the usual dose was administered. Bobby appeared quite cheerful and interested as others of the household were treated, but twenty or twenty-five minutes later began to cough violently. Seeing the child in distress, Dr. York rushed him outside into the fresh air and artificial respiration was applied in an effort to aid his breathing. After ten minutes or so the child was returned to the

house and restorative measures continued, but without effect. The case was immediately reported by phone to Dr. Braithwaite, provincial coroner, in Edmonton.

Having been instructed by authorities of Hillcrest municipality to proceed to the infected district in order to arrange quarantines and administer inoculations, Dr. York received a fresh supply of diphtheria antitoxin from the provincial department of health on Saturday morning.

An inquest is considered unnecessary.

How Liars Figure

There is an old and true saying, "Figures don't lie, but liars do figure." The capitalistic advocates are busy trying to impress the people with the great improvement of conditions, but it behooves us to "measure it properly", as the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* suggests we do in the following article under that heading:

Care must be exercised in considering trade figures these days. They are not always what they seem, for the reason that the ordinary yardstick by which trade is measured is varying in its length.

Thus, statistics are made public every month showing Canada's trade as compared with 1933 and 1932 or 1931. The figures are those of value in Canadian dollars.

A few years ago the Canadian dollar was still a gold dollar. It was at par or very nearly so with other gold currencies. Today the Canadian dollar is depreciated to approximately 60 percent of gold value.

If Canada's trade is to be measured by its money value, then the measurement should be by a common standard or the values of the dollar in each year adjusted to a common basis.

Actually, if the trade statistics are to give a fair representation of trade the measurement should be by volume rather than by currency.

It is the volume produced that gives employment, and the benefit of trade to the country as a whole lies in the amount of employment it gives more than in the profit it yields to a limited number of individuals.

If Mr. Bennett proposes to fight the election on his trade policies, the statistics used must be such as to honestly present the picture.

Not Promising Anything

When seeking election some four years ago the present prime minister of Canada made many, many glowing promises, among which was that he would end unemployment within six months' time or the government would perish in the attempt. Needless to say his promises were merely the promises of a politician and not fulfilled. Today on the eve of another election and in a frenzy to stay in office he has come forth with a platform of such sweeping changes that

he has stolen all the "thunder" of the official opposition, also of the socialists and even of most of the radical element, and left them rubbing their eyes and pinching themselves to make sure they are awake and hearing aright. Outstanding among the statements in Mr. Bennett's recent speech are the following:

"As a lawyer I had to do, for more than thirty years, with big business and finance. I have some knowledge of finance."

"When in the past I praised it (the capitalist system), I did so with knowledge. When now I analyze it and point to its defects, I do so also with knowledge. Bear that in mind.

"All I can tell you is that we will go just as far as is necessary to reform the system and make it effectively work again. I cannot bring myself to agree that there is anything radically wrong with the system which adjustment and reform will not remedy."

"Clearly, it would be unwise to circumscribe our activities by any attempted forecast of all that should be done. We can but move forward carefully."

"I think there is, from all worthwhile points of view, an inequality in the distribution of income."

"I believe there should be a uniform minimum wage and a uniform maximum working week. There must be an end to child labor. There must be an end to sweatshop conditions."

"However few or many unemployed we normally may have, no man must be left to the uncertainties of private charity or to the humiliation of government gratuity."

"We are going to do away, as quickly as possible, with emergency relief measures and put in a permanent system of sound and scientific insurance against unemployment."

In the Dominion's Hinterlands

Recently there was held in Winnipeg a conference of the fur traders under the auspices of the Hudson's Bay Company which was reported in the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* as follows:

"Men of the North" who reach into Labrador's wilds, forge through Arctic ice to lonely outposts, and visit isolated settlements in the Dominion's hinterlands, have just concluded a gathering here.

They sat about a long table, dressed in "civvies", fingered letters and papers before them and appeared to be just another group of business executives discussing "minutes" and "amendments" at a directors' meeting.

But though the press was barred a reporter could visualize in the blue haze of cigar smoke above the score of heads (seen through an open door) the very out-of-the-ordinary things of which these men spoke. They were the fur traders of the Hudson's Bay Com-

pany, gathered at Hudson's Bay House for the annual fur trade conference.

They discussed such things as icebergs, privation, dog teams, Indians, isolation, frozen feet, Eskimos; they moved with ease from Labrador's stormy coast to British Columbia's wilds and north to Aklavik; they referred to berg-bruised ships and fur-laden canoes. Dangers and thrills of 12,000-mile trips through forest wilds and icebound waters were commonplace to these men.

Combating the Drought

In an effort to combat the drought in the prairie provinces a Canadian conservation institute has been formed in Winnipeg concerning which *The Mail and Empire* editorially says:

A Canadian Conservation Institute has been formed in Winnipeg to enlist the best brains of the community in a campaign to combat the drought menace in the prairie provinces. It will organize and create a sound public opinion on this question, and will study and develop lines of attack. There is always the danger that if one or two years bring a good crop the importance of the measures to combat drought will be minimized in the public mind and the work left undone. The institute will keep alive the interest through wet years and dry until the task is accomplished.

One of the organizers is Mr. W. L. MacTavish, editor, the *Winnipeg Evening Tribune*. In an address at Edmonton he pointed out that this year 87,000 farms are out of commission more or less—67,000 in Saskatchewan, 7,000 in Manitoba, and 13,000 in Alberta. Most of them have been out of commission for at least three years, some of them for four years, some even for five years. Roughly, the area of the drought covers 18,000,000 acres. It has an ordinary production in new wealth annually of from \$150,000,000 to \$200,000,000. Its production has been as high in value as \$400,000,000 or more. Think for a moment what that means in terms of the prosperity of the country at large! Mr. MacTavish declared that if the people drifted along there would be ultimately 20,000,000 acres of the finest hard wheat land in the world abandoned to the sow thistle and the gophers.

The problem has been discussed by many experts in various lines. Mr. MacTavish admits that he is not an expert, but from all the evidence and opinions he was able to get from others he is convinced that dams and trees are going to play a very large part in the rehabilitation of the West. But he is as firmly convinced, on the other hand, that changes in agricultural methods are necessary, that some of the land in the southern parts of Alberta and Saskatchewan must go back to range land, that new drought resistant grasses must and can be developed, and that in general the agricultural experts of all kinds have a very great part to perform in the rehabilitation of the West.

"What," asks Mr. MacTavish, "is the answer to be made to the forester, who comes along and points out that the Prince Albert area, for example, with its millions of trees to break the force of the wind and reduce evaporation, produced a heavy crop of wheat in 1934 on only an inch or two more rainfall than southern districts which produced no wheat at all?"

Why Farmers Love the Mortgage Companies

The reason why farmers love the mortgage companies can be gleaned from the following item quoted from *The Furrow*:

How a farmer paid \$8,355.96 in 17 years on a \$6,000 mortgage and still owes \$6,238.92 on it is recorded in a letter sent by a southern Saskatchewan farmer to a mortgage holder in Waterloo, Ont. The letter reads:

"Received your notice calling for payment of \$6,238.92. Some figures. This amount has grown from \$4,000 in 1928, our last crop, to \$6,238.92 this year. This is certainly some racket. I wish I could make money as fast. Your offer of giving \$2.00 for every dollar paid on interest arrears is a step in the right direction, but of no avail, as we have no crop this year to pay anything; so you can put a few more figures on for next year; they look nice, anyway.

"You will soon have it up to \$10,000 on paper, and on paper it will remain unless you make a real adjustment of balance and give me a definite amount to pay, not one that grows by leaps and bounds, like a baby elephant.

"I will now list a few figures. As you know, the original loan, when assumed by me, was \$6,000." The letter then shows that on the original loan of \$6,000 the farmer had paid a total of \$8,355.96.

"They say figures don't lie. Well, there they are on an original debt of \$6,000. I have paid \$8,355.96, and, according to notice, I still owe you more than I originally did. I may be dumb, but what I would like to know is, who the hell owns the place.

"... if this is a game, I'll take the mortgage and you can have the land and you can pay me for a while. If you quote me a definite amount within reason which I will have to pay with no further interest, I will endeavor to get rid of it as soon as possible, but I am through shooting at a mark that continually moves and never can be reached. If this is not satisfactory, the headache is all yours. Try and make me pay."

The mortgage was placed in 1917.

Taking the Profits Out of War

With war clouds becoming darker in every land, many are the expressions in regard thereto. The following news item from Ottawa appeared in the *Canadian Press*:

War was condemned today as a "monstrous evil" by Hon. J. J. Hughes (Lib., Prince Edward Island),

who asked the Senate to approve a sweeping resolution affecting citizens and industries of the country in the event of Canada's again going to war.

His proposal advocated:

(a) Mobilization and conscription of all the "human power" and all material wealth of the nation.

(b) Establishment of a war council representing the provinces and the Dominion to have supreme control of war activities.

(c) Authority of the war council to assign men and women in Canada to whatever positions it thought they were best qualified to fill, but making as few changes as possible in their daily occupations.

(d) Wages, salary or income "from the governor-general down", including army officers, not to be greater than the pay of the common soldier in the field, plus a reasonable amount for dependents.

(e) No money to be borrowed for war purposes, but all war expenses to be met by taxation and capital levies so as not to increase the country's debt.

Adjournment of the debate was moved by Senator J. J. Murdoch (Lib., Ottawa). While the Senate adjourned until next Tuesday night, Senator Murdoch is not expected to speak before the latter part of next week.

Unemployment a Permanent Thing

Speaking upon the same matter in the British Columbia legislature recently, Robert Connell, House leader of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation Opposition, declared that unemployment is a permanent thing under our present system and ridiculed the proposal that the province get money from Ottawa without interest to provide work. "The people are now demanding," he said, "not a new deal in the sense that it has been launched in the United States, but in the sense that people must come into their own right by owning the means of production and distribution.

"I do not agree with Major Douglas and his social credit scheme, but I think he has hit one right point. The day is coming when we must have a national dividend."

"Every citizen was entitled to his share of the national wealth. Mothers' pensions, old age pensions, relief, should not be regarded as charity, but as a person's right."

Breaking Up the Dominion

Under the caption "Secession Movement Increasing" the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* quotes

the following Canadian Press report from Vancouver:

"In the opinion of Alex. Manson (Lib., Omineca), a former attorney-general, the movement for secession of British Columbia from Confederation has been growing in 'an amazing way', he stated in the debate on the address in reply to the 'speech from the throne' in the legislature today.

" 'A member of this House,' he said, 'when presenting British Columbia's problems to a group of agriculturists was asked, 'Why not secede?' He put the question to the assembly of farmers, and 90 percent of them were in favor of breaking away.

" 'It is all very well for eastern Canada to sit back in complacency. The roots of the old parties are sunk deep in Ontario and Quebec, but political rebellion will ensue unless the bargain as between British Columbia and the East is revamped,' said Mr. Manson.

" 'I trust I am a loyal Canadian, but I do not lay the stress upon national status that I did in my younger days. I think that too much nationalism has resulted in prohibitive tariff walls.

" 'Ordinarily I am not a secessionist. I know the difficulties in the way of secession. But if we are driven to it we must face the question and we can not and will not wait indefinitely for eastern Canada to come to its senses.

" 'We are paying a tremendous toll to eastern Canada for our membership in Confederation. We are paying to manufacturers millions of profits, not only upon the cost of the material that goes into the commodities which we buy, and we are getting a pittance in return. We cannot continue to go into debt at an appalling rate for the benefit of eastern Canada.'

"While British Columbia sells \$4,500,000 worth of goods east of the Great Lakes, said Mr. Manson, it buys from eastern Canada \$100,000,000 worth yearly. Its foreign exports, however, amounted to \$47,500,000 in 1933, while its imports from foreign countries came to only \$21,500,000."

Kettle Serves as Radio Receiving Set

From Oakville, Ontario, we are informed by the press that steam comes out of the spout of Miss Ruth Lightbourn's kettle, but the utensil is also capable of producing other things. During a heavy fog, fine orchestra music came from the water container as it sat on the stove. The program, which was audible eight feet away, lasted 20 minutes, then faded. During a lighter fog the performance was repeated, but the music was fainter.

There is no radio in the house, and the stove is in no way connected with a ground or aerial.

Way to Life

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

MOST PERSONS die young, having had only a brief taste of life. Almost all their days are spent in sorrow. Would you desire to live forever in a state of happiness, peace and health? Jehovah God has provided the way for men to have an opportunity for life, but men must learn that way before they can receive life in happiness. All persons have inherited death because of the wrongdoing of the first man. (Romans 5:12) Christ Jesus, by His death, redeemed the right of all persons to have life, but such persons must comply with the conditions before receiving life. Only through Christ Jesus can any person get life everlasting.—Acts 4:12.

Since the crucifixion of Jesus until now God has been selecting a few persons whom He has made His witnesses, has given them an opportunity to prove their integrity toward Him by following in the footsteps of Jesus, and such as continue faithful until death receive everlasting life in heaven. The number thereof will be very small. Millions have died in total ignorance of God's provision for men to have life, and these in due time will be awakened out of death that they may learn the way to life.

At the second coming of Christ Jesus and His kingdom those living on earth are the first ones given an opportunity to learn the truth and to take their stand on the side of Christ Jesus and God. Thereafter all the dead will be awakened out of death and brought back to life on the earth and given an opportunity to learn and to obey the truth. All such as do obey will receive life on earth for ever. It is written in the Scriptures that the earth was created for man, and man for the earth, and in due time perfect men shall live on the earth for ever.

Now Christ Jesus has come, and He is causing the truth to be brought to the attention of those today living on the earth and is thus giving them an opportunity to take their stand on the side of God and His kingdom before the Lord destroys the wicked of this world. Only those who do take their stand on the side of God and His kingdom, and who learn the truth and obey, will find life everlasting. It is written in

the Scriptures: 'Life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' But no person can accept a gift until he has knowledge that the gift is available.

At the present time Jehovah's witnesses, under commandment from the Lord, are going throughout the land calling attention of the people to God's provision to bless them with life and happiness. By the Lord's grace these all-important truths have been printed in books setting forth the texts of the Bible so that any person who desires may take his Bible with these books and learn the way to life. You cannot learn the way to life by listening to clergymen, because they teach the doctrines of men, which are contrary to the truths of God's Word. You must learn the truth for yourself.

When you have decided that you want to be on the side of God and His kingdom of righteousness, then provide yourself with the Bible and these books which Jehovah's witnesses bring to you explaining the Bible and study them yourself. If you sincerely desire to know the truth, and will ask the Lord to favor you with the truth, and then diligently apply yourself in study, the Lord will lead you fully into the truth and clearly show you the way to life. The time has now come when every person who will live must take his stand on the side of the Lord and His kingdom. The Devil and his agents will try to prevent you from learning the truth. Knowledge of the truth is your greatest asset. Let nothing hinder you from gaining a knowledge of the way to life.

The first man created had the right to live, which right he lost because of disobedience. By inheritance all men have come under the disability resulting from the death sentence passed upon the first man. The way to life is this: Christ Jesus, by the grace of God, died in the place and stead of the sinner, and thereby bought the right of all men to live; God brings the attention of the people to the truth that they may learn and obey the way to life. Jesus declared: 'I am the way, the truth and the life; and this is life eternal, to know God and Christ Jesus.' It is impossible, therefore, to learn the

way to life unless one gains a knowledge of the truth as set forth in God's Word. The truth,

therefore, is of the greatest interest and convenience to all men.

[The foregoing is one of 36 "five-minute talks" by Judge Rutherford. These have met with general appreciation. The talks are obtainable in the form of phonograph records to be used in the home circle. They have proved helpful in passing on to neighbors,

friends and acquaintances the Bible's message for today. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries should be addressed to them, and not to *The Golden Age*.]

Germany and the Demons *By a European Subscriber*

THE recent article in *The Golden Age* entitled "Germany Completely Under the Domination of Satan" prompts me to write to you in connection with an incident which I am now sorry I did not mention at the time of its occurrence.

Shortly after the advent to power of the Nazi party, the leader of that party in East Prussia, Koch by name, unless my memory serves me false, stated at a gathering at Tilsit, as reported by the "Tilsiter Allgemeine Zeitung": "Wir haben unser Ziel erreicht durch daemonischen Zwang" (We have arrived at our objective, or reached our aim, through the compulsion or force of the demons). Although it is nearly two years since I read the report, I am practically certain that I have quoted word for word accurately.

Thinking people in Germany realize that an inhuman power now controls the affairs of that country, but the only ones who realize just what that power is are those instructed in the Word of Jehovah. The law of the rubber truncheon and ox-hide whip emanates from the god of the Egyptian taskmasters, the master of the Babylonian "satraps", the father of the murderers of the Lord Jesus and the originator of the present world order (or disorder) of oppression and fear.

C. E. M. Joad, well-known English writer, recently received a letter from a friend hiding somewhere in Germany from the cruelties of the rulers of that land. This friend is an internationalist and pacifist and is described by Mr. Joad as a kind and charming personality. In his letter he mentioned that he longed to see his friends in England once again, but the Nazis had taken away his pass and he could not leave the country. He also mentioned that he could not meet his friends again, as he now had only half his face.

In view of the barbarous cruelties practiced

by the followers of Hitler, it is not to be wondered at that a certain high-placed government official in Berlin recently admitted to a foreign diplomat that German prestige in other countries had reached zero.

The Day After the Memorial of the Lord's Death

JEHOVAH'S people, familiar with *Preservation, Preparation, Jehovah* and other Watch Tower literature, will be thrilled and comforted and blessed by the following dispatch which appeared in the *New York Times* of April 20, 1935:

DEATH FOR PACIFISTS

Nazis to Apply Penalty in Time of War, Board Announces

BERLIN, April 19 (AP).—The death penalty, it was announced today, will be invoked in Nazi Germany to exterminate pacifism in time of war or national emergency.

The German Board of Jurisdiction said capital punishment would be made a feature of the law for "protection of the 'spirit' of the German defense force," which is being formulated to supplement the existing military law.

"One of three articles," the board announced, "is directed against the destructive work of pacifists and anti-military organizations. Persons arranging meetings as well as people attending will be punished. During the time of war or danger of war, life imprisonment will be changed to death penalties for hard cases."

Martyrdom Possible in Two Years

POSSIBLY stirred by what is going on in Germany, where the greatest personages in the realm have referred to Hitler as "the real holy ghost", "a new, a greater, and a more powerful Jesus Christ," and have stated that "today God reveals himself to the German people again in the form of Hitler", President Knobel of the United Lutheran Church of America asks, "How do you know that in two years from now you might not be asked to die for your faith?"

Items of Interest Near and Far

"Pope Praises Gunners"

UNDER the heading "Pope Praises Gunners" a dispatch from Vatican City says: "The pope paid a glowing tribute to artillerymen today when he received in audience 4,000 members of the National Ex-Artillerymen's Association, who had returned from their national conference at Naples. 'Artillery,' said the pope, 'remains one of the learned arts, which demands not only special physical qualities, but also qualities of spirituality and intelligence.'" Never thought of it before, but, now that he speaks of it, it does seem that most of these men that handle these machine guns around banks, scooping up payrolls and such, give plenty of evidence of this training.

Plays in Argentina

A WRITER in the Buenos Aires *Herald* says that plays there are getting dirtier and dirtier, and foul language over the footlights seems more and more in demand. He says of the 'purity drive': "My opinion is this purity drive came from the states in order to hush up much more undesirable matters. For instance, it seems strange to me that with a dozen million people out of work the churches and big-wigs should spend their time warning the people against the movies, when it might be expected they would spend their time and eloquence finding work for the really oppressed."

Washington Monument Not Stolen

IT IS not true that the Washington monument was stolen. All that was stolen was 107 gold-plated platinum-tipped lightning rod points. They were valued at \$8 each, a total of \$856. As usual, watchmen swarmed around the place while the thefts were going on. In the capital watchmen are expected to be polite to thieves; and the bigger the thief, the more politeness must be shown. The monument has been under repair; this gave the thieves their chance.

Swiss Rolling Mills

SWITZERLAND is pleasantly situated as a half-way house for "Christian" nations that wish to butcher one another. During the World War one of the outstanding enterprises of the little mountain republic was rolling mills, the chief business of which was to remove German trade marks from steel in transit from Germany to France.

Coal in Antarctica

THE discovery of coal in Antarctica, 182 nautical miles from the south pole, proves once more the fact many times proved, that prior to the flood in Noah's day there was an envelope of warm moisture-laden air all over the earth, a greenhouse condition of which Eden was the center. There is ice enough in Antarctica to last for some time: one of the glaciers was traced for 120 miles.

Abyssinia and Italy

ABYSSINIA has been a member of the League of Nations twelve years; Italy, fifteen. Great pockets of oil have been found in Abyssinia, and the Italians want the oil. That is the reason why shipload after shipload of highly trained Italian soldiers is going down from Italy to Abyssinia to confiscate Abyssinian lands and kill Abyssinian men.

A Winter of Deep Snows

LAST winter was a winter of deep snows. Silverton, Colo., was snowed in for several days, as usual. Nelson, B.C., was also snowed in, and yeast was dropped from an airplane so that the bakers of the city could make bread. In Duluth, Minn., a home was covered with snow twenty feet deep, but the man of the house managed to shovel his way out.

The Year 1934

REFERRING to the happenings of 1934, "an unprecedented drought followed by catastrophic rainfall, high tides, floods, unseasonable frosts and heat, storms at sea", etc., the Los Angeles *Times* says that 1934 "provided more unusual weather than any similar period since records have been kept".

Japan Preparing for the Conflict

THAT Japan is preparing for Armageddon, like all the other nations, seems evident from the fact that in 1931 she took 48,036 tons of scrap iron and steel, but in 1934 took 508,585 tons. Purchases of cotton linters in four years went up from three bales to 10,644 bales.

Seven Mexican States Have Had Enough

SEVEN Mexican states, Tabasco, Zacatecas, Sonora, Chiapas, Vera Cruz, Campeche, and Queretaro, have had enough hypocrisy to last them the rest of the way, and have forbidden priests to practice their profession in the state.

Social and Educational

The Vice District of New Orleans

IN AN address before the United States Senate Senator Huey Long, of Louisiana, made the charge that the vice district of New Orleans is eighteen blocks long and sixteen blocks wide, and is owned and operated by a real estate company controlled by some of the recognized national administration leaders in Louisiana. He also said the country is headed straight to hell.

Even the Babies at It Now

IN Hamilton, Ohio, while their parents were at church, a baby of five pointed a rifle at his brother a year younger and told him, "Hold up your hands." As the four-year-old obeyed, the rifle was discharged and the baby was slain. The parents might better have been at home, and still better not have had in their home the weapons of the Devil, and upon which weapons the Devil depends for the maintenance of his kingdom.

College Incomes Drying Up

THE president of Yale University calls attention to the fact that the institution of which he is the head has had to reduce its budget by nearly \$1,000,000, due to fewer and smaller bequests, and shrinkage of capital values, and foresees a complete reorganization of education in the United States, with a shift in its objectives and a complete change of its center of gravity.

The Ras Shamra Tablets

A NUMBER of cuneiform tablets have been found at Ras Shamra, near Antioch, Syria, said to have been inscribed about the fifteenth century B.C. The tablets employ thirty signs alphabetically, whereas the usual manner of writing was by means of word-signs or syllables. It is further said that these tablets furnish a new key to disputed Biblical passages.

Unskilled Labor and a Short Life

THE Public Health Service has completed a survey showing that unskilled laborers die off twice as fast as business and professional men, due not to the work, but the low wages received for the work. Diet, housing and lack of medical care contribute to this high death rate among unskilled workers.

Lots of Fun in Being Honest

A POOR old Lithuanian sandwich-man in New York found a wallet containing \$45,000 and immediately restored it to its rightful owners. Then things began to happen to him. One concern gave him \$75 cash and a job at \$20 a week. Another concern fitted him out with new clothes from top to toe. A banker sent him \$25. Reporters gave him \$5, and the last heard he was crying because he was so happy. What a lot of fun it is to be honest!

More Serious than Anticipated

FEARING physical harm to themselves or their prisoners, deputy sheriffs at St. Paul, Minn., rushed out into the street and nabbed suspicious-looking strangers who carried a violin case. The deputies thought there might be a machine gun in the case; they were quite surprised when they discovered that the 'culprits' were clergymen and that the violin case held a real violin.

Motion Pictures Could Be Improved

DR. JAY B. NASH, Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, says, "Most motion pictures are pitched to the mentality of an average eleven-year-old, yet there are 29,000,000 paid admissions each week to motion-picture shows." Dr. Nash urged his hearers: "Do something useful. Learn weaving, pottery or wood-carving. Study nature or social sciences. Play games instead of just looking on."

The Classics in Colombia

A BIG argument is on in Colombia as to whether or not students in colleges should be compelled to study Latin and Greek. One of the big newspapers, *El Tiempo*, has championed the view fast gaining ground that much of the boasted benefits of higher education are imaginary, and that the ones who claim the best education are often the greatest fakers of all.

Municipal Funerals at Cost

IN THE European cities of Vienna, Munich and Dresden funerals are provided by the municipality, at cost. A movement is on foot to introduce this custom in New York. It is claimed that a dignified standard funeral can be provided by the city for between \$60 and \$70, as against \$430 as the average for the privately conducted ones.

Public Utilities

The Long-Suffering Citizens of York

THE city of York, Pa., is unusually well situated to get cheap power. It is only a few miles from the great Susquehanna river dam, and only a short haul from both the anthracite and the bituminous coal fields, and down hill all the way from them both. Under the circumstances the citizens of York, paying, as they do, \$1.66 for fifteen kilowatt hours of electricity, as against 60c for the very same service in the towns of equal population, such as Cleveland Heights and Lakewood, Ohio, and Holyoke, Massachusetts, are models of long-suffering hard to match. The reason why the purveyors of electricity to the citizens of York charge the citizens of that community three times what they should is that they believe the people have the money, and if there is any way they can get it, their motto is "Why not?"

Potomac Power Company Learns Something

WHEN the management of a public utility company learns something it must be admitted that the Millennium is nigh, even at the doors. In the city of Washington, D. C., the Potomac Power Company was forced to divide with its customers all profits over 7½ percent on the valuation of the company. As a result the rates dropped from 10c a kilowatt hour to 3c, and the people used so much more electric current that the profits piled up mountain high. Despite the fact that the porker loves to get his feet in the trough, it yet remains that pigs are among the most intelligent of four-footed creatures, and it is just possible that a great light is about to dawn on public service companies all over the country.

Citizens' Water Company

THE Citizens' Water Company, a subsidiary of the Delaware Valley Utilities Company, serves Everson, Pa., with water. Four large concerns that once supplied Everson men with work have been shut down for years and the town is broke, 90 percent of the citizens being on relief. When the town could pay its bills it did so; when it could no longer pay, and the Water Company officials felt sure it could not pay, on January 22, in the very middle of one of the most severe winters in history, it sent men around with sledge hammers who smashed all the fire hydrants in the city. The officials who did this are what the Scriptures refer to as "the principal of the flock".

Municipal Electric Plant for New York

NOW that the United States government has loaned \$100,000,000 to New York city for the erection of its own municipal electric plant, persons familiar with the costs of electric production, and the outrageous rates charged in New York and vicinity, are wondering how it took so long to come to such a sensible course. The Federal Government itself uses sufficient current in New York and vicinity to make the move a success from the start.

Wages Raised and Taxes Reduced

CITY employees of Marshall, Mich., are getting a 10-percent increase in pay, but the citizens will not have to pay more taxes. On the contrary, taxes will be reduced to the lowest level in seventeen years. The answer? A municipal electric light plant is earning money for the city while saving money for the users of electricity. It is astounding how well cities get along without the "ministry" of big business.

One Billion of Blue Sky

THE Federal Trade Commission, in its examination of ninety-one operating companies in the public utility field, found that these ninety-one companies had "improperly capitalized items amounting to not less than \$842,995,000". In other words, they stole from the public a billion dollars upon which these high-minded financiers expect to receive dividends to all eternity. Are you not glad they will be fooled?

Profits in Laclede Gas

PPROMOTERS made an initial investment of \$560,000 in the Laclede Gas Light Company and took a profit of \$14,380,000 on the transaction. Why these bankers should have contented themselves with profits of only between twenty-five and twenty-six times what they put in is something that their comrades in the holdup business do not comprehend.

Public Utilities at Independence

AT Independence, Iowa, the publicly owned water and light plant makes current at 8.8 mills per kilowatt hour. The bonds issued to build the plant have been paid from the profits. Besides its paying for itself, over \$300,000 has been diverted to other funds, thereby saving taxpayers that amount.

De Luxe Racketeers

New York State Electric and Gas Company

THE New York State Electric and Gas Company had water rights that, if improved, could earn \$800,000 a year. So, capitalizing \$800,000 a year at 8 percent, they set up \$10,000,000 as the imaginary value of the rights, deducted the cost of making the improvements which have not been made, and finally reached an imaginary value of \$6,500,000, on which they expect to receive dividends 'till time is no more', and then some. Think of the fabulous fortune that by this method awaits the first great holding company that assesses the value of the green cheese of which they calculate the moon is made.

Ponca City, Oklahoma

PONCA CITY, Oklahoma, 17,000 population, has everything that any other city has, excellent parks, neatly kept streets, fine city buildings, a municipal airport, and yet in three years it has not needed to raise any money by taxes to pay the city expenses. The reason? It has its own municipal water and light plants. And the rates are no higher than in near-by towns where the public utilities, with their great profits, are in the hands of private companies.

Utility Rats Run to Cover

WHEN the first threats of Federal control of public utilities were made, newspaper men were much amused to see how the men directly connected with the Morgan and Mellon gangs resigned their high offices in the utility companies so that when the scandals come the smaller fry can be saddled with the blame. The big fellows feel that it is enough for them to get the cash, without having to get the blame for getting it, too.

Cedar Falls City Government

THE cost of running the Cedar Falls (Iowa) city government is estimated at \$304,800. Of this sum, \$286,800 will be taken out from the profits accumulated from the operation of the municipal utility plants, leaving only \$18,000 to be raised otherwise.

Deserts Robbed of Their Terrors

THE deserts have been largely robbed of their terrors. Radios now pilot airplanes with reasonable safety to every corner of the earth. Even camels are equipped with radio receiving sets, and they are common at the oases.

Co-operation Among International Murderers

THERE is a fine spirit of co-operation on the part of the concerns that go to make International Murderers, Limited. When Greece and Turkey were at war the British armed the Greeks for a 50-percent commission, while France armed Turkey. All armament business east of the Adriatic sea is on a graft basis, and the murderer that knows the graft game best gets the business.

The Du Pont Gang

THE Du Pont gang made a profit of \$228,000,000 out of the World War. In 1933 it contracted with Germany to fix her up with arms for a new world war, and was kept from doing so only by the objections of Uncle Sam. It is this gang that is in the fight against paying the veterans their bonus. One of the gang made \$29,586,000 in five years, and on this paid not one penny of income tax.

The Patriotic Du Ponts

THE patriotic Du Ponts that made so many hundreds of millions of dollars making munitions for the Allies during the World War testified that but for their efforts the United States would now be a German colony, and then, the next day, it was brought out that the same Du Ponts had just entered into a contract that would make their products sure to Germany in event of another world war.

Cursed Are the War-Makers

"CURSED are the war-makers, for they are the children of the Devil." Is there not something like that in the Bible? Oh, yes! Well, some of the American members of International Murderers, Limited, sell munitions to rebels who are fighting the Cuban government, and sell munitions to the Cuban government, which is fighting rebels. What should be their reward?

The Banks Grabbed the Five Billions

TO RELIEVE distress persistent and nationwide the Government borrowed five billion dollars and put it in circulation. It circulated all right until it reached the hands of somebody who owed a bank something, and as soon as it got into his hands the bank grabbed it and has it yet.

The Political Racket

Jim Farley in the Limelight

JIM FARLEY continues to occupy the limelight. The president is hoping for uncontrolled expenditure of about \$5,000,000,000; the ones that are to get the jobs must have been found by Jim to be deserving democrats. Jim turns over ungummed and uncut stamps worth half a million dollars to President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Secretary Ickes, Louis Howe and the presidential secretariat, and there arises a roar from Dan to Beersheba. He writes to the president that the United States post office department made a profit of more than \$12,000,000 last year, and the same time the treasury department published a statement that the postal deficiency in 1934 was a little over \$12,000,000 and that in 1935 it was over \$15,000,000. And then comes an unconfirmed report that when Big Bill O'Connell, of Boston, visited Roosevelt at Washington lately there was then arranged the program that Farley is to take the place of Will Hays as grand mogul of the moving picture industry, so as to keep the movie men from showing up the Roman Catholic outfit for what it really is.

Uncle Sam as a Salesman

UNCLE SAM is a good salesman of war secrets. He had a new type of gun from which great things were expected. One of his cruisers, the Raleigh, visited Turkey with a representative of the munition firm aboard, and that representative, with the Raleigh along as a sample, got a fine order from Turkey for the same kind of gun as that with which the Raleigh had been equipped. The net result is that in a war with Turkey the boys on the United States ships would have the satisfaction of being shot to pieces with guns made according to the best American advice obtainable. Boys that are being butchered appreciate being butchered with munitions that have brought the biggest profits to the American concerns engaged in their manufacture.

Page's Reason for Wanting War

ONE of the interesting items brought to light at the Senate hearings in Washington of International Murderers, Limited, was Ambassador Page's cablegram to Wilson:

"The pressure of this approaching crisis, I am certain, has gone beyond the ability of the Morgan financial agency for the British and French governments. It is not improbable that the only way of maintaining our present pre-eminent trade position and averting a panic is by declaring war on Germany."

Uncle Sam's Fifty-nine Cents

AT Newark, N. J., Uncle Sam built a war base that cost \$11,000,000. Then brilliant army officials entered into a contract with the Mercur Corporation to operate the base, paying the government 90 percent of the profits after deducting maintenance and operating costs. The Mercur Corporation had such a wonderful bookkeeping system that on an expenditure of \$4,692,546.76 they painfully handed over to Uncle Sam as his share of the profits a grand total of 59c. All will notice that this is 29c more than usual, and will wonder at the Mercur Corporation's generosity. "Of thee I sing."

Bishops Oppose Payment of Bonus

SIXTY bishops signed a petition against giving the soldier boys the bonus. Why not? It is now many years since the bishops, to a man, wanted the boys to die in the trenches for \$1.25 a day, in order to make the world safe for hypocrisy. That desideratum having been long since accomplished, and almost nobody today having any regard whatever for truth or justice or honesty, the bishops naturally wish to go along with their crowd and with the general manager of that crowd, the Devil.

The Anti-Sedition Bill in Alabama

REFERRING to the anti-sedition bill before the Alabama legislature, the editorial writer, John Temple Graves II, said in the Birmingham *Age-Herald*: "In more than one instance this state and this nation have been subjected already to pressures and forces distinctly Fascist in nature. We need to guard ourselves constantly against the Fascist impulse to force our ideas and ways upon others, to bow down emotionally before some dictator or his dream, to let ourselves be regimented and stampeded."

Uncle Sam Lends a Hand

UNCLE SAM likes to be helpful. Peru was afraid of Colombia and wanted advice and assistance. Uncle Sam knew about submarines and other modern munitions, and helped Peru to get them. Then Colombia was afraid of Peru, and wanted advice and assistance. Uncle Sam knew about submarines and other modern munitions and helped Colombia to get them. Incidentally, it was the munition makers that got the money in both instances.

Uses of Aluminum Paint

DR. W. W. COBLETZ, of the bureau of standards, has found that the aluminum or bronze paint generally applied to radiators reduces their effectiveness, making it necessary to have a larger surface for the same heating effect. He discovered that the heat radiated from an aluminum-painted radiator is less than a third of that emitted by a radiator of the same size painted with a nonmetallic paint, enameled, or simply allowed to rust. Aluminum paint is an effective means of reducing the amount of heat transmitted through a thin material. Applied to the under side of a tent or awning, it reduces the heat which gets through the cloth, by three-fourths. Used on the cover of an automobile, it cuts in half the heat transmitted and makes the interior of the vehicle much more comfortable. This item was sent in by Sanford Jackson, Arizona.

Frostfish at Coney Island

ONCE a year, quite regularly, when the waters of the Atlantic ocean first begin to feel the chill of oncoming winter, the "frostfish", so called, come ashore in huge quantities off Coney island. What they are seeking is warmer water, but thousands of fishermen greet them every year and literally lift them out of the water with their hands.

Squirrels Overrun a House

AKIND-HEARTED woman in Far Rockaway, N. Y., allowed squirrels to enter her home and at last accounts the lady was expecting that the home would have to be abandoned, as the squirrels have practically taken possession and seem to like the place as a permanent residence.

Kicked by a Dead Cow

AT MARINETTE, Wis., Edmund Compe was seriously injured as the result of a kick given him by a dead cow which he was butchering. As he cut into a hind leg muscle it threw the hoof and the knife into his face.

Rural Rehabilitation on a Huge Scale

RURAL rehabilitation on a huge scale is projected by the government. The relief administration has accepted 1,084,000 families for projects planned for 50 communities in the South and West.

Floating Oil Destroying the Ducks

THE ducks of the world are being destroyed by oil floating on the waters. When the oil-laden steamship Luckenbach was wrecked, it is estimated, at least a million ducks were thereby slain. Some who have looked into the matter claim that at present about eighty percent of the broadbill ducks have their feathers matted with oil and their death is bound to follow shortly, their protection against pneumonia having been destroyed.

The Destructive Way to Prosperity

IN AN address at Chicago Professor Irving Fisher, economist, of Yale University, expressed doubt that by slaughtering hogs and burning wheat the national income would be increased. He thought a more reasonable way to raise prices would be to put more money in circulation, replacing the \$9,000,000,000 lost in bank failures.

Mississippi Valley Losing Fertility

THE Mississippi valley is losing its ability to produce food, according to a report made by a special committee. The loss is estimated at \$400,000,000 a year. Large portions of the 1,235,000 square miles have lost much of the top soil. Of the tilled lands 25 percent have been entirely stripped off to the subsoil.

Alligator Grows in a Sewer

IN Harlem, New York city, during the past winter a good-sized alligator was killed in one of the city sewers. It is supposed to have fallen there or been thrown there when small and to have grown to maturity in a temperature and under conditions which it could survive.

Rayon Yarn from Slash Pine

IN THE year 1933 the United States imported nearly \$40,000,000 worth of sulphite wood pulp for the manufacture of rayon yarns. It is now found that these yarns may be produced from the cheapest southern slash pine, reducing the cost of rayon raw material by half.

Wisconsin's Voiceless Dogs

ON THE sixth floor of the medical building of the University of Wisconsin are 150 dogs that have had their vocal cords cut. You know why.

"Regular as Clockwork"

WRITES J. B. Sponcolder, Grand Rapids, Michigan: "We can say that your paper has brought us back to health. Department stores are filled up to the roof with this wonderful poison metal. May God Jehovah bless what the *G. A.* did for us and others. By close investigation we found what rotten stuff aluminum is. About every four or five weeks, regular as clockwork, we find in Dr. William Brady's health (?) column recommendations of aluminum. Making a visit at one department store we found tickets pasted on the inside of each piece: a small label which read, 'Recommended by your doctor.' But the prices go down by the month. So the merchants seem to know more." Says Dr. Brady in his health column: "Neither alum in baking powder nor aluminum kitchenware causes any disturbance of health worth thinking about." *Golden Age* readers know how to take this information.

Experimenting on the Orphans

THE Springfield *Daily News* tells of a new serum for 'immunizing children from infantile paralysis', made from monkeys. The *News* goes on to explain that the new serum is expected to accomplish much, but this will not be known for certain until after it has been injected into 25 orphans. If the orphans survive it will be a great discovery, but if they die, well, it is just too bad that they happened to be orphans.

A New Excuse in Philadelphia

AT A municipal shelter in Philadelphia 200 men were made ill, without a doubt from the same old cause, aluminum poisoning, but, as nobody wanted the truth on this subject to come out, the way the story got into the papers was that somebody with an exaggerated sense of humor had put something in the food or water. Either the Mellon Institute or *The Golden Age* could tell the public what was put in the food.

A Fortune in Tomato Juice

IN THREE years' time two Illinois boys, starting with nothing, made such a success of the business of making tomato juice from carefully selected tomatoes that they are now incorporated, have a truck, five regular employees, and 168 sales representatives in various advantageous positions.

Technical Name of Aluminum Microbe

THE amused readers of *The Golden Age* have waited for some years to get the technical name of the aluminum cooking utensil microbe, but at last they have it. At the University of Michigan almost the whole force of nurses and internes (doctors) in the huge university hospital became ill, but, not being willing to admit that these utensils which so many doctors have screamed are perfectly wholesome are perfectly otherwise, it now comes out that it was not the chicken cooked and stored in aluminum utensils which caused the ructions (though, of course, that was the truth), but was "Hemolytic Staphylococcus Aureus". Hello! Hem! How are things in Pittsburgh, and how are the Mellon family coming along in their tax fraud suits?

100 Poisoned at Chelsea, Mass.

AT A banquet at Chelsea 100 men and women were poisoned. The way this particular case of aluminum poisoning was written up was as follows: "Turkey served at the banquet was blamed for what physicians diagnosed as ptomaine poisoning." Anybody with the germ of a brain out of which one sane idea could eventually sprout would know that 100 persons could not be poisoned merely by turkey, and every such foolish write-up only makes the people have less and less confidence in the diagnosticians. To save their own bacon the doctors should reverse themselves on this aluminum cooking utensil proposition, and some of them are doing so.

Anaphylaxis Vaccinitis

AT Evansville, Ind., a beautiful four-year-old child, Peggy Joyce Bauer, died while vaccine for asthmatic hay fever was being pumped into her blood. Seems as if the child might just as well be playing around enjoying life as to be cold in death; but vaccinators must have something to do. "Anaphylaxis" was given as the cause of death.

Making the Most of Clothes-Drying Space

WHEN many clothes must be hung in a small space on wash day, run two lines parallel and hang each piece stretched from line to line instead of along one line. They can then be placed very close together, only allowing space for air to circulate.

Cancer Department

Exit Aluminum

SAYS Mrs. Floyd E. Ford, of Kansas: "Ever since our attention was called to aluminum poisoning, through your magazine eight years ago, we have been very grateful to you for your efforts to enlighten others of humanity on this subject. We know you must receive many letters on this subject, and so will make this letter as brief as possible. At that time we were living on the west coast and my husband was a worker in the oil fields. He suffered extreme agony in his stomach and could not eat beans, radishes, onions or cucumbers. Cucumbers caused him to vomit a green, poisonous substance. I suffered blinding sick headaches and fainting spells, and our little girl was weakly. After reading the first letter by Dr. Betts we began to experiment by setting aside our aluminum for a couple of weeks, at which time so much improvement was shown that we loaded all our aluminum into the junk barrel in the alley. Now we are in the best of health and can eat anything, including cucumbers right out of the garden. We are Jehovah's witnesses and never lose an opportunity while out in the work to mention this poisonous stuff to poor pale, sickly people who complain of illness. Several chiropractors here in Kansas we know personally are advising their patients against it. Several hundred pounds of alum and chlorine have been added to the city water here at Eldorado, and we find we cannot drink it without suffering ill effects, especially dysentery."

Aluminum Dust Poisons Workers

FRANCIS P. GARVAN stuck his foot in it when he mentioned before a senate committee that The Aluminum Company of America had found it necessary to protect some of their workers against physical damage from aluminum dust in their plants. As soon as the news got into the papers he received a hurry-up telephone call from Pittsburgh that he should not have spread the news that aluminum dust in factories is injurious to the workers.

An Epitaph

ONE of our subscribers suggests the following appropriate epitaph for the man who is killed as a result of aluminum poisoning: "Here lies the man who ate out of this dish." The dish should be mounted on a marble slab or pillar above the epitaph.

Julia Lee Wright, Expert

JULIA LEE WRIGHT, called a home economics authority and "expert", writes for some newspaper. The clipping we have does not give the name. But Julia delivers herself of this piece of wisdom: "If the housewife neatly and conscientiously scours her discolored aluminum she is really depriving her family of healthful salts of iron which have been deposited from foods such as cereals and certain vegetables previously cooked in the utensil. Tomatoes, apple-sauce and other such acid foods will remove the discoloration and thus give the family the benefit of these minerals." Julia recommends aluminum, of course, and says there is nothing in all this "propaganda" about aluminum's being harmful. But those who have discovered the poisonous effect of aluminum by personal experience will know that Julia is just talking through her hat, even though she is an "expert". Anyway, who wants to eat the dirty deposit of stale food remnants that line an aluminum cooking utensil, and incidentally get a good dose of metal along with it when cooking acid foods in the utensil? The natural aluminum contained in foods is not metallic.

Aluminum Milk Bottle Caps

A NEW milk bottle cap has been invented which covers the entire top of the bottle and eliminates the old-fashioned dirt-catching cap with which we are familiar. That part is fine, but there is a serious objection to the new cap. It is to be made of aluminum, which, although it is absolutely germ resistant and has not the least affinity with bacterial growth, will contaminate the milk by producing an aluminum compound which is poison to the human organism and either results in immediate illness or brings about chronic disease.

How to Aluminate Baby Chicks

"MY HUSBAND gave the baby chicks an aluminum dish to drink out of. In a short time the chickens began to die. There did not seem to be any reason for the trouble. They were not sick long, did not have bowel trouble as they so often do. I thought the aluminum dish was not good for them. From the start I did not approve of it. So I took it away, and soon the chicks stopped dying. They had been dying three, four and five at a time. I have no use for that stuff for anything." So says Mrs. S. H. Goff, New Jersey.

Miracles of God—Nowadays?

“**W**HERE be all his miracles which our fathers told us of?” (Judges 6:13) That question, by the valorous Gideon thousands of years ago, is a good one today. If Jehovah, the God of Gideon, performed miracles in ancient times, long before our modern age, then why does He not do miracles today that we moderns may see? But doesn't He? Of himself Jehovah says: “I am the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6); and of His wonderful Son it is said: “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.”—Hebrews 13:8.

In the older part of the Bible, written in Hebrew, the word “miracle” is at different places translated from three Hebrew words respectively; one has the thought of “conspicuousness”, this resulting in the “miracle’s” being outstanding or a marker, a sign; the other word has the sense of “appearing”, as though the miracle shows up and serves as evidence of a certain great truth or fact; the third word means “to separate, to distinguish”, showing that the miracle is extraordinary, distinguished from the usual or likely, and hence great, difficult of being performed by ordinary means, and wonderful. Hence these same Hebrew words are also translated as “sign; wonder”.

In the second section of the Bible, written in Greek, the word “miracle” is translated from two Greek words, the one meaning simply “power” or “force”, indicating that the miraculous thing is by power and force beyond human; and the other meaning simply “sign”, proving that the miracle is evidence in support of a certain point in controversy. In English the word “miracle” is derived merely from the Latin word *miraculum*, meaning “wonderful thing”.

The unbelieving and godless crowd insist that they do not today see with their eyes what they understand as a miracle (like those recorded in the Bible) and which they cannot explain by their scientific theories. However, that is no proof (as they claim it is) that there is no God. Rather it is a proof that the methods of Jehovah God are different today, and that these scoffers are blinded by the Devil so that they cannot see or discern and believe what miracles Jehovah has actually been performing now for some time before their natural eyes. Very soon, though, at the battle of Armageddon, Jehovah God will perform numerous of the old-time miracles so that they will see them (and also feel them keenly), and then they will not like it

and will wish they hadn't, that is, hadn't required such miraculous performance by Jehovah in order to be convinced that He is Almighty God. For such very purpose Jehovah will at His own chosen hour do miracles at Armageddon, and the result will be what He has purposed: “The heathen shall know that I am the LORD [Jehovah], the Holy One in Israel.”—Ezekiel 39:6, 7.

Listen to this about Jehovah's “strange act” at Armageddon: it is at the time of the final assault by Satan's visible and invisible forces upon God's organization, symbolized by Jerusalem the holy city and also now represented on earth by God's truly devoted ones, Jehovah's witnesses (Zechariah 14:3, 12-15): “Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought [of old] in the day of battle. And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; 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. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. . . . And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.”

Another prophetic war correspondent's description of the same fight by Jehovah and against all of Satan's forces going into action under the Devil's subordinate officer, Gog (Ezekiel 38:18-23): “And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel [spiritual Israel today], . . . Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; so that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall [of defense] shall fall to the ground. And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord God: every man's sword shall be against his brother. And I will plead against him with pestilence and

with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him [Gog], an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone." All this will be more wonderful than poison gas, machine-gun fire, aircraft bombs, liquid fire, death rays, deadly-germ dispersers, incendiary bombs, and all the shot and shell sent forth by devilish human war machines; hence it will be miraculous. It is beyond human power and device, and it will be for a sign!

Two Miracle Workers

Miracles from Jehovah God are performed by His power and in order to carry forward His work. They are a sign-proof that Jehovah is God and is almighty and supreme, and are a vindication of His word and name. When performed by and through His faithful servants, such miracles are proof that they are the true representatives of God and that His message through them is the only truth.

The Devil and his servants are also able to work miracles, and by such works many are misled and become the dupes of the Devil. Merely that a work is unusual, superhuman, or miraculous is no proof of itself that it is a work of the true God, nor that the workers thereof are God's servants and His teachers and leaders for the people to guide them in the right way that leads to life and truth and all blessings. The deceived Samaritans thought that Simon Magus of their day was "the great power of God"; but Simon used sorcery, and his bewitching works were not by God's holy spirit or power. (Acts 8:9-24) And he could not duplicate the works of Christ's true disciples and apostles. Concerning our own day Jesus predicted: "There shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders [miracles]; in-somuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before." (Matthew 24:24,25) Some of these very miracle-workers would themselves be deceived into thinking that they represent the Lord and that they should deserve recognition of Him and receive His reward; Jesus said: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then

will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity [hence the work of the Devil]." (Matthew 7:21-23) Of that base, traitorous, hypocritical, Judas-like class today, which the Scriptures call "that man of sin", "the son of perdition [destruction]," it is foretold that his 'coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all manner of unrighteousness'. —2 Thessalonians 2:3, 9, 10.

Miracles do not in themselves prove the worker and his message to be from the true God. What further test, then, must be applied in addition to that of working miracles? This: Does the force of his miracles and teaching tend to turn one to Jehovah God and His holy Word and service? If not, then the miracle-worker is a fraud, a false prophet, and his miracles are by Satan's power: "If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; [what to do?] thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord [Jehovah] your God with all your heart and with all your soul." —Deuteronomy 13:1-3.

A true proclaimer or publisher of God's Word does not require miracles to prove his mission as from God and his message as the truth. John the baptizer was a true prophet. "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John," and his birth was by a miracle. (John 1:6; Luke 1:5-24) Jesus declared there had been no prophet greater than John, and yet the record is that "John did no miracle: but all things that John spake of this man [Jesus] were true". —John 10:41.

If the message of any servant of God is in harmony with and in fulfillment of the inspired and written Word of God, then his message is the truth, even if miracles be lacking in connection therewith. "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them"; "Thy word is truth." (Isaiah 8:20; John 17:17) But if the message-bearer also perform miracles, then such is a proof that confirms that God sent him. Moses was given miraculous signs to perform before his brethren in Egypt to prove that Jehovah had sent him and was back of him.

(Exodus 4:1-9) When sending Moses in before the stubborn, unbelieving Pharaoh, Jehovah said to Moses and Aaron his brother: "When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a miracle for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent." (Exodus 7:9) Then Moses and Aaron went in and did so, and in due course there followed upon Pharaoh and all Egypt the ten terrific plagues, culminating in that miraculous deliverance of the pursued Israelites from the Red sea and the overwhelming and drowning of the pursuing army and chariots of Pharaoh. These miracles of God the Scriptures repeatedly refer to as "signs and wonders" executed in the land of Egypt, the land of Ham, and these are what Gideon meant when he said to Jehovah's angel (Judges 6:13): "Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?"—Numbers 14:22; Deuteronomy 11:3; Jeremiah 32:20, 21; Psalm 106:7, 22; Acts 7:36.

Jesus' human birth was a miracle, a sign vindicating God's word. (Isaiah 7:11, 14; Matthew 1:22, 23) Jesus' teaching was the truth, regardless of or even without miracles to accompany, because His doctrine was not His own but that of His Father which sent Him. But it was recognized, even by Pharisees, that Jesus was a "teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him". (John 3:2) His marvelous works proved Him to be the Christ of God. Of Him the apostle Peter said to the Jews: "Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him, in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know." (Acts 2:22) The power to perform miracles was passed on by Jesus to His apostles and was evidence of their apostleship. Writes Paul: "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds." (2 Corinthians 12:12) "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the spirit of God." (Romans 15:18, 19) "Great salvation . . . at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with

divers miracles, and gifts of the holy [spirit]." —Hebrews 2:3, 4.

The miracles performed by His disciples and in the name of Jesus bore undeniable evidence that *Jesus* was the name of the Christ, Jehovah's only-begotten Son and the Vindicator of Jehovah's name, and the only One through whom Jehovah gives life to man and deliverance from bondage to Satan's organization. (Acts 4:10, 30; 3:6, 16) Those who need miracles and are attracted only by miracles do not have the love of the truth. To illustrate: After the miracle of feeding five thousand, "then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world." But when these men hunted Jesus up again, "Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." Then, in proof that Jesus' unminced words to them were correct, "they said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat." (John 6:14, 26-31) Correctly did the apostle write: "For the Jews require a sign" (1 Corinthians 1:22); not that they might thereby be led to believe, but that, if possible, they might put God's servant in a hard position, that they could have more excuse not to believe.

Such miracles are not necessary today. Why not? Because the Bible record of God's word and works is now complete and is sufficient for all who are feeling after God and who would come to Him. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) Moreover, "Christendom" claims to be a believer in God and His Word. Miracles are "signs"; like the gift of tongues, they are "for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not". (1 Corinthians 14:22) Hence if "Christendom" still requires a sign, it shows that she is "evil and adulterous"; because, Jesus said, "an evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign."

"To one is given, by the spirit, the word of wisdom; . . . to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; . . . Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles? have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?" (1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 29, 30) To those questions the Word of God answers, No. And among those to whom the "working of miracles" was

not and is not given are those who are God's true representatives and messengers today, Jehovah's witnesses. "Working of miracles" ceased with the death of the faithful apostles and their fellow disciples to whom such power was given, because the true church was now established, "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." (Ephesians 2:20) In His prophecy on conditions at the end of the world or age Jesus warned His true followers against the coming of miracle-workers and their "signs and wonders" so deceptive. (Matthew 24:24) "Working of miracles" by God's servants may now have ceased, "but charity [love; of God] never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail [and they now have ceased to be granted]; whether there be tongues, they shall cease [and they have ceased]; whether there be [the gift of] knowledge, it shall vanish away [and it has vanished]."—1 Corinthians 13:8.

Modern-Day Miracles

Aside, then, from the miracle of victory and vindication which Jehovah will work by Christ Jesus at the battle of Armageddon, is God working any miracles today and now among the peoples of earth? The Bible prophecies answer, Yes, and the fulfillment of Bible prophecies bears out that affirmative answer. 'Indeed?' you say, 'and, pray, where are they? and what?' Jesus said: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign" (Matthew 12:38, 39); but here's trusting that you are not of such.

Jesus' birth was a miracle nineteen centuries ago; but a far greater and grander miracle today is the birth of Jehovah's "man child"; not Christ Jesus, but Jehovah's kingdom pictured by the "man child" and in which Jesus is the anointed King and His faithful followers are to be associated with Him in vindicating Jehovah's name. This occurred in A.D. 1914. The World War and attending disasters prove it. Prophecy thus fulfilled proves it. (Matthew 24:3-16) That miraculous birth was by God's organization (His "woman"), and in spite of the fact that Satan's mighty organization (the "great red dragon") opposed the Kingdom and threatened to devour it should it be born. (Revelation 12:1-5, 10) These two great organizations, God's and Satan's, have now been revealed to those looking heavenward for deliverance; and these organizations revealed constitute each respectively a "sign", "a wonder" (*Revised Version*);

and the revelation of God's organization under Christ and as opposed by Satan's organization is the "sign of the Son of man, in heaven".—Matthew 24:30.

The preaching of this gospel, the gospel of this Kingdom as now established and operating, is another miracle, in progress since the close of the World War, as Jesus predicted. "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) This gospel preaching is being done by Jehovah God through the tiny band of Jehovah's witnesses on earth. Like Isaiah and his sons (Isaiah 8:18; Hebrews 2:13), and like Ezekiel (12:6, 11; 24:24, 27), and also like the high priest Joshua (Zechariah 3:8, *margin*), so Jehovah's witnesses today are "for signs and wonders", in "Christendom" and even in heathendom. From house to house and from village and city to village and city they go, bearing the Kingdom tidings, everywhere. By word of mouth they preach, also by hundreds of millions of copies of the message in printed form, by mobile sound trucks, and sound boats, by portable transcription sound machines, by portable phonographs, and by radio transmitters in many lands and by great networks of radio stations, including short-wave stations on whose beams the Kingdom message is borne to all parts of the habitable world for reception. Thus in a few short years the glorious good news of God's government established has been preached to millions far, far outnumbering all those to whom Jesus and His miracle-working disciples preached in all their lifetime. And all this in the face of cruel persecution and continually rising world-wide opposition to Jehovah's witnesses and His message by them. Hence "this is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes". (Psalm 118:23) It is Jehovah's modern-time miracle, open and apparent to all "Christendom". But does "Christendom" regard the miracle? Only to get furiously angry thereat and to try to prevent or undo it by destroying Jehovah's witnesses. Thus the miraculous plagues with which Jehovah smote Egypt at the hand of Moses and Aaron do now find their miraculous counterpart in the message of divine judgment and vengeance which Jehovah's witnesses pour out today upon "Christendom" and which plagues "Christendom" so and causes her to howl loud in protest.

And here Jehovah works another modern miracle! As He long ago foretold, at Isaiah 29:13, 14: "Forasmuch as this people ['Christendom'] draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men [clergymen]; therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder; for [note now the miracle] the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid." No wonder they can't discern Jehovah's modern miracles and His way of

bringing life, peace and prosperity to mankind! But at Armageddon they shall be made to know that Jehovah is God and He only is wise and rules.

But do *you* see and believe God's miracles, "signs and wonders" and marvelous doings of today? Or do you still require a miracle, a "sign"? "Beware, therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and PERISH: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man [Jehovah's witness] declare it unto you."—Acts 13:40, 41.

Is Jehovah yet a God of miracles—today?

Electric Light Costs at Madison

THE New York *Times* explains at length that the city of Madison, N. J., buys its electric current from the Jersey Central Power and Light Company at 1½ cents each for the first 1,000,000 kilowatt hours and 1 cent each in excess of that quantity. Rates from 2c to 3c to consumers are therefore reasonable.

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Gideon's Troops on New Jersey and Other Battle Fronts

LET us hope it is not the final decision, but, at the moment, New Jersey, by one of its highest constituted authorities, has decided against Almighty God and definitely refuses to let His people freely worship Him as they desire and as He commands them to do.

In the summer of 1934 three of Jehovah's witnesses, one man, two women, were preaching the good news of Jehovah's kingdom from house to house in Maplewood, New Jersey.

They were arrested because they had not first asked for and obtained a police permit to do their work.

Why not apply for a permit? For the sole reason that Jehovah God is supreme and He has commanded them to do this witness work; and to ask a permit of men to do what God has commanded would be not only inconsistent but a violation of their obligation to Jehovah. Like the apostles, they say: "We ought to obey God rather than men."—Acts 5:29.

On August 7, 1934, they were convicted as "lawbreakers" and sentenced to pay fines or go to prison. Their case was appealed, and first one justice, Charles Parker, of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, affirmed the decision of the Maplewood police judge. Again appeal was taken to a panel of three other justices of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, known as Part 2

of that high tribunal. Those three justices are Perskie (a Hebrew), Trenchard (a Protestant), and Heher (a Roman Catholic). Trenchard was occupied in the Hauptmann-Lindbergh case on January 16, 1935, when the case of Jehovah's witnesses was opened for argument before

Part 2 of the Supreme Court; hence only two of the three justices heard the argument. Then the two justices took the case under advisement. In the middle of April they gave their decision. It is summed up in the concluding paragraphs of the written opinion, here quoted:

It would seem to this court that men and women engaged in the lofty and idealistic work, as the prosecutors [meaning Jehovah's witnesses who were "prosecuting" the appeal] claim to have been engaged herein, i.e., of spreading their religious conceptions to the public at large, ought to be among the very first to submit to and comply with all reasonable regulations which, obviously, were enacted in the interest of the public health and safety and which regulations were designed for the good of the greatest number.

There is no question here of prohibition; it is rather a simple question of reasonable police regulations; regulations which have for their purpose safeguards against those who are not so concerned with ideals and morals; a type, of which there are altogether too many, which resort to any guise, innocent or otherwise, in order to further their illegal schemes and objectives.

The prosecutors [meaning Jehovah's witnesses], notwithstanding the sanctity of their work, are not immune to the necessary and reasonable police regulation herein challenged.

Writs are dismissed, with costs.

When he returns to America from the Hawaiian Islands, where he was engaged in the work

WAR BULLETIN

On Thursday, May 2, 1935, there were mailed at Paterson, New Jersey, 6,500 letters, to every home in Maplewood, New Jersey, each containing a copy of the statement which appears on pages 516-517 of this issue of THE GOLDEN AGE.

These letters also contained an invitation to the people of the city to listen to a special Watch Tower broadcast of direct interest to Maplewood taxpayers, to be given at 9 a.m. Sunday, May 5. The postmaster at Paterson gave assurance that these letters would all be delivered before Sunday.

Perhaps at that time Postmaster General Farley had not yet had time to consult Amleto Giovanni Cicognani (archbishop and "pope's" personal representative at Washington) as to his duties in the premises.

At any rate, by Sunday morning only a very few of those letters had been delivered, and the Maplewood postal clerks admitted that practically all of the letters were still lying in that post office.

Accordingly, 190 of Gideon's valiant troops covered the city that same day with great care, inviting every householder to listen to the same broadcast, which was repeated at 4:30 p.m. While thus engaged, they placed 1,410 books and booklets, in 517 homes. One man and one woman were thrown into prison for doing this good work.

Manifestly, the United States postal service is breaking down, and Jehovah's witnesses must act independently where the public interest is involved.

of God's kingdom during April, the statement following will greatly interest Judge Rutherford, who, during the World War, as one of Jehovah's witnesses, stood for Almighty God and suffered imprisonment because of it. It will also be of great interest to all of Jehovah's people in New Jersey and elsewhere, and to thousands of other truth-loving and liberty-loving Americans who in this will see more of the thin beginnings in America of an attempt to deprive men and women of their inestimable right to worship and serve Jehovah God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of their own consciences.

The following statement was signed, and the original of it served about noon of Monday, April 29, 1935, to Richard H. Thiele in his office at Newark, New Jersey, by Wallace A. Vick; and by special courier copies were delivered simultaneously on Monday April 29 to Supreme Court Justices Parker, Perskie and Heher at Trenton; and to Governor Hoffman and the attorney general of New Jersey. Copies were furnished also to The Associated Press and other news associations, the *New York Times*, and other papers in New York and New Jersey; to radio stations and broadcasting systems; to members of the New Jersey legislature and Congress at Washington, to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to the president of the United States, to numerous counselors and attorneys, to various branch offices of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and to the president of the Society, Joseph F. Rutherford.

Responsibility

On Tuesday evening, April 30, in open court at Maplewood, the official to whom the following statement was specifically addressed coolly and bluntly ordered Wallace A. Vick to be locked up in the Essex county prison for thirty days; Anna Rettenmaier for ten days, and Anna Dziatkiewicz for forty days. Forthwith their bodies were taken in charge by the "strong-arm squad".

Jehovah, the Most High God, and His King Christ Jesus unquestionably saw and heard what occurred in that courtroom, and will require the willful transgressors against Him and His servants to pay the penalty.

Eighty days behind the bars will soon be gone.

But how about those responsible for acting

deliberately to hinder the increase and the prosperity of the work of Jehovah's government, just before the battle at Armageddon?

The Statement

To Richard H. Thiele

as Recorder of the Township of Maplewood (N. J.)

By three of JEHOVAH'S witnesses, namely,

Wallace A. Vick,

Anna Rettenmaier,

Anna Dziatkiewicz,

Greetings!

JEHOVAH, the living and true God, gives now to His King Christ Jesus and to His witnesses upon earth the privilege and the responsibility of publishing among the people of all nations the good news of His supremacy, of the majesty of His King and Kingdom, and of the day of His vengeance against all enemies of His government which in the near future shall break in pieces and utterly consume all other kingdoms and dominions and which alone shall stand forever.

Within this month the New Jersey Supreme Court, by its learned justices, Perskie and Heher, having formally affirmed the judgment of their associate, Parker, of the same Court, who previously did affirm a judgment which you did enter on the seventh day of August 1934 against each of us,

Because we, when arrested last summer in Maplewood, were going from house to house in your community for the purpose only of enlightening the people on the Word of God, and each of us was then and thus sincerely and conscientiously serving the Most High God, JEHOVAH, under the leadership of His reigning King and in obedience to His command as written in the Bible, and

Because to you we gave offense only in this, that we admittedly and intentionally did omit to apply to and receive from the Maplewood police a permit before performing our God-given duty among the people of your community,

Now, therefore, you are hereby respectfully invited to notice that, according to the understanding of the purposes of the Most High God as by Him and His King given to His witnesses through His written Word, and in the sober and humble judgment of each of us,

1. The written commandments of Almighty God "whose name alone is JEHOVAH" are to us, His witnesses, mandatory and superior to all statutes and ordinances of human origin; and that the statutes and commandments of the "Higher Powers" (Romans 13:1), namely, JEHOVAH and His reigning King Christ Jesus, direct the manner and time or season that His witnesses upon earth to whom He gives understanding of His purposes shall freely and joyfully publish such information

among the people of all nations.—Matthew 24:14; Isaiah 12:4-6; 43:10-12; 61:1-3; 62:6, 7.

2. The crowning glory of so-called American freedom, from the beginning of the United States of America, including the State of New Jersey, up to this time, has been the unquestioned and untrammelled right of each person to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of his own conscience without let or hindrance from any person or any source whatsoever; and the Supreme Court of the United States has held "that this [United States of America] is a Christian nation".

3. The New Jersey Constitution specifically restrains, estops, and prohibits any legislative, judicial, executive or administrative servant of the people of the State from attempting to regulate or prohibit any person, as one of Jehovah's witnesses "worshiping Almighty God", going from house to house for the purpose of informing and enlightening the people on the Word of God and its message concerning His government, whether such information for householders be conveyed to them orally or by means of written or printed communications, inasmuch as the New Jersey Constitution provides that "No person shall be deprived of the inestimable privilege of worshiping Almighty God in a manner agreeable to the dictates of his own conscience".

4. The deliberate judgment of the New Jersey Supreme Court justices by them officially communicated to us, and of you as Recorder of the Township of Maplewood, that we before performing our God-given duty formally submit ourselves for "necessary and reasonable police regulation", we must and do hereby publicly and freely condemn and reject as contradictory of the superior written judgment and law of the Most High God; and to those justices, officially and personally, and thus also to you, we, in language (Acts 4:19) of our brethren and fellow soldiers of Jesus Christ, freely submit: "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

WHEREFORE you are further invited to notice that, according to information communicated on your behalf to us, we shall personally present ourselves before you on Tuesday, the thirtieth day of April 1935, at seven o'clock in the evening, that you may, if you will, assure us of your readiness to do everything in your power to advance and cause to prosper in the Township of Maplewood and elsewhere the work of Jehovah's witnesses.

Seriously, in all sobriety, and without malice we now say that if, on the other hand, you decide to

choose the unmanly and unreasonable course of attempting to further obstruct this good work and to prosecute a claim upon the bond heretofore provided at our request as security for the cost of our recent appeal in this matter to the New Jersey Supreme Court, then take notice now that such choice by you will be without our concurrence and in deliberate disregard of what either the bondsman or any of us desires or allows.

Or if you, as the responsible servant of the community, choose instead to impose upon the community the needless burden of expense to maintain each of us in the county prison because we now hereby refuse to pay the several sums of money by you named as fines that you wrongfully imposed upon us, then you must bear the responsibility before the community and, above all, before Almighty God and His rightful Ruler, Christ Jesus, whose respectful and obedient servants we are.

WALLACE A. VICK.

ANNA RETTENMAIER.

ANNA DZIATKIEWICZ.

AFFIRMED and subscribed before me this twenty-ninth day of April, 1935, at Newark, N. J.
HARRY L. PIATT, *Notary Public*.

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Jehovah's witnesses Elsewhere

"Dangerous for the State"

THE Copenhagen *Politiken* has a story smuggled out of Germany showing the stand of a Nazi paper against religious liberty. Under the heading "Dangerous for the State" the Nazi press makes reference to Jehovah's witnesses as a religious organization which according to its nature is 'dangerous to the state'. The paper admits that in its eyes the Bible is nothing but unpleasant testimony, and concludes with the thought that "the Evangelical and Catholic churches may yet become as dangerous for the state as Jehovah's witnesses". The Devil is merely trying to cover his tracks. The only ones he seeks to destroy are Jehovah's witnesses. Reports received at Brooklyn are that the only ones of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany who are thoroughly happy are the ones who are in prison as a result of their uncompromising stand. All who tried to compromise are in hot water up to their ears.

Inquisition at Alexandria

A LITTLE while ago, when the Dark Ages were even darker than at present, the Roman hierarchy refrained from the dirtiest of the dirty work. They let the Dominicans and the public officials attend to that. Recently the present pope told the Dominicans to do their stuff again. Meantime some of the public officials are showing where their sympathies are. Ignoring the Constitution, and even common decency, they show the same spirit that lit the fires all over Europe back in the sixteenth century. In Alexandria, Va., Beatrice Kendall, 72 years of age, four other women and four men, were arrested by Sergeant Eberly, and jailed for fifteen days by Judge James Reese Duncan because they visited Alexandria to find out who had rooms to rent, how many rooms, and the rate per person. While seeking this information,

which has the approval of the Washington Board of Trade, these witnesses also gave away tracts, which is their method of preaching the gospel. They were not officially arrested on the charge of breathing the Virginia air, though they might as well have been. The official charge was "soliciting without a permit while distributing religious tracts". What the judge was charged with who sent them to jail for fifteen days may be gathered from a plaque on the courthouse, which reads: "Site of Colonial Jail, 1750-1752. Here Jeremiah Moore was imprisoned for preaching the gospel without a license." When the nine witnesses were illegally and infamously deprived of their liberties, they were subjected to assault upon their persons in that they were vaccinated contrary to their wishes. It was in Virginia that Patrick Henry gave expression to his famous speech, "Give me liberty or give me death." If alive today, and living in Alexandria, and having a love of truth, Patrick Henry would be denied the first. Before Judge James Reese Duncan he would be denied both.

"I'm Not Interested"

THAT it is really necessary to call and call again and again to wake people up to the importance of the great message now going forth throughout the earth is well illustrated by the following letter from A. R. Nutting, 65 Chetwynd Road, West Somerville, Mass. In the "Embarrassing Moments" column he wrote to the Boston *American*: "I had been annoyed incessantly by agents. Again the doorbell rang, and, upon answering, the man said 'Jehovah is coming' (he was advertising some religious paper); and, without thinking, I said, 'I'm not interested.' Can you imagine my embarrassment when I realized the significance of his statement?"

Woman and War

By Rose Henderson, ex-judge of the Juvenile Court of Montreal

THE uncivilized woman of the past, when commanded by the state, threw her babes into the Ganges or under the Juggernaut car to appease the "god of wrath". Today civilized woman in her ignorance hands her son a gun and to the strains of martial music and the waving of flags sends him forth at the command of the state to appease the greed and rapacity of the "god of profits".

Too long have women been fed on the romance and glory of war. Too long have its realities been hidden from them by hypocrisy and lies. The death agonies of the dying have been drowned by the din of martial music. The scars of body and soul have been covered up by gaudy uniforms, gold lace, plumes and medals.

The warmongers have fooled and flattered women into the belief that their men folk were fighting for their honor, their home, their God, when in reality they were fighting for oil wells, coal fields, new markets to plunder and new "spheres of influence" to exploit.

So far, peace societies have dealt with the problem of making an end of war from the sentimental point of view. They have attempted to tame the beast of militarism with honeyed words, approaching it in a "diplomatic way", courting the approval of "leading citizens" and being scrupulously careful not to "antagonize" and always loudly proclaiming their loyalty to the "empire", the "republic", or whatever form of government prevails in the country in which they live.

I do not question the sincerity of these people. I have met and talked with many such men and women, and one and all conveyed the impression of sincerity and devotion to the cause of peace. But sincerity and devotion are not enough. A mother may be a devoted slave to her child, yet see it die by inches because she lacks the knowledge of child welfare and fails to understand its needs and constitution. Likewise, a mother, through her ignorance, may feed her children a mental poison which may be the cause of sorrow down to the "third and fourth generation".

Economic conditions have forced women to face the question of poverty, unemployment, infant mortality and prostitution, but in comparison to war these pale into insignificance.

Resolutely and fearlessly the women of the world must understand the causes of war or see the race exterminated.

Woman bears the burden of the race in time of peace as well as in war. She does not arm nor does she destroy armies, but she bears and nurtures the armies, both industrial and military, before, during and after the war.

The following is a table of the cost of the last war in blood and treasure. These figures are not taken from any pacifist journal nor from the tabulations of a peace organization, but from *The Militiaman*, official organ of the Vancouver Military Institute.

THE COST OF THE GREAT WAR

Countries Involved	Human Killed	Cost (a)	Pris. and Wounded Miss. (b)	Financial Cost (c)
British Empire	800,000	2,000,000	65,000	\$ 39,703,000,000
France	1,500,000	3,000,000	450,000	24,265,000,000
Russia	2,750,000	5,000,000	2,500,000	22,600,000,000
Italy	50,000	950,000	1,400,000	12,413,000,000
Serbia	700,000	350,000	100,000	400,000,000
Belgium	250,000	150,000	10,000	3,000,000,000
Japan	300	900	3	40,000,000
United States	80,000	225,000	4,500	22,482,000,000
Rumania	350,000	200,000	100,000	1,600,000,000
Greece	15,000	40,000	45,000	270,000,000
Portugal	4,000	17,000	200	
Germany	1,600,000	3,800,000	800,000	40,000,000,000
Austria-Hungary	900,000	3,000,000	450,000	20,622,000,000
Turkey	450,000	400,000	100,000	1,500,000,000
Bulgaria	100,000	150,000	10,000	815,000,000
Allied Powers' Total	6,499,300	11,932,900	4,674,703	126,773,000,000
Central Powers' Total	3,050,000	7,350,000	1,360,000	62,937,000,000
Grand Totals	9,549,300	19,282,900	6,034,703	\$189,710,000,000

(a) Founded on "Direct and Indirect Costs of the Great World War", by E. L. Bogart.

(b) It is estimated that fifty percent of those listed as "prisoners and missing" are dead.

(c) The cost has been estimated on the increase during the period of the war over normal peace expenditures. Reparations paid by the Central Powers increase their costs and decrease the costs of the Allied Powers.

Add to these figures the toll of the world-wide influenza epidemic, which cost 6,000,000 lives, not counting the 8,000,000 in India, and without reckoning those who have died since peace was declared, from cholera, typhus, famine blockades, civil wars and malnutrition.

The lifeblood, yea, life itself, of women was given to bring forth and nurture these millions, the victims of man's ruthless folly; given, not in the cause of freedom, but in the cause of mammon. What a waste of woman's life! what a waste of love! what a waste of labor and sacrifice! what a toll! what a condemnation of man's religion, morality and government!

Reflect, oh, mothers of the world, reflect! These are your children, your men and your

boys, the babes you have put to bed and pulled the covers over, a thousand times petted, and nursed, and fed, and brought up to be men. The human blossoms of love for whom you have scrimped and saved and worked to give a trade, profession, or a better education, so that they might have a better opportunity in life than their forebears had.

The March of the Dead

If the dead of the Great War could be assembled in one great army this is the spectacle they would present:

"At daybreak they start, twenty abreast. Until sundown they march . . . and the next day, and the next, and the next. For ten days the British dead pass in review. For eleven days more the French dead file down 'the Avenue of the Allies'. For the Russians it would require the daylight of five more weeks. Two months and a half would be required for the Allied dead to pass a given point. The enemy dead would require more than six weeks. For four months men actually killed in the war, passing steadily twenty abreast—"

The war claimed, says one journal, 10,000 miles of dead.

If these dead, as they passed by in the melancholy procession, could look into your eyes or could speak to you, what do you imagine their message would be? Would they tell you of the victories and heroics of war, or would they tell you that in war there are no victories for the common people, who supply the cannon fodder and pay the cost—95 percent of all the cost—in life, suffering and taxation for generations after the war is over?

They would tell you that for every "Victoria Cross" on the breast of the living there are 100,000 wooden crosses on the graves of the dead!

If the war's dead could but return for one hour, that hour would be spent in shocking the women of the world into a sense of their responsibility!

Flower of Manhood Sacrificed

Men assert that during the war women were fiercer in their passions, stooped to meaner and crueler methods of attack, and were more relentless in their desire for revenge against the "enemy" than were the men.

Scarcely anyone able to retain sanity during the war and watch the effect of its psychology on women will dispute this accusation. In times of peace, at best, women are, with notable excep-

tions, but the echo, the product of man's laws, man's morality, man's education, political, industrial and religious institutions.

In time of war, when the world goes mad, when all restrictions are let down, when men mock and laugh at their own moral and ethical codes, then the only appeal is to woman's primitive emotions, and she is swept into every excess. She becomes the blind, senseless tool of blind, senseless men, who rule the world, men who march in their millions to fight unknown enemies, and to fill unknown graves, because someone told them to do so.

If these dead heroes could speak, they would tell of their mangled comrades writhing in trenches, tormented by lice, rats and mice, wallowing like swine in the blood, mud and filth of the battlefields. They would speak of barbed-wire entanglements, shell holes, guns, tanks, bombs, grenades, liquid flame, disease germs, poison gas, the babblings of the insane, and the ungodly spectacle of millions of men, armed with every device known to science, doing one another to death over the length and breadth of a continent.

And yet this picture but lifts the curtain on the first act of the drama of war. It would convey only a glimmer of the suffering that men endure.

Back of the millions of men are millions of women—mother, wife, sister or sweetheart. Back of these women are millions of children, the mute, outraged, exploited victims of an accursed system making for war.

The Social Cost of War

Bankers figure the cost of war in money; manufacturers, in lost labor-power and raw materials; merchants, in ruined commodities and lost markets; humanitarians, in loss of life; money-changers barter and wrangle over their profits and losses. Ministers of the gospel speculate on their heavenly gain in departing souls or acquired virtues in war, but, so far, no one has dared to estimate the cost of war to those helpless victims who bear the greatest burden. The mother heart sinks as she catches a glimpse of the babe she has borne on his way to "embark". The wife stifles the anguish and terror that clutches at her heart when she hears the words, "I'm called up." The maiden's heart sinks when she questions, "Will he ever return?" and sees her dreams of home and children shattered perhaps for ever.

In her heart of hearts every intelligent woman asks questions if her men folk will be strong enough to withstand the moral degradation of the battlefield, and fears that when they are returned to their homes their moral and physical fitness to be fathers and husbands will be undermined.

For the women of the middle and ruling classes, generally speaking, war exists for them in conversations, military balls, reviews, anniversary banquets, organizing and raising "patriotic" funds, and kindred activities. Their husbands and sons go to war, but keep well away from the danger zones. They are officers, or subordinates. They fight the war by telephone, from armchairs, and luxurious clubs; the best that can be provided is theirs by "divine right", and their wives and families are especially favored in many ways. They belong to a different class, many having large investments in munition works, railroads, shipping, etc.

For the women of the masses, however, who supply 93 percent of the army, the story is a different one. The women of the masses, during the war, were used to do the meanest work. They were flattered, cajoled, threatened. While the blood of their men folk was being coined into profits on the battlefields, their labor, sex, and necessities were the object of profit extortion and barter at home. In munition, garment and packing factories they toiled incessantly, doing the work of men, but receiving "woman's pay". "Ministers of the gospel" grew wrathful and demanded that they "do their duty to replenish the loss of war"; illegitimacy was winked at and excused as "one of the inevitable results of war". Politicians tricked and deceived them with promises they never intended to carry out. They were told to knit socks, scarfs, sweaters and other garments "to keep the boys warm", but when they went to buy the yarn they found the price had soared. They were advised by sleek, well-fed men, and diamond-, fur-bedecked ladies, not to forget the "dear boys fighting for our home and honor", to send them chocolates, cigarettes, and fruitcake; but, alas, when after scrimping a few cents from the pay envelope or "patriotic allowance" they went forth to purchase these things, they found the prices 20 to 100 percent higher than before the war—someone had been "doing their bit" profiteering in a perfectly "patriotic" way.

They were told to eat less sugar and bacon; whereupon, after denying themselves and their

children they found a corner on both these necessities and huge fortunes being made at their expense; and while men were being shot and jailed for military treason, no one was being hanged, jailed or shot for treason to those men and their dependents who were shedding their lifeblood and wading through hell to "make the world safe for democracy"—or plutocracy?

We can approximate the number killed and wounded; we can count the cost of making new garments, procuring food, furnishing implements of destruction; we may calculate the value of cities laid waste, crops ruined, the cost of constructing new homes, ships and railways, but who can measure, who describe, the suffering of the women and children whose homes are laid in ashes, who flee in terror before the advancing army, to hills and valleys, who crouch and shiver in ruins and dugouts, who forage on garbage heaps and feed off putrid flesh and roots, who are raped and famished, but who may not die by the bullet, or the swift thrust of the sword. Speak not to such as these, oh, ye hypocrites, ye befoulers of all that is holy and sacred, of the "glories of war"! What a desecration of virtue! what a mockery of the home! To the women of the masses, war is a grim reality. It sinks its poisonous fangs deep into their quivering flesh and pulsating hearts; it desecrates the marriage vow, breaks up their home, and poisons through venereal diseases the very well-springs of life.

A well-known physician, who for the past ten years has given his life to war work and its after-effects, said to me when discussing this matter, "If I could by some means touch a button and put out of life quickly three-fourths of the babies born since 1914, I would consider I was conferring a benefit on mankind."

Think of the untold agony woman silently endures when she realizes that she and her children are the innocent victims of a foul disease, cursed from the cradle to the grave. And to add to her suffering the terrible thought is focusing itself upon her imagination, that it is her own men folk, husband, son or brother, the dupes and tools of mammon, who are bringing upon her and her babies this unspeakable burden of poverty, disease and woe.

The bases upon which war rests are foul—the principles of the thug, the robber, the morals of the jungle.

The duty of the soldier is to kill; the more he kills, the greater his "reward". A "glorious bat-

tle" is heralded, "enemy vanquished," "spectacular heroism," "territory captured," and all eagerly watch to see who will be the honored, the recipients of medals, crosses and higher commissions.

War is organized human butchery, and its handmaidens are hypocrisy, robbery, rape, lies, obscenity, profanity, dope. It desecrates virtue and religion, laughs at honesty, and mocks the commandment, "Thou shalt not kill."

Pulpiteers and War

The church as an organization, to her discredit, be it said, stood solidly by the war. Here and there ministers had the courage to stand by the principles of Christ, but for this they were, in most cases, unfrocked, persecuted and drummed out of the "temple of the Nazarene". In every land the church held special services, to petition their national god to give them victory over their enemies, and held thanksgiving services when a victory was announced.

Surely this is blasphemy indeed; surely its ministers could sink no further! In the words of Mark Twain, when they prayed for victory this is what they prayed for:

"O Lord, our Father, our young patriots, idols of our hearts, go forth to battle. Be thou near them! With them in spirit—we also go forth from the sweet peace of our firesides to smite the foe.

"O Lord, our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds with our shells; help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the cries of the wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste their humble homes with a hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children, to wander unfriended through wastes of this desolated land in rags and hunger and thirst, sport of the sunflames of summer and the icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it—for our sakes, who adore Thee, Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet.

"We ask of One who is the Spirit of Love and who is the everfaithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset, and seek His aid with humble and contrite hearts. Grant our prayer, O Lord, and thine shall be the praise and honor and glory now, and ever. Amen."

Victory! Victory! Yes, for the steel, coal, and banking kings; for the masses, no.

For the men who fought, and the women who bore them, there is but the grim reality of inse-

curity, unemployment, and a more brutal form of exploitation to exact the war debt. For the men there is at least the glamor of war, but for the women there is no hero worship, no martial music, no cheering crowds, song, story and laughter; no tablets are erected to them in church, civic building, park or market place. Unlike the women of the other classes, they endured all the horrors of war but none of its lure and abandonment; they enjoyed no dinners, banquets, bouquets, receptions, military displays, and victory balls. For thousands of women of the upper classes war ensured one hectic round of excitement, the glorious abandonment to the satisfaction of the senses, an outlet for their stifled energies, a mask to cover up their half-subdued elemental passions, an excuse to display their power, effrontery and newly acquired ill-gotten gains, a glimpse of which is so ably given in the following verses:

THE VICTORY BALL

The cymbals crash,
And the dancers walk,
With long silk stockings
and arms of chalk,
Butterfly skirts,
And white breasts bare,
And shadows of dead men
Watching 'em there.

Shadows of dead men
Stand by the wall,
Watching the fun
Of the Victory Ball.
They do not reproach,
Because they know
If they're forgotten
It's better so.

"What did you think
We should find," said a
shade,
"When the last shot echoed
And peace was made?"

"Christ," laughed the
fleshless
Jaws of his friend;
"I thought they'd be praying
The world to mend."

"Pish!" said a statesman
Standing there,
"I'm glad they can busy
Their thoughts elsewhere!
We mustn't reproach 'em,
They're young you see."
"Ah!" said the dead men,
"So were we!"

Victory! Victory!
On with the dance!
Back to the jungle
The new beasts prance.
God! how the dead men
Grin by the wall,
Watching the fun
Of the Victory Ball!

—ALFRED NOYES.

When the drumbeats are heard no more; when the bugles cease to call to battle, and the canons are silent; when the dead are counted, the cost of war estimated, and profiteers have gathered in their bloodstained gold, woman's sorrow and service begin anew.

Back to the homes of the women of the slums, tenements, mills, factories and farms return what is left of poor, disillusioned, sick, half-crazed humanity. Out from the loins of labor issued these betrayed soldier lads; on the breasts of working-class mothers have they been nurtured and reared. When their masters who bade them go need them no longer, when they have spent their "lives" and conquered their masters' commercial rival, captured oil wells,

wheat lands, and coal fields, back again to the slum shacks, and tenements, to whence they came must they return; there in the drab twilight of obscurity, and poverty, in the homes of their mothers, in the arms of wife, children, sister or sweetheart, will they receive all that is best in life, love, companionship, and unselfish care. There, and there only, in the environment of the home, poor though it may be, may they hope to be brought back once more to sanity, health, and a semblance of civilized life.

All over the world, from the sorrowing hearts and ruined homes of mothers, from the lone hearts of children hidden away in orphanages and hospitals for the incurable, arise the cry, the hope, that some day their fathers, their men folk, will cease killing each other, cease to be the sport of kings and financiers, and resort to ways of reason and peace.

The Betrayal

Women were asked, commanded in the name of democracy, God, and home, to hand over their sons to the state. Almost without question they did so. In return they were promised that war would be abolished, life made more secure, and their children rescued from poverty, ignorance, and slum life.

The men responsible for the war of 1914 have not ceased their diplomatic intrigues for one hour. Night and day they sit in every chancellery of the world laying plans for the "next war", which according to their own statements will be more terrible than the world has yet experienced. These old men, fossilized in hypocrisy, corrupted to the core with their lust for power and greed; these old men not a hair of whose head was injured through war; these old men who waxed fat, achieved "glory", and "honor" for heroic deeds, mostly performed on paper, at the end of telephones, or wireless, far away from the hell of battle, are gathering up their sinews of war, laying their plans and setting their nets to again ensnare and entrap the youth of all nations.

These men are planning wholesale extermination and debasing science for the purpose of war. The nations are groaning under a load of debt, the legacy of the late wars. Standards of health, education, and home life are being reduced to alarmingly low levels in order to obtain millions for the "next war". Every advance in knowledge and science heralds new discoveries in the art of man-killing.

If there is another war it will be terrible beyond thought. The inventions of death during the war were becoming more terrible; month by month since then the ingenious mind of man has gone on perfecting these hellish devices at a rate hitherto undreamed of, . . . Experiments in the use of chemicals as war weapons are being openly conducted by all nations, and by the signatory powers that are party to the Washington Treaty, to prevent the use in war of noxious gases and chemicals.

If the war had lasted a little longer, on the authority of our air lords, "we should have bombed many more, regardless of sex." All governments are spending huge sums experimenting in laboratories with a view to making poison gas, lethal acids, high explosives, more deadly, to be dropped on innocent, defenseless women and children from dragons of death, polluting the sky as their murderous bodies glide through the air.

How Britain Prepares for Peace

The exchequer's issues as to war, given in the House of Commons last March (in answer to Mr. T. Johnson, M.P.), showed that between April 1, 1914, and March 31, 1919, there were 9,590 million pounds sterling spent on war. Since that time 1,290 million pounds sterling have been spent on militarism.

Francis Ahern, Australian correspondent, reports the following interview with a highly placed military officer who was recently in Australia on a secret mission:

"Behind closed doors of laboratories and in secluded workshops, and in lonely bays or remote spaces of the world, has begun, with government secret funds, the strangest and weirdest battle of wits that has ever been embarked upon.

"Tanks that swim, great metal sea destroyers that fly, uncanny air machines which dive silently beneath the waters to hide themselves, crews who must learn to live and fight in three different elements—land, sea, or air—it is with such marvels and closely guarded schemes that the great push has begun for world power.

"Great Britain is carrying out tests secretly. A machine is being built for the air ministry by the Fairey Co., in which there are four of the new Condor engines, built by the Rolls-Royce Co., cleaving the surface of the water prior to taking wing, and developing nearly 3,000 horsepower.

"To keep abreast of the times, the British naval authorities have entrusted to a well-known supermarine company the construction of the largest flying boat ordered by them since the war. This winged ves-

sel is intended to go out with the fleet for almost any length of time desired.

"Its hull when resting on the water will ride out rough seas. It will taxi along the water like a surface ship, or speed off through the air. It is to have anchors, foghorns, riding lights, and all the equipment of the ordinary vessel of the sea, while its crew within the hull will eat and sleep on board just like the crew of an ordinary naval craft. Designs also in hand for machines which will be an amplification of such amphibians as the 'Vicker's Viking'.

"The new machine will fight like a tank on earth, be a superdestroyer on water, and climb to give combat in the air, and when concealment is required, it will fold its wings, seal its hull, and dive like a submarine beneath the surface of the sea.

"These uncanny monsters are to be called Tessaursins, meaning 'machines which live in all elements'. Science is striving to make these crafts both silent and invincible."

In the next war "the whole of the manhood, most of the womanhood, and part of the childhood of the nation will be involved."—*Army and Navy Gazette*.

The British air ministry has given orders for the construction of a three-engined battleplane which will be the most powerful and destructive weapon in the world. It will be run with three 1,000-horsepower Napier "Cub" engines, and it is expected to attain a speed of 140 miles an hour.

General Swinton says that progress is being made in the development of rays for lethal purposes. "We have X rays," he says. "We have light rays. We have heat rays. . . . We may not be so very far from the development of some kind of lethal ray which will shrivel up or paralyze or poison human [creatures]."

General Swinton also prophesies the coming of germ warfare. "I think it will come to that," he says, "and so far as I can see there is no reason why it should not. . . . We must envisage these new forms of warfare, and as far as possible expend energy, time, and money in encouraging our inventors and scientists to study the waging of war on a wholesale scale instead of . . . thinking so much about methods which will kill a few individuals only at a time."

Headlines in the London Daily News

A Happy New Year!

GAS MASKS FOR ALL

Says Commander Burney:

"Gases now exist that are more than 1,000 times as powerful as anything used in the late war, and I venture to think that on a still day containers carrying

gas instead of explosives would kill more people than the same weight of bombs. There is one gas so powerful that the person inhaling it would be killed instantaneously. When the gas was tried upon a cat, the animal fell over dead without even a tremor. Such a gas would not give people time to put on gas masks."

"With regard to germs and bacteria, I do not propose to enlarge on this matter, but I am given to understand that flasks and containers filled with those could be popped into reservoirs and would thus poison the water supply of all towns."

A Happy New Year!

The ramifications of war are international. War lords and munition makers know no nation. Their "patriotism" is a cloak for profits.

In Bedford, England, they have a gun—"a trophy"—and in front, on a brass plate, is engraved: "Captured by the Bedfords at Gaza from the Turks." And on the back, on a bigger brass plate, we read: "Made by Sir George Armstrong, Witworth & Co."

Japan, we are informed, is turning out aeroplanes at the rate of 500 weekly.

The *Daily News* of some time ago has a picture in it. The crown prince of Japan is seen walking with the chief of the British air mission in Japan. Underneath we read: "Since the disarmament conference Japan has been constructing huge fighting planes under the direction of British aerial experts." Why are British aerial experts helping Japan to construct "huge fighting planes"? And against whom does Japan propose to use those planes? Apparently Vickers are building some of them, for the *Japan Chronicle* reports the accidental destruction by fire of "a new airship at Oppama", costing 170,000 yen and built by that firm.

How America Prepares for Peace

Successful tests have already been carried out by the United States air service with automatically controlled pilotless aeroplanes.

In these tests the automatic "pilot" was described as using a gyroscope for its brains, and pneumatic apparatus, similar to that in an automatic piano, for its muscles.

By the use of such apparatus, flights of over 90 miles were carried out. Hertzian waves were not used in those tests.

The American government has built a triplane for war purposes capable of carrying 10,800 pounds of bombs. This flying machine is the largest yet constructed in America; it will weigh 20 tons, and it will be driven by six

Liberty (!) engines, developing 2,400 horsepower. Two pilots and two engineers will be carried.

Poison Liquid

New York, Oct. 28.—A third victim of "looney gas" poisoning in the research laboratory of the Elizabeth (N. J.) plant of the Standard Oil Company died today. He was Wm. McSweeney, aged 27. Before his death he became so violent he had to be placed in a strait jacket.

The United States chemical warfare service has announced the discovery of a new poison liquid so deadly that three drops on the skin will kill a man.

Captain Bradner, the chief of the department, says that one aeroplane carrying two tons of the liquid could kill every man within a space of 7 miles long and 100 feet wide.

The war budget of the United States and all other countries shows tremendous increases over prewar figures. (Disarmament conferences and naval conferences all turned out to be mere shams. The military and naval officials made it their business to destroy them, directly or by inspired propagandists like Shearer at Geneva.)

Mad-House Gas

At a meeting of aerial and chemical experts, recently held in New York city, it was stated by Will E. Irwin that one great power has already perfected a "mad-house gas" that can be sprayed upon civilian populations and drive them permanently insane. There are four kinds of gas that can be used, irritating, asphyxiating, incendiary, and mad-house gas, stated Mr. Irwin, and governments were diligently manufacturing them in preparation for the next war.

The report further states that Mr. Irwin's paper on the future of aerial and chemical warfare, and the discussion brought forth, opened up one of the worst vistas of horrors since Dante wrote his *Inferno*.

How France Prepares for Peace

The expenditures in Europe on armaments is colossal, and can have but one object, war. If another war is precipitated, Europe will rapidly rattle back to barbarism. Many travelers in the small states return shocked at the dehumanized condition of large masses of people who are sinking into a state of hopeless despair, under the load of debt and war expenditure. Another point not fully realized is the fact that the power of France rests upon a black basis. It is

astonishing that the peoples of other nations are not awakened to one of the most menacing and sinister facts of history.

With the twentieth century come the questions: Is Europe to be dominated by Africa: are the blacks to be trained to subdue and enslave the white peoples? And if Europe, why not England? If England, why not Canada?

Supposing friction were to arise between England and America (not at all impossible), how would Canadian mothers feel to see the Negroes of the south sent into the industrial centers to protect the interests of the United States? This would be merely war tactics, exactly what is happening now in Europe. France has under her sway 43,500,000 in Asia, 43,500,000 in Africa, and has now applied to all these people her laws of military conscription. She reckons to have within the next five years a permanent army of 800,000 Africans for war in Europe, if need be, permanently stationed in Europe. The conscription of Africa by France is one of those tremendous events which alter the destinies of nations.

Aeroplanes, Without Pilots, Directed from Earth

Hertzian waves for the automatic control of aeroplanes are among the latest peacetime preparations for war.

According to the *Petit Parisien*, quoted by Reuter, an experiment of flying by this means has been successfully carried out.

A heavy biplane, fitted with an engine of 300 horsepower, says the message, was flown for some time without pilot or passenger, above Etamps, Seine et Oise, without difficulty.

The machine took off in a fog; the "pilot", comfortably seated in an engineer's office, performed some perfect flying movements.

The *Morning Post* of about that time quoted a "French expert", who said that toxic gas, which attacks the nervous system, and lachrymatory gas, "which provokes only temporary blindness," have not been altogether successful.

This humane gentleman declared: "Aeroplanes dropping mustard-gas bombs on a town will, in addition to causing the death of many of its inhabitants, render the place absolutely uninhabitable for a number of days. . . .

"The effect of this gas, causing, as it does, dreadful pains and, in many cases, permanent blindness, is particularly impressive for the onlooker."

More Danger

Having said this much, the expert concluded that the various nations should, therefore, particularly direct scientific research to the betterment of mustard gas. Gas experts, he said, would endeavor to render it more persistent and dangerous!

He added that other gases are under consideration. Among them are certain substances intended to cause temporary loss of control and clear thinking.

By using them, he said, "we could thus witness a whole city staggering to and fro, its inhabitants being deprived of all moral and physical control, and as unconscious as drunkards or idiots."

France declared to her creditors, after the war, her inability to pay either interest or principal of her war debt, yet, notwithstanding her bankruptcy, France has since 1918 built up one of the most powerful armies and air forces in the world.

Moreover, she has used French credit for the purpose of making military subsidies to Poland, Yugoslavia, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, Hungary and Finland, supplying these countries with munitions and war supplies, thus making Europe today a huge arsenal which needs but a match to cause another international explosion.

It is significant that France has now returned to her status of a first-class naval power. She proposes to have 178,000 tons of battleships, 360,000 tons of submarines, as well as auxiliaries. The coast defenses of France have been rebuilt and strengthened since the war, and some of the longest-range guns are now mounted on these shore batteries.

"The war chemistry of today," said a French scientist a few days ago, "bears the same relation to the war chemistry of 1914 as the machine gun does to the old flintlock. If I were in the shoes of the French minister of war, I should tremble."

Among these is a terrible development of yperite, or mustard gas, which, in the form of a fine rain of infinitely pulverized corrosive liquid, may be dropped in bombs from aeroplanes or fired in shells from guns, and which is guaranteed to destroy every living thing within an area of several square miles. Another preparation is a cloud of poisonous arsenical dust that will choke and destroy the lungs. Other gas weapons still, in which experiments are con-

stantly being carried out, contain the bacilli of mortal disease, which may destroy whole populations.

Causes of War

To speak of the economic causes of war has been considered seditious, and disloyal. Men and women are today lying in jail for no greater crime than that they tried to enlighten their fellow men of the causes of war, and the foul deception that was played upon them. If the menace of modern war is to be removed, causes of war must be made known. Who more competent to explain these causes than the war lords themselves? Premier Nitti, in his book *The Decadence of Europe*, shows not only the lies and intrigues, before and during the war, but also the sinister motives, the callous hypocrisy of the old warmongers, who gathered at Versailles in the name of the people to make peace.

Instead of the warmongers' making peace, as they promised to do, when they induced Germany to lay down arms on the strength of Wilson's fourteen points, they began to squabble and fight like thieves amongst themselves over the loot of Europe and the plunder of Asia.

During the war 340,000 persons in England increased their wealth £4,180,000,000. Idleness, legally entrenched behind the system of profits, draws a far larger reward than those who shed their blood and labored for victory.

When will people realize that it is not the business of war lords and capitalists to make peace? This war was never intended to end war; for, in the words of a well-known general, "war is a great and profitable industry."

Profiteers and War

If profits were taken out of war, and the profiteers, patriots, editors, ministers, and politicians put in the first-line trenches, war would not long continue.

A book has been recently translated, written by M. Caillaux, former prime minister of France, *Whither France Whither Europe*, in which he says:

"The masters of the cartels and trusts saw quite plainly that the markets were choked up."

Stocks were accumulating for which there was no sale, and which they thought a war would help them to dispose of. "War," they said, "will save us from all this humanitarian nonsense, and deliver us from Socialists and their plans. It will do away with the foolish idea of a Eu-

ropean union which would eat up our profits. It, and it alone, will secure us large advances in prices."

M. Caillaux gives some illustrations of the "orgy of profits" made during the war. "The largest smelting works in France saw its profits increase from 5 millions in 1913 to 17 millions in 1916 and 18 millions in 1917." The profits of a shipping company in 1914 were 6 millions; "in 1916, 18 millions; in 1917, 23 millions; in 1918, 45 millions." He instances a firm in Japan which in 1915 and 1916 paid dividends of 220 percent, and 600 percent, and adds: "One could quote such cases *ad infinitum*. Who does not know this as the war of pillage? We have given a few figures merely to symbolize it."

"The ethical effect of the war on the capitalists has been negligible, and they continue their policy of public plunder. They have control of the press, which they use for their own purposes, and news is manufactured for them to deceive the people. Indeed, throughout prewar activities we have described, capitalism has increased its power by the war. . . . It is stamped with habits of greed, improvidence and harshness."

"Greed drives the men of this caste in headlong pursuit of immediate profits; profits must be made at any cost, even if it means the sacking of the old world. They are willing to cut down the tree to get its fruit. Improvidence and harshness unite in causing the leaders of the hour to ignore the labor problem. They imagine that by using force—brutality, if need be—they can subdue the wage earners, whose claims they hold in contempt. They will not admit that some day, very soon, perhaps, the wage system will give place to co-operation. . . . They lay upon the poorer classes, by means of indirect levies, the heaviest part of the tax burden. They then take away with one hand what they have given with the other. Indirect taxation cuts down salaries and wages."

"They employ both violence and brutality, but they prefer corruption and calumny, which latter they make full use of in the domestic press (which has made it possible) to stir up hatred which they hope to turn into gold. . . . By means of a press which, at the word of command, flatters or condemns, which speaks or remains silent—by means of this press which manufactures news—they control public opinion for their own ends."

Herr Rathenau said: "The whole world lives

under the dominion of plutocracy. In certain countries it has possessed itself of complete power, makes the law and constitution, and decides on war or peace. . . . Plutocracy is the domination of a caste, an oligarchy, since it has no ideals—but from self-interest; it aims only to maintain itself in power and to enrich itself."

"I went into the British army believing that if you want peace you must prepare for war. I believe now that if you prepare for war—you get war."—Major-General Sir Frederick Maurice.

"What caused the Boer war? Not the queen of England, but the merchants of the city."—Marshal Foch.

"In the long series of English wars with China, opium was from first to last the cause of the quarrel."—General William F. Butler in *Life of General Gordon*.

"What do we all seek? New outlook for an ever increasing commerce, and for industries which, producing far more than they can consume or sell, are constantly hampered by an increasing competition. And then? Why, new areas are cleared for trade by cannon shot; even the Bourse (the Stock Exchange) for reasons of interest can cause armies to enter into campaigns."—Marshal Foch, in the *United Service Magazine*, December, 1918.

"Wars are precipitated by motives which the statesmen responsible for them dare not publicly avow. A public discussion would drag these motives in their nudity into the open, where they would die of exposure to the withering contempt of humanity."—Mr. Lloyd George.

War is a business, and the making of patriots and soldiers is as much the business of capitalist nations as the making of cotton, steel rails, or shoes. Patriots and soldiers are not born; they are molded and shaped out of the potter's clay of childhood. The child is caught in the machinery of war as soon as it is born. The purveyors of war poison assail it on all sides.

As soon as the child opens his eyes he sees on the wall of his home a picture that differs from all the rest. As soon as he can lisp he inquires, "Who is that in the funny dress in the picture?" and some one informs him with no uncertain pride that it is grandfather's picture, who died in the Crimean war; or it's dad, or uncle Joe, or brother Bill, who died in the "Boer" or the "Great War".

When birthdays and Christmas come around, "auntie" and "granny", and other members of the family, vie with each other in presenting

the "wee laddie" with tin soldiers, drums, guns, cannons, helmets, and every conceivable trappings of war. When a little older, dad or big brother takes him to the park or square, and proudly shows him the gun or armored car captured by "Us" from the enemy, or the memorial with all the names of the gallant heroes who fell fighting for "God, King and Country". Then the child goes to school at an age when its critical faculties are not yet awakened, and is told of the villainies committed by other nations against "His Country", and the "glorious deeds of heroism", and the desire of justice, which alone animates "His Country". He takes part in Empire days, victory and military displays, and is fed on patriotic music, and a history always biased in favor of "Our Nation".

The home makes the patriot in the bud; the schools, churches, and state put on the finishing touches.

In order that the poison may sink deep into the child's soul, it only remains to rig him out in the trappings of war, get him enrolled in boy scouts and church cadets, take him to military reviews, and get him marching to martial music.

In this way the innocent child is laid hold of, first by his parents, then the school, and finally by the church and state, and molded in his pliable years into a first-class patriot and soldier, ready to do his master's bidding.

The Boy Scout Movement

Many are ignorant of the real character and object of the Boy Scout movement. They still believe that the people who fight to reduce the standard of living and education, against child labor laws, and the betterment generally of the masses whence these children come, are sincerely interested in the building of their bodies and the training of their minds. These "benefactors" are interested only in so far as these children are molded to be a buttress for a system which maintains them in power.

In support of the contention that the Boy Scout movement is a military organization, I shall quote as evidence only the official book written by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, entitled *Scouting for Boys*.

Sir Baden-Powell himself, in season and out, everywhere he goes, has refuted the accusation that the "boys" are not being trained for military purposes. In a speech delivered in the city of Winnipeg, I find in the news report of one of his speeches the following: "The scout move-

ment is not a movement in militarism, and I would like you all to step on that argument whenever it is heard; nor is it an amusement for boys. It is a movement to shape the 'characters' of boys."

Toward what end their "characters" are being formed, how sincere and disinterested are the class motives impelling Sir Robert Baden-Powell to take upon himself this noble task of "character-building" of the boys of the working-class, not only nationally but internationally, can best be judged from the accompanying quotations [see also page 531]:

"The Old Story"

And so the dance of death proceeds, and there seems to be no moral force in the world as yet strong enough to check the lust for power and profit of those antihuman beasts of prey now planning the "Next War".

Capitalists continue to grow rich out of war investments, while the poor grow more wretched. In Great Britain the annual interest to the War-Loan lenders is in the region of £350,000,000; the total expenditure on war pensions from August 1, 1914, to March 31, 1923, (partly estimated) is £470,000. Stocks and bonds command a higher value than life. There is an end to the pensioner and his dependents, but to the war loan there is no end; it will go on as long as the people are willing to pay.

After the War—This

Today, scarcely seventeen years after the war, heroes have become beggars, and shamefaced squat in the city streets, miserable mendicants, asking for crusts. Women—weary, ravished women, wives and widows, old mothers, and next of kin; wan, wasted, muted victims, seek work, but, unable to find it, are driven by the millions to that most loathsome of all occupations, prostitution. Hunger drives them to the streets; disease and desolation, to early graves.

Like stray mangey cats and dogs, children of the masses creep cautiously from garbage heap to garbage can, and feed on the bits of food, not yet quite putrid.

Are not all mothers one people? Do not all mothers love their children? Would not all mothers die to save their children from slaughter and suffering? They must be prepared to suffer as much in the cause of peace as they were willing to suffer in the cause of war.

Prayer

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

WHO may pray to God with the expectation that his prayer will be heard and answered? The Scriptures answer, at 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." There is only one way for a person to become righteous, and that way is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and then to devote yourself to God and Christ Jesus. It is written, at Romans 4:5, that a man's 'faith is counted unto him for righteousness'. It is not possible for a man to be righteous in the sight of God unless he believes that Jesus Christ is his Redeemer and that Jehovah God is the Supreme One from whom all blessings come, and that the Word of God is the truth.

Does a person need to go to a church and there have the aid of the clergyman in order to pray? No. The present-day church organizations do not teach that Christ Jesus and His kingdom are the hope for humankind. The clergymen and the churches constitute a part of this evil world and use their organizations for political purposes and to further their selfish interests. Because a man holds the position of a clergyman is no reason whatsoever that God hears his prayers. God is no respecter of persons, and He does not count a man righteous because he is a clergyman. A man who participates in the unrighteous politics of the present day, and who opposes the message of God's kingdom, is the enemy of God, and his prayers are not heard by Jehovah God. (James 4:3, 4) There are many conscientious persons who are Catholics, and who have been wrongfully taught that the priest can pray successfully for other men merely because he is a priest. A good Catholic at Paris heard a speech by radio explaining the Scriptures as to who may pray. He had been erroneously taught that he must go to a priest and have him pray, but, learning the truth, he is now rejoicing in the knowledge that only those who devote themselves to God may pray and that we may pray individually through Christ Jesus without the aid of any man.

You ask, What must I do to be sure that my prayer is heard by the Lord? You must believe

on the Lord Jesus Christ and God, devote yourself to God and His kingdom, and learn the will of God by studying the Scriptures. If you take this course, then you will learn to pray that the will of God may be done concerning you. Jehovah's witnesses are bringing to you books that show you where you may find in the Bible the statement of what is the will of God concerning you, and these books you need to help you.

If a man is a sinner and desires to pray to God, is it necessary for him to have a Catholic priest or preacher pray in his behalf? No. Jesus said concerning the prayer of a clergyman and of a sinner (Luke 18): "Two men went up to the temple to pray; one was a Pharisee clergyman, and the other a publican, a sinner. The clergyman called attention to his own virtues and thanked God that he was not like other men. The sinner, standing afar off, said: "God be merciful to me a sinner"; and Jesus declared that the sinner was more pleasing to God than the clergyman was, and that the sinner's prayer was heard, while the clergyman's was not.

In the churches today the clergymen pray in order to be heard of men. Concerning this the scripture at Isaiah 29 says that 'with their mouths they draw near, but their hearts are far removed from God'. At 2 Timothy 3 it is written that those men 'have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof; from such turn away'.

Every person who devotes himself to God and Christ Jesus and then faithfully obeys the Lord's commandments may enjoy the privilege of prayer with the expectation of having his prayer heard and answered.

Most of the clergymen deny that the blood of Christ Jesus is the redemptive price of man. They also deny the inspiration of the Bible. God will not hear their prayers, for the reason they are not righteous within the meaning of the Scriptures. It is written, in Hebrews 11, that without faith it is impossible to please God, and only those who please Him may pray to Him. When there is great distress in the land, such as a famine, the clergy join with politicians to pray for prosperity. Their prayers are not

heard by Jehovah, for the reason that they do not ask according to the Word of God and are not in harmony with God. They claim that famines come upon the people as a punishment from God, whereas the Scriptures declare that

the Devil is responsible for such. God sends His rain upon the just and the unjust alike, but He hears and answers the prayers only of those who believe Him, and His Word, and believe on Christ Jesus as the Savior of mankind.

[The foregoing is another in the series of thirty-six talks by Judge Rutherford, obtainable in the form of phonograph records, and carried in *The Golden Age* as a special feature by arrangement with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. These talks deal with vital Bible truths and related matters.

The direct and straightforward presentation of important issues will prove of real help to everyone who will give them thoughtful and sincere consideration. Inquiries concerning the records should be addressed to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and not to *The Golden Age*.]

Another Good Witness at Plainfield, N.J.

JEHOVAH, the Most High God, said that He and His King Christ Jesus would take pleasure in His witnesses upon earth who would faithfully keep His commandments at the end of the world, where we now are.

On April 18, in obedience to the command of the Almighty God, more than a hundred of Jehovah's witnesses of the New Jersey division went to the city of Plainfield. There, during practically the entire day, they joyfully went from house to house, telling the people of good will about Jehovah's supremacy, the majesty of His King and kingdom, and of His vengeance against all enemies of His kingdom. To those who desired the message in printed form, booklets were provided, and also printed notices of special radio programs concerning the kingdom of Jehovah. Thousands of such printed notices were left with the people at their homes; also many hundreds of the new booklets that Jehovah's witnesses were serving to people of good will throughout the world that week.

As usual, a committee of three representing the entire company of Jehovah's witnesses in Plainfield called in the morning upon the chief of police. The committee spokesman read aloud to the chief a letter giving notice of the presence of Jehovah's witnesses in the city, and expressing the hope that the police department would find it convenient during the day to have a large share in advancing the good work of Jehovah's kingdom. With the letter was filed a list of the names and addresses of all the company of publishers, including nearly every one of those who in recent weeks had been arrested by the Plainfield police and locked up in the city prison or the county prison after being given a so-

called "fair" trial before the police judge who loudly threatened them that if they ever came back to Plainfield he would give them the limit.

There is herewith presented the complete text of the letter that was read to the Plainfield chief of police.

To the Police Department,
Attention Chief of Police,
Plainfield, New Jersey.

May it please you again to notice that in obedience to the command of the Most High God, JEHOVAH, and under the leadership of His King Christ Jesus, we whose names appear on the appended list have happily come again to Plainfield.

As Jehovah's witnesses we are here today to publish the good news of Jehovah's supremacy, of the majesty of His kingdom and of the day of His vengeance against all enemies of His kingdom. This we do, as you know, by going from house to house and exhibiting to people of good will that thrilling message in printed form, including notices of radio programs concerning the kingdom of Jehovah God, which notices thousands of residents of Plainfield have asked us to deliver to them from time to time.

Knowing that you appreciate your duty of protecting from assault every one who is peacefully performing lawful work in the city, we hereby renew our request that the police power of this community see to it that we are free to carry on our life work of thus preaching the gospel of Jehovah's kingdom without interference from any opposers or anyone else.

That you will find it convenient to enjoy a very large share in advancing this work today, in the public interest, is our confident hope.

Respectfully submitted this eighteenth day of April 1935.

The chief listened to the reading of the entire

letter. At the end of the reading he showed the most intense rage, and furiously shouted: "You don't need a permit from the chief of police to broadcast; now go and broadcast THAT."

The committee calmly thanked him and departed, going to join their brethren in the house-to-house witnessing. The work went forward. The power of Jehovah and His mighty invisible organization protected His witnesses. Not a worker was even approached by a police officer all day; and at the evening assembly of

the field workers there was great joy and many expressions of thanksgiving to Jehovah for the happy privileges shared by all during the day. Many reminded one another of the eventful day when God's people came out of Egypt following the slaughter of the firstborn of all the Egyptians, when Jehovah delivered Israel from their oppressors. On that day, according to the Scripture, not a dog even moved its tongue as God's people departed from Egypt to serve Him in obedience to His command.

Quotations from Boy Scout Literature

(See page 528)

"Be Prepared" is the motto of the boy scout. This is no mere catch phrase, for what and against whom is very definitely stated:

"We have many powerful enemies round us in Europe who want very much to get hold of trade in our great manufacturing towns and our vast farmlands in our overseas dominions. Their way, and they know it, is to stab suddenly at the heart of the Empire, that is, to attack Britain. For this reason every Briton who has any grit in him will be prepared in defending his country." (Page 280)

"If a strong enemy wants our rich commerce and dominions and sees us in Britain divided against each other he would pounce in and capture them." (Page 278)

"The Roman empire at last fell chiefly because the young Romans gave up soldiering and manliness." (Page 276)

"We ought really not to think too much of any boy, even though a cricketer and a footballer, unless he can also shoot and drill and scout—that is the fellow who is going to be useful if we are attacked. I hope also that before long every eleven, whether football or cricket, will also make itself a good eleven for shooting and scouting; and, therefore, useful for our king and country when needed. So make yourselves good rifle shots in order to protect the women and children of your country if it should be necessary." (Page 281)

"The curious result of our training is, we are being continually asked by officers in the service to send them recruits who have been trained as boy scouts. They prefer them to any other for soldiering duties." (Page 319)

"War has put the vitality of the movement to the highest test, as it has done the results of our method of training. Both in the army and navy, old scouts have distinguished themselves above the average, and praise of their previous preparation comes to us from admirals and generals alike. The war work done by

the boys has won for us splendid letters of recommendation from the prime minister as well as from heads of ministries in government departments." (Page 5)

"It is something to know that our principle of inculcating character, as a basis of good citizenship, supplies also the best foundation for making a good soldier or sailor. The knights taught themselves the use of arrows in order to protect their religion and their country against enemies. Thousands of men fought against the Mohammedan Turks to maintain the Christian religion; they were always ready to fight and *kill* in upholding their *king* or their *religion* or their 'honor'. We are their descendants, and we ought to keep up their good name and follow their steps. You scouts cannot do better than follow the example of your forefathers, the knights who made the British nation into one of the greatest and best that the world has ever seen." (Pages 25 and 26)

"A Few Years Do Not Matter"

"We have all got to die some day; a few years more or less of our own lives don't make much matter in the history of the world; but it is a very great matter if, by dying a year or two sooner than we should otherwise do from disease, we can help to save the flag of our country from going under. Therefore, think it over, be prepared to die for your country if need be, so that when the moment arrives you may charge home with confidence, not caring whether you are going to be killed or not." (Page 290)

"No Goal in Mind"

REVEREND G. PITT BEERS, addressing the Long Island Baptist Association, said: "We have no goal in mind, and do not even know where we want to go, to say nothing of knowing the way to the place." He should be commended.

Bayonet Fighting *Lecture by Major Campbell*

(The following is a true copy of a mimeographed document issued to officers and N.C.O.'s by the British government during the World War.)

WHAT I am going to talk about is of vital importance to you, officers and N.C.O.'s [non-commissioned officers] in the infantry, and that is bayonet training, which is more than bayonet fighting. It was cultivated by us, and is our own special training and over 100 brains have worked at it, and the tips I am going to give you have all been worked against the Hun. The tips have been sent to us and consolidated; mind you, we are going to win this war, and we, the infantry, are responsible for the whole thing, and we are going to win it with rifle and bayonet.

The first three points are:

- (1) Tactical means of the bayonet and how it must be used.
- (2) How to train for it.
- (3) The true meaning of the spirit of the bayonet.

As long as there is rapid fire and big gun fire, the bayonet must be used. The only way to get protection from rapid fire is to get under the ground as soon as you can; and the only way to get the man out of the ground is by the bayonet. Cold steel is the only means of clearing a trench. First you take the trench, then it has to be cleared, and this can only be done by the bayonet. The present situation of affairs is like two boxers in a clinch; they clinch for safety, and it is impossible for them to hit whilst they remain in a clinch. The next big decisive battle is going to be one almighty hand-to-hand conflict. Whole battalions, brigades and divisions will go forward, and the side that gets the best of it is going to win this war. About 80 percent of the infantry will go forward armed with the rifle and bayonet. No doubt the crust will be broken with the trench mortar and bomb, but the offensive is going to be pushed home with the rifle and bayonet. Everybody who goes forward must know how to use the rifle and bayonet. He must know how to kill with it, in the same manner as he knows how to play football. They must also practice bayonet control—and it is very difficult to control a man after he has once killed.

We have one overwhelming advantage in this war, and that is individuality, which is our British birthright, the fighting spirit which is in every one of you here. Some little time ago I was asked to interview a lance-corporal of the 37th division who had killed two Boches. He

was quite a different person to what I expected him to be. He was a very meek sort of chap, and the last person you would have suspected of doing any killing.

This lance-corporal, it appears, was on patrol one night in company with two privates. One of the men remarked that he heard someone approaching and he felt a little nervous; the other private was a little pluckier, and wanted to go and see. The men lay flat on the ground and waited, and suddenly they saw a party of Germans approaching. (I only listened to the lance-corporal's story; whether the two privates killed any Boches I am unable to say.) The lance-corporal hated the idea of killing with the bayonet, but nevertheless he went in at the nearest Boche and got him in the arm. He withdrew and the Boche made a point at him, which he turned aside. He then made another point, and the lance-corporal this time bayoneted him in the liver. "After I had killed him," he said, "I seemed to git mad and felt as though I wanted to go on killing."

I give you this story just to let you see that the man had the fighting spirit in him, and was able to use it when the chance came his way. Once your men have got this killing spirit they will take to it like drink. I do not say that the German is not a good fighter; to my mind he is the best fighter of his type in this war, but only whilst he is under the control of his officer.

Once this control is lost, then he is lost; and this is the point where we start. We start where the Boche leaves off. This hand-to-hand fighting is the last word in fighting, and it is where the human element comes in. It is the human element which is going to win this war. Now, you fellows have played football, and know perfectly well that the side that has the fighting spirit is the one that is going to win. There is no better illustration of this fighting spirit than the boxing contest between Wells and Carpentier. Everybody said Wells must win; how could Carpentier win, being 5 inches shorter and 3 stone lighter and only 18 years of age? Wells was the best heavyweight boxer we had. In the first round Carpentier was nearly knocked out, but the fighting spirit in him prevailed and Wells was knocked out in the fourth round. Everybody said Wells must have been "sick" and that they were just playing to artificial skill.

The second match lasted 73 seconds, and again Wells was beaten. Later on Wells was put up against Bandsman Blake. Wells easily beat Blake, because Blake had not the skill to apply. It is just the same with us; we have got this great advantage over the Boche and we are going to apply this by means of the rifle and bayonet, but it is much harder to kill with the bayonet. There are two kinds of fighting: distant, with artillery and rifle fire, and the other, hand-to-hand fighting with the rifle and bayonet. This second kind of fighting is the one that appeals to the temperament, and the only fighting you can die at when your blood is up, and it is the kind of fighting that is going to decide this war.

When you go forward you go forward to kill or be killed, and you are going to do your killing with the bayonet. You must not miss him; if you do, you are "for it". It is very important to know where to put the bayonet. The German is a professional soldier and he has studied soldiering for years just as keenly as we have played football or Rugby. We ourselves have never thought of war seriously. The following is part of a proclamation by the German issued to his troops:

Butchery as a Duty

"In the name of God! 'Forward!' It is not our fault that if in this bloody war we carry out the duty of executioner. Cold steel has been put into your hands. You must thrust the bayonet between the ribs of the enemy; you must also shatter the butt end of your rifle on the skull of the enemy. You have only to use your weapon against Russia, France, Belgium and, above all, the British."

There are, however, far better places than the ribs to thrust your bayonet, and these are: the face, throat, chest, and thighs.

When using the bayonet use it the same as you would use a punch. The "point" of a bayonet is just like a punch—in and out, quickly—no hesitating. Thrust it far enough to kill, and no more. You never pause in a punch in boxing; and the same thing applies to the "point" in bayonet fighting. The following will give you some idea as to what depth a bayonet must be thrust to kill: Man's thighs, 6 inches; throat or neck, 4 inches; chest, 4 to 5 inches. Now if you get him in the chest, just under the chin, he will crumple up just like paper. A man hit anywhere in the chest will cough; and if he coughs he is done for. The "thighs"—people very often forget the thighs. This is a very good place, the

nerves and arteries are there, and the bayonet will go in and out very easily. It is important to know that the bayonet will not even go through our web equipment; that is why we do not encourage men to make a direct point at the stomach. Always go for the throat; it is close to the eyes and will make a man parry too soon. If you bayonet a man in the spine or the shoulder blades you will find it very difficult to withdraw. Everything I am telling you has actually been done at the front.

A good thing to remember when you make an assault is to go forward with your magazine charged, and if you get your bayonet fastened in the Boche and you cannot pull it out, fire a round in him. If you find that your magazine is empty, don't stand tugging at your rifle, but pick the Boche's rifle up.

He has got a good rifle and bayonet, and if you cannot get his, then use your fists. If the enemy is running away from you, then the best place to put your bayonet is in his kidneys; this is close up to the spine and just below the belt.

It will go in and out quite easily, and a "point" of 4 inches is quite enough. The following is a story of a kidney punch. The Boches had made a small trench, and this trench had to be taken. The enemy were surprised, and when they saw the bayonet they scattered and ran. The party who went forward were in a killing mood and were under the command of a young officer with only six weeks' active service. To my mind, I think it was criminal to allow an officer with so little service and experience to take part in the assault. If that officer had been asked to go in for a boxing contest without first having trained, he would have refused, yet he was allowed to go in a bayonet assault. Bayonet fighting is harder than a 20-round contest, and a hundred times harder than Rugby or football. You should apply your knowledge of games to this work. You would never dream of playing football without practicing; then why undertake this work without it. This boy went forward; he had got the right spirit in him, and was ahead in the charge; they cleared the trench and, as I have said, the Boches ran; he followed on the heels of a fat and heavy Boche who was lagging behind. As soon as he got up to him he jammed his bayonet as hard as he could in the hind quarters of the Boche. Of course, it stuck there; but luckily a sergeant coming immediately behind him, and remembering what he had been told, finished him off with a thrust in the kid-

neys. A boxer, before he enters into a contest, knows that he must have strength, and so he develops it by getting a sack and punching it a thousand times, until he feels confident; and yet it is far harder to fight with the rifle and bayonet. Therefore, it is useless unless you have the strength to apply. At the beginning of the war many regiments were made to charge from 200 yards, and when they got to the enemy's trench they were thoroughly exhausted and had not the strength to use the bayonet. In several cases the men used their fists. Another thing, when a trench has been taken too much time has been wasted in clearing it. It has been known for men to start looking for souvenirs immediately they have taken a trench; now, this is disastrous. I want to impress upon you officers and N.C.O.'s that when once a trench has been taken and your men have got their fighting spirit to a pitch, then they are very hard to control. Try to get every one of your men to use the bayonet wherever he goes, in or out of the trench. When the men get into a trench they must kill as quickly as they can. Individual training of the application of the bayonet is very important, and it is up to you officers and N.C.O.'s to realize the limitations of the bayonet and that it can only be used by a man that is fresh.

The advance must be done under cover, either by fire, smoke, or any other form. We will study the other arms. Look at the artillery; its efficiency is excellent, but this is the second joint. Look how we study rifle fire; that is another joint. But the top joint of all is hand-to-hand fighting, and unless this joint is efficient we cannot win this war.

Mind you, we are the ones, the officers and N.C.O.'s of the infantry, who control the top joint of fighting, and this joint must be studied by us. Whenever you make a charge, do not make it like this—it has often been done: A certain time to attack has been given, say 8:00 a.m., and all are ready, but the men have had only one hour's notice and consequently have had no time to reconnoiter. They rush over the top and run for about 20 yards or so. They get flurried and their early human element comes out completely. Let us say they forge ahead; the thick, fat and prudent lag behind. The line goes on and the fellows in front unconsciously close in and bunch together, incidentally making a very target for the enemy's machine-gun fire. They

are all probably bowled over, and the direct result is that the enemy's morale is increased and our men in the trench behind have been almost demoralized. Before a boxer enters a ring he likes to look about before he commences the fight; and it is just the same when you are going to make a charge. Get your men out as quietly as you can and keep them steady; don't jog, don't trot or double more than 20 yards. A cavalry charge is only 50 yards, and that is on horseback. This training should be dealt with seriously, and you should apply the same spirit to it as you would do to your games. Poets say it is a fine thing to die for one's country; I say that it is far better to kill for your country. Now the first thing is the "on guard" position. There are three points. Always get an opponent to "go for"; don't go "on guard" against nothing.

You must have something to point at. The only dangerous point of the bayonet is the tip. The right hand grasping the small of the butt and kept in front of the belly-button.

By keeping your right hand there the rifle is supported and you don't feel the full weight of it. When you "point", "point" hard, in the same way as you would punch in boxing. There is no fixed position for the feet, but they should be in such a position as to give you a good balance and to prevent you from falling over. Do not get into a fencing position; be ready to go forward with either foot. All the time work the man's brain; if you want anything to stay in the brain it must go in through the eye.

If you are teaching men you want to be able to get their brain working like lightning, and to get them to come "on guard" by the click of a finger. The bayonet has won battles for 200 years or more; and the sooner we realize this, the better it will be for us. It is the infantryman's third arm. He should look after it and have every confidence in it. My definition of "morale" is "confidence plus enthusiasm"; and unless a man has confidence he cannot have morale.

Guarding

Your guard is from the throat to the tip of the shoulder; this is the only place to guard. Always look at the thing you want to parry. If your bayonet comes off, then use your butt end; no steel helmet will prevent it. Get your men to understand all these points. Get them to practice in their billets.

MORGENTHAU, SR., one of President Roosevelt's close advisers, recently said: "All Europe is ready and on the brink of war." Lloyd's shipping firm recently predicted European war chances at 3 to 1, to come inside of 18 months. (Ex-Secretary of War Baker and Frank Simonds, expert war correspondent, both declared war will soon come and our participation is "inevitable".)

Self-preservation for our own country is a first law, not selfish, but logical. As a burnt child dreads the fire, we may well question our own course when governments quibble over economic and political issues while secretly deliberating and planning for war. Accepting war predictions at one-half their assumed value, their importance is certain, more serious, in fact, than any other problem. After a century and a half the greatest world democracy has not advanced one step toward a national peace policy. Until some better plan is offered, a plebiscite on war in advance of congressional action is infinitely better than big battleships and bigger armies that waste enormously both money and men by inviting war.

In 1917, though professing fear from foreign invasion of our rights by countries of Europe with whom we were at peace, and though voicing humanitarian ideals, we were finally swept into that World War, although Norway, Sweden, Holland, Switzerland, Spain, and other countries were undisturbed by century-old enemies battling at their doors. Presumably they did not have heavy foreign investments in jeopardy. Whatever the controlling agency, we blundered into war then, and will blunder again when financially inspired propaganda and war lords unite to arouse war hysteria.

Colonel Drew, a brave Canadian soldier, describing the methods of the armament and muni-

tion makers, said: "At Geneva William B. Shearer admitted he had already received \$55,000 as partial payment for his services for having gone to Geneva and, as he himself explained, 'sown distrust between the representatives' and, as a result, the conference broke down, or at least that was Shearer's claim. . . . President Hoover appointed a Senate committee to inquire into the facts disclosed in Shearer's action." "Before that Senate committee Shearer swore that he had been employed by the armament firms to do what he could to make the British delegates distrust the American delegates at Geneva and to make the American delegates distrust the British delegates; he swore that he had been employed to do similar work on other occasions; and he swore also that other men were employed to do the same work."

We have recently been expending annually over \$800,000,000 for military and naval war bills; more than double what the taxpayers of this country were paying prior to the World War, as shown by the accompanying table:

	Army	Navy	Total
1916	\$164,635,577	\$155,029,426	\$319,665,003
1926	355,072,226	312,743,410	667,815,636
1927	360,808,777	318,909,096	679,717,873
1928	390,540,803	331,335,492	721,876,295
1929	416,901,546	364,561,544	781,463,090
1930	453,524,973	374,165,639	827,690,612
1931	478,418,974	354,071,004	832,489,978
1933	462,239,701	357,436,995	819,676,696

Draw your own conclusions from these war preparations in times of peace.

I stated in the House, when the arms embargo proposal was before Congress this year, that money we loaned our Allies (since largely repudiated) and approximately \$11,000,000,000 in amount was raised by American taxpayers to

Study in this connection the following expenditures for naval purposes alone by the five principal powers, taken from the *World Almanac*, 1933:

	Great Britain	United States	France	Italy	Japan
1928	£58,123,257	\$356,597,546	\$98,046,348	\$57,589,000	\$128,203,000
1929	57,300,000	364,233,362	101,600,000	60,021,000	131,222,000
1930	55,865,000	378,879,067			
1931	51,739,000	375,291,828	137,516,120	80,795,701	131,468,844
1932	\$273,397,800	357,906,219	118,970,598	84,569,254	105,437,569
		1,832,718,022	456,123,066	282,974,955	496,331,413
Annual average,					
approximately	\$276,000,000	366,543,603	91,224,613	56,594,991	99,266,283
Also for 1932-33	£56,476,360	318,906,141	94,823,500	80,947,264	246,941,797

pay American manufacturers for furnishing war supplies to European nations. The United States taxpayers thus paid American manufacturers who provided munitions for the Allies in addition to vast expenditures made by our own government in that same war for our armies. That was a prize and price of war. Eleven billion dollars was the prize sought and won by American munition makers. Won by our entrance in the war. Lost to them if we kept out. They helped put us in as has been shown.

What peace power could combat the greed and avarice of men who had \$11,000,000,000 sure money awaiting them if our country was thrown into that war whirlpool? Sold at double peacetime prices and more, their enormous profits warranted unlimited expenditures for war propaganda. International securities were also involved among motives for our war entrance, but we saw a president just elected because he kept us out of war practically demand from Congress a declaration of war because of mistaken facts he read to us, that I have presented to the House on different occasions, with Secretary Lansing's correction of facts.

International Murderers, Limited

INTERNATIONAL MURDERERS, LIMITED, do not care who gets killed, so long as they get the profits. Thus Mr. K. K. V. Casey, of the Du Pont company, testified that in 1925 that company shipped 40 tons of TNT to Mukden, China, in false boxes. When Japan grabbed Manchukuo, Mukden was the first place seized. Probably this TNT was used to put an end to the Open Door policy of the United States Government in that country. British munition makers connived at the rearming of Germany as early as 1926, and could have brought pressure on the government to prevent such rearming, had they so desired; but, being stronger than the government, they went right ahead with their work. When the sad news got around among the arms makers that there would be a so-called "disarmament conference" at Geneva, the Liege Gun Makers Association, which seems to be a sort of clearing house, spread the alarm among all the gun makers of the world, explaining that their reason for doing it was that the time was so short that the governments would not have time to consult them. Full arrangements were made by the gun makers of all countries to make sure that their respective countries would not send anybody to Geneva that

would interfere with their business. This gun makers' congress was held in Paris, and had for its objective just what took place at Geneva, the sabotage of the world's hopes for peace. It is claimed that in Great Britain at least 3,000,000 people are interested in the arms ring, and that the combined capital of the principal British armament firms exceeds \$300,000,000. In the Vickers concern there are no less than 48 shareholders named Vickers; not one of them holds less than 42,000 shares. Does anybody suppose they will give that up without a fight?

Richly Deserve What Is Coming

HARRY CARR, editorial writer for the Los Angeles Times, said:

The curtain goes down. Western civilization must be written down definitely as a failure. We have boasted of being a business people and we have so little business brains that we are starving because there is too much food, going in rags because there are too many clothes. We have burned unfortunate people at the stake because they would not profess belief in the Christian religion, and yet our whole racial philosophy is a flat contradiction of the fundamental doctrines of the Christian religion. . . . In short, we are a race of damned hypocrites and richly reserve what is coming.

All Consciences Subject to Congress

THE Supreme Court of the United States has recently given expression to the following extraordinary statement: "The privilege of the native-born conscientious objector to avoid bearing arms comes, not from the Constitution, but from the Acts of Congress. That body may grant or withhold the exemption as in its wisdom it sees fit; and if it be withheld, the native-born conscientious objector cannot successfully assert the privilege." That is the very thing that Nebuchadnezzar said to the three Hebrews.

International Murderers Govern the League

THE close manner in which the League of Nations is governed by International Murderers, Limited, is nicely shown by the fact that Belgium, Bolivia and Paraguay are all members of the League, and have mutually sworn to each other to do everything humanly possible to see to it that there are no more wars. And then the great arms firm at Liege, Belgium, sends 1,667 cases of munitions to Bolivia one day, and eight days later (as soon as a steamship could be had) sent 1,494 cases of ammunition to Paraguay.

Italian Protection Against Air Attack

IN Italy a "National Union for Protection Against Air Attack" has been formed to see that all citizens are equipped with gas masks. Existing underground shelters are being enlarged and modernized, and new ones are being built all over Italy. Every male Italian between the ages of 8 and 33 is being trained in the use of arms. Boys between six and eight years of age form a special army to be known as "Baililla della Lupa" (Children of the Wolf). They will be given special courses in rifle practice, anti-gas manoeuvres, route marching, camp life, athletics and drill, both during school hours and on holidays. They will have the same uniform as the older boys, a fez, black shirt and grey-green knickers. Boys under six may join. Boys who are advanced in their studies, but backward in their military education, will not be allowed to pass their examinations.

Trembling on the Brink of Armageddon

WHEN one picks up a paper nowadays he confidently expects to find each day's news more alarming than that of the previous day. At the center of the stage is Adolf Hitler, but behind the scenes are Satan and his prime minister Gog, and a host of evil angels, crowding the nations ahead, toward the brink of the precipice. Their whole object is to destroy Jehovah's witnesses. All the rest is camouflage, but accomplishes its immediate objective of alarming the nations and waking them up, ready for war. On all the borders of Germany there is great anxiety; in Belgium, Lithuania, Poland, Austria.

Forts Seven Stories Underground

THE French forts, stretching two hundred miles from Switzerland to the sea, are each seven stories underground, all connected by a subterranean railroad, which latter is six stories down. Beneath the railway are ammunition stores. Immediately above it is the hospital and drug shop. The fourth floor up from the bottom is given over to clerks and the telephone bureau; the fifth is for food and ammunition; the sixth is for soldiers' sleeping and living quarters; the top floor is for officers' and soldiers' quarters. All these are below ground. The only thing above ground is the dome-shaped gun turrets, spaced just so far apart.

Bristol Explosives Used Against Britishers

IN 1914 a Bristol (England) firm exported to Austria explosives which were used against Britain a few months later. Probably there is no way to check up as to just how many Bristol boys were killed by explosives manufactured in their home town. But surely one would think that if a soldier were to have his insides blown to the four winds he would wish to know that some capitalist of his own community got the profit on the shell. What a comfort that would be in his dying hour, in the absence of the chaplain!

Canadian War Veterans Ditch Archbishop

CANADIAN war veterans at Vancouver decided that they had heard enough hypocrisy at the annual celebration on November 11, and so on the last Armistice Day exercises they voted 16 to 1 to give the local archbishop the gate and do their own singing, speechifying and placing of wreaths. All know now that the boys who died in the World War were merely sacrifices to Moloch.

The Hideous Stupidity of War

SAIID J. M. MacDonnell, president of the Toronto board of trade: "Children don't naturally love things without decency and without sense. If you doubt it, try explaining war to a little child as I have done. Let the children see only pictures of the squalor, the filth, the desolation, the rats, such as we have recently had in the newspapers."

Defends Poison Gas

DR. HERBERT LEVINSTEIN, one of Britain's leading chemists, and one of the principal poison-gas experts on the side of the Allies during the World War, in an address to chemists at Bristol, England, defended the use of poison gas in warfare, as an economy of force, material and lives. All who read his defense will hope that he gets what he advocates.

World Made Safe for Hypocrisy

THE World War having made the world safe for hypocrisy, the United States since 1913 has increased its annual military maintenance costs by 197 percent, while Italy, Great Britain, France and Russia have increased their annual military maintenance costs by 30 to 44 percent.

The Handwriting on "Christendom's" Wall

"BELSHAZZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand." (Daniel 5:1) This feast was held in the king's palace, and on the very night that Babylon was overthrown by the Medes and Persians. The time of the fulfillment of this prophetic motion picture from real life seems to be shortly preceding the oncoming "battle of that great day of God Almighty", Armageddon. Hence it must picture a time after Christ Jesus begins His reign (in A.D. 1914) and is sent forth by Jehovah God to oust the enemy and shortly before the battle of Armageddon.

The Chaldaic word for "feast" is *lechem*, meaning "common eating together". "A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry; but money answereth all things." (Ecclesiastes 10:19) The greed for gain and power brought those feasters together in a great carousal or common drunken revel. Now the "love of money", "the root of all evil," brings into a common assembly those of all nations bent on reproaching the name of Jehovah and on doing violence to those who serve Him. At the time of Belshazzar's feast war was on between the Chaldeans on one side and the Medes and Persians on the other, and doubtless the feast was held by Belshazzar that he and his men might for a time forget what was going on outside their fortification and to afford them opportunity to further devise deeds of wickedness. (Proverbs 4:17) Bread- (*lechem*-) eating well pictured the present-day eating of the common bread of conspiracy against Jehovah's witnesses, His "hidden ones".—Psalm 83:1-5.

"Christendom" in Trepidation

Today "Christendom" is in great fear and trepidation because of seeing the oncoming battle of Armageddon. They know something terrible is impending, but they have not the knowledge of God's Word or faith in it to determine what it is. The earthly seed of Satan, particularly the rulers of "Christendom", which are the religious, political and commercial elements, are pictured by King Belshazzar, the son (or grandson) of Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar's thousand lords picture more particularly those in the inner circle of "Christendom" who, together with the king or chief officers, control or rule the people. Their hearts are heavy because of what they sense is approaching, exactly as

Jesus foretold (Luke 21:25, 26), and hence Satan sees it is well to 'give wine unto those of heavy hearts'. (Proverbs 31:6) It is the "wine of violence" directed against God's people and His cause. Satan having lost out in the great "war in heaven" (Revelation 12:7-10), his cohorts on earth now need "wine" to cheer them, because now is a time of "woe to the inhabitants [rulers] of the earth". (Revelation 12:12) They are seized with perplexity and distress.

Desecrating the Golden Vessels

"Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple [of Jehovah] which was at Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein." (Daniel 5:2) The golden vessels here mentioned represented those who are now diligent in putting forth their best endeavors to honor the name of Jehovah. Those vessels were for sacred use in the service of Jehovah, and not for any selfish pleasure bringing further reproach upon Jehovah's name. Belshazzar's father had been guilty of effrontery when he robbed the temple of these vessels, and now the use of them by this infidel, drunken crowd would add insult and bring further reproach upon Jehovah's name. At the present time "Christendom" by its elect ones, which are the visible 'seed of the Serpent', would bring greater reproach upon Jehovah's name by persecuting and humiliating and improperly treating God's faithful remnant who bear testimony to His name and His kingdom and who are declaring the day of God's vengeance against Satan's organization. Modern Babylon, or "Christendom", would desecrate these chosen vessels of the Lord by using them in a ridiculous manner, and thus in their carousal would make a merry time with them. It is noticeable at this time that "Christendom's" mouthpiece (or publicity agents, to wit, the public press) takes great delight in ridiculing and holding up to scorn Jehovah's witnesses.

"Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God, which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them." (5:3) Today it is the strong-arm squad, acting on orders, that bring forth the "golden vessels" of the Lord, that is to say, the faithful remnant who are Jehovah's witnesses;

and they do not handle them in any soft and delicate way, but rudely, and speak to them with harsh and angry words. Each one of the faithful remnant is a "vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work". (2 Timothy 2:21) Jehovah's witnesses are brought forth and exposed to the view of and exhibited before the drunken revelers of "Christendom". The purpose of this part of the conspiracy is to make Jehovah's witnesses the center of ridicule and reproach by centering attention upon them while the revelers attempt to make them appear ridiculous. Thus those of "Christendom" show themselves as being on the side of God's vilifiers; and thus they don the garments of Baal (the Devil) and mark themselves for the slaughter that must shortly follow upon them at Armageddon. (2 Kings 10:18-27; Jeremiah 25:33-36) All nations of "Christendom" now hate Jehovah's witnesses, as Jesus foretold (Matthew 24:9), and all are engaged in a conspiracy and are doing what they can to bring reproach upon Jehovah's name by ill-using His witnesses.

Praising the False Gods

"They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone." (5:4) It was the wine of Babylon that was being drunk out of the golden vessels from Jehovah's temple, and this added to the hilarity of the rulers, and they got a great thrill out of it, and this induced them to praise everything except Jehovah and those who are on His side. Now those composing "Christendom's" organization like to pose as the law-abiding, peace-making and prosperity-making crowd. To this end they seek and use the law-making and law-enforcement powers to bring the anointed ones of God into disrepute and to subject them to great humiliation. They take this course of action upon the false pretext and claim that Jehovah's witnesses are a menace to the peace of the existing governments. The truth of God's Word when told reflects very unfavorably upon the iniquitous doctrines and work of those who rule in "Christendom", and in their anger and in furtherance of their conspiracy they enact laws to prevent the telling of such Scriptural truths to the people, and they take whatever course they can to cause the truth to be suppressed. They conspire together to destroy freedom of speech, freedom of press, and the

free expression of one's understanding of God's Word; and all of this they do upon the wrongful claim that such is necessary in order to maintain the peace of the state. Jehovah now has the entire drunken crowd in derision. (Psalm 2:4) It is time for the handwriting concerning the wicked crowd of "Christendom" and their end to appear upon the wall. It does appear!

The Handwriting on the Wall

"In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote." (5:5) The facts of modern history show that fulfillment of this began with the international convention of Jehovah's witnesses in London, England, in May, A.D. 1926, at which a testimony was issued To THE RULERS OF THE WORLD. The "fingers of a man's hand", which did the writing on Belshazzar's palace wall, pictured Jehovah's power exercised, by his "right hand", Christ Jesus. The Lord Jesus uses the faithful remnant of witnesses on earth in connection with His work in serving notice upon the visible part of Satan's organization, and of this fact the invisible part of that organization also no doubt takes notice. (2 Corinthians 3:2, 3). Thus God causes Christ Jesus to bring forcibly to the attention of the enemy notice and warning of the enemy's early downfall. The fingers of the man's hand "wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall", hence in the well lighted surface of the wall, thus forcing the revelers to see it. This illustrates how Jehovah does nothing in the dark, but that He acts against the enemy only after full warning, and He causes His witnesses to openly and aboveboard declare His judgments against the enemy. The enemy will never be able to say that they did not hear and that they unintentionally overlooked what Jehovah said to them. They are compelled to take notice of the message of truth whether they want to do it or not. Today the rulers exhibit perplexity and distress, and at the same time they are drinking the wine of Babylon in their efforts to hide their perplexity while they go on feverishly preparing for war. While they are thus doing Jehovah causes the message of truth to be put before them under the light, which message in substance says to them: "Soon you will have a fight, and a losing fight."

"Freedom for the People"

In London, England, a warning was sounded openly and aboveboard in May, 1926, which message was heard by the ruling powers of "Christendom", but at which they scoffed and which they have spurned. The following year (July, 1927) at the international convention of Jehovah's witnesses in Toronto, Canada, there was delivered before a visible audience of 15,000, and to an unseen audience of millions by means of the till-then greatest radio hookup, an address entitled "Freedom for the People", and the resolution "TO THE PEOPLES OF CHRISTENDOM" was read to and adopted by the audience, visible and invisible, and later distributed earth-wide. To Belshazzar and his revelers the handwriting, the message on the wall, was notice and warning. "The king saw the part of the hand that wrote," but did not see the power that moved the hand. Today the rulers have seen Jehovah's human agents used in serving to give them notice of warning, and they have heard the notice of warning, but they have not seen or discerned Jehovah's spirit which moves such agents or servants to bring that notice of warning to them. The handwriting on Belshazzar's wall was by the power of God, and for that reason could not picture the present-day *man-made* depression or bad economic conditions that affect the world. That handwriting on the wall foretold disaster to Belshazzar the king of Babylon and his army; and in modern times the fulfillment thereof foretells the doom of Satan's organization, which is Babylon including "Christendom". The judgment, notice and warning must be delivered before the execution of the judgment, and that is why Jehovah's witnesses engage in declaring the day of the vengeance of our God.

"Against Satan . . . for Jehovah"

"Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another." (5:6) So too now the rulers have been sobered for a time, but this has served only to harden their hearts. It was in A.D. 1928 that the Lord caused His remnant on earth to make declaration of Jehovah's judgment which is written against Satan and all of his organization, and to give warning that all who would live must take the side of Jehovah. That year, at Detroit, Michigan, at the seventh of a series of annual international conventions of Jeho-

vah's witnesses, there was issued and broadcast over the then largest radio network the resolution DECLARATION AGAINST SATAN AND FOR JEHOVAH, together with the supporting speech, and during the year that followed millions of copies of this, in many languages, were distributed throughout "Christendom". As to the rulers thereof that message of notice and warning somewhat loosened their joints and caused their knees to knock together. That would sober them for a time. Shortly thereafter, in 1929, the great commercial crash came and "Babylon" began to sober up a little more, and the chief ones thereof showed a dull countenance instead of a bright one. This corresponds to the prophecy uttered by Jesus, in Luke 21:25, 26.

The handwriting on the wall at Belshazzar's feast was in a foreign language, and not known to him. Even if he could read it, he was not learned therein, and not able to interpret the same. Likewise today the message is not of human interpretation. The rulers of "Christendom" saw the activities of Jehovah's witnesses and heard what they were declaring, but the force and significance of their message needed some explanation or interpretation. From the "brain trust" of his day Belshazzar wanted an explanation of what he saw on the wall (5:7, 8), and in modern times the rulers want to know the meaning of the present-day events, including what Jehovah's witnesses declare, and to find this out they ask their own clergymen and "wise men". But none of the "wise men" of Babylon can read or interpret the same, because it is all foreign to them. 'Their Bibles do not read that way.' They are careful to predict nothing that would be offensive to the political and financial ruling element; hence they say: "Give no heed to these foolish Jehovah's witnesses, because every day and in every way the world is getting better. Everything will be all right. Behold the strength of our great institutions. We must stand for ever."

Daniel vs. the "Brain Trust"

The declarations of Belshazzar's wise men did not please him; and it is just the same today. (5:9) The modern "brain trust", including the clergy, and particularly the Roman Catholic hierarchy, make an effort and try to give advice to the political and financial ruling element, but the latter have little or no confidence in such advice. They become more perplexed every day, and know not which way to turn. That perplex-

ity has continued to increase since 1929. There followed conference after conference looking to the recovery of the common interests of the nations, and an effort to prevent the disastrous effects of war.

"Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet house; and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed." (5:10) Evidently she was not Belshazzar's wife, but the mother queen, because the account of the prophecy says that the wives were there drinking wine. She seems to picture some men of the world friendly to the ruling element and subject to them but who are entirely separate and apart from the religious frauds who pose as the spiritual advisers of the rulers. Some of such men and women are in public office and hold positions under the ruling powers. They have a kindly feeling toward Jehovah's witnesses and believe that such witnesses represent the Lord. Therefore they make an honest endeavor to draw the attention of the high ruling element to such witnesses and to recommend that such witnesses are trustworthy and it is advisable that they be heard. Such friendly ones may be called persons of good will who have faith in God and believe that He has some representatives on earth, and for this reason they favorably commend Jehovah's witnesses, even as the queen mother recommended Daniel to the king. Those who are willing to give Jehovah's witnesses opportunity to talk believe that if these cannot give a true interpretation of the present distressing world conditions and what the Bible has to say about the same, then no one else can, and certainly the hypocritical clergy have made such a miserable failure in giving explanation that it is time to give opportunity for those to talk who give evidence that they are really sincere and have the spirit of the Lord and know what they are talking about.

Jehovah's witnesses

"Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry?" (5:13) That question required Daniel to identify himself as a Jew, that is, one of the people of Jehovah God who gives praise to Jehovah's name and who was at that time in Satan's world, Babylon, but not as

part of it. Correspondingly, in the year 1931, Jehovah caused His faithful people to come up before the rulers of the world and to boldly confess their identity, that is, that they are those who give praise and service to Jehovah God and therefore are true Judeans. Representatively in a body, met in international convention at Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1931, the faithful remnant, in the resolution adopted at that time, accepted the gracious gift of Jehovah God, to wit, the "new name" given to them by Him, and adopted that new name which He had revealed to them, that is, *Jehovah's witnesses*. Since then God's anointed servants on earth have been known as and called "Jehovah's witnesses", meaning Judeans in fact, that is, those who are wholly devoted to the praise and service of Jehovah God.

Daniel was told that if he could give an honest and satisfactory explanation and interpretation of the handwriting on the wall he would receive great honor and distinction in the king's realm. (5:14-17) But Daniel was not before the king for selfish gain. Those whom Daniel foreshadowed at this point, namely, Jehovah's witnesses, began to give answer before "the king", that is, the ruling powers of the world, particularly from July 26, 1931, onward, and to do so in an effective manner by serving upon them the message contained in the booklet *The Kingdom, the Hope of the World*, the distribution of which was world-wide. The clergy were first served with that booklet, and then their allies, the political and financial element.

"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin"

That message delivered, and the reaction of "Christendom" to it, is all well summed up in the words of Jehovah's prophet Daniel spoken to Belshazzar on the occasion of the feast, to wit: "And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN." (5:25) Daniel gave the interpretation, which foreshadowed the interpretation of Jehovah's message of the present day. "MENE" (Aramaic) means "numbered". The repeating of the word upon the wall twice showed two numberings. Jehovah numbered not only typical Babylon, but also the Greater Babylon, Satan's organization. The first *mene* of the numbering of Babylon fixed the end of the "times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24) for Babylon, and this as at A.D. 1914. The seven symbolic "times", each of 360 years, began with Jerusalem's destruction by Babylon in 607 B.C.;

necessarily they would end 2,520 years thereafter, to wit, A.D. 1914, at which time also the prophecy uttered by Christ Jesus began to be fulfilled.—Matthew 24:3-8.

The second "mene" would apply to the finishing, or ending, of Satan's organization: "MENE: God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to an end." (5:26, *R.V.*) The final end comes at the battle of Armageddon, just before which the witness work to the nations must be completed. (Matthew 24:14) The message, first promulgated at the Columbus convention July 26, 1931, and which appears in the booklet *The Kingdom, the Hope of the World*, gave forth the notice and warning to the rulers of "Christendom" similar to the interpretation Daniel gave before Belshazzar.

Jehovah's prophet Daniel informed Belshazzar that his kingdom was done for and the reason thereof was, as Daniel stated: "TEKEL [meaning 'Weighed']; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." The uninterrupted reign of great Babylon, Satan's organization, came to an end in 1914. It was then weighed in the balance and found wholly wanting. The message of Jehovah by His witnesses declares concerning "Christendom" that she is weighed in the balances and found wanting. "Christendom's" rulers are wanting in the fear of God, and this is shown by the fact that they spurn His message of truth and continue to profane the "vessels" of God, that is, Jehovah's witnesses. "Christendom" is wanting in love for God and His kingdom, and they show this by continuing the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses.

End of Satanic Rule

At Armageddon the rulership of the world will be snatched away from Satan and taken over by Christ Jesus. "PERES; Thy kingdom is divided [dealt out], and given to the Medes and Persians." (5:28) In verse twenty-five the use of the word "UPIARSIN" (the plural number of the word "PERES", meaning "to split up", "to deal," "to distribute") calls attention to two dividings or dealings-out, to wit: the dealing out of Babylon to Christ in A.D. 1914, when the Devil and his crowd were cast out of heaven and down to the earth (Revelation 12:7-12); and the second dealing-out, which takes place at the battle of Armageddon, when Satan's organization is destroyed and the ruling of the world is completely taken over by Christ. Daniel's use

of the word "PERES" in the singular number, in verse twenty-eight above quoted, seems to apply specifically to the final dividing or splitting up, at Armageddon, which is now yet future.—Daniel 7:13, 14, 27.

The rulership taken from Babylon was "given to the Medes and Persians". The Medes seem to symbolically represent the invisible organization of the Lord God, which includes cherubim, seraphim, and angels. Cyrus, the invading Persian king, pictures Christ Jesus, the victorious Warrior who will clean out Satan's organization, and the Persian army seems to picture the anointed ones of Jehovah on earth, members of the "body of Christ". But it is the invisible army, led by Christ Jesus, that will destroy Satan's organization. The part to be performed by the visible division of God's army on earth, His witnesses, is merely that of declaring the day of God's vengeance, calling attention to the 'handwriting on the wall', and announcing Jehovah's purpose to destroy Satan's rule and give the rulership to Christ Jesus. Such is the very part the Lord's remnant on earth have been having and doing particularly since 1926.

It is certain that Satan's seed, that is, those who now rule the earth, will be destroyed: "In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain." (5:30) It was the agency of Jehovah that did the slaying; hence there is here pictured the work of Jehovah's Executive Officer enforcing the divine judgment, which is already written against Satan's organization. At Armageddon, those who have oppressed the human race and shamefully dishonored God's holy name and His kingdom, will come to an end, and Christ Jesus will do the executing of all the wicked ones. On that same day that Babylon fell back there Darius the Mede became the ruler of the nations of the world, and the Scriptures show that Darius pictured the Supreme Ruler, Jehovah God, the Most High. Cyrus, the second ruler, pictures Jehovah's "heir of all things", Christ Jesus, to whom Jehovah gives the Kingdom and all the nations of the earth as a possession. (Psalm 2:8, 9) Daniel's surviving the fall of Babylon suggests that the Greater Darius (Jehovah God) will keep alive at least part of the remnant during the battle of Armageddon and will grant to them some service on earth after the battle, which service will be to the honor and glory of Jehovah's name.—Daniel 5:31; 6:28; 10:1.

A Couple of Stray Items

Babes in Trenches May Hear Mothers Cry

REFERRING to the battle between the oil companies as to who shall have control of the Gran Chaco oil fields, Bolivia, or Paraguay, it turns out that, most of the Paraguay men having been killed off, children of fourteen or fifteen years are being taken out of school and sent to the jungle to take up the cudgels. *Cappers' Weekly* says: "Covered with vermin, ragged and hungry, they are told to fight other boys equally miserable and sick who speak the same language and have the same religion, but whose government happens to be financed by another oil concern." The account goes on to say that 60,000 have already been slain; no mercy is shown to prisoners; there are chaplains on both sides, to encourage the boys to go on and murder one another. A latest innovation is that mothers can talk to their boys by means of the radio. A French writer declares that he saw whole companies of young soldiers weeping when the voices of their beloved were transmitted to them in the jungle. The Bolivians are said to be leaving the Roman church in great numbers.

An Anonymous Screed from Toronto

A STRANGE thing has happened; an almost unbelievable thing, an eighth wonder of the world; and I have just figured it out. I am dazed; I must be dreaming. I am referring to your *Golden Age* magazine. It is astounding, as I will sum up to you.

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Jehovah's witnesses — "To the Lions!"

JEHOVAH uses the lion as a symbol of justice and judgment. (Revelation 4:6-8) Christ Jesus is the judicial officer of Jehovah God to whom is committed all judgment in heaven and in earth, together with the authority and power to execute judgment. (John 5:22-27) Jesus Christ is therefore appropriately named "The Lion of the tribe of Juda". (Revelation 5:5) "Juda" meaning praise, Christ Jesus is the Head and chief of all who praise and serve Jehovah. His judgments are in strict harmony with justice.

To the workers of iniquity Christ Jesus, the Executioner of Jehovah's judgment, is a power of evil (that is, punishment for their iniquity), but to those who love and serve Jehovah He, the Chief Officer of Jehovah, is a shield and strength and protection.—Philippians 4:13; 1 Timothy 1:12.

In the construction and operation of his organization Satan has attempted to mimic Jehovah. By this means he has succeeded in bringing much reproach upon the name of the Most High. Satan uses the lion to represent his law, his abortive justice, and his judgments. In Satan's organization men are condemned to death and are often literally thrown to the lions for execution, and the multitude, beholding the infliction of the penalty of the law, wag their heads and remark: "That man got justice." But in this they were wrong. For centuries men have organized governments, made laws, and tried to administer them in the way of justice; but in almost every instance they have failed and their failures have been due to the power and influence of the wicked one, Satan. In the world the failure of the law and justice to go hand in hand has caused the people to have little respect for the law and also has caused them to greatly reproach the name of Jehovah God.

With Jehovah His law and equity are the same. This is not true in the organizations of men under Satan's control. Men who organize

and rule the nations of the world frequently make and enforce laws exactly contrary to justice. With them law and justice do not mean the same thing, even though the ruling element attempt to induce the common people to believe that law and justice are one and the same. Often when laws that are proper in themselves are improperly construed and enforced the result is great injustice against the person.

When the religious organizations, such as the Catholic hierarchy, find it desirable to rid themselves of annoyance created now by Jehovah's witnesses in telling the truth, that political-religious organization brings forth a scheme to accomplish its purpose in an apparently lawful manner. The Catholic hierarchy widely advertises itself as strictly adhering to and obeying the law, while at the same time violating the spirit of the law in almost every instance. If a person is found doing something that is displeasing to the Catholic hierarchy and its agents, at once an effort is made to find some "lawful means" by which the supposed offender may be apprehended and severely punished. This is very often true, even though the one charged with wrongdoing is at the time proceeding exactly in accordance with God's law.

Framing Mischief by Law

The law of God commands His witnesses to go from house to house and preach the gospel of His kingdom. (Matthew 10:11-14; Acts 20:20) It is the duty of God's servants to obey this law. When they do so in obedience to God's commandments the ecclesiastics, particularly the Catholic hierarchy and their agents, misapply and misconstrue the commercial law of men which makes it unlawful for a person to go from house to house and sell goods, wares and merchandise, and they insist that Jehovah's witnesses should be severely punished, on the theory that they are violating the laws of commerce, although the hierarchy well know that

Jehovah's witnesses are not engaged in a commercial work. The real purpose of the hierarchy and their agents is to rid the community of Jehovah's witnesses, and the real and primary author of their unjust scheme and procedure is Satan the Devil. This is proof that the Catholic hierarchy and its agents form a part of the Devil's organization.—Romans 6:16.

A striking example of the injustice of certain laws and the enforcement thereof is found in the sixth chapter of the prophecy of Daniel. Since "whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4), this record concerning the prophet Daniel was written and kept for the benefit of all who in these last days are endeavoring to serve Jehovah according to His commandments. "Christendom's" rulers, particularly the religious element thereof, have a strong desire to be rid of Jehovah's witnesses because such witnesses tell the truth and the truth exposes the sins and delinquencies of the religionists. The experience of Daniel aids one to understand why Jehovah's witnesses continue to suffer at the hands of men who proceed against them under laws that are conceived in malice and enforced in wickedness.

Epitome

The record of the sixth chapter of Daniel's prophecy followed immediately upon the fall of Babylon and the coming into power of Darius the Mede as king of Medo-Persia. Babylon being used throughout Scripture to symbolize Satan's organization, Darius here appears to picture Jehovah God in whom supreme regal power is vested and who assumes rulership over the world from and after 1914, the year in which "the times of the Gentiles" ended. (Luke 21:24) As The Revelation, chapter 12, shows, Satan was then cast out of heaven, and from and after 1918 Darius, whose name means "coercer, conservator", pictured Jehovah exercising His power in things pertaining to earth. Daniel (his name meaning "God's judge") pictured Christ Jesus, the Judge of all things in heaven and earth; he also pictured Jehovah's 'elect servant' (Isaiah 42:1), of which Christ Jesus is the Head and chief and which includes the faithful remnant of His body members, Jehovah's witnesses now on earth, who are joined together with Christ Jesus in the covenant for the kingdom of heaven. The lions, being the king's lions, picture

justice of Almighty God. The power of Jehovah God in shutting the mouths of these wild beasts against Daniel foreshadows His protection of those who are wholly devoted to Him as are Jehovah's witnesses today.

"It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom [of Medo-Persia] an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; and over these three presidents, of whom Daniel was first [or, was one]; that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage." (Daniel 6:1,2) Correspondingly, the ruling group of "Christendom" now on earth assume to represent God's kingdom, and hence by their assumption they place themselves in an implied covenant to truly represent God's kingdom but, on the contrary, they are opposed to the Kingdom. Due to its vast colonial possessions and mandates by the League of Nations "Christendom" has its ruling power operating practically throughout the entire earth, as foreshadowed by the 120 satraps of the empire of Medo-Persia scattered throughout the various provinces thereof. But to Jehovah's witnesses, as "the faithful and wise servant" class, are committed all the "goods" or kingdom interests of the King, and they as a faithful remnant deliver the testimony of Jesus Christ according to the commandments of Jehovah God. (Matthew 24:45-47; Revelation 12:17) Back there Daniel "was one" and the only real one of the "presidents", and even so now Jehovah's remnant, who are His witnesses, are the "first" and only real ones who may speak with authority from the King and to whom the King has duly delegated authority to speak in His name.

Conspiracy

"Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. 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."—6:3-5.

Exactly similar things come to pass in these wicked days. "Christendom," and particularly its religious element, now seeks some apparent-

ly lawful means to destroy Jehovah's witnesses because their telling the truth interferes with the wrongdoers. The clergy have gone to the political element, whom the clergy wrongfully designate as "the higher powers . . . ordained of God" (Romans 13:1), and have laid charges against Jehovah's witnesses, charging them with being lawbreakers, communists, revolutionists, and anarchists. These malicious conspirators know that their charges are wickedly false, and this proves that their conspiracy is conceived in malice and prosecuted with extreme cruelty.

Even after the worldly courts have repeatedly held that Jehovah's witnesses are not lawbreakers, the religious element and their immediate allies continue to cause the arrest and imprisonment of these witnesses. As no real fault was found in Daniel, even so none can be found in Jehovah's witnesses in their work which would justify their arrest and imprisonment. They cannot be faithful to Jehovah God and at the same time engage in lawbreaking, such as revolution and anarchy, or otherwise willfully do injury to men. To the faithful followers of Christ Jesus the commandments are given to "love thy neighbour", and "love worketh no ill to his neighbour".—Romans 13:10.

The modern-day conspirators, particularly the Roman Catholic hierarchy, well know that the truth is their greatest danger and that if the common people know the truth, these ecclesiastics will lose their power and control over the people and their opportunity to fleece the people will be done; hence they want to "get" the ones whom Daniel foreshadowed, namely, Jehovah's witnesses, who testify to the truth. At first they treated Jehovah's witnesses with silent contempt, and then the truth stung them so terrifically and so terribly "shocked their sensibilities" that they were moved to act. Simultaneously they attempt to have a law passed in New Jersey (and it has passed there), New York, the provinces of Canada, in England and in other places, upon the pretext that such law is necessary to protect the people from the wicked movement known as Nazism, which now controls Germany. At the same time they well know that their real purpose is to destroy Jehovah's witnesses. In Germany the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the Nazis, though not apparently, yet work hand in hand. How? The Nazis are engaged in an effort to kill Jehovah's witnesses. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is engaged in the same unrighteous business. Whenever some un-

usual and drastic measure is introduced in the legislative halls the claim is made that "an emergency has arisen", hence action *must* be taken!

The Issue

"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 counsellors, 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."—6:6-9.

Satan seems always to have held that "religious groups" should be safeguarded from slander and libel and hence no one should be permitted to speak the truth or act any truth that would tend to call attention to the frauds and hypocritical practices of such Baal-religion groups. This really involves the great issue: Jehovah God or the Devil, who is supreme? It was tried out with Daniel, and it is tried out now, and the result is certain to be the same way, for Jehovah is at the helm. Of course, any Jew, including Daniel, could within the secrets of his own heart and in his secluded bedchamber make petition to Jehovah and be heard by Jehovah just as well as in doing so by public prayer, and, he so doing in secret, the rulers in the governments could not know about it.

The same is also true of the present day. Such hidden worship by Jehovah's witnesses might be carried on by praying to Him and talking secretly to others about His kingdom without even the hierarchy's knowing it. But such hidden worship would be positive evidence of fear of man, and a silent admission that Jehovah is not supreme and cannot protect and deliver His own. This is exactly what Satan now desires to accomplish. The Lord foreknew this and warns that 'the fear of man leadeth into a snare'. (Proverbs 29:25) But "the fear of the Lord tendeth to life". (Proverbs 19:23) To be a true worshiper of Almighty God one must obey His commandments, one of which is, "Ye are my witnesses" (Isaiah 43:10,12); that is to say, you must make known to others that your trust

is in Jehovah and that He is the only source of life and blessings and the One to whom all proper petition can be presented with certainty of having the same answered.

Making the State Supreme

Back there, to limit all prayers to the king of Persia would be making the king a god and allowing him to control the conscience of men. Such would show supremacy of a power other than Almighty God. The conspiring satraps proposed a law that would make the state the supreme power, to which all the people must yield and thus blindly obey a human dictator. It is exactly so today. Every part of the earth is in a state of turmoil. The powers that rule are being defied by the lawless. The clergy and all religion-mongers come forth with pious faces and hypocritical words and say to the political powers, in substance, this:

'The communistic and revolutionistic spirit is due to a lack of proper respect for the religious groups in the land; therefore give us a law with teeth in it, which law will not permit any person or organization to in any manner speak or publish or say or do anything that might in any manner whatsoever subject our religious groups to ridicule, scorn, or contempt.' Further the religious conspirators say, 'This is a Christian nation, and it is the Christian duty of all to be subservient to the state in order that there may be peace and prosperity in the land.' Those words seem to be well chosen, but the speakers know they are hypocritical. They know that their claim is false and that their real purpose is to rid the land of those who faithfully serve and worship Jehovah God and speak the truth about His King and kingdom, which is the only hope of the world. (Matthew 12:21) These conspirators demand, therefore, that provision be made by law that whatsoever the people may hear by radio, phonograph, transcription-record machine, word of mouth, printed page or other means of communication, must first be approved by a committee appointed by the state; hence no one would be permitted to say anything until it is first censored by the duly appointed groups. They proceed to make up a committee of Catholics, Protestants and Jews, who practice their own religion, each of a different kind, and none of which serve Jehovah God, and this committee attempts to tell the people what they shall or shall not hear.

The evidence offered before the Congress of the United States in 1934, and before the state legislative body in New Jersey in the same year, abundantly proves that the clergy, and particularly the Roman Catholic hierarchy, have formed and are carrying out a conspiracy to prevent the people from worshiping Almighty God as He has commanded them. The enactment of such drastic laws which are destructive of freedom of speech and of press, so far as religion is concerned, proves beyond all doubt that the real purpose is to prevent the people from hearing the truth of and concerning Jehovah God and His kingdom. The Devil himself is back of such a movement.

Permission

The enemy of Jehovah's witnesses desire God's approval to go ahead in their destructive work, and hence they seek a "lawful means" to accomplish the same. They have long held and openly advocated that the political element of the world rule by divine right and hence that if they can have a law put upon the statute books under which they might "frame" Jehovah's witnesses they can thereby bring about their destruction and do so in apparently a lawful manner and with the approval of God, as foreshadowed by King Darius. Because the action of the conspirators was, in Daniel's time, and is now, a challenge to Almighty God, the King eternal, He responds to them as He did on another occasion to the Devil: "Thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause." (Job 2:3) "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which [throne] frameth mischief by a law?"—Psalm 94:20.

The king, Darius, yielded to the request of the satraps. This illustrates how Jehovah permits 'the wicked to spring up as the grass, and all the workers of iniquity to flourish' (Psalm 92:7), and to use so-called "legal" means or methods to bring about the destruction of faithful witnesses of the Lord. God permits the earthly ruling factors to pursue their own way and to enact laws according to their own selfish ideas and to enforce the same, that such laws may operate as a test to His own people; but that does not mean at all that God approves such cruel and unrighteous laws. The great question involved is the vindication of Jehovah's name, and hence that means that His anointed ones must receive the test and continue to maintain their integrity toward God until the end.

To the Lions!

"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." (6:10) Had Daniel gone to the king and asked for a permit or a license to pray to Jehovah, that would have been conforming to the decree of the king, because he must first get the consent of the king before he could pray, and that would be showing that he did not sincerely hold that Jehovah is supreme and above the king on earth, which course of action would have been an insult to Jehovah. The state or earthly government is not a mediator between God and men. Jehovah is above all, and His law is supreme and His people will obey it.

As it was with Daniel, so it is with Jehovah's witnesses. By disregarding the unrighteous law of the realm, Daniel would bring upon him death, but unfaithfulness to Jehovah God would bring upon him destruction. Even so today, Jehovah's witnesses, by disregarding some law of the land, may be subjected to death, but their disregarding or disobeying Jehovah's law means the complete destruction of their very existence, as Jesus declared, at Matthew 10:28. To obey Jehovah's law the faithful anointed ones cannot hide themselves by declining to openly testify to His name, nor can they have an excuse to sit quietly in their homes and hum hymns and read religious books. The true and faithful are Jehovah's witnesses, and they must not cease to bear the 'fruits of His kingdom' before men and to pray for the increase of Jehovah's kingdom interests and for the destruction of Satan's rule. In the faithful performance of their divinely given commission the faithful remnant know that they are putting themselves in a position of jeopardy at the hands of men who claim to execute God's justice for Him; but the remnant are blind to everything save that of fully obeying Jehovah God.—Isaiah 42:19.

"Dare to Be a Daniel"

And so Daniel, notwithstanding King Darius' efforts against it, was thrown to the lions. (6:11-17) Today Jehovah permits His witnesses to be delivered up and subjected to unjust punishment, that the test may be applied in vindication of His name and as a testimony against His enemies. (Mark 13:9) The den of lions was a place of fearfulness and of great danger, and

hence a place of certain death to Daniel unless Jehovah furnished him protection. Let those who are faithfully performing their covenant in serving Jehovah God today be just as fearless as was Daniel. Manifestly Daniel did not show any fear. His persecutors were vicious, even as the persecutors and conspirators against Jehovah's witnesses today are vicious and are just as vicious as wild beasts, and would, thinking themselves to be God's "lions" of justice, just as quickly tear God's faithful ones to shreds if permitted to do so. But the lions in the den where Daniel was put were the king's lions, and therefore those lions pictured Jehovah's forces of justice, which forces do destroy those who are guilty of breaking the divine law. Jehovah's witnesses are in danger when the conspirators or executioners assume to be 'bearers of God's sword not in vain' (Romans 13:4), and this they do when taking the law into their own hands. They fail to reckon that God is looking after His own. Jehovah knows full well who serves Him in spirit and in truth, and His own He will preserve.

Deliverance

Daniel was in the lions' den all night, and that would afford ample time for the unchangeable law of the realm to be fully satisfied and justice to be fully executed. The lions in that den were the king's, and hence they represented Jehovah's justice. Those lions could not destroy Jehovah's faithful servant, and hence, as Daniel said to King Darius, "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." (6:22) Nor will God's justice today destroy those who are faithful and true to Him. The malicious enemies may kill the body of some of those who are faithful to Jehovah, but the everlasting existence of these anointed ones is in the hand of the Most High, and nothing can pluck them out. In these wicked days of conspiracy against God's anointed the beastly element that now rules the earth would quickly destroy them except for the protection that God furnishes through His angels.

The preservation of Daniel by Jehovah's angel was proof that Daniel had been faithful. Likewise the preservation of the remnant of God's organization is a confirmation that these witnesses have been faithfully maintaining their integrity before God. Daniel's being taken up

from the lions' den seems to picture more particularly that there would be a series of acts of deliverance by Jehovah of the members of His anointed remnant now on earth, to the end that they might continue to serve as His witnesses. (Psalm 68: 20, *A.R.V.*) Such acts of deliverance would be an indication of Jehovah's approval of His servant class. The conspirators reason that the punishment of Jehovah's witnesses by the terms of their (the conspirators') laws (improperly called "rules of justice") would prove that Jehovah's witnesses are wrong, and hence that their lions (earthly rules of justice) would tear to pieces these "pestiferous" witnesses. The enemy, however, overlooked the fact that the lions belonged to the king and that they represented true justice that proceeds from the throne of God, and that real justice is meted out only by the Lord. No one could ever have

occasion to regret his faithful devotion to God.

The rule of retribution is a just law. In due time, and that shortly, will come the turn of the conspirators in the "den of lions", Jehovah's "lions" of divine justice. They and all who now take their stand on the side of the conspirators and against Jehovah, and who render aid and comfort to the conspirators, shall suffer a fate like that which came upon those who conspired against Daniel. "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." (6: 24) None of that wicked crowd will ever be permitted to abide in God's kingdom. The Scriptures indicate that some of the remnant will actually witness the execution of this retributive justice against the conspirators at the battle of Armageddon, and this they will witness while on the earth.

The Prisoners for the Lord in Germany *(Contributed)*

WHEN the brethren began working again in H— there were about 31 groups organized. H. v. A. was out with the books and was stopped by a policeman, who asked what he had. V. A. did not reply; so the policeman examined him and found that he had books. Later in the evening four policemen came to v. A.'s flat and there were also some sisters present taking part in a study. When the police entered they said in a rough voice, "What's that? a meeting here?" Then one of the policemen said, "It is you who have sent the statement to the government." V. A. said, "It is not I who have sent it, but I stand by all that was said in it." One sister rose and would take a Bible from the table, whereupon one of the policemen cried, "Don't touch." V. A. was taken to the police station, where he requested that the case could be heard by a judge and that he should not be sent to a concentration camp, where there would be no chance of a hearing. They just took him away. Sister E— (housekeeper for v. A.) they said must be locked in the kitchen for the night; but when she protested that it was cold there they allowed her to sleep in the bedroom, but locked up every other room. The three sisters who were present at the Bible study were told that they must report to the police the next morning at nine o'clock. This they did, and three were arrested, while the

fourth, being over 80 years of age, was allowed to go home. All the brethren have since been sent to a concentration camp.

Two R.S.D.'s who were on a visit to H— the same week heard that v. A. had been arrested, and went to his flat to see if there was anyone there. They were well prepared, and one gave the other all his papers before he went up to the flat to inquire. He called at the flat and as the door was opened by a tall detective, the brother asked, "Does Mr. R— live here?" The man replied, "You mean H. v. A." "I asked for Mr. R—," replied the brother. "Well," said the detective, "he is not here."

The day after v. A. was arrested arrests of the brethren took place in all parts of the town, and in every case the police searched the whole house. The brethren when arrested were taken, together with all literature that could be found, including Bibles, to the police station. V. A. had a large stock, and this was taken six days after. The police who had taken the keys to his flat later returned them to his relatives. The police also took what money they could find (about 60 marks). When v. A. asked how he should pay his rent when they had taken his money, the police did not reply.

There were arrests right up to the day I left. Now there are about 60 in the H— company who have been arrested. One brother, who was

a cutter, was arrested at his business at about 9 a.m., the detective coming in a fine motorcar. The chief of the business was very upset and said, "Now I shall have to apply to the government to get you free; otherwise I shall have to close my business." One brother, a shoemaker, asked if he could be allowed to wash and change before being taken away, and this was allowed by the ones arresting him. One brother asked the one arresting him why it was he had to go to the police station, seeing that he had done nothing wrong. "Yes, you know I haven't anything to say," said the policeman; "I have got to obey the higher powers."

One brother (previously an auxiliary) who was put in a concentration camp in 1933 was allowed to go free on October 9, 1934. He had not been before any court, and had not the least idea how long he was to be in the camp. As he is now free, he can report how he was treated. They had to march about 30 kilometers (19 miles) per day. The meals were bad, and sometimes they went for two or three days without any dinner. He was beaten and thrashed many times, and punched in the face, because he would not sing "Deutschland über Alles". He has blue and green marks all over his body. When he would not sing he was lifted by the neck and cast on the road, and many times they asked, "What has Jehovah got to say about that?" Twice he was threatened with death. The first occasion was when the Germans withdrew from the League of Nations and he was told that he must vote "Yes" and he was marched forward at the point of the revolver. On the second occasion one of the leaders in the camp smashed a stink bomb in the brother's pocket. Later he came back with the camp leader and the brother was asked, "What have you done?" to which he replied, "You know best yourself." They then announced that in two hours he would be shot. When the two hours had expired they came back with two men armed with rifles. The brother was then told to stand against the wall and then the two men with rifles aimed. "Open your coat!" cried the leader to the brother. The brother did not move. He was *not* shot. His father and mother, who were not in the truth, wrote to the Nazis and said that their son did not support *that Society* anymore. This letter was placed before the brother and he was told that if he would put his signature to it, then he would be set free at once. The brother replied, "I cannot," and later explained that Jehovah would free him in due

time. Now he has been set free, but all his books have been burned.

There were about 600 in the camp where he was (they were not all brethren) and all were compelled to attend church. He did not want to go to church; so the Nazis took him forcibly.

One old sister (about 90) was compelled to go to the Catholic church. But they could not force her to kneel down. "The church," she said, "is the great house of murder."

The "man of sin" has formed a group and all go to church. One leader of such a group was around to see the brethren who are not yet in prison and asked about calling them "brethren". "That depends," said one sister; "we have *not* broken our covenant with Jehovah." This man referred boastfully to the fact that he was free while the others were behind stone walls. He also spoke of his connection with the police.

In one case, when the police came to fetch a brother, they found that he was unable to walk and that he had to be wheeled about in a chair. When the police found that they could not take the man, they said if the wife was one of J. w's they could take her. They finally found another brother in the house, and, after asking if he was one of Jehovah's witnesses, they said they would take him instead of the first brother, who was lame.

In H—— the prison keeper complained that Jehovah's witnesses will drive him mad, for they are sitting around in various corners and each one is crying "I want my Bible!" One brother said, "It is not Moscow here; I want my Bible." It was not allowed.

One policeman while making an arrest said, "It is terrible, with all these telegrams we got on October 7."

Generally the police just ask, "Are you one of Jehovah's witnesses?" and that is enough for them.

In H—— about 100 brethren were sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

A later contribution from another pen says:

"Today may be the last day of freedom for me, if Jehovah does not decide otherwise. Yesterday and today the brethren of L——, 35, including J. and F., are on trial in court. The Staatsanwalt, which means state attorney, has already addressed the court, and today it is only our lawyers, and then the decision of the court. The state attorney said in his speech that Brother Rutherford had been giving advice to

German citizens, thereby poisoning them and making them disobey the rules of the German government. It is too bad, he said, that one could not get hold of him who in a shameless way is attacking the government of his own country. I am sure that the Lord will look after this matter, and also after the man that made such a speech. The Lord will reveal His power within a short time. For Brother K., 9 months have been set, and for all the rest of us, 6 months in jail. Please tell Brother Rutherford that we all love him and that I wish the Lord's richest blessings on him, that he may continue his work as Jehovah's faithful servant. In the Lord's strength we will bear whatever suffering will be laid upon us. I am, I admit, a little worried about N. He is my only boy, and I love him.

This, of course, is not the reason why I would not want to leave him with some strange person for a time; but N. is now of an age where children begin to love one who is always with them, and when such a one is taken away such children are not able to control their hearts as we do. I had him with someone yesterday and the result was that he awoke several times at night telling me he was 'drank', meaning ill or sick, and that I should not go away. I will leave all worries to Jehovah. He will redeem His people, and joy will be in Zion. I want you to have this last message from me before jail. Employees and judges are reading my letters. Once more I send my love to you, who helped me to understand God's will, when I wanted to come to His holy mountain.—L."

Stay Away from New Jersey!

IT IS NOW ILLEGAL to laugh or sigh, breathe or smile, talk or hum, in the state of New Jersey. Henceforth the boardwalks of Atlantic City, Asbury Park, Wildwood and other hitherto famous New Jersey resorts will be places of discomfort, uneasiness, cheerlessness and gloom. You might say something to your companions that would hurt somebody's religious susceptibilities. One can never tell. There may be somebody listening, watching, trailing and spying.

When you and your friends have a social get-together in any of New Jersey's resorts, do not let yourself go! Beware! A chance remark, a grin, or even a look, may arouse some fanatical Catholic waiter's ire, "incite" the animosity of a straight-laced "Protestant", or awaken the hostility of a so-called "Jew" who is subject to illusions of grandeur. And before you know it, you are in the hoosegow or minus your roll, or both.

All this is the result of the amazing piece of legislation adopted by the corrupt New Jersey lawmaking body, which one of its own members calls "rotten". This law was rushed through the legislature at Trenton under the lash of an agent of the Roman Catholic hierarchy who boasts of his recently enlarged "dictatorial powers". These "dictatorial powers" of John Raftery, Knight of Columbus, account for the fact that the "law" was whisked posthaste to the governor for his "signature" shortly before

midnight of April 8, 1935, just a *few minutes* after it was approved by 14 of the 21 members of the New Jersey senate, only one member of which, Dryden Kuser, had the manhood to vote a definite "No". Previously, in the Assembly, only *one* member, Theron McCampbell, manifested that he was sufficiently independent of "dictatorial" pressure to vote "No". Nothing, however, could stop the state of New Jersey in its determined effort to pass "laws" that can be used effectively to throttle free speech, free laughter, free breathing and free wheeling, or what have you?

Perhaps the law was necessary—in New Jersey. Folks there, some of them, have very sensitive "religious susceptibilities", which cannot stand the telling of the truth. The clergy, especially the Roman variety, are as frail, shrinking violets. A "misdirected" breath might wither them. They are painfully conscious of their insecure position. So "laws" to protect them against "irresponsible persons" are eagerly urged.

Read the "law" which is now on the statute books of New Jersey, and laugh to your heart's content—provided you are not in New Jersey. If you are so unfortunate as to live in that state, be careful! Beware! Tie Fido at the front gate! Lock the doors, draw the shades! Be sure the roof does not leak! Then go ahead and read the New Jersey anti-smile law, alias "anti-Nazi"

law, which is reproduced here in full for the entertainment of the public.

ASSEMBLY, No. 257

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED JANUARY 28, 1935

By Mr. RAFFERTY

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

A SUPPLEMENT to an act entitled "An act for the punishment of crimes" (Revision of 1898), approved June fourteenth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

1. (a) There is assured to the people of this State under the Constitution of the United States of America freedom of conscience in the matter of religious worship, and also equality in the protection of life, liberty and property, for the establishment of justice, insuring of domestic tranquillity, promotion of the general welfare and securing of the blessings of liberty; and

(b) Under the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, civil and religious liberty are guaranteed to the people of this State, and the people thereof are declared to have certain natural and inalienable rights amongst which are those of enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness, and enjoying freedom of conscience in the matter of religious worship; and

(c) The dissemination, circulation or publication of propaganda or statements creating or tending to create hatred, violence or hostility against people of this State by reason of their race, color, religion or manner of worship, has created or tends to create violations of said constitutional assurances and guarantees, and disturbance of domestic tranquillity and peace of the people of this State, and is provocative of violence causing injury to persons and property.

2. Any person who shall print, write, multigraph or in any manner whatever make or produce or by any means set out and make legible, in any language;

(a) Any book, speech, article, statement, circular or pamphlet which in any way, in any part thereof, incites, counsels, promotes, or advocates hatred, violence, or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship; or

(b) Any constitution, by-laws, rules, regulation or record of any proceedings of any organization, association, corporation, society, order, club or meeting of three or more persons, which in any way incites, counsels, promotes or advocates hatred, violence or hostility

against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship; or

(c) Any picture, photograph, emblem, representation, sign or token which in any way incites, counsels, promotes, advocates, or symbolizes hatred, violence or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship,

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

3. Any person who shall have in his possession, for the purpose or with intent to utter, sell, give away, circulate, distribute or exhibit to the view of another, or any person who shall utter, sell, give away, circulate, send, transmit, distribute or exhibit to the view of another;

(a) Any book, speech, article, statement, circular, pamphlet or other written, printed or multigraphed matter, made or produced in any manner whatsoever, in any language, or by any means set out and made legible, which in any way, in any part thereof, incites, counsels, promotes or advocates hatred, violence, or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship; or

(b) Any constitution, by-laws, rules, regulations or records of any proceeding or purporting to be such, of any organization, association, corporation, society, order, club or meeting of three or more persons, made or produced in any manner, or by any means set out and made legible, in any language, which in any way, in any part thereof, incites, counsels, promotes, or advocates hatred, violence, or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship; or

(c) Any picture, photograph, emblem, representation, sign or token made or produced in any manner, which in any way incites, counsels, promotes or advocates hatred, violence, or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship,

Shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

4. Any person who shall exhibit or display at any meeting of three or more persons or in any parade, public or private, or in any public place, any flag, banner, emblem, picture, photograph, representation, tableau, performance, sign or token, which in any way incites, counsels, promotes, or advocates hatred, violence, or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

5. Any person who shall, in the presence of two or more persons, in any language, make or utter any

speech, statement or declaration, which in any way incites, counsels, promotes, or advocates hatred, abuse, violence or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being in this State by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

6. Any owner, lessee, manager, agent or other person who shall knowingly let or hire out, or permit the use of any building, structure, auditorium, hall or room, or any part thereof, whether licensed or not, to or for the use of any organization, association, society, order, club, group or meeting of three or more persons where it is purposed or intended to hold any meeting or assembly of three or more persons whereat any provisions of the four preceding paragraphs hereof are to be violated, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and any person or persons who shall knowingly hire any such building, structure, auditorium, hall, or room, or any part thereof, for the purpose of using or permitting the same to be used by others for the purpose of violating any provision or provisions of the four preceding paragraphs hereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

7. Any person who shall from any station, studio, radio transmission equipment, microphone, or any other equipment or device of any nature or kind, located within this State, broadcast or make audible to others, within this State, through any radio receiving set, device or equipment of any nature or kind, located within this State, in any language, any speech, decla-

ration, statement or pronouncement which in any way incites, counsels, promotes or advocates hatred, violence or hostility against any group or groups of persons residing or being within this State, by reason of race, color, religion or manner of worship of such group or groups, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; and the owner of any such station, studio, radio transmission equipment, microphone, or any other equipment or device of any nature or kind, for the transmission of sound, who shall knowingly permit the same or any part thereof to be used for such purpose, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

8. Any person, firm, corporation or association violating any provision of this act, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) nor less than two hundred dollars (\$200.00), or by the imprisonment not exceeding three years, nor less than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court.

9. Should any provision or portion of this act for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration shall not affect the balance of the act.

10. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill is designed to promote greater personal security in the rights of persons or groups in the practice of religion and a greater protection from assaults of irresponsible persons.

Coughlin Called Fascist

(From the *Review of Reviews*)

"THE stage was now set for the break with President Roosevelt, whose monetary and social policies stopped far short of what seemed desirable to Father Coughlin. By this time the Radio League had collected a staff of economic and political advisers."

"Use was also made of opportunities to confer with numerous 'big people', notably Hearst. It must not be supposed that Coughlin was without connections in the realm of big business, even though he kept entirely clear of financial ties or commitments. Numerous railroad, mining, and real estate executives who favored inflation did everything in their power to aid and abet the Detroit priest. During 1934 several such gentlemen did their best to persuade relatively conservative journals to get behind Father Coughlin. For the most part they failed. . . .

"If the reader finds Father Coughlin's views

. . . vague, he must not be surprised. They are not so much statements of a plan as reflections of a conviction—a belief that the United States will find Utopia if its repudiation of 'international bankers' is followed by a rally to the standard of nationalism.

". . . It has not escaped the notice of observers that the general contour of his doctrine is oddly similar to that of National Socialism (Hitlerism). Although the Nazi dictator has abandoned virtually the whole of the program which he sold to the German people in 1930, the fact remains that it was excellent political copy. The Nazis too (before they took power) advocated a central national bank, the abolition of interest, government control of labor, a better return for agricultural effort, and—above all—the superiority of human rights to property rights."

Sedition—Inquisition

THERE is considerable talk about enacting a United States sedition law which would make it unlawful for an American citizen to talk or write in any manner that could be construed as advocating that the existing order be terminated. Department of Justice agents would be detailed specially to eavesdrop upon those who merely talk and do not put their thoughts into writing. So says the *Baltimore Sun*. We have no doubt that the Catholic priesthood would like to put something like this across. These days of stress are furnishing splendid opportunities for the enemies of freedom to get in their work. Catholicism is the traditional and inveterate enemy of liberty of any kind for the people. This extreme they seek to balance by unlimited license for the priesthood. There is far too much Catholic monkey-business going on at Washington. We do not say that all Catholics are the conscious enemies of liberty. Far from it. But many of them do not seem to realize that the system which they support from force of habit is essentially and unavoidably against true freedom. While professing to protect American institutions the activities of the hierarchy whose seat is on Vatican Hill is the greatest of all dangers to the American form of government. In consideration of the fact that the Catholics are a minority in the United States their activities in a political way are particularly offensive to those who wish to preserve the government of the people, for the people, and by the people. Catholics, as individuals, have their rights, of course; and as long as they exercise these rights simply as Americans, without intruding their religious prejudices into questions where they have no place, it would be unjust and un-American to deny them a voice in the affairs of the nation in proportion to their numerical status. But when it comes to insinuating a form of inquisition into the government, it is certain that the American people will register an unmistakable protest.

Sherbrooke (Quebec) Hospital Trust Fund

IT IS against the law in the United States to send lottery tickets or proposals through the mails, and so those who are out to grab every nickel that can be obtained by fair means or foul have had to be mighty careful how they worked. The so-called "church" outfit that is back of

these gambling operations in America has done a good business under cover, but some Irish boys that were not exactly loyal to their faith opened a print shop in New York and ran off 2,500,000 tickets, worth \$1 apiece, entitled "The Quebec Hospital Fund National Sweepstakes, under Auspices of the Catholic Big Sisters". They were raking in the shekels in good shape until some smart detective caught them; but even after they were caught it was hard to know what to do with them, because to have told the whole truth would have exposed the whole wretched fraud. For more than two months detectives were trying to find out where the leak was, not that there was any honest attempt to stop illegal Roman Catholic lotteries in the United States. Far from it. What was sought was some way to keep these double crooks from double-crossing the single crooks. So the boys were finally charged with conspiracy; and probably that was the easiest way out of an embarrassing situation. Certainly nobody in authority wants the truth told about these Catholic lottery tickets.

This Is a New One

THERE is a sucker born every minute, and north of the St. Lawrence they have been known to come five at a time. The *Herald-Examiner* of Chicago, Ill., contains a picture of the annual mass of the skis, held in the Roman Catholic church at Val Morin, Canada. Theoretically the object of the mass is to coax blessings out of the saint of skiers for the current season. The picture shows a priest and two altar boys on the job. Canada has some very fine ski runs. One at Kandahar, Mount Tremblante, has a drop of 2,050 feet in a 9,000-foot run.

Francis Pegahmagabow

FRANCIS PEGAHMAGABOW, only a poor Indian, writing in the Parry Sound *Canadian*, said: "The clergy is still playing a joke on Indian. Lately a child died from cramps and fell in water. The parents felt sorry for the child. Then the clergyman declared the said child cannot go to heaven. The mother nearly died over it, and the father said he had a good notion to turn Protestant over it. Another party of relatives was very much disappointed when the priest sent word to bury the dead without the burial sermon. Just because we have no money to offer at church, which we do not mind to give when we have it."

No Gamblers in This Part of Brooklyn

SOMEBODY sent in a ticket bearing the following:

NE 801130, Jan. 28 to Feb. 8, 1935. Reverend James R. Cox Charity Fund. At Shanty Town, 17th and Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. Twenty 1935 Automobiles, 2 Autos Daily, 10 cents. One Auto Daily Last Six Figures of U.S. Treasury Balance—Straight. One Auto Daily Last Six Figures of U.S. Treasury Balance—Reverse. Do Not Use Cent Figures—Use Last Six Figures of Dollars in Balance. Rules: Tickets tampered with are null and void. If for any cause, such as holiday, figures are not published, use previous day's figures. Winning tickets must be turned in within 30 days after date on ticket. Notify your local agent when you have a winner, but hold your ticket until the automobile is delivered to you.

On its face is a picture of a smooth-shaven gent with a clerical collar; also a picture of an automobile. What is the big idea? Who gets the ten cents? Who supplies the automobiles? Is this the same "father" Cox that offered to run for president and was afterward given a \$6,000 job at the city hall in Pittsburgh, which, it was alleged in the funny column, he was induced to accept under great pressure? Having no acquaintance among the Roman hierarchy, the gambling fraternity, or other persons of ill repute, and there being apparently no gamblers in this immediate vicinity, it is hard to understand all this. Who can explain? Looks like an open defiance of the gambling laws and lottery laws of both state and national governments. Of possible related interest is a current advertisement in a local paper. It reads:

"Our Intellectual Confusion" will be the subject of a lecture by the convert, Ross J. S. Hoffman, professor of history, Washington Square College, New York University, at the Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, Thursday evening, March 7, at 8:45 p.m. Proceeds to help convert Protestant clergymen. "This is a delicate and exquisite charity." (Pius XI) Admission—One Dollar. Tickets may be obtained from The St. Paul Guild, 108 East 56th Street, New York. Telephone PLaza 3-0277."

When the gazabos running the business advertise it as "Our Intellectual Confusion", who can expect the public to be other than confused?

Cardinal O'Connell Told the Truth

WHENEVER a Roman Catholic prelate tells the truth on any subject *The Golden Age* is glad to make a record of it. For example, Cardinal William T. O'Connell recently said, "It is a Catholic teaching that gambling in itself

is not morally wrong, as long as the person who risks his money does not deprive others of what is rightfully theirs." There was that item in the *Chicago Tribune* about the collapse of the Crowley and Doherty bucket shop wherein occurred the following: "Mr. Canaday asserted that the Reverend M. J. Conway, 1610 Semple street, South Bend, Indiana, was the principal loser among the victims. The Reverend Mr. Conway lost \$45,000 of funds belonging to widows and orphans, which he had invested in worthless brewery stock marketed by the defendants, the federal prosecutor said." The way this thing now stands, it was all right for the Reverend M. J. Conway to gamble, and all right for him to gamble with the money that belonged to widows and orphans provided he won, in which case, of course, he would keep the winnings, and return the principal to the widows and orphans, maybe. But it was all wrong for him to lose, because then the widows and orphans don't get back anything at all.

Hartford Minister Beseeches the Pope

PERHAPS not having heard of Jehovah God, mentioned by name about 7,000 times in the Holy Scriptures, the Reverend Dr. John M. Phillips, of Hartford, Conn., wants the pope to declare 'A Truce of God', saying that the pope is the only one who can apply the leverage necessary to bring this about. He goes on to say, quite truthfully, "I believe that we Christians are the bloodiest crew ever let loose on the world."

The Uses of Chaplains

DR. LOUIS MANN, Chicago rabbi, in an address before eleven national peace organizations, made the statement:

"There should be no chaplain in any army. A chaplain is not there to comfort the dying and bury the dead. That is merely camouflage. He is there to give divine sanction to the hellish business of human slaughter."

One Church Burned in Ireland

WITHIN recent years Roman Catholic churches have been burned in Spain, Canada, Mexico, and other countries. To this list may now be added Ireland, the church at Birr having been robbed and then set afire in three places. In some quarters it is considered "good business" to have a fire when bankruptcy threatens.

Macrory Dodged the Rain

THE big day of the Eucharistic Congress at Melbourne, Australia (on which occasion a little piece of bread was worshiped), was the day of the "pontifical high mass" for women. If the lord of the little piece of bread was interested, it was a fine chance for him to show what he could do; but he missed fire. In place of fire there was water, lots of it. The account in the *Brisbane Sunday Mail* says that as soon as the archbishop of Liverpool got to preaching the rain came down in torrents; 50,000 women in the arena were soaked; in the stands were 50,000 more. Some of the latter tried to cover themselves with strips of red carpet and newspapers. One priest held a chair over his head. The account says, "The children of Mary, who had no covering of any sort, fared worst of all." Not sure what they meant by that. Sounds mighty bad. When the grand climax came, here is what happened. It says, "Because of the rain the papal legate, Cardinal Macrory, did not address the gathering, but contented himself with giving the papal blessing."

Mussolini Changes His Mind

MUSSOLINI, after once referring to the pope as the "bloody old wolf of the Vatican", is now on record as saying that every prime minister and every military general who has attacked the Catholic church ultimately suffered lamentable defeat. He may also have changed his mind as respects the Big Business crowd that financed his original march on Rome; but not likely. In Italy today all workers must belong to one of his unions, and strikes are illegal. Industry is regulated to its smallest details. The dictatorship is absolute. He states that permanent peace is neither possible nor desirable. Of the thirteen Italian cabinet posts, he holds seven, and has just removed the six other heads, replacing them with fresh material.

Cardinal Faced West

A DISPATCH in the London *Daily Express* described the funeral of Cardinal Bourne and explained that, while a common, ordinary corpse lies facing the east, a cardinal is laid to rest in the opposite direction, so that at the "last day", when he comes back to claim his casket and its contents, he will find himself facing his flock. If that isn't rich, what is?

"Destroying Faith and Reverence"

THAT the Devil's main objective is to dishonor God is plain from the Roman Catholic *Advocate*, of Melbourne, Australia, which goes after Judge Foster because he dared say to a timid boy witness in his court: "There is no hell, sonny: it is a shame that children should be taught such a thing." The *Advocate* says: "Thus, this man in authority dares, by a word, to destroy the effect of the Christian teaching given to a child by those responsible for him. He makes use of the office given him by the Government to administer justice, for the purpose of destroying faith and reverence in this young mind." There you have it. The Devil considers that if one believes that Jehovah the true and living God is a devil like himself, then such a person has "faith and reverence", but, contrariwise, if one believes that God is even halfway as good as the most fallen man or woman, then he has lost his "faith and reverence". Where is the man or woman that has a heart so hard as to be content to torture poor unfortunates for ever and ever, and keep them alive for that purpose?

How the Girls Were Dressed

EVERYBODY takes an interest in what the girls had on, and so the Adelaide *Advertiser* explains: "The bishops, dressed in mantelletta and rochet, will follow the cardinal in his scarlet robes and cappa magna, and, while he vests at the altar, will don the cape and mitre. The secular priests will be clothed in choir dress, soutane and surplice." And that is all for now, Mabel; for as soon as they got into all their nice togs it rained pitchforks, and they all got soaked to the skin.

"Old Nick" an Archbishop

A LUTHERAN asked the Catholic paper *Our Sunday Visitor*, "Was Santa Claus, or St. Nicholas, a bishop of the Roman Catholic church or of the Greek Orthodox church?" and received the interesting reply that "St. Nicholas was an archbishop of the Roman Catholic church". Those who are familiar with the origin of this superstition will be amused at this answer.

Ran Out of Horses

ONCE a year, on the feast day of St. Anthony, they used to bless the horses in front of the church of St. Eusebio, Rome, Italy. But the last time the feast day came around they could not find any horses to bless and had to get along with cats and dogs.

"On Moral Principle"

By A. M. Snider (North Carolina)

(In the Charlotte [N. C.] Observer)

THE clergymen of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America have come out in opposition to the veterans' bonus "on moral principle". The more than 300 signatures include sixty bishops, pastors, rabbis, theological professors and college presidents, and executives of religious organizations. The list includes the "big uns".

"On moral principle!" I challenge anybody to mention anything, regardless of how low down, how immoral, how unprincipled, that has not been sanctioned and upheld by organized religion! Organized religion has always been the tool of the wealthy and powerful. Any student of history knows what I am talking about. If I had the space, I could shock my readers beyond measure with facts to support the above assertion or challenge.

The liquor business, prostitution, piracy, wholesale robbery, wholesale murder, slavery of all kinds. The World War was a "holy war" to make the world safe for democracy and Christianity. These same "servants of God" (?) who now oppose the payment of soldiers' back pay thundered their approval and the approval and the blessings of God upon the War and helped conscript and drive off to that carnage these poor devils whom they now oppose. Organized religion is the handmaid of the rich and powerful. These "churchmen" are the tools of the Devil and his angels, the Liberty Leaguers.

Fundamentalists Sense Their Danger

THREATENED with expulsion from the Presbyterian church, the Reverend Dr. J. Gresham Machen, after noting that his church trial was arranged for by the Modernists in control of the church, and he himself being a Fundamentalist, said: "The reason why I cannot yield is simply that I am a Christian man, no matter how imperfect a Christian man I may be. A Christian cannot in this sense be a servant of men, but must be a servant of God: he cannot substitute a human authority for the Word of God: he cannot support a propaganda which is contrary to the Gospel of Christ. As a Christian man I must be true to the Bible and I must be perfectly ready to bear whatever reproach may come to me on that account."

Reverend Hanford Describes Church

REVEREND ROBERT W. HANFORD, Methodist, in an article in the Baltimore *Evening Sun*, said: "Churches of today are blind leaders of the blind. Like our political parties, they no longer know what they stand for. They are milling about in their idleness, looking for someone outside their crowd to lynch, instead of using the time for introspection. During the four years I have been in my present charge I have not taken one probationer into my church. I wouldn't ask my own daughter to join it. She wouldn't know and no one else would know what she was being asked to join. It would be just an added problem for her. I feel that she'll have problems enough to face and solve in this rapidly changing world without my adding to her confusion by asking her to make any such vague entangling alliance."

"God, and So They Killed Him"

THE brilliancy of the pulpit lights back of the British magazine called *The Fundamentalist* may be judged from a statement in their December 1934 issue. Not interested in the the Scriptures, and attacking the Watch Tower publications because they are loyal to them, it says of Christ Jesus: "But He was God, and so they killed Him for what they supposed was blasphemy." These brilliant people should explain what Jesus meant when He said: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Did He forsake himself? How about it? They should also get out a "tract" entitled "When God Was Dead" and explain how it was that God raised Him from the dead, as the Scriptures declare to have been the case. Had not Jehovah God raised Christ Jesus out of death He would have remained for ever dead.

We Have Tried Everything Except—

DR. WALTER A. MAIER, a professor in Concordia seminary, St. Louis, addressing 5,000 Lutherans on the date of the 400th anniversary of Luther's translation of the Bible, said, "We have taken our refuge in brains, but the choicest intellects in the 300,000,000 pounds of American brains have left us helpless. We have placed our confidence in monetary adjustments and financial experiments; we have relied on artificial manipulation of the basic law of supply and demand. We have sought mainstays in arbitration, treaty, and international agreement; . . . We have tried everything—except the Bible."

Model Prayer

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

A MODEL prayer is one made in conformity to God's Word. To those who desire to learn how to pray Jesus said: 'God knows what things you need before you ask. After this manner therefore pray: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.' Those words acknowledge Jehovah as the Giver of life to all who get life, and that all right-minded creatures regard God's name as sacred. The model prayer as stated by Jesus further is: 'Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.' Those words acknowledge that the present rule of this world is out of harmony with God's will, hence that the present world is unrighteous, and the prayer expresses a desire that God's kingdom of righteousness shall come and rule the world in righteousness. From the Scriptures you learn that Jehovah God has appointed Christ Jesus as the rightful Ruler of the world, and that in His due time God through Christ will destroy the wicked rule of Satan, and in the place and stead of that wicked rule God's kingdom under Christ will rule in righteousness. That means that the kingdom under Christ will control the affairs of this world in harmony with God's will, which is always right and righteous.

The kingdom of God is of greatest importance, because it will vindicate His holy name, show all creatures that God is just, wise, loving and all-powerful, and the Giver of life and blessings to all who obey Him. Such are the things that honest men desire. The doing of God's will on earth means that all wickedness and all workers of iniquity will cease for ever. It means that there will be no more war, no more harsh and oppressive men at work depriving people of their just rights and privileges; that there will be no more poverty in the land, but that every man who obeys God will have plenty; that there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain and death, and hence no more tears of bitterness will flow; that then the earth will be filled with the glory of God, and all who obey will dwell together in peace and happiness. Such are the things that the people need, and all these needs will be freely supplied by the kingdom of God under Christ.

For centuries the Devil has been the invisible ruler of this world and has caused all the sorrow, sickness, suffering and death that has come upon men. The masses of the people have labored hard in order to find their daily bread. Under this unrighteous rule it is proper for those who love God to ask Him for the necessities of life; hence the prayer according to Jesus' instruction continues: "Give us this day our daily bread." That means food for the body and food for the mind, the latter being knowledge and understanding of the Word of God that we may learn what is His will. You must therefore study His Word, as set forth in the Bible and in the helps which He has provided for you to learn His will. Jehovah's witnesses bring to your doors books showing you where to find these truths in the Bible and to learn them. The prayer then asks that God will forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those that wrong us, and that when in temptation we shall not be abandoned by the Lord. This shows that the one who thus prays desires the spirit of the Lord to rule in his mind and that he will always be on the side of God and do that which is pleasing to the Lord. It is thus easily to be determined that a Catholic priest or a clergyman can do you no good in praying, but that you must learn the will of God, obey Him, and pray for yourself.

The proper understanding of the Scriptures will convince any person that virtue and the right to pray do not belong to religious organizations of the clergymen, but that prayer is an individual privilege granted to those who love and serve God. The world as it now exists cannot be reformed, but first the kingdom of God under Christ must take charge, destroy this wicked rule of the world, and then the righteous rule of Christ will prevail throughout the world. The will of God must be done on earth in order for the people to have what they need. By the model prayer Jesus was teaching His followers as to what things they might properly pray for. Again, He said to them: 'If you abide in me and

my word abides in you, you may ask what you will.' That means that they must be in Christ

to do the will of God and their prayers must be according to His will.

[The foregoing talk is one of 36 obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be used on an ordinary phonograph. They are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and

are widely used in the home circle and elsewhere to encourage and profitably direct people in the study of the Bible. Address inquiries to the Watch Tower, and not to *The Golden Age*.]

Jehovah's witnesses

Waking Things Up in Australia

THE Melbourne (Australia) *Age* says of Jehovah's witnesses in Australia:

Judge Rutherford, of the United States, whose religious teachings are heard regularly from broadcasting stations, has a very big following in Sydney. Many of the devotees of his teachings have met the judge, who has the power of implanting enthusiasm in the hearts of his followers and making every one of them a missionary. It is not an easy task for even the most eloquent and the most ardent to start out on propaganda in Australia, where people are more practical and less emotional than the people of the United States—a more polyglot nation which has become fixed in its type and outlook. Consequently those who have espoused the teachings of Judge Rutherford, and are spreading them, meet with many rebuffs, sometimes from the most unexpected quarters. Unlike other religious teachers with a new light, he has the advantage of modern invention to carry his cause to the most remote parts, and his own voice is heard. The missionaries, therefore, always travel about with a supply of records and a talking machine, which gives out through a dynamic speaker the actual teachings without variation or equivocation. But they find that in some places the voice is not loud enough, and when they draw up in a town somebody is sure to order out the town band to play ragtime or jazz close handy, thus drowning the vocal efforts of the machine-made voice. The followers of the judge, who are most enthusiastic, have decided to make a new move, and have purchased a huge loud-speaker, known as Big Bill, the dynamic force of which is operated by the motor-car machinery. This loud-speaker can be heard two miles away. It will be fitted on a car, and it will be possible to turn on Judge Rutherford's special lectures and operate them a mile or so from a town, and thus deliver a message from the clouds, as it were, long before they reach the town. This huge loud-speaker will be taken on tour shortly, and is sure to create sensation in the bush. It will not be long before it reaches the suburbs of Melbourne, which is marked out in the itinerary.

An Honest Man in Bad Company

WHEN the New Jersey Hate Bill, No. 257, was being rushed through the Assembly by the whip and sponsor of the bill, Assemblyman Rafferty, one lone spokesman, a Scotsman, Assemblyman McCampbell, rose and in a booming voice said he would not vote for the bill, ending with the general statement regarding governmental conditions in his home state: "I consider it the rottenest, the most corrupt government, of any state in the Union." He continued: "All this talk about Hitler and Mussolini is sheer nonsense. There are twenty-nine Democratic members in this House of Assembly and not a single one of them would dare disobey an order from the Jersey City city hall. I repeat, we have the rottenest government of any state in this country; and I ask Mr. Rafferty if the word Nazi or Nazism appears anywhere in this bill." Rafferty, in a low tone, had to admit that it did not. The real purpose of the bill is to find a way to put a stop to the activities of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey.

Truth-Hungry Need to Be Followed Up

JULIO DESPAIGNE, of Cuba, writes showing the effect of truth on the hearts of the truth-hungry and how their interest needs to be followed up. Witnessing in his community Despaigne placed literature with a Catholic. It aroused in him a desire for more truth, and he went to the Baptist church to get it, but there found only selfishness, and at length had to get in touch with Despaigne himself for the food which his heart craved. (This man, so says Despaigne, was entirely bald at 57 years of age, but at 59 had a full head of dark hair, replacing the gray hair that he lost.)

Messengers of Jehovah

W^{M. SOUTHERN, JR.,} writing "Sunday School Lessons" for the *Kansas City Journal-Post*, said in the issue for March 15, 1935:

"A moment ago, just as I was getting down to work, the doorbell rang. I answered, and standing on the porch was a woman I had never seen before. There was an abnormal look in her eyes I have seen and identified many times as always to be found in persons who are very earnest in what they believe and who are willing to undergo anything in support of that belief. She said, 'I bring you a message from Jehovah,' showing toward me a printed page. When I had gotten rid of my visitor as politely as I could I came back to my desk wondering about the way religion affects people. Then I wondered how the apostles toward the late half of the first century went about their work. They had no tracts to pass out. There were no newspapers, they could not get your ear on the telephone and mercilessly compel you to listen. If the facts were known, I expect the people of that day were probably as impatient with them as I was with the self-confessed messenger of Jehovah who disturbed me when I did not want to be disturbed. Those apostles, however, had a lot sterner and more relentless and more intolerant public with which to deal than we have in the present day. I could not call the city marshal and have the woman who came to my door in a perfectly peaceable manner locked up in jail, and I did not wish to do so. If she had been hungry I would have fed her; in trouble, I would have tried to help. I often wonder if those who are sure they are doing the Lord's work should receive more attention and more consideration at our hands. I wonder if we are not a little more intolerant than they. I cannot see their message any more than the old Jews could see the message of the apostles in A.D. 44."

In the same article, referring to Peter's imprisonment, Mr. Southern said: "None of us like to be abused and accused, and especially is this true when we feel down in our hearts that the accusation is true. A liar takes a great deal

more offense at being called a liar than one who knows he is not a liar." Jehovah's witnesses will forgive Mr. Southern for the unhappy expression "abnormal look", in recompense for the truth which his little skit contained. He gave the tale the title "Messengers of Jehovah", thus sensing the great truth that one of His witnesses called at his door.

2,000 Taxpayers Protest

PLAINFIELD (N.J.) *Courier-News* at hand, reporting a meeting of the city council, said:

While the councilmen were in recess communications to each member and Mayor Martin B. Stutsman were delivered from the witnesses of Jehovah. The communications stated the police department was served last Wednesday with a sworn statement concerning a protest and request addressed to the mayor and common council and that protest and request had been signed by more than 2,000 resident taxpayers of the city. . . . The communications went on to state that two men and one woman are wrongfully held in the county prison at Elizabeth to which they were committed yesterday by City Judge William G. De Meza, with the knowledge and consent of Corporation Counsel William Newcorn, after all three had been held in the Plainfield jail since Saturday. The three persons failed to appear in court last Thursday and were arrested on bench warrants. Bail was fixed at \$100 each yesterday, in lieu of which they were sent to jail.

Jehovah's People and Senator Long

JEHOVAH'S people can read his expressions on page 564 with interest and not a little satisfaction, and yet they know full well (and hope that United States Senator Huey Long may come to the same happy knowledge) that not his plan, but the purpose of Jehovah God, as it is shortly to be put into operation in the earth, will ever accomplish the things he and all other honest men so much desire.

Prayers in Iowa Quoted at Five Bucks Each

PRAYERS in Iowa are quoted at five bucks apiece, with small demand and no takers. The corn tassel legislators at Des Moines had a hard time figuring out why they should let go of the five every time the senate opened, when, as one senator insisted, ministers have no better approach to the Creator than Peter or Mary or Ambrose or anybody else. And besides, this man who was hard to convince maintained to the last that Jesus had said, "When thou prayest, thou

shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogue and on the street corners"; but his sound argument prevailed not, and the taxpayers now part with their five bucks every legislative day and the people of Iowa get not one whit more for it than the poor squab who pays five dollars to somebody to get his great grandmother out of the white-hot oven into the one that is only of a cherry-red heat.

A Page of Huey Long

The Nation of Paupers

(Reprinted from *American Progress*, Louisiana, April, 1935)

THE last report from Washington says that 22,375,000 American people are now existing solely on the pittance doled out to them by the ERA.

It is hard to imagine how many people 22,375,000 are. So we've been doing a little arithmetic.

If this American Breadline could stand in line, joining hands, the line would reach completely around the world, at the equator, and extend 248 miles beyond.

If the people in this American Breadline could all be assembled in Washington to demand a redistribution of wealth, and if they marched 10 abreast, the column would march past the Halls of Congress day and night for 32 days.

This "nation within a nation", this brotherhood of pauperism, ranks among the greatest nations on earth. Only 12 nations in all the world have more people within their borders.

It is a "nation" larger than Mexico, which has only 16,552,000 people; larger than Turkey, which has but 17,500,000; larger than Rumania, which has but 18,000,000; larger than Czechoslovakia, which has but 14,800,000.

It is a "nation" twice as large as Belgium, which has but 8,000,000; twice as large as Canada, which has but 10,376,000; six times as big as Cuba; twice as big as Argentina; seven times as big as Denmark; twenty times as big as Ecuador.

That is the size of the "nation" which is demanding action by Congress. If it were a foreign nation we would jump to heed its requests. Can they be ignored because they are Americans?

Extracts from Huey Long's Address

IN HIS radio address, reprinted in the *Congressional Record*, Senator Huey Long said, in part:

"We compare the Roosevelt depression with the Hoover depression and we find the Roosevelt depression debt is \$9,000,000,000 more than the Hoover depression debt; the unemployment under Roosevelt has eclipsed everything Hoover ever heard about, and approximates more than one-half the whole population of America; the wage earner of today is living farther below the standard of a fair living than ever before in the history of the country; the wealth of the country is more in the hands of the big interests and the big men than it has ever been, and the common people and masses in general have less than they have ever

had; two-thirds of all the money in the banks is owned by one-one hundred and fiftieth of the people, according to the figures furnished by the Government bureau itself; there are 5,000,000 more people on the dole than there were last year, and another 5,000,000 trying to get on the dole. . . . There is only one way to save our people; only one way to save America. How? Pull down wealth from the top and spread wealth at the bottom: free people of these debts they owe; God told us exactly how to do it all." [Senator Long then read extracts from Nehemiah 5, Leviticus 25, Ecclesiastes 5:19, and Deuteronomy 15:1, 2.] "Maybe you do not believe the Bible; maybe you do not accept God as your Supreme Lawgiver. God help you if you do not; but if you do not, then all I ask of you is to believe the simple problems of arithmetic, the tables of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. If you believe them you will know that we cannot tolerate this condition of a handful of people owning nearly all and all owning nearly nothing. In a land of plenty there is no need to starve unless we allow greed to starve us to please the vanity of someone else."

What Huey Long Would Do

IN AN address at Baton Rouge, La., Senator Huey Long, of that state, said that if he were president he would reduce working hours to not more than 30 per week, 11 months a year; would scale down debts of the poor and postpone immediate payment; guarantee a fortune of \$5,000 to every home; limit fortunes to \$10,000,000; store surplus foods and cotton instead of destroying it; and hang every scoundrel who wants so much that he would starve everybody else to death. In the eyes of Lowell Thomas and certain newspapers these sentiments justify them in trying to ridicule Senator Long, call him names, etc. But the people of Louisiana are said to believe in him, about seven to one, and the ones that do not believe in him are the ones that now have it about all and want the people to have next to nothing.

Long's Tribute to Standard Oil

IN AN address at Washington United States Senator Huey Long said, in part:

"Word comes from the League of Nations—it ought to have been signed by the Rockefellers—out comes the word to Paraguay, touch not the soil upon which we have located these oil wells, touch not that which has been given to you by law. Who is the moving spirit behind this League, anyway? I am told that the Rockefeller fortunes have been used to pay largely for the propaganda. They are going to have a war in Europe and we have got to hurry and get in the Court, because if we don't we won't be a party to it."

Alphabetical Department

"Recovery Sure," Says Roosevelt

IN HIS radio address of April 28, president Roosevelt said:

"Never since my inauguration in March, 1933, have I felt so unmistakably the atmosphere of recovery. But it is more than the recovery of the material basis of our individual lives. It is the recovery of confidence in our democratic processes and our republican institutions. We have survived all of the arduous burdens and the threatening dangers of a great economic calamity. We have in the darkest moments of our national trials retained our faith in our own ability to master our destiny. Fear is vanishing and confidence is growing on every side: renewed faith in the vast possibilities of human beings to improve their material and spiritual status through the instrumentality of democratic government. That faith is receiving its just reward. For that we can be thankful to the god who watches over America."

Now doesn't that *sound* good? Prosperity is just around the corner. Oh, yes; that is what Herbert Hoover said, and so it must be true. But what is this evil thing that we see from the pen of Ogden Nash in the London *Morning Post*, and whom was he kidding when he said:

"Higgledy Piggledy, my black hen, she lays eggs for gentlemen. Gentlemen come every day to count what my black hen doth lay. If perchance she lays too many, they fine my hen a pretty penny. If perchance she fails to lay, the gentlemen a bonus pay. Mumbledy Pumbledy, my red cow, she's co-operating now. At first she didn't understand that milk production must be planned. She didn't understand at first; she either had to plan or burst. But now the government reports she's giving pints instead of quarts. Fiddle-de-dee, my next door neighbors, they are giggling at their labors. First they plant the tiny seed; then they water, then they weed; then they hoe and prune and lop; then they raise a record crop; then they laugh their sides asunder, and plow the whole caboodle under. Abracadabra, thus we learn, the more you make, the less you earn. The less you earn, the more you're given; the less you lead, the more you're driven; the more destroyed, the more they feed; the more you pay, the more they need; the more you earn, the less you keep; and now I lay me down to sleep."

Isn't there some way we can keep this kind of poetry away from the people at this critical time, when prosperity is just around Hoover's corner?

Not Quite Through Lynching Yet

A WHILE back it looked as if the United States would soon become so civilized that law and order would take the place of lynching, but the other day, in Shelbyville, Tennessee, a

mob burned a courthouse to the ground and the sheriff had to flee for his life, all because he spirited a prisoner away for safe keeping. Worse yet, in Florida a black man was tortured twelve hours while word was spread all over the country that the father of a wronged girl should have the privilege of putting him to death. It was necessary to put on special cars to accommodate the crowds that wanted to attend the exercises. The crowd of torturers had done such a good job that when the man arrived who was to illegally put his fellow man to death, he was already dead. Neither the president nor the governor of Florida did anything to save the doomed man, though both were notified.

Achievements of the Murderers

GREAT is the joy in Hades over the achievements of International Murderers, Limited. A prominent poison-gas manufacturer, after defending his particular line of murder, explains that war is now a more suitable occupation for middle-aged men than hitherto, because the trenches are now dug by powerful machines instead of by hand. He recommends putting men over 40 in the front-line trenches, making them the first to mobilize. To comfort them at the idea of being killed by the newer methods he says that if engineers give their minds to it the unnecessary physical discomforts of war can be still further alleviated. His hope in sending the middle-aged to the trenches is that the young and virile can be left behind to breed more soldiers for further mass murders in the years to come.

S O S to F. D. R.

UNLESS these New Deal democrats stop pulling bunnies out of hats, I fear that soon we'll have to get a new and larger alphabet. Now, what this country needs today is less and less of N R A, B U N K and E T C, but more and more of C.O.D. For in the sweet west, by and by, somebody has to P A Y for all this "jack" the U.S.A. is handing out so free today. Our star of hope is growing dim; we'll soon be on the B U M; we'll struggle, strive, and break our necks to meet the future T A X. Unless I make an N G guess, it's time to sound an S O S, and stop this flood of I O U, and I mean, stop it P D Q. So I beseech you, F. D. R., don't stretch the alphabet too far; my shirt is gone; now, Mister, please, don't take away my B V D's.

-Leroy H. Morrison, *Oklahoma*.

Social and Educational

The "Hope, Faith, Charity" Charm Letter

THE following is a copy of the chain letter which is just another scheme of the Devil, by which he taunts as many as he can and makes a joke of true faith, hope and charity.

Dear Friend:

Hope, faith, charity. This charm was started in the hope of bringing prosperity to you. Within three days, make five copies of this letter, leaving off the top name and address, and adding your name and address at the bottom of the list, and mail the five copies to five of your friends to whom you wish prosperity to come.

In omitting the top name send that person ten cents wrapped in paper as a charity donation. In turn, as your name leaves the top, you will receive 15,625 letters, with donations amounting to \$1,562.50. Now is this worth a dime to you? Have the faith that your friend had, and this charm will not be broken.

[Then follow 6 names and addresses]

It is all clear. If you have the *charity* to give out a dime in the *hope* of raking in \$1,562.50 you thereby show your *faith*, but not faith in Jehovah. Rather it is an evidence of faith in the god of this world and his selfish *charms*. The word *charm* is derived from occult and spiritistic practices. To charm means to put a spell upon an individual; to overcome as by magic power; to bewitch.

Freedom of Speech

THE Chicago *Daily Drivers Journal*, contending for true Americanism, says:

Leaders of the administration meet with ridicule any suggestion of curbing the right of free speech. Yet let us see what is happening. Almost, the people are hearing only one side of the story. This is accomplished through a denied but none the less effectual censorship in Washington, that goes a long way toward limiting news sources to the employed and controlled press agents—what is favorable comes out, what is unfavorable stays in. It is accomplished, secondly, through widely publicized articles and books written by administration leaders—employing only the brightest colors in painting the picture. And it is accomplished, thirdly, through administration speakers sent everywhere at the taxpayer's expense—in meetings and over the radio, telling only one side of the story, not so much as admitting that there could be any other side. Who is there left free to speak his mind?

Who Was It That Said It?

MEMORY test. Little one, who was it that said in 1922 that a hungry man is an obedient man, and labor would yet eat out of his hand? Whoever it was knew it would come true. Anyway, it did.

Clever Lottery Gamblers

THE so-called "Irish sweepstakes" gamble is operated so cleverly that detection of the offenders is extremely difficult. A schoolmaster in Swansea had twelve places where he got his mail. A bus conductor in Rochdale did a business of \$17,000 in three years, but when his correspondence was seized it was found that all agents and subagents were referred to by numbers and not by names, and that various phrases were used to throw detectives off the track.

New Trick of the Demons

THE demons are always learning of something new and something devilish that they can do to or with humanity. The latest, in England, is a 50-year-old woman, a medium, whose countenance, while she is in a trance, changes to Chinese, African or various European types, old and young, with varying expressions. While representing a Chinese her fingers took on a tapering appearance, with the nails long and pointed, like a Chinaman's.

Child Labor Preferred

RATIFICATION of the federal Child Labor Amendment in New York state, and elsewhere, was opposed by manufacturing interests and Catholic Church organizations. The latter demanded death for the amendment as an encroachment on Catholic education (?) and a communist outcropping (? and !). The Catholic hierarchy believes ardently in the old line, "Everybody works but 'father'."

Another Honest Man Found

CHEER up. Another honest man has been found, this time in Kentucky. At Louisa, in that state, Shirley Sanson paid \$2 for an old cupboard, and while he was fixing it up at home he removed a false back and found \$2,200 which had been there since 1875 and been overlooked. He took the find back to the people who sold him the cupboard.

Religious Persecution in America

SENATOR BORAH, asked by a Protestant to investigate religious persecution in America before investigating religious persecution in Mexico, admitted what is the truth, so often denied, that there is at present much religious persecution in this country, but said its investigation was a delicate matter.

Transportation Items

The Lifeboats of the Queen Mary

THE lifeboats of the Queen Mary, the new Atlantic liner, are each fitted with copper buoyancy chambers sufficient to float a weight greater than the entire boat, equipment and passengers. They are equipped with Diesel motors, and radio, and are fireproof. They are each 36 feet long.

One Killed Every Fifteen Minutes

SSTATISTICS compiled by the Travelers Insurance Company show that in the year 1934 one person was killed in automobile accidents every fifteen minutes throughout the year, the total running to 36,000. One was injured every thirty-one seconds.

Beacons Across the Sahara

FOR the guidance of airplanes across the Sahara desert the French government has installed white pylons every 125 miles, each surmounted by a brilliant light. These lights can be seen for upward of 60 miles from a plane, at night.

Airplane Travel over the Caribbean

IN THE year 1934 more than 120,000 passengers flew from Miami to various points about the Caribbean sea. The flying boats used weigh seventeen tons each. They carry crews of five each, and are equipped with promenade aisles fifty feet long.

Distribution of News Pictures

THE largest telephotographs, 11 by 17 inches, half a newspaper page, travel over the entire country in seventeen minutes; smaller pictures take less time. A story a column long takes fourteen minutes to be teletyped.

Telegraph Companies Hard Hit

THE use of the air mail and the long distance telephone have cut so deeply into the telegraph business that even its best friends see no future for it. Like the railroads, it has seen its best days.

Liner Launched 12,000 Miles Away

THE duke of Gloucester, in Brisbane City Hall, Australia, turned a switch that launched the steamer Orion, a \$5,000,000 vessel, at Barrow-in-Furness, Scotland, twelve thousand miles away.

A Third of the Children Doomed

THAT supposedly great convenience and source of enjoyment, the automobile, makes the toll of war seem insignificant. It has been statistically ascertained that one-third of the children now born into the world, if the use of the motor car continues as at present, are destined to meet death or serious injury as a result of automobile accidents. Under the kingdom of Christ, however, life will be held sacred and will not be hazarded for the sport of convenience of the selfish.

Zambezi Bridge Completed

THE railway bridge across the lower Zambezi, longest railway bridge across an uninterrupted stream, has been completed. It is well over two miles long, containing thirty-three main spans and six approach spans. Across the stream proper the spans are 262 feet 6 inches long from the center of one pier to the center of the next. It took four years to build. The cost was over \$7,000,000.

Army Tanks at Railroad Speed

THE new American army tanks are built to run sixty miles an hour. They either run on their own wheels or lay their own tracks to run upon. They will be used to circulate the good news that the United States is officially and authentically a part of Christ's kingdom, and that people who don't believe it would better watch out.

Shilling Telephone Calls

ENGLAND now has a cheap night rate of one shilling for a telephone call anywhere in England, Scotland or Wales. When the new cheap rates were inaugurated there was such a rush that the lines were overloaded and delays of 76 and 82 minutes were reported in getting connections.

Mines in the North Sea

AS LATE as last fall a ship in the North sea ran into one of the mines planted there in the time of the World War, so it is conjectured. The ship was blown up and went to the bottom with all on board.

"Pep" Through Diet

(Reprinted from *Health Culture*)

A MEDICAL director is employed at the Georgian Cafeterias to examine each of their employees at regular intervals and instruct them in their daily hygiene. The Georgian booklet contains much interesting data about food values, and an article by Dr. William S. Sadler, on "Pep" and How to Get It" through diet.

These foods are named in the order of the amount of iron they contain, which should be eaten to replenish the iron in one's blood, thus building pep:

Spinach, especially fresh green spinach. Tomatoes, apples, milk, yolks of eggs, asparagus, oranges.

These foods are named as influencing the amount of acid poison in the blood, in turn having an important influence on pep:

FOODS WHICH TEND TO ACIDIFY THE BLOOD

1. All the forms of flesh foods, including meat, fish, fowl, meat broths, beef tea, etc.
2. Eggs.
3. All kinds of breadstuffs, whether made of wheat, rye or corn: bread, crackers, toast, grid-dle cakes, etc.
4. All sorts of pies and cakes, except fruit pies and other desserts made chiefly from milk or of fruits.
5. All cereals: rice, oatmeal, hominy, etc.
6. Peanuts, prunes, plums and cranberries. The last two contain benzoic acid, which the body cannot fully oxidize.

FOODS WHICH TEND TO ALKALINIZE

NONACIDIFY THE BLOOD

1. All dairy products, including milk, cheese, ice cream, buttermilk, etc.
2. All kinds of vegetable and fruit soups and broths.
3. All the fresh fruits, except plums and cranberries.
4. All of the dried fruits (except prunes), especially figs.
5. All kinds of vegetables; especially beets, carrots, celery, lettuce and other "leafy" vegetables.
6. The legumes: beans, peas and lentils.
7. All the nuts, except peanuts.

Note: Butter and sugar are not included in the list, for the reason that these two foods are

quite completely burned up in the body. Tea, coffee, tobacco, alcohol or certain kinds of drugs are designated as almost pure acid poisons.

Dr. Sadler points out that many people are habitually "overeating" the acid-producing foods, those that bring lethargy and fatigue. He also dispenses the popular feeling that fresh fruits produce acid. He designates them as non-acidous, when "burned up" in the body.

"NON-ACIDIFY" YOUR MENUS

Many people do habitually overeat acid-producing foods. This point is especially important to bear in mind, for these same persons have the habit of placing the blame for the condition induced by these foods on restaurants.

If the doctor tells you that you have too much acid in your blood, then you should go in for grapefruit, lemons, and oranges, for that will be the quickest way to reduce your acidity. Without going into the details of chemistry, this apparent anomaly is explained by saying that in the process of digestion the acids of all the fruits, with the exception of the two mentioned, are converted into alkaline salts which tend to neutralize the acidity of the blood, and thereby increase its "alkaline reserve".

The Man Who Was Dead

JOHN PUCKERING, of Arley, England, said to have been dead five minutes, claims to have seen old familiar friends while he was "dead". His daughter, however, states, "All I know about it is that during his deliriums father kept repeating the names of certain villagers, some of whom I did not even know he knew—and all of them were dead." One of the demons must have been on the job here in an effort to perpetuate Satan's first lie, "There is no death." It is a patent fact that he made a poor job of it. To everyone who believes the Scriptural statement that "the dead know not any thing" it is evident that John Puckering saw what he did in his delirium and before he died.

Ancient Dentistry in Fertina

DENTISTS of Italy were greatly interested not long ago when graves were opened of people who have been dead since 200 B.C. and it was found that several of the teeth among the bones still carried gold caps and fillings, and some of them bridgework.

Homemade Yeast

BRING one pint *fresh* buttermilk to a boil. Remove from stove and stir in enough cornmeal to make it quite stiff. Let cool to lukewarm. Then stir in an ordinary yeast cake soaked in a small amount of tepid (or lukewarm) water. Stir thoroughly and let rise until morning (as you would when setting your bread sponge). Then add one-half cup of white flour, stir, and let stand until light or more fluffy. Add enough cornmeal to make quite stiff, and roll or pat out on a rolling board (covered with wax paper to prevent it from sticking to the board). Roll to the thickness of commercial yeast cakes. Cut into squares and let dry overnight. Turn the yeast cake over and then let dry one day or more. Now it is ready to be put in a cheesecloth bag and hung near the stove. Do not let the yeast get too hot, but keep it in a fairly warm place. Turn the yeast about twice a day for a week, so it will not mold, but dry thoroughly. When it is dry enough, store away in fruit jar sealed as tight as your hand can turn it, not too tight. Use as ordinary yeast.

—Mabel Schmeichel, *Minnesota*.

Tannic Acid for Burns

REFERRING to the newly discovered use of tannic acid in the treatment of burns, a California subscriber says: "Have just had occasion to use this tannic acid solution for a scald on my thigh involving first and second degree burns, and find it a very wonderful treatment; immediate relief and a natural, speedy recovery; particularly valuable knowledge where there are little children in the home. It really rates with the instruction concerning aluminum. Was pleased to see a short paragraph on it in *The Golden Age*; try it and see, the next time you get scorched."

Loco Weed in Women's Cigarettes

THE *Vegetarian*, *Fruitarian* claims that loco weed is being mixed in special cigarettes for women. Such cigarettes are intended for and marketed for sex stimulation and excitement of the sex functions.

Optic Nerve Resumes Action

AT Dallas, Texas, fifty years ago, E. A. Griswold was made blind by a fever. Ever since then he has begged on the street corners. The other day his optic nerves resumed their action, and now in his old age he sees.

Hiccoughed for Five Years

THE following interesting item is reported by the Canadian Press from North Sydney, Nova Scotia:

After hiccoughing almost daily for five years, Mrs. Angus Dingwall, of Port Aux Basques, Newfoundland, has been cured by a nerve operation, it was announced at the hospital here today.

The 45-year-old woman was so thin and weak she had to be removed from the steamer *Caribou* on a stretcher when she arrived for treatment three weeks ago. Now she is reported to be free from hiccoughs for the first time since 1930, and gaining weight rapidly.

Dr. L. R. Meech and Dr. A. K. Roy performed a blood-letting operation involving surgical treatment of the phrenic nerve on the neck.

To Remove Stains

THE St. Louis *Star-Times* says: "To clean that stained aluminum pot boil a few cranberries in it for about twenty minutes. Throw away the berries and then scrub the vessel with soap and hot water in which a little baking soda has been dissolved." Now, in view of the oft-repeated yarn that aluminum pots are so desirable as cooking utensils, won't the brilliant mind that composed this gem of misinformation tell why the cranberries are to be thrown away when they constitute such high-class filling for a cadaver?

Doctor Macdonald and Osteopathy

DOCTOR W. KELMAN MACDONALD, doctor of medicine, and now also doctor of osteopathy, Edinburgh University, told the House of Lords that, suffering from injuries received on the football field, he had been helped by osteopathic treatments. Thereafter, still skeptical, he had come to America to prove to himself that there is nothing in osteopathy, and went back to the University of Edinburgh completely converted to it.

Blind for Five Years

IVY DAWSON, London, fell down stairs. In three days she became blind, and was so for five years. Meantime her mother died of a broken heart. The doctors insisted nothing could be done for her. At length she was examined and treated by an osteopath, who found three vertebrae out of place, affecting the optic nerve. She now sees as well as before her fall. Why do so many medical men shut their eyes to these facts?

The Soy Bean

By Eston Groves (New York)

SOMEWHAT over a dozen years ago there were only a few thousand acres of soy bean cultivated in America. In 1934, it was estimated, about five million acres. In the early part of the nineteenth century the first seed was planted in America. There are now several hundred types in the United States, each type being developed to meet certain sectional requirements of the country. In the Orient the soy bean has been used for centuries. The wide use of soy has been a substitute for meat and wheat among countless millions of Orientals, supplementing their rice diet. The bean is cooked green, ground for flour, fermented into food and drink, its oil extracted for salad oil, and its milk preparation used for curds and cheese. The Chinese use soy meal for fertilizer for their rice crops. By a process of soaking the beans, and then grinding them, the Oriental processes a form of milk. This is due to the protein and oil in the soy. A creamy mixture results which, when properly boiled and strained, can be used for practically the same purposes as cow's milk.

The flour from soy has recently been improved in taste, and is now used extensively in Europe. In America the soy meal is an important livestock food, equaling linseed or cottonseed cake even when most of its oil is extracted. The oil content of the bean varies from 15 percent low to 22 percent high. The chemical analysis of the oil shows it to be a hydrocarbon plus oxygen. By removing the oxygen, a form of petroleum is left. This can be distilled into a lubricating oil. Japanese scientists are now reported working on the idea of drawing gasoline from this oil, but no practical method has yet been found. However, there are possibilities. American soap factories use several million pounds of soy bean oil a year. The Chinese varnishes and lacquers are unexcelled, and soy bean oil has been used in them for centuries. Many paints manufactured in this country are using increasing quantities of soy bean oil. A splendid waterproof glue is said to be made from it. Its industrial uses are many.

Soy bean makes a splendid hay crop, giving one to three tons of excellent hay per acre. The straw makes fine nitrogen fertilizer for the soil. A good stand of soy bean builds up the soil, the plant being a legume, which means storing up that great plant essential, nitrogen, under its

roots. The soy bean does well even on poor soil, which is an advantage to many farmers.

English Farmers Resist the Tithes

THE Church of England is supported largely by tithes forcibly levied upon the farmers, because others would not pay them. Now the farmers are refusing to pay, and are even poisoning their livestock and setting fire to their haystacks rather than that they should fall into the hands of the tithe collectors. The latter will take anything a farmer possesses. They have been known to carry away his firewood, and his furniture, even rousing him out of sleep to take away his bed. As a result, in some districts it is not safe for parsons to appear on the streets, farmers and innkeepers and storekeepers refuse even so much as a glass of water to officers of the law, and when sales are forced, sheep are knocked down at two cents a head, haystacks at 3c each, and a farmer's furniture, said to be worth \$2,500, produced exactly \$6.75. In an instance where 20 acres of a farm were washed away by the sea the tithe collector insisted on full payment, even though 20 percent of the farm was under water.

53c for Two Hogs

OTTO REIMER, near Sauk Rapids, Minn., shipped two hogs to South St. Paul, and when he had paid the yardage, state weighing, hog inspection commission, fire insurance, truckers' insurance and trucking fee he had 53c left. Now he is wondering how the bookkeeper made such a slip and let all that money, 53c, get by him.

No More Free Homesteads

ALL public lands have been withdrawn from homesteading, thus marking the end of the greatest distribution of land for homesteading purposes that the world has ever seen. The remaining public lands are unsuitable for farming purposes and will be used for forestry and game preserves.

The Small Crops of 1934

DUE to the great drought and the politicians the United States had in 1934 the smallest cotton crop in 13 years, the smallest barley crop in 34 years, the smallest wheat crop in 41 years, the smallest oats crop in 52 years, and the smallest corn crop in 53 years. The rye crop was the smallest since 1874.

British Items

Who Incited the Greek Rebellion?

WONDER who incited the Greek rebellion. Could it be that the putative statesmen of perfidious Albion and equally perfidious Gaul persuaded that old gentleman Venizelos to start something he could not finish? If so, they must be sorry, now that they see he has decided to remain away from his native land the rest of his days. But they may have decided that it was worth trying, anyway. Three Greek papers at the time of Prince George's marriage to Princess Marina predicted the restoration of the Greek monarchy. Britain would be interested in any plans of Italy to establish an empire in the heart of Africa, and so would France, and it just might be that the abortive Greek rebellion was an attempt to distract Italy's attention so that she would not pour too many troops, conscript or otherwise, into either the British or the French Sudan.

20,000 Tons of Pepper

ALONDON firm attempted to corner the pepper market. Everybody was to get rich buying pepper, and, as a matter of fact, the world's supply for several years, 20,000 tons, was cornered, and then the bubble burst and 26 concerns were found heavily involved, with some unable to continue. The concern that started the corner went to the wall after being in business ninety years.

The World's Finest Linens

THE world's finest linens have come from Ireland, but the flax, 90 percent of it, was grown in Russia. Now the Russians and Germans are using nearly all the Russian flax in factories of their own and the Irish linen factories are short of raw materials, with the result that the employment of 85,000 linen workers in the north of Ireland is seriously threatened.

End of Armistice in Sight

WINSTON CHURCHILL, British Conservative leader, recently said:

"We have entered a period of the gravest peril. We are faced, not with the prospect of a new war; we are faced with something very like the possibility of resumption of the war which ended in November, 1918. The position is far worse than it was in 1914 and may well be found to be uncontrollable."

\$3 a Week Wage After Five Years

AFTER five years a young man of 20, working all that time for a firm of fishmongers in Glasgow, was found by the courts to be receiving only \$3 a week wages. He could have got more from the Labor Exchange, without work, but preferred to work. There is some nobility in the world, after all.

War Business Is Good

HEADLINES three columns wide and seven lines deep from the London *Daily Herald* read as follows: "Warplane Makers Have Orders for a Year; Big Issue of New Capital; Deadlier Bombs Being Made; World Boom; Day and Night Rush." How the Devil must rejoice in it all!

Lurid Language in Scottish Express

THE Glasgow *Scottish Daily Express*, writing of what it calls the "damnable League of Nations pact system", refers to Balkan troubles in the following lurid language: "Lucky indeed will Britain be if some accursed pact or treaty does not tie us up in that gypsies' quarrel in hell's kitchen."

Britain Erecting Bombproof Shelters

BRTAIN is erecting vast bombproof shelters all along its east and south coasts; others will be built inland. The scheme is intended to provide safety for a day when there will be no safety for any. At points where these shelters are being erected sentries are posted to keep strangers at a distance.

Irish Republic Pays Up

THE Irish Republic has made a good name for itself by paying its debt of honor, or at least starting to pay it. To start the republic bonds in the amount of \$6,000,000 were sold, mostly in the United States. These bonds are now being repaid at the rate of \$12.50 for each \$10 bond.

Making Machine-Gunners of Boys

ON FIELD days, boys in the cadet corps of the London secondary schools, ages ranging from 12 to 15, are dressed in khaki and carry machine guns to the parade grounds, where they are given military training from nine o'clock in the morning until four in the afternoon.

France and Germany

Cheerful News for Parisians

FOR three cents a Parisian can get a little book from the police telling him, in case of an air raid, to make for the open country as fast as he can go. If he has to stay in the city he must go inside, stop up every crack, turn out the lights and cut off the gas and electricity. If he cannot get inside he may hide behind a pillar or in a doorway. After the sirens signal that the attack is over, the civilian can come cautiously out of his house, but must not touch anything tainted with gas.

Unemployment in France

UNEMPLOYMENT, of which, for long, there was but little in France, is now increasing rapidly, and it was claimed that in February the actual unemployment was around 2,000,000, with the government admitting about one-fourth of that number. Humpty Dumpty has fallen off the wall all over "Christendom", and all the king's horses and all the king's alphabets cannot get him back where he was.

France Overstocked with Wheat

FRANCE, ordinarily an importer of wheat, is now overstocked with that commodity, and has had to issue orders to cut down the amount sown. The world has no difficulty in raising enough food for the hungry, but its difficulty is wholly in finding a way to put money into the pocket of the one who needs and wishes to buy the food. France will make an effort to end crop surpluses.

Bigger Water and Air Navies and—

WITHOUT a division the French Chamber voted \$200,000,000 for the navy and \$100,000,000 for the air "service", and eight days afterward it took 1,000 policemen to drive away the legless veterans who had squatted in front of the Ministry of Finance as a protest against cuts in their pensions.

France Also Wasting Food

THE United States is not alone in deliberate wastage of the bounties of God. Last year the products of the vast apple orchards of Normandy were given back to the land, huge quantities of wheat were wasted, and thousands of pounds of fish were thrown back into the sea, because there was no market for them.

Working on the German Roads

A MAN working on the German roads describes living conditions, in an article reproduced in the *Manchester Guardian*: "There is no water for washing in the camp. Water is brought twice daily in carts from Baudiss. It is used in the cookhouse first, and, as a rule, there is none left for washing. Some of the men wash in their tea, as it is undrinkable, anyway. The huts which are built to hold 18 men each are occupied by at least 26. Each camp is composed of 15 to 20 huts. It is as cold as ice in the huts. There is only one pail of coke in each for heating. In the camp Baudiss II dysentery and scabies have broken out because of the continuous lack of water. Men when they come home are covered with a crust of dirt. The track from the camp to the place where they work, about an hour's march, is unlit. In one week two men fell into a hole five yards deep. They stuck there until the following morning, up to the waist in mud and water, before they were salvaged. One of them had a broken arm."

Surveys of German Frontier

SURVEYS of the German frontier show scores of underground hangars, with wide, flat areas in front of them, suitable for airplane runways. The Krupp works are again busy making great guns. Wide concrete roads, a mile apart, parallel the border. Dutch farmers living near the border have been told that anyone found with only one foot on the German side of the line will never see his home again. The French, having been the direct cause of all this, are now frightened, and have need to be.

German Parsons Must Be Fighters

GERMANY'S education minister, Dr. Rust, has ruled that hereafter no persons can preach, practice law or medicine, or engage in teaching unless provided with certificates showing eighteen months' training in boxing, swimming and light athletics. The same rule applies to women.

Nazis No Longer to Carry Whips

SINCE January 6, 1935, it is pointed out, Hitler himself no longer carries a whip, and one of the Hitler papers, in a mild manner, has suggested that it might be well for the rank and file to now follow his example.

Yugoslavia—Australasia—Puerto Rico

Alexander Left \$10,000,000

WHEN King Alexander lost his life (which was because, on the fatal day, he took a chance and left off his bullet-proof vest) he left behind him a fortune of \$10,000,000. He was a monarch of the old school, aristocratic, autocratic, militaristic. After he died an artist in a Yugoslavian newspaper pictured him being welcomed by Christ in heaven and offered a place at His right hand, but his widow said she thought the people of Yugoslavia would remember him better as a soldier than as a saint. After his death, students of the Orthodox Church College smashed 280 windows in the Roman Catholic Jesuit church and seminary, the police meantime idly watching, but doing nothing to protect the properties.

No More Thefts of Brides in Yugoslavia

FOR some years, owing to scarcity of marriageable girls in southern Serbia, and owing to excess of marriageable girls in the province of Herzegovina, there has been considerable bride-stealing going on in various parts of Yugoslavia. The government has put its foot down on this, though the custom dates back to Bible times, and hereafter regular bargains must be made. Prices range from \$25 to \$2,500. All that is required of the bride is that she be healthy, romantic and willing to work on the land alongside her husband.

Torture Chamber Found in Zagreb

ONE of the torture chambers of the Inquisition has been found in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. The dispatch, after telling of the discovery of the two underground torture chambers, merely said that "in the second room was an instrument of torture used during the Middle Ages by the Inquisition"; but some clever Jesuit had removed the key word from the dispatch so that none might know just what the instrument was.

Gas Masks in Yugoslavia

SIMPLE gas masks in Yugoslavia sell for \$1.80. For the more elaborate patterns, with triplex eyepieces and with special gloves and chemically treated trousers and blouse, the price is \$9.00. The latter price, like that of a high-class coffin, seems high.

Dodging Red-Hot Boulders

NEW ZEALAND enjoyed the unique experience of having a volcano active for three days, during which the eruptions could be seen for a hundred miles. While the volcano was in playful mood it was in the habit of throwing red-hot boulders weighing several tons each hundreds of feet up in the air, and catching them again in the crater, as a small boy catches a fast one at first base. Some New Zealanders thought it would be fun to go and see the spectacle near at hand. They were part way up the mountain-side when the volcano changed its mind about throwing flies and tried for a home run. Some of the boulders came down the mountainside, and the visitors, after dodging a few hot ones of the size of a house, concluded the sport was too exciting, and lit out for home.

Puerto Rico Wants Better Governors

EX-SENATOR RAFAEL CUEVAS ZEQUIERA, of Puerto Rico, is eager to have somebody, anybody, come down there and see for himself that many of the governors appointed for Puerto Rico in the last twenty-five years are unfitted for even small municipal positions in the United States. The problems are complicated, and instead of the governorship's being a political plum, Mr. Zequiera thinks it is a position calling for some man who knows something of the language, history and psychology of the people, and with sufficient ability to make use of what he knows.

Through Transportation in Australia

THROUGH transportation in Australia is handicapped by the fact that existing railway gauges vary all the way from 2 feet up to 5 feet 3 inches, and passengers have to change trains every few hundred miles. Freight also has to be unloaded and reloaded. It is estimated that it would cost \$125,000,000 to unify the railway gauges; but the revenue from the railroads as at present is insufficient to cover the interest on the capital invested in them, and so the project lags.

Seeing Snakes in Australia

IN Seymour, Victoria, Australia, a thousand snakes were killed in five days. Tiger snakes attacked several persons, and at a band concert the reptiles appeared in dozens, causing a panic. The snakes were brought in by floods in a stream.

Almost Anywhere

Russia's Collective Farms

THE Russian newspaper *Izvestia* claims that of the 20,000,000-odd farms in Russia 15,800,000 have been collectivized into 240,000 units, occupying 90 percent of the entire sowing area of the country. Methods of encouraging the peasants to enter the collectives are interesting, but gruesome. On the border of Turkestan, when the Soviet police went to collect grain from the Mohammedan population, the latter opened fire, and before the battle was over the Red Army was called in, bombing airplanes were sent to help the troops, and 2,000 people were slain. After the battle was over, fourteen of the Mohammedan local police were shot as punishment and the collection of the grain went on as originally planned.

Prophet Stuck His Foot in It

HERR WEISENBERG, in the White Mountains, near Berlin, made himself a prophet by spiritistic methods, and succeeded in getting 100,000 followers and \$125,000 in cash. Then he made a slip. At one of the meetings he materialized the voice of Frederick the Great, and the German police were so shocked that they confiscated his property and suppressed his paper, leaving him high and as dry as a man could be that owned and operated a huge beer house and beer garden on his own property. The pilgrims that daily visited him used to put their offerings in a box in the beer garden. The demons do everything possible to get the people confused so that they will be as much as possible a dishonor to the Creator's name.

Poltergeist in Ontario

DEEDS of poltergeist are reported in the home of John Quinn, North Burgess township, near Perth, Ontario. The acts are the work of demons: probably someone in the family is under demoniacal control, perhaps a child. The acts consist of sudden breaking of windows without any apparent cause, or a teapot flies off the stove, or cups, dishes and firewood fly all over the house, and many other similar acts.

Many Wolves in Bosnia

THERE were so many wolves in Bosnia, Yugoslavia, this past winter that in one district not only cattle, but men, were attacked and it became necessary to appeal to the government to send in hunters to hunt down the packs that so persisted in their attacks.

Five Thousand Slaves a Year

FIVE THOUSAND slaves are smuggled across the Red sea into Arabia every year. This slave traffic is ordinarily not interfered with by any of the governments, British, French or Italian, whose colonies lie across the track taken by the Abyssinian slave-traders. The other day, looking for something else, a tarpaulin on a dhow was lifted, and under it were found nineteen girls and six boys, all too feeble to stand, and all with lips swollen through lack of water.

Who May Vote in Bermuda?

THE population of the Bermuda islands is about 28,000, but only male landholders may vote; so, all together, there are but 1,807 voters, 730 of whom are colored. The women of the islands claim that they have 785 landholdings, and are now on the rampage to share the responsibilities of government with the lords of the realm. There is no indication, anywhere, that woman suffrage has improved the world a particle.

No Resurrection for Armament Conference

LLOYD GEORGE said that the nations of Europe are like wild animals in the jungle, snarling at one another and baring their teeth; also that the armament conference, once called the disarmament conference, is as dead as Lazarus, with this difference: there is going to be no resurrection.

Italian Mothers of Ten Children Each

NINETY-FOUR mothers of 912 children in Italy have received \$320 each from Mussolini. The dictator is anxious for as large a crop of cannon fodder as possible, and for years has been encouraging large families.

Continent-wide Action Against Locusts

NINE of the South American governments have joined to make a study of locusts, and to take steps to combat them at the points of origin. In very recent years these pests seem to be more plentiful everywhere.

Sheffield Busy on War Materials

A DISPATCH from Sheffield, England, says that Sheffield factories are today more busily engaged in producing arms material than at any previous time in the last seventeen years.

Huge Petition in Holland

A YEAR ago Jehovah's witnesses presented to Congress a petition of about 2,500,000 signatures requesting the preservation of their radio rights. This was by far the largest petition ever presented to an American Congress. Huge petitions are now the order of the day. In Holland 1,500,000 persons signed a petition urging the government to increase the dole to the unemployed and to distribute clothing, blankets and food to them, either free or at nominal prices.

Arthur Henderson's Hard Speech

ARTHUR HENDERSON, hard-hitting British Socialist, said of Britain's present government:

"The present government is the uncleanest thing in our political history. Its life since it started has been a foul lie. It ought not to be touched by honest people. During the last three years they have devoted their power to bamboozling the people of this country in order to maintain a dying capitalist system."

How Italy Reduced Interest on Bonds

ITALY was paying 5 percent interest on certain bonds; she wanted to reduce the interest charge to 3 percent, so she gave each person agreeing to the change a lottery ticket, with drawings all together amounting to \$50,000,000. By this arrangement 180 new millionaires were created, 360 other persons received prizes of 500,000 lire, and 2,400 received awards of 100,000 lire. This is said to have been one of the most ambitious lotteries ever pulled off in the world.

Solovetski—Russia's Devil's Island

SOLOVETSKI, Russia's Devil's Island, to which Zinoviev and Kamenev were sentenced to a living death, is in the White sea, eight days' journey north of Moscow. The temperature there seldom rises above zero. The men were sent north in an unheated freight train. One of them, Zinoviev, was in an advanced stage of tuberculosis when he was entrained. They were sentenced without trial.

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Who Rules America?

Are you in favor of America being ruled by her own people? Or shall the nation be ruled by the FOREIGN POWER from Vatican City, Rome?

Why the *Washington Star* and the *Washington Post* choose the side of ROME.

Every American should carefully read Judge Rutherford's speech "Government" and then say whether or not American newspapers are justified in suppressing any part of it.

Which side will the FCC and Congress support?

JEHOVAH'S witnesses had been in convention at Washington, D.C., for five days; a convention that is of world-wide interest, 20,000 or more of those devoted men and women were present; two of Washington's leading newspapers, the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Star*, had contracted in writing for a money consideration to print the entire speech of Judge Rutherford, which was broadcast to the ends of the earth on Sunday June 2; the convention waited for hours to receive a copy of those papers before returning to their homes; at the last moment both of the above newspapers, yielding to some sinister influence, repudiated their contracts to publish the speech; Judge Rutherford immediately went before the convention and delivered an address that will long survive in the memories of those who heard it.

Immediately following that address the editor of the *Golden Age* magazine approached Judge Rutherford and propounded these questions: "Why is the Roman Catholic hierarchy so deeply concerned about keeping the people in ignorance of the Bible, and particularly in ignorance of the hierarchy's crooked work? In this connection would you care to express an opinion as to the present religio-political situation in America?"

He replied: "You will recall, probably, that more than two years ago in a public speech broadcast by radio I submitted proof that there was a movement on to have a dictator in America. Well, everybody can see that now, if they want to see anything. And soon they will see that it is the Jesuit organization of the Roman Catholic hierarchy that is behind that movement to rob the American people of all their rights. The Catholic hierarchy is stealthily moving forward to grab control of the United States government, and for that reason is pursuing the policy that all such unrighteous organizations pursue: to keep the people blind to the truth until it is too late.

"Every Catholic paper in the United States has boasted that the NRA program originated with the pope and that Mr. Roosevelt adopted it at the instance of the pope. Many other newspapers have quoted these boasts of the Catholic organization. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States recently practically annihilated the NRA.

"The president gave an interview to the public press shortly thereafter and, piqued by the decision of the Court, he was unable to restrain his anger and clearly let it be known that he had repudiated the Jeffersonian principles of

the Democratic party that put him in office and now stands for centralization of power, dictatorship and against States' rights. A movement is now being pushed at Washington to amend the Constitution of the United States, giving the federal government most of the power that the States now have, and thus further throttle the people.

"Many of the official family of the president are Roman Catholics and are agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. If the people should now be informed that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is trying to not only control their religious thoughts and convictions but at the same time deprive them of their liberty of speech, and thought, that would greatly hinder the efforts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to get control of the government.

"From these facts does it not look as if Mr. Roosevelt and the Roman Catholic hierarchy have some definite understanding? This reminds me of the memorable proverb carved by James G. Blaine, referring to the Democratic party and the Roman Catholic hierarchy, to wit: "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion." That might be amended now by saying: Rum, Romanism and Dictatorship.

"These circumstances appear to be very persuasive evidence that the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its American agents are desperately attempting to grab the job of dictator before the people know what is happening. Mr. Roosevelt seems to be the first candidate for that position. May I suggest that since his recent utterance about the Supreme Court's decision and the States' rights, and his close affiliation with the Roman Catholic hierarchy becoming well known, the toboggan slide has been drawn up before the White House. It might be interesting to watch it start down the incline.

"I am not interested in politics, but I am sure there are millions of loyal American citizens who love the principles of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution and many of them will be asking: 'Shall America be ruled by the people, or by a few selfish men in the interest of an entrenched and foreign power, which is inimical to the liberties that the American people have long enjoyed?'"

The Press of the Capital City

The press of Washington, as of all other great cities of the United States and of "Chris-

tendom", is in the hands of Big Business. It is operated not at all in the interest of the people, but wholly for predatory interests.

Fear to displease the Roman Catholic hierarchy has whipped the press into complete subjugation to a handful of priests, and priest and press hide behind the slogan: "We love peace and will print nothing that is controversial."

It requires the help of Jehovah God to see the two organizations, His own and that of the Devil. Jesus saw them plainly, and took His stand wholly on the side of Jehovah. He could honestly say of Jehovah God, "I do always those things that please him"; and Jesus could also honestly say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

Jehovah God created man, originally, with a desire to be truthful and to do right, and this desire persists in the hearts of many. Such are astonished when they first discern that "the god of this world" "is a liar, and the father of it", and that 'the whole world lieth in the wicked one' and are "taken captive by him at his will".

There was a time when the American press was somewhat interested in news. That time has passed. The desire of the press for money has overwhelmed its judgment. "The love of money is the root of all evil." The press has determined that henceforth Jehovah's witnesses shall see its face no more; that is, shall be denied a just and fair place in any news report, even when, as at Washington, they occupy the center of the stage.

Judge Rutherford knows, as do all others of Jehovah's people who were at the Washington convention this month, that the Devil has sent forth word from his unseen spiritual realm that the time has come in America, as in Germany, to openly scoff at the name of Jehovah God, Creator of heaven and earth. The press is the Devil's mouthpiece. The Roman hierarchy controls the press.

Putting It Squarely

Not one of the 20,000 who heard Judge Rutherford's forceful, manly, brilliant address at the Washington Auditorium Monday afternoon June 3 will ever forget it. It was the address of a powerful man, a determined man, an angry man, a witty man; and it was a tremendous "hit" not advertised on the program, and entirely unexpected.

High Points of Judge Rutherford's Impromptu Address

(A full report of the entire convention will appear in *The Golden Age* for July 17, 1935, No. 413.)

THE only excuse for publishers to exist is to publish the truth. People in general are more ignorant of the Bible and know less about the Bible than anything else under the sun, due to the lack of truthfulness of the clergy.

In ancient times Jehovah God commanded that His people, the Israelites, must be made familiar with His Word. It was the duty of the priests to read the law and the prophecies to the people regularly. In this duty the priests became negligent, got to teaching the people their own ideas, and thus fell into the Devil's snare.

The influence of Jesus and the apostles lasted but a short time. The place in the hearts and minds of the people which properly belongs to Jehovah God, the clergy again usurped.

When the forefathers of the American people fled across the Atlantic they did it that they might have the privilege of freely searching the Scriptures and of freely worshiping Almighty God by telling to others whatever of truth they could learn from His Word. But for this attitude on their part, the Constitution of the United States would never have come into existence. It would be well for some of the American statesmen of the present day to remember the words of one of those earlier statesmen: "As for me, give me liberty or give me death."

Today in Washington Jehovah's people are witnesses, and they have also borne testimony, that Jehovah God, more than three thousand years ago, pointed out through His prophets, and particularly in the prophecy of Ezekiel, that at this time the peoples of earth would be ruled by three elements all working in essential harmony: One, religious; one, commercial; and one, political.

You have studied those prophecies. You remember the explanation; and now you see their fulfillment. We have reached the climax, the turning point. Falsehood has long prevailed; but it must go. In its place and stead righteousness and truth shall be everywhere.

Ignoring the News

Unmanfully, the Washington newspapers have descended to personalities. They have tried to convey the impression that I am a "great man" with a hypnotic spell over the 20,000 people who are here. There have been many gibes about my person.

Why should such things be put in the papers?

Because those responsible for filling the newspaper columns must put in something to hold their jobs, and because they do not know anything about the Bible. The reason they have never learned anything about the Bible is, because the priests or clergymen do not know anything about the Bible and have not taught the people the truth.

Yesterday real news "broke" at Washington. The

entire earth was reached with the message given here on the subject "GOVERNMENT". The transfer of world dominion, from the Devil's government to Jehovah's Government, is the most important subject that can engage the attention of man.

"The fear of man bringeth a snare." (Proverbs 29:25) The men operating these newspapers feared the Roman Catholic hierarchy and are in the Devil's snare. Jehovah God commands to tell the truth. Newspapers under the control of the Devil's Catholic hierarchy are afraid to tell the truth. Following yesterday's speech from this platform, radiograms, cablegrams and telegrams came here from every part of the earth announcing that reception of the broadcast was excellent. That is the first time such a thing occurred on this earth. Heretofore, on international broadcasts "dead" spots were not unknown, as well as atmospheric and other interference; but on this occasion a message of greatest importance to humanity was clearly heard almost around the world. Now, was that news?

It is well known that if the reporters had gone back to the higher-ups of the newspapers with this story just as it is, the editors would have blue-penciled it. Nor would the editors have done this because they wished to do it; but, like the reporters, they are working to make a living. Over them are the high-salaried men who never did anything for mankind and who are bossing the job. And over those higher men (though they do not know it) is Gog, the prime minister of the Devil; and over Gog is Satan himself.

What I have said during the past year before the Federal Communications Commission is that a knowledge of the truth as set forth in God's Word is the most important thing that can be brought to the attention of the people; and the people ought to have a chance to hear it. The Devil is against it, of course.

If the Catholic hierarchy were holding a big meeting in Washington, the newspapers would be filled with stories of peacocks strutting around in long robes and gold lace, with small boys carrying their trains. Pictures also, probably, of the postmaster general's prostrating himself before one of those "birds" or kissing the hem of the "bird's" lace petticoat. I would not want to be found dead in such a crowd. [This was punctuated throughout with screams of laughter and heartiest applause.]

Sometimes the Devil overplays his hand. I do not mean anything unkind. All creatures of earth are under the influence or control either of the Devil or of the Lord, whether they know it or not. The big newspapers are the propaganda sheets of Big Business and religion. Above all, they fear to displease the Roman Catholic hierarchy. They are accustomed to serving the Hierarchy generously and without charge. If a man really loves the Lord, that is no reason why he should have something for nothing. But when the

Roman hierarchy puts on one of its international advertising campaigns, commonly called a "eucharistic congress", the newspapers are literally full of the stuff. It is put in as news, and it is put in free.

When it became known that this convention was to be held at Washington, the local newspapers, the *Post* and the *Star*, solicited advertising and were very glad to take the money of Jehovah's witnesses. We did not need the newspapers, but consented to pay the full rate for advertising and put the notices in.

Later it was suggested that the speech of June 2, on "Government", be published in full in the local press. Five days ago an arrangement was entered into whereby the *Washington Post* agreed to print the complete text of the speech. The *Post* sent the following letter to Anton Koerber [see facsimile at right].

Koerber agreed and accepted. Immediately after the end of the speech on Sunday copy was furnished to the paper. The *Post* proceeded to set it in type, for the double-page forms which had been specially prepared in the paper's composing room the day before.

About seven o'clock Sunday evening the general manager of the *Post* suddenly notified Mr. Koerber's office that it would be necessary to cut out parts of the speech* on account of 'an attack on the Catholics' which the *Post* could not afford to publish. Upon being assured that Jehovah's witnesses desired the entire speech to appear in the paper just as it had been broadcast throughout the world that afternoon, the general manager insisted that he must refuse to publish any of it. Immediately thereafter another contract was made with the *Post* to print 100,000 copies of the speech on plain news stock, without any identifying mark to show that the *Post* had done the printing. While the type composition was being completed late Sunday night for that special printing by the *Post*, a memorandum for the people of Washington also was being prepared, and that has been mimeo-

* Set in bold type on pages 589-590.

graphed here today. From that memorandum I quote in part:

WHO CONTROLS AMERICA?

The following facts will aid you to answer that question. Sunday June 2 Judge Rutherford delivered a speech at Washington, D.C., on "Government" and which speech was broadcast throughout the United States and to many foreign countries. The *Washington Post* entered into a written agreement to publish the entire text of that speech. . . .

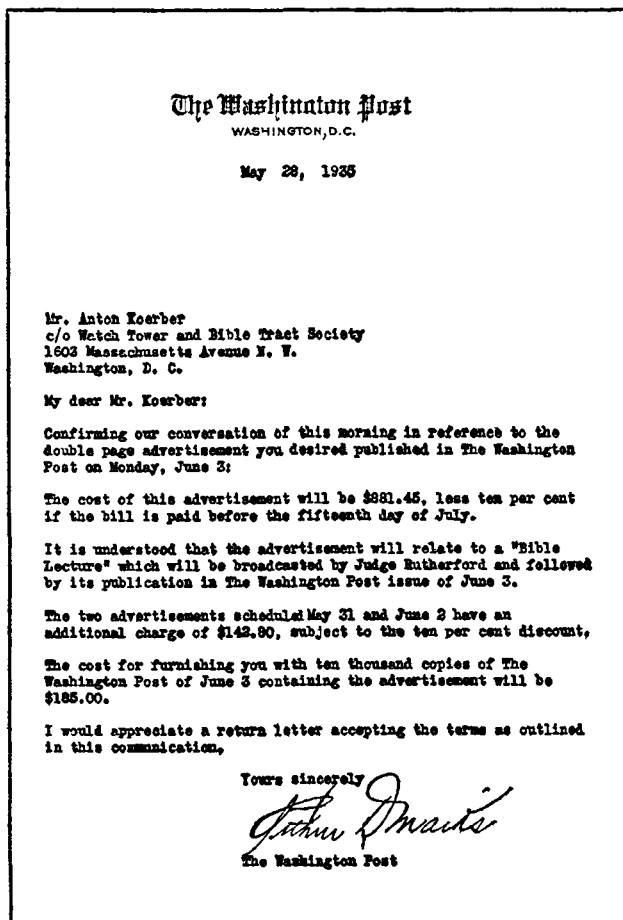
The *Post* accepted the speech, read it, set it in type, and was about ready to go to press when some powerful influence suddenly caused the *Post* to repudiate its contract and to refuse publication in its regular paper. As an excuse for declining to carry out its contract to print the speech the general manager of the *Post* said: "I have given instructions not to print the entire speech as we agreed, but we will print part of it if that portion which refers to the Vatican City at Rome and foreign power is deleted. I have marked that part that must be deleted."

The *Post* then agreed to print the entire speech on its presses merely on sheets of paper without the name of the *Post* appearing thereon for a cash consideration of \$400.00. The entire speech was in type form, proofread, and was going to press when the order came from some

high-ups: "Do not touch that stuff at all." And again the *Post* repudiated its contract. . . .

If the United States is in fact a democracy and the majority of the people are in control, and public officials are in fact the servants of the people and not the servants and under the influence of the aforementioned "foreign power", the *Post* would certainly have carried the speech in its columns in fulfillment of its written agreement because the people desire the truth to be published.

It is a well-known fact that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is now trying to induce America to meddle in the affairs of its sister republic Mexico and to aid



the said foreign power in its unrighteous work in that country.

Why are so many Catholic hierarchy agents holding high official positions in the American government? The hierarchy and its agents are directly interested in keeping the American people in ignorance of what Judge Rutherford's speech states because they know it is the truth. No one else would be interested in deleting that part of the speech.

Does the Roman Catholic hierarchy through its agents in America exercise sufficient influence to induce Congress, who are supposed to be the servants of the people, to continue to ignore the right of American citizens to hear the truth? Will Congress give any heed to the two and one-half million who have signed a petition to protect their interests in this respect? . . .

What part of Judge Rutherford's speech would any loyal American citizen desire to withhold from the people?

Seventy-five thousand copies of this memorandum will be distributed this afternoon in Washington.

The Evening Star Also Wanes

When the *Post* toppled, the Washington *Evening Star* still expected to shine on Monday with a complete double-page report of the Sunday afternoon lecture.

Shortly after the end of the address Sunday afternoon, the advertising representative of the *Star* telephoned the Washington Watch Tower headquarters to say that he had attempted to reach the Washington Auditorium to hear the speech but, for the mass of people who had turned out for the same purpose and who had not been able to get within blocks of the

Auditorium, he had been compelled to sit in a park and listen to it. He urged again that the *Star* be permitted to run the lecture as a paid advertisement.

The agreement was made, and the money actually *paid in advance; but at length, though they had ten or more men working on it, they sent word that they could not afford to publish what I had said about the unholy 'foreign power'.

The poor newspapermen are afraid of the roosters who call themselves "reverends". Until recently these "reverends" had been taking out of Mexico thirty million dollars a year that the people need for their education. I got that information from one of Mexico's judges in Mexico City.

These same "reverends" who took that money out of Mexico would now have a distinguished American official offend Mexico, and embroil this country in difficulties with all South American republics, by using the United States as a cat's-paw to pull its chestnuts out of the fire.

What Is "Controversial Matter"?

The *Star* sent word that it could not publish controversial matter. It did not say in so many words that it was in mortal terror of the Roman hierarchy's boycott, but that was the truth. It regretfully lost over a thousand dollars rather than to lose the many thousands it would lose if it gave offense to America's enemy on Vatican Hill.

Are you in favor of free speech, or do you want Rome to rule America? Not a newspaper in Washington has the courage to reproduce the address which I gave here yesterday. In Jeremiah's prophecy, 51st chapter, 30th verse, he said that is exactly what would come to pass. They would be 'like women'. They would refuse to come out and fight.

* See facsimile of check on this page; also letter of the *Star* returning the check.

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Mr. Anton Koerber,
Washington Company of Jehovah's Witnesses,
1603 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We return herewith your check dated today for \$1,371.51 to cover charge for two-page advertisement submitted at midnight last night for publication in The Star today.

All advertising for The Star is accepted subject to approval of the management and the right to reject, discontinue or omit any advertisement is expressly reserved.

We regret that advertising containing controversial matter is not acceptable, and we are, therefore, returning your check.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Newbold
Business Manager.

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Enclosure

The Roman Catholic hierarchy wants to grab absolute control of the United States government. If it had not been for the Supreme Court's declaring the NRA unconstitutional, we would have had a complete dictatorship in the United States within two years.

How does it happen that many of the more important offices in the government today are held by agents of the Roman hierarchy, that "foreign power"? Are there not enough real, loyal American statesmen, so that America can get on without having one man over in Rome dictate the policy of this government?

In the most malicious and un-American manner possible the Roman Catholic hierarchy has exercised its full power against Jehovah's witnesses, and used all its influence to put them off the air. It also used all its influence with Congress to persuade that body to ignore the greatest petition ever offered to it signed by two and a half million people. Why is it that Congress has been so subjugated to Rome that it has to get the ear of the postmaster general before it dares to move?

A Valuable Advertisement

The broken contracts of the *Post* and the *Star* make valuable advertising matter. These people under the control of the Roman hierarchy think they are going to get us out of this town with shamed face.

Because we were willing to pay for the publication of the Sunday discourse that the people might learn the truth, and because the Roman Catholic hierarchy has prevented this, they are now chuckling with the

thought that they have defeated our efforts. They have overplayed their hand. Their crooked work in causing the repudiation of contracts will result in advertising Jehovah's witnesses advantageously to more than ten times the value of the mere publication of the speech, and that will be another occasion for Jehovah to laugh at them as He says in Psalm two: 'He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh, and shall have them in derision.'

How did the 'unholy city', situate on the hill in Washington, learn that the *Post* and the *Star* were to publish my speech and get that information in time to stop it? I suggest that in every big organization in America, newspapers and all, the Roman Catholic hierarchy has some secret agent planted to keep them informed about what is going on.

Surely intelligent men such as edit these two great newspapers would have known when they first read the copy that it was neither libelous nor an unjust attack on anyone to publish the statements therein made. But some representative of the hierarchy got the information through to Big Business, probably to the postmaster general first, and at once the brakes were put on.

How does it happen that practically all the postmasters that are appointed are agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy? Why is it that members of Congress are so anxious to have the approval of the "distinguished" postmaster general before they act? The more you uncover this thing, the higher the stench arises, and every honest man will cry out: "Shall we be governed by our own people, or shall we be governed by an Italian who lives in Rome?"

GOVERNMENT

(The full text of Judge Rutherford's Washington radio speech)

THE EARTH and its fullness belong to Jehovah God. (Psalm 24:1) He created it for man and created man to dwell upon the earth forever in prosperity, peace and happiness. The earth can be properly and justly governed only in harmony with the will of Jehovah. All righteous power and authority proceed from Him. No government organized and carried on by men contrary to the will of Jehovah God can bring peace and prosperity to the people. Jehovah has given men the opportunity to establish good government amongst themselves. Men have failed. The nations of earth are now in dire extremity.

At the capital city of America it is my privilege to speak today, and by the grace of Jehovah

this message may be heard throughout America, Europe, Africa and the isles of the sea. No attempt will be made on this occasion to give advice to the men who hold the offices as rulers of the people. Such advice, if given, would not be heeded. This is proved by the fact that heretofore notice and warning have been given to the rulers of the earth, which has not only gone unheeded by them but which they have spurned and treated with ridicule and contempt.

Immediately before God destroyed the first world power that governed the earth He sent His messengers to give notice and warning to the rulers thereof. That message was contemptuously cast aside, Jehovah was defied, and His name reproached, and then God directed His

messengers to turn to the common people. (Exodus 5:1-4) Similar conditions now obtain, for the reason that the last world power to rule the earth is tottering to the fall. Disregarding the Word of God the blinded governing powers are leading the blinded and oppressed people, and all such are headed for the ditch. There is hope now only for those people who hear and give heed to the Word of Jehovah.

This message today is addressed to all people of good will regardless of nationality, creed or previous condition of servitude; to those persons who have an honest and sincere desire to have and to enjoy a government of equal and exact justice, administered unselfishly, honestly and righteously for the general welfare; to the people who sincerely desire and pray that the will of Jehovah God may be done on earth even as in heaven. I am persuaded that there are millions of such people who are held in bondage by the oppressive powers that now rule the earth. Such people of good will, by the grace of God, must have an opportunity to hear His Word, and He has made such provision.

I shall not speak the wisdom of men, because such wisdom has accomplished no lasting good to the people. All the treasures of knowledge and true wisdom are found in the Bible, which is the Word of God. I call your attention to the expressed wisdom of God's Word which, when set alongside the well-known physical facts, will enable you to understand what is the right course to take. Knowledge of these truths is now indispensable to all who will survive the great tribulation that is impending and immediately about to fall upon the world. I bid you therefore to follow carefully this speech and then to exercise your right of choice and take whatsoever course you may desire. The sole purpose here is to bring to your attention the true cause of the unhappy condition now prevailing on the earth and point you to the only possible way of ever having and enjoying a government that will fully satisfy the desire of every honest person.

Centuries ago, upon the plains of Shinar, men organized their first government, and in doing so they defied Jehovah God, set up a creature above the Creator, and gave praise to man and reproached the name of Almighty God. That government fell. Ancient Egypt was the first world power. That government defied Jehovah

God and cruelly persecuted and oppressed those people who served God. That world power was destroyed. The course taken by that government and its untimely end foreshadowed the course and untimely end of the governments that now rule the earth. In their order ancient Egypt was followed by other world powers, to wit, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, all of which pursued a course contrary to the Word of Jehovah God, oppressed the poor and wickedly persecuted those who told the truth. All of those governments went to destruction. Today the nations called "Christianism" dominate the peoples of the earth. These nations claim to be Christian nations, but they proceed exactly contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. In practically all of these nations there is now a dictator in the saddle who in turn is guided and controlled by a selfish, subtle and concealed power, and which controlling and governing power tramples upon the rights of the people, puts forward falsehood for truth, and gives no heed to the Word of Almighty God. In all of such governments religion is employed as a means to keep the people in ignorance of Jehovah's truth which is set forth in the sacred word of the Bible. The religions which are practiced by the governments of earth are diametrically opposed to God and to Christ Jesus. Claiming to be what it is not, and putting forward itself in the name of Christ, religion is the most effective means employed to deceive and mislead the people.

Long ago God caused to be recorded in the Bible the description of the conditions that would be manifest in the last days; and I ask you to bear witness to the fact that the conditions described in the Lord's Word exist right now and which conditions prove that we are in the "last days". That scripture, recorded at 2 Timothy 3:1-5, says: "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, without natural affection, [covenant]-breakers, 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, but denying the power thereof."—2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Everyone knows that this is a time of great peril and that the people are in dire distress

and in great perplexity. They have lost confidence in those that rule because they have been so often deceived, misled and oppressed. The Word of God shows that greater peril upon the world will come in the very near future and of that peril the common people must be warned.

The testimony of the keenest statesmen of the world today is that the governments of the earth are not only imperfect and unsatisfactory, but are generally corrupt. It is freely admitted that all the efforts of men to establish a just and satisfactory government have signally failed. All must admit that the combined wisdom and counsel of men have failed to set up and administer a satisfactory government. There must be a primary reason for such failure. There is a reason, and the full and complete explanation is stated in the Bible, which is now due to be understood because God's time has come to make it understandable. When you see that man's counsel has failed, then why longer follow that imperfect and unwise counsel? All fair-minded persons, whether they be Catholic or Protestant, Jew or infidel, must, if they would find the *right* way, cease fighting each other, cease following the lead of selfish and imperfect men, and sincerely, calmly, soberly and honestly endeavor to learn what is set forth in the Word of Jehovah and obey Him. Satan the Devil is the common enemy of man and he uses selfish and prejudiced men to keep the people in ignorance of how the desirable government can be had and enjoyed by mankind. Satan, by employing fraud and deceit, has kept, and now would continue to keep, the people in ignorance of the truth for the reason, as Jesus said, that the truth alone shall make you free. Bear with me, then, if you will, while I recount in brief the Bible reasons for the cruel and oppressive conditions that now obtain throughout the earth.

God created man and placed him in a beautiful and perfect home. He made His spiritual son Lucifer the invisible overlord of man and of the earth. Lucifer rebelled against Jehovah, led men and angels into that rebellion, and then challenged Jehovah God to put men on earth who would remain true and faithful to Him when put to the most severe test. God sentenced Lucifer to death and changed his name to that of Satan, Dragon, Serpent, and Devil. To be sure, God could have immediately executed that sentence of death by destroying Satan, but, had

He done so, Satan would have had no opportunity to prove his boastful challenge and there would have been no opportunity to put men to the crucial test to prove their integrity toward Jehovah. God accepted the challenge and permitted Satan thenceforth full liberty to prove his challenge, and for this reason God said to Satan, as is recorded in Exodus 9:16: "But 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*) Satan was given a limited time within which to prove his boastful challenge, and when that time ends Jehovah must make known to all His own supremacy and vindicate His own word and name and must cause His witnesses to proclaim throughout the earth His name that the people might know who is their Friend and Life-giver and from whom their blessings flow.

Jehovah God then gave His word that when His due time should arrive He would set up a righteous government and that by and through that government Satan's wicked rule and power must be destroyed. Jehovah decreed that at the proper time all mankind should have the opportunity to choose between Satan and Jehovah, and that those choosing to obey and serve God's righteous government could have everlasting life and all attending blessings. Jehovah God is supreme, and His law is above the laws of man. His purposes cannot fail. He having given His word to do a thing, it is absolutely certain that in due time He will accomplish that thing, regardless of what men may do. Therefore He caused His prophet to write: "I have purposed it, [and] 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) It is therefore of paramount importance to the people that they learn what is the purpose of Jehovah God; and that purpose is set forth in the Scriptures now due to be understood. Satan is the one who would keep the people in ignorance of that purpose. Now the time has come when the people must have opportunity to hear the truth, and then each one for himself must decide whether he wants to follow Satan and his agents and die, or whether he will obey Jehovah God and live.

Why Governments Failed

Jehovah God gave to man His Word, the Bible, for man's guidance. But men have failed to follow it. Satan, by employing fraud and deceit, has induced men to create and follow a system of formalism, falsely labeling it "divine worship" and religion, and the practice of such religion is indulged in by every government of "Christendom". To those who would learn, and go in the right way, Jehovah has said: "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) Disregarding such divine injunction, men have organized governments and followed their own devices. Disaster has resulted. In the organization and conduct of governments men have chosen to honor man and not God, and for that reason many men have fallen easy victims to the subtle influence of Satan.

This point is particularly emphasized in the history of the Jews and their government. To that people God gave His law and outlined for them a perfect form of government; but instead of following Jehovah's guidance, that people turned to their own selfish devices. Their priests and clergymen were commanded to teach to the people the truth of God's Word, but instead of doing so they created a form of worship and gave glory and adulation to men. It was the Devil who overreached them and induced them to take that course, and the Devil was able to do so by reason of the selfishness of men. That was a test put upon the Jews, and as a nation they failed, only a few men standing the test. Referring to this matter the Scriptures, at Romans one, state: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened: professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. . . . Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen." (Verses 21,22,25) The Devil thus turned that people away from God, and their government was destroyed. The prophecies expressly show that the very forces that led the Jews into error and caused their downfall would likewise lead "Christendom" into error and cause her downfall and the destruction of all of her governments.

Necessarily truth is controversial, because the truth exposes error. I do not choose to have controversy with any person or group of persons. But I ask you, Which is the most important for the people: To tell the truth, which marks out the only way to life and happiness, or to hide the truth and let the people ignorantly rush on to destruction? God commands that now His truth must be told in order that the people may have an opportunity to intelligently choose their own destiny. God has commanded those who teach the Bible to keep themselves unspotted from the political affairs of this world and to confine themselves to the teaching of His Word. (James 1:27; 4:3,4) Exactly contrary to the Scriptural injunction, as everyone well knows, the clergy of all the religious organizations are today more or less indulging in the politics of the world and are failing to teach the people what is the Word of God. Each session of the Congress of the United States is opened with a formal prayer uttered by some clergyman; but is the Bible advice sought or used as a guide for those lawmakers? On the contrary, the laws of earthly governments are now invoked to prevent the people from hearing what is set forth in the Bible. Attention is called to these derelictions, not for the purpose of provoking controversy, but that the common people may see the importance of now turning to the Word of God and following its advice and not the advice of imperfect men.

Opposition

Why is there such great opposition to proclaiming to the people the truth as set forth in the Bible? The answer in brief is this: For centuries Satan has been the invisible ruler, or "god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:3,4; 1 John 5:19), is violently opposed to the truth, and is striving to turn all men from the truth and against God, as he boasted he could do. Jehovah declared His purpose to give to the people a righteous ruler, who should destroy Satan and his power and lead honest people in the right way. To carry out His expressed purpose Jehovah sent Jesus to the earth, primarily to bear testimony to the truth, and, secondarily, to shed His own lifeblood as the redemptive price for man, to the end that all men who will take their stand on the side of Christ and God might gain life everlasting. Satan sought to

kill the man Jesus, and to that end Satan employed the priests and clergymen of that time and they put forth their efforts to kill Him. Why did they take that course? Was it because Satan and his agents were afraid that Jesus would do them bodily harm? No, not for that reason, but because Jesus told them and the people the truth and Satan wished to prevent the people from knowing of God's purpose to establish a righteous government in the earth and open to them the way to life. Satan blinded the clergymen and used them as his instruments to accomplish his wicked purpose. To those blinded clergymen Jesus said (John 8:40-44): 'Ye seek to kill me because I have told you the truth, . . . Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do; he was a murderer and a liar from the beginning.' When a council of clergymen met to consider what they should do to Jesus to prevent Him from teaching the truth to the people, it is written that the high priest presiding at that council used these words, to wit: "It is expedient . . . that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. . . . Then from that day forth they took counsel together for to put [Jesus] to death."—John 11:50-53.

Because Jesus was God's appointed One to set up a righteous government on earth, and because He spoke the truth of Jehovah's purpose, He suffered crucifixion at the hands of Satan and his earthly agents. (John 18:37; 19:18) But Jehovah then manifested His supreme power by raising Jesus from the dead and exalting Him to the highest place in the universe, and God commands that in due time everything that lives shall bow to Jesus and confess that He is the Lord and the rightful Ruler of the world, and this to the glory of God.—Philippians 2:9-11.

Of all the doctrines of the Bible, that which is magnified as of greatest importance is the doctrine concerning the government of God under Christ, which shall rule the world in righteousness. Jesus repeatedly told His disciples of His coming government and that after His resurrection He would come again and set up that government in His Father's name. He admonished them to continuously pray for the coming of that government, that the will of God might be done on earth as in heaven and that the people might have a chance to live in peace and happiness. (John 14:1-3; Matthew

6:9,10) From then till now every person who has honestly and sincerely advocated that coming government of righteousness has suffered persecution at the hand of Satan and his earthly agents; and that persecution has reached a climax since the year 1914, and the reason therefor is made plain in the Scriptures. Jehovah fixed a time during which Satan should have uninterrupted opportunity to prove his boastful challenge that he could turn all men away from God, and that fixed time ended officially in 1914, marking the end of the uninterrupted rule of Satan as the god of this world. It was then that Jehovah placed Christ Jesus upon His throne of authority and sent Him forth to begin His rule. Immediately the great issue became, Who shall rule the world? Shall Satan continue his misrule, or shall Jehovah's righteous government be put in operation? All people must now choose to remain with Satan or to take their stand on Jehovah's side. The question of supremacy and rulership now must be settled, and once and for all time.

The Lord Jesus referred to this very time when He commanded His true followers to proclaim to the peoples of the nations the truth concerning His government; and for telling the truth, in obedience to His commandment, He said, "ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." (Matthew 24:9) Not for the purpose of provoking a controversy, but in obedience to God's commandment, and that you might know the truth, I must now recount to you the facts which show the fulfillment of these prophetic utterances of the Lord Jesus.

Since the World War a little company of men and women, who are wholly devoted to God and His government, have in obedience to the Lord's commandment carried the message of truth concerning His kingdom to the people, and because they have done so they have been and are hated and persecuted in all nations of "Christendom". As it was in the days of Jesus, so it is now with His faithful followers; therefore such persecution is induced and carried on chiefly by religionists, even as Jesus foretold it would be. (John 15:18-20) Such religious leaders exercise great influence in the political councils of the governments of this world; and that of itself is conclusive evidence that they are the enemies of God and His government, because it is so written in the Scriptures, at James 4:4. At every period of the world's history the facts

show that it has been and is religionists that induce the political element to persecute those who proclaim the truth of God's Word.

A powerful organization, which came into existence fifteen centuries ago, and which organization is foreign to America and has always opposed American institutions of freedom, and which has always been given to inquisition and persecution, operates under a religious name. It maintains its seat of government at Vatican City, Rome, and extends its selfish influence to every nation under the sun. It exercises today a tremendous influence in the political councils of America, both in the legislative halls and in the law-enforcement part of the government. The head of that foreign power issues an order that everywhere in the earth the work of Jehovah's witnesses must be crushed, and at once a vigorous campaign is launched to accomplish that purpose in America and in the other nations of the earth. That same foreign power orders that Jehovah's witnesses be denied the use of the radio facilities to broadcast the message of and concerning Jehovah's government. Immediately a vicious campaign of slander, threats, boycott and other means of coercion is begun, and carried on in America, to thus deprive the people of an opportunity to hear the truth of God's Word.

In proof of the influence exercised in America by that foreign power I cite this indisputable fact, to wit: Millions of American citizens petitioned the Congress of the United States to take action to prevent that foreign and sinister power from interfering with such proper use of the radio facilities, but, instead of giving heed to the petition of American citizens, the Congress has side-stepped the issue and failed to take any action whatever to safeguard the interests of the American people from this foreign foe. If the spirit that controlled and moved the statesmen of young America, leading those men to write the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, now moved and controlled the men of the present-day Congress, some man would rise on the floor of that lawmaking body and say to the agents of such foreign power: "Hands off, and cease interfering with the American people in the exercise of their constitutional and God-given rights to speak the truth and worship Almighty God as they see fit." Freedom of speech is the God-given and an inalienable right of men, and no political body can properly and justly

prevent the exercise thereof; and woe be unto the organization, political, religious or otherwise, that does attempt to prevent or prevents the free and uninterrupted service and worship of Almighty God.

That sinister and cruel influence is now being vigorously exercised in Italy, Austria, Germany, France, Japan, Canada and in America, and, in fact, in all the nations of "Christendom", and exercised against the witnesses of Jehovah to prevent the people from hearing the truth of and concerning the government of Jehovah God which is now at the door. Thousands of men and women today are languishing in prisons because in obedience to God's commandment they have gone about amongst the people telling them of and concerning His righteous government. Imprisonment is not only inflicted upon such faithful men and women in Germany and in Canada, but the state of New Jersey, the constitution of which state guarantees freedom of worship, likewise indulges in the imprisonment of such men and women because of their faithfulness to God and Christ Jesus. The influence and power that moved men to cruelly crucify Jesus Christ now moves other selfish men to crush those who are carrying the message of God's truth to the people, and the Devil is the invisible power that fathers and pushes forward such wicked persecution. This he does because he is desperately fighting against God's kingdom of righteousness, which is the only hope of the world.

But Jehovah's witnesses are in no wise discouraged by reason of such persecution. They know what will be the final outcome, because Jehovah has plainly stated in His Word what the end shall be. They are not concerned with the political affairs of this world, because they are wholly devoted to God and to His government. Based upon the plain Word of Jehovah and His dealings with His enemies, I now say to you that no government can endure which by law or otherwise prevents the free proclamation of the message of and concerning Jehovah's government of righteousness. A government that indulges in the persecution of Jehovah's witnesses, or connives at or tacitly approves others in such persecution and oppression of the witnesses of Jehovah, can not and will not long endure. Jehovah has commanded His witnesses to proclaim His name and His kingdom, and to those who oppose He says: "Touch not mine anointed,

and do my [witnesses] no harm." (Psalm 105: 15) All those who oppose God and His kingdom are His enemies, and all such He declares He will destroy. (Psalms 21: 8, 9; 145: 20) Since the days of ancient Egypt all the nations that have opposed God and persecuted His witnesses have fallen into the dust; and now there is stronger reason than ever that all the nations of "Christendom" shall be destroyed, because the day of Armageddon is at hand.

Armageddon

And what is Armageddon? The Scriptures answer it is the battle of the great day of God Almighty and at that battle no nation shall escape. (Revelation 16:13-16; Jeremiah 25:29-35) Today all nations are feverishly preparing for war. In every nation there is a wasteful and extravagant expenditure of money to build war machines and to manufacture ammunition and other instruments of destruction. The selfish manufacturers of guns and ammunitions are now reaping a material harvest by the permission of their respective governments. But their day of prosperity soon will end. Their dreadful machines will accomplish nothing at Armageddon. Neither will material wealth nor political influence furnish any protection at Armageddon to those who are now the mighty and the strong. Armageddon will not be fought by America against Japan, nor by any other nations of "Christendom" fighting against each other. Who, then, will fight at the battle of Armageddon? The Scriptures answer that, as to the enemy of Jehovah God, Satan assembles all his host of wicked angels, and men, under the leadership of his field marshal Gog, to fight against the forces of righteousness. At Revelation twelve it is written that Satan knows that his time is short; and manifestly he knows that he cannot win the battle of Armageddon, but his purpose is to gather all the nations together and plunge them all into destruction that he might thus turn all mankind away from God and thus accomplish his boastful challenge. —Revelation 16:13-16; 12:12.

Battle Array

On the other side and against the enemy is Christ Jesus and all the forces of righteousness. Take now a mental view of the victorious army of Almighty God led by His Field Marshal, Christ. At Revelation nineteen He is shown as

coming forth upon His righteous war mount, and there are recorded these words of description, to wit: 'He is the Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes are as a flame of fire, and on his head many crowns. . . . His name is called the Word of God. . . . And his armies in heaven follow after him.' His armies are composed of a host of holy and righteous angels that have always been faithful and true to Jehovah God. Christ Jesus is the world's rightful Ruler and is the King of kings and Lord of lords. The time has come for His rule. Therefore God says to His beloved Son, as recorded in the 110th Psalm: "Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies." Christ acts upon this command and first ousts Satan from heaven, and next He will destroy Satan's wicked and oppressive rule of the entire world.

The Scriptures, together with the extraneous evidence, now conclusively prove that Jehovah's kingdom has come and that Christ is enthroned with all power and authority; therefore, at Psalm two, Jehovah makes proclamation concerning His government under Christ in these words: 'I have installed my King on Zion. . . . I shall give thee the nations of the earth for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.' That decree will be fully executed at the battle of Armageddon.

At the 107th Psalm it is written that Jehovah gives the command and the great battle begins. My language is wholly inadequate to describe that battle. But I cite a few scriptures that will give you some idea of how the Lord Jesus, the world's rightful Governor, shall dash Satan's organization to pieces. Repeatedly Jehovah has declared by His prophets that all mankind shall know that He is the Almighty God, whose name alone is Jehovah. (Psalm 83:18) The present-day governors or rulers of the earth, by reason of their wealth and influence and their armies and navies, and strong-arm squads, and their instruments of destruction, foolishly think that they are impregnablely entrenched and that their power is unbreakable. But the demonstration of Jehovah's power at Armageddon will be so great that all earthly rulers will come to know that they are merely pygmies and that all of them together are not so much as a drop of a bucket or as the small dust in the balance.

(Isaiah 40:15) Jehovah declares that with the forward movement of His great army the nations of earth shall reel to and fro and stagger like a drunken man and shall quickly reach their wits' end. (Psalm 107:27) His prophet Habakkuk says of the Lord: 'He . . . drove asunder the nations, and the everlasting mountains were scattered. . . . Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers, and the deeps lifted up their hands on high.' (Habakkuk 3:6, 9, 10) The "wiseacres" of this world will say that such a thing would be impossible; but the Biblical record of the great deluge that swept the entire earth should teach them better. The power of Jehovah is unlimited. In times past God has done like things literally, and at Armageddon He will again do them, both literally and symbolically, and on a far greater scale than ever before. The things which Jehovah caused to be recorded in connection with the nation of Israel and other nations opposing Israel are pictures or types of what shall come to pass shortly upon "Christendom".—1 Corinthians 10:11; Hebrews 10:1; Isaiah 28:21.

When Jehovah was about to deliver His people from Egypt He brought great darkness upon the Egyptians that they might see nothing, while at the same time He gave the Israelites light. (Exodus 10:21-23) At the battle of Sisera the rivers swept away great multitudes. (Judges 5:20, 21) At the battle of Armageddon, the Scriptures show, the earth will literally be split and out of these open places shall flow floods of water, and shall sweep away multitudes of the enemy. Also tidal waves of the sea shall overflow the land, resulting in indescribable destruction. When Joshua led the armies of Jehovah's chosen people against His enemies God made the sun and the moon to stand still and caused great chunks of ice to fall down from the skies, killing multitudes.—Joshua 10:10-14.

Says Habakkuk concerning Armageddon: 'The sun and the moon shall stand still,' and that the only light at that time shall be the flashings of the fiery 'arrows and spears of the Lord' flying on their mission of destruction. Concerning this same battle Jehovah's prophet Isaiah records: "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven, and the constellations thereof, shall not

give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible."—Isaiah 13:9-11; see Joel 3:14, 15.

Imagine, if you can, the terrors that shall take hold of the earthly division of Satan's forces, enfolded in thick darkness, neither the sun, moon nor stars giving the slightest ray of light; the mountains sinking; the earth splitting and quaking; newly-made rivers rushing violently forth, and the seas lashing the mountains, and tidal waves sweeping over the land; with all the wild beasts of all the zoos on earth and of the forests loose and charging upon the enemy's army, while the fiery darts and spears of the angels of heaven fly through the air, killing millions. The terror that will seize all men on earth is indescribable. Then steel helmets and gas masks will furnish no protection. Men have thought that the armies of the world are invulnerable, but they will find that these are mere weaklings. And what will the armies of the earth then do? The Lord answers by His record made concerning Gideon's battle, and recorded in the seventh and eighth chapters of Judges. These earthly armies, frightened out of their wits and in thick darkness, will fight amongst themselves and destroy each other. Here are appropriate the words of Zechariah, to wit: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the Lord shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour."—Zechariah 14:13.

The surviving forces of Satan's earthly army will then attempt to destroy those who have taken their stand on the side of God's government, and the Lord will smite them with His plague, concerning which He says: 'And this shall be the plague wherewith the Lord will smite all the people that have made war 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 tongues shall consume away in their mouth.' (Zechariah 14:12) That will convince them that Jehovah is fighting.

For long centuries Jehovah has held His

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G O V E R N M E N T . . . an address by

THE EARTH and its fullness belong to Jehovah God (Psalm 24:1). He created it for man and created man to dwell upon the earth forever in prosperity, peace and happiness. The earth can be properly and justly governed only in harmony with the will of Jehovah. All right-ous power and authority proceed from him. No government can expect to prosper if it is not in harmony with the will of Jehovah. Jehovah has given the opportunity to establish a government among themselves. Men have failed. The nations of earth are now in dire extremity.

At the Capital City of America it is my privilege to speak today, and by the grace of Jehovah this message may be heard throughout America, Europe, Africa and the lives of the sea. No attempt will be made on this occasion to give advice to the men who hold the offices as rulers of the people. Such advice if given would not be heeded. This is proved by the fact that heretofore notice and warning have been given to the nations of earth, which has not only gone unheeded by them, but which they have spurned and treated with ridicule and contempt.

Immediately before God destroyed the first world power that governed the earth, He sent His messengers to give notice and warning to the rulers thereof. That message was completely cast aside, and then God directed His messengers to turn to the common people. (Genesis 1:4-14) Similar conditions now obtain for the reason that the last world power to rule the earth is to bring to the end. Disregarding the Word of God, the nations of earth are leading the blinded and oppressed people, and all such are headed for the ditch. There is no one to lead the people who hear and give heed to the Word of Jehovah.

This message today is addressed to all peoples of good will, regardless of nationalities, creed or previous religious affiliations. To those persons who have an honest and sincere desire to have and to enjoy a government of equal and just laws, I have placed unselfishly, honestly and righteously for the general welfare, to the people who sincerely desire and pray that the will of Jehovah God may be done on earth even as in heaven. I am persuaded that there are millions of such people who are held in bondage by the oppressive powers that now rule the earth. Such peoples of good will, by the grace of God, must have an opportunity to hear His Word and he has made such provision.

I shall not speak the wisdom of men because such wisdom has accomplished nothing good to the people. The wisdom of knowledge is the wisdom that is found in the Bible which God. I call your attention to the wisdom of God which is above the wisdom of men. The wisdom of God will enable you to understand the earth's truth which is now indispensable to survive the great tribulation. The wisdom of God is the wisdom that will enable you to understand the earth's truth which is now indispensable to survive the great tribulation. The wisdom of God is the wisdom that will enable you to understand the earth's truth which is now indispensable to survive the great tribulation.

Centuries ago upon the plains of Shinar men organized their first government and in doing so they defied Jehovah God, set up a creature above the Creator and gave tribute to man and rejected the name of Almighty God. That government fell. That government was the first world power. That government defied Jehovah God and was cruelly persecuted and oppressed those people who served God. That world power was destroyed. The course taken by that government and its untimely end fore-shadowed the course and untimely end of the governments that now rule the earth.

In their order ancient Egypt was followed by other world powers to wit: Assyria, Babylon, Media-Persia, Greece, Rome and all of which pursued a course contrary to the Word of Jehovah God, oppressed the people and wickedly rejected the name of Jehovah. All of these governments were to be destroyed. Today the nations which are called "Christianized" peoples of the earth. These nations claim to be Christian nations but they proceed exactly contrary to the teachings of Jesus Christ. They practically all are in ignorance of the Word of God. The nations of the earth are now a detestable in the world who in turn is ruled and controlled by a selfish subtle power that has conspired power and is governing power tramples upon the rights of the people, puts forward falsehood for truth, and has rejected the Word of Almighty God. In all of such governments religion is employed as a means to keep the people in ignorance of Jehovah's truth, which is set forth in the sacred Word of the Bible. The religious which are practiced by the nations of the earth, are diametrically opposed to God and to Christ Jesus. Claiming to be what is not and putting forward the name of Christ, religion is the most effective means employed to deceive and mislead the people.

Long ago God called to be recorded in the Bible the description of the condition that would be manifest in the last days, and I ask you to bear witness to

the fact that the conditions described in the Lord's Word are right now and which conditions prove that we are in the last days. That scripture, recorded at 11 Timothy 3:1-5, says: "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, braggarts, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholly, without natural affection, [men] breakers of covenants, accusers, despiteful, without self-control, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof"—11 Timothy 3:1-5.

Everyone knows that this is a time of great peril and that the people are in dire distress and in great perplexity. There have been no confidences in those that rule because they have been so often deceived, misled and oppressed. The Word of God shows that greater peril upon the world will come in the very near future and of that peril the common people must be warned.

The testimony of the keenest statesmen of the world today is that the governments which rule the earth are in a state of dissatisfaction, but that they are generally corrupt. It is freely admitted that all the efforts to establish a just and satisfactory government have been utterly failed. All must admit that the combined wisdom and counsel of men have failed to set up and administer a satisfactory government. There must be a primary reason for such failure. There is a reason and the full and complete explanation is stated in the Bible which is now due to be understood because God's time has come to make men understand. When you hear the man's counsel has failed then why longer follow that imperfect and unwise counsel? All Christians, regardless of whether they be Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Muslim, must if they would find the truth, cease fighting each other, cease following the level of selfish and imperfect men, and survey, calmly, soberly and honestly the Word of God. Satan the Devil is the common enemy of man, and he is now leading the people to keep the people in ignorance of how the desirable government can be established. When you hear the man's counsel has failed then why longer follow that imperfect and unwise counsel? All Christians, regardless of whether they be Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Muslim, must if they would find the truth, cease fighting each other, cease following the level of selfish and imperfect men, and survey, calmly, soberly and honestly the Word of God. Satan the Devil is the common enemy of man, and he is now leading the people to keep the people in ignorance of how the desirable government can be established.

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THEY GOVERNMENTS FAILED. Jehovah God did it to man. His Word, the Bible for man's guidance. But men have failed to follow it. Satan by employing fraud and deceit has induced men to create and follow a system of formalism, falsely labeling it "divine worship" and religion and the practice of such religion is indulged in by every government of "Christianism". To those who would learn, and go on the right way Jehovah has said: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not upon thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6) Disregarding such divine injunction men have organized governments and followed their own devices. Disaster has resulted. In the organization and conduct of government men have chosen to honor man and not God, and for that reason many men have fallen easy victims to the subtle influence of Satan.

This point is particularly emphasized in the history of the Jew and their government. To that people God gave His law and outlined for them a perfect form of government, but instead of following Jehovah's guidance that people turned to their own selfish desires. Their priests and clergymen were commissioned to teach to the people the truth of God's Word, but instead of doing so they created a form of worship and give glory and adulation to the man who had set up the government, and they induced them to take that course, and the Devil was able to do so by reason of the selfishness of men. The result was that the Jew and as a nation they failed, only a few men standing the test. Referring to this matter the Scriptures, at Romans one state: "Because they when they knew God, they glorified Him as God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God, who is to be worshipped, into the likeness of the corruptible man, and worshipped him more than the true God who created them." (Romans 1:21-23)

Of all the doctrines of the Bible that which is magnified of greatest importance is the doctrine of the government of God under Christ, which shall rule the world in righteousness. Jesus repeatedly told His disciples that He was going to die, and that after His resurrection He would come again and set up that government in His Father's name. He admonished them to be ready for the coming of that government that the will of God might be done on earth as in heaven and that the people have a chance to live in peace. (John 14:1-3) Matthew from then till now every person who has been active and sincerely advocated a government of righteousness, persecution at the hand of earthly powers. The persecution of the government of righteousness is made manifest in the Bible. Satan has used every opportunity to prove his beautiful message to the people, but men have refused to accept it. Satan has used every opportunity to prove his beautiful message to the people, but men have refused to accept it. Satan has used every opportunity to prove his beautiful message to the people, but men have refused to accept it.

THE LORD JESUS referred to this very time when He commanded His true followers to proclaim to the people of the nations the truth concerning His government; and for telling the truth in obedience to His commandment, He said: "Ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake." (Matthew 24:9) Not for the purpose of provoking a controversy, but in obedience to God's commandment, and that you might know the truth, I must now recount to you the facts which show the fulfillment of these prophetic utterances of the Lord Jesus.

Since the World War a little company of men and women, who are widely despised and persecuted, have been in obedience to the Lord's commandment, carrying the message of truth concerning His government. They have been and are hated and persecuted in all nations of "Christianism". As it was in the days of Jesus, so it is today. The hatred and persecution of this people is induced and carried on chiefly by religious leaders as Jesus foretold: "I will tell you that they shall persecute you, because they shall kill the body, and they cannot kill the soul." (John 8:20) Such religious leaders exercise great influence in the political councils of the governments of this world, and that of itself is conclusive evidence that they are the enemies of God and His government because it is so written in the Scriptures at James 4:4: "Whoever is of the world is the enemy of God." Every period of the world's history the fact show that is has been and is religious leaders who have been and are persecuting those who proclaim the truth of God's word.

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peace and permitted the enemy to reproach His name and to oppress His faithful witnesses, but the time is at hand when the Lord declares that He will take the offensive. Now the faithful followers of Christ Jesus meekly bear the reproach of Satan's earthly representatives; but for their encouragement Jehovah says to them, by His prophet Zephaniah: "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." (Zephaniah 3:8) In times past great trouble has come upon the earth, but concerning Armageddon Jesus says: 'It shall be great tribulation such as the world has never known.'—Matthew 24: 21.

Why

Why is the battle of Armageddon necessary? In brief the answer from the Scriptures is: The earth belongs to Jehovah; He made it for man to live upon provided man would be obedient and do what is right; Satan boasted he could turn all men away from God, and has been permitted to try it. Satan's time is now up. Jehovah has given His Word that He will set up a righteous government, make His beloved Son Christ Jesus the Redeemer and Savior of men, and the Ruler of the world. God's Government is here. The enemy Satan refuses to get out, but boastfully arrays himself against God and His Christ; therefore Satan and his organization must be destroyed; and this destruction God will bring about by and through earth's rightful Governor. Satan and his agents now boast that the earth belongs to them and that they rule it as they please. Like Pharaoh of old they say: "Who is Jehovah, that I should obey him?" Now Jehovah will show His power to all creation and vindicate His name and open the way for men to live.

Men have organized governments and carried them on. They have failed and refused to obey Jehovah's Word, but have yielded to the wicked influence of Satan subtly exercised through his religious agents, and the result has been and is that every nation and government has been controlled by a selfish and corrupt class of men. Such governments and their leaders have sought to carry on everything contrary to Jehovah's

law. Their end has come; therefore Jehovah says to them through His prophet: 'The earth is defiled under the rulers [inhabitants thereof], because they have transgressed His laws, changed the ordinances, and broken the everlasting covenant'; therefore the governments of the world shall be destroyed. (Isaiah 24:3-6) The governments of this world have transgressed God's law, particularly in this: Jehovah says, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God," and honor His name by giving testimony before men of and concerning His name and His kingdom. Worldly lawmakers say, "You cannot do this unless you have a permit from our officers. You must do it the way we direct." They set their law above God's law. They have changed God's ordinances in this: God commands all men to tell the truth of His Word; but the governments of this world, and particularly the foreign power operating under a religious name and which exercises so much influence, says: "You cannot tell the truth, because, if you do, it will shock the religious susceptibilities of our people." The everlasting covenant of Jehovah declares the sanctity of life and says: "Thou shalt not kill." Every nation on earth has broken that everlasting covenant by needlessly and unrighteously shedding blood. God alone can give life, because He is the source of life, and He alone possesses the right to say when and how life shall be taken, and he who kills contrary to God's law breaks the everlasting covenant.

When

When shall Armageddon be fought? At the present time all governments of this world are talking peace and making peace treaties and forming leagues to conserve the peace, while at the same time all are preparing for war. You may expect in the very near future to hear the leading governing powers of this world say in substance: 'Now we have brought about peace on earth, and henceforth we shall be safe from wars and troubles.' To this the Scriptures answer, at 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."

Since the World War the League of Nations has been set up by "Christendom" in the place and stead of God's government under Christ. The religionists of the world hail that League

as the light of the world, which statement is an insult to Jehovah. The League of Nations is the desolating abomination spoken of by Daniel the prophet. (Daniel 12:11) Concerning it Jesus said that its coming into view would be an evidence that Armageddon is just ahead. His words are (Matthew 24:15, 16, 21): "When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, . . . then . . . flee into the mountains [God's Government]; for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be."

His Government

Jehovah long ago gave His word that He would set up a righteous government that shall rule and bless all the nations that will obey. Armageddon will clear the way for the uninterrupted operation of that glorious government. Soon all the selfish governments of this world shall perish. Monarchies, democracies, aristocracies, fascism, communism and Nazis, and all suchlike efforts to rule, shall pass away at Armageddon and will soon be forgotten. Those abortive attempts at government will not be remembered by the people, because they will have good things to think about. God's government of righteousness under Christ shall have full sway and shall be justly administered and bring boundless blessings to all who do right.

Christ Jesus is the beloved Son of Jehovah God. Nineteen centuries ago Jehovah sent Jesus to the earth to tell the truth concerning His name and His government. The man Jesus was put to death, and Jehovah caused His death to operate as the redemptive price for all men who believe on and serve Him and who worship God in spirit and in truth. Christ Jesus is the seed of promise through which the world must be blessed. (Galatians 3:16-29) Now Christ Jesus, the glorified Lord, has come to vindicate His Father's name and to rule the world in righteousness and to administer blessings to the people. Jehovah by the mouth of His prophet says concerning Jesus Christ (Isaiah 9:6, 7): "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."

He shall be called "Wonderful Counsellor"

because His counsel will always be wise, perfect and infallible, and those who follow it shall never die. (John 8:51) He is called "The mighty God" because into His hand is committed all power in heaven and in earth and all creation is commanded to serve and obey Him. (Matthew 28:18; John 5:22-27; Revelation 19:16) He is called "Everlasting Father" because He is the Life-giver to man by the commandment of Jehovah God and there is no other way to obtain life. (Romans 6:23; Acts 4:12) He is called "The Prince of Peace" because under His righteous government there shall never be another war. (Matthew 24:21) Soon all the people who survive Armageddon and live shall know that peace has come to stay for ever; concerning which it is written (Isaiah 2:4): "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Peace

The peoples of earth desire peace, and not war, and for this reason the League of Nations, to many, has been like a straw held out to a drowning man. Jehovah has expressly declared that the League of Nations is a fraud and a snare and shall be completely destroyed. (Isaiah 8:9, 10) Selfish men ruling the nations in a selfish manner can never bring peace to the people. Everlasting peace can come only by and through the government of Jehovah under Christ. Concerning that blessed peace, which shall proceed from the government of the Lord, it is written (Psalm 72:4, 7): "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth." Every man who tries to do right, but who because of inherent weakness needs mercy, to him the Lord will extend mercy. Under His righteous government no one shall be permitted to deceive or mislead others, but, always, the truth shall be spoken. Then in the language of God's prophet the people will sing (Psalm 85:10-12): "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."

Prosperity

Neither the NRA nor any other man-made scheme can bring lasting prosperity to the people. Prosperity cannot be brought about by the employment of unjust and unrighteous methods. God's commandment is that every man shall love his neighbor; which means that he must deal honestly and justly with his fellow man. Work is a blessing to man, because God has so declared. When all men work and receive the just fruits of their labor they shall all be prosperous. Under the government of the Lord, says the prophet, the people "shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble". (Isaiah 65: 23) Furthermore, under the rule of the righteous Governor of the earth the land shall be free from pests that destroy the crops and shall produce abundantly and plentifully and for all, as it is written: "Then shall the earth yield her increase." (Psalm 67: 6) Says Jehovah's Word: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice." (Proverbs 29: 2) God's government will be wholly righteous, and under His government "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".—Isaiah 25: 6.

All sane persons desire life everlasting. With all the boasted power and strength of the present-day governments and the various organizations on earth, with all the braggadocio and boast of the Devil and his agents, none of them can give life to any creature. Life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, and there is no other way to get life. (Romans 6: 23; Acts 4: 12) It is written (John 17: 3): "This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." It is Satan who has lied to man and fraudulently induced men to believe that all men shall live for ever. When the terrible battle of Armageddon is raging, then many who have been deceived will come to know that Satan is the great liar and that Jehovah alone can give life. Those who survive Armageddon will be the ones who now hear the message of truth and give heed thereto and who seek meekness and righteousness, and to such Jehovah promises that they may be hid in that time of distress and woe. (Zephaniah 2: 2, 3) Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, gave His life as the redemptive price for as many as believe and serve Him. (Matthew 20: 28; John 10: 10; Hebrews 2: 9)

Under His government the people will be granted full opportunity to obey and live. Furthermore, those who have died and now sleep in the grave shall be resurrected and given an opportunity to obey and live. Jesus uttered these words: "All that are in their graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth."—John 5: 25-30, *R.V.*

These are some of the blessings that shall come to the people under the government of Jehovah. It is concerning the destruction of the oppressive rule of Satan and the gracious and righteous government of Christ Jesus and the blessings to the people thereunder that Jehovah's witnesses are now commanded to go and tell to the people. It is because they are telling these great and wonderful truths that Jehovah's witnesses stand accused before the courts of the various governments. It is for bringing this message of consolation to the people that many of Jehovah's witnesses today languish behind prison bars. Because Jehovah's witnesses are carrying this message of cheer and comfort to sin-sick and oppressed and suffering humanity the clergy stand in their synagogues and denounce them and falsely accuse them of being breakers of the law and secretly induce the strong-arm squad to hale these servants of God into the courts. But let those faithful witnesses today remember the words of Jesus concerning this very matter, to wit (Mark 13: 9): "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." At Armageddon the Lord will remember the indignities now being cast upon His name and upon His people.

Attention of the public is called to these things not for the purpose of holding up men to ridicule, because ridicule of a man would accomplish no good. Attention is called to these things that the people may see that Satan the enemy of God is man's worst enemy and oppressor and that those religionists who lead in the persecution of faithful witnesses of Jehovah do not represent God but in fact represent the Devil. When honest Catholics, honest Protestants, honest Jews, and honest infidels see these things, they will break away from the oppressive power of Satan and his agents and take their stand wholly on the side of God and His government of righteousness.

If the proclamation of these great and satisfying truths does "shock the religious susceptibilities of some", then that is their misfortune. These heart-cheering truths must now be told to the people because the Lord has commanded it shall be done. To those who are Jehovah's witnesses the Lord says: 'Every one who does not obey the commandments of the Lord shall be destroyed.' (Acts 3:22, 23) Jehovah's witnesses have no alternative. They must and will obey God and not man. Nor will they ask any man or body of men for *permission* to do what Jehovah has *commanded* they must do. Prison houses, and even death, hold no terrors to those who love and obey Jehovah now. Concerning this very time and these very conditions Jesus spoke to His followers these words (Matthew 10:27, 28): "Fear them not, therefore; what I tell you, that preach from the housetops."—*R.V.*

You who are anointed of the Lord know that you are in a covenant with Christ Jesus to die with Him. Some of you may be killed because of your faithfulness unto the Lord in giving testimony of and concerning His government; and if so, upon the heads of those who cause your death shall your blood be. Remember the words of Jesus to you: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." (Revelation 2:10, *R.V.*) This is the most blessed time yet when men have been on earth, and it is now the blessed privilege of all persons of good will who hear the message of God's government to take up that glad song and pass it on to others. You who are "Jonadabs", therefore, continue to grow in a knowledge of the truth and tell it to others, and, doing so, you shall receive the boundless blessings of Jehovah's government.

Visible Rulers

Christ Jesus is the world's rightful Ruler and is invisible to human eyes. Who, then, shall be the visible governors? No man who is now connected with the present-day earthly governments will have any part therein, whether that man be in the political, commercial or religious element. Concerning Jehovah's government under Christ it is written (Isaiah 32:1): "Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment." The King here mentioned is Christ Jesus, and the princes are the faithful men of old who proved their integrity unto God. (Psalm 45:16) The names of some

of these men are set forth in the Bible at Hebrews, the eleventh chapter. Those were men of faith and faithful devotion to God. They told the truth, and Satan caused them to be cruelly and wickedly persecuted therefor. The Lord will reward their faithfulness by making them the visible rulers on earth. Concerning them it is written (Hebrews 11:33, 34, 36-38): "Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens, . . . 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)." These men are set before Jehovah's witnesses as ensamples of faithfulness. God caused to be recorded that the world was not worthy of those men; and in the days to come it shall be said of the faithful witnesses of Jehovah, who now boldly declare the truth, "The world was not worthy of them." Blessed are they who suffer reproach and indignities because of faithful devotion to Jehovah God, because Jesus likewise suffered, and it is written, at 2 Timothy 2:11, 12: "For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: if we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."

Let all people of good will now on earth hear and understand that the message of and concerning God's government under Christ is brought to you as a gracious favor from the Lord. It is not man's message, but the message of Almighty God. Whether you hear or refuse to hear brings no profit to those who declare that message. Jehovah has laid upon His witnesses the responsibility of speaking to others of and concerning His government. When you hear the truth, the responsibility is then upon you to choose whom you will serve.

Present-day governments are controlled by Satan and are unsatisfactory, and can never bring blessings to mankind. The government of Jehovah under Christ will lift all burdens from the people and offer to you life and endless blessings. You must choose to remain with Satan's organization and die or serve Jehovah and

His government and live. All the nations of "Christendom" are sentenced to death, and God's angel of destruction is at the gate to execute them.

Germany has openly declared for the Devil and against God and Christ Jesus. Will the people of America and the other nations follow Germany's lead or will they serve Jehovah and His Government under Christ? Choose this day whom you will serve.

[At the conclusion of the address the following resolution was proposed and unanimously adopted:]

RESOLVED, that we the people desire a right-

Of what followed thereafter the Washington *Herald* said: "Like a tidal wave the mighty throng in and around the auditorium swept to its feet. Arms raised aloft, Jehovah's witnesses at the top of their lungs shouted their affirmation. Windows in the auditorium rattled as the

eous government of equal justice to all and that which will bring to us peace, prosperity and life in happiness; and we so declare ourselves by publicly taking our stand on the side of Jehovah God and His Government under Christ Jesus our Redeemer and Lord, to whom our allegiance is joyfully given and in whom we implicitly trust.

And now my good friends of this audience, of the invisible as well as the visible, I suggest every one of you who desires a righteous government, who desires to see a government in which peace, prosperity and happiness shall come to all who obey, arise and say, Aye.

sound waves beat against them, and the voice of the throng, police estimated, could easily have been heard for a mile." Similar scenes were enacted at the same moment in London, Belfast, Glasgow, Copenhagen and hundreds of other places in every part of the earth.

RADIO

By invitation of the Federal Communications Commission the Peoples Pulpit Association, acting for Jehovah's witnesses, filed with the Commission Monday, June 3, 1935, the following brief:

TO THE HONORABLE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
BROADCAST DIVISION

IN RE CONFERENCE CALLED BY THIS COMMISSION
TO HEAR RECOMMENDATIONS OF BROADCAST
LICENSEES.

BY PERMISSION and courtesy of this Commission this brief, presented on behalf of Jehovah's witnesses by the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION, herein sets forth facts, points and reasons why there should be changes in regulation of the use of broadcasting facilities.

RECAPITULATION

In order that the points hereinafter made may be readily considered, we deem it proper to submit a brief recapitulation of the facts now appearing from the official record, to wit:

Evidence heretofore submitted to Congress and to this Commission, and which evidence is printed in connection with Congressional hearings held in 1934 on bills H.R. 7986 and S. 8301, emphasizes the following facts:

THAT for the past two years or more the ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY, an organization having its chief office at Rome, Italy, and oper-

ating in the United States through its agencies, and aided and abetted by other organizations in the United States, has carried on continuously a campaign of threat, boycott, and coercion to prevent commercial radio stations from broadcasting programs giving instruction to the people concerning the teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ and of Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible, the inspired Word of Jehovah God;

THAT said ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY has wrongfully induced the two major broadcasting corporations, to wit, the NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY and the COLUMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, to enter into an agreement and to establish a policy to broadcast only for no charge (as non-commercial or "sustaining" programs) such so-called "religious program" material as is approved by the ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY, the PROTESTANT church, and the JEWISH church, including doctrines and principles of said churches; and that such policy is being, and has been for over seven years, arbitrarily enforced by those chain broadcasting companies to the entire exclusion of broadcasting, either for hire or otherwise, of the teachings of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus as set forth in the inspired Word of God, the Bible.

Otherwise stated in brief, said private corporations and selfish organizations, without law, reason or justice, have arbitrarily determined what the American people may or may not hear.

THAT said combination of persons and corporations aforesaid have openly discriminated against the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION and the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY in an endeavor to prevent such latter named organizations from broadcasting programs concerning the teachings of Jesus Christ and of Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible, and have publicly and arrogantly boasted of their ability so to do, and have attempted to prevent and have prevented independent radio stations from broadcasting such programs for hire, thereby depriving radio stations of legitimate revenue and depriving millions of American citizens of their privilege of hearing instruction as set forth in the Bible.

THAT because of such wrongful effort to deprive the people of the United States of hearing Bible instruction a petition was circulated amongst the people. Within a short time said petition was signed by two and a half million American citizens. Early in 1934 that petition was filed with the Congress of the United States, asking Congress to take action to safeguard the interests of the people against such wrongful interference with the use of broadcasting facilities, which petition is as follows, to wit:

To THE CONGRESS of the United States of America:
Greetings!

We, the 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.

The facts further show that the ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY in particular is a commercial and political organization that has to do with the commerce and politics of all the nations of the earth, and said ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY is a foreign power having its seat of government in Rome and attempts to impose, and often does impose, its policies on the American people and which policies so imposed are contrary to the American principles, particularly with reference to freedom of speech.

Following the hearing of testimony by the Congressional Committee an amendment was offered to a bill pending, the purpose of which amendment was to prevent such wrongful interference, and which amendment is as follows, to wit:

No person, persons, company, association, or corporation owning and operating a radio broadcasting station, and receiving and broadcasting radio programs for hire, shall discriminate in the use of such station in favor of a program of speech sponsored by any person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, and/or by any religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society or any other like association or society, and against or to the exclusion of another person who is a legally qualified candidate for any public office, or of another religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society chartered or licensed under the laws of the United States, because and for the reason that such person, religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society holds and promulgates and advocates views contrary to those expressed in programs that have been broadcast. The owner, lessee, or operator of any broadcasting station contracting for or accepting and broadcasting radio programs for one legally qualified candidate for a public office, and for one class of religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association or society, and refusing to contract for or to accept and broadcast for hire radio programs of speech offered for broadcast by another legally qualified candidate for a public office, or by any other religious, charitable, or educational company, corporation, association, or society within the provisions of this section, because or for the reason that such legally qualified candidate, or such religious, charitable or educa-

tional company, corporation, association, or society holds or promulgates a contrary or different view from that which is expressed by the person or parties broadcasting programs, shall be deemed guilty of an unlawful discrimination. All persons, companies, corporations, or associations owning and operating a radio station who shall be guilty of a misdemeanor shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, and in addition thereto may be required to forfeit the license for operating such broadcasting station.

No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall by threats, or by coercion, or by misrepresentation, or any other like manner interfere with or prevent, or attempt to interfere with or prevent, the broadcasting of any radio program by any owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station from entering into a contract with another person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation, to accept, receive, and broadcast programs of speech and music by radio. No person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation shall induce or attempt to induce any person, persons, company, association, society, or corporation to withdraw business or financial support or social intercourse from any radio broadcasting station, or the owner, lessee, or operator of any radio broadcasting station in the use and operation of such radio station or in the broadcasting of any and all programs offered to be broadcast, or which may be broadcast at any such station. Any person, persons, association, society, or corporation violating this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$5,000, or in the case of an individual or the responsible officials of an association or corporation, by imprisonment for a term of not less than sixty days nor more than two years, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

POINTS AND ARGUMENT

1. Radio is a gracious gift of Almighty God.
2. The United States of America is a Christian nation.
3. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is a man-made organization operated for selfish commercial purposes.
4. Congress should take positive action guaranteeing to everybody a fair and reasonable use of radio facilities.

POINT ONE

The radio is a gracious gift of Almighty God Jehovah to mankind. It does not belong to any man or any organization of men. It is a God-given means of instruction for the people, particularly in things pertaining to the Creator and His provision for the human race. It greatly facilitates education and instruction to the peo-

ple concerning the Word of Jehovah God as taught and emphasized by the Lord Jesus Christ.

No man invented the radio, and no man can give a satisfactory explanation of how the radio operates about the earth, for the reason that the secrets thereof are with the great Creator. God has permitted man to employ this miraculous power. The presumption must be indulged that it is to be employed for the general welfare of the people, and not for selfish commercial or selfish political interest or any other private or selfish interest. Certainly no private interest or organization, individual or corporation has any right or authority to hinder the free, open and untrammelled use of the radio in the teaching and promulgation of matters of interest and importance to the people. No corporation, corporations, individuals or companies possess any just right, power or authority to permit one class of persons to use the radio and prevent another class of persons from using the same. The action of the two major chain broadcasting companies above mentioned in adopting a policy to exclude from the radio programs pertaining to the teachings of Jesus Christ, which programs are offered by the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION and WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, is a flagrant, unjust and unrighteous exercise of power; and the government, having undertaken to regulate the use of broadcasting facilities, should restrict such wrongful use thereof.

Radio, to a large degree, is selfishly and wrongfully used contrary to public interest, convenience and necessity.

POINT TWO

From its foundation until this day, the United States of America has held itself forth as a Christian nation.

All of its public officials take oath of office with hand resting upon the Holy Bible and swear by the help of Almighty God as set forth in that sacred Book to perform the duties of office assumed.

Long ago the highest court of the land rendered a decision authoritatively establishing the doctrine in the United States of America that 'this is a Christian nation and that the people of the United States are a Christian people'. Practically all of the supreme courts of the respective states have likewise so authoritatively decided. These facts mean that the people and the officials of the Government openly and free-

ly admit that the teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in the inspired Bible are sacred to the American people, and above the laws of man and of the highest importance, interest, convenience and necessity for the general welfare of the people.

In the case of *Trinity Church vs. United States*, 143 U. S. 457, Mr. Justice Brewer, delivering the opinion, reviews the history of the American people relative to the Bible and as followers of Christ Jesus from the foundation of the country. Among other things that opinion says:

"These and many other matters that might be noticed add a volume of unofficial declarations to the mass of organic utterances that this is a Christian nation. . . . This is historically true. From the discovery of the continent to this present hour, there is a single voice making this affirmation."

The following is a further quotation from that opinion of that learned justice:

"There is no dissonance in these declarations. There is a universal language pervading them all, having one meaning. They affirm and reaffirm that this is a religious nation. These are not individual sayings, declarations of private persons. They are organic utterances. They speak the voice of the entire people. While because of a general recognition of this truth the question has seldom been presented to the Courts, yet we find that in *Updegraph v. Com.*, 11 Serg. & R. 394, 300, it was decided that 'Christianity, general Christianity, is, and always has been, a part of the common law of Pennsylvania; . . . not Christianity with an established church and tithes and spiritual courts, but Christianity with liberty of conscience to all men'. And in *People vs. Ruggles*, 8 Johns 290, 294, 295, Chancellor Kent, the great commentator on American law, speaking as chief justice of the supreme court of New York, said: 'The people of this state, in common with the people of this country, profess the general doctrine of Christianity as the rule of their faith and practice. . . . The free, equal, and undisturbed enjoyment of religious opinion, whatever it may be, and free and decent discussions on any religious subject, is granted and secured.' "

It being officially decided that the United States is a Christian nation and the people thereof a Christian people, both the nation and the people thereby recognize the sacred authority through which the kingship of Christ Jesus and the authority of Jehovah God is revealed, and that authority is the Bible, the inspired Word of Jehovah.

In this Christian nation, therefore, any public official who, having made oath with his hand upon the Sacred Bible to faithfully perform his

official duties, sneers at the teachings of Jesus Christ, or who attempts to prevent the teachings of Jesus Christ, or who connives at the prevention of the teachings of Jesus Christ, or who lends aid and comfort to those who are endeavoring to prevent a free, open, public teaching and discussion of the teachings of Jesus Christ, thereby shows not only his inconsistency but violates his oath of office before man and before God.

In this Christian nation the people are justly entitled to hear freely and publicly discussed by radio the teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as these teachings are set forth in the Holy Bible. The obligation is laid upon the lawmaking body of the nation to prohibit by law any interference with such right of the people. There is nothing of so great interest, convenience and necessity to the American people as a knowledge of the teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible.

POINT THREE

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is a man-made corporate body or organization and operated for selfish purposes. It interferes with the political affairs of various nations. It attempts to control the political policies of this Christian nation. For the accomplishment of its purposes, that organization engages in an active, energetic, systematic campaign of propaganda.

Webster's *New International Dictionary* defines "propaganda" in the following words:

"1. (a) A congregation of cardinals (the sacred congregation of cardinals de propaganda fide) established in 1622, charged with the management of missions. (b) More fully, College of Propaganda. A college instituted by Urban VIII (1623-44) to educate priests for missions. 2. Hence: (a) Any organization for spreading a particular doctrine or a system of principles. (b) The doctrine or principles thus propagated. (c) The scheme or plan for the propagation of a doctrine or system of principles."

Even though the Catholic hierarchy is a foreign power organized and carried on for the purpose of promulgating its teachings and principles, and even though millions of honest persons believe that such teachings are inimical to public interest, and contrary to the Word of God, yet that organization should not be excluded from the use of radio facilities, because one organization has not the right to exclude another.

With stronger reasoning that organization which is engaged in propaganda should be pre-

vented by law from using threats or boycott and other means of coercion to compel radio stations in America to deny the use of their facilities to American citizens who are promulgating the plain teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy, it should be remembered, is a power foreign to America and to American principles. There is a wide distinction between the ruling power, to wit, the Catholic hierarchy, and the people who are generally known as Catholics. Instead of using its facilities to inform, instruct and educate the people in matters of greatest importance, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, as its history discloses, for centuries has kept the common people in ignorance and in illiteracy and has withheld from them particularly the plain teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible.

It should be kept in mind that it was the Roman Catholic hierarchy that instituted and carried on for centuries the wicked Inquisition in Spain and Mexico and other places. That said institution has been used for commercial purposes is supported by an abundance of evidence.

The action of the Republic of Mexico brings forcibly to the fore some of this evidence. For many years the Roman Catholic hierarchy has extracted from Mexico's people approximately thirty million dollars annually, which money has gone into the treasury of said institution at the Vatican, Rome. That money has been taken from the common people of Mexico, whereas at the same time it is authoritatively stated by Mexican officials that until recently the greater percentage of the Mexican people under the domination of the Roman Catholic hierarchy have been kept in great ignorance and are largely illiterate. It is further shown that since Mexico has taken a positive stand against the operation of the Catholic hierarchy in that nation, education and literacy have greatly increased.

Now the Roman Catholic hierarchy attempts to inveigle the American government and to embroil this nation into its dispute with the Mexican government concerning the manner in which the Mexican republic has dealt with the officials of the Catholic hierarchy in that nation. The selfishness and inconsistency of the Roman Catholic hierarchy is shown particularly in this, that while it raises the hue and cry against the Republic of Mexico, claiming that government has

persecuted the Catholics, at the same time that Roman Catholic hierarchy carries on a vicious campaign of slander, threats and coercion to prevent American citizens from promulgating the teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible and to prevent millions of American people from hearing and being instructed in such teachings.

It is a matter of common knowledge that officials of the Catholic hierarchy instruct their parishioners that it is wrong and a sin to receive any teaching concerning the Bible but that they shall receive religious instruction only as given by the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

It is conceded by all that the United States is the outstanding Christian nation of the earth. At the same time in this land there is a studied attempt by private corporations and certain government officials to prevent the American people from having free and uninterrupted instruction concerning the teaching of Jesus Christ.

It is a fact publicly known that a member of the United States Senate at the instance of the Catholic hierarchy offered in this senate a resolution looking to the United States' intermeddling in the affairs of her sister republic, Mexico, relative to alleged persecution by the Mexican republic of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

It is also a fact publicly known that two and a half million American citizens petitioned Congress to prevent the Roman Catholic hierarchy's interfering with private radio stations and broadcasters and broadcasting to the people the instruction of Jesus Christ which the people desire to hear. Congress has completely ignored that petition of American citizens.

Has the Roman Catholic hierarchy induced Congress so to do? Is it proper for the Congress of the United States at the instance of a foreign power, to wit, the Roman Catholic hierarchy, to draw the American people into the strife of that foreign power with the Republic of Mexico? Appropriate here is the well-known proverb, "Charity begins at home." Even more appropriate are the inspired proverbs of the Bible, one of which reads: "It is an honour for a man to cease from strife; but every fool will be meddling."—Proverbs 20: 3.

The net result of the efforts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its associates is to encourage ignorance and illiteracy on the part of the people in matters of greatest interest, convenience and necessity.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy and its asso-

ciates have interfered with and continue to interfere with the proper use of radio, which interference is contrary to the principles of this Christian nation and inimical to the general welfare of the American people.

POINT FOUR

The Congress of the United States should take positive action to safeguard the interests of the people, guaranteeing to everybody a fair and reasonable use of the radio facilities and preventing any person or organization from using threats of boycott or other means of coercion to interfere with the use of the radio facilities.

Jehovah's witnesses are asking no favors of Congress, but they are asking that body as the servants of the people to take the necessary action to safeguard the people's interests against the wrongful interference with the exercise of the just rights of American citizens.

The PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION and the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, organized and carried on by Jehovah's witnesses, are not engaged in any work of propaganda whatsoever. No effort or attempt is made by these corporations or Jehovah's witnesses working under their direction to spread, promulgate or teach any doctrine or system of principles of any man or any organization. No effort is made to multiply or increase the membership in any organization. Their work is solely educational, and their endeavors are confined to the proclamation amongst the people of the plain teachings of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in the Bible and to call attention to these great inspired truths in the light of present-day events well known to all, to the end that the people might gain a proper understanding of the reason for the present unhappy conditions in the world and what is God's gracious provision for mankind.

The message broadcast by the WATCH TOWER programs is not broadcast for the purpose of producing a controversy. The broadcasting or speaking of any truth necessarily exposes error, and hence to that extent is controversial. But certainly the people are entitled to hear the truth, that they may determine for themselves what they wish to obey or refuse to obey. No man or body of men has the right to tell the people what they shall or shall not hear. Every man stands as a free moral agent before God and before man, and any interference with his

free moral agency in hearing, or in determining his own course of action, is wrongful. The government should not permit one citizen to wrongfully interfere with another citizen's exercising his God-given rights.

As evidence that Jehovah's witnesses and the organizations directing their work are not engaged in propaganda, we submit as a part of this brief a full and complete copy of a speech publicly delivered by the president of the WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY at Washington, D.C., on June 2, 1935, which speech was broadcast over a private network coast to coast in America and by other wire and wireless facilities and public-address appliances to other continents and the isles of the sea.

Complete text of the speech which was made a part of the brief appears at pages 584-598.

CONCLUSION

The foregoing speech delivered at Washington June 2, 1935, is exactly in line with all the work done by the PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION, and WATCH TOWER BIBLE & TRACT SOCIETY, and JEHOVAH's witnesses, and is made a part of this brief that this Commission may see that our associations are in no wise engaged in propaganda but are engaged solely in informing the people as to the contents of the Word of Jehovah God.

Solely in the interest of justice and fair dealing permit us to strongly urge upon the Government the necessity of so amending the radio law that all classes of American citizens will have an equal and fair opportunity to employ the radio facilities for making known to the public matters of interest, convenience and necessity.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Almighty God Jehovah has commanded all Christian people that they shall worship Him in spirit and in truth, and the fundamental law of the land provides that 'no person shall be hindered in the worship of Almighty God as his conscience dictates and as Jehovah has commanded'.

Therefore, this association acting for the witnesses of Jehovah, the Most High God, is duty-bound to call the attention of the United States Government to the continuous, arbitrary and wrongful practices of the aforesaid organizations in attempting to prevent and in preventing freedom in the use of broadcasting facilities in America.

Is it not the solemn and sacred duty of a Christian nation to see to it that every class of persons has and enjoys freedom of speech and uninterrupted opportunity to use the radio facilities, and that every radio station has a fair and unhindered opportunity to broadcast programs presented for broadcast at an agreed price? AND, ABOVE ALL, is it not the imperative duty of a Christian nation to see to it that no one is interrupted or hindered in the free use of radio facilities to teach the doctrines of Jesus Christ and Jehovah God as set forth in that Sacred Book, the Holy Bible?

If the Government continues to side-step the issue and to wink at wrongful interference, as before stated, with the use of radio facilities, and to ignore the petitions of millions of American citizens that their interest be protected, then the government officials must assume the responsibility before the people and before Almighty God.

PEOPLES PULPIT ASSOCIATION,

J. F. RUTHERFORD, *President*.

A. R. Goux, *Secretary*.

Two Interesting Letters Received by Judge Rutherford After His Speech

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June 4th, 1935

Judge J. F. Rutherford,
National Broadcasting Company,
Brooklyn, New York.

DEAR JUDGE:

Your address over the world-wide hookup Sunday I listened to with bowed head and deepest reverence. To me it was the voice of God crying in the wilderness, "Prepare ye the way, etc." To me this was an inspired address, and in it and through it all it seemed to me that I could hear clearly the voice of God.

I would like to have a copy of your address if I may, in order that I may reread it, and also in order that it may be read by some of my friends who are asking for it. I am enclosing postage for its delivery.

I feel sure that the great heart of America, if not of the entire world, beat in accord with the sentiment expressed in your message, and what we now need, and must have, is some leadership which will translate into a blue print, or blue prints, the thought expressed in your message in order that it may be interpreted into the building of a social and economic structure in harmony with the teachings of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that you may have strength of body, mind and heart to carry on in this great work of education and inspiration.

Thanking you very much for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Very truly yours,

CHARLES W. LYON

CWL: BB
ENC.

West Akron, Ohio, Sunday, June 2, 1935.

DEAR JUDGE RUTHERFORD:

I want to take this means to thank you for the most enlightening and God-inspired message of truth that has ever been given in America; I mean your speech today entitled "Government". Any thinking person who studies God's words, and the truths they contain, can surely see that a great climax is just at the door, and not only in America, but in the whole world; and that climax, any true student of God will admit, is the battle of Armageddon.

These political and commercial or Big Business and Devil religions are playing right into the hands of the Devil more each year, as he is guiding them to their destruction with their Big Business-owned and bossed clergy. God's true church has nothing to do with these political and commercial so-called "church" buildings.

I was a Catholic until a few years ago, when I started to think for myself, and to investigate the Bible for myself, and found out the truths of God for suffering humanity. But a blind person should be able to see these corrupt and wicked political and commercial so-called "religious" systems as God and Christ His Son see them.

May God continue to give you courage and strength and guidance to further expose these political, commercial and social systems to which they attach God's and Christ's names, and which they call religions, as God says these truths must be told, and especially in these latter and distressing days, so that the people will know the truth, and get out of these systems controlled by Satan, the Devil. And the truth, as God says, will set you free.

Enlightened to God's truth,

JAMES S. HONAN.

Here and There About the World

Deportees, Yugoslavia to Hungary

HUNGARY having deported 900 Yugoslavs, the Yugoslavians paid in kind by sending 1,732 Hungarians out of the country, some of whom had lived there thirty years. Among the deportees was a blind man 75 years of age, an infirm man of 85 years, a little girl of 4, and a boy whose leg had been broken only two days before expulsion. One man who was called from his bed to be deported, along with his wife, was allowed to take but \$2 out of the country. Makes one rejoice that Armageddon is at the door; doesn't it? One man who had lived in Yugoslavia 45 years was given 1½ hours to dispose of his property and get ready to leave the country. One would think he would wish to, if there was any other place to go.

Mexico Ridding Itself of Priests

THE Cincinnati *Catholic Telegraph* reports the Mexican government as making good progress in getting rid of its troublemakers. It states that no priests whatever are now allowed in the states of Lower California, Sonora, Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Zacatecas, Tamaulipas, Colima, Vera Cruz, Guerrero, Tabasco, Chiapas, Campeche, and Yucatan. In the remaining states a total of 333 priests were allowed to officiate, but later dispatches cut this number to a total of 197, as of March 1, 1935.

Japanese Fishermen at Los Angeles

REPRESENTATIVE DOCKWEILER, California Democrat, charges that packed into Los Angeles harbor are 150 Japanese fishing boats with a cruising range of thousands of miles, that they are captained by Japanese reserve officers, were built with Japanese government funds, have air tanks of sufficient pressure to launch torpedoes, and are capable of accommodating machine guns and small cannons; also that on their fishing trips they meet Japanese war vessels to exchange naval reservists who have served their time in California. He thinks, in event of war, Japan would have 25,000 trained troops on the Pacific coast ready for immediate action.

Chinese Paper Windows Found O.K.

WESTERNERS have often laughed at Chinese paper windows. Now, so it seems, they are all right, as they admit about one-third of the ultraviolet rays, which are so health-giving but are excluded entirely by ordinary window glass.

Hint of a War with Japan

THERE is hint of a war with Japan in an article in Raymond Moley's magazine entitled, "Is Japan Looking for a Scrap?" Moley is regarded as a spokesman for President Roosevelt. Dr. Charles A. Beard sometime ago wrote an article in which he said everything indicated that when the Roosevelt administration failed to solve the depression problem, it would turn to war as the way out. Both the United States and Japanese navies are building at tremendous speed.

Child Labor in England

IN England there are not fewer than 100,000 children under 14 engaged in part-time employment. It is a very common practice to continue such children as part-time employees until they leave school at the age of 16 and then to replace them by more school-children. The children are thus made to work against their own best interests. When they should be giving all their time and strength to their lessons they have too much to do, and when lesson time is for ever over they have nothing whatever to do.

Gag Rule in Austria

AUSTRIA did have 1,500 publications, but 100 of these have been refused licenses and have had to cease publication. Visitors are shunning the country on account of the political disorders. Who wants to stay in a city where the police are liable to come and ransack the place at any minute? More than 100,000 homes were searched in Vienna last year. The fifty-four men who rule Fascist Austria are big landlords, aristocrats and Big Business men, many of them monarchists, and all under control of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. Free speech is gone; so is the right of political association, trial by jury, and the right to be arraigned before a judge within forty-eight hours of arrest. Parliament has been abolished and trades unions suppressed. Anti-Semitism is officially fostered by the government.

Dr. Benes and the League

DR. BENES, Czechoslovak foreign minister, is alleged by the London *Daily Mail* to have admitted of the League that "it is doubtful if any similar body in the world's history (and there have been many) has succeeded in creating so much mischief in so short a time".

The Death Time-Schedule

DR. ALBERT S. HYMAN, noted for his use and advocacy of the artificial heartpacemaker, used to start renewed heart action in the case of those who have been killed by shock, gives the following as the time-schedule for the death of various parts of the body: heart muscle, from ten to twenty minutes; skeletal muscle, from two to four hours; smooth muscle, particularly the stomach, and intestines, six to ten hours; cartilage, from ten to twenty-four hours; and bone, twenty-four to seventy-two hours. The skin, including the sweat glands, hair follicles and nails, are the last to die, and they may continue to grow for several days after death. Dr. Hyman says that the brain and nervous system may have a loss of circulation for only eight to twelve minutes. After that, so he says, even if the heart is started again, the patient will be an idiot and hopelessly crippled because of the destruction of brain tissue and damage to the central nervous system.

Sleeping in the Raw

THOSE who make a practice in the summertime of sleeping nude, with only the summer covers when any covers at all are necessary, report the greatest comfort and ease in being able to turn freely in the bed, and there is a saving in sleeping garments also. Some robust persons sleep thus the year round, and this can be done, too, with the sheet tucked closely about the neck.

Too Much Meat in Irish Free State

EVERYWHERE, all over the world, governments are wrestling with curious problems. In the Irish Free State there are too many cattle, so to even things up the government distributes free beef to the unemployed and destitute. Butchers are paid 10c a pound for this free meat, and get back by adding to the prices charged to consumers who can afford to pay for what they eat.

School for Indians in Ecuador

A DISPATCH in the New York *Times* states that the first school for education of native Indians has just been opened in Ecuador. That country was overrun by the Spanish Conquerors in 1534. Since that time, until recently, all education was in the hands of the Roman Catholic priesthood; that is why the natives have no schools. Now it is illegal for a Roman Catholic priest to enter the country.

Tides in the Solid Earth

ASTRONOMERS claim that tides as large as nine inches may be made in the earth's solid crust. The smallest tides in water are at Honolulu, where they are but 1½ feet. The largest, except in the Bay of Fundy, are at Magellan strait, where they are 32½ feet. They have been known to be 29½ feet at Anchorage, Alaska. In the Bay of Fundy the tides are so high that, at St. John, N. B., for half the day the waters pour from the St. John river into the bay and for the other half they pour from the bay into the river. The tide each way is over a rock producing the singular phenomenon of a reversing falls. At the top of the bay the tides may be 60 feet.

"Daily Diet of Lies"

PROFESSOR H. C. MACGREGOR, of Glasgow University, affirming that the conscientious objector is a truer patriot than the soldier, made the statement that in the World War, out of the 10,000,000 who died, 9,000,000 had to fight whether they wanted to or not. He also said that as soon as the war broke out, truth was banished for its duration; the public morale had to be kept up, and that meant that the public had to be doped with a daily diet of lies. He could have added that the clergy, the newspapers and the college professors were the natural instruments for disseminating the dope, but now the radio would be able to do more than they all put together.

Horrors of the Pecs Coal Mine

IN Hungary twelve hundred miners, refusing food, water, lights, and even imprisoning conciliators who went to urge them to change their minds, stayed in a mine five days until wages were raised from thirty-three cents a day to fifty-eight cents. They were unable to sleep, as the corridors were too narrow. Some ate their leather belts and gnawed their shoes. The women strove to enter the mines and starve with their husbands. A British company owned the mines. On release, 110 were rushed to the hospital, in a state of collapse.

Magnetic Location of Ores

INSTRUMENTS which record delicate magnetic effects in bodies of ore are now being successfully used to detect the location of diamonds, lead, gold, zinc, copper and oil in the rocks in which they are imbedded.

Finland the Honest Nation

AN OFFICIAL resolution of thanks was proposed in Congress for Finland, the only nation in Europe with sufficient honesty to pay its debts.

Girls at the League Switchboards

THE telephone operators at the League of Nations switchboard must speak fluently French, German and Italian and have a reasonable command of English. In rush times there are 2,500 calls a day between Paris and Geneva, 1,000 between Berlin and Geneva, 500 between London and Geneva, and 250 between Rome and Geneva. The operators are paid \$30 a week each.

The Sexton of Comayagua

LAST winter an earthquake in Honduras swallowed up a mountain, obliterating it completely. Three cities, averaging 2,000 population each, also disappeared. A town not so seriously affected was Comayagua. Here the church towers remained standing, and as the earth beneath them swayed dizzily the church bells clanged all night long without being touched by a human hand.

Thirteen Bombing Outrages in a Night

SANTIAGO, Cuba, sustained thirteen bombing outrages in a single night, the attempt apparently being to so confuse the police that they would not know what to do. The thirteen buildings bombed were six Roman Catholic churches, five Roman Catholic schools, a bank and a hat factory.

Spanish Socialists and the Inquisition

SPANISH Socialists, having tasted of liberty, attempted a revolt against the present Roman Catholic Fascist government, but suffered complete defeat. Moorish troops were used by those in power, and in Oviedo shot men, women and children indiscriminately, and the city destroyed. In the villages of Villablino and Vega de Rey the dead and wounded were piled and burned. In the courtyard of the Convent of Santo Domingo, at Oviedo, seven hundred prisoners were shot, many of them women and children. There were 3,500 slain. The Inquisition was re-established. Property loss was \$500,000,000. In the San Pedro church at Gijon prisoners were held a long time without food, and the single toilet in the church was closed.

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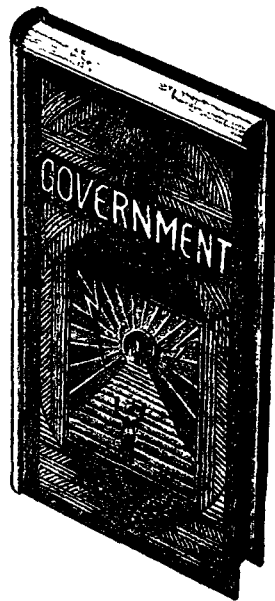
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Government and Misgovernment

(A full report of the convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Washington will appear in *The Golden Age* No. 413.)

WHEN Uncle Sam took over the government of Puerto Rico, 37 years ago, the island was in great need of a wise and noble administration. The results may now be appraised. Here are two bulletins put out by the Government itself.

The first mentions that Uncle Sam has so ruled on the mainland as to enable one man to have an *income* of over \$5,000,000 a year; one has over \$4,000,000; one has over \$3,000,000; 8 have over \$2,000,000; 6 have over \$1,500,000; 29 have over \$1,000,000; 28 have over \$750,000; 56 have over \$500,000; 55 have over \$400,000; 84 have over \$300,000; 101 have over \$250,000; 187 have over \$200,000; 405 have over \$150,000; 1,085 have over \$100,000; 5,927 have over \$50,000; 18,168 have over \$25,000, and 28,189 have incomes of over \$15,000 a year. But perhaps these *incomes* on the mainland may not, after all, be the best index as to what Uncle Sam has been able to do for the downtrodden workers of Puerto Rico. So here is what the greatest and wisest and best government on earth has been able to do in 37 years, according to the Women's Bureau of the Department of Labor:

Approximately half of the 123 women who were sewing on handkerchiefs were making about 1 cent an hour; 30 percent were earning about 2 cents an hour, and a very few were earning as much as 6 cents. For the group of 323 home workers as a whole, that is, not only those working on handkerchiefs but those on household linens, dresses, cotton nightgowns, silk lingerie, men's pants and shirts, the earnings are somewhat lower than those of the handkerchief workers. Reduced to an hourly basis, almost one-third of the 323 were earning less than 1 cent an hour, about one-half were earning 1 or 2 cents, and comparatively few—slightly more than one-twentieth—were earning from 4 to 8 cents.

The scale of hourly earnings ran somewhat higher in men's pants and shirts than in other lines, and was lowest in cotton nightgowns and household linens. None of the 94 home workers in gowns and linens

earned as much as 3 cents an hour, and almost three-fourths were earning less than a cent an hour.

In silk lingerie most of the women were earning 1 to 2 or 3 cents an hour; in dresses and handkerchiefs few were earning as much as 3 cents.

In one little shop, inside workers were embroidering on handkerchiefs the same designs as done by home workers. A very good inside worker was finishing eight pieces a day, paid at the rate of 45 cents a dozen. Speeding all day, almost without interruption, that worker was able to make 30 cents a day, or between 3 and 4 cents an hour.

A fairly simple design of cotton nightgowns for which contractor pays agent 43 cents a dozen and agent pays home worker 30 cents; the agent's sister, a particularly fast and good sewer, can finish six gowns a day, working from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.; that is 15 cents for at least 10 hours of work, or about 1½ cents an hour.

A very ornate embroidery design and scallop trimming around neck and armholes. Design consists of 1½ yards of double hemstitching and 120 each of eyelets and embroidered leaves, dots, and stems. The contractor pays \$1.43 a dozen gowns for this work, and agent pays home worker \$1.25. The agent estimated that a swift worker might do all the embroidery but hemstitching on one gown in a day, working morning, afternoon, and night. She would earn not over 10 cents for such a day's work, probably averaging about 1 cent an hour.

Hand scalloping and ornate embroidery on cotton pillowcases for which the rate is \$1 per dozen pieces. A manager stated, "A girl must be very rapid to make two, working steadily all day." If a girl could make two a day (and no girl doing this type of work reported such an accomplishment) she would earn 16 or 17 cents, less than 2 cents an hour.

Starvation is rife in Puerto Rico. 'My country, 'tis of thee—land of the noble free—of thee I sing.'

Lying About Uncle Sam

IT IS not true that Uncle Sam, in the first eight months of the current fiscal year, expended \$2,500,000,000 more than he took in. Actually it was only \$2,249,923,235.

Gathering at the Festal Board

THE Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* says, "In the past two years there has been an increase of 105,000 in the number of Government employees in the city of Washington alone." In other words, if you have noticed a great change for the better, this is the reason, and if you have noticed a great change for the worse, this is also it. The *Post-Gazette* goes on to say:

There can be but one result if these activities on the part of the Government continue. It will mean "one big state" ruled from Washington. And "one big state" governed by one administration, regimenting all classes of industries and agriculture—and to a degree, also labor—all this is exactly what now exists in Italy under the Fascist government and in Germany under Hitler. If that is the kind of government the Administration wants us to have, we are very close to it, and unless we try to stop it—and now—we are likely to be in it before we know it, since few of us pay much attention to the laws that are being passed except for those which happen to interest us personally. But already the Administration has enacted measures which put us so close to the borderline of fascism that it would not require much more to render American independence and freedom a thing of the past.

Government Running on Hot Air

DEMANDING the immediate repeal of both the NRA and the AAA, Senator Tydings, Democrat, of Maryland, astonished the United States Senate and the world at large when he said, in part:

"We can't go on running a government on hot air. We can't go on just trying to pull money out of the heavens. The whole philosophy of this administration has been to increase and not to decrease unemployment. Unless we about-face and walk back toward sanity, we'll rue the day we have reached. We have pursued the mad policies that have brought Europe to the brink of war. Eventually we will just be taxed to death under the present program. We have come to treat a billion dollars as if it were a hundred thousand. We are pursuing a policy that as long as we can borrow we can provide. Let us be men and have courage to abandon all of this."

Throwing Things at the NRA

TODAY the NRA has no friends, except those politicians who depend upon it for a livelihood. The New York *American* says:

The NRA ought to be killed, and the anti-trust laws ought to be revived. The president would merely be living up to his promises if he killed the NRA. It has been definitely damaging to business, definitely obstructive to recovery. It is an utter failure.

"War Is a Racket"

IN HIS informative book *War Is a Racket*, published by the Round Table Press, Inc., of New York, General Smedley D. Butler asks the pertinent question,

"Who provides the profits—these nice little profits of 20, 100, 300, 1,500 and 1,800 percent? We all pay them—in taxation. We paid the bankers their profits when we bought Liberty Bonds at \$100 and sold them back at \$84 or \$86 to the bankers. These bankers collected \$100 plus. It was a simple manipulation. The bankers control the security marts. It was easy for them to depress the price of these bonds. Then all of us, the people, got frightened and sold the bonds at \$84 or \$86. The bankers bought them. Then these same bankers stimulated a boom and government bonds went to par and above. Then the bankers collected their profits. And the soldiers bought about \$2,000,000,000 worth of these bonds. In the government hospital at Marion, Ind., 1,000 of these boys are in pens! Five hundred of them are in a barracks with steel bars and wires all around outside the buildings and on the porches. These already have been mentally destroyed. These boys don't even look like human [creatures]. Most soldiers got no money at all on pay-days."

Navy Conspiring Against the Government

THERE is a happy land not far away where trusted officials of the Navy conspired with the New York, Bethlehem and Newport News shipbuilding companies to award \$30,000,000 of ships away from government yards to these private yards. From 1927 to 1934 the 'big three' above named discussed their prices before they submitted bids to the Navy department, agreed which ships each company wanted, and arranged their bids so that each company would get the right ships at the right price, which price was 100 percent advance over previous prices charged the Navy. The Navy men who engineered this deal will never have to work any more; that much is certain.

Grafting in War Department

GRAFTING in the War Department enabled one contractor to clean up \$7,000,000 over and above his legitimate claim. An officer received \$2,500 as a 'loan' from a lobbyist, which has never been repaid. Government business is carried on in hotel rooms and in private homes; army officers receive the most lavish entertainment at the hands of lobbyists. The Department of Justice may take a hand. It's a great world.

At the Shrine of the Golden Calf

THE decision as to whether the United States shall worship a solid gold calf or a filled-gold calf has been duly made, and it is decided by 5 to 4 that a filled calf is as good to worship as a solid one. It created plenty of excitement. Santa Fe stock went up \$10 a share, and cotton \$1 a bale. In an hour 1,000,000 shares changed hands. The general sympathy of the public was with the filled-gold calf idea, but the solid-golders took their sorrows seriously. Justice McReynolds, speaking for the minority, said: "We are confronted with a condition in which the dollar may be reduced to 50 cents today, 30 cents tomorrow, 10 cents the next day, and 1 cent the day after. The Constitution, as we have known it, is gone. This is Nero at his worst." "The impending legal and moral chaos is appalling."

Front Trench for Munition Makers

REPRESENTATIVE O'MALLEY, Wisconsin Democrat, has introduced a bill to force those who profit most by war to serve in the ranks and answer the military roll call before anyone else may be called. O'Malley would like to see Henry Ford, Andrew Mellon, J. P. Morgan, the Rockefellers and the du Ponts all in the uniform of buck privates, and thinks it might be quite amusing to the du Ponts to be shot with munitions of their own manufacture sold by them to the enemy countries they are now arming. The du Ponts, by the way, are alleged to have offered to see to it that any Fascist organization seeking to overthrow the United States government by force of arms would be armed by the Remington Arms Company on credit through the du Ponts.

Butler Names the Big Shots

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER claims, in effect, that the American Legion is controlled by the bankers, and lists as persons that should be questioned about the plot to seize the government of the United States: Grayson M. P. Murphy, Wall Street broker; Louis McHenry Howe, secretary to President Roosevelt; Governor Ely, of Massachusetts; General Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff of the United States Army; Alfred E. Smith, and the Legion Commanders Hanford McNider, Frank N. Belgrano and William Doyle. The name of President Roosevelt was also involved.

Patriots of International Murderers, Limited

INTERNATIONAL MURDERERS, LIMITED, would not help Germany to rearm. Of course not. But they sold 'mail planes' to Germany exactly like the fighting planes they sold to the United States Navy. They also sold Germany, for industrial purposes, powder, bullets and machine guns. And the joke of it is that these self-confessed patriots, that paid munitions dividends of 39,000 percent and 1,143,275 percent, let the foreigners have lower prices than they charged to Uncle Sam. These are the men that bust up peace conferences, by men used to such work, that are hired for the purpose, like William B. Shearer. In case of war these are the men that supply the United States with advice and really run the country. They admit that bribery and double-crossing is their regular course of conduct; and even if they did not admit it, the facts prove it.

Building New Wars

A BULLETIN of the Socialist Party National Headquarters, Chicago, says:

All signs point unmistakably to the fact that we are being pushed gradually, surely, closer and closer to the precipice of war. The patrioteers and publicists, the munition makers and the profit takers, the coupon clippers and the wage slicers, the Hearst scaremongers and the jingo journalists, the subversive propagandists for war in high places, all are whooping it up for another war. The excuse doesn't matter. Excuses can easily be found, as they have been found before. President Roosevelt, urging a starvation wage on public works, skyrockets the military budget to its highest peacetime peak. The government, impotent to set its house in order and provide subsistence and comfort to the army of the unemployed, strengthens its military bases; stages naval maneuvers in the Pacific, builds more and better warships; proposes to militarize the CCC, and enlarges our standing army.

Getting Ready for Another War

ADDRESSING the Merchants and Manufacturers Association at Brooklyn, General Smedley D. Butler said, in part:

"The whole world is getting ready for another war, and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. If we don't watch our step we'll be hearing the beating of war drums in the near future. The forty million trained soldiers of Europe are not being trained for knitting. War is legalized wholesale murder. Our troubles started when a group of millionaires took over the country in 1896. We are in the grip of the great financial giants struggling for control of the world."

The Dickstein Committee

SAYS Tom Cullen, in Upton Sinclair's *Epic News*:

"The so-called Dickstein Committee deliberately suppressed evidence of Fascism because that evidence led to Wall Street and involved some of the biggest financiers in the United States—J. P. Morgan & Company, Kuhn, Loeb & Company. Therefore the Dickstein committee has proved itself an accomplice to the Fascist plot to undermine the government of the United States. . . . The Dickstein committee was forced to investigate Fascist activities when it learned that General Smedley D. Butler was about to 'break' a story to the New York *Post* and the Philadelphia *Record* that he had been offered a \$3,000,000 bribe to organize a Fascist army and march on Washington! Butler was offered \$3,000,000 to ride a white horse at the head of an army of 500,000 storm troopers, with a promise of \$300,000,000 if he needed it. The committee heard Butler's testimony behind closed doors; then it released garbled statements of what Butler had said to the press, later issuing parts of his testimony. But the important parts of Butler's testimony have been suppressed, and no reason has been given for the suppression. Why? Because Wall Street interests such as J. P. Morgan are involved."

Federal Bureau of Investigation

THE new Federal Bureau of Investigation, resembling in some senses the O.G.P.U. of Russia, will have the proper legal status to continue its work of disposing of such public enemies as John Dillinger, "Baby Face" Nelson and numerous others it has helped out of this world in the recent past. It has great powers for good, and, if misdirected, great powers for evil. It is the nation's shock troops in the war against crime.

The Courageous, Silent Sufferers

FEDERAL RELIEF ADMINISTRATOR HOPKINS struck the nail on the head when he said recently:

"There are probably far more people who are in need of relief but who won't go and apply for it because their pride restrains them. They far outnumber those who are on relief rolls and do not need help. They have fought a bitter losing fight for from three to five years, and no living person can properly appraise the sufferings they have endured in silence."

Proposed Ban on Titles

REPRESENTATIVE KNUTSON, Minnesota Republican, has offered a bill to prevent acceptance of titles from foreign governments by American citizens. The bill should have been in full force and effect from July 4, 1776.

Judge Alexander Ackerman, of Tampa

FEDERAL JUDGE ALEXANDER ACKERMAN, of Tampa, Fla., granting an injunction restraining the NRA from instituting criminal prosecution against a grocery, said of an order sent out by the NRA:

"A perusal of this remarkable document would cause any citizen to wonder whether he is still living under and is protected by the Constitution of the United States or whether he is in the country of a Stalin, a Mussolini or a Hitler. The picture presented is enough to shock the sensibilities of a person trained in the belief that we are living under a constitutional government where the citizen is governed by laws and not by men."

National Resources Board

THE National Resources Board, after months of strenuous labor by highly paid executives, finally came to the conclusion respecting the 1934 drought that "the drought was serious because of a scarcity of water, caused by insufficient rainfall". Now isn't that wonderful? Wonder what the National Un-Resources Board would find on the cotton plowed under and pigs destroyed. For a few million dollars they might tell that there are fewer pigs and less cotton, and that makes a scarcity of pigs and cotton due to the fact that there is now an insufficient supply of each.

Casualties of the World War

IN THE World War the Allies mobilized 42,188,810 men, of whom 22,089,709 were killed, wounded, prisoners or missing. The Central Powers in the same conflict mobilized 22,850,000, of whom 15,404,477 were killed, wounded, prisoners or missing. The murder business is very profitable. The munition makers had a good thing out of the World War and would like to have another.

Joy over High Prices for Food

WASHINGTON is reported jubilant over higher prices for food. Secretary Wallace estimated that in the first half of 1935 prices would climb 11 percent even if there were no recurrence of drought. But the country may get the drought too; so the prospect is good that if enough food is destroyed the prices of eatables will be high enough to suit everybody, including the millions out of work.

Harvey Charges Monomania

W H. HARVEY, otherwise known as "Coin" Harvey, famous as one of the world's best reasoners on financial questions, declares his belief, in *The Liberty Bell*, that Franklin D. Roosevelt is insane on the subject of destruction, believes he is bankrupting and wrecking the country so that the people will, in desperation, back him in declaration of martial law and dictatorship, and insists that the penal island where the liberals will be taken has already been selected and the governor thereof, one Judge Wilson, has already been appointed. Mr. Harvey, now 83 years of age, usually knows what he is talking about. The story is repeated for what it is worth.

Relief in Montgomery County, Illinois

GOVERNMENT officials were so enthusiastic about relief of the poor in Montgomery county, Illinois, that they even copied names from tombstones so that nobody would be overlooked. As Cardinal Big Bill O'Connell said in Ireland, "In America we have been accustomed to think that anything is all right so long as you can get away with it."

175,418 Units of Government

THOSE who have investigated the matter claim that in the United States there are 175,418 units of government. To this may be added the fact that thousands of these units are maintained against all reason and common sense, in complete violation of the best interests of the taxpayers.

The United States Has Had Enough

THE United States has had enough. It is punishable by fine or imprisonment to sell here, or even to buy here, any securities issued by those countries that are in default in their payments of interest on the moneys they have borrowed from the one-time liberal friend of all mankind.

Flood-Control Project in Ohio

A \$30,000,000 flood-control project is under way in the Muskingum valley, Ohio. There will be fourteen dams. One village, Tappan, of 500 inhabitants, will be moved from the valley to a hill. Another village, Zoar, will be surrounded by a protective dike.

Single Police Head for Michigan

MICHIGAN is considering the appointment of a single police head to direct the activities now distributed among 1,764 sheriffs, police chiefs and similar officials. It is also considering sentencing of all persons by a board of penology, after a study of each convict by psychiatrists.

Sees a Malign Paternalism Looming

SAYS Q. Forrest Walker, of R. H. Macy & Company: "Our codes tend to foster monopoly. They harass and intimidate small enterprises through the economic tyranny of trade majorities. If we persist in price fixing, our 'benign co-operation' must be displaced by a malign paternalism."

Tax-Exempt Property

IN Philadelphia, as a result of favors passed this way and that, over 16½ percent of the total taxable property is tax-exempt. In Martic township, Lancaster county, 76 percent of the taxable property is tax-exempt. In the latter case, there are large public utility holdings, tax-exempt in Pennsylvania.

Crime Increasing in Georgia

THE president of the Georgia Bar Association says that crime is increasing in Georgia at an alarming rate of speed. The worst of it is that this is what the Georgia people really want, as is indicated in reports of conditions at the Fort McPherson concentration camp for hosiery strikers.

Too Many Tax-free Securities

IT IS alleged by Congressman Treadway, of Massachusetts, that there are now outstanding about \$50,000,000,000 of securities which are tax-free. He wants this injustice ended. The Du Pont gang last year made \$46,701,465. Wonder how much of that went into tax-free securities.

Seven Billions in 29 Months

IN THE effort to relieve unemployment conditions the United States has expended \$7,000,000,000 in the past 29 months, with the net result that conditions are not much worse, if any, at the end than they were at the beginning.

No Two of One Family on Relief

NEW YORK city has a wonderful "assistant home relief director", and if you could see some of the homes you would know that she is needed badly enough. Seeing that there is so much poverty and suffering she conceived the rule and put it in force that no two members of one family could be on the city's relief pay roll. That is, she put it in force with one grand and glorious exception. She paid herself \$70 a week, and her hubby was on the same pay roll at \$29 a week. When this was brought out at an aldermanic hearing, and she squalled and explained that she and her hubby were of the privileged classes, women rushed to comfort her, a court attaché brought her a glass of water, and her lawyers slobbered the dictionary from one end to another explaining what a fine woman she was, and what a great sorrow it was to have her placed in such an embarrassing position, etc., etc., to the end of the chapter. At the same hearing it was also brought out that the "assistant executive director" was pulling down \$7,500 a year out of the relief funds, while at the same time he was getting \$4,500 from the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities. This alphabet system of relief is great, when you get to understand all the wrinkles. If you know just how to relieve the poor you can get away with \$12,000 of their money a year, and after a while you can get your conscience so trained that you could eat pot roast made of human babies and rather enjoy it, if it didn't get into the papers.

37 Percent of City's Population Idle

THIRTY-SEVEN percent of New York city's population is now idle, according to latest reports. In the periodical *Labor*, Washington, D.C., this information appears in a column article bearing the headlines: "Middle Class Now Being Wiped Out, Survey Discloses; Destitution Reaches Families Once in Relatively Comfortable Circumstances; Losing Heroic Struggle; Deluge of Relief Demands Expected Unless Jobs Are Immediately Provided." However, on paper, the future is not so dark for everybody, for in their book *The Economic Consequences of the New Deal* Benjamin Stolbert and Warren Jay Vinton point out that in the year 1933, the first year of the New Deal, the number of persons with annual incomes of over \$1,000,000 increased from 20 to 46. The interest machine is sucking the life out of the debtor class, and rapidly destroying the nation.

Mecklenburg's Treatment of Negroes

LAST August a Negro, L. Bogan, was chained to a wall in a solitary confinement camp in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, and died in the shackles. During the past winter, on a terrible night in January, two Negroes in the same camp were similarly chained. During the night their feet froze, and they had to have them amputated. The jailer, Captain Rape, was probably a Baptist, that being the principal faith in those parts. No doubt he is a strong believer in eternal torture and is trying to be like the god he worships. Tanganyika papers, please copy. Should any papers in Central Africa copy this item they are requested to omit the fact that when Robert Barnes, one of the Negroes whose feet were frozen off, was so ill, because of his terrible fever, that he vomited, Captain Rape knocked him down. America does not wish the kind-hearted savages of Africa to know just how infinitely mean some of the white men of America, who profess to be Christians, can be. The man who died in the shackles was buried sub rosa by his killers. This is the regular procedure, so it seems. One Negro testified to a North Carolina legislative committee that he had helped bury six Negroes who had thus died in the dungeon. They were not placed in coffins, nor even wrapped in blankets. One of the legislative investigators was heard to say to his comrades, "Where are we? Can this be North Carolina? Is it possible that we have been living alongside of this? My God! men, where are we?"

Murderers Stand by Each Other

THE international murderers stand by each other. Zaharoff plays one country against another all over Europe, promoting wars wherever possible, so as to boost the munitions business. Schwab says he is "merely a brilliant business man"; which may be true, and gives a new slant on what a brilliant business man really is.

Iowa's Sonorous \$5 Prayers

BY A VOTE of 37 to 6 the State of Iowa has decided that silent prayers are ineffective, or at least beneath the dignity of the Hawkeye State, and so will continue to pay \$5 in each house every morning for prayers of the sonorous variety offered by the gentlemen who for reasons unknown are supposed to have special contact with the Almighty.

Young People Out of Work in Massachusetts

A SURVEY in Massachusetts showed that 60,000 persons 16 to 24 years old, or one out of every two seeking work, were unemployed. About 12,000,000 young people, it was calculated, have reached the age of employability since October, 1929; and if half of them are unemployed, as is the case in Massachusetts, then these constitute about one half of all the unemployed in the country. In other words, here is a so-called "civilization" that has nothing to offer to its young people but a choice between idleness and crime. And one breeds the other. If this is Christ's kingdom, pray, where is the Devil's kingdom?

States in the Bread Line

WRITING informatively and convincingly of the fact that forty-four of the states of the Union are virtually standing in the bread line for whatever Uncle Sam will give them, Frank R. Kent, in the *Baltimore Sun*, says:

"There is nothing else to do. There is not only no nourishment in bucking the Administration, but any rejection of the conditions is punishable by a ruinous withdrawal of funds or a replacement of state with Federal personnel. In at least four states the Federal government stepped in last year and took charge of the distribution of relief funds because the governors of those states would not 'play ball' with the Roosevelt Administration."

In Clergy-Ridden New Jersey

IN CLERGY-RIDDEN New Jersey, where the politicians are so anxious to please the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and other representatives of the Devil, that they throw Jehovah's witnesses into prison for bringing the message of God's kingdom to the attention of the people, conditions are so rotten that, in Bayonne, a rival candidate by the name of Daly charges Mayor Donohue with having expended \$32,000 of the taxpayers' money to administer a fund of \$1,000 for braces for crippled children. How it was that the mayor chanced to let the last \$1,000 slip through his fingers was not explained.

Temporary Relief Getting Permanent

NEW YORK state has what it calls a State Temporary Emergency Relief Administration. In 1932 this Temporary Administration had 195,735 families to minister to; in 1933 there were 371,253; and in 1934 there were 519,278, which is one-sixth of all the families in the state.

Highwaymen on the Highways

THE New Way Lumber Company, of Texas, engaged in delivering lumber by truck all over the greatest state in the Union, reports grafting by officers set to watch the highways. A load of lumber is weighed at a licensed and bonded weighmaster's. When it gets out on the road the driver is liable to be arrested and thrown into jail on the ground that his load is 400 to 4,000 pounds over the weight allowed by law. Business honor and honor among officers of the law are getting scarcer and scarcer. The New Way Lumber Company seems to think the highwaymen posing as law-enforcement officers in the Lone Star State are in reality stool pigeons of the railroad companies.

The Uses of Portland Cops

TWO cops in Portland, Oreg., had their attention called to the fact that the front door of a pharmacy had been jimmied. The two newsboys who summoned the cops went with them into the store, where they saw the cops take a camera, a number of cartons of cigarettes, several boxes of candy and \$20 in money, to add to the considerable list of things stolen earlier by other thieves, not in uniform. They reported it, and the cops lost their jobs. In New York, about the same time, two cops got up to three years in prison for stealing \$60 worth of candy.

Victims of International Murderers, Limited

IF THOSE who, directly and indirectly, during the World War, died to make the world safe for Hypocrisy, were to stand holding hands with each other, the loop would go around the earth twice, in the latitude of New York. Does anybody think that Jehovah God is going to overlook a thing like that? Did not every one of those that miserably perished in the war, famine and pestilence have every whit as much right to live and enjoy the blessings of God as those who survive?

The Greatest Kidnaping Racket

THE greatest kidnaping racket, the granddaddy of all the others, is the scheme of swiping human souls by the million, running them into a bake oven and not letting any of them out for a thousand years, and only then when their relatives pay and pay and pay the fraternity that the Mexican government, for the good of its citizens, chased out of the country.

Hitler's Government

Child Victims of the New Germany

LADY VIOLET BONHAM-CARTER has given to the world the following letter from a boy of 13, the son of a Jewish father, brought up a Protestant by his mother. It sets before the world the civilization of Hitler, and those that have united with him to make Germany a byword and a hissing in all the earth. The letter is authenticated by Samuel Untermyer. The child is now safe in Paris.

"I was the only Jew in my class. Until Easter I was a Protestant, then they found out that my father was a Jew and so I became one. After that everything was different. No one would be friends with me. No one would answer me. In school no one would sit next to me. They all used to want to before, as I was the best in the class and they all wanted to crib. Now I had to sit all alone on the back bench. At first I was frightfully unhappy—more so as the masters who always used to like me could not stand the sight of me any more. When they came into the classroom everyone had to jump up and with right hand outstretched shout 'Heil Hitler!' I did too—or I didn't. I don't know. If I did, then the whole class would shout 'The Jew is profaning our greeting!' And if I didn't the master shouted 'You wait, you Marxist bastard!' Then I was ordered to shout 'Heil Hitler!' alone three times. The whole class laughed. I was so afraid, I wanted to cry. And then I used often to be late so that I shouldn't have to shout 'Heil, Hitler!' The master used to give me extra work to do as a punishment. He wrote in the class book, 'For Jewish slovenliness.'

"Once I did not know the answer—I used always to know before—so he asked me if the only thing I could do was 'Fires and murders like my father'. Once when I could not answer, the history master said I should be slaughtered like father. I tried to pull myself together, but tears used to sometimes come and then they used to say I was a dirty coward like the rest of the Marxists. The worst thing of all was in the 'breaks' in the courtyard. We children of Jewish and Marxists parents had to go into a corner of the courtyard by ourselves. Then there was always trouble. The others shouted nasty things at us and threw stones. Once I defended myself, so they hit me and bullied me fearfully. Those in charge didn't even come near.

"At singing it was worse still. I had to learn the text of the Horst Wessel Lied and the other songs and then I had to say them alone. Again they used to laugh and shout horrid things.

"In drawing I had to do nothing but swastikas. Once I got detention because I drew a crooked one. Then the master wrote in his book, 'For ridiculing the German symbol.'

"Before I used to be the best pupil. Now I was the worst. Whether I got something right or wrong, I always got the worst marks. I was the scapegoat for everything."

How the Nazis Exterminate Opposition

IN AN address before the Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Associations, December 13, 1933, Samuel Untermyer said, in part:

"Here is one characteristic incident, related to me recently by a young writer of great talent from the West. He became alarmed at the reports of what was happening in Germany, because his mother was still living there, and took a trip to the little town in which she lived. Whilst there, one of her neighbors, who was a widow with two sons, both of whom had served in the German army in the World War, came to his mother's home in great agony and explained that a few days previously Nazi soldiers had come to her home and had forcibly taken her sons away, without reason or explanation. She suspected, from their arrogant and insulting conduct, that their visit boded no good, and so, having heard nothing from them after a few days, she began to make inquiries, the result of which was that two sealed coffins, said to contain the bodies of her sons, were delivered at her place with instructions that under no circumstances were they to be opened. A courageous man in that community dared, however, to open the coffins, and was confronted by the gruesome sight of the bodies of the two young men, having been so mangled and emasculated that there was not an unbroken bone left in either body, from the top of their heads to their feet. There was, of course, no remedy. There is never any remedy in Germany for any atrocity committed by German soldiers. The word 'Sadists' was invented for such people. They are human [creatures] turned into wild beasts."

Mails Not Delivered in Germany

D. C. KAEFER, manufacturing chemist, of Chicago, reports that in the last year the German government has seized 21 pieces of mail that he sent to his mother, living near Berlin. Mr. Kaefer insists that none of this mail could by any stretch of the imagination be considered anti-Nazi propaganda. It consisted of books, pictures, newspapers, magazines and guide books of Chicago's Exposition. Some of it was registered.

100,000 Refugees from Germany

AT THE end of February it was estimated that 100,000 had escaped from Germany, the majority of them young men and women, husky, looking as if they would be valuable citizens of any country. Though they had salvaged nothing but the clothes on their backs they were all glad to escape with their lives, and were said to be fairly cheerful, especially the women.

Why Germany Readopted Conscription

IT IS believed that the real reason why Germany has readopted conscription is that the huge army of its unemployed young men could not be provided with any kind of useful work. In three months last winter, in Germany, 700,000 were added to the army of the workless. German army officers are buying fine horses all over Denmark, Norway and Sweden. A decree has been issued that farms may be condemned anywhere, for garrisons and drill and target practice grounds. Physical training is required of all males.

"The Sole Master of This Earth"

IN HIS book *My Battle (Mein Kampf)* Hitler shows what are his real ambitions for himself and his followers when he says: "It is necessary, then, for better or worse, to resort to war if one wishes seriously to arrive at pacifism. In reality the humanitarian and passive idea will perhaps be excellent on that day when the man superior to all others will have conquered and subjugated the world first of all in such a measure that he becomes the sole master of this earth. First, then, the battle, and afterwards—perhaps—pacifism."

Where Hitler Gets His Money

IT IS well known that, to start with, Hitler got his money for the Nazi movement from Thyssen and Krupp, the great German industrialists. It is now noted that his rearmament move came on the heels of a loan of \$200,000,000 by Sir Henry Deterding, rival of the Standard Oil crowd.

German Judges Must Be Nazis

WITH the outward pomp which the German people seem to so highly regard, the administration of justice has been turned over to the Reich, with the distinct understanding that the judges must be active supporters of the National Socialist viewpoint. A German judge is a mere clerk of the government in power.

British Politicians Admire Hitler

AMERICANS will be interested and surprised that Lloyd George has expressed his admiration of the new Germany, while Dr. A. J. Macdonald, rector of St. Dunstan-in-the-West, Fleet street, London, has four columns in the London *Daily Mail* entitled "Why I Believe in Hitler".

Nazi Destruction of Labor's Property

THE Nazi government in Germany forcibly seized the accumulated property of the German Labor movement, amounting in value to about \$270,000,000; a great part of this property has been totally destroyed. Among the properties taken over were 339 buildings, 86 of which were trade union headquarters, 233 were local peoples' houses, 16 were health centers with more than 2,000 beds, and 4 were trade union schools. The German Labor Bank, with 240 branches, was forcibly seized. The German Consumers' Society, which had 46 co-operative factories and 4,000,000 members, with property worth \$100,000,000, was seized. Also 126 newspaper dailies and 84 printing establishments were seized. In many instances safes were opened and robbed of their contents, all in the name of the 'New German Government'.

Imitating Hitler

THE American Legion at San Francisco demanded death for those advocating Communism, and imprisonment up to 100 years for distribution of literature advocating class antagonism or promulgating doctrines inimical to the state; the imprisonment to be on some Devil's island off Alaska. All these punishments seem too mild. Why not go the limit of compelling all such persons to become members of the body of men that passed the resolutions? That would be the worst kind of punishment that could be inflicted upon true Americans. In their efforts to get the people ready for Fascism in America the Big Business crowd are only making a laughingstock of themselves.

Wages Under Hitler

UNDER the Hitler régime wages in Germany have reached the lowest level in fifty years. The official records show that only 1 percent of the workers receive an average weekly wage of more than \$13.50, while 50 percent receive between \$3.50 and \$7.30, and 13½ percent receive less than \$3.50.

German Junkers Plant at Moscow

AT THE German Junkers plant at Moscow there is now turned out every day one huge all-metal four-engined bombing plane capable of a top speed of 170 miles an hour. Russia's air fleet is now the largest in the world.

British Items

Unemployment in Britain

IN Britain the people do not take it kindly, having their unemployment allowances reduced. At Merthyr Tydvil they broke through a police cordon, smashed the windows and overturned the furniture in the office of the Unemployment Assistance Board when 1,000 women marched to the office to complain of cuts in their allowances. In Sheffield 30,000 engaged in a fierce fight with the police in which 30 were hurt. Women used umbrellas as weapons. Concerning the Means Test, which was the basis for these complaints, George Lansbury, Labor statesman, said: "The Labor party protested and pleaded in vain against the dreadful regulations and we were defeated every time. With the banks full of idle money, with our streets filled with despairing men and women, and with an increasing daily toll of robberies and suicides, brought on by despair, the Government tells us nothing can be done." So many thousands of protests went up from all over Great Britain that the government was forced to abandon the cuts in relief compensation. In South Wales even the Sunday schools went on strike against the regulations.

King George's Wages \$52,460 a Week

THE fiery anti-royalist, John McGovern, member from Glasgow, denounced King George as a parasite drawing \$52,460 a week, one of a class living on the common people with no effort of their own to provide the means of life they enjoy. Denouncing an expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars in Glasgow alone on the king's silver jubilee celebration he said: "I say it should be spent in erecting black flags throughout the length and breadth of this country for a day of national mourning for the common people who are being destroyed and degraded by this national government. If your class goes to war you will appeal to the workingmen to help you, and I hope when that day dawns the workers will use their rifles on the ruling classes." Pretty savage talk for the house of Parliament, is it not?

Divorces Up, Births Down

IN THE year 1933 the number of decrees of divorce in Britain was the highest recorded, and the birth rate per thousand of population was the lowest, thus showing the gradual breaking down of the human family in one of the choice centers of civilization.

Britain's Rush to Rearm

BRTAIN has never been unarmed, and never intended to disarm; it has now laid aside all pretense, has virtually thrown the League of Nations overboard, and announces its intention to abandon disarmament and build up its forces on land and sea and in the air. The money to pay for all this is money owing to Uncle Sam, which will never be paid. The money was loaned with the understanding that thereby the world would be made safe for democracy. Concerning this propaganda former premier Baldwin said in the House of Commons: "The greatest mistake made after the World War was the spreading of the belief that the world was safe for democracy. The world never has been unsafer for democracy than it is today." Even if they are a little late with their admissions, it is nice to have all the great statesmen admit that no greater liars have ever lived than those that were responsible for the murder of 50,000,000 human creatures in 1914-1918.

Birmingham, Best-Governed City in the World

BIRMINGHAM owns and operates its own electric light, water, gas, street-car, bus, banking and market services and has the best sewage-disposal plant in the world. Half its garbage goes into marketable fats and fertilizers; the other half is used to generate electricity. A comfortable workingman's home can be rented from the city for less than \$11.50 per month. Sizable garden allotments can be rented at \$2.50 per year each. The city has the best civic orchestra and civic art gallery in Britain. There are two dozen civic swimming pools, five civic golf courses, 3,500 acres of civic parks and playgrounds, six civic cemeteries, and a civic hospital that cost \$6,000,000. There are 32,000 civic employees, but the civic tax rate of less than \$20 a head per year is only 40 percent of what it is in Toronto, itself one of the best-governed cities in America. In Birmingham public ownership of public utilities dates back 66 years.

Preferred Suicide to the Lash

AT Dartmoor prison, England, a prisoner lashed every night with the cat-o'-nine-tails committed suicide by hanging rather than be slowly tortured to death. The conscience of the British government is officially in the care of the Church of England. Queen Victoria approved flogging.

Why England Invented the League

ACCORDING to H. L. Mencken, England invented the League of Nations to put a curb on France. He says, in part:

Holland, Switzerland, Spain and the Scandinavian countries were too smart to succumb, but the United States was easier, for the English could tackle us in our own language, and tackle us they surely did. When we fell at last it was at a critical moment, for Germany was winning. Our help turned the tide and saved England, whose back was to the wall. Moreover, we did the job free of charge, and even paid most of the bills. . . . The idea behind it was to line up the "enlightened opinion of the world" against the French appetite for power and glory. This enlightened opinion, of course, was to be supplied by England, with the United States standing by as stooge, bouncer and paymaster. But as Wilson passed out of the picture the United States began to see a red light, and in the end flatly refused to join. . . . Once more England has been outmaneuvered by France, and is hanging out on a limb.

Mencken describes the League of Nations as "A Transparent Falseface for Dog-Eat-Dog Diplomacy".

What to Do with the Milk Surplus

LORD DE LA WARR, of England, referring to the disposition of England's surplus milk, said:

"The problem of today is to bring together the over-producer and the underconsumer. Remember the 2,000,000 good men and women, with their 6,000,000 or 7,000,000 dependents, who are out of work and living on a bare minimum of subsistence. In every back street in every town there are children at whom you only have to glance to see that they are not being given a chance to grow into strong and healthy citizens."

The Church at Avalon

ASUBSCRIBER wants to know if it is true that the carpenter Jesus built the first Christian church at Avalon some time before He was thirty years of age, as claimed by Anglo-Israelites. The thing is preposterous; Jesus was a Jew, born under the law; and there was no Christian church till Pentecost, at which time Jesus was no longer a man.

Gladstone Involved in Spiritism

ABOOK recently published in London contained the surprising information that W. E. Gladstone was involved in spiritism, and attended seances, and that he considered it "the most important work which is being done in the world—by far the most important".

William Kenworthy, Unemployed

WILLIAM KENWORTHY, unemployed, in an address broadcast over Britain by the British Broadcasting Company, said, in part:

"Is it to be wondered at that I doubt the sanity and justice of mankind when I read of goods and food-stuffs rotting in barns and warehouses and even being destroyed; when I see that the five big joint stock banks made a total profit last year of nearly £9,000,000, and another large concern £5,000,000, £14,000,000 all together, enough to feed 100,000 families for twelve months? . . . I find the church rift with animosities, sickly with moth-eaten pageantry, and utterly divorced in practice from the principles it professes."

David Knight, Unemployed

DAVID KNIGHT, 21 years of age, a Welsh miner, unemployed for two years, sang in a public house because he loved to sing. He was overheard by two men, vacationing in Wales, who knew the value of his throat. Within two weeks he was the biggest hit of the season at one of the theaters in the city of Reading. He never had on a dress suit in his life until he stepped upon the Reading stage. His mother is a widow, and the whole family was workless when this opportunity came to him like rain out of a clear sky.

Why America Entered the World War

NOT until seventeen years afterwards did it leak out that in March, 1917, Walter Hines Page, American ambassador to Great Britain, cabled to President Wilson:

"If we should go to war with Germany all the money (gold from transatlantic trade) would be kept in our country; trade would be continued and enlarged until war ends, and after the war Europe would continue to buy food from us, as well as an enormous supply of things to re-equip her peace industries. Perhaps our going to war is the only way we can maintain our present pre-eminent trade position and avert a panic."

England's Milk Marketing Board

ENGLAND has a law that makes it a crime for a farmer to sell a pint of milk to a neighbor. Basil William Jude, farmer, of Great Ellingham, sold milk to his neighbors at four cents a quart, because he considered it a crime to charge six cents, which is the price set by the Marketing Board. He was arrested and fined \$50, but is still selling milk at four cents a quart

Sir Ambrose Fleming Stands by the Bible

SIR AMBROSE FLEMING, D.Sc., F.R.S., famous scientist, inventor of the thermionic valve which makes wireless telephony possible, in a presidential address in London to the Victoria Institute and Philosophical Society of Great Britain, denounced the childish and foolish evolution theory as unproved and unprovable, and said: "We can quite appropriately assert that the origin of man is to be looked for in the creative power of a self-conscious Creator and supreme intelligence and will." As a consequence "a resolution was carried by a large majority protesting the continued teaching of the theory of evolution in the schools, colleges and pulpits of Great Britain and the dominions".

Remarkable Operation on Eye

IN Calcutta, India, a Hindu girl 20 years of age was totally blind in one eye. A graft was taken from an eye removed from an eighty-year-old man and grafted onto her eye by cross stitches, in the form of a cart wheel. Six days later, when the stitches were removed, she could read large print and could count fingers held thirty feet away.

Death from Misadventure

WINIFRED ANNIE EDWARDS, 20 years of age, probationer nurse, was given employment at a hospital in Birmingham, England, but was first vaccinated, and, as a result, lived but a few days. The coroner's verdict was "Death from misadventure". When one dies from vaccination it is nice to know just how the death will be reported in the records.

Poor Relief in Britain

POOR relief in Britain in 1933 was 26.4 percent in excess of the previous year; and in 1934, was 21 percent over 1933. In June, 1934, 1,325,807 persons in Britain were completely destitute. During the year they received something like \$12 each, paid in food.

Less Liberty Than in 2,000 Years

GENERAL JAN CHRISTIAN SMUTS told a group of students in London that there is today less freedom of thought, speech, action and self-expression in Europe than there has previously been in the past 2,000 years.

How Capitalism Spreads Fascism

THE merry game of the capitalistic crowd of turning peaceable unemployed civilians into prospective cannon fodder goes on in every land. The anti-Fascist League of Durban, South Africa, objected to 500 out-of-workers' being given military training in their city at the expense of the taxpayers, saying: "The intention behind this move is obvious: it is the compulsory militarization of men who through their economic plight are unable to resist this encroachment on their rights and civil liberties as citizens of this country. It is an unfair advantage taken by the government, of people beaten down to starvation and submission by four years of economic depression." The same thing is in progress in America.

Smallest Wireless Sets

ROBERT E. SMITH, Tottenham, England, claims to have made the smallest radio receiving sets in the world; one goes on a finger ring; six go in a matchbox. In each case there is a wooden base one-half inch square, a crystal holder, with crystal, and a tuning coil of 200 turns of wire. An aerial of twenty feet of wire is used, and earphones. Reception has been had of both regional and national programs.

Ordinary Letters Go by Air Mail

ARRANGEMENTS are now in effect in the British Isles by which all ordinary mail is sent by air if it will hasten its delivery. Thus all the mail for Scotland and the north of Ireland that accumulates in London after the last train has left at night goes by plane the first thing in the morning and in most instances is delivered before noon.

Britain Will Move the Woolwich Arsenal

ON ACCOUNT of the development of bombing aircraft the great Woolwich Arsenal of Britain will move to an unnamed location in the west and north. Two new airplane lines have been opened from Britain to Sweden, one via Holland and the other via Norway.

Four Air Routes London to Budapest

LONDON now has four air routes to Budapest. One is via Paris, the second via Rotterdam and Berlin, the third via Amsterdam, Leipzig, Prague and Vienna, and the fourth and last is a straight hop without stops.

Judge Rutherford's Lectures in Europe

ECHO from Turin:

It is with great interest that I am listening in on Wednesday and Saturday evenings to whatever the speaker of Radio Toulouse has to tell us on your account. I regret not knowing this gentleman personally, whom I have had the pleasure of hearing for several years now; his clear, cordial and persuasive voice perfectly suits the important items of vital interest with which you are dealing.—E. D., *T—, Italy*.

The son of a sexton gets the truth:

I have received your esteemed letter and your catalogue, which has attracted my attention. I am entirely satisfied with the wonderful, pure truths which you are publishing regarding the Catholic system which has transformed the admirable revelation of Jesus Christ into a vulgar, shameful commerce. It is due to the statutes of the pope and the bad examples given by the majority of the clergy and Catholics that mankind has completely lost faith, has become materialistic (no God, no master!), and for this reason crimes are a daily occurrence.

I am 55 years old, was brought up as the third son of a sexton right in Catholicism, and therefore really know. I am so pleased with your teachings that I really wish to offer you my services. If at some occasion I could be helpful to you at the place where I live or in the neighborhood, in case you would like to give lectures, I would do everything in my power to assist and protect you. . . .

—J. B., *Isère, France*.

"By their fruits ye shall know them":

For about ten months we have been reading your booklets and some *Age d'Or** copies. Furthermore, we are following with ever increasing interest your short talks by Radio Toulouse. We have in our house some domestics who before entering our service bought some of your publications. Their employers had taken hold of these booklets, read them, then burned them right before the girls, without reimbursing the poor maidservants their modest sum. As for us, we lent a *Harp of God* to somebody a while ago; maybe we shall never see it again, for, on pretext of saving our souls, they might have destroyed these "anti-dogmatic" writings!

In the hope that we may see the end of this wicked, cowardly and hypocritical world, we are ready to endure whatever may now be coming.—T., *Landes*.

* *The Golden Age*, French edition.

Best wishes:

Please receive, from a propagandist of universal peace by Esperanto, best wishes for the prosperity of your noble and ideal cause, which you publish in such a clear and comprehensive way. . . . —M. D., *Paris*.

At the Riviera:

Would you please send me the book *Deliverance*. It was impossible to get your address here in Cannes, and it was by radio that I received it again last night. I had already had your book when at Versailles and it was a great aid to me, but having left it behind at my departure, I must get it again to have it always with me. Are there any adherents of yours in these parts? If so, I should like to get in touch with them, as I have nothing to do just at this moment and I could work together with them spreading the holy word. . . . —R. P., *Cannes*.

I am stirred:

I have received your parcel with the books. They are wonderful, and I am really stirred by their contents. Like others, I had been under the domination of the clergy, but, thank God, have withdrawn now from this darkness. These books clearly show me the way to take, and therefore I wish to go on as a true follower of Christ and a witness for Him. I shall make efforts to spread your writings here in my town, for I want to make known the Truth.—F. B. L., *Cotes du Nord*.

An honest confession:

By means of the radio I learned of the existence of the *Tour de Garde* [Watchtower], and I am closely following your lectures from Radio Toulouse. For a long time I have been a faithful Bible reader, but in spite of all my efforts to understand its contents—although well acquainted with the principal events of ancient and modern history—I have never been able to comprehend the greater part of the Bible. Therefore I apply to you asking you to send me a sample copy of your journal.—L. F. M., *L—, Portugal*.

Deity has been mocked:

I have received your booklet and thank you for it. It will certainly circulate! Freethinkers of this town who rail against the churches are stopping and seeking to understand—oh, how God has been mocked! How hard a task you have undertaken! But the light you are bringing to the world is welcome.—MME CHE., *Maine et Loire*.

Consoling and comforting:

We could never thank you too much for the work of consoling and comforting which you are doing for the unfortunate. May the battle of Armageddon deliver us soon from this world of injustice and lies! I express to you my most profound gratitude.

—G. P. St. M., *Seine*.

Strength to live:

I have not yet seen your bearers of good news again. However, I hope they will come again soon, for I wish some new books. We are really happy to know this wonderful truth which gives us strength to live.—MME L., *Maine et Loire*.

Watch Tower Publications Granted Highest Award

THE members of the jury of the Paris exhibition of Modern Comfort, impressed with the richness of the revelations contained in the publications of the Watch Tower and anxious to do justice to the work of moral sanitation

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Paris, October 1934

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Fathers

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

WHY are the Roman Catholic priests called "fathers" and the pope called "holy father"? Is such according to the authority of the Bible? You prefer to have the answer of Jesus to this question, because He speaks the truth. At Matthew 23:9, Jesus said: 'Call no man father upon the earth; for one is your Father, which is in heaven.' Jesus did not permit anyone to call Him "father", nor did any of His apostles take that title. *Father* means life-giver, and only God can and does give life; hence the title applies to Him.

There is no Scriptural authority whatsoever to call a Catholic priest "father", and certainly there is no Scriptural authority to call the pope the "holy father". The title could not apply to any of them as earthly parents, because none of them marry. When Jesus was on earth the clergy of that day were claiming to be servants of God and they loved to be called "Rabbi" and "Master" and to be exalted amongst men. Their conduct in this regard Jesus declared was an abomination in the sight of God. (Luke 16:15) It still must be an abomination in God's sight for men to assume titles that belong to God.

Why has the Roman Catholic hierarchy taught the people to call men by the name "father"? The answer is that the great enemy of Jehovah God is the Devil. He is also man's worst enemy. For centuries the Devil has been trying to turn all men away from God, and he employs fraud and deceit to accomplish that wrongful purpose. It is stated, in 2 Corinthians 4, that the Devil blinds men to the truth lest they should know and serve God. About the fourth century Satan blinded the leaders in the Roman Catholic church organization and caused them to exalt themselves and call themselves "fathers" and the head of the organization "papa" or "pope". The people, being blinded to the truth, follow that custom and have given honor and praise to men, and thus the Devil has caused them to lose sight of their duty toward God, and has turned them away from God and His kingdom.

Does the exaltation of men by giving them high-sounding titles, honor and praise, work injury to the people? Yes, a very great injury;

for the reason that it causes them to lose sight of God, from whom all their blessings must proceed. Thus they become the dupes of Satan. The time has come for the people now to learn the truth of God's Word, that they may take their stand wholly on the side of God and live. The book called *Creation* tells of man's proper relationship to God, the Creator, and this, together with your Bible, will enable you to learn these great truths. The Roman Catholic hierarchy is not God's creation, but is an organization formed by men; and such organization Satan has overreached and used to turn millions of people away from God and His kingdom. The Catholic hierarchy at all times has discouraged the people from reading the Bible, telling them that only the clergy can understand the Bible. That is another scheme of Satan to keep the people in the dark, because he is the prince of darkness and the enemy of God and attempts to turn all persons away from God.

It is the will of God that men should learn the truth which is set forth in the Scriptures. Men who compose the Catholic hierarchy, and hence called "clergymen", have used that religious organization to enrich themselves by inducing the people to give them money to practice their religion. That is bad enough, but they have done the people even a greater injury by preventing them from learning the truth of God's Word. Soon God will greatly debase those men who have exalted themselves. Only the name of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus shall be exalted. The name and glory of men shall perish and the name of Jehovah shall endure for ever. Don't be misled by giving honor and praise to men; but, as the Scriptures declare, give Jehovah God the glory that is due His holy name, and thus put yourself in line for the blessings that He has in store for those that love and serve Him.

The great commandment God gave to man is, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and mind.' To obey that commandment man must devote himself to God and honor God. Did not He command the Israelites, 'Honor thy father and mother'? Yes, but the word "fa-

ther" in that scripture means Jehovah God, who is the great Life-giver, and the word "mother" means God's organization through which He gives life to His creatures. In harmony with this it is written, in Isaiah 54, that those who are given life are born of God's woman, that is, His

organization. Jehovah is the great Teacher, and He teaches all who become His sons. It is therefore an insult to God to address a clergyman by the title "father", because that is bestowing upon imperfect man the title of honor that belongs to Jehovah God.

[The foregoing talk is one of a series of thirty-six obtainable in the form of phonograph records which may be used on an ordinary phonograph. These talks are carried in *The Golden Age* by special arrangement

with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries concerning the phonograph records should be addressed to the Society, and not to *The Golden Age*.]

Jehovah's witnesses

Paper Removal of Intolerance

THE widespread paper removal of intolerance continues, with plans to put it across in 500 American cities. Headlines give the paregoric passed out in the public press as follows: "Good Will Trio Gets Biggest Reception in Jacksonville; Tour Country to Bring About Better Understanding Between Religions and to Promote Peaceful Pursuits in Turbulent Times." (This was in Jacksonville, Fla., where the backers were the Chamber of Commerce and kindred organizations.) "Blow at Religious Intolerance; Aim of Second Brotherhood Day; All Faiths Unite in Battle Against Prejudices; Programme Planned in 500 or More Communities; Aim to End Discord; Work Against Hatreds; Prejudices Put Aside; Roosevelt Gives Support." "Creeds Unite for Program Here Sunday; City Churches Join in National Observance of Good-Will Day Sunday." "Forum Hears Pastors Plead for Toleration." "Clergymen of Three Creeds Break Bread; Religious History Written when Protestant, Catholic and Jewish Leaders Talk Over Tolerance Issue; Laymen Speak." "Rabbi, Minister and Priest Bring Plea of Co-operation to Fourth Good Will Meet; Protestant Cites Economic Justice, World Peace and Crime as Problems on Which All Creeds Can Join in Solving." "Leaders of Three Churches Speak Here for Religious Understanding." (This was at Nashville, and the Catholic speaker, Reverend Peter M. H. Wynthoven, of Louisiana, is the same that compelled a radio station in his own state to discontinue broadcasting the addresses of Judge Rutherford.) And so it goes on down the line, a humbug from beginning to end, in-

tended to keep the people from learning the truth about the Devil's organization and about God's kingdom as the one and only hope of the world. These clergymen are ready to tear one another limb from limb, but, badly as they hate and fear one another, they hate and fear Judge Rutherford and Jehovah's witnesses in general much more, and are willing to do anything in reason or out of reason to put an end to the proclamation of the truth and to the proclaimers themselves.

Anthony Kubitsky of West Hazleton

BURGESS ANTHONY KUBITSKY, of West Hazleton, Pa., religious affiliations not known, but guessed, has issued a statement to the effect that any persons desiring to distribute religious literature, for any purpose whatsoever, will hereafter "have to secure the recommendation and identification of West Hazleton clergymen of their own faith, either Protestant, or Catholic, before they will be allowed to start". That is rich. What Mr. Kubitsky, perhaps recently from Poland, wishes to say is that if Jesus Christ and the twelve apostles came to West Hazleton, Pa., in view of the fact that none of them were members of any of the sects now in West Hazleton, they could not do a thing about publishing the truth in that burg, not a thing, because the West Hazleton clergymen, Protestant and Catholic, having no acquaintance with either Christ or His apostles, would withhold the necessary passport. It is to laugh—at Mr. Kubitsky. He still thinks, no doubt, that he is in Poland.

Laughing at the Chattanooga News

WHEN some editors start to write one wonders how their parents ever contrived to get them into ordinary clothing when it is so manifest that their level is that of the four-footed equine with the long ears and the reverberating bray of the *Equus asinus*. Thus the editor of the *Chattanooga News* writes a column and a half on the subject "The End of the World" and begins it with this statement: "We happened to listen to one Judge Rutherford, who peddles religious books over the radio and who specializes in throwing the fear of eternal damnation in the minds of the superstitious. Judge Rutherford predicts the world will come to an end before very long." Probably every one of the readers of the *Chattanooga News* knows perfectly well that Judge Rutherford says not one word over the radio or in his books about the damnation that occupies the mind of the editor of the *News*, and which damnation is there only because said editor is so terribly superstitious and uninformed. Judge Rutherford makes no effort to reach those steeped in bigotry and superstition, as the editor of the *News* manifestly is steeped, but seeks the intelligent who are willing to use their brains, and who can see, as any sensible man can see, and as the editor of the *News* cannot see, that the doctrine of eternal torture, which he no doubt professes to believe, has not a leg to stand upon and is worthy only of the contempt it now generally receives from the intelligent. On February 24, 1918, Judge Rutherford gave his famous lecture, "The World *Has* Ended; Millions Now Living Will Never Die." The editor of the *Chattanooga News* is either an old man who has lost his grip or a young one who never had it.

"Three Faiths in Brotherhood"

THE headlines in the papers carefully conceal the outrages to Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey and in various other places, including Germany. They make no mention of repeated arrests and imprisonment for no offense except obedience to the Scriptures, which command the preaching of the gospel from house to house. But the papers have much to say of the three faiths that are now in brotherhood, i.e., Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, and tell about the religious liberty, human freedom, deep abiding faith in men and faith in God, alleged to

characterize them. This faith, it may be said, has the ears of the Democratic jackass, the nose of the Republican elephant, the eyes of the owl, the teeth of the lion, the flippers of the whale, the wings of the ostrich, the belly of the great fish that swallowed Jonah, and the tail of the Berkshire pig. All four of its feet are different; none of its knees are alike; the legs all point in different directions. None can tell whether it is walking, crawling, swimming or flying. Its voice is a cross between the plaintive moo of the brindle cow, the roar of the lion and the bray of the mule, and it has the heavens. Part of it is covered with hide, part is covered with feathers, and part is covered with scales. Its appetite is enormous. It will swallow anything. Its breath is enough to give anybody the blind staggers. Its eyes are crossed, and, for fear that they would be of any use, they are hidden under the ears. The creature is spavined, sickly, and lousy. Useless now, it will die soon and the odor will drive humanity into the next county. Its horns have been broken off, and in their place is the triple crown so familiar to all cartoonists. It would fain rule all humanity, but cannot get away with it.

Is There Then No Hope?

IN A circular letter Reverend George W. Kerlin, pastor of the Toulminville (Ala.) Methodist Episcopal church, South, says: "The hope of our nation and of the world lies in a united Christendom. Our president has stated positively that America's recovery waits upon her spiritual recovery. Your strength is needed in the organization founded to establish the kingdom of God on earth." Well, there is no hope of a united "Christendom". So-called "Christians" the world over are getting ready to blow one another up and gas one another and shoot one another full of holes in a grander, more glorious, more complete way than ever before. And as for sects, what about that item from Hamburg, Germany, that in that one city, in that wretched and unhappy land, in the last ten years more than 200 sects have sprung into existence that were not known prior thereto. And even in the happy days displaced, there were about 200 even then. There is only one thing on which "Christendom" is united, and that is in hatred of the pure truth and the messengers of that truth, Jehovah's witnesses.

THE greatly anticipated day when Judge Rutherford would arrive in Honolulu came at last. Jehovah's witnesses and those associated with them began to assemble early in the morning, and many anxious inquiries were made at the pilot's office concerning the delayed arrival of the steamer, which had been caused by headwinds. A large quantity of leis had been specially prepared of fragrant, beautiful flowers. These were sent down the bay on the cutter, to be presented to Judge Rutherford, with the love and greetings of all the publishers of the Kingdom message in Hawaii, and other parts of these seas. Newspaper reporters and photographers interviewed Judge Rutherford, taking many pictures which later appeared in the local papers. While this was his first visit, Judge Rutherford is well known here through his radio lectures, and by the great number of his books which are in the hands of the people in all languages.

When the steamer docked all the friends went aboard to extend their alohas to Judge Rutherford, and to present more leis until there wasn't room for another one around his neck. Surely it was a great day for Honolulu.

It was desired that everyone on this island should be reached with a personal invitation, informing them that Judge Rutherford would address a public assembly on April 14 at McKinley High School auditorium, Honolulu, on the topic "WHO SHALL RULE THE WORLD?" Pioneers and other publishers had come in from other islands, and even from Australia, to help in the work. Not alone the city of Honolulu, but all the outlying parts of the island, including sugar and pineapple camps, were covered with printed invitations. Large window display cards were placed in the windows of stores and business places all over the island. Also 100 copies of a full-page newspaper advertisement of the public assembly were pasted on store windows. For the week preceding the lecture, parades of autos on which large banners and signs were displayed were held daily. A trailer equipped with sound equipment and plenty of signs led the parades. A number of tire cover signs telling of the public address were placed on cars and trucks. Daily announcements were made over one of the local radio stations, inviting the people to the assembly. A great deal of interest was aroused. Of course, the Devil tried to get in his licks, but all he could do was stir up the weather.

It had been fine and sunny until Judge Rutherford reached here, and then it immediately turned quite windy and overcast, and remained that way much of the time. Just at the time when people would be starting for the auditorium, on Sunday afternoon, it began to rain a regular downpour which lasted just long enough to keep some from coming. However, the Devil failed in his purpose; for over 1400 people were at the auditorium and heard the lecture, and thousands of others heard it in their homes over station KGMB, which broadcast the address. In that way the residents on the other islands were enabled to hear the lecture.

The audience was a noticeably intelligent one representing many nationalities, including Americans, Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos, as well as some others. A large delegation of "gentlemen of the cloth" were there with collars on backfront and with black and even red shirts. Some of these left rather hurriedly before the address was over, when it got rather hot for them. Great interest was manifest by the audience, and nearly all jumped to their feet and enthusiastically voted "Aye" at the conclusion. As they left the auditorium 591 booklets containing printed copies of the address and of others by Judge Rutherford were placed with them.

But this was only a part of the witness given that day by Judge Rutherford, for that evening he spoke by invitation in the largest and oldest Hawaiian church, Kawaiahao church. The invitation was extended by the pastor and the chairman of religious activities in behalf of the board of deacons and members of the church, as the copy herewith shows.

The written invitation was followed by urgent verbal ones. Upon his reaching Kawaiahao church, a real Hawaiian aloha and greeting was extended to Judge Rutherford by the officers of the church, and then all joined in the Lord's prayer. In honor of the occasion the Hawaiian people arranged a special song service; and how they did sing! No written music was used, even though many varied and complicated parts were sung. Each group or choir was led by a different leader, who seemed to exercise absolute control by movements of the hands and eyes. The voices were very strong, but indescribably sweet-sounding, even to the deep bass of the Hawaiian men. No musical accompaniment of piano or organ was needed. In fact, it couldn't

have been heard if it had been played. It was singing that was singing, and sung to praise the Lord.

(The Invitation)

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April 13, 1935

Judge Joseph F. Rutherford,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

DEAR SIR:

Please accept the aloha nui loa and greetings of the members of my church.

Having learned that you have come to Hawaii Nei to preach the Gospel of our Heavenly Father, and because of your reputation throughout the world as a public speaker, may I, on behalf of the members of this church, the "Westminster Abbey" of Hawaii, extend to you an invitation to speak in our church on Sunday night, April 14th, at 7:30 o'clock.

I know that we, the Hawaiian people, will appreciate your acceptance to preach in this historical church.

May we also have the pleasure of your presence at our get-together meeting at 7:30 o'clock, before the hour of service, so that we may have an opportunity of exchanging greetings in a true Hawaiian atmosphere of aloha?

May God bless you, is the prayer of,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signed] REV. WILLIAM KAMAU
Pastor, Kawaiahao Church

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[Signed] JAMES H. HAKUOLE
Chairman Religious Activities

Judge Rutherford fed them from the Lord's Word; and when he finished, the chairman gave a résumé in Hawaiian for the benefit of those who could not understand English. There were many signs of assent and interest. Those privileged to be present will not soon forget the occasion. The desire of these people to hear Jehovah's message was opposed by the Board of Missions which controls most of the churches here, but no heed was paid to their protests, and the invitation was made despite the efforts of the Board of Missions to prevent it. The members of the Hawaiian church asked for bread, and for once they received bread and not a

stone. Usually they insist that all services in their church be in the Hawaiian tongue. They intended it as a very great compliment to Judge Rutherford in inviting him to speak in their church, and the blessing of the Lord attended the service.

The observance of the Memorial took place on the following Wednesday, and it was a rich blessing to have Judge Rutherford to conduct the service. It was indeed a joyful and inspiring event for those present, many of whom were participating for the first time. Many other grand meetings were led by Judge Rutherford during his stay. While here Judge Rutherford, in the Lord's providence, made many extensive provisions for the giving of a far greater witness in this place to the name and honor of Jehovah. All the publishers here are surely convinced that the Lord sent him here, and hope this was but the first of many such visits. The witness accomplished by Judge Rutherford's visit and public addresses was far more than ordinarily would be by years of witnessing in the usual manner. When the steamer for the mainland was about to leave, many more leis of flowers were given to Judge Rutherford with heartfelt mahala nui for all he had done in behalf of the Lord's work here.

It had been hoped there would be time for Judge Rutherford to enjoy some Hawaiian scenes and food, but his time was so fully occupied in the Lord's service that this was not possible. All were sorry to see him go, but did their best to give him a happy send-off, looking forward to an early return.

Two Notes from France

I am writing these few lines to tell you that I had the blessing to receive your little books when your messenger called here. I am just delighted, as, for a very long time, I had been seeking after the Truth!

—MME VVE. D., *Seine et Oise*.

I am sure it is God's hand that put me in touch with your work, of which I was ignorant until now. About a fortnight ago, in the hospital where I am at present, a fellow sufferer asked me if I would write a letter for him ordering some booklets on the gospel, handing me over your booklet *The Kingdom*. With joy I acquiesced, not only for him, but for myself! Since last Saturday my thoughts keep turning back to your Christian tower as if to a magnetic center of attraction, for what I read at once appealed to my spiritual and ideal conception.—P. C. D., *Aveyron*.

IT SEEMS fair to conclude that our present economic misery is due to our having been "educated" by newspapers that received more revenue from printing advertisements than they did from printing intelligence. When we were in dire need of intelligence they overdosed us with advertising.

Thanks to the use of radio, however, public opinion is now far in advance of editorial opinion, and this lead will keep increasing as long as publications are handicapped with their drag-anchors of advertising revenue.

An exception can be made in the matter of public opinion of advertising, which is 200 or more years behind the editorial opinion of conscientious journalists. In the early part of the eighteenth century editors and publishers were very proud of their professional honor, and they guarded it with as much zeal as the present-day publisher guards the profits of his corporation.

In those days commercial advertisements were not considered the proper business of papers of intelligence, and so the advertisements were used as rear-end material to be printed after the news items, or segregated entirely from the news by being printed in a supplement.

Of course, this editorial opinion prevailed in the earlier days of journalism, long before the days when newspapers became a by-product of advertising, and long before the days of Barnum, Barton, Ballyhoo and Hokum, and long before the Ivy Lee type of clever publicity was used to manufacture public opinion for private profit.

It was in September, 1710, that *The Tattler* printed what is probably the outstanding editorial classic of all times regarding advertising. It was both an editorial and the publisher's statement of policy. It is an indication of what public opinion, looking backward into the future, will be when the present generation gets to know its newspapers and its periodicals better. The editorial (quoted from *The Tattler*, of September 14, 1710) follows:

It is my custom, in the dearth of news, to entertain myself with those collections of Advertisements that appear at the end of the public prints. Advertisements are of great value to the vulgar. First of all they are instruments of ambition. A man that is by no means big enough for the Gazette may easily creep into the advertisements.

A second use which this sort of writings has been turned to of late years has been the management of controversy. . . . The inventors of Strops for Razors

have been writing against one another in this way for several years.

The third and last use of these writings (advertisements) is to inform the World where they may be furnished with almost anything that is necessary for Life. If a man has Pains in his Head, Cholic in his Bowels, or spots on his clothes, he may here meet with the proper Cures or Remedies.

If a Man would recover a Wife or a Horse that is stolen or strayed; if he wants new Sermons, electuaries, Asses' Milk, or anything else, either for his body or for his Mind, this is the place to look for them in. (End of editorial.)

Again, looking backward, into the future, it seems that journalistic history and public opinion will repeat, because we find Dr. Johnson, in *The Idler* for January 20, 1758, expressing this opinion:

"Advertisements are now so numerous that they are very negligently perused, and it is therefore become necessary to gain attention by magnificence of promise and by eloquence sometimes sublime and sometimes pathetic. Promise, large promise, is the soul of an advertisement. I remember a washball that had a quality so truly wonderful that it gave 'an exquisite edge to the razor'. The trade of advertising is now so near to perfection that it is not easy to propose any improvements."

How does advertising in 1934 differ from that of 1758? Has not history repeated itself with a vengeance, and then some?

Is it any wonder that our big advertisers have to employ "public relations" experts to keep public opinion favorable? and is it any wonder that newspapers and periodicals could increase profits by keeping their readers ignorant and gullible and easy prey for the wiles of the tricky advertisers?

Will not public opinion, looking back to 1855, accept the soundness of the logic which Emerson recorded in his diary of that year in these words:

"I trust a good deal to common fame, as we all must. If a man has good corn, or wood, or board, or pigs to sell, or can make better chairs or knives or church organs than anyone else, you will find a broad, hard-beaten road to his house, be it in the woods."

What a difference since 1855! Present-day manufacturers and merchants advertise their own fame. Their products may not be the best, nor their prices bargains, but they can advertise that they are, and the editors will keep their secrets. It was a good game while it lasted. Insull and the rank and file of speculators of all sorts can testify to that.

However, public opinion is no longer so easily opiated by advertising superlatives, and the paid publicists are finding it harder and harder to manufacture public opinion, and the public, becoming informed, will soon say to the editors and publishers, "We are looking backward, gentlemen, into the future, and you will have to mend your ways."

Advertising, which was long considered a necessary fertilizer for the fields of business, has been spread on too thick in an effort to produce larger harvests of profits, and the public is

beginning to notice the odor, and insist on a much needed sanitation.

Journalism will doubtless return to its virtuous duty: that of distributing intelligence. Newspapers will then be divided into two classes: those that carry advertising and those that do not. In the former, the advertisements will probably be put where they rightfully belong: at the end of the news, or in a supplement, instead of being scattered everywhere in the paper except on page one, with the news items being used as "fillers" for the space not sold to the advertisers.

Mordants and Alums *By W. M. Evans, M.P.S. (England)*

REFERRING to Mr. Barber's article in *The Golden Age* of February 27, I was greatly interested in his remarks concerning "athlete's foot".

I will endeavor to give an explanation of the causes of this complaint to the best of my knowledge. Today there is an immense quantity of artificial silk in everyday use, which in the majority of cases is dyed in bright colors. What is artificial silk?

It is the product of cellulose, which is the main constituent of the cell walls of plants which forms the skeleton of vegetable tissues. In a pure state cellulose is best known as cotton, wool, linen, and paper. Cotton and linen differ from each other in the structure of the fibers, which consist in one case of cylindrical tubes, but chemically identical.

Cotton when nitrated and treated with alcohol and ether produces collodion. When this solvent is evaporated it leaves a transparent film of great tenacity.

Upon addition of dilute sulphuric acid to the above and the passing of it through a very fine aperture into water, it at once coagulates and forms a fine transparent thread of great toughness. These threads may be wound on a reel and twisted to produce a silky fiber, which is denitrated by means of ammonia sulphide to render it nonexplosive.

A second method is to treat cellulose with a mixture of carbon bisulphide and caustic alkali. The viscid transparent liquid is squeezed through a fine aperture and subsequently rendered insoluble.

This product is artificial silk.

In the dyeing process some dyes require a mordant, that is, something to fix or hold the coloring matter in the fibers of the material, while there are a small number of dyes which do not require the mordant. The most valuable mordants are the salts of aluminum, particularly alum, sodium aluminate, and aluminum hydroxide.

This hydroxide has the property of uniting with many soluble organic coloring matters, and precipitates them from solution, as lakes. Upon this property depends the use of aluminum salts as mordants.

Today the compound alum is largely used, on account of its purity, in preference to the ordinary aluminum sulphate.

It is clear that the material which is being dyed contains a mass of mordant in a very fine state of subdivision in an anhydrous condition.

Alum in this condition has a great affinity for water, and immediately on coming in contact with any moist surface it slowly reacts, gradually absorbing water, and coagulating any albumen, acidic secretions are neutralized.

Perspiration is a secretion which occurs as free butyric acid (this is a fatty acid which is a component of butter, average about 10 percent); therefore definite action takes place between this acid and the aluminum salt, forming a new type of salt, which in turn acts as a caustic, producing redness, inflammation, and finally a painful blister.

As there is a continual attraction between the aluminum salt and the moisture inside the cells,

this is very marked in the delicate parts, as there is less resistance than there would be where the cell walls are thickened (as in the case of the finger tips). Trouble may also be caused if the dye enters a broken-down cell.

Aluminum salts taken internally react in a similar manner, the salts having contaminated any food prepared in aluminum utensils. These salts are slowly absorbed and have an accumulative action; therefore consumers possessing a strong constitution are able to take their daily dose for some considerable time before the limit is reached and the poisonous symptoms begin to show themselves, while, on the other hand, a consumer with a weak constitution shows signs of poisoning very rapidly. Another interesting fact is that even after the daily dose ceases the pains and ill effects continue for a considerable time, as aluminum salts are very slowly eliminated from the system and with great difficulty. Very rarely is it the case that two persons show the same symptoms while dosing themselves with aluminum salts.

There are many alums in use today, as follows:

1. Alum, or potash aluminum sulphate.
2. Ammonia alum—ammonia and aluminum sulphate.
3. Potash chromium alum, or potash and chromium sulphate.

There are a large number of alums of the other metals in existence, but very rarely used. The most common are alum and ammonia alum.

The alums are a class of compounds which are the double salts of the sulphates of two bases or metals, the most important being the double sulphate of aluminum and potash known as alum.

The first two of the above-mentioned alums each contain aluminum as one of its constituents; but the third one, potash chromium alum, is one which does not contain any aluminum, chromium taking its place; yet, although aluminum is absent, it is a duplicate in many respects, and, in fact, far more dangerous if taken internally. Let me give a word of warning that if at any future date chromium is used as a metal for the production of cooking utensils it will, in my opinion, be disastrous to use them, as compounds of chromium are highly poisonous, far more than aluminum.

I strongly condemn copper, aluminum, and, if we get them, chromium vessels.

Chromium metal until recently was a great curiosity, but is now obtained very easily from its crude oxide by the aid of aluminum and also by means of electricity.

The two metals are very closely allied to each other.

American Elm Trees Doomed

AMERICAN elm trees, the glory of New England, are doomed. The Dutch elm disease imported about four years ago has now gained such headway that it is doubtful if it can be stopped. It is claimed that 50,000 trees in the zone around New York are infected and have become hosts for the disease. The New York city park department is doing what it can to stay the plague.

Wild Dogs in Washington, D.C.

ONE can hardly credit it, but the Washington *Herald* has a half-column article about packs of wild dogs that live in the environs of the capital city and are known, on occasion, to have foraged in the heart of Washington. They are believed to be descendants from animals which infested the Mall before the Civil War.

Flies in Oil and Pepper

IT IS claimed that 15,000 new kinds of insects are found every year. One of the latest discoveries is that of a fly which lives without harmful effects in oil, and preys on other insects that fall into it. Another is an insect which spends its entire existence from birth to death in pepper.

Solar Hot Water Heaters

SOLAR hot water heaters are coming into use in Arizona and California. The better types are so constructed as to bring water up to 280 degrees. Even the homemade varieties raise the heat to 120 to 180 degrees. Scientists have obtained temperatures in excess of 400 degrees.

Lake Iamonia Disappears Again

LAKE IAMONIA, 14 miles long, located in Florida, near the state capital, has the habit of disappearing periodically, through an underground outlet, and leaving immense quantities of fish behind. It went dry in 1917, and again in 1934.

New News About Nicotine By Oran Raber

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Here are the true facts about nicotine. The bold, evasive advertising of cigar and cigarette manufacturers is a camouflage for the effects smoking really has upon you. The newest investigations are sure to surprise you.

WHAT the literary romancers *think* about "My Lady Nicotine" is often very different from what the scientific research workers—the physicians and the physiologists, not to mention the sociologists—*know* about her. Nicotine, like alcohol, is a deceiver; and its real effects upon the human system are not always what they seem to the casual observer.

It is interesting to note that cigars are much worse than cigarettes because (a) the tobacco of cigars is much purer, and (b) the substances mixed with cigarette tobacco lessen the amount of nicotine in the smoke. Cigar smoke contains more than twice the nicotine content of smoke compared with the same amount of tobacco in cigarettes, and pipe smoking is still worse. Dr. W. W. Henick stated in October, 1929, that *angina pectoris*, i.e., neuralgia of the heart, was more common among pipe smokers than among other users of tobacco.

Just exactly what the nicotine does to the body is still a subject of much research and discussion among physiologists. The human organism is such a complex mechanism that it is extremely difficult to put one's finger on the exact part of the machinery that is influenced.

Many of the more general effects were indicated by Rydan, who found that nicotine first stimulates the movement of the intestine and then later depresses it. Mulinos found that when 1.5 to 15 milligrams of nicotine were injected into the veins, motion of the intestinal muscles ceased completely. Gasser and Dale also found that the muscles of mammals were paralyzed by nicotine and made insensible to stimuli. The Polish student Dobryanski showed that the epithelial cells lining the esophagus and trachea which control the cilia that keep the passages to the lungs and stomach free from objectionable germs, dust, etc., are also paralyzed under the influence of nicotine.

In an experiment on rats, Field proved that every one after breathing the tobacco was more active for a short interval; but later activity decreased. This means that the animals were "more nervous"; and it was found that the excited rats weighed less at the end of the experiment than rats given uncontaminated air.

Rydan also found that nicotine increased the blood pressure of subjects experimented upon.

Adrenalin is a very powerful heart stimulant, and Tournade and Chabrol showed that nicotine stimulates the production of this drug, so that many workers thought this was the reason for the increased blood pressure. But Rydan showed that this could not be the entire cause, since the blood pressure is increased by nicotine even when the glands secreting the adrenalin have been removed. Adrenalin tends to annul the feeling of fatigue and to accelerate the recovery of tired muscles, but this action is hindered by nicotine. Thus nicotine not only causes muscles to behave as though they were fatigued, but also prevents the adrenalin from remedying the situation. The action of nicotine on the heart and blood vessels is seen to be a very complex one. Frommel showed that nicotine increased the excitability of the heart; and Hendriksson found that when administered to rabbits, tobacco smoke decreased their pulse, raised their blood pressure, and decidedly increased the work of their hearts. Tournade and his associates performed an interesting operation on two dogs in what is called a cross-circulation experiment. The blood streams of the two animals were united; one of the dogs was then chloroformed and the other was given a small dose of nicotine. The blood pressure of the chloroformed dog rose very abruptly, and then fell to almost zero, owing to the syncope or temporary heart failure of the animal.

Professor Henderson at Yale shows that the heart of an athlete must have a slow, steady stroke; and the extra demands made upon it cannot be met by increasing the beat instead of the stroke-volume. Tobacco tends to increase the beat or pulse rate, so that the heart makes a lot of small strokes instead of a few, slow, strong strokes with high volume output which the work of an athlete requires.

What Nicotine Does to Diabetics

Nicotine also causes an increase in blood sugar both in normal subjects and in diabetics, and since this is the very thing diabetics wish to avoid, the folly of their use of tobacco is self-evident. Nicotine also has been found to decrease the alkaline reserve of the blood of dogs, men and women, owing to the production of acid intermediary by-products while the system is reacting to the toxic alkaloid.

That nicotine really is toxic to organisms was shown by two investigators. They tested the effect of smoking upon the bacteria in the mouth of the smoker and found that smoking a cigarette reduced the bacteria removable by rinsing the mouth about forty percent. At the end of an hour the effect had disappeared. This means that the sterilizing action of tobacco smoke is genuine but temporary so far as the mouth of the smoker is concerned. Unfortunately, what damages the cells of the bacteria also hurts the cells of the smoker.

In small doses nicotine excites respiration, but in larger amounts respiration is hindered. Nicotine is even more powerful than strychnine in producing *apnoea*, or restricted respiration. Nicotine has long been known to decrease the appetite, but it also hinders digestion. It distinctly hinders the digestion of proteins by the digestive enzymes of the intestinal tract and inhibits the starch-digesting power of pancreatic juice.

The Japanese investigator, Fukuye, reports that nicotine injected under the skin or into the veins of cats caused disturbances in their hearing apparatus. Bruni showed that tobacco smoke caused a decrease in the protective action given the body by the scavengers of the blood; i.e., the white corpuscles. These guardians of the body were less efficient after smoking, due to a direct toxic action of nicotine upon these "policemen" of the blood stream.

Can a Smoking Mother Poison Her Child?

A question arises as to whether a smoking mother may poison a nursing or unborn child. Hatcher and Crosby found that nicotine does pass into the milk of an animal containing nicotine in its blood; and a trace of nicotine was detected in the milk of a mother who smoked. Furthermore, nicotine was found to suppress milk secretion for several hours in the case of cows and cats, and there is no reason to believe that it has a different effect upon the human species. The baby of a smoking mother may, therefore, be injured in two ways: in the first place, it will not get so much milk, and in the second place, what it does receive will be slightly poisoned with nicotine.

The various effects upon the heart and other organs produced by tobacco are probably not all due to nicotine. Tobacco smoke contains several other injurious substances, about ten

percent of which are absorbed by the smoker. For instance, arsenic is present in numerous brands of smoking and plug tobacco, varying from six to thirty parts per million. These are many times the amounts permitted in foods.

The above citations have all referred to the physical effects of tobacco. As to its mental effects, it has been shown rather conclusively that smokers are poorer students than non-smokers. But these examples are sufficient to indicate the type of work now being done in laboratories all over the civilized world—work which shows that nicotine is a poison in every sense of the word. One may reply that "a little poison is a harmless thing" or that "a little poison now and then is relished by the strongest men". Very well, if after knowing that a thing is poison, you still persist in taking it, that is an affair for the sociologist and not for the physiologist and pharmacologist. We are merely putting the skull and crossbones on the bottle. Whether you still wish to take it, you must decide.

Good Health

Case of Albinism at Dayton

DAYTON, Ohio, at its National Soldiers' Home, has an unusually well developed case of what is called albinism, i.e., of a black man's losing the pigment of his skin and becoming white. In this instance the man, James Smith, is 77 years of age, and has slowly been turning white since he was a youth. He still has two small brown spots on his face, but otherwise has lost all resemblance of a colored man.

No Such Thing as Pure Vaccine

IN THE very nature of things there is no such thing and can be no such thing as pure vaccine. If the claim is made that a vaccine is pure, and the question is asked, Pure what? there is no answer. Twenty days after he was vaccinated with lymph imported from Switzerland William Alfred Carter, of Camberwell, England, died of encephalitis.

Treatment of Sprains

SPRAINS are successfully treated by exposing the injured part to infrared rays three-fourths of an hour, twice a day, and ultraviolet rays for two to five minutes once a day; so says an English physician who has used these treatments in 100 cases.

Wine—Its Manufacture and Use Unscriptural?

WINE is a beverage or liquor made from the juice of grapes and allowed to ferment. The alcoholic content thereof produces intoxication when used to excess. There could be no wine without fermentation, and fermentation is the result of a natural law which the great Creator God made. *Yah-yin* is the Hebrew word most frequently translated "wine" in the sacred Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi's prophecy. The word is a derivative of the Hebrew verb meaning "to effervesce". In 83 cases out of 138 times used the Hebrew word *yah-yin* certainly means fermented grape juice, and in the remainder of cases it may fairly be presumed to do so. In four cases only is it really doubtful. *Ti-rosh* is the Hebrew word next most frequently used, and is translated "new wine" or "sweet wine". Its derivation from the root meaning "to seize, occupy, possess" was evidently because the new or sweet wine was particularly intoxicating and hence *seized* the drinker's brain.

In Genesis, the ninth chapter, it is recorded that Noah planted a vineyard, gathered the grapes that grew therein, and made wine (*yah-yin*) from them and became intoxicated. To say that Noah did that because he was ignorant of the natural law of fermentation would be foolish. The record shows that he planted the vineyard with full knowledge that wine by fermentation would result; otherwise why did he press out the juice from the grapes and wait for it to ferment before he drank it? Had he desired only the grape juice he would have pressed out the juice and drunk it immediately. The great flood, which had occurred some years before, had nothing to do with the operation of fermentation, as has been improperly claimed. God was not displeased with Noah and did not, like modern prohibitionists, subject him to a fine, imprisonment or other punishment for making and possessing wine; but long thereafter God gave to Noah the very highest commendation, at Ezekiel 14:14. In the eleventh chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews again Noah is specifically commended for his faithfulness and devotion to God, and it is plainly stated that he had God's full approval. Notwithstanding this, Noah has been repeatedly denounced by the Anti-Saloon League and the clergy.

Later Abraham, who had performed a great and good act of faithfulness to God, was met by the king of Salem, Melchizedek, the priest of the Most High God, and was served with wine (*yah-*

yin) by God's priest and received God's blessing. The record of this is in Genesis 14:18, 19. During prohibition enforcement the clergy would incarcerate both Abraham and Melchizedek in prison for so doing.

God anointed Aaron, the brother of Moses, to serve in the office of high priest of Israel and to serve in the tabernacle built for the worship of Jehovah God. In Leviticus 10:9 He commanded Aaron not to drink wine (*yah-yin*) or strong drink (*sheh-khahr*, an intensely alcoholic "liquor", an "intoxicant"), when? "When ye go into the tabernacle." But when the service in the tabernacle was done he might drink it. The Lord did not prohibit him from manufacturing or having it in possession. Even those who were specially consecrated to God were told that they could drink wine (*yah-yin*) at certain times.—See Numbers 6:20.

In giving instruction to the Israelites concerning their offerings at the tabernacle God used these words, in Numbers 28:7: "In the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine [*sheh-khahr*] to be poured unto the Lord for a drink offering." No one would question that the Lord approved this, because He commanded it.

In Psalm 104 the prophet is praising God for His abundant provisions for His creatures, and among other good and blessed things thus provided by the Lord he names these: "He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth; and wine [*yah-yin*] that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart." (Psalm 104:14, 15) Instead of prohibiting the making, possession and use of wine, God himself provided it for His people.

It cannot be successfully argued that these scriptures, because of being taken from the ancient Hebrew Scriptures, no longer apply. The entire Bible was written for the instruction of men in righteousness, and the Hebrew Scriptures and the later gospel and apostolic writings are in full accord with each other. It is written in 2 Timothy 3:16: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." Jesus and the apostles quoted frequently from the Hebrew Scriptures and showed that such announce God's rule as applying to all His creatures.

The words and acts of Jesus are recorded in the inspired writings of His apostles and followers. He performed miracles for the purpose of establishing the faith of the people in Him as the Messiah sent from God. Would it be at all reasonable that in the performance of miracles for this purpose Jesus would use anything in connection therewith that God had prohibited or that was at all displeasing to God? Certainly not; because He repeatedly stated that He came to do, not His own will, but the will of His Father who sent Him. (John 5:30; 6:38) Therefore what Jesus did had the full approval of God His Father.

The first miracle that Jesus performed was that of making wine (*oi-nos*, the Greek equivalent for *yah-yin*). The record thereof is found in John 2:1-11. He was present at a marriage feast at which all the guests were drinking wine which the bridegroom had provided. The supply on hand was exhausted. Being called upon to do something for the guests in the way of supplying wine Jesus then and there performed His first great miracle by making wine from water. The divine record shows that it was even better than the other wine. Some of the prohibitionist clergymen, not being able to answer these plain statements of God's approval upon the making of wine, have had the temerity to tell the people that the wine Jesus there made on that occasion was merely unfermented grape juice. The clergy expect the people to believe their statement because they claim that no one else can teach the Scriptures aside from them. In proof that it was genuine, *fermented* wine, the record plainly reads: "The governor of the feast called the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine [*oi-nos*] until now." No man would say that about unfermented grape juice. He did not know that Jesus had made this wine, but he did know it was the best wine; and that proves it was not merely plain grape juice.

The Pharisees who composed the clergy when Jesus was on earth, and whom Jesus denounced as hypocrites, accused Jesus of being a winebibber (*oi-no-po-tes*). (Matthew 11:19) Manifestly they did this because Jesus indulged in the moderate use of fermented wine. Had He been drinking plain grape juice they would have said nothing about it. Had God purposed that the making, possession and use of wine should

be prohibited, Jesus certainly would not have drunk any of it whatsoever. He kept God's law in every particular.

The Pharisees accused Jesus of wrongdoing because He ate and drank with the poor or common people. They were not drinking unfermented grape juice, but were evidently drinking good wine, which represented good cheer, and this they were doing because Jesus was with them and they were glad. To illustrate the *happiness* of the occasion, Jesus spoke in response to the Pharisees' accusation and used these words: "And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved. No man also having drunk old wine straightway desireth new; for he saith, The old is better." (Luke 5:37-39) Who ever heard of unfermented grape juice's causing skin bottles to burst? The clergy will have to find some other arguments; for these scriptures show that God does not prohibit the making, possession or use of intoxicating wine or strong drink, but that, on the contrary, He approves the making, possession and *moderate* use thereof.

Use—at Memorial

Just before the death of Jesus He instituted the Memorial of His death by the breaking of bread and by producing wine and inviting His disciples to drink of it. Luke's account (22:14-20) reads: "And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: for I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you." If fermented wine were displeasing to God, then Jesus would not have used it on that occasion.

God's law concerning the passover and the seven-day feast of unleavened bread which followed specified: "Ye shall eat nothing leavened

[*khaw-mates*]; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread [*mats-tsaw*]." (Exodus 12:20) "Unleavened bread [*mats-tsaw*] shall be eaten seven days; and there shall no leavened bread [*khaw-mates*] be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven [*seh-ore*] seen with thee in all thy quarters." (Exodus 13:7) If this prohibition against leavened bread at Passover had been meant by Jehovah God to apply also to fermented wine, then most certainly Jesus would not have permitted it at the table nor have handed the cup of it around to His disciples while celebrating the passover nor used it immediately thereafter as an emblem of His shed blood. Also all other faithful Jews would have had to dump their stocks of fermented wine or otherwise have gotten rid of it from their premises before passover night, if the command, "Neither shall there be leaven [*seh-ore*] seen with thee in all thy quarters," included wine in its application.

There is no mention of wine in connection with the passover in the Pentateuch (the first five books of Moses, or Genesis to Deuteronomy); but the Jewish legal code apart from the Bible strictly enjoins that there should never be less than four cups of it provided at the paschal meal even of the poorest Israelite. (*Pesach*. X,1) The wine was usually red, and it was mixed with water as it was drunk. The cups were handed round in succession at specified intervals during the meal. Two of them appear to be distinctly mentioned in Luke's account of Jesus' last supper with His disciples before His death. The wine drunk at the meal was not restricted to the four cups, but none could be drunk during the interval between the third and fourth cups.

According to the Jewish canons: "Nothing is prohibited on the Feast of Passover because of leaven except the five kinds of corn, viz., wheat, barley, spelt, oats, and rye. Leguminous plants, such as rice, millet, beans, lentils, and the like, in these there is no leaven; and although the meal of rice or the like is kneaded with hot water and covered with cloths till it rises like leavened dough, yet it may be eaten, for this is not leaven, but putrefaction. Even the five kinds of corn, if simply kneaded with the liquor of fruit, without water, are not accounted leaven. Though the dough thus made stands a whole day and rises, yet it may be eaten, because the liquor of fruit does not engender fermentation,

but acidity. The fruit-liquor, oil, wine, milk, honey, olive-oil, the juice of apples, of pomegranates, and the like, but no water, is to be in it, because any admixture of water, however small, produces fermentation."—*Maimonides*.

Neither is the service of praise sung at the Passover mentioned in the original passover law given to Moses. It consisted of the series of Psalms from 113 to 118. The first portion, comprising Psalms 113-114, was sung in the early part of the meal, and the second part after the fourth cup of wine. This is supposed to have been the "hymn" sung by our Lord and His apostles.—Matthew 26:30; Mark 14:26, *margin*.

Leaven

In Hebrew two distinct words are found, both translated "leaven" in the *King James* or *Common Version* Bible. This is not the best for the understanding, for there is the same distinction between *seh-ore* and *khaw-mates*, in the Hebrew, as between "leaven" and "ferment" in the English. Chemically speaking, the "ferment" or "yeast" is the same substance in either case; but "leaven" is more correctly applied to solids, as bread dough, and "ferment" is applied both to liquids and to solids. *Seh-ore* ("leaven") occurs only five times in the Scriptures, in four times of which it is translated "leaven" (Exodus 12:15, 19; 13:7; Leviticus 2:11), and in the fifth, "leavened bread." (Deuteronomy 16:4) It seems to have denoted originally the remnant of dough left on the preceding baking, which had fermented and turned acid; hence its distinctive meaning is "fermented" or "leavened mass". *Khaw-mates* ought not to be translated "leaven", but "ferment". It is a more general term than the former, and is spoken of both liquids (as wine) and solids. But leavened bread and wine (fermented grape juice) were not classified together. Note: Leviticus 2:11 commands: "No meat [meal] offering, which ye shall bring unto the Lord, shall be made with leaven [*khaw-mates*]: for ye shall burn no leaven [*seh-ore*] nor any honey [which has leavening force], in any offering of the Lord made by fire." But Leviticus 10:9 and Numbers 28:6, 7, 14 read: "Do not drink wine [*yah-yin*] nor strong drink [*sheh-khahr*] . . . when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die." "It is . . . a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou cause the strong wine [*sheh-khahr*] to be poured

unto the Lord for a drink offering. . . . Their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine [*yah-yin*] unto a bullock, and the third part of an hin unto a ram, and a fourth part of an hin unto a lamb: this is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year."

Jesus commanded that His followers should continue to perform the Memorial of His death once each year until the coming of His kingdom. The fact that the Lord used wine ("the fruit of the vine") on this occasion is conclusive proof that its making, possession and use has the approval of God.

Moderation

God made the grapes and the wine therefrom for men and purposed that men should use it in moderation and for their own good; and that being true, no body of men has the right in the name of God to prohibit the possession or use thereof. The Bible defines the qualifications of those who should be ordained to serve in the church of Christ, and, among other things, it states that such shall not be given to "much wine" (*oinos*). (Titus 2:3; 1 Timothy 3:3-8) Manifestly this is proof that it is pleasing to the Lord for them to make and possess and use it in moderation. This instruction is given to one of God's servants: "Use a little wine [*oinos*] for thy stomach's sake." (1 Timothy 5:23) The law of God does not advise men to use wine to excess and become drunk; but, on the contrary, it is written, in Philippians 4:5: "Let your moderation be known unto all men."

There has been a great amount of sorrow and suffering amongst men by reason of the excessive use of wine and strong drink. It is also true that there has been even greater suffering from other excesses. The improper and excessive eating of food doubtless has killed more people than excessive drink. The Word of God especially denounces a glutton, but it does not prohibit the people from eating in moderation. Likewise God's Word denounces the excessive use of wine or strong drink to the point of drunkenness, but it does not prohibit the manufacture, possession or use of wine.

Thus the use of wine is authorized by the Scriptures, but the use thereof must be in moderation. Manifestly it is proper to use wine in moderation, otherwise the Lord would not have caused to be recorded, with His approval, the use thereof. There is a wide distinction between

the moderate use of wine and "filthiness of the flesh and spirit". (2 Corinthians 7:1) Moderation in all things is the proper and Scriptural course. (Philippians 4:5) An immoderate eater is a glutton. A drunkard and a glutton are placed in the same class, and both are disapproved by the Lord. (Proverbs 23:21; Deuteronomy 21:20) Let it be repeated that the Scriptural admonition is to take "a little wine for thy stomach's sake". (1 Timothy 5:23) But 'do not be given to too much wine'. (1 Timothy 3:8) If one finds that he cannot take a moderate amount of wine for his well-being, then he should avoid it altogether. If it works injury to himself or to any other person, then it should not be used.

"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, . . . *drunkenness*, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21) "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, . . . nor *drunkards*, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the spirit of our God."—1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

In harmony with what is here said it is written: "Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags." (Proverbs 23:20, 21) Manifestly Jesus used wine and ate food, and that furnished an excuse for the Pharisees to charge Him with being a glutton and a winebibber and a friend of publicans and sinners. Concerning this matter Jesus himself said: "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children." (Matthew 11:19) Of course, the Pharisees *falsely* charged Him with excesses, because Jesus always does right. Of His joy, flashing forth from His eyes, at the privilege of vindicating His heavenly Father's name, it is prophetically written (Genesis 49:11, 12): "He washed his garments in wine [*yah-yin*], and his clothes in the blood of grapes: his eyes shall be red with wine"; not bloodshot and inflamed as with drunkenness, but, as the *Roth-*

erham translation renders it, "darker his eyes than wine"; or, another translation, "brilliant," "darkly flashing his eyes with wine."—*Strong; McC. & S.*

Furthermore it is written: "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." (Proverbs 23: 31) According to *Rotherham* this text reads: "Do not look on wine when it becometh red, when it giveth in the cup its sparkle; glideth down smoothly." Some have insisted that this text means that no one should even look at wine; but that is an unreasonable construction of the scripture. Wine made from certain grapes is red at all times and does not change its color. When a man has imbibed wine to excess he begins to see "red". What this text, then, really means is, as stated in modern phrase: Do not look on wine to use it when you see red, that is, when everything looks red to you. When it looks red to you and slides down easily, then it is time to let it alone; you have had enough or too much.

When any publisher of the message of Jehovah's kingdom by Christ Jesus is engaged in the service of the Lord, strong drink in any form should be avoided. God gave commandment to

those who served in the priests' office in these words: "Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die; it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations; and that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean." (Leviticus 10: 9, 10) The clear inference here is that it was not improper to drink moderately when not serving in the tabernacle. At feasts the Israelites were commanded to bring certain offerings unto the Lord, "and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine [*yah-yin*]." (Leviticus 23: 13) When one is engaged in the Lord's active service he should avoid wine and other intoxicating drinks. That is not the proper time for such things. "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the spirit." (Ephesians 5: 14-18) We are in the evil day. A strict observance of the Lord's commands and rule of His kingdom is now necessary for those who will have His approval.

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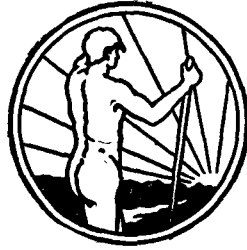
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Jehovah's Government at Washington

WHAT a setting for the proclamation of Jehovah's government, made at Washington, D.C., on the occasion of the convention there of Jehovah's witnesses, May 30 to June 3 inclusive, centering in the Washington Auditorium, and centering about Judge Rutherford's lecture on "GOVERNMENT", delivered at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, June 2, 1935, published in full in *The Golden Age* No. 411, June 19, 1935.

In the United States, President Roosevelt declares that the finding of the NRA unconstitutional has set the country back to the horse-and-buggy days preceding the Civil War. In France, Premier Flandin pleads for a dictatorship and falls in a faint when it is refused; the bourse suspends and the cabinet resigns. In Britain, the coalition government can no longer carry on with MacDonald at the head and swaps for Baldwin in the middle of the stream. In Germany, a demonized tool of Big Business has destroyed all liberty and turned the country into a madhouse. In Italy, another dictator, facing financial ruin, arms the nation for war with its sister nation, Abyssinia, in utter disregard of the fact that both are members of the League of Nations. And so, around the world, "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity," statesmen in utter confusion. "Lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?"

"Rule Thou in the Midst of Thine Enemies"

At Washington, D.C., Christ Jesus, the Anointed of Jehovah, reigned in the midst of His enemies, during the five days of the convention, in such a remarkable manner that even His enemies were compelled to grudgingly take notice of it. Thus the *Washington Post*, on the day that it shamelessly prostrated itself before the Roman Catholic hierarchy by breaking its contract to publish Judge Rutherford's great address on "Government", felt compelled to say: "Yesterday's gathering broke records for a re-

ligious meeting in the history of the city." (The general manager of the *Post*, Eugene MacLean, resigned on June 5, two days after the *Post's* collapse.)

The *Washington News* said: "Police estimated between 20,000 and 25,000 persons jammed in and around the building yesterday to hear the president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, or Jehovah's witnesses, deliver his speech on 'Government'."

The *Washington Times* said: "The main floor of the auditorium was packed. The balcony was filled to overflowing. . . . Throngs lined the sidewalks outside the building, unable to gain entrance. . . . Loud-speakers which operated with unusual clarity brought the voices of the speakers outside the building."

A Preliminary Announcement

The Plainfield (N. J.) *Post*, having acquired advance information of what would occur at Washington, said in its issue of May 31, 1935, on its front page, beneath a scarehead eight columns wide:

"GOVERNMENT" will be the subject of an address of universal interest to be given by Judge Rutherford on Sunday, June 2, 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Washington Auditorium. This address will be simultaneously flashed by WOL and the most unique and extensive combination of wire and wireless communications facilities and public-address appliances ever arranged on this planet. The United States will be covered from coast to coast with a network of stations, making it possible for everyone in the United States to listen in, as well as the greater part of the Canadian population.

In addition, the address will be carried by radio-telephone to England, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and South Africa; and by shortwave radio beams to Switzerland, Central America, South America, the Hawaiian and the Philippine Islands, Japan, China, Siam, India, Australia, New Zealand, Java and isles afar. At Buenos Aires, Honolulu and Manila the

address will be rebroadcast by powerful local stations. . . .

In a large auditorium at London there will be a public-address system to carry the address to those in attendance. From London the address will be carried on telephone lines to Manchester, Birmingham, Newcastle, Glasgow and Belfast, in all of which cities of the British Isles there will be similar public-address meetings. There will also be public-address systems at Geneva and Berne, Switzerland; at Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Amsterdam, Netherlands; and cities in South Africa and in Australia. In Australia a network of at least 26 stations will serve the people of that continent with this extraordinary message concerning Jehovah's government.

This announcement was reflected faithfully in the responses, many of which are reproduced in this issue.

Radiograms, Cablegrams and Telegrams

The following are some of the radiograms, cablegrams and telegrams received at the Washington Auditorium immediately after the lecture. To save space names of senders are omitted.

ARGENTINA. BUENOS AIRES: "Transmission of lecture most clear: absolutely no fading."

BELGIUM. BRUSSELS: "We heard . . . understood every word clearly. . . . transmitted from the London Post Office by a direct line to Belgium and Holland. English and Americans were invited; a fairly large crowd attended."

BRAZIL. SAO PAULO: "By Jehovah's grace, and for the first time, we heard yesterday the strong voice of Judge Rutherford. . . . What a good thing if this same message could be rebroadcast in Spanish for South America!"

BRITISH COLUMBIA. COURTENAY: "Your great message on 'Government' perfectly received. 'Aye' was unanimous." FORT LANGLEY: "Greetings. Reception perfect over KGA." KAMLOOPS: "Thrilled by wonderful heart-cheering and courageous lecture heard today over WEBR, Buffalo, N. Y. Quite clear; some static. Join in resolution and rejoice with Jehovah's witnesses in the Lord's service." POWELL RIVER: "Unanimously shout 'Aye'. Reception excellent over KJR." VANCOUVER: "Fearless, heart-stirring, strengthening address received perfectly, with great joy."

BRITISH WEST INDIES. TRINIDAD: "Heard clearly your thrilling lectures . . . vital and very inspiring."

BURMA. PYINMANA: "Washington lecture received well. 'Aye' for righteous government."

CANAL ZONE. CRISTOBAL: "We were glad for what we heard."

COSTA RICA. PORT LIMON: "Many heard the lecture very clearly."

CUBA. HAVANA: "Discourse from Washington heard from station W3XAU." MATANZAS: "Judge Rutherford's lecture heard thrillingly over W3XAU. Reception fine."

MORON: "Address heard . . . reception fine."

CZECHOSLOVAKIA. PRAGUE: (1) "Heard the thrilling message. This was first radio message heard in Czechoslovakia. Assure full allegiance. Much enthused." (2) "Last night, to our great joy, we heard Judge Rutherford give his great lecture on 'Government'." (3) "We have reports from Karlsbad, Piestany, Uzhorod, Michalovce and Berchovo that they heard Judge Rutherford."

DENMARK. COPENHAGEN: "Thrilling lecture was clear as a bell. Splendid witness to truth and praise of Jehovah's name. Copenhagen thoroughly enjoyed Washington convention."

DUTCH GUIANA. PARAMARIBO: "Heard the lecture with slight interference."

EGYPT. CAIRO: "Lecture heard very distinctly over W2XAD, Schenectady."

ENGLAND. BIRMINGHAM: "Two thousand heard fine lecture Birmingham." LONDON: "Reception Alexandra Palace wonderful. Praise Jehovah. . . . Palace, 4,000 [heard broadcast]; Birmingham, 2,000; Belfast, 1,900; Manchester, 2,500; Glasgow, 2,300; Newcastle, 1,500. . . . Reception perfect. Audience thrilled. We give thanks to Jehovah." MANCHESTER: "Reception Paramount Manchester perfect. Much appreciated."

ESTONIA. TALLINN: "Heard you splendidly. Jehovah's witnesses Estonia shout 'Aye'."

FINLAND. HELSINGFORS: "Wonderful reception."

FRANCE. PARIS: "Perfect audition."

GREECE. ATHENS: (1) "Stilate tachista aeroporikos dialexin Rutherford." ("Send at once by air mail lecture Rutherford.") (2) "Imagine our joy after fifteen years having the privilege of hearing our dear brother sounding the message of truth to the ends of the earth. Our hearts bowed before the Lord in thankfulness and in prayer, and at the end of the lecture all rose and cried, 'Aye!'"

HAWAII. HONOLULU: "Splendid reception message Jehovah's government via both Honolulu Java relays. Rebroadcast by KGMB. Also new sound equipment. Also transcription in two public parks. Many hearers join voting 'Aye'."

INDIA. BOMBAY: "Interference hurt reception from special sixteen meters. Lecture received well Burma."

IRELAND. BELFAST: "Witnesses at Belfast, Ireland, pray Jehovah's power with you in the shout. Joshua 1:9 ['Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.']. "Hall packed. Reception wonderful. Audience thrilled."

LATVIA. RIGA: "Voice clear. Thrilled."

LITHUANIA. KAUNAS: "Heard distinctly. Thrilled."

NEW SOUTH WALES. NEWCASTLE WEST: "Lecture thrilling. Right behind you." SYDNEY: (1) "Reception clearest yet. Twelve stations rebroadcast."

(2) "Splendid reception. Truth prevails." (3) "The Most High God caused to be delivered another important pronouncement. His people rejoice. Reception excellent."

NETHERLANDS. AMSTERDAM: "Reception Amsterdam splendid."

NOVA SCOTIA. SYDNEY: (1) "Reception perfect through KROW. Every word clear." (2) "Marvelous lecture. Thrilled."

ONTARIO. BARRIE: "Jehovah's witnesses appreciated lecture. Deuteronomy 33:27 ['The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms; and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them.']. BRAMPTON: "We were indeed thrilled many times, as we listened. It was a message which gave us courage and strength to go boldly on declaring Jehovah's vengeance on the Devil's crowd and the blessings of the Kingdom to those who have the hearing ears." BROCKVILLE: (1) "'Aye' for Jehovah's government. Thrilling message heard clearly here." (2) "Received with great joy your Jehovah's government message today." GALT: "Enjoyed every word of your wonderful lecture. God bless you." GUELPH: "Message received this afternoon; splendid; best yet." HAMILTON: "Your lecture on 'Government' came in splendid and much appreciated." LONDON: "London company send greetings. Reception good." SAULT STE. MARIE: "Lecture on 'Government' received on W3XAU. Reception good. Praise Jehovah." TORONTO: (1) "Address came in splendid. God bless you." (2) "Praise to Jehovah for your Scriptural and convincing world-wide address, 'Government.'"

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. MANILA: "Lecture commenced at four a.m. over KZRM, clear and distinct. Message heard in all parts city. Jehovah's witnesses assembled with you in saying 'Aye!'"

QUEENSLAND. BRISBANE: "Speech 'Government' heard. Brisbane company send greetings."

SCOTLAND. GIFFNOCK: "Splendid reception. Crowded hall. Love." GLASGOW: (1) "Reception excellent. Large audience listened most attentively." (2) "Tonight's reception exceeded our highest expectations." (3) "Lecture excellent. Beyond expectations." (4) "Radio telephone reception tremendous success. Publishers and public thrilled." (5) "Loving remembrance from Glasgow company. 2 Timothy 4:17,18 ['Notwithstanding the Lord stood with (you), and strengthened (you); that by (you) the preaching might be fully known, and that all the (nations) might hear: and (you were) delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver (you) from every evil work, and will preserve (you) unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.']. (6) "Jehovah upheld you."

SOUTH AFRICA. CAPE TOWN: "Joined in 'Ayes'."

SOUTH AUSTRALIA. ADELAIDE: (1) "Reciprocating greetings. Lecture clear as if present. Resolution

joyfully adopted. Thousands heard. Eager for more. Jehovah continue to bless you." (2) "Jehovah's witnesses Adelaide thrilled by stirring world-wide broadcast. Excellent reception. Appreciate your great boldness. Our unqualified support assured."

SWEDEN. STOCKHOLM: "Inspiring talk much appreciated. Authorities say reception best ever across Atlantic."

SWITZERLAND. BERNE: "Reception noisy."

SYRIA. BEIRUT: "The address was heard word for word, with joy!"

TRIPOLI: "We gathered as many friends as we could accommodate in our house, where a radio receiving set was placed. At 10:30 p.m. Judge Rutherford's universal witness began to thunder. How thrilling! The very tone, accent, spirit and zeal of the speaker were recognized by us. An indescribable joy."

WALES. CARDIFF: "Thrilled. Direct shortwave reception. 'Aye.'"

YUGOSLAVIA. BEOGRAD: "We heard the lecture as distinctly as if Judge Rutherford were personally with us in the same room. Whenever he was interrupted by a roar of applause, we joined enthusiastically; and when, at the end, he asked who desire the Lord as Ruler, we all consented, full of joy."

Some United States Dispatches

ALABAMA. ANNISTON: "Heard your wonderful lecture on 'Government' over WAPI." BIRMINGHAM: (1) "Your sermon thoroughly enjoyed." (2) "Program through sound car to over three hundred. Clear and grand." (3) "Your most wonderful address inspires much faith in future." (4) "Thrilled over your wonderful message; best yet."

ARIZONA. PHOENIX: "Lecture perfect. Response 'Aye' by entire company. Glory to Jehovah."

ARKANSAS. FORT SMITH: "Most thrilling message yet. Heard by Jehovah's witnesses and others."

CALIFORNIA. ARCADIA: "All-inspiring message most clearly received. All say 'Aye' and 'God bless you'." EAST BAKERSFIELD: "Thrilled with lecture. Reception splendid. Resolution unanimously adopted." BASSETT: "God's message 'Government' perfectly clear over KNX at Puente, Calif." BERKELEY: "Every word of lecture clear. All for new government under Christ." FRESNO: (1) "Lecture came in clear over KROW and KNX. Satan's agents can no longer hide. Rejoice with you and join heartily in resolution." (2) "Greetings from Jehovah's witnesses and grateful Jonadabs and other people of good will. Lecture received over KNX in courthouse park by approximately 120, all of whom enthusiastically adopted resolution. Dear Brother Rutherford, we are proud to be fighting with you on Jehovah's side." (3) "Junior company assembled after field service with great joy clearly heard message. Resolution approved unanimously. More determined than ever to serve Jehovah." FULLERTON: "Lecture the

best yet. Heard perfectly. No interference." GLENDALE: "Congratulations. Reception was perfect. Message most timely." MONROVIA: "Thrilling reception in southern California of Judge Rutherford's speech; finest speech ever given to the world." LONG BEACH: "Lecture greatly appreciated and resolution endorsed by Long Beach company. Reception KGER perfect." LOS ANGELES: (1) "Thrilling message clearly heard. Five hundred witnesses assembled. Perfect reception through sound car. Enthused by fearless declaration against Jehovah's enemies and proclamation new righteous government. All join in enthusiastic 'Aye.'" (2) "Four stations all came in clear and strong; especially powerful; KNX reaching to Alaska, the Great Lakes and even Mexico City, actually brought the convention into our homes when we could not attend at Washington in person. Praise the Lord." (3) "Your broadcast came through wonderfully and I feel sure its message must have found a permanent home in many thousands of tired hearts. My best wishes for long years in which to carry on your great work and for your continued well-being and happiness. Sincerely and with love." OAKLAND: (1) "Lecture perfect. Best wire transmission ever received here. Station besieged with flood of favorable comment from interested public." (2) "Oakland publishers applaud heartily. Thrilled by clear blast Gideon trumpet. Powerful, inspiring message. Love; greetings." PASADENA: "Perfect and uninterrupted reception. Message thrilling, powerful. We stand with you. Jehovah bless you." PASO ROBLES: "Lecture deeply appreciated. Reception good." REDONDO BEACH: "Speech clear, forceful, very distinct. More power to Jehovah and His people." REDWOOD CITY: "We are sounding with you for Jehovah and Gideon." RIVERSIDE: "Message clear. Rejoicing to battle for Jehovah and Gideon." ROSEVILLE: "Message the most forceful yet. We are for Jehovah's government and the resolution." SACRAMENTO: "Greetings. Heard wonderful lecture; excellent reception. Endorsed every word. 'Aye.'" SAN DIEGO: (1) "We express our appreciation for your bold and fearless stand." (2) "You sure told them. We were listening." SAN FRANCISCO: (1) "Reception marvelous. Everyone here enthusiastically joins in welcoming Jehovah's government." (2) "We, Slavonian company of San Francisco, had great privilege of listening to Judge Rutherford speak. We felt Jehovah blessed the speaker and kept the Devil in the corner during that hour." (3) "Lecture 'Government' wonderful. Installation arrangements marvelous; reception KROW, San Francisco, perfect." SAN JOSE: "We are with you. Lecture thrilling and marvelous. Reception excellent." SAN RAFAEL: "Every word clear, distinct; thrilling beyond words. 'Aye,' for ever."

COLORADO. ARVADA: "Today's message of greatest comfort and hope received with thanksgiving to the

Giver of all good and perfect gifts. We, the undersigned, are in favor of the resolution, and so declared ourselves with your visible audience. Hail to earth's rightful Ruler." BOULDER: "Message came through clear and distinct. Praise Jehovah God for it." DENVER: (1) "Program came in fine. Assembly at hall heard this timely message." (2) "'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' Message received joyfully." PUEBLO: (1) "Lecture 'Government' came in perfectly. All rejoicing." (2) "Reception perfect. Wonderful message. Thankfully stand for resolution."

CONNECTICUT. BRIDGEPORT: "Your speech came over very clear and forceful. We rejoice with you in the great privilege of serving Jehovah." NEW BRITAIN: "Heard your wonderful lecture clearly through Waterbury." NEW HAVEN: "Reception magnificent over WIXBS. Resolution enthusiastically adopted." WATERBURY: "Speech on 'Government' came in perfectly and greatly enjoyed over WIXBS."

FLORIDA. JACKSONVILLE: (1) "Thrilled with marvelous lecture. Our hearts united with you in Jehovah's righteous government." (2) "Lecture best ever. Reception perfect." MIAMI: "We, Miami company of Jehovah's witnesses, assembled, heard lecture with enthusiasm. We vote 'Aye'. More power to you." NEW SMYRNA: "Thrilled with the message 'Government'. Reception grand. Resolution adopted. Thanks to Jehovah for your boldness." OCALA: "Heard lecture fine. Thrilled through and through." ORLANDO: "Reception excellent. Most powerful discourse yet. Company sends greetings." PAHOKEE: "Heard lecture; shortwave from Philadelphia. We are with you in the Kingdom work." WAUCHULA: "Heard lecture in jail. Reception fair." (Signed by R. A. Carson, Vera Newsom, Mae Skinner.)

GEORGIA. ATLANTA: (1) "Powerful message heard with joy and enthusiasm." (2) "Your speech was wonderful and timely. Jehovah used you to deliver His message to the people." AUGUSTA: "Program fine. Praise to Jehovah." MACON: "The greatest and holdest speech in honor of Jehovah's name since the days of the apostles. Looks like the Devil and his crowd are about done for." ROME: "Reception wonderful. Resolution unanimously adopted by Jehovah's witnesses at Rome, Ga."

IDAHO. BOISE: "Stirring message joyfully received. Resolution approved and adopted as read. Reception perfect."

ILLINOIS. ATLANTA: "Plain, wonderful, marvelous, convincing truth. His blessing continue." CHICAGO: "Perfect reception of entire program at a large and appreciative public assemblage. Enthusiastic response to resolution." GALESBURG: "Thrilled over lecture. Reception good." JERSEYVILLE: "Heard lecture on 'Government'. It was great. Praise to Jehovah." MOLINE: "Greatly enjoyed your masterful lecture. Greatest, most powerful thus far." MOUNT CARMEL: "Rejoice in world-wide broadcast Jehovah's truth."

Greetings to you and convention." ROCKFORD: "Your lecture 'Government' with its message of vindication of Jehovah's name, destruction of Satan's oppressive organization, and its blessings of life, peace and happiness to mankind, came in forcefully, in spite of some static. Rejoiced the hearts of many here."

INDIANA. INDIANAPOLIS: "'Government' a most assuring message to all righteous thinking people. Your fearlessness in delivery of this message an inspiration to all of the publishers in Indianapolis, who voted 'Aye' to your resolution." RICHMOND: "Jehovah's witnesses here heartily endorse resolution."

IOWA. CEDAR RAPIDS: "We just listened to your broadcast over station KRNT and want you to know that we enjoyed it to the fullest. We are confident that God will continue to express through you the message of truth and integrity, and we feel that the world will be just that much better off, having heard your message from Jehovah. May Jehovah continue to bless and keep you." DES MOINES: "We just heard your most wonderful message here in Des Moines." WATERLOO: "Thrilled to tears with your God-fearing message. Reception perfect."

KANSAS. ABILENE: "Caught the spirit of inspiring address in spite of local static conditions." HUTCHINSON: "Lecture plain over Philadelphia shortwave. Was best ever." PARSONS: "Our hearts thrilled by lecture 'Government'. Received with keen appreciation and thanksgiving to Jehovah."

LOUISIANA. BATON ROUGE: "Came in fine. Thrilled beyond words. May God bless you."

MAINE. BANGOR: "Greetings. W3XAU brought Jehovah's powerful message voiced by you. We vote 'Aye'." CAMDEN: "Congratulations on your wonderful lecture." CENTER LOVELL: "Shortwave reception over W3XAU very good up here in Maine. Lecture very thrilling." HALLOWELL: "Praise Jehovah for most thrilling message. We are with you."

MARYLAND. BALTIMORE: "Your radio lecture best yet. Congratulations." OAKLAND: "Lecture clear and powerful. Wonderful reception. Praise the Lord for this message of truth."

MASSACHUSETTS. ARLINGTON: "Talk came in fine." AUBURN: "Heard lecture. We are in hearty sympathy with entire lecture." BOSTON: (1) "For Jehovah and for Gideon! Jehovah's name and His word supremely honored in the message of today. His blessing and strength were manifestly upon you." (2) "For Jehovah and for Gideon! Jehovah's message heard clearly in Boston. Blessed be Jehovah's name, who strengthens you to boldly declare the truth today." (3) "Boston Albanian company send you love and appreciation for a message of encouragement. Blessed be Jehovah's name, who strengthens you to boldly declare the truth today." BROOKLINE: "Your marvelous lecture came through wonderful. It was thrilling and convincing." CHELSEA: "Enjoyed lecture very much. Jehovah bless you in your

service." FRAMINGHAM: "Remarkable talk 'Government' excellently received over station WMEX. Greatly appreciated, thrilling hearers' hearts. Message voiced in thunderous tone Jehovah's impending judgment." GREENFIELD: "Wonderful reception of a wonderful message." LYNN: "Enjoyed Jehovah's wonderful message." MELROSE: "Just listened to your sterling lecture. Reception fine. We are with you." NEW BEDFORD: "Praise Jehovah. Lecture came in clear." ROSLINDALE: "We listened to your worldwide broadcast. All in favor." SAUGUS: "The lecture brought courage and comfort to the publishers of the new government, and it surely must have brought terror into the hearts of the enemy. Your manner of delivery indicated courage sublime. We are with you in life or in death, for Jehovah and for Gideon." WORCESTER: "Reception good. Thrilled by lecture through WMEX."

MICHIGAN. BAY CITY: "More praise to Jehovah. Lecture fine." DEARBORN: "Heard your wonderful lecture. Finest yet." DETROIT: (1) "Lecture greatly appreciated; best yet. Reception clear. God bless you." (2) "Greetings to the convention. Thrilled to hear your voice over WJR with a message of Jehovah. We are all happy to have a part with you in delivering this message of hope and cheer to all of good will. In full harmony with the resolution." (3) "Heard lecture for Jehovah and His kingdom."

MINNESOTA. DULUTH: "Program clear first half. Then stopped locally." HIBBING: "Your message came in fine. WEBC cut you off midway. Switched to WDG. Heard you through. Praise to Jehovah and Christ." MINNEAPOLIS: "Greetings. Praise Jehovah for most thrilling message. Perfect reception." ROCHESTER: "Reception clear. We are all with you for Jehovah and His Vindicator." ST. PAUL: "Thoroughly enjoyed lecture. Reception clear. Speed the day for full establishment of God's government on earth. Greetings to convention."

MISSOURI. ANDERSON: "God only knows how much I appreciated the lecture 'Government'." BLACKWATER: "Message came in excellent. All thanks to Jehovah." JEFFERSON CITY: "Love. Jehovah's witnesses and Jonadabs heard and enjoyed greatest talk. Unanimous 'Aye'." KANSAS CITY: "Reception perfect. Surely the truth was well told. Congratulations." ST. LOUIS: (1) "Heard lecture 'Government' over WTMV; very good." (2) "Your bold and fearless message clearly heard and appreciated."

MONTANA. BILLINGS: "Most courageous message ever given to the praise of Jehovah's name. All here joined in the mighty shout 'Aye'." BUTTE: "Message received perfectly. Praise to Jehovah." DEER LODGE: "Your powerful, masterly, truthful address clearly received. Praise Jehovah for ever." HAMILTON: "Wonderful lecture came in fine."

NEBRASKA. OMAHA: "Lecture good; a mighty shout for Jehovah."

NEVADA. RENO: "Reception perfect. Our hearts are bubbling over with joy."

NEW HAMPSHIRE. PORTSMOUTH: "May the Lord bless all His people throughout the earth. For Jehovah and for Gideon."

NEW JERSEY. CAMDEN: "We enjoyed very much the chain program. God bless you." CLIFTON: "Enjoyed your message." KEARNY: "Your heart-thrilling lecture clearly received over WHBI." NEW BRUNSWICK: "Address enjoyed. Reception O.K." PASSAIC: "Reception over the radio wonderful; came 100-percent clear as though you were right in the room. Our hearts are so thrilled over this talk you gave about the government. May Jehovah bless you in your effort." PATERSON: (1) "Italian company, Paterson, send congratulations in the new Kingdom. Speech was wonderful." (2) "Speech on 'Government' came over very good and was very much appreciated. Jehovah be praised." UNION CITY: "Broadcast was marvelous. Heard it over WMCA but was cut off after reference to Vatican City. Hope that this matter has not prevented many truth-hungry people from hearing you. Yours in the Lord's service."

NEW MEXICO. ALBUQUERQUE: "Lecture came in fine. Enjoyed it immensely."

NEW YORK. ALBANY: "Reception wonderful." BROOKLYN: (1) "We have just heard your address, and admire your courage and sincerity of purpose. May the Lord richly bless you." (2) "Excellent reception Jehovah's great message your address on 'Government'. All Italian company shout for Jehovah and for Gideon." (3) "Wonderful lecture, thoroughly enjoyed." BUFFALO: (1) "Enjoyed your timely message 'Government', the world's only hope." (2) "Your lecture thrilled me deeply. Perfect radio reception at Buffalo." (3) "Wish to express our appreciation for most marvelous message." FOREST HILLS: "Your message received very distinctly; thank you for it." HOLLIS: (1) "WMCA disconnected at 4:54. Announced 'Inasmuch as it is the policy of this station to broadcast nothing controversial, we are discontinuing the broadcast of Judge Rutherford's speech from the Washington Auditorium in the nation's capital'." (2) "WMCA interrupted program at 4:27 with five minutes' organ interlude." JAMAICA: "Most exquisite. Jehovah is with the Watch Tower." JOHNSTOWN: "Message received. All rejoice. With you one hundred percent." KINGSTON: "Heard lecture and endorse resolution. Reception perfect." LONG ISLAND CITY: "Lecture very encouraging to go forward declaring the King and the Kingdom. Lord bless you and all your efforts for the vindication of His name. With the Lord to the end." NEW YORK: "Lecture was received very clearly by Harlem company. Greetings." POUGHKEEPSIE: "Lecture came in wonderful. Yours for His kingdom." ROSSVILLE: "Praise Jehovah for vivid description of His battle

soon to be fought." SAG HARBOR: "Speech was marvelous." (Signed "A Great Friend and Admirer.") UTICA: "Your address was heard with utmost interest by nineteen persons in my home. Endorse every word uttered. Heard clearly and distinctly." WESTERLEIGH: "Lecture wonderful. In hearty accord."

NORTH CAROLINA. BESSEMER CITY: (1) "Enjoyed program with my family; never heard a better one." (2) "Government message heard clearly. Thrilling; much appreciated. Eight listening." HENDERSON: "Lecture came in fine. Many heard here and in vicinity. God bless you." WINSTON-SALEM: "Thanks to Jehovah for that wonderful message. Reception fine."

NORTH DAKOTA. FARGO: "Your fearless speech clearly heard by Fargo company of Jehovah's witnesses."

OHIO. AKRON: (1) "Program came in fine; not a hitch. Love and greetings." (2) "Heard wonderful message this afternoon. Was thrilled and stood with conventioners and said 'Aye'." CANTON: "Message thrilled us beyond words. Reception wonderful. Greetings and love." CLEVELAND: (1) "Heard every word of your wonderful speech. Jehovah's name was mentioned over eighty times. Praise Jehovah for message concerning His righteous government that will operate for the benefit and blessing of the people. Wishing you Jehovah's rich blessing in your untiring devotion and effort to praise His name." (2) "Excellent reception of your thrilling lecture on 'Government' over WHK, WGAR, WJAY. Cleveland company pledge wholehearted support and co-operation in declaring message of Jehovah's kingdom." (3) "I do." (Signed "A. L. Clark") (4) "Thank you for Jehovah's word of truth so fearlessly delivered." (5) "Received with much appreciation the lecture you just broadcast." (6) "Message came in very well; every word heard very plainly." (7) "Most wonderful speech ever heard. Friends and neighbors rejoice also." (8) "Greetings in the name of our Lord. Reception fine." COLUMBUS: (1) "Lecture 'Government' reception wonderful; message thrilling. The Lord bless you." (Signed "Eight Listeners") (2) "Reception fine in spite of storm." (Signed "25 Columbus Friends") (3) "Enjoyed lecture; came in fine. Keep on, with Jehovah's blessing." CROOKSVILLE: "Lecture and resolution fine. May your strength and courage never fail." DAYTON: (1) "Enjoyed the lecture. Reception excellent." (2) "Excellent reception here of fine lecture 'Government'." GENEVA: "Radio lecture 'Government' came in fine over WJAY." MARIETTA: "Message received, from Charleston, W. Va. Resolution joyfully accepted." MAUMEE: "Lecture came in wonderful. Received with 'Aye'." TIFFIN: "Program came in fine. We say 'Aye' to the resolution." TOLEDO: (1) "Send copy of radio speech. Accept congratulations on your masterly address." (2) "Reception perfect over WSPD. Com-

forting and inspiring. Rejoice with you in the Lord's service." WARREN: "Just heard lecture. Your message a comfort and Scripturally true." YOUNGSTOWN: "Greek company heard the program. All of the Lord's people rejoice."

OKLAHOMA. BLAIR: "Lecture came in fine. Sixty-five assembled, adopted resolution 100 percent." EL RENO: "Lecture came in clear. Most thrilling ever heard." GUTHRIE: "Marvelous witness clearly heard. Stay right there." HOMINY: "Grateful for one man who has courage to speak truth." OKLAHOMA CITY: "With great interest we heard your world-wide broadcast. Every word clear and distinct; reception perfect. A mighty shout for Jehovah and Gideon." PONCA CITY: "Wonderful testimony for Jehovah's government. Heard plainly. We rejoice with you. Yes, we are for Jehovah and His King." TULSA: "Speech fine. We join in resolution and are ready for action."

OREGON. CORVALLIS: "Lecture and reception good. Mighty message, well delivered." EUGENE: "Issue clear. Joy, gratitude inexpressible. In battle to finish. Love." KLAMATH FALLS: "Most encouraging broadcast ever delivered. Sing on, brother." PORTLAND: (1) "Lecture 'Government' came in clear as a bell, and your boldness and fearlessness is an inspiration to all who love the Lord and His kingdom. More power to you as you deliver His truth." (2) "Lecture wonderful. Reception perfect." SALEM: "Lecture heard clearly over KSLM. Message greatly appreciated by all Salem (Oreg.) publishers."

PENNSYLVANIA. CENTRAL CITY: "God will be back." FINLEYVILLE: "Lecture came through great. The best yet." PITTSBURGH: (1) "Jehovah's witnesses and others assembled at Pittsburgh express our thanks for message and heartily say 'Aye' in response to resolution. Reception very clear." (2) "Greatest message ever heard." (3) "May Jehovah strengthen and bless you. Your speech indeed comforting." READING: (1) "Received address perfectly. We thank Jehovah for it." (2) "Just heard your wonderful message. We are with you." WILKES-BARRE: (1) "Lecture came in fine. Enjoyed by many." (2) "Heard lecture and appreciate it very much. Reception fine."

SOUTH CAROLINA. ANDERSON: "Wonderful lecture. Came in fine. We joined you in resolution." CHARLESTON: "Charleston company Jehovah's witnesses delighted with lecture." GREENVILLE: (1) "Began on the dot. Clear throughout. Perfectly delivered." (2) "Message of June 2 received over station WFBC, clear and distinct. More power to you and Jehovah's witnesses." SPARTANBURG: "Lecture came in fine over WSPA. Expectations fulfilled. Honor to Jehovah."

TENNESSEE. JACKSON: "Your bold and fearless delivery of Jehovah's message came through perfectly. Thrilled all present. It was a funeral march for the Devil and his gang." MEMPHIS: (1) "Government

message came in fine. No interruptions. Most enjoyable witness." (2) "Euchometha plousias eulogias adelfoi." (Greek company 'wish you rich blessings'.)

TEXAS. ABILENE: "Reception perfect. Thirty-two attended." COLEMAN: "Heard your inspiring lecture. Most grateful. Richest blessing for all." DALLAS: (1) "Every word clear as a bell. More power to Jehovah's government." (2) "Reception of lecture perfect. Enjoyed by all." HARLINGEN: "Your thrilling lecture appreciated. Reception perfect. About fifty approved resolution." HOUSTON: (1) "Lecture came in fine, every word distinct. Enjoyed it very much." (2) "Enjoyed your lecture very much." (3) "Your wonderful message on 'Government' received with great clearness and was most inspiring. It was a very forceful declaration in favor of Jehovah, and we are sure His rich blessings will be upon same as well as all convention activities. Be assured of our continuous prayers and co-operation." KILGORE: "Fine reception and a blessing." ROSENBERG: "Company of eleven enjoyed lecture over KXYZ; distinct, wonderful." SAN ANTONIO: "Hail Jehovah's government." SWEETWATER: "Your fearless lecture 'Government' finds keen response in our hearts. Words fail to express gratitude. Resolution enthusiastically adopted. Joining our voices with the millions of hearers throughout the earth." TEAGUE: "Company of twenty-five heard the broadcast speech 'Government'; reception clear." WICHITA FALLS: "Perfect reception. Wonderful message, over KGKO, served wide area. Hallelujah."

UTAH. SALT LAKE CITY: "May God bless you and back up today's wonderful proclamation of God's word of truth concerning His government and the destruction of His enemies. We had perfect reception through KSL."

VIRGINIA. GLADSTONE: "Just heard your lecture on 'Government'. Enjoyed it very much." NEWPORT NEWS: "Newport News (Va.) witnesses and Jonadabs assembled send greetings. Lecture came in fine. All praise to Jehovah." NORFOLK: "Your marvelous lecture on 'Government' received through WRVA, Richmond, Va.; every word distinct. We join you in furthering the message." PETERSBURG: "Your broadcast wonderful; thoroughly enjoyed. God bless you and your works." ROANOKE: "Your lecture 'Government' came in perfectly over station WDBJ; every word heard. Praise to Jehovah's name."

WASHINGTON. BELLINGHAM: "Greetings to all the publishers of peace assembled in Washington, D. C. The lecture on 'Government' came into Bellingham from KJR, Seattle, very clear and forceful. Praise to Jehovah. The local company unanimously endorse the resolution." BREMERTON: "One hundred assembled heard with clarity and great interest your truly inspiring lecture 'Government'. A unanimous rising vote acclaimed your resolution with much enthusiasm. May Jehovah continue to bless you with the boldness

and fearlessness displayed in your remarkable address." ELMA: "Fifteen enjoyed lecture 'Government' and heartily subscribe to resolution. Hallelujah." Mr. VERNON: "Lecture on 'Government' came over perfect. Unanimous support." SEATTLE: "A great number of Jehovah's witnesses, Jonadabs and people of good will heard clearly your radio message on 'Government' today at noon and now join in accepting the resolution and praying Jehovah's blessings on His kingdom work and speedy destruction of Satan's organization throughout the entire earth." SPOKANE: "Lecture, exceptionally clear, endorsed by thousands." WENATCHEE: "We, the Wenatchee company of Jehovah's witnesses, here assembled, have just heard your thrilling lecture on 'Government', from Washington, and rejoice in your bold and uncompromising stand against wickedness and Satan's organization. We reaffirm our determination to range ourselves with you in this matter and to take our stand on Jehovah's side and to continue to honor His holy name." YAKIMA: "Jehovah's government message, most wonderful, received by seventeen Jehovah's witnesses and Jonadabs; reception good. May Jehovah bless the onward march of His kingdom. By Jehovah's grace we will be with you in the fight till Satan's organization is completely destroyed and Jehovah's word and name exalted."

WEST VIRGINIA. CLARKSBURG: "Lecture came in fine, and we enjoyed it very much." FAIRMONT: "Reception clear. Most wonderful lecture of all time. Every word distinct. Praise the Lord." HUNTINGTON: "Reception good. Actually proclaimed from house-top; placed loud-speaker on comb of roof and microphone before speaker of radio. Many listeners."

WISCONSIN. DIAMOND BLUFF: "Broadcast wonderful. Congratulations on your stand for Jehovah's government. Greetings." MADISON: "Message came through very clear. Marvelous and most inspiring. 'Aye.'"

WYOMING. CASPER: "Brother Rutherford's speech marvelous. Casper company unanimously adopt resolution."

A Flood of Letters

A flood of letters followed the deluge of radiograms, cablegrams and telegrams. Two of these were published in *The Golden Age*, No. 411, June 19, 1935. Others appear herein, selected from the thousands received:

DENMARK. COPENHAGEN: "All were impressed by the fact that this lecture was really going 'to the ends of the earth'. The thought gripped the imagination. I have heard American broadcasts over London, but never so clear as this one."—D. B.

ENGLAND. LEICESTER: "How strange, it seemed, that it was 9 p. m. with us, but was 3 p. m. at Washington! Promptly at nine we heard the voice of the chairman making his opening announcements, and by the clar-

ity of the speech we realized at once that our great Jehovah had once more blessed His servants. The singing of the audience came through well. . . . The lecture was grand, the audience at Birmingham joining in the enthusiastic applause with which the president's remarks were punctuated. We also joined in the mighty chorus of 'Aye' to the proposition at the close. I was much impressed with the singular lack of disturbance, sometimes caused by 'atmospherics'. There was also a pronounced absence of 'fading'. All together it was a wonderful and memorable occasion."—F. R. F.

LONDON: "You will know, of course, from the radiogram sent from here of the fine meeting we had in the [Alexandra] Palace, and of the very good reception of the lecture. I wish I had words to describe it. . . . The meeting did not begin till 9:00 p. m., but by 7:30 the hall was filling up. It was exciting to hear the electricians talking with each other of the arrangements being made. They were talking with Glasgow, Newcastle, Belfast, Manchester and Birmingham, and with Sydney, Australia, asking each other of their arrangements. It was exciting because everybody knew that nothing of the kind had been done before. It made us feel that the world was not so very big, after all. Then at about ten minutes to nine we heard the first voice from Washington, telling us that the lecture would soon be heard, that there were great crowds in the building and all around and that the day was fine. Then at a few seconds to nine there was the voice of the one who called for two verses of No. 42, and then the singing. We all felt so near as if we were there with you all. Then at once came Judge Rutherford's voice. Every word was heard distinctly, from first to last; and the audience in the Palace were with the audience in Washington; when they clapped hands, we did it too; when they cheered, we cheered. And at the end we shouted 'Aye' as quickly as in Washington. There were many wet eyes to be seen, in thankfulness for this new and great witness to our great Jehovah and for this wonderful way of speaking to all the earth, for we knew there were many other places in the earth where the same feelings were being expressed and for the same reason."—Mrs. J. H.

ESTONIA. TALLINN: "Heard very well on a short-wave receiving set. . . . It was also well heard at Tapa and at Weru. The reception was very good."

LITHUANIA. KAUNAS: "It is with great joy that we inform you that Judge Rutherford's voice was distinctly heard yesterday from what must have been RCACI 28.87 meters, San Francisco (Manila relay). Apart from almost negligible 'fading', and although full 'volume' was not used, Judge Rutherford's voice was as clear as if he had been in the same room."—L. B.

NORWAY, OSLO. "It was a wonderful event to hear Judge Rutherford's enthusiastic and forceful presen-

tation of the message and the spontaneous applause several times during the lecture. And so we were along at Washington convention and at the close we rose up and shouted 'Aye'."

SWEDEN. STOCKHOLM: "Judge Rutherford's speech from Washington was transmitted to Stockholm, from Rugby, England, via Copenhagen, Denmark, through the various post office services. A hall was rented and it was advertised that English-speaking people could come and listen there, free. . . . The reception was good; in fact, so good that P. O. engineers stated they had never heard such good transmission across the Atlantic, and were rather surprised. . . . The publicity given to the truth and to the witness being given at Washington was very valuable, and reports are to the effect that it has been noted quite a bit among the public in various parts, and this in spite of the fact that all the papers refused to carry any other notice about it, only the paid advertisement."—W. D.

ONTARIO. FORT ERIE: "I would like to have been in the audience at Washington to applaud your speech on June 2. However, as it was, I heard it at home and enjoyed it immeasurably. I am always looking forward to your broadcasts. It is too bad that there was not more time to elucidate to greater extent on the clergy frauds. . . . I want to tell you that I was disgusted beyond measure with the management of Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto when I was there in your audience last summer, for not having the loud-speaker working. I regarded it then and now as a dirty, rotten, low-down trick; and I heard plenty of unfavorable comment in their direction from plenty of others like myself who could get only snatches of your voice and who felt that we were most unnecessarily cheated by the M. L. G. management. If it had been one of those blabbermouths whose blither monopolizes the radio there would have been every facility imaginable available to put across the program, which would likely have been some kind of self-justification for some body of religious racketeering frauds, or for some political organization or patting some poor pimp on the back who ought to be serving a sentence at hard labor; and they would have been literally under such pussyfooters' feet in their anxiety to please his sponsors. I could go on like that 'far into the night' giving vent to my disgust and contempt for such things in general of which there is a surplus. I hope to be able to help in a financial way, and expect to remit within the year fifty dollars."—B. A. E.

ARIZONA. PHOENIX: "'Thank God for Judge Rutherford and Jehovah's witnesses,' is what we said after listening to your lecture June 2 from Washington and which we received here over station KOY; reception splendid. You are doing the greatest work being done today. How I long to join in the work the witnesses are doing, but cannot on account of health, which is very bad. The lecture Sunday was

just exactly according to our needs today. . . . We certainly vote 'Aye', a thousand times 'Aye'. May God's protection be over you."—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. R.

CALIFORNIA. EUREKA: "There is a radio installed and running on Sundays and holidays at the park here. The people who have no radio go there Sundays to hear Judge Rutherford at 10:30. June 2, at 12:00 noon, there were hundreds of them gathered there to hear Judge Rutherford speak on 'Government' from Washington, D. C. As nearly as I could find out there were more than a thousand, and they all stood up and shouted 'Aye'. Reception was fine."—F. B. L.

PASADENA: "I am so glad I heard you today over KNX. Thank God He has given you the power to so clearly give His law so well. I want that sermon to read and give to others who did not hear you. I hope to hear you deliver more of God's truths, and may God spare you to teach us longer. I am 81 years old, but never heard such a sermon. I can yet hear your voice, as it rang out clear as a bell and without fear of anyone who might oppose. Again, God bless and keep you."—Dr. S. L. B.

SAN FRANCISCO: "I have just listened to your wonderful lecture, broadcast from Washington, D. C., which impressed me very much. I thank God for such men as you, and may the spirit of God for ever inspire you to such constructive activities. I would like to have you mail copies of this lecture as per list, and enclose remittance to pay for mailing. I wish I were able to send you more, as I would love to contribute to the cause which you uphold. May the multitudes listen to and heed your vital, God-given messages, and may you be repaid by the voice of God saying, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.' Best wishes to you and for you."—S. G.

Instruments of Publicity

Washington is a city of 500,000 inhabitants. Baltimore, forty miles away, is of equal size. There were few inhabitants of either city that did not know Jehovah's witnesses were in Washington, or that the Government of Jehovah would be proclaimed by radio on a stupendous scale, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, June 2.

In Washington 40 sound cars, 18 of them with reproducing equipment, patrolled the city at all seasonable hours, calling attention to the lecture, and when the lecture was given those with reproducing equipment rebroadcast the address so that it could be heard for miles.

Persons entering or leaving Washington by any of the four principal highways were confronted with booths where traffic information was dispensed with one hand and invitations to hear the lecture with the other. Similar information was dispensed at Union Station.

Fliers were distributed for lecture reception

in Classic Cinema, Belfast, Ireland; Coliseum Cinema, Glasgow, Scotland; City Hall, New-castle-on-Tyne, England; Paramount Cinema, Manchester, England, and the Town Hall, Birmingham, England. At London, England, red and blue posters 12½ by 18½ inches were used so effectively that 4,000 listened at Alexandra Palace. The transmission throughout England was carried out by British Post Office expert engineers.

The sound cars at Washington rendered wonderful service. Not only did they extend some 9,791 verbal invitations to 'whosoever heard', but in the parks, where they performed such excellent rebroadcasts, taxi-drivers leaned over their wheels to catch every word, policemen drifted up and joined the throng, and passers-by paused, and formed a great standing army. Thousands were seated in the parks, also, and at the end it was a marvelous sight as the whole audience rose up as one man and shouted "Aye". So great was the throng that street cars were held up until the streets were cleared.

In its issue of June 5, 1935, the Washington *Herald* said: "Jehovah's witnesses have gone, but in Washington they left their mark." The burden of the paper's story that opens with the foregoing sentence is that the Washington police department's head ruled that sound cars are barred from the city's streets, and that the ban is a direct result of the extensive sound-car activities of Jehovah's witnesses.

The sound truck department had its headquarters across the Potomac, convenient to a pasture. Workers noted that when the speeches were broadcast it had a remarkable effect upon the domestic animals. They stretched up their necks, their ears stiffened, and the horses kicked up their heels and ran away from the sound, while the cows kicked up their heels and ran toward it.

Judge Rutherford's speech on 'Government' was sent out not only from Brussels, Berne and Amsterdam, but also from the receiving station at the League of Nations, Geneva; and one wonders what effect was produced when the sentence came over: "Jehovah has expressly declared that the League of Nations is a fraud and a snare and shall be completely destroyed." No report indicates that the lecture was cut off anywhere in Europe, but it was cut off in two places in the United States, through fear of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

There seems to be a certain amount of liberty

in the air in Switzerland. Thus, the United States consul at Berne asked the Society's representative there, and in all good faith and sincerity, "When do you think the battle of Armageddon will begin?" But the Father has kept that in His own power, and no man knows; so the consul is still waiting for his answer.

The Opening Session

When the convention opened on Thursday, May 30, the throng that had already assembled filled the large auditorium, while others continued to come, until the surrounding parks, smaller halls, passages and basement were filled. By dint of improvised 'traffic regulations' and good-natured efforts at co-operation, the jam was just a comfortably tolerable one.

Publishers naturally all wanted to get into the Auditorium, but those seated in the parks, while unable to see the speakers, had the delightful compensation of balmy breezes and clear reception in nature's pleasant surroundings. One saw a little bird hopping about on the grass directly under the chairs, seemingly sure of his safety though surrounded by thousands of people. He seemed to know he was in the right place, and was content that, for the present, other two-legged birds should share his lawn.

Jehovah's Identification of "Great Multitude"

The discourse at Washington that represented the greatest amount of careful preparation was not the public address on "Government", which traveled quite familiar ground, and it was certainly not the impromptu speech which brought down the house on Monday afternoon, June 3, a digest of which appeared in *The Golden Age* No. 411, beginning at page 581.

As all who were at the convention were well aware, the special treat for God's people who were gathered in the capital city was Jehovah's identification of the "great multitude" (Revelation 7:9-17) as one and the same with the "Jonadabs" (2 Kings 10:15-23) and the "millions now living that will never die".

At the discourse by Judge Rutherford Friday afternoon, May 31, 1935, at 5:00 p.m., which discourse was broadcast on a chain of stations in the East, including the Society's own station WBBR, at Staten Island, New York, this perplexing question was settled to the full satisfaction of all.

For more than fifty years it has been known that at the end of Satan's kingdom and the in-

auguration of Jehovah's kingdom "a great multitude" would come into prominence that would render valiant service to earth's new King, and many have wondered that this multitude (which it was once thought would be a spirit-begotten class) should be so slow in making its appearance.

Now the mystery is all cleared up. Though they are only now being recognized as such, the "great multitude" have been working side by side with the remnant for some years. It is as though two good friends would go into battle side by side, and together be wounded and imprisoned and released and finally go to a picnic together and there discover for the first time that they came from the same town and had really known each other for almost a lifetime, but under other names.

Some of the workers had to remain at Brooklyn headquarters to look after the broadcast of this lecture, and other matters, and after the lecture was over expressed their huge satisfaction in the following personal dispatch to Judge Rutherford:

"Jehovah's identification 'great multitude' broadcast excellently by WBBR gratefully appreciated by thrilled watchers at Watchtower and Bethel."

It is not the purpose here to attempt a digest of this epoch in the history of Jehovah's people, further than to say that it was an eye-opener to everybody that the "great tribulation" out of which the great multitude comes is a tribulation not upon the people of God, but upon the Devil and his crowd, which tribulation is now manifest on every hand.

Every reader of *The Golden Age* should be a reader of *The Watchtower*, in which the whole subject will be discussed in a series of articles to be published sometime within the ensuing year. It is a subject which has many ramifications, and Jehovah's people, given a foretaste of it at the Washington convention, look forward with keenest zest to what they know awaits them in *The Watchtower* on this highly important subject.

A Service Convention

The convention at Washington was a service convention, first, last, and all the time, and the grandest spirit of service was manifested at all times by all who were present. The first thing on the program each day was service, and many interesting items in this connection will be

brought to notice. At the moment, however, attention is upon the discourses.

The Question Meeting

The question meeting was a feature much enjoyed. About forty questions were fired at Judge Rutherford, some of them stickers, too, but all answered as quickly as they were asked, many of the answers meeting with laughter and applause from his hearers, and all of them with great appreciation. The questions, previously submitted in writing, were shot at him by the chairman, M. A. Howlett.

Q. How can I decide whether I am of the Jonadab class or of the anointed?

A. Suppose you could not decide it, what difference would it make? You were in a still greater mix-up when you were in the Devil's organization, but now you have been brought out of the kingdom of darkness and into God's marvelous light and it should not make the slightest difference to you whether you will ultimately be in heaven or upon the earth. If you remain upon the earth it will not be long now until you will meet Abraham, David, and a few of those other good boys of whom the apostle says that 'the world was not worthy of them'. What difference does it make what kind of an organism you have, if you are in God's organization? If it can be said of you that you are one of those of whom the world is not worthy, praise the Lord. I think it would be rather presumptive of me to say whether you will be in the one place or in the other. I have been trying to serve the Lord consistently for 25 years at least, but it is such a happy and glorious thing to serve Jehovah God that if He should say to me, "You are going to be on the earth forever," I would be well content. To live on the earth forever is such a privilege that it may not be described in human phrase. We who are here before the Lord know that we have made a full surrender to the Lord without any reference to the reward. One used to sometimes hear the expression "I am consecrated to death", meaning by that that he anticipated that as a result of that kind of consecration he would be called upon to help rule the world. Such were not begotten of the spirit at all. Nor should one say, "I want to live on the earth forever." What all should say to Jehovah is, "Whatever you want to do with me, that is the best thing that could happen." Anyone who makes a consecration with a condition attached to it shows his selfishness. The true spirit is the spirit of our Master, "I delight to do thy will, O my God." 'Whatever is thy will, that will I do: I am going to serve wherever I am put.' 'The spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ, if so be that we suffer with him.' How may we know we have the witness of the

spirit? The spirit bears this testimony in two separate and distinct ways: one, by the Word of the Lord; the other, by the way in which He deals with us. If you are willing to suffer the reproaches that came upon Christ Jesus, and to do it with a grateful heart, that is strong evidence that you are one of God's sons. This text, however, applies more particularly prior to 1918. The Jonadab class, or great multitude class, was not then in existence. Notice what the Lord says in Zephaniah 2: 2, 3: 'Seek meekness, seek righteousness: it *may* be that ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger.' It all depends upon the conditions. One may be moved by selfishness in making a consecration, and not seek meekness and righteousness. Some may stop after receiving a knowledge of the truth, and never make any more progress. Such would not stand much of a chance of being preserved in Armageddon. That is why it says "It *may* be". But the wholly faithful may wholly rely upon this promise. "The Lord knoweth them that are his." It would be presumptive in me to try to draw a line of demarcation; for I do not know what the Lord has kept in His own hands. But I do know that if you have made a full and unconditional consecration to do the will of God, and your whole affection is set upon Jehovah and His kingdom, if you have entirely left the Devil's organization and unequivocally taken your stand on the side of God's organization, and are giving praise to Jehovah, then you have the testimony of the Lord that you are on His side, and happy is your lot. Why should such worry? How many think you should worry under such conditions? I saw but one hand.

Q. Has the opportunity to get into the Anointed ceased?

A. As long as there is a danger of anyone's falling away, the Lord can arrange for someone to fill up the ranks. Serve the Lord and leave it to Him. I think the Royal House is complete now, but some may fall away.

Q. If one is a Jonadab, is he immune from natural death from now until Armageddon?

A. Suppose one has a wreck of his car and is killed? The Lord can wake him up. There is no insurance policy that your old frame may not crack up before that time comes.

Q. Is it a correct thought that great numbers of the "great multitude" are still in the churches?

A. It is not a correct thought. Those who are in the "great multitude", the Jonadabs, are out of the Devil's organization, and are not supporting it. But it may be quite true that there are still many in the churches who will get out and who may be accounted worthy to get into the "great multitude", and will take their stand, soon.

Q. Is it proper for Jonadabs to refer to themselves as Jehovah's witnesses?

A. The Jonadabs are servants of Jehovah God,

doing His will, and commanded by Him to give the water of life freely to those with whom they come in contact. They are not witnessing for the Devil, but are witnessing for God, and it is quite right for them to say, "I bring you a message from Jehovah."

Q. In meetings, may the Jonadabs meet with and study with the elders?

A. Certainly they may do so, but that does not mean that the Jonadabs are elders. The elders are the ones that are mature in Christ. Let the Jonadabs meet with them and ask and answer questions, and if asked to pray, they should do it, for they pray through Christ Jesus just as well as those who are of the anointed. They have every right so to do, for they are on the Lord's side.

Subsidiary Speakers and Themes *Watchtower*

A. Koerber	"The Higher Powers"	6/1, 15/29
M. A. Howlett	"The Water Test"	1/1-3/1/35
G. Suiter	"The Lions' Den"	12/1, 15/34
F. W. Franz	"Parable of Trees"	3/15, 4/1/35
M. Harbeck	"Jehovah's Battle"	1/1-3/15/35
T. J. Sullivan	"God's Will"	5/1, 15/35
A. R. Goux	"Belshazzar's Feast"	11/1, 15/34
J. Hemery	"Prophecy of Hab. I"	3/15, 4/1/35
E. Keller	"Jehovah's Battle"	1/1-3/1/35

Jonadab Work in Los Angeles

It would have been a pleasure to print all or most, or at least some, of each of the foregoing addresses (Harbeck's thrilling talk on the work in central Europe was especially appreciated), but as they were all based upon *Watchtower* articles already in print the reader is referred thereto for the careful consideration of each theme; and limited space makes it impossible to make more than one selection from the five symposium addresses, but the Jonadab work in Los Angeles is of such immediate and outstanding interest that considerable space is devoted to the report of C. V. Knemeyer, Los Angeles service director:

How to make the best use of the Jonadabs in the Los Angeles territory gave us considerable concern. Then the light came respecting Jonadab's relationship to Jehu, and we concluded there must be some way these could be used.

During a set period publishers were asked to turn in the names of people supposed to be interested. Four thousand were turned in, and 600 of these proved to be really interested. These were given special assignments in their own neighborhood, and were asked to give handbills to butchers, bakers and bill collectors, but were not counted as publishers until they actually went out in the field. This plan proved to be an immediate success.

Helping the Jonadabs into the work is not a one-man job: there is a responsibility on each one, but

those engaged in the work find it most enjoyable, and, in fact, there is a waiting list. This is not because it is easy, for those who are assisting the Jonadabs are putting in regular hours in addition. Only those who engage in field work are fitted to do this, and it is all extra work. Reports of Jw's and Jonadabs are kept separate.

After Brother Rutherford's lecture on the "great multitude" I wired that there was a tremendous work ahead, and the reply came back that there were more carloads registered for duty than in any previous campaign, and that despite the fact that there were 125 away from the company. No doubt this is the opening gun and we shall now see a great increase in interest. It takes a lot of plugging, but there are results: the *Watchtower* studies have increased forty percent.

To inaugurate a meeting in a certain home recently we sent around a sound truck and, just before the meeting, put on one of the musical records. As a result, the house could not hold those that came. All indicated that they were interested, and most of them took the literature. The friends at Los Angeles are more interested in this good-will work than in anything else: 215 are steadily engaged in it; and from now on we will push the work harder than ever.

Out at the municipal air port the first visit with the sound truck was so effective that after the lecture started there were actually those that engaged in a fist fight, to preserve order. Those that were interested obtained literature.

One brother with peculiar zeal was given an assignment to work for three weeks in a territory of six blocks. Out of 30 persons that he found interested he had 9 out in the work after the three weeks were ended. During April over 13,000 attended the sound car transcription and phonograph meetings.

When requests are made of the Jonadabs of the Los Angeles company to engage in volunteer service, the response is like "marching in the tops of the mulberry trees" (2 Samuel 5: 24, *Rotherham*).

The work carried on by the Jonadab department has been more or less of an experiment, but seems to be functioning smoothly now, as meetings with these special publishers have helped to iron out difficulties, and bulletins with suggestions and instructions are issued to those doing this special work. There are about 50 who are now engaging in regular field service, and these have been transferred to the company directory.

The following information has been obtained from the monthly reports turned in on 170 good-will people who are being visited and reported on, on a regular monthly basis:

(a) No. good-will people with home assignment ..	4
Permanent assignment ..	0
(b) Placements with good-will people: Books	69
Booklets	305

(c) Phonograph meetings: Number held	30
Number attending ..	63

(d) Number good-will people attending:	
Service meeting ..	10
Watchtower study ..	19
New interest study ..	25

(e) No. good-will people who have been in field ..	3
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(a) These individuals who are holding home assignments are those who have shown a desire to participate in the work, requesting work to do at home first. They have been left a home assignment on which they can report witnessing done to neighbors and tradesmen. They may have participated in field service up to this time, but they have not taken out regular territory in their names. Some of them are probably included in (e).

(b) These placements have been made by the special publishers when calling on these good-will people; not during their regular field service.

(c) These phonograph meetings have been held at the request of the good-will individual, and they have invited their friends to attend, adding new people to our good-will lists.

(d) There is a special effort being made to get these people of good will to attend service meetings, *Watchtower* studies, and other studies. This column shows the number of good-will people attending meetings during the month; they may have attended more than one meeting. This merely shows the number of people attending these meetings.

(e) This indicates the number of good-will people who have taken an active part in the field service... that is, door-to-door witnessing.

During his address on "The Great Multitude" Judge Rutherford asked the Jonadabs present to raise their hands. The number present was very large, as may be gathered from the fact that 840 were immersed.

The Pioneers' Greatest Convention

The pioneer attendance at Washington exceeded that of any previous convention, the enrollment reaching 1,535. This included nearly 150 from Canada, as well as pioneers from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Switzerland, and France. Every state in the Union was represented. Twelve signed up as pioneers, and six as auxiliaries, while the convention was in session.

The pioneers began to arrive many days in advance of the convention, many of them aiding in the preparation, and by Saturday the 25th they were arriving in large numbers.

Anticipating the financial strain, arrangements were made to furnish many with lodging at very low cost, and some at no charge. At Anacostia two buildings which were formerly

a colored boys' school were rented, holding over 180 men and women, one building being assigned to men and the other to women. Army cots and straw mattresses were furnished for the women, the men being content with mattresses, both two-story buildings being practically filled. An armory was obtained at Silver Springs, Md., and also one at Kensington, Md. In the first, having a capacity of approximately 300, 100 men and women were accommodated, it not being necessary to use the one in Kensington, although mattresses and other equipment were available if needed. All together, 600 or more straw mattresses were made by those preparing for the convention. Some of these were used in the private rooms at the Auditorium. Over 400 blankets were loaned to the convention. Some were supplied with work in the cafeteria and kitchen, where they were provided with food gratis.

The majority of the pioneers came with their own housing equipment; and the pioneer camp, located in a beautiful wooded valley across the Potomac at Arlington, was the largest assembly of field equipment of the Lord's organization up to this time. The encampment embraced 25 house-cars, more than 150 trailers, and over 150 tents, a total of 325 pieces of equipment, in addition to the hundreds of passenger cars. A close estimate of the population of the camp is 1200 of Jehovah's witnesses, and one goat from Texas. The pioneers bore the expense of renting the property and the cost of the water and electricity used, by paying a charge of 50c for each outfit there during the entire period; 25c for those who came in for only the latter part of the convention.

The camp was one of the highlights of the convention and was the show place for travelers, taxi-drivers, airplanes and dirigibles. It was one of the most joyful spots of the convention. No one did any complaining. The variety of equipment was one of the striking features of the camp. Some of the cars and trailers were the acme of modern beauty and convenience, while others were the unique and ingenious contrivances of limited financial resources. The majority of trailers and house-cars manifested gratifying progress and improvement over the equipment at previous conventions.

The pioneers at the camp were not talking about "Arlington" or "Washington's home" or "Lincoln Memorial". They had more important things to talk of and to think of than these em-

blems of the honor of men, which is not of God. Uppermost in their minds was the significance of the text, "For Jehovah and for Gideon!" No sightseeing or vacationing for them, and small loss they consider it. They are too busy calling attention to the passing of the old world and the foundation of the new, of which Christ is King.

If seeing the camp was an inspiration, staying there for a day or two, including nights, was an education. When driving in, one wonders, by the time the far end of the camp is reached, how the pioneers got their cars and trailers to their destination. It was the roughest road one could imagine, symbolic of the rough road the pioneers travel as they go forth proclaiming the "glad tidings of great joy". One pioneer's outfit fell to pieces trying to get located, and he was without a home; but the rest chipped in, and built him a better.

A pioneer outfit usually consists of an automobile, a trailer for living quarters, and some kind of sound equipment, whether this be a phonograph, transcription machine, or sound equipment which was specially built for the car and had horns which sounded the message abroad from the roof of the car. With some of them, anything that can be pulled on two wheels is a trailer, anything that has a motor and steering wheel and runs is an automobile; and, of course, anyone who is fully devoted to Jehovah and willing to give all his time to the service of the Lord is a pioneer.

And do they take their work seriously? Anything in print that comes from "headquarters" is devoured with avidity. It is considered carefully, prayerfully. Nothing is overlooked: *Watchtower*, books, *Bulletin*, *The Golden Age*—all are welcomed with open arms. The Lord's business is their "big business", compared with which the commercial activities of the world are insignificant, though they be housed in skyscraper palaces. Their big business is to magnify the Lord's name; and how they love to do it! They have little of this world's goods; they are rich in faith!

The first day the campers were there, the day the convention opened, brought a rainstorm, which turned the camp into a "sea of mud". It looked bad, but the mud dried up quickly, and the rest of the time the convention enjoyed ideal weather.

At 6:30 in the morning the camp was a bustle and hum of activity. But when a sound car announced that the morning text and comments

would be read, everything was quiet as though there weren't a living thing in it. Everyone listened attentively. After the reading the buzzing activity was resumed. After a night's rest in and under cars, in tents, and in trucks, anywhere and everywhere, "sleeping the sleep of the just," the pioneers were ready for action. Many of the men made their toilet outside, probably leaving the inside of the trailer for the women. (There isn't much room in a trailer.) It was a funny sight to see the various means employed and positions taken in accomplishing the morning shave. Cracked mirrors, automobile mirrors and windshields or windows—anything that would give a reflection was used to accomplish the desired end. One little "shaver" stood on a stepladder to enable him to look in the mirror on a car. (Either he was little or the mirror was too high to reach otherwise.)

Shaving and toilettes accomplished, breakfast, tasty and substantial enough, was taken on the jump. There wasn't time for frills, but everybody was happy as a lark. The camp was serviced like a regular little city. The butcher, the baker, the newsboy, the milkman and the grocymen made regular visits and, as was to be expected, got the witness concerning the Kingdom well impressed on their minds. Even pioneers must eat, and, true to His promise, the Lord provides for their needs, "in some way or other." One pioneer had a goat, which, we are told, travels on the running board. The goat provides fine nourishing milk for the family, and amusement for the children as well. In the estimation of this pioneer, and some others, no pioneer equipment is really complete without a goat. Goat milk cannot be excelled for healthful quality, and the goat will graze and get its food anywhere "in some way or other".

Then the pioneers, bright and early, pulled off for the first feature of the day, "service," and the camp became like a deserted city.

Report of Field Activities

At the Washington convention there were 8,390 publishers actually out in the field: they were in the care of 1,514 car drivers: they placed 16,176 bound books and 194,020 booklets. These publishers put in 56,050 hours in the work, and placed literature with 56,075 obtainers. The number of sound cars engaged in broadcasting announcements of the lecture "Government" varied from 7 to 34 upon the six occasions when they went out in the announcement service. The

aggregate of 139 cars (for the six occasions) traversed 9,013 miles and made 9,791 announcements. Number of sound cars rebroadcasting the "Government" lecture in Washington, 3; outside of Washington, 40.

It was very noticeable that those attending the convention were very orderly, and their sole purpose for being at the convention was to receive the blessings in store for them, and especially to have a part in the honoring of Jehovah's name in the field service work. There seemed to be very little loitering or gossiping.

When the meetings were held the brethren were in their seats, or, if there were no seats and they were standing, they were attentively enjoying the food provided.

The factory at 117 Adams Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., was privileged to do the largest portion of the printing for the convention, as well as furnishing the convention with the signs. All of the radio folders, of which over 5,500,000 copies were printed, were put through the presses at 117 Adams Street. Special announcements for the Washington Auditorium were also furnished, 200,000 of these being used to cover the entire city of Washington. The various forms and information folders were also printed by the Society, as well as the programs. Report cards, registration slips, tickets for the bookstore, and hundreds of signs were also furnished.

Service Maps and Preparations

Preparatory to the convention all the territory within 75 miles of Washington was divided into 2,322 territories, and maps were provided so that in the rural areas every worker could have one—four maps to a car. In a city that is at present badly overcrowded, pleasant accommodations were provided for 20,000 persons, in itself a great undertaking.

It sometimes became necessary to send troops to another front, on account of the tactics of the enemy. Thus, a special service had been planned for Monday, June 3. The workers rose very early and were in their places at 7:00 a.m., but the *Post* had fallen down and the *Star* had gone out, so the workers were directed to return to the Auditorium for instructions. They left their cars and walked to the hall, a distance of twelve blocks or more. The doormen of the government buildings came out to watch them pass, the gardeners ceased work, and the police stood wondering what it was all about, while the "locusts" filed by nine thousand strong.

A Glimpse of God's Organization

It required a typewritten book of eighty pages to set out the plans and specifications for the Washington convention. It is a big job to plan at one and the same time for the greatest world-wide witness, the greatest witness at the nation's capital, and all the needs, of every kind, of 20,000 visitors.

Some will be interested in the index to the book of instructions:

Advertising (programs, placards, signs, hand-bills, newspapers)	Parking and Traffic
Auditor and Treasurer	Pioneers
Auditorium	Pioneers' Special
Books	Accommodations
Bookstore	Printing
Bulletin Board	Program
Cafeteria and Kitchen	Railroad Transportation
Caretaker	Repair Cars
Carpenter	Rooms
Chairs	Sign Painting
Colored Division	Sign Placing
Field Service Records	Sound Cars
Guards	Sound Equipment
Hauling	Car Repairs
Hospital	Special Trains
House-cars	Bethel Special
Immersion	Pacific Coast Special
Information	Public-Address and
Lost and Found	Sound Engineering
Music	Telephones
	Territory
	Ushers

To house the daily reports the carpenter division made two chests, each with interior dimensions 30 by 36 by 12 inches. They built all the booths and tables in the cafeteria, the shower baths and toilets at the pioneer camp, and the desks and booths which served as offices of the administration not only at the Washington Auditorium, but on all the principal highways leading into the city.

An example of field service: The Freeman Hospital (colored) was visited, and sixty pieces of literature were placed with the patients. The superintendent appointed nurses to guide the party of five to the wards. The matron asked where the meetings are regularly held, and stated that she wished to attend them. While Judge Rutherford's broadcast lecture was being given a sound car stood outside the hospital and broadcast the lecture for the benefit of the patients.

The conventioners were not able to entirely offset the achievement of the Devil in putting the *Post* and the *Star* out of commission, but

they did something right away, and more later. On June 3 they distributed 75,000 mimeographed statements of the essential facts in the case (followed within two days by the resignation of the general manager of the *Post*, who seems justly indignant at the light in which he was placed by the men higher up), and on June 9 and 10 the city was covered with *The Golden Age* No. 411, which presents the same facts and many more, with proofs that the facts are facts. The American republic is writhing in the grasp of the Roman Catholic hierarchy's devilish tentacles, and her alleged statesmen and Big Business representatives have become mere eunuchs in the hierarchy's hands.

A Service Not on the Program

Much of the finest service rendered at Washington was in the homes where the conventioners were entertained. The following was handed in by one of the *Golden Age* reporters, to show the vast difference in spirit between the Catholic people who love God and the Catholic hierarchy who love themselves:

"We were invited to pull our trailer up in the shade of a great maple tree, where quiet and beauty, with a welcome from the heart, made the dream of tired and nervous pioneers come true. We looked no further for the big pioneer camp across the Potomac; ours would be here. While our trailer lights were being hooked up to a convenient socket on the front porch, and we were being invited to get water from the lawn faucet, and to come in and get ice from the Frigidaire, we learned that our benefactors were 'good Catholics'. They were really and truly good.

"Two of our pioneer friends, Mrs. J. H. Donovan, of Savannah, Ga., and Mrs. Etta P. Foster, of Montgomery, Ala., were to arrive by train, and were registered for service throughout the convention in our car. When we went to claim the room assigned to our southern friends over on Wisconsin avenue, it had long been permanently rented to an outsider. Hearing of this, Mrs. E—— at once found that she had a nice room, and at the pioneer rate, for our friends. Although Mrs. Foster stayed an extra day, no money would be accepted therefor; nor was any money acceptable in payment for the electricity consumed by our well lighted trailer.

"The night preceding the opening of the memorable convention an automobile from a far distant state, filled with witnesses, and drawing a trailer with five or six additional witnesses aboard, drove in alongside of us while we were out. We did not hear them tell of their long journey and weariness; we did not witness the usual un murmuring little sigh at the information that the camp site had been changed across

the city. What we did see on our return was threatening weather out of the northwest, Mr. E—'s brand-new car standing outdoors in front of us, and his garage filled with these visiting witnesses from afar on their army cots; then ensued the long drizzling rain. In the morning these witnesses went on their way, refreshed by rest and by human kindness.

"The following night we noticed Mr. E—'s new car again standing out in the weather. It thus continued till the morning after the great conclave had ended. During this time the E—s' unused bedspring furnished nightly rest to another pair of Jehovah's witnesses from Louisville, Ky., who carried, meantime, the garage key. On their turning back the key, I heard Mr. E— deny them the opportunity of clearing up the garage.

"Early in the convention Mrs. E— told us that her Catholic friend had called her up and told her that we were such awful people, and that we were against the Catholics; why would she have us there? Later on her Catholic friend again called up to tell of the awful things that Judge Rutherford had said on Sunday afternoon 'about the government'; but Mrs. E— seemed to prefer to listen to us, and, entirely without suggestion on our part, to loan us such things as rubbers and raincoat and umbrella on the rainy morning, and blocks of ice from her Frigidaire on the hot days, to say nothing of the cake and fruit and other things; and she even suggested to her Catholic friend that if she did not like to listen to Judge Rutherford's radio lecture, why didn't she turn it off?

"The above is reported merely as a wee illustration of the great fact that Jehovah's witnesses are NOT against the Catholics. There are millions of sincere and honest Catholics, many of whom attend early mass as the E—s do, and some of these already begin to sense the insincerity and hypocrisy of their misleaders. Jehovah's witnesses are ready to lay down their lives, if need be, to bring to these good people the true message of Jehovah God and His kingdom. Our message is FOR and not against the Catholic people. Christ died for these and we love them."

Other Good Declarations

The declaration meetings featured the Jonadab work. One of them said that when confronted by three policemen he had told the officers that when God's kingdom is in full operation there will be no need for the clergy, no need for the police, and no need for the judges, but love for God will be in every heart.

A Jonadab, imbued with the real spirit of service, had brought her landlady with her to the meeting.

The service director of the Glasgow (Scotland) company had found a Jonadab that very morning who was rejoicing in Judge Rutherford's

books, and was reading them when he called. He was pleased when he found that "the people here are just like they are in Glasgow". It may be doubted that he knows as yet that there are more persons of Scotch descent in the United States than there are in bonnie Scotland itself.

A sister who was just out of prison in time to attend the convention made a declaration. While she was in the prison her son brought her food. When she came out, so she said, "the angel of the Lord came with me, and we made it," that is, got to the convention.

A publisher related how he found the truth. He picked up a *Watchtower* in a railroad station one morning about three o'clock. A policeman standing by asked, "What have you there, something religious?" He replied, "Yes, but I am not much interested." However, they read the paper, and the result was that both the publisher and the policeman came into the truth, and both are now Jehovah's witnesses.

Another publisher found a Jonadab who said to him, "I want to go to one of your meetings." The result of that statement was that a little company was formed, and out of it, in a few weeks, two Jonadabs went to prison for thirty days and one of them for forty days, and a mother and her sister, and eight of her folks were out in the work. This mother had prayed that she might meet one of Jehovah's witnesses; and God answered her prayer by giving her a share in the work itself.

A publisher from Kingston, Jamaica, said he was thankful for the great privilege of coming two thousand miles across the seas to attend the convention of a people for Jehovah's name.

One publisher found at the convention a cousin he had never seen in his life; both were in the service of the Most High God.

A publisher from Boston was out in the work and came to the door of a Hebrew. Looking at some of the literature the Hebrew noticed that it was Christian literature, and summoned the police, declaring that the man was out of his head. The publisher was taken to a psychopathic ward in a hospital, and there met a physician he had known for eighteen years. The physician asked him, "What are you doing here?" The publisher replied, "That is what I am asking you." A general laugh followed all round, and the publisher was granted his liberty, and came to the convention.

A publisher from Oregon had come with 15 others, in a school bus, 3,600 miles.

A publisher from southern Georgia said: "I served the Devil and his organization for ten years as a Baptist minister; for the last four years I have been serving Jehovah God, as one of His witnesses."

A publisher from Dallas found an old lady, 89 years of age, who had first got a copy of *The Finished Mystery*, in magazine form, then *The Harp*, and finally all the other books, and *The Golden Age*. When the publisher called upon her she gave him a page from *The Golden Age* which she had filled with signatures to the petition there published. She said: "I do not know if God will let me live through Armageddon, but if not, it is all right."

A call was put forth for those from foreign countries to come to the platform and make declarations, and everybody laughed when, along with the publishers present from France, Switzerland and other foreign countries, publisher Stark, from New Jersey, came to the platform. Stark has been arrested twenty times, in New Jersey, for preaching the gospel.

National differences are of small moment among Jehovah's witnesses. An American, a Bohemian, a Frenchman, a German, an Irishman and a Scotchman went out in the work in one car, and noted their different national relations only because such made absolutely no difference to them.

"Known and Read of All Men"

In Fredericksburg, Va., after a witness had been given in a home, the mistress of the home related some things that had befallen her in her contacts with an unrighteous, double-dealing clergy, and then said, "The idea of Jehovah's witnesses' being required to get a permit for preaching the gospel! The clergy should be made to get a permit to do what they are doing, and should pay for it, too." With that she paused and her big green parrot on the table, which had apparently been listening to every word, said "Ha! ha! ha! ha!" so heartily as to make one think it desired to express its delight with the sentiments uttered.

At a gasoline station the attendant said he wished he could go with Jehovah's witnesses, they all looked so happy. The men selling the papers said that they wished they belonged to us. One comical remark made in a large hotel

was, "These people belong to every denomination, even including Mohammedanism."

At one home, where the maid was out in the garden, the head of the house came to the door, and when addressed replied, "Thank the Lord I am a Catholic; let that old Jehovah do what he wishes." The poor man was so benighted that he did not even know that Jehovah God is the Creator of heaven and earth, and the One in whose hand is the breath of every living creature.

A newspaper made the significant admission that Jehovah's witnesses constitute "an army of men and women, their eyes reflecting a deep inner fire and their faces bright with righteousness".

On July 18, 1933, Mrs. Leila Yuille, pioneer of Duluth, Minn., was in an automobile wreck, sustained a broken leg and had one eye so badly injured that it had to be removed, yet within ten weeks she was back in the pioneer work, has been in it ever since, and was at the convention.

Jonadabs Believe in Immersion?

Do the Jonadabs believe in immersion? One would gather that they do, from the fact that 840 were immersed in the Takoma Park swimming pool. All efforts to look smug were at a discount. Those immersed were entirely satisfied to don bathing suits for the occasion, which was perfectly all right. If anybody did not like the bathing suits it was his privilege to look the other way.

The weather during the convention was perfect; warm, but not oppressive. The storm on the morning of the first day cleared the air (seemingly all over the earth), and the weather remained ideal throughout.

The Music of the Convention

The convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Washington is past. But there is far more left of it than "only a memory". The echoes of that convention will reverberate and increase in volume and intensity as well as in significance as the heart dwells upon its theme: the praise of JEHOVAH. The convention was a song in itself, with varying cadences and measures, but with the one underlying and sustained theme: "Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne [JEHOVAH, GOD], and unto the Lamb for ever and ever." The convention in its entirety, and not merely the more specifically and literally musical part

of it, was *music*; not only music to the ears and hearts of the conventioners, but, we may confidently believe, acceptable praise to Jehovah.

This brief item is about the singing and the instrumental music of the convention. Heartily do Jehovah's witnesses sing His praise. While they are not "psalm-singing religionists", they would rather, by far, employ their voices in extolling the glory of Jehovah than in singing meaningless and worthless ditties concocted by those who know not God and who extol men and women rather than the Creator, who is most blessed for ever.

Nor do God's people dote on so-called sacred songs of "sentimental sweetness". To them there is nothing sweeter than the songs of Zion, which have to do with Jehovah's word and name and with His Son, Christ the King. "Children of the heavenly King must speak their joys abroad."

The songs of the convention were vigorous, triumphant, exulting. "Let God arise, and scattered let all his enemies be," and "Lo! the day of God is breaking", were the themes which resounded with enthusiasm through the convention halls and surrounding parks, where the overflow of the convention could hear all that was going on, by means of amplifying equipment.

The grandest volume of sound was attained at the meeting addressed by Judge Rutherford on Sunday afternoon, on which occasion the vast throng in the Auditorium, and those outside, joined in the inspiring song:

"Eternal God, celestial King,
Exalted be thy glorious NAME;
While hosts in heav'n thy praises sing,
Let saints on earth thy love proclaim.

"My heart is fixed on thee, my God;
I rest my hope on thee alone;
I'll spread thy sacred truths abroad,
And to mankind thy love make known."

The deep-toned organ blended with and was all but drowned out by the mighty chorus of jubilant singers. Occasionally a quartet of voices added variety to the program, singing, among other numbers, "Take sides with Jehovah," and "All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name". After the meetings the organ played as the happy conventioners collected in groups and their voices blended with the music "as the sound of many waters".

Radio station WOL extended to the convention the courtesy of three half-hour programs by the guest orchestra of WBBR, in attendance at the convention. The Watch Tower male quartet also participated in the programs. An opportunity was thus afforded to invite the public to the Sunday afternoon lecture as well as to call attention to the chain hookup which would carry that lecture to the ends of the earth.

On Monday night, after the close of the convention, at the pioneer camp, the pioneers and others were singing songs of praise to Jehovah far into the night, for the great feast just enjoyed, and for the great privilege of bearing testimony to Jehovah, His King and His kingdom.

Jehovah's Power Made Manifest

Seven and one-half times around the earth in a second. When? How? Where?

This gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness. The declaration of Jehovah's Government must be made. But how can a small handful of people perform such a mighty task? They cannot in their own strength, but Jehovah can and does provide the ways and means whereby this can be done.

The greatest shout of all time went forth from the convention of Jehovah's witnesses at Washington, D.C., when Judge Rutherford delivered his memorable speech on "Government".

There were upward of 20,000 people gathered in and around the Washington Auditorium, with millions more in the invisible audience. As the unfaltering declaration rang out in clear-toned eloquence, that the Government of Jehovah is the only hope of the world and that all earthly governments have failed, the vast audience thrilled with the truth of the statements. When the speaker concluded his remarks calling for a rising vote and a shout of "Aye" on the part of all those desiring a government of righteousness, it was like the surging of a tremendous peal of thunder. As this shout went forth from Washington it was instantly taken up by countless numbers in practically every part of the earth, until the whole world was filled with the chorus of "Aye", from the throats of these people of good will affirming their desire for, and allegiance to, the Government of Jehovah.

For weeks before this never-to-be-forgotten event, hundreds of radio engineers, telephone engineers and other technicians, were employed in assembling the largest combination of wire

and wireless communication facilities ever employed at any one time. Long distance telephone lines connected one hundred and eight regular broadcast stations of the United States in a private Watch Tower network. Transoceanic radiotelephone, directional beam and shortwave facilities, public-address systems, and broadcasting stations and telephone networks abroad were utilized to bring within earshot the waiting millions in foreign lands.

The time arrived, the message went out with the speed of light, 186,300 miles per second, seven and one half times round the earth in one second. Jehovah placed at the disposal of His people these appliances whereby it was possible for them to accomplish His purpose. But this was not all.

The auditorium was very large, and it required sound amplification to enable those attending to hear. When this sound amplifying equipment was in use, even with low volume, it created an echo which rebounded to the platform and could be heard in the radio microphones, thus destroying the quality of the broadcast. If the volume of the public-address equipment was turned down low enough to prevent an echo from coming back into the radio microphone, it was feared, those in the auditorium could not hear. If enough volume was used to reach the audience inside, the echo was so pronounced that it ruined the radio pickup. The radio engineers and those in charge of the public address equipment worked day and night trying *this* setup, trying *that* setup.

On Saturday afternoon the entire network of long distance telephone lines that was to connect the radio stations was set up for final test. The afternoon program was picked up by the telephone engineers and sent to various points throughout the country, as a test sample of what was to come the following day. The reports came back from one and all: "Not fit for broadcast": the echo ruined the radio pickup.

Engineers were discouraged. Their statement was that they had never been able to make a decent pickup from this particular auditorium. Further experiments were conducted until about one hour before the big broadcast. Men had done all they could, but the echo was not cleared up. However, this was Jehovah's message.

The time for the broadcast arrived; the entire earth was linked in this mighty network; the spirit of the Lord rested upon one of His obedient servants, Judge Rutherford; the mes-

sage went forth in clarion tones, crystal clear. Something had happened! The faces of the telephone engineers, the radio engineers, the public-address sound equipment engineers, grew brighter: the echo had gone; but how? They did not know. This was the message of Jehovah. Then the reports came in: "Clear as a bell"; "Never had better reception"; "Finest reception we have had across the Atlantic." Local reports, long distance reports, overseas reports from "the ends of the earth". **RECEPTION PERFECT; praise to JEHOVAH!**

The Report of a Technician

The attendance of thousands of people at one auditorium on such an occasion as this produces a problem of considerable importance to sound engineers. The Washington Auditorium is of such dimensions and so proportioned that it would be utterly impossible for all of the thousands of people in attendance to hear the speakers without the aid of mechanical and electrical devices of various kinds.

At this convention it is interesting to note that practically all of the electrical amplification of the sound, both inside and outside of the Auditorium, was manufactured, installed and operated by the Society. The system of amplification was so designed that any one of three condenser microphones, and either 78 rpm or 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ rpm records, could be used, any one alone, or in combination at any time. That is, four separate channels were provided for.

After the sound was 'picked up' by the microphones and passed through a two-stage, high-gain pre-amplifier, it was passed on to seven power amplifiers, so arranged that any one of them could be independently controlled. The total amplification for the entire installation had a power output of 150 watts.

One of these seven power amplifiers was required to feed four trumpets and six trumpet units in the main auditorium. Another was required to feed five trumpets and six trumpet units in the basement auditorium. Another was required to feed the trumpet in the Assembly Hall and Hard-of-Hearing Room, and the remaining four were required to carry the sound to the multitudes on the outside of the Auditorium, in two adjacent parks. These amplifiers for the outside multitude were mounted upon sound cars and were supplied with power from the car's power plant. These cars were equipped with the Society's Sound Equipment No. 2, each car having its own crew of operation.

The lecture on "Government", given on Sunday afternoon by Judge Rutherford, was the 'high spot' of the entire convention. The sound amplification and the radio 'pickup' for that lecture had to be the best possible. Unfortunately, the Washington Auditorium does not seem to be well suited for both sound am-

plification for the audience inside the Auditorium and for a radio 'pickup' simultaneously. Either one or the other must suffer. Inasmuch as it was deemed of most importance for the radio audience to receive the lecture well, it was therefore necessary to reduce the amplification inside the main auditorium to a considerably lower level than what was used at the other sessions of the convention.

The reason for this is that sound amplification inside the auditorium creates an echo plus much reverberation, all of which seem to be focused on a point at about the same place where the radio 'pickup' microphones are located for the speaker on the stage. This, of course, would be very objectionable to the thousands listening in on the air. Hence the sound amplification for this particular broadcast was operated at as low a level as possible, so as to reduce the reverberation (but the talk was heard fine everywhere in the auditorium, even in the back row of the gallery).

One incident in connection with the four sound cars located in the two parks adjacent to the Auditorium is of considerable interest. Permits for locating these cars were obtained from the park commissioners some days before the convention began, and in order to locate the cars it was necessary to drive them over the curb and across the sidewalks and upon the smooth green lawn of the park. Policemen were stationed about the Auditorium, and when they saw the sound cars driving thus boldly upon the grass their eyes fairly bulged at such audacity. However, the green grass, the trees, the beautiful parks, and all the earth, belong to the Lord; and the sooner all the people realize this, the better for them. One of the policemen was heard to say, "In all my years of service this is the first time I have ever seen an automobile drive over a city park."

The Auditorium has a fine pipe organ, of which Jehovah's people made constant use. On the top of the high arch over the rostrum was a rich banner or sign reading, "For Jehovah and for Gideon." Other elegant signs, indicating different departments or activities of Jehovah's witnesses were in and about the Auditorium, and elsewhere in Washington and vicinity, wherever such activities were located.

The sound equipment served an excellent purpose in keeping everybody posted on what was going on. Over and above the sea of thousands of voices between the convention sessions comes a stentorian voice, "Attention! Attention, please!" Three times this is repeated, and then as the voices are hushed the announcement is given. Everybody in every part of the Auditorium (and in the adjacent parks, for that matter) could hear every word of every announcement.

Post Office and Bulletin Board

The post office in the Auditorium was the center of milling throngs. Thousands of letters were delivered. There were seven cartons a day of outgoing mail. In one day six thousand 1c stamps and four thousand 3c stamps were sold. The bulletin boards looked like grandma's patchwork quilt.

Did you ever try to find a friend at a convention where 20,000 delegates were in attendance? The bulletin board was largely used for that purpose at the Washington convention. When the delegates left for home there were yet 437 bulletin notes that fell into the hands of "the Philistines".

Only half of these were from delegates who were looking for others. Usually they told whom they wished to see and where they wished to see them, and the time. Others were desirous to meet anybody from their home company. One bulletin unaddressed and unsigned said, "Don't know where to meet you, as you didn't state."

Curiously, the majority wished to meet their friends "at the bulletin board", perhaps the worst place they could have thought of, as it was the most crowded part of the lobby. Another favorite "meeting place" was "at the post office", almost as bad.

Five bulletins were in foreign tongues. Their secrets are quite safe, as they are now in the waste basket. Two of the bulletins were cartoons.

There were numerous transportation items of Jehovah's people headed for Ontario, California, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Oregon, Wisconsin, Illinois, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Maryland, Florida, Wyoming, Indiana, Delaware, Maine, New Brunswick, Michigan, New York, Minnesota, Ohio and Iowa.

Lost: Brown jacket; blue sapphire belonging to a ring; man's hat, size 7; pioneer envelope; brown leather bag; 40c worth of meal tickets; a package of post cards; glasses with a dark rim, double lens; a bunch of keys; car keys; a gray fedora hat; a hatbox; a ladies' blue silk hat; a white purse; a heavy black comb; and a pencil sharpener.

Others found and posted notices offering to restore a bathing cap; a small key evidently belonging to a grip; a small leather identification case; a man's black umbrella; a brilliant pin in the shape of a bow; a brown leather witnessing bag; a package of post cards; a black coat belt;

one dollar's worth of meal tickets; a pioneer card; a man's brown felt hat; a woman's black umbrella; ladies' handkerchief, with earrings.

One bulletin said, "Come back to see us. We can never find you in this crowd." Another one said, "Am here and was looking for you, but I guess you are not here yet. I don't know where to meet you."

A few told how they could be identified. One lady would have a card in her hat, another would have on a tan hat and dress. One wanted to meet the "sister of Kaiser Wilhelm now pioneering in the United States". (?)

The really important bulletins were engagements to go out in the service together, offers to share territory, requests for pioneer partners, trailers for sale, offers to purchase a car suitable for pulling a trailer, offers of meal tickets, offers to take pioneers in, requests to get in touch with pioneers, an appeal from blind pioneers for somebody to drive their car and trailer to Dayton, Ohio, a portable transcription machine for sale, two letters in their envelopes but without postage.

An interesting bulletin was the following: "Dear John: We came in Thursday, and by then the territory was so scarce we had to go 70 miles one way to start of territory. We put in a long day Friday and expect to put in a longer one on Saturday. Don't believe we will go out Sunday, as we want to go home Sunday p.m. and our bunch couldn't stand the long trip in service extra on Sunday. I will see you early Sunday morning if you will be around then where the chairs are on lawn opposite Auditorium, say about 8:30 a.m. Maybe we can get a little territory with some other brethren near Washington. I will find out. Love, Clem."

Interviews with Judge Rutherford

Executives at the convention were courteous and accessible, but busy. Temptations to stop and chat with friends one has known and loved for years were many. Interviews were arranged, not for those that needed to have a tooth out, but for those concerned with the Kingdom interests, with Judge Rutherford. He has something else to do than talk aimlessly.

The object of a convention is not merely to bring friends together for a good time. Jehovah's witnesses assemble to serve Jehovah and to sing and proclaim His praise. But in so doing the meeting of those of like precious faith, and the exchange of thought and recounting of ex-

periences in the service of the truth, is very happyfying.

Those whose love and devotion are set upon Jehovah do of necessity love one another; consequently they delight in the fellowship of kindred minds as well as in their fellowship of service. Hence the meeting of friends and the discussion of the talks and other subjects relating to Jehovah's commandments and His service formed a delightful adjunct of convention activities.

Those who have the testimony of Jesus Christ and keep God's commandments' have much to talk of. A convention is an appropriate occasion for carrying out of the prophetic picture: "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." —Psalm 145:10-12.

Washington in Gala Attire but in the Dumps

When Jehovah's witnesses were in Washington, the most beautiful city in the world was like Babylon in the days of Belshazzar. It was in gala attire, but it was in the dumps. At an expense of tens of thousands of dollars it was being decorated for the conclave of the Shriners. The decorations were of Egyptian (that is, heathen) design. The Society of American Magicians opened at Wardman Park, Washington, Thursday, May 30, the first days of Jehovah's witnesses' convention.

Appropriately Watchtower, headquarters of the new government, is right among the embassies.

While the convention was in session the Supreme Court moved from the little chamber which it has always occupied to its palace on Constitution avenue. Work on the exterior decorations of the palace is still going on. One of the decorations was a figure of Justice, in two parts. There were several of these sets. In one instance the head was missing, probably on account of what happened in Alexandria!

Washington's usual Decoration Day parade was called off because of rain; also the rites for peace-time heroes who went to death in line of duty, such as policemen and firemen, and employees on the Titanic. Special vaccination exercises for Jehovah's witnesses were held in Alexandria Sunday night.

There will be no more conventions in the Washington Auditorium for some time. The

Government took it over at the expiration of the convention of Jehovah's witnesses.

The thing that made official Washington blue, besides having Jehovah's witnesses in their midst, was that the Supreme Court had put the skids under the NRA. The president of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, the chairman of the Du Pont de Nemours Company, the chairman of the board of the Bethlehem Steel Company, and Reverend Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, all thought the NRA was just the thing; and why would they not? It brought all the biggest companies out of the red, even though it helped the common man hardly at all.

But Virgil Jordan, president of the National Industrial Conference Board said of the NRA, "What has occurred in the United States during the last year is perhaps the greatest catastrophe in the history of civilization, and certainly the most profound that has happened to us in America." Wm. R. Castle, Jr., former under-secretary of state, said similarly: "In eleven months it [personal liberty] has almost ceased to exist." Representative James M. Beck, of Pennsylvania, said: "Today the vital spirit of the American Constitution has been snuffed out." Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania, said: "America is being fed poisons from which it will take decades to recover." Ogden L. Mills, former secretary of the treasury, said: "We shall never solve the paradox of want in the midst of plenty simply by doing away with the plenty." So those whose hopes were in the so-called "New Deal" were all upset, by contrast with the joy that filled the hearts of Jehovah's people.

Splendid Hospital Service

Up all day and much of the night, and in the most interesting, exciting and thrilling work in the world, Jehovah's witnesses, like other people, sometimes need repairs. Sixteen doctors, of all different schools, and nine different nurses gave treatments to the number of 1,548 during the convention period. This does not include calls made at hotels and homes, and there were many such calls, at all hours of the day and night.

The co-operative service rendered by the staff of nurses and doctors was as nearly perfect as it would be possible for imperfect creatures to render. There was no friction. The hospital service was wholly free. However, many desired to pay their way, with the result that an

amount sufficient to pay all expenses incident to hospital maintenance was contributed and a nice balance left over.

Superb Cafeteria Arrangements

At a previous convention the president of the Watch Tower Society advised Jehovah's witnesses to eat the right food and keep themselves fit physically so that they might perform the Kingdom publishing work more efficiently. The applause that greeted that wholesome advice showed that Jehovah's witnesses keenly appreciated it.

Proper food well prepared is especially necessary at conventions; for these assemblies burn up a lot of energy in the journey to them, the wide-flung field service, the days of excitement in the moving crowds, the meeting of old acquaintances, and the general cramming of intense activity into a few days.

To provide this food, fresh, quickly and conveniently to hungry thousands in between the lecture meetings, is a problem in timing, cooking, food transportation, crowd handling and serving that no amateurs should attempt. Naturally, the cafeteria arrangements were placed in the hands of our Greek brethren, who were given a free hand to display their national genius for food catering. The dining-room staff numbered about 150, and included pioneers. Most of them were on the job fourteen hours a day, smiling and efficient.

The cafeteria was located in the cool basement hall of the convention auditorium. Convenient high tables accommodated lines of lunchers, while others formed small groups and arranged their chairs in circles, with their luncheon trays on their knees. About half a dozen queues were arranged to pass by the food counters; one simply picked up a tray, followed the line, and "shopped as you went", paying with strip-tickets purchased previously.

A pleasing item of the cafeteria service was the large supply of red drinking cups and bowls made of "beetleware", a plastic composition invented in England. Each one was stamped with a gold seal "For Jehovah and for Gideon", and it seemed appropriate that the priests of the Most High should have this expression of "holiness to the Lord" even on their drinking vessels. (The tummy-plating aluminum pots and cups of Mr. Mellon were wisely omitted.) At the close of the convention the beetleware cups

and dishes were distributed as souvenirs, at ten cents each.

A word about the good food. The usual convention diet of white bread and coffee, a hang-over from "Chautauqua" days, coupled with excitement, noise and heat, is responsible for "convention colly-wobbles" which have laid many low in times past. But here was a pleasing variety of inexpensive food. For breakfast, fruit, cereals, boiled eggs, whole-wheat sandwiches, whole-wheat doughnuts, and five beverages, including buttermilk and fruit punch. For luncheon and dinner, soups, eggs, ham, hamburgers, beef stew, baked beans, sandwiches, various salads, fruit desert, custard, pies, cake, ice cream and beverages. Not that anyone would manage to stow away that list, but there were about fifty varieties of foodstuffs to select from during the five days.

If you wish to know how many tons of foodstuffs were consumed at the cafeteria, weigh three square meals in a pair of round scales and multiply it by the average for five days of attendance ranging between 10,000 and 20,000. The answer is the sum total of good eating for Jehovah's fighting unit as gathered at Washington, D.C.

A loud-speaker system connected with the platform of the auditorium broadcast notices and information from time to time during the mealtimes. After meals many remained in their seats in the cool basement-hall and listened to the convention programs over this sound system, which functioned perfectly.

A Washington (D.C.) policeman seemed to be on duty near a side exit of the cafeteria, or perhaps he just wandered in to enjoy the spectacle of thousands of people happily talking together; at any rate, he was obviously enjoying himself, chatting with the friends and munching the lunches brought to him by the cafeteria servers.

An assignment to a worldly convention is no cinch for a policeman, and many dread it. After one Midwest convention of a political-brotherhood association, 50,000 gin and whisky bottles were cleared up. How many brawls came out of the bottles, we do not know, but no doubt the police had their hands full to control the riots. At such conventions they overlook the general drunkenness, property destruction, soliciting of harpies and general "whoopee" that go on at these mad bedlams.

But the few policemen assigned to direct traffic or for emergencies at the Washington convention auditorium were having the time of their lives. They were astonished at the unfailing good humor of everyone, the courtesy and patience, the joyous spirit everywhere, the absolute absence of tobacco-stinkers and "rummies". They were asking questions and getting a cascade of Jehovah's truth poured over them by bubbling witnesses for His truth. Our policeman friend in the cafeteria stuffed a couple of booklets into his tunic and relaxed.

The cafeteria arrangements were good, the food excellent; the servers were our own smiling brethren. One could not but think of the time when, under the Master's direction, the crowd sat down in an orderly manner and they were fed; and the text printed on the menu card of the Washington convention of Jehovah's witnesses well expresses our gratitude for the arrangement made by the Society for their welfare: "Give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good."

A number of Washington's high-class business men were present in the cafeteria much of the time; they highly praised its management: they said they had never seen anything of the kind carried on so nicely, so systematically and in such a cleanly manner. They were especially impressed with the happy co-operation manifest. The secretary of the American Pie Bakeries said he had traveled much, and had attended many large gatherings at which people were fed, but had never been to one better organized or where better foods were served by such happy, patient and willing workers.

The following is a statement of the food purchased for the cafeteria:

Rolls, 3,996; bread, 6,547 pounds; baked ham, 1,013 pounds; beef, 2,186 pounds; chickens, 310 pounds; cheese, 615 pounds; eggs, 930 dozen; coffee, 700 pounds; milk, 29,800 half pints; buttermilk, 3,620 half pints; milk (bulk), 240 gallons; cream (20 percent), 120 gallons; butter, 511 pounds; pies, 2,619 (10-inch); doughnuts, 622 dozen; pastry, 620 dozen; peanut butter, 200 pounds; grape juice, 100 gallons; sugar (granulated), 2,100 pounds; sugar (tablets), 660 pounds; beans, 234 gallon cans; tomatoes, 36 gallon cans; peas, 42 gallon cans; jelly, 12 half-gallon cans; vegetable oil, 93 gallons; cereals (individual), 54 cartons; celery, 11 crates; radishes, 200 bunches; bananas, 63 bunches; tomatoes, 31 crates; cucumbers, 35 baskets; lettuce, 33 crates; carrots, 35 crates; cabbage, 2,000 pounds; oranges, 48 crates; apples, 125 boxes and baskets; wax tissue, 85 reams. Ice cream:

Cups, 315 dozen; popsickles, 41 dozen; sandwich ice cream, 423 dozen; choc kow, 395 dozen; individual bricks, 75 gallons. Fruit punch, 1,280 gallons.

In view of the fact that the restaurateurs who managed the cafeteria at Washington Auditorium were top-notchers in the business, well known as such throughout America, some might wonder how it comes that a writer in *Time* magazine, of June 10, could say of the basement, "It was rank with mixed smells." It should be explained that this rank smell was evident only for a few minutes, and only in the person that wrote the dirty crack just mentioned. As soon as he had gone out, the place was sweet and clean again; and the farther and faster he went, the sweeter the air became, and the sooner. A tobacco-stinking, rum-soaked garlic eater afflicted with a bad case of halitosis and sour feet is conscious of his vile state only when he comes in contact with cleanliness and purity. The writer for *Time* would be helped by a bath and change of underwear.

Cleanest People Ever in Washington

Said H. J. Cressman, fireman of engine No. 5, Washington (D. C.) fire department: "You are the most wonderful people I ever saw. If anybody had told me that this place could have been kept as clean as it is, for the number of people there are here, I would have called him crazy. Usually, this place, when there is a convention here, is so full of smoke you could cut it with a knife. I see no filth; there is no evidence of fire here at all." This man asked many questions concerning the work and was thankful to get one of the booklets. He also said that the entire fire department of his section listened to Judge Rutherford's address.

To keep the basement sweet and clean it was thoroughly cleansed twice a day, and twice a day trucks came and carried away all the empty ice cream sandwich containers, and other wrappings inevitably associated with the cafeteria feeding of twenty thousand people in a few minutes' time. Meals were served to some workers as late as 2:00 a. m. When the place was closed, late at night, it was always as neat as a pin. The management and conduct of the place was something with which every person connected therewith could be justly proud.

The Bethel Special

For days before the convention pioneers and others from every part of the United States and Canada passed through New York en route

to the convention, and took advantage of the opportunity to see the Brooklyn Bethel home of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society and its factory en route, the most wonderful home in the world, and the bookmaking establishment that is acknowledged to be the best-managed publishing house on earth. The "Bethelites" did not need this visitation by conventioners to get them interested in the convention, but it did not lessen the interest any. They worked extra hours to make up the time they would be away, and were glad to do it.

Supper Thursday night was "like a cross between a 'ladies' aid society' and a beehive". So says a lady reporter; and she ought to know. How should a man know anything about that? Right after supper they began to leave (those that had cars), and some left at all hours of the night. The remainder of the family were too excited to sleep, and were up early.

Jehovah had revealed to His people that their conventions since 1922 were events in fulfillment of divine prophecy, and therefore it was only reasonable to expect that also this convention would be of import, even a climax. They knew that it was just seven years since the war cry of the remnant "For Jehovah and for Gideon" started, and that something must be indicated that this cry was much to the fore in the preparations for Washington.

A pleasant surprise was the careful arrangements the Pennsylvania Railroad Company had made for the soldiers about to entrain. At the terminal in New York, at the proper gate, was a signboard with the inscription "Bethel Special for Jehovah's witnesses". The train consisted of six coaches: four marked "New York Delegates", and two, "New Jersey and Pennsylvania Delegates." Many boarded the special at the different stops, Newark, New Brunswick, Trenton, Philadelphia, and Wilmington.

Jehovah provided the "Bethelites" with the first electric train ever used by them as a convention special. There was no dust, smoke nor soot, and not one stinking tobacco user on the train. Little baggage was taken along; none of it cluttering the aisles or seats. The 235 miles were made in 4½ hours.

On arrival at Washington each witness boarded a car which was for him and his party during the convention. In this car, the number of which was known in advance, the witness was whisked to his lodgings, and thence to the convention headquarters. After a bounteous din-

ner, and the securing of ammunition for the next day's field service, "Bethelites," and all others, had the privilege of hearing Judge Rutherford give a wonderful talk on "The Great Multitude", showing that the Jonadabs are the "great multitude" 'which stand before the throne with palms in their hands'.—Revelation 7: 9-17.

On the way back to Bethel, Sunday night, it was agreed that it was the best convention yet. Many were the anticipations as to what would be its results. Would it be found later that another prophecy had been fulfilled? One could but wait to see. Every one of Jehovah's witnesses will anxiously await the forthcoming issues of *The Watchtower*, confidently expecting something unusual and thrilling in its columns.

By Automobile to Washington

There were over 1,500 automobiles at the convention, showing that well over a third of the delegates came by that means, say some 7,500 people. All came through safely, though some had narrow escapes. One car was nearly run down by a drunken driver coming from the opposite direction. Apparently a small stone was dislodged from the hill at the side of the driveway, just in time to avert a tragedy.

Two witnesses started from northern Canada; their car broke down; they could not afford the cost of necessary repairs. They hitchhiked their way to the convention, and arrived in time.

The Ostermyers had an accident with their car on the way. Ostermyer fell asleep at the wheel and ran off the road. The car ran through a guardrail, hung for an instant by two wires, and then righted itself and landed on four wheels again, as if something had said "No". Onlookers marveled. Occupants of the car were bumped around some, but were able to continue on their way.

Washington, like Indianapolis, is very easy to get around in when one knows the city, but is confusing to strangers. A Massachusetts reporter for *The Golden Age*, describing efforts of his party to find the Washington headquarters of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, said humorously:

The first thing we knew was that we had run plumb into a traffic circle. After going around it enough times to get good and dizzy we concluded that we had struck Massachusetts avenue, and started looking for headquarters, but the more we looked, the less we found; so back to the circle we went again. "Here it is," said one; but, turning down the street, we found that we had contacted a mixture of alphabet

and numerals that would not give us what we were looking for, no matter how hard we tried. It sure reminded me of the Devil's crowd. They think they have something, and start down a road, but the farther they travel, the more of a mess they get into.

We got to the hall at last and got a nice handy territory in Baltimore, with an assignment of rooms twenty miles out. Up at six the next morning we started for our territory eager for the battle, only to find at the end of an hour that we had covered our territory, and headed 40 miles back to Washington.

N. A. Yuille, of San Francisco, came by auto via Tallahassee, Fla., making the trip to Tallahassee in 5½ days. He considered the low grades, good roads and freedom from dust storms justified the longer trip.

A thoughtful New York reporter for *The Golden Age* said: "Everyone seems to have made the last possible sacrifice to be here. Pioneers are very thankful for book allowance that made it possible for them to come." Jehovah's witnesses are mainly from the middle walks of life, as one may judge from the more than 1,500 good-looking automobiles in the service at Washington, but some are the Lord's poor. All are one in the Lord. Taxi-drivers remarked that they did not seem selfish, like other charges, but tried to help one another.

One of the treats of the convention was to see a California witness, who lives in a palace, and came in a brand-new car, and stopped at one of the best hotels, hobnobbing with Sumako Ogawachi, Japanese, of New York, who had no other way to get to the convention than to make the 470-mile round trip afoot. Either one would be willing to go to the stake for the privilege of having some share in the vindication of Jehovah's name.

Two letters that Mrs. Ogawachi wrote to headquarters while on her way to Washington will be enjoyed, and all the more because no errors are corrected. Maybe you could write Japanese better than Sumako writes English, but if not, she would probably smile in a benevolent way at your well-meant attempts. She says:

Dear Brethren: As on my way to Washington by walking with 50 *Prosperity* and 700 radio folders are distributed as I meet people, but not as house to house. Thus I met police officers in the New Jersey state, from Jersey City to Elizabeth meny, untill today. they have accept them most of them. only Cheef of police, in Elizabeth said "Oh, Judge Rutherford's! I have something in my minde, so I wont take it" But they did not hold my sholder to rock me up. Faith in the Lord Sr. Ogawachi.

Dear Brethren: Greeting:— in the glorious day of Lord's almighty. yesterday (Sunday) of my visitation to the Jehovah's witnesses of Philadelphia Co. was a thrill and blessing. Their bright and shining faces of class were heartily wellcomed a little stranger as under name of Jehovah's witness. As it is unnessecerly to explain to you how about a Brotherly love in this circuration for there is already composed unbreakable oneness by love of the Lord. Therefor I am in perfect protection in His service. Concerning, my report of services around Philadelphia will be done through this Company while I am here and I may leave here tomorrow. How I am glad to see you at convention of Washington. With much love in His name Sr. Suma Ogawachi.

One more transportation item. Pioneer Mears, of Portland, Oreg., is 60, of wiry build, sun-tanned, loves God, and wanted to attend the convention. When she took stock of her resources she found she had \$3.11. She hitchhiked her way to the convention in two weeks, worked for her meals, and slept in barns along the route. Sometimes the farmers gave her blankets; sometimes not. One day she walked into the headquarters at 1603 Massachusetts avenue and related her story as if it were nothing in the world. Kind hearts soon made her welcome and provided for all her needs. One day, when lifts were scarce, she walked 29 miles. At Chicago she spent 3c for postage to send word that she was on the way. When she arrived she had \$3.01. There is a difference here of 7c which has not been explained. What she did with those 7c during the two weeks she was en route is a matter for later examination. All together, she walked about 150 miles of the entire distance.

The Washington Police

The Washington police are above the average. Most of them seem to be Americans, which is unusual, especially since the Roman Catholic hierarchy started out to grab America. Of course, there are members on the force in every large city who are eager to do the will of the pope and his underlings; but they are not conspicuous in Washington.

At first some of the cops were apprehensive of trouble, having been made so by misinformation carefully passed out in advance. On the second day of the convention one lady was informed by an officer of the law that Jehovah's witnesses are communists and seditionists and would have trouble before they left the city. His ancestors were probably born in Cork.

The Ballantynes were accosted by a plain-clothes man who said it was against the law to carry a sign on the back of a car used for touring purposes, but when assured there were thousands in the city so doing, and that he would better go to the Auditorium and see the convention management, he concluded to let the matter rest.

It did not take long before all the cops in Washington were friends of Jehovah's witnesses. At the convention hall the police soon found they had nothing to do. There were no tobacco users, no drunks, no abusive language, no quarrels, no disorder; there were smiles on every face, and before long the cops smiled back. One became much interested, and went out in the work as a Jonadab, in his uniform.

When a long-haired fanatical religionist came around and tried to do what he could to start some trouble the cop on duty reminded him that this was a Jw convention and if he had any sense he would go home and attend to his own business. The officers had nothing to do but listen to the addresses.

When they came in to make inspections they stated that Jehovah's witnesses are the cleanest crowd they have ever seen, and the most orderly. It only proves that the voluntary obedience to the law of God is so vastly superior to the enforced obedience to the law of man that there is no comparison.

When the infamies at Alexandria occurred, one officer at the Auditorium said that it was a shame the way Jehovah's witnesses had been treated under the Roman Catholic chief there in power, and that if he were the management he would take the whole 20,000 conventioners over to Alexandria, put one at every house in town and talk the situation to a standstill. That could have been done; but the Lord will have a better way. Just watch!

"Barbara Fritchie's Work Is O'er"

Some of the Frederick (Md.) officials became confused while the convention was on, and jailed some of Jehovah's witnesses; but these were all kindly treated, and when the matter came up for examination they were dismissed. Two of the boys arrested at Frederick were John Wargo (20 years of age) and James Antonio (19 years of age). Their stories follow.

John has been in the truth since he was 13 years of age, and has been a pioneer for the

past five years. You could not know him without loving him. The first time he was arrested was at Swoyersville, Pa.; the second time, at Bethlehem, Pa.; the third time, at Pittston, Pa. (at which time his own mother was also jailed, along with 21 others); the fourth and fifth times, at Duryea, Pa.; and he has also been taken in and questioned at Scranton, Pa., Taylor, Pa., Plymouth, Pa., and Forty Fort, Pa. Describing some of his Frederick (Md.) experiences John said:

"The officer stood at the corner. I made an effort to go to the bank, and he stopped me there and wanted to talk to me. I told him I was too busy to talk to him. I went into the bank, and when I came out he was at the doorstep waiting for me. When he came to me he said, 'I have got to talk to you: I want to know who you are. Are you a Jew?' I answered him that I am one of Jehovah's witnesses. He asked me if they were the same thing, and I told him that they were. Then he asked me if I knew of any arrests yesterday. I replied that it does not bother me whether anybody is arrested or not: my job is to preach Jehovah God's kingdom. This I am supposed to do regardless of any hindrances, because it is the commandment of Jehovah God. He asked me then whether I had any respect for the laws of the land. I answered him that I have not violated any laws whatever, but if any laws are enacted to prohibit the preaching of Jehovah God's kingdom, which is the highest law, it will be broken, because Jehovah's law is the highest of them all. Then he asked me whether I have any respect for the country. I answered him that I had nothing against it, so, naturally, I had respect for it. Then he asked me why do we go out mainly on Sundays and legal holidays doing this work. I answered him that, like others, we have to work for a living, but when those duties have been fulfilled we go out in the Lord's work regardless of whether it is Sunday or a holiday. On such days we usually have the time to go out; therefore we go out mainly on Sundays and legal holidays. Then he asked me, 'Who is Jehovah?' Then I gave him the testimony card. He read it aloud. Then I took out the book *Jehovah*, and told him that if I would stay there a week, talking day and night, I could not present the matter as well as it is presented in this book: this book *Jehovah* gives the explanation of this in full. With the booklet *Universal War Near and Favored People*, we are specializing on the three on a contribution of 35c. Then he made a statement: 'Instead of me arresting you, you are compelling me to buy books.' In answer to that I told him, 'We do not sell books, but this is our method of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom, and if you think we are profiteering, I suggest you try it, yourself, and see how much profit you make on the books.' With that he put his

hand in his pocket and took out 35 cents and said, 'Instead of me arresting you, you have sold me the books, and I will take them and read them.' And he also promised me that he would be here at the lecture to hear Judge Rutherford personally."

James Antonio has not been quite as efficient in breaking his way into jail as John Wargo; still he is a year younger than John, and is coming along. So far James has been arrested in Fitchburg, Mass., Leominster, Mass., Winchendon, Mass., and Frederick, Md.: only four times; still, this is not a bad record for a lad of only 19 years. James said:

"The people of Frederick became interested, when we returned there after being arrested there two times. The people there are asking about our arrest. They seemed to be against the idea of locking us up. I met a policeman who was in the court when we had our trial. I witnessed to him today. He was interested. I placed a set with him. We went over our territory three times. The first time we placed 54 booklets and 4 bound books. The second time we were arrested. The third time we placed 22 booklets and 6 bound books in one hour. I met the newspaper reporter who gave us the write-up. He said he admired our way of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. He said he wished we would come over and help him lead the Sunday school; also wished his people would go around and do this work, the same as we do."

Jehovah's people at Washington were delighted when their Father so arranged it that John Sabonjian, Wilhelmina Henze, and Anna Dziatkiewicz, who were in prison when the convention opened, were released in time to attend the sessions on Sunday and Monday. They thus had the privilege of hearing Judge Rutherford deliver in person his great address on "Government", and his impromptu speech of Monday that so delighted all the conventioners that heard it.

The Disgrace of Alexandria

It is to the everlasting disgrace of Alexandria that it has its present chief of police, who is apparently a mere tool of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. For reasons best known to the Devil he decided to make his stand against the truth, not in Washington, where the conventioners were treated with utmost kindness and consideration, but in "Old Dominion", and in the city where they were most recently abused.

On Sunday afternoon, June 2, 1935, M. J. Televiak, of Chicago, Ill., was operating one of the forty sound cars that broadcast the lecture of

Judge Rutherford, and was the only one of the forty molested. This in itself shows that it was the spirit of the Devil that caused the molestation. Televiak was on private property, 11½ miles out of Alexandria. Permission, in writing, had been obtained to use the property.

Music was first played, and Judge Rutherford had been speaking about fifteen minutes, when two of the Alexandria police force came and ordered the lecture cut off. They admitted that there was no complaint and no law; it was merely the will of the Roman hierarchy against an American's preaching the gospel in the manner of his choice. Televiak was arrested because he refused to relinquish his rights, and **held** under \$25 bail, charged with disorderly conduct. In every city of the land the Roman outfit clangs bells at unseemly hours; that is considered all right. Televiak refused to advance any money, and was locked up.

During the night he heard officers say that Jehovah's witnesses are propagandists (a term which the Roman hierarchy actually applies to itself), communists, and ought to be run out of the country (so that Rome could have it to do with it as she would). One said that if one

of Jehovah's witnesses came to his door it would be the last one he would call at: he would flatten his nose out even with his lips if he should call. What manner of officer of the law is it that talks in this manner? Would he do these things as a law-abiding citizen, or in contravention of the law he is sworn to uphold? The man is an anarchist, unfit for any post of trust whatever.

Televiak was put in a cell black with tobacco juice spit all over the walls, and inhabited by bedbugs and cockroaches. For a bed there was a frame with iron slats, and nothing on the slats. Four men were jammed in the one cell. The aroma was terrific; the cell, absolutely putrid. "I was vaccinated against my will," Televiak said.

Jehovah's witnesses familiar with mistreatment of decent men and women in New Jersey were shocked at the conditions in the Alexandria jail. Some of the toilet bowls in the cells were broken and the urine ran out on the floor where the prisoners were standing. At the trial the judge and police remained seated while the prisoners, male and female, black and white, were compelled to stand in their "august" presence.

Were You at the Washington Convention?

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Hiding the Truth

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THERE is a conspiracy well organized and carried forward to hide the truth and to prevent the honest people of the world from gaining a knowledge thereof. This is of such great importance now that every person who desires to do right should know about this conspiracy. Some evidence of the conspiracy is here submitted and should be carefully considered.

Devout men and women who are diligent in their efforts to advertise the kingdom of Jehovah God under Christ arranged for a convention at Washington, D. C., the dates being May 30 to June 3, 1935. One of the outstanding events of that convention was a speech on the subject "Government". Arrangements were made to broadcast that speech by radio. More than a hundred independent radio stations in the United States were engaged. By the co-operation of the Bell Telephone system and the R.C.A. the speech was transmitted to all parts of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Iceland, Scandinavian countries, Belgium, France, Switzerland, and also to Africa, Australia, China, the Philippines and other islands of the sea. Space was engaged in various newspapers in Great Britain to make announcement of the lecture, but at the last moment those papers refused to take the advertisement under any condition. The British Broadcasting Company refused to take the program. But telephone wires were used, and the speech was transmitted by this means to many halls throughout England and other places where the people were assembled.

The speech was delivered at Washington, D.C., to a visible audience of more than twenty thousand persons and was simultaneously broadcast; and, from reports that immediately followed, millions of others heard. The speech was carried to and heard in almost all parts of the earth. Never before in the history of man had there been the like transmission of the human voice

by means of these God-given devices of telephone, telegraph and radio. That fact was real news of great interest to the people, but the newspapers said not one word about it. The newspapers claim to publish the news, but this news of great interest to the people was ignored. Why?

Two of the leading papers of Washington, namely, the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Star*, agreed for hire to publish the full text of the speech "Government". The *Post* charged \$887.00, and the *Star* \$1,371.51, to publish the same. The full amount was paid to the *Star* and a receipt

given for the same. Both papers, after having carefully read the speech, agreed to publish it and proceeded to put the same in type, and it was ready to go to press when suddenly some powerful influence was brought to bear causing both of those newspapers to repudiate their contracts and refuse publication of the speech unless they would be permitted to delete or strike out all that part of the speech referring to A FOREIGN POWER THAT WORKS AGAINST THE INTERESTS OF THE

THIS LECTURE broadcast by Judge Rutherford, Sunday, June 23, 1935, over stations WBBR, WHBI and WBNX puts it squarely up to the American people whether they will have all their thinking done for them by ROME, and those whom Rome elects, or, as Americans, they are still of the mind to do some of it themselves.

This address goes right to the heart of the problem. If everything controversial is to be ruled off the air and ruled out of the press, then liberty is gone, progress is at an end, and decay and death are ahead.

Every true American who reads this will rejoice that there is still somebody in this land who dares tell the truth; somebody who hews to the line and lets the chips fall where they may.

Do any of the opponents of Jehovah God fancy that they can restrain the great Creator of heaven and earth from putting forth truth? Let all be willing to hear what God the Lord has to say to this untoward generation.

AMERICAN PEOPLE.* The Roman Catholic hierarchy exerted the necessary influence to prevent the publication of the speech, and thus attempted to hide the truth from the people. Why?

The *Golden Age* magazine, in its issue of June 19, 1935, published an account of this repudiation of contracts, as well as the speech, and the following is quoted from that magazine:

Who Rules America?

Are you in favor of America being ruled by her own people? Or shall the nation be ruled by the FOREIGN POWER from Vatican City, Rome?

Why the *Washington Star* and the *Washington Post* choose the side of ROME.

Every American should carefully read Judge Rutherford's speech "Government" and then say whether or not American newspapers are justified in suppressing any part of it.

Which side will the FCC and Congress support?

JEHOVAH'S witnesses had been in convention at Washington, D. C., for five days; a convention that is of world-wide interest, 20,000 or more of those devoted men and women were present; two of Washington's leading newspapers, the *Washington Post* and the *Washington Star*, had contracted in writing for a money consideration to print the entire speech of Judge Rutherford, which was broadcast to the ends of the earth on Sunday, June 2; the convention waited for hours to receive a copy of those papers before returning to their homes; at the last moment both of the above newspapers, yielding to some sinister influence, repudiated their contracts to publish the speech; Judge Rutherford immediately went before the convention and delivered an address that will long survive in the memories of those who heard it.

Immediately following that address the editor of the *Golden Age* magazine approached Judge Rutherford and propounded these questions: "Why is the Roman Catholic hierarchy so deeply concerned about keeping the people in ignorance of the Bible, and particularly in ignorance of the hierarchy's crooked work? In this connection would you care to express an opinion as to the present religio-political situation in America?"

He replied: "You will recall, probably, that more than two years ago in a public speech broadcast by radio I submitted proof that there was a movement on to have a dictator in America. Well, everybody can see that now, if they want to see anything. And soon they will see that it is the Jesuit organization of the Roman Catholic hierarchy that is behind that movement to rob the American people of all their rights. The Catholic hierarchy is stealthily moving

forward to grab control of the United States government, and for that reason is pursuing the policy that all such unrighteous organizations pursue: to keep the people blind to the truth until it is too late.

"Every Catholic paper in the United States has boasted that the NRA program originated with the pope and that Mr. Roosevelt adopted it at the instance of the pope. Many other newspapers have quoted these boasts of the Catholic organization. The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States recently practically annihilated the NRA.

"The president gave an interview to the public press shortly thereafter and, piqued by the decision of the Court, he was unable to restrain his anger and clearly let it be known that he had repudiated the Jeffersonian principles of the Democratic party that put him in office and now stands for centralization of power, dictatorship and against States' rights. A movement is now being pushed at Washington to amend the Constitution of the United States, giving the federal government most of the power that the States now have, and thus further throttle the people.

"Many of the official family of the president are Roman Catholics and are agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. If the people should now be informed that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is trying to not only control their religious thoughts and convictions but at the same time deprive them of their liberty of speech, and thought, that would greatly hinder the efforts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to get control of the government.

"From these facts does it not look as if Mr. Roosevelt and the Roman Catholic hierarchy have some definite understanding? This reminds me of the memorable proverb carved by James G. Blaine, referring to the Democratic party and the Roman Catholic hierarchy, to wit: 'Rum, Romanism and Rebellion.' That might be amended now by saying: Rum, Romanism and Dictatorship.

"These circumstances appear to be very persuasive evidence that the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its American agents are desperately attempting to grab the job of dictator before the people know what is happening. Mr. Roosevelt seems to be the first candidate for that position. May I suggest that since his recent utterance about the Supreme Court's decision and the States' rights, and his close affiliation with the Roman Catholic hierarchy becoming well known, the toboggan slide has been drawn up before the White House. It might be interesting to watch it start down the incline.

"I am not interested in politics, but I am sure there are millions of loyal American citizens who love the principles of the Declaration of Independence and of the Constitution and many of them will be asking: 'Shall America be ruled by the people, or by a few selfish men in the interest of an entrenched

* See *The Golden Age* No. 411, pages 589, 590.

and foreign power, which is inimical to the liberties that the American people have long enjoyed?" "

"How does it happen that practically all the postmasters that are appointed are agents of the Roman Catholic hierarchy? Why is it that members of Congress are so anxious to have the approval of the 'distinguished' postmaster general before they act? The more you uncover this thing, the higher the stench arises, and every honest man will cry out: 'Shall we be governed by our own people, or shall we be governed by an Italian who lives in Rome?'" "

The Press of the Capital City

The press of Washington, as of all other great cities of the United States and of "Christendom", is in the hands of Big Business. It is operated not at all in the interest of the people, but wholly for predatory interests.

Fear to displease the Roman Catholic hierarchy has whipped the press into complete subjugation to a handful of priests, and priest and press hide behind the slogan: "We love peace and will print nothing that is controversial."

It requires the help of Jehovah God to see the two organizations, His own and that of the Devil. Jesus saw them plainly, and took His stand wholly on the side of Jehovah. He could honestly say of Jehovah God, "I do always those things that please him"; and Jesus could also honestly say, "The prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me."

Jehovah God created man, originally, with a desire to be truthful and to do right, and this desire persists in the hearts of many. Such are astonished when they first discern that 'the god of this world is a liar, and the father of it', and that 'the whole world lieth in the wicked one' and are 'taken captive by him at his will'.

There was a time when the American press was somewhat interested in news. That time has passed. The desire of the press for money has overwhelmed its judgment. "The love of money is the root of all evil." The press has determined that henceforth Jehovah's witnesses shall see its face no more; that is, shall be denied a just and fair place in any news report, even when, as at Washington, they occupy the center of the stage.

Two great corporations, created and financed by Big Business, control most of the radio facilities in America. Those two giant corporations have created what they call "the church of the air", which is made up of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergymen. Those radio corporations refuse the use of their radio facilities to all who teach the truth of the Bible, and permit only clergymen of the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish persuasion to say anything about religion, and this with the expressed under-

standing that no one will mention anything controversial. As an excuse for their action in refusing use of their radio facilities to Jehovah's witnesses to broadcast the truth of the Bible they say, "We broadcast nothing that is controversial."

Radio station WMCA of New York contracted to broadcast the Washington speech on "Government". When the speaker reached the point where he mentioned the 'foreign power that maintains its headquarters at Vatican City, Rome', that radio station immediately cut off the program and announced to its audience: "Our policy is to broadcast nothing that is controversial."

Conspiracy

A conspiracy is an agreement or understanding between two or more parties to accomplish some wrongful purpose. An agreement to hide the truth from the people, which truth is important to the people, is a conspiracy to accomplish a wrongful purpose. Circumstantial evidence is the best evidence to prove a conspiracy. Where the parties charged with a conspiracy use identically the same language or language of similar import in giving answer to their reason for taking a specific action, such is very strong and persuasive evidence that all of such parties are in the conspiracy. Note that all of the parties above mentioned use the same words, to wit: "We publish nothing that is controversial."

The New York *American*, on June 18, published an editorial which is decidedly controversial:

"THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE.—JOHN 8:32."

SIGNS multiply that the administration in Washington is AT HEART no more of a democratic administration than any crude dictatorship hitherto known.

In purpose, intention and in act, so far as it is able to translate purpose and intention into act, the administration is a conspiracy against the liberties of America, the law of the land, the authority of the courts and the desires as well as the interests of the great body of our population.

If anything were needed to demonstrate this, the character of the hurriedly drawn amendments of the Agricultural Adjustment Act are evidence enough.

The recent unanimous decision of the Supreme Court was a body blow to the whole scheme of New Deal dictatorship.

What is the answer of the New Deal to this deserved and resounding check from the nation's highest court?

Obedience? Conformity? Loyal acceptance?
Not at all!

The answer is a rewriting of the AAA to accomplish indirectly what they despair of doing openly.

The demonstrated illegalities of their program are retained. Their original and illegal purposes confirmed—only the disguises altered.

One thing regarding the AAA amendments the president and his secretary of agriculture perceived only too clearly—i. e., that their scheme to license every branch of the food industry of the country wouldn't work.

Such a discretion entrusted to a Government official, involving not only a delegation of the power of Congress but also its legislative discretion, would never get by the Supreme Court.

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So, what do they do? Abandon the scheme? Not at all.

They retain the scheme and change the name!

Now the amendments provide that the secretary of agriculture may NOT "LICENSE", but MERELY "ORDER"!

In every conceivable direction and on every branch or unit of the business of food production and distribution, these orders will fall like the tattoo of a drum.

Orders to right of us, orders to left of us—descending on our heads, tripping our feet, restraining, fettering, bedeviling us—eventually DESTROYING US!

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The proposed AAA amendments are an insult to a Congress that has any respect for itself and its appointed functions under the Constitution.

They are an outrage upon the people of the United States and their legitimate business pursuits.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy claims the exclusive right to interpret the Scriptures, even forbidding their parishioners to express their own independent views or to read the expression of anyone differing from the hierarchy. The Roman Catholic hierarchy vigorously opposes the speaking or the broadcasting of anything about the Scriptures contrary to its own views, and as an excuse for so doing says: "Speech contrary to our views shocks our religious susceptibilities and causes controversies; therefore nothing controversial should be broadcast."

The big radio corporations above mentioned control the NBC and the Columbia System, and they say: "We broadcast nothing that is controversial; hence only Catholics, Protestants

and Jewish clergymen can use our radio facilities."

The radio station that cut off the Washington program assigned as a reason, "We broadcast nothing that is controversial." The newspapers, although claiming to publish what is of public interest, say: "We will not even publish a paid advertisement that is controversial, for hire, and hence we will repudiate our contracts." Says the *Washington Star*, after having received \$1,371.51 and after having set the speech in type and being ready to go to press: "We regret that advertising containing controversial matter is not acceptable, and we are, therefore, returning your check."

All of the aforementioned persons and corporations vigorously oppose the work of Jehovah's witnesses in telling the truth about the Bible, and the excuse of each and every one is that the truth is controversial. This evidence conclusively shows that all such are in a conspiracy to hide the truth from the people.

Controversial

What is a controversy or controversial matter? The definition universally given by lexicographers and universally accepted is this: "That which relates to debates or disputations; the expression of different views or opinions; a discussion of questions of importance which call forth different expressions of opinions or views."

All lawsuits are controversial. One man claims something, and the other party makes an opposite claim, and each one gives expression to his views by submitting his testimony, and the court hears the evidence in order to ascertain what is the truth or right of the matter. If all controversial matters are to be rejected and that rule is followed, then there could be no way in the courts of ascertaining the truth. It at once appears that the claim of the corporations, radio stations, papers and persons aforementioned about controversial matter is a subterfuge to hide their real purpose.

One political party is in power and is misleading the people and exercising official power and authority against the general welfare of the people. If nothing controversial can be published or broadcast by radio, then those people who are against the wrongdoers and who wish to be informed and to inform others could never be heard to open their mouths or publish a word of protest against the wrongdoers.

An organization is formed and operated, the real purpose of which is to get control of the governments of the earth. That organization is operated and carries on under a religious name, claiming to use the Bible as its authority. That organization, in order to keep the people in subjection and blind to its real purpose, misapplies the Scriptures to keep the people in fear and dread while it constantly and stealthily moves forward to get complete control of the governments. If no one is permitted to publish or speak or broadcast the truth as set forth in the Bible, because such is controversial and "shocks the religious susceptibilities" of wrongdoers and exposes their wrong, that would mean that the people would be kept in ignorance and not even permitted to protest against those who are robbing them of their just rights.

If the forefathers who came to this country had been denied the opportunity to speak of matters controversial, the American nation would never have come into existence. The Declaration of Independence is controversial, because it declares against wrong and for the rights of men.

The Bible is controversial, because it specifically states what matters are wrong and points out to the people the way that is right. The truth is always in controversy with falsehood, and the truth will never be uttered without raising a controversy with lies. Do you wish to support anyone who forbids the speaking or broadcasting of the truth because it is controversial?

A criminal kidnaps a child and informs the parents that unless they pay the ransom money the child will perish. The papers publish the details of the crime. Surely such publication is controversial, because it exposes the criminal and his dastardly deed. For centuries the Roman Catholic hierarchy has practiced upon the people the most gigantic fraud, in this: they teach the parents and the widows that their beloved ones that have died are suffering in "purgatory" and can be relieved only by the prayers of a priest and that they must pay money to the priest for such prayers. In this way they obtain a large amount of money. The priests pray in form only, and the people pay and get nothing, for the reason that their dead are not in "purgatory". The Scriptures declare the dead are in their graves and know not anything. Witnesses for Jehovah try to tell the Bible truths to the people about "purgatory" and the state

of the dead. The Roman Catholic hierarchy says: "You cannot tell or broadcast that stuff, because it is controversial and shocks our religious susceptibilities." The public press, the big radio chain corporations, the lawmakers and law-enforcers, co-operate with those gigantic, fraudulent obtainers of money, and therefore all such are parties to the crime. Do you see why they want to hide the truth from the people?

Honest persons never object to their views' being fully discussed and considered. Those who know that they are doing wrong and attempting to grab what does not belong to them always oppose anything and everything that might enlighten the people and expose the wrongdoers. That slogan, "We will publish nothing that is controversial," is a subterfuge and a flagrant fraud practiced upon honest persons.

But newspapers do publish controversial matter when Jehovah's witnesses can be libeled by them. The *Catholic News* of June 15, 1935, under an editorial headed "Another Silly Season", publishes the following:

"Judge Rutherford's cohorts are in the news once more. We learn from Washington that members of his strange cult, styled by its leaders 'Jehovah's Witnesses', made a visitation to the Nation's Capital over a recent week-end. . . . Judge Joseph F. Rutherford, chief 'Witness', delivered an address at the rally which was broadcast by radio. Subsequently, Anton Koerber, who identified himself as director of the convention, revealed that two of Washington's leading secular newspapers had refused to publish the full text of the Rutherford address, and charged the papers with repudiating contracts. The address contained attacks on the pope.

"But 'Jehovah's Witnesses' usually make themselves so ridiculous that after one or two publicity splurges by meetings and radio they retire into obscurity."

Roman Catholic newspapers in the United States constantly charge that the Mexican government is persecuting Roman Catholics in that land. But the Mexican government replies that it is doing nothing of the kind and that it is only trying to protect its citizens. The Catholic newspapers say nothing about the dastardly deeds committed in Mexico by Catholic priests for the purpose of keeping the truth from the people. In the latter part of May, 1935, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos V. Calderón, two Mexican native citizens, husband and wife, were going from house to house in the State of Hidalgo

telling the poor and priest-ridden people of God's gracious provision to bless them under the kingdom of Christ, which is the only hope of suffering humanity. They were doing so in obedience to Jehovah's commandment as His witnesses.

They were foully murdered, and a Catholic priest is the one guilty of the shocking crime. Those two harmless persons were shot, and their bodies thrown into the road, because they were carrying the truth to the people. Roman Catholics stopped their work with the use of gunpowder and leaden balls. That is one way of hiding the truth from the people. Further information about this matter may be had by addressing the Mexican Embassy at Washington, D. C. Doubtless the newspapers would refuse to publish the facts about this foul murder of two of Jehovah's witnesses by a Catholic priest because, as they say: "This is controversial, and we publish nothing that is controversial."

Conspirators

Who are the conspirators that seek to hide the truth from the people? The chief conspirator invisible to man is Satan the Devil. He is the father of lies and prefers always to tell a lie rather than the truth, and likewise do his agents. (John 8:44) The chief visible conspirator on earth that hides the truth from the people is that organization known as the Roman Catholic hierarchy. That organization is now aided, abetted and supported by dishonest Protestant and Jewish clergymen. All of these falsely claim to represent God and Christ. They have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. (2 Timothy 3:5) They hypocritically hide from the people their real purpose and act together to hide the truth from everyone.

There are millions of honest Catholics, Protestants and Jews who are not in the conspiracy and who would not approve it if they knew it, but who at the same time are made blind by the wrongful influence exercised by the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its associates.

From the time of its organization, in the fourth century, till now the policy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy has been and is to keep the people in ignorance of the truth. Centuries ago it promulgated the false teaching of "purgatory", "inherent immortality", "eternal torment", "apostolic succession," and other doctrines, and punished all persons who would not

accept such false teaching. The Roman Catholic hierarchy for years carried on a wicked inquisition in Spain and in Mexico and other countries, torturing millions who refused to bow to their false teachings. They hid the Bible from the people and prevented them from reading it. That wicked organization controlled and ruled from Rome for many years, and literally robbed the illiterate persons of Mexico, took away from that people millions of dollars, and continued its wrongful work until its power was broken by the Mexican government. That same Roman Catholic hierarchy now misrepresents Mexico to the whole world and likewise slanders and misrepresents other nations and peoples that oppose its wicked work.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is the only organization under the sun which operates under a religious name while at the same time it sends its political ambassadors to the official courts of other political nations of the earth. It exercises more political influence than any other organization on earth. It bitterly persecutes everyone who dares to tell the truth about it and its nefarious work. It is the chief organization on earth that hides from the people the truth of and concerning the Word of God and His kingdom under Christ. It bitterly opposes all witnesses of Jehovah.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy organizes political agitators into parties, such as the communists, and finances and encourages and pushes such organizations forward, and then uses such agitators as an excuse to organize another political party upon the pretext of saving the government, and then the latter party grabs the government away from the people. That is exactly what has been done recently in Germany. Both the communists and the Nazis were organized by the Roman Catholic hierarchy, and one played against the other to deceive the people and to furnish an excuse for seizing the power to rule Germany.

Now, in order to blind the people to their real purpose, they send a nun to prison and cause wide publication of the same to be made in the newspapers. But note that the woman was not sent to prison because she told the truth, but because she carried money out of Germany. At the same time more than 1,200 of Jehovah's witnesses are imprisoned in Germany because they met together and studied the Bible, and celebrated the Memorial of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is in the saddle in Quebec, and there they imprison men and women on the charge of "sedition" because such men and women distributed books containing the message of God's Word of truth. This is done to hide the truth from the people.

In northern New Jersey the Roman Catholic hierarchy controls the political offices, and within the past few years more than a thousand of Jehovah's witnesses have been imprisoned because they carried the message of truth of God's Word to the people. Another effort to hide the truth from the people.

The endeavor of the Roman Catholic hierarchy now is to gain control of the United States government, and its purpose is to keep the people in ignorance of what it is trying to do, and hence it uses its power to prevent the speaking or publishing of anything that is "controversial" or might expose that wicked organization. It is diligent to hide the truth from the people of and concerning the righteous government of Jehovah under Christ Jesus.

Why?

Why does the Roman Catholic hierarchy try to hide the truth from the people? And what is the distinction between the hierarchy and the Catholics? The Roman Catholic hierarchy is composed of a body of men, which body of men constitute a form of government, and exercises authority over others, and particularly over those who are either directly or indirectly connected with the Catholic church. The seat of government of that organization is at Vatican City, Rome. All the common people who are associated with that organization, and generally known as "Catholics", are not members of the hierarchy or of the Catholic church, but are designated by the hierarchy as "children of the church", and these children are not supposed to have sufficient sense to attend to their own business or hear what they want to hear. Millions of persons have been induced to believe that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is a divine institution which they must obey. But such claim is entirely erroneous.

The Scriptures make known that Jehovah God's organization in heaven is made up of Christ Jesus, the Head thereof, and of cherubim, seraphim and angels. The Devil, who is a mimic god, has attempted to imitate or mimic Jehovah by forming an organization, which organization the Scriptures describe, and name the Devil as

the chief, and that the organization consists of 'principalities, powers, and rulers of darkness of this world'. (Ephesians 6:12) The Devil seeks to rule all peoples of earth and keep them in subjection to himself and to completely turn them away from God. The Devil resorts to fraud, deceit and lies, because he is the father of lies. (John 8:44) He well knows that he must deceive the people in order to rule them, because men do not willingly wish to follow the Devil. The Devil, therefore, causes an organization to be formed amongst men to represent him, and which organization falsely claims to be of divine origin and authority; but the fact is, that organization is fraudulent and is carried on to deceive the people, and millions are deceived.

The Devil's ambitious purpose is to rule all peoples of the earth. He employs the Roman Catholic hierarchy as his chief means on earth to accomplish that purpose. The Devil injects into the minds of those men who compose the Roman Catholic hierarchy the conclusion that they must rule the nations of the earth; and hence the Roman Catholic hierarchy puts forth its greatest efforts to get control of all the nations. For many centuries that fraudulent organization, operating under the name of Christ, ruled the people of Spain, Mexico and other countries, and, in order to do so, hid the truth from the people and kept most of them in illiteracy. For many years it has diligently attempted to gain complete control of the American government and to bring the people of the nation completely under its subjection.

The pope is the nominal head of the Catholic organization, but he is not the real power or head. The controlling earthly power is the hierarchy made up of a limited number of men known as cardinals, bishops and priests, and who maintain their official offices at Rome and direct even the pope what he must say and do, and use him to mislead the people. The power invisible that in fact controls the entire organization is Satan the Devil.

Satan is named in the Scriptures as 'the prince of the power invisible'; 'the prince [ruler] of this world'; 'the power of darkness'; 'the ruler of darkness of this world.' (Ephesians 2:2; 6:12; John 12:31; Colossians 1:13) Satan's purpose is to keep everybody in ignorance of the truth of God's Word and by this means hold them under his dominion and control and keep them away from God and His truth. For

this reason Jesus says: "The truth shall make you free." (John 8:32) Satan uses every agency that he can employ to hide the truth from the people, and for this reason he causes his agents to say: "We will publish nothing that is controversial."

The Roman Catholic hierarchy falsely claims to represent God. If that organization did represent God, then, instead of hiding the truth from the people, it would be diligent to teach to the people the truth of and concerning God's kingdom and would gladly co-operate with anyone else who tells the people about God's kingdom, which is the hope of the world.

From its foundation the United States has been known as the place of freedom of speech, but in recent years not only has there been put forth a desperate effort to hide the truth from the people and to prevent the publication thereof, but the Roman Catholic hierarchy and its allies have persecuted everyone that dares tell the people the truth of God's Word or publish the same.

The people must now consider whether they wish to exercise freedom of speech or whether they wish to be completely dominated and controlled by that foreign power at Vatican City, Rome. In order to be free the people must have the truth. If the Roman Catholic hierarchy gets control of America, the people will not be permitted to receive and have the truth, much less to speak it.

It is not at all necessary to prevent the Catholic church from teaching its doctrines. Let all be free to speak as they will, and let the people hear both sides and then themselves decide which course they wish to take.

All true followers of Christ Jesus on earth must tell the truth to their neighbors, because such is the commandment of God and Christ Jesus. (John 18:37; Matthew 24:14) God has selected for himself a people whom He has anointed and appointed and commanded to tell the truth to the peoples of earth. (Acts 15:14; Isaiah 43:10) The Devil and his earthly agents conspire to hide the truth from the people and to cause Jehovah's witnesses to fail in their covenant to obey God. Those conspirators led by Satan are against all whom God has sent forth to be His anointed witnesses. The Roman Catholic hierarchy has drawn into Satan's net almost all of the kings and rulers of the nations of the earth, and now makes a last and desperate

attempt to control the American government. God foreknew and foretold these very things and caused His prophet to write: "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." (Psalm 2:2,3) "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. For they have consulted together with one consent; they are confederate against thee."—Psalm 83:2,3,5.

Into this conspiracy Satan, operating through the Roman Catholic hierarchy, has drawn the owners of big broadcasting stations, the big newspapers and magazines, politicians and officers of the law and many others. All of these are trying to hide the truth of and concerning God's kingdom and to prevent the people from hearing about it. That is the reason why hundreds of Jehovah's witnesses are arrested and imprisoned; that is the reason why the big radio corporations and the newspapers say, "We will publish nothing that is controversial."

Jehovah's witnesses are putting forth their best efforts to get to the people the truth of and concerning God's purpose, in order that the people may see what is the only hope for their peace, prosperity and life. Jehovah's witnesses are not asking or expecting the people to join some earthly organization. Their sole work is to tell God's truth as commanded by Him, that the people may make an intelligent choice as to whom they wish to serve. It is the will of Jehovah God that there shall be controversies between truth and lies, and, because the nations of the earth have chosen to take the side of the Devil, God says to them, "[Jehovah] hath a controversy with the nations; he will plead [inform and reason with them] with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 25:31) The people must hear the truth in order to be able to choose to serve God and live or remain with the Devil and suffer destruction. (Jeremiah 25:32,33) Satan seeks to turn all people away from God and bring them into destruction; therefore Satan and all of his deluded agents are desperately trying to hide the truth from the people.

With feigned honesty the desire is expressed by the big newspapers and radio owners to keep

the peace by saying: "We will publish nothing controversial." But such is really and in fact a trick, fathered by Satan the Devil, to deceive the people and hide from them the truth while his agents lead them all into the ditch.

If the Devil can succeed in hiding the truth from the American people, then he will accomplish two things, to wit: He will enable the foreign power at Rome, which the Devil created, to get control of and rule America, and, second, to turn the people away from God and ultimately into destruction.

Which side are you on? Whom do you wish should rule? If you want life, peace and happiness and continuous prosperity, learn the truth and stand over on the side of Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ.

Many persons have sincerely associated themselves with the Catholic church; but when they learn the truth, they find they have been greatly deceived by a small company of selfish men operating an organization for a selfish purpose. Likewise many of you have associated yourselves with the Protestant church organization, which once vigorously protested against the Roman Catholic hierarchy; but now the Protestant leaders have ceased to protest and have joined forces with the hierarchy and entered into the conspiracy against God and against His anoint-

ed. The Jews are in a similar condition. That explains why the so-called "church of the air" was created by the two great radio chain corporations in America, and why the hierarchy's representatives and the Protestant and Jewish clergymen are permitted to use the radio facilities to the exclusion of all others.

Concerning all of those conspirators God caused this to be written: "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. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."—Psalm 2: 4, 5, 9.

The day of great crisis is here, and the people must choose whom they will serve. God will see to it that they have the opportunity to hear the truth, that they may intelligently choose their own destiny. Do your part. Hear the truth of God's Word and be diligent to pass that truth on to your neighbors. The kingdom of God under Christ is here, and God points to Christ Jesus, His glorious King, and says to the people: "Behold, my servant, whom I have chosen, my beloved, in whom I take delight: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall proclaim justice to the nations. The nations also will hope in his name."—Matthew 12: 18, 21, *Diaglott*.

Reverberations of the Great Speech on "Government"

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. WASHINGTON: "Please send me one or two copies of Judge Rutherford's speeches which the Washington papers refused to publish as paid advertisements. A very large number of Jehovah's witnesses packed our hotel for several days. The convention was one of the largest ever held in Washington. We never had a better behaved or pleasanter lot of people in our hotel."—Houston R. Harper, president, Hotel Houston Company.

GEORGIA. ATLANTA: (1) "Your sermon just heard over WGST. May God give you strength to continue your good work. My prayers are with you."—E. R.

(2) "Just by chance I heard the greater part of your address on Sunday afternoon from Washington, D. C. Can you tell me why this address was not mentioned in the programs issued by the Press? Not a word appeared in our papers. I am enclosing \$1 for which send me five copies of the address."—J. F. P.

IDAHO. POTLATCH: "Yesterday at high noon it was my privilege to hear the thrilling words that fell from your lips when you delivered Jehovah's message of

truth, entitled 'Government', and for such an important message I do thank and praise Jehovah God; also His King, Christ Jesus. How I do thank the Eternal One for your faithfulness and love for Him and His Vindicator."—L. L. G.

ILLINOIS. DWIGHT: "I wish to take this opportunity to comment upon your talk 'Government', which you gave over the radio Sunday afternoon, June 2. It was a splendid talk, and I thoroughly enjoyed every word of it. I wish we might hear from you more often. I have received peace of mind and great hope since studying your fine books. I am enclosing 20c; please mail four copies of your Sunday talk 'Government', that I may hand them to friends of mine."—Mrs. F. C. H.

JACKSONVILLE: "Appreciation to Jehovah and His Vindicator for the opportunity of a little service in connection with the wonderful message that reached the four corners of the earth this afternoon. The lecture was heard in the business section of Jacksonville, Ill., and in Central Park. Two PTM machines were

used as amplifiers and radios with loud-speakers. The park benches were filled, and cars were parked around the business section. We had fine reception and placed all the literature we had with us. I did not ask permission to put up the equipment. We used office buildings and put the loud-speakers out of the windows. Our PTM was mounted on a truck with all battery equipment and stood outside of the park. We were tuned in on station WTAD, Quincy, Ill."—F. A. C.

NEWMAN: "We listened with the most intense interest to the thrilling lecture which, by Jehovah's grace, you gave in such an impressive manner. We congratulate you on your fearlessness in proclaiming Jehovah's kingdom. The reception here was clear and ringing through our local station WDZ, Tuscola. May Jehovah's blessings continue upon you and give you strength to carry on this marvelous work."—Mrs. J. L. R.

IOWA. COUNCIL BLUFFS: "Was highly pleased with your last Sunday speech, and wish to congratulate you on the real good work you are doing. We have been interested in your work for many years and have most of your books and pamphlets. Please send me five copies of your last Sunday's discourse and oblige."—H. W. C.

NEW SHARON: "I can't help but express the great delight your lecture of June 2 gave me. It was wonderful, and fearless. I hope to be permitted to be carried through the awful battle, but it will surely take courage. Am one of thousands on relief, and times are so hard. Wishing you more power in your wonderful work."—Mrs. F. B.

LOUISIANA. MINDEN: "I was one of a number of the vast invisible audience that was privileged to hear your wonderful address given over radio on Sunday, June 2. May I be permitted to say that it was very inspirational and timely, and I believe far-reaching in effect. As you would surmise, the address brought a storm of protest from the clergy, but I think that these protests continue to make many followers for you and witnesses for Jehovah God. This work you are doing in the witnessing for Jehovah must be inspired, and I feel that it will continue after we have passed on. To show my esteem for you and the great work you are doing, I am glad to enclose for the copy that was announced that would be sent to those that desired one. I send personal greetings to you, and best wishes for your success."—B. P.

MASSACHUSETTS. STOUGHTON: "Words or pen cannot express the deep appreciation I feel to Jehovah and His Vindicator for the wonderful message of truth delivered by you on the air Sunday, June 2, at 4:00 p. m. We heard every word so plain, here in the country at Stoughton, Mass. My heart rejoices to know these truths, and I have a stronger determination to press on and witness to those about me.

Daily I pray the heavenly Father's blessing to continue with you in His service."—Mrs. F. B.

SOUTH PEABODY: "I want to thank my heavenly Father for the wonderful lecture 'Government' broadcast today from Washington, D. C., and for using you, His faithful witness, to proclaim the message of truth to the peoples of the world. The Devil's organization got a blow today which will make him more angry than ever and will bring us nearer that glorious Kingdom under Christ Jesus the King. May Jehovah richly bless you as you continue faithfully to proclaim the truth."—C. A. J.

WORCESTER: "Radio program 'Government' at 4:00 p. m. today from Washington, D. C., came in fine. We received it over station WMEX, Boston, Mass. We picked it up fine with a little Freshman."—F. P. K.

MICHIGAN. DETROIT: "Your lecture of world-wide interest came to my home through WJR. I have a number of your books, which I enjoy very much. I have listened to your lectures from time to time, and let me say I am glad to know there is one man in this world that can tell the people the truth. It is what the world needs. May Jehovah's blessings come to you."—O. W. L.

MINNESOTA. SAUK RAPIDS: "I heard the lecture June 2 on 'Government'. It was superior to all others, and words are inadequate to describe its forcefulness and beauty. Needless to say, I arose and said 'Aye' at the resolution."—Mrs. H. E.

MISSISSIPPI. IUKA: "'Twas the most astounding speech since the days of our Lord on the earth. I frankly say with a whole heart, there is no refuge of lies that can withstand or successfully resist such hail of truth as your speech contained, and at the battle of the great day of God Almighty every eye will see and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Thanks be to the Almighty God, and more power to you by His grace."—S. G. B.

ROCKPORT: "Your world-wide broadcast from Washington, June 2, subject 'Government', was greatly appreciated and enjoyed by several in this little village. With all our hearts let us join the vast audience there in voting 'Aye' to your proposition."—R. G. A. and Mrs. A. O. A.

MISSOURI. COLLINS: "Just could not refrain from telling you how well I enjoyed hearing your voice June 2 over the radio. How thrilled to hear your calm voice coming from so many miles away . . . in these dark hours."—Mrs. R. G.

LOUISIANA: "We wish to add our applause to that of those at Washington and of others throughout the world that heard your bold and fearless voice yesterday. . . . Thanks, many thanks for words of encouragement and sympathy, and we now know that the Almighty God, Jehovah, is leading you, for no man could by himself utter words and 'walk in the valley of the shadow of death' as you did yesterday,

and stand by himself. We are with you and add 'Aye' to the resolution."—E. McD. and A. McD.

NEBRASKA. CHAPPELL: "Heard your epochal address from Washington, D. C., entitled 'Government'. It was most courageous, thrilling and inspiring, and pulled the mask of hypocrisy from the Roman hierarchy and other opposers of Jehovah's witnesses and, above all, of Jehovah and of His Christ."—F. W. U.

NEW HAMPSHIRE. ELKINS: "Your thrilling message came through perfectly over station WNBX, Springfield, Vt. Such a wonderful proclamation for Jehovah and for His Vindicator."—E. C.

NEW MEXICO. FIELD: "The message came in fine and clear from KOB, Albuquerque, 100 miles distant."—Mrs. N. A. F.

MILLS: "Just heard the wonderful message that you so fearlessly delivered to all the world, by His grace. Reception was as clear as it could be. Words in our language cannot be found to express the joy and happiness, strength and courage the message gave us."—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. L., O. F. and Mrs. F. F., Sr.

NEW YORK. AUBURN: "I have been waiting over forty years to hear just such a message, and to say that I thank you is not enough."—H. R. O.

HEMPSTEAD: "I want you to know that I enjoy your messages very much and I listen to them as much as I possibly can. Just what was so objectionable about the Washington address that it was discontinued, 'with due apologies,' by station WMCA of New York? They evidently hate to hear the truth. They broadcast 'church' messages without fear of offending anyone. As near as I can see, Christ has more enemies now than at His last visit to earth, and yet all church members claim to love and honor Him. . . . The churches are the greatest of hypocrites. I have completely severed my connection with them, and, of course, I have made many my enemies; but they are well lost to me; I neither want them nor do I miss them in the least."—B. M.

SYRACUSE: "Hurrah for Jehovah for giving us the wonderful privilege of hearing the message over WESG very clearly!"—J. Q.

WINFIELD: "Your talk on 'Government' delivered Sunday afternoon was very much enjoyed. In these times when people are falling away from God and having lust for worldly things, talks of this nature will open people's eyes. Please send me a copy. I congratulate you for the good courageous truths you are broadcasting."—J. S.

NORTH CAROLINA. ASHEBORO: "First may I thank the great Jehovah God for using you in delivering such a wonderful lecture. Every word came in clear."—P. V. S.

OHIO. ALLIANCE: "I thank God for your courage. We need men who tell the truth, and I believe the great Jehovah has sent you to lead the people of good will and the work will go on."—Mrs. J. P.

OKLAHOMA. LINDSAY: "Party of ten listened to your lecture and enjoyed it immensely."—Mrs. H. R. S.

TEXAS. DALLAS: "Your lecture via KRLD last Sunday, June 2, was wonderful, inspiring and full of truth. I cannot tell you how much I appreciated your talk; and may God bless you for the good work you are doing."—A. G. J.

WASHINGTON. SEATTLE: (1) "I am grateful that one man has the courage to broadcast to the world what is about to befall the powers that are crushing the people on all sides, and am glad to hear that redemption is drawing nigh for the people who are striving for the right."—E. H.

(2) "I am glad you have the courage and can carry on in spite of the fact that 'that foreign power' is so strong and trying to keep you off the air, but with the help of God I hope you can continue the fight."—M. L. H.

SPOKANE: "More power to you and all witnesses, with Jehovah's blessing to carry on the good work."—C. J. T.

SNOHOMISH: "With great pleasure we heard your wonderful lecture on 'Government' over KJR today. More power to you, and may God bless you. Let His enemies be put to shame, that men may know Jehovah. Psalm 83:17, 18."—E. C. O., L. N., Mr. and Mrs. H. N., A. K., W. K., and L. N. K.

WEST VIRGINIA. COCO: "Your wonderful radio message from Washington, D. C., was received, and . . . we hail the new 'Kingdom' with joy and gladness! We humbly ask that God continue to 'give us our daily bread' through His witnesses and to prepare us for 'the Kingdom of Righteousness', where we will praise Him forever."—A company of "Jonadabs".

WISCONSIN. MADISON: "You may count on six of my family for support at any time. Your message was the best broadcast ever to be on the air."—C. E. M.

MILWAUKEE: "Even an infidel ought to catch the portent of such a message."—J. G.

WAUPUN: "Must let you know that we enjoyed your speech June 2. Our hearts are overflowing with thanks and gladness to Jehovah for telling us such wonderful truths. Only wished we could have been there to witness it in person."—J. F. and family.

Hitler Shows His Catholic Training

PROTESTANT theological students in Germany must serve their full time both in the Storm Troop and in labor service; Catholic theological students are freed from both. A Protestant book criticizing Rosenberg's attack on Christianity was suppressed; no effort was made to suppress a Catholic book treating the same subject in a similar manner. Hitler shows his Catholic training.

Government by Alphabet

NO MAN can be wrong in everything, and Herbert Hoover is not wrong when he says that the government of America's forefathers is in process of destruction at Washington, and a European form of government is being substituted. The oldest government in the world operates by a system of Orders, Companies, Societies, Sons, Servants, Fathers, Congregations, Institutes, Oblates, etc., to each of which is entrusted a specific task. Thus the order OP, Order of Preachers (Patres Sacri Ordinis Fratrum Praedicatorum) (p. 647 of *Official Catholic Directory*), but more commonly called Dominican Fathers (p. 739), is entrusted with the Inquisition. (See *McClintock & Strong's Encyclopedia*, Vol. 2, page 859.) The present pope, at about the time his "holy year" was inaugurated, told the Dominicans to get ready to do their stuff again. Priest No. 67 is an OP, and so are Nos. 111, 119, 162, 170, 172, and 182; three of these reside at 869 Lexington avenue, New York city. At this rate, out of 30,250 priests in the country, 1,163 are Dominicans. Well, a little handful of 1,163 Dominicans would certainly have their hands full if they started out to torture 140,000,000 Americans into conformity in these days, and would have to have mighty good backing.

Again, the order CSP, Paulist Fathers (Societas Sacerdotum Missionariorum a S. Paulo Apostolo), Congregation of St. Paul the Apos-

tle, legal name "Missionary Society of St. Paul the Apostle", p. 643 of directory (also p. 739), is entrusted with suppression of truth over the radio. SJ (Societas Jesu), Jesuit Fathers, is numerically powerful. Priests Nos. 11, 14, 29, 40, 53, 72, 79, 82, 85, 102, 120, 126, are Jesuits. At this rate, there are 2,881 in the country. The Jesuit offices, where plans for taking over the government of the United States are worked out in detail, are located at Woolworth Building, 233 Broadway, New York. (Page 107 of directory) The alphabetical method is the method that is being used, and to make the matter more clear there is given below the alphabetical line-up of the Roman Government and of the American Government.

The Jesuits seem to have done a good job, but it is not clear at the moment why the American Government has 82 alphabetical combinations as against the Roman Government's 79, though it is interesting that while the Roman has duplicate CR and SM combinations, the United States also has duplicates in its CCC and FAC. No doubt there is a reason for all this. In the United States, for the present, the Roman names are set aside and here the departments go by the names of boards, corporations, administrations, commissions, councils, authorities, committees, banks, divisions, co-operatives, foundations, advisers, projects, agreements, corps, works, co-ordinators, offices, and acts.

ROMAN GOVERNMENT LINE-UP

AA	CSSR	OPRAEM	SM
AR	CSV	OSA	SM
CCJ	FDP	OSB	SMA
CFC	IC	OSBM	SMM
CICM	MIC	OSC	SOCIST
CJM	MM	OSCAM	SOSB
CM	MS	OSCR	SPM
CMF	MSC	OSFC	SS
CONGRORAT	MSF	OSFS	SSC
CP	MSSST	OSJ	SSE
CPPS	OCARM	OSM	SSJ
CPS	OCD	OSST	SSP
CR	OCSO	PSM	SSS
CR	ODC	PSSC	SVD
CSB	ODM	RMM	TOR
CSC	ODP	SA	WF
CSCB	OFM	SC	*
CSF	OMC	SCJ	(Foot-
CSP	OMCAP	SDS	note)
CSSCC	OMI	SF	
CSSP	OP	SJ	

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT LINE-UP

AAA	FCA	ICC	RACC
ACA	FCC	IEC	RFC
ALB	FCT	JEB	SAB
AVA	FCUS	LAB	SAPFT
BAPC	FDIC	NCB	SBPW
BOB	FEHC	NEC	SEC
CAB	FERA	NIRA	SES
CCC	FESO	NIRB	SHD
CCC	FHA	NLRB	SLIC
CES	FHLBB	NMB	SLRB
CSB	FICB	NPB	TEC
CWA	FMC	NPPC	TFI
DAI	FPC	NRA	TLRB
ECW	FRB	NRB	TVA
EHC	FSHC	NRS	TVAC
EHFA	FSRC	PA	TWAB
EIB	FTC	PAB	USES
EXECC	FTZB	PLPC	USIS
FAC	GFA	PRA	WPA
FAC	HOLC	PWA	
FACA	IAB	PWAP	

*Besides the divisions of "Secular" and "Regular" priests here listed, there are 10 orders of "Brothers" (CFA, FSC, IC, MM, OSF, OSF, CFP, FMS, SC, CFX) and 199 orders of "Sisters", to aid in gaining any desired objective anywhere.

Cutting the Cost of Government

(From *The American Progress*)

ONCE there was a man who said he was going to cut the cost of government by 25 percent when he became president.

That man has been president three years now, and this is what a check-up on his promise shows:

There are now 989 men drawing regular salaries of \$10,000 a year OR MORE.

There are 7,223 men and women drawing regular salaries of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 a year OR MORE.

President Roosevelt's promise to cut government costs apparently has been about as good as his promise to bring about a redistribution of wealth in this country. In both cases he has gone exactly the opposite way from what he promised.

"Key Men" Feather Nests

The lists of the \$10,000-or-more-a-year men includes practically all the "key men" of the New Deal, who have been uncannily skillful at feathering their own nests while blocking every proposal for the relief of the 22,000,000 people who have been pauperized by the Roosevelt depression.

The \$5,000-\$10,000 class includes dozens of former newspaper men hired in defiance of the law as "publicity men" to feed the newspapers, radio, and motion pictures with propaganda designed to fasten the claws of the Blue Eagle into the nation for years to come.

Harry L. Hopkins gets \$10,000 a year for sitting on the lid in Washington, telling states that they must pass sales tax laws if they want any Federal relief money, and building up a political machine which tells starving people: "Kiss the foot of our beloved president, or you get no soup meat."

Jim Farley Draws \$15,000

James A. Farley draws down \$15,000 a year for remembering his friends with little \$100,000 gifts of rare stamps and for directing the activities of the greatest gang of political cutthroats and crooks ever assembled by any government.

Robert Fechner gets \$12,000 a year for telling CCC boys where to plant saplings so that they will have to be rooted up next year and planted again.

Henry A. Wallace is rewarded with \$15,000 yearly for thinking up such ideas as slaughter-

ing all young pigs and throwing milk into the rivers. To help him think up these ideas he has a whole staff of assistants, including Rexford G. Tugwell and Chester C. Davis at \$10,000 apiece, and Alfred D. Stedman at \$9,800 to write newspaper stories telling how brilliant Mr. Wallace is.

Other \$10,000-a-year men include the Standard Oil magnate, James A. Moffett, who worked out the plan by which home-owners could borrow money from the banks at 10 percent interest for repairs; Francis Biddle, whose job consists of persuading striking workers that they should be mighty glad to go back to work at whatever their employer wants to pay, and John H. Fahey, chief of the Home Owners Loan Corporation, which has been operated as one of the greatest swindling rackets this country has ever seen.

Bernard Baruch's handy man, Geo. N. Peek, cashes in for \$12,000 as "special adviser to the president on foreign trade".

The president's cousin, Henry L. Roosevelt, manages to pick up cigarette money of \$9,000 as assistant secretary of the navy.

And that is only the beginning. There are about 980 others drawing upwards of \$10,000 a year. The Roosevelt machine is mighty well oiled—for taking the taxpayers for a ride.

Four Statements by the Clergy

THE *Ohio Farmer* recites the following as four statements made by the clergy eighteen years ago this summer:

(1) "It is neither a travesty nor an exaggeration to call this war on the part of the United States a holy war." (2) "It is God who has summoned us to this war. It is His war we are fighting. This conflict is indeed a crusade. Think it through and at bottom, war is religious." (3) "It is simply to say that we are in the war because we believe that thereby we are somehow serving God. The war for righteousness will be won. Let the church do her part." (4) "We will fight pacifism, not only because it is contrary to the teachings of Christ, but because it marks a yellow streak where you want a man."

In view of these statements it is very apparent that if war breaks out again the best interests of mankind require that the clergymen of all denominations be sent to the front-line trenches with the very first detachment of troops.

In a World Made Safe for Hypocrisy

Oathout Puts Finishing Touches on Tennyson

S. C. OATHOUT, South Dakota, one of the 10,000,000 unemployed, has been on relief work a little, has met with the politicians, battled with them for his rights, and spoke one evening for forty-five minutes to a rioting mob that was threatening violence. He told them the story of the truth; quietness reigned; everybody went back to work the next morning. While not as busy as he could wish to be, Oathout found opportunity to improve somewhat on the poetic license issued at one time to Alfred Tennyson. He is hoping that Tennyson has no surviving relatives. Anyway, here goes the "poem":

THE CHARGE OF THE TEN MILLION (unemployed)

Half a term! Half a term!	Flashed all their cure-alls bare,
Half a term onward!	Flashed as they beat the air,
All in the valley of universal	Cure-alls that still are there,
doubt	Dead in the shell, while
Ride the ten million.	All the world wonders.
Forward, the NRA's,	Plunged in the relief work,
Get every voter's praise;	Where they will shift and
Into the misty haze	shirk,
Ride the ten million.	Banker and farmer.
Forward, the NRA's;	Remember the master stroke
Is there a man these days	That made them all go broke?
But who would take the	Then they come back and joke,
praise?	But not—not the ten million.
Has someone blundered?	
Theirs not to make reply,	Officers to right of them,
Theirs not to reason why,	Officers to left of them,
Theirs but to weep and cry.	Officers behind them,
Why tell another lie	Volleyed and thundered.
To the ten million?	Stormed at in cold and heat;
	Next day it would repeat;
	But they just had to eat.
	Came through the jaws of hell,
	But there was none to tell
	Of the ten million.
	When will their wages raise?
	Will there be better days?
	All the world wonders.
	Think the oppressor's done?
	Not till the <i>Only One</i>
	Delivers the ten million.
Politicians to right of them,	
Politicians to left of them,	
Politicians in front of them,	
Volleyed and thundered.	
Stormed at by this and that,	
Shoeless,—without a hat,	
Rides there a bureaucrat	
With the ten million?	

Reverend Arnold Gets in Dutch

IN THE North Carolina senate Reverend H. L. Arnold, pastor of the Johnson Memorial Baptist church of Raleigh, was to offer prayer. He read a manuscript to the Almighty, intended to be full of information and instruction on the liquor question. When the dissertation was ended he was rebuked publicly by Senator Hill, a life-long dry. The minister then replied to Senator Hill, and was rebuked again for violating legal procedure in addressing the chair, as that right is for senators only. With that the minister got up and went out, which seems to be the only sensible thing that he did on that auspicious occasion.

Rejected the Prince of Peace

THE Washington state legislature was considering a memorial urging Congress to make the Pacific coast more secure against attack. Michael B. Smith, former Seattle prize fighter, stood by the Prince of Peace. He protested against the memorial, saying: "Like Germany, we are looking to armament supremacy as our god. Preparing for war does not mean peace. Greater armaments bring war." And then rose in his might the Reverend David E. Gifford, Seattle minister, with his religion and perhaps his collar on backwards and said: "We must be prepared to resist invasion. It is true we have international law, but only force makes law enforceable." And then the Olympia house, by a vote of 87 to 10, went on record as opposed to the prize fighter, who stood by the Prince of Peace, and aligned themselves up with the apostle of war who professes to be a son of God. How the angels strolling up and down with gas masks on their noses and machine guns ready for action must have laughed at it all when they reported to the one whom the apostle styles "the god of this world".

When War Comes, Make It Hot All Round

STUDENTS in American colleges are in favor of making it hot all round when war comes, and not let the young men bear it all. By a vote of 101,702 to 10,030 they favored government control of munitions, and by a vote of 91,088 to 19,521 favored universal conscription in case of war. Besides taking over the munition plants, the government should send the international murderers themselves to the trenches; but as those men control the governments, and hamstringing their effort to live in peace with each other, it does not just appear how this is all to be brought about.

Among the Bond Peddlers

THE bond peddlers, in the years when bond peddling was good, parted with \$10,000,000,000 of so-called "real estate bonds"; of that amount more than \$8,000,000,000 are now in default, and 4,000,000 Americans were robbed thereby. The remaining \$2,000,000,000 is now being rapidly absorbed by shyster lawyers on and off the bench through misnamed 'bondholders' protective committees'.

Hypocrisy

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

HYPOCRISY means to practice dishonesty. It means to pretend to be one thing and in fact to be the very opposite thereof. If a man holds himself out before the people as a minister of God and Christ Jesus and then denies the inspiration of the Bible and the value of the sacrifice of Christ Jesus, that man is a hypocrite. Says the scripture (Isaiah 32:6): 'A vile person will practice hypocrisy, and utter error against the Lord, to make empty the soul of the hungry.' Satan the Devil induces men to be hypocrites and then uses such men to turn others away from God and Christ Jesus. *The Literary Digest* submitted a questionnaire to the pastors of the churches of the United States, and in answer thereto a majority of them stated that they do not believe that the sacrifice of the man Christ Jesus provided redemption for mankind. Such men are clearly hypocrites within the Scriptural meaning of that word.

Religion is the Devil's best means to cause men to practice hypocrisy. For instance, all church denominations teach that the wicked must spend eternity suffering conscious torment in hell-fire. When these men are asked privately concerning their belief they answer that they do not believe that God has provided a place of eternal torment, yet they have induced the people to believe that great falsehood. They know that there is no scripture that supports the doctrine of eternal torture. If they were honest they would tell the people the truth.

The Israelites were God's favored people, and to them He gave the law and the prophets. He appointed priests to minister unto them concerning God and His truth. Those priests were the clergymen of that day, and were called Pharisees and Sadducees, and they claimed to represent God. They yielded to improper and selfish influence and became hypocrites. They violently opposed Christ Jesus and His teaching concerning God's Word. He said to them: 'Why do you not understand me? I tell you the truth and you believe me not, but seek to kill me.' Jesus then told those clergymen that they were hypocrites and servants of the Devil. (John 8:40-44) The pastors of the present time claim to represent Christ and yet they violently op-

pose those who would tell the people about His kingdom. The Scriptures declare that the sole hope of the nations of the earth is the kingdom of God under Christ. When Jehovah's witnesses go to the people with books which enable them to find the truth concerning the Kingdom these pastors or clergymen advise the people to destroy such books. They refuse to preach the Kingdom, and try to prevent others from finding out about it. To such Jesus says (Matthew 23:13): "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in."

Public officials and selfish commercial men employ many schemes to defraud the people, and clergymen claiming to serve God publicly support such unrighteous men and tell the people that they are ruling by divine right. It was so in the days of Jesus, and concerning men of that type Jesus said (Matthew 23:14): "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation."

The Word of God plainly states that those who honestly represent Him and His kingdom must keep themselves separate and unspotted from the world and lead a clean and pure life. The pastors or clergymen outwardly advocate a clean and proper life and yet at the same time support fraudulent schemes and impure and wicked men and aid them in carrying out unrighteous schemes against the people. To such Jesus says (Matthew 23:25, 28): "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

Why do men practice hypocrisy? Because they have fallen victims to the subtle influence of the Devil. They have become blind to God's Word, and Satan uses them to keep the people in blindness. Attention is called to the practice of hypocrisy of such men, not for the purpose

of holding them up to ridicule, but that the people may see that such men are not safe guides in matters pertaining to the Scriptures. The

only true guide is the Word of God. At 1 Thessalonians it is written: 'Prove all things, and hold fast that which is good.'

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A Shining Example

IT IS to be expected that in the Roman Catholic province of Quebec most judges are Roman Catholics, and we apprehend this to be true of Mr. Justice Walsh, in the opinion which follows. Mr. Walsh denies the appeal of George H. Brodie from a sentence of 60 days' imprisonment and a fine of \$300 for having given away some copies of a booklet by Judge Rutherford entitled *The Crisis*. The books were given away in the city of Quebec.

Millions who have read Judge Rutherford's books, including *The Crisis*, find nothing blameworthy in them, but everything praiseworthy. They do indeed point out that God's kingdom is the only possible hope of the world, and they make clear that the Devil's kingdom, of which the Scriptures have so much to say, will utterly perish at Armageddon. What is wrong with that? Nothing.

Mr. Justice Walsh pleads for Mr. Brodie to go to prison, not because Brodie has done any wrong to anybody, but, apparently, because Mr. Walsh is a Roman Catholic, and as a Roman Catholic he stands for everything the Roman Catholic clergy stand for, and is against everything they are against.

In his pleadings he admits that "no particular words constitute the offense". Then why be so anxious to see a fellow man behind bars? He says, "There appears to be no statutory definition of the term 'seditious libel'." That should have made him very careful about trying to define it himself, but he made a most determined attempt, strung over many pages.

To believe Mr. Justice Walsh, it is seditious to "induce discontent", to "stir up opposition to the Government", to "disturb the tranquillity of the State", to "subvert the Government", to "impute improper motives", and yet one may

"exhibit the imbecility of the Government", as is here and now done, and one may "impute error and suggest improvement", as is always done in all of Judge Rutherford's writings.

Mr. Walsh admits what cannot be denied, that "there is no sedition in just censure or criticism" and that "comparisons of forms of government are permissible". Well, then, Judge Rutherford levels against all the governments of this earth the just censure and criticism that they are governments of the Devil, and compares their forms with that of the Son of God which is to take their place. To deny that one may proclaim the Kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray is to follow the example of Germany and seat the Devil openly upon his throne, there to remain throughout all time, secure from all reproach.

Mr. Walsh says: "The test is: 'Is the language calculated to promote disorder or force or violence?'—'to incite the people to take the power into their own hands'?" and then makes the fatal admission that "the people are told to be patient, and to await Armageddon, when the hosts of the Lord will fight for them", and the further fatal admission that "the conclusions of these pamphlets are left in mid-air; the policy suggested is one of prayerful watching and waiting".

Despite these admissions, Mr. Walsh tries to make it appear that he finds "in these pamphlets a sapping of all authority, to be replaced only by anarchy and mob-rule". Is the placing of Christ Jesus upon His throne a sapping of all authority? Is that anarchy? Is that mob-rule?

Mr. Walsh pleads as to what unbelievers might do if convinced that Judge Rutherford's interpretations of the Bible are correct. He says: "Many unbelievers would revolt at once, did they believe that justice could not be earlier

served." That is so preposterous that it is hard to be patient. They are unbelievers to start with; they read Judge Rutherford's books and become believers; the judge urges them to be patient and wait on the Lord, wait till Armageddon, and off they go in revolt, entirely contrary to what they learned. Surely nobody but a Roman Catholic could reason like that.

Then, says Mr. Walsh: "Others would doubt the authority and the ability of these teachers to interpret the Bible," and that would be Mr. Walsh himself, for he takes pains to say that "the citations may be correct, but they have been misinterpreted and misapplied". Very well! For the sake of the argument, allow that Judge Rutherford is teaching something that is not taught by any of the something like 400 sects of Christians now to be found in "Christendom": would Mr. Walsh undertake to decide which of these teachers have the authority and the ability to correctly interpret and apply the Scriptures? Would he set 399 of these teachers aside and say, when he came to the Roman Catholic church, "Here alone is truth"? The answer is that that is just what he would do if he were under the thumb of some priest while he was writing his opinion.

Going back to his *pleadings*, Mr. Walsh says: "Liability depends, not on the truth of the words used, nor in the motives of the publisher, but on the question whether the words used, having regard to the audience addressed, were calculated to promote public disorder, physical force or violence." Mr. Walsh well knows that the circulation in Quebec of literature uncomplimentary to the Roman Catholic church would be dangerous only to the one who circulated it. The disorder, if any, would be on the part of those determined to learn nothing and encouraged in that wrong course by the religious parasites that have made Quebec one of the most benighted regions on the face of the earth.

Mr. Walsh makes some startling admissions regarding the conditions which exist in Quebec and elsewhere. He speaks of "our present distress"; so does Judge Rutherford. He says, "Two or three years ago, we all believed that our civilization and culture, that our economic system, were the greatest that man could evolve." The time limit seems to suggest that a great light is slowly dawning even in the mind of Mr. Justice Walsh. He goes on to say that "the great majority of thinkers, until very recent years, would believe nothing to the contrary. Any other

prophet then would have been stoned". That is just too bad, for the "thinkers". It is hard to think with blinders on. And, anyway, thinkers should not be in such a hurry to throw stones.

He says "we have discovered flaws in our structure" and "it is even recognized that the troubles of the people mean eventually the ruin of their leaders, unless efforts be made to rectify conditions". According to that, Judge Rutherford is one of Mr. Walsh's best and truest friends, for he is trying to show him how, only, he can keep his job. The psalmist was engaged in the same thankless undertaking when he wrote, "Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth."

Mr. Walsh says that "Government and Business are aware of the difficulties of a situation which requires careful attention". That is well. Nobody on earth has done more to help them see what is wrong than Judge Rutherford. About every one of these biggest toads in the puddle was personally called upon and handed a little book *The Kingdom the Hope of the World*. Perhaps Mr. Walsh also had one.

Mr. Walsh says that "efforts are being applied to correct abuses". That is the very thing Judge Rutherford everywhere encourages. He says, "A complex system has to be overhauled." So it must; it must be either overhauled or hauled over to the dump. He says: "We may be floundering, but an honest effort is made." The first half of that sentence is true, anyway.

Mr. Walsh plays both ends against the middle. In one paragraph he starts off by saying that "when nerves are racked, demagogues and saviors play on emotions", and winds up by saying, "Born overnight, with a pseudo-divine mission, they disappeared in the mists created by themselves." Why worry about one more so-called "false savior", with the Roman Catholic church, and 399 others only a little less culpable and untrustworthy, already on the job?

He pleads for "co-operation and universal brotherly love". Then why not show some of it? Why throw innocent men into prison to satisfy a corrupt and bloodthirsty priesthood? He says that "all were wedded to the system". So much the worse for the system. Somebody, sometime, had to have the faith in God to tell them about it.

He asks, "If we are to await Armageddon, why stir passions, and expose personages to execration?" The question answers itself. Why get stirred with passion because the voice of Jehovah God thunders that Armageddon is at

the door? Why worry about important personages when earth's greatest cataclysm impends? God is no respecter of persons, not even of Mr. Justice Walsh.

Mr. Walsh states that "both church and state everywhere want the kingdom of God on earth". Mr. Walsh never made a more gross misstatement in all his life. That is just what church and state do not want, and what they are determined not to have, even if they have to imprison or kill every one of Jehovah's witnesses on the face of the earth. He says, "Inspiration must be properly directed"; and if you ask, How? his only answer consistent with his "opinion" and decision must be, "You must get your instructions from Rome, the same as I do."

In reading the opinion, which follows, lovers of truth and of liberty can hardly fail to see that about the only sensible or fair thing in Mr. Walsh's pleadings on behalf of the Roman Catholic church (which church he is careful not to mention) are the extracts from Judge Rutherford's writings which the opinion contains. Mr. Walsh merely makes out a case against himself. He should omit the word "Justice" from before his name.

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COURT OF KING'S BENCH
(IN APPEAL)

No. 2901

GEORGE H. BRODIE,

Appellant,

vs.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING,

Respondent;

CORAM:

Sir J. M. Tellier, C. J.

Dorion,

Bernier,

Walsh,

Gibson, J. J.

NOTES OF WALSH, J.

The appellant was accused of having, in September and October 1933, in the City of Quebec, with others, committed the offence described as follows:

"Pris part a une conspiration seditieuse, commettant par la le crime de conspiration seditieuse."

"Every one is guilty of an indictable offence . . . who 'speaks any seditious words or publishes any seditious libel 'or is a party to any seditious conspiracy.' (Art. 134 Cr. C.)

The indictment declares that the accused participated in a criminal seditious conspiracy, by committing a seditious conspiracy.

The first use of "seditious" may be redundant.

Sir James Stephen (Digest p. 70, 6 ed.) asks

whether "seditious conspiracy" is "sedition", and he declares that it is not easy to attribute any other meaning to the word.

Every one commits the common law misdemeanor of "seditious conspiracy" who agrees to do any act for the furtherance of a "common seditious intention." (Halsbury No. 901)

"Where words are the essence of an offence, they must be set out verbatim"; (Halsbury Indictments, p. 339 No. 662).

This does not apply to our case, because no particular words, but an ensemble, constitutes the offence. It was not sufficient to provide herein only extracts. It was necessary to produce all the pamphlets. When particulars were asked, the Crown submitted them.

"The whole of the writing need not be set forth in the indictment; if any part of it varied or controlled the sense of the matter alleged to be seditious, the onus is upon the defendant to show it." (R. vs. Crowe, 3 Cox 193)

"Conspiracy for seditious purposes is indictable, sedition itself being a criminal offence," (Russell, p. 152).

"Though it is usual first to state the conspiracy, and then to aver that, in pursuance of it, certain overt acts were done, it is sufficient to state the conspiring alone. Where the conspiracy is to commit a criminal offence, it is not necessary to state the means by which the object was to be effected, as the conspiracy may be complete before the means to be used are taken into consideration." (Russell, p. 181)

"Where the alleged conspiracy is to effect objects made unlawful by statute, it is sufficient to follow the terms of the statute. As a general rule, where the conspiracy is not to commit an offence, but to do an unlawful act or a lawful act by unlawful means, the indictment must allege the doing of the unlawful act, or it will be insufficient." (Russell, p. 181)

Lord Mansfield, C. J., "The conspiracy is stated and its object; it is not necessary that any means should be stated."

The indictment contained a complete description of a common law misdemeanor. (Tinsdale, C. J.: Russell, p. 183)

"The gist of the indictment was the conspiracy, and there might be so much uncertainty in the transaction that the allegation could not be made with greater certainty . . ." (Russell, p. 185).

"It is not necessary to prove any direct concert or even any meeting of the conspirators, as the actual fact of conspiracy may be collected from the collateral circumstances of the case; it is to be inferred from the conduct of the parties"; (Russell, p. 191).

"It is clearly established that every conspiracy to commit an offence punishable by law is an indictable offence. Where the conspiracy is executed, it appears to merge in the completed offence. Conspiracies of this kind are merely auxiliary to the law which creates the principal crime. . . . This form of conspiracy included combination to violate the provisions of a statute . . . if the violation of the statute is a misdemeanor at common law or visited by a specific criminal penalty; it also extends to include combination to commit a breach of the peace"; (Russell, 7 ed. p. 150).

"A seditious libel is one expressive of a seditious intention."

"A seditious conspiracy is an agreement to carry into execution a seditious intention"; (132 Cr. C.).

The appellant was charged in the words of the Criminal Code.

To understand the latter, it is necessary to go to the common law, which is in effect, if not abrogated, in the matter of sedition.

There appears to be no statutory definition of the term "seditious libel" other than that which is contained in the Act.

The intention is to be collected from the paper itself.

The objects of sedition generally are to induce discontent . . . to stir up opposition to the Government and to bring the administration of justice into contempt; the tendency is to incite the people to insurrection.

Sedition embraces everything calculated to disturb the tranquillity of the State, and lead ignorant persons to subvert the Government and laws of the Empire.

A woodcut or engraving may be a seditious libel.

The jurors are the sole judges of the guilt or innocence of the accused. A man who criticizes Government should not impute improper motives; his language should be temperate.

Whether the expedient be by ridicule or obloquy, it is a crime to cause the alienation of the people's affections; though it is the right of a British subject to exhibit the imbecility of the Government; this must be done without violating feelings. (Starkie, Slander & Libel, 3 ed. ch. 33, p. 637)

The common law, as formulated by the authors and by jurisprudence, declares:

Seditious words are those that tend to bring into hatred and contempt His Majesty, the Government, or to excite subjects to attempt to alter matters of church or state . . . by force; the test is: "Is the language calculated to promote disorder or force or violence?" There is no sedition in just censure or criticism or in seeking to redress grievances or in fair discussion. The jury should consider the state of the country and of the public mind . . . passages may be pernicious in times of stress; the jury will gather the general effect on the public, to discover an intent to promote discontent and disorder. Theoretical political discussions, comparisons of forms of government are permissible. It is a misdemeanor to defame courts and the administration of law in order to diminish authority, though fair criticism in a liberal spirit is allowed; Odgers, Libel & Slander, 5 Edit. ch. 19, p. 513.

A person does not offend, unless he intends to work mischief, evidenced by a licentious and insulting manner. The constitution and ordinances should be secure from contempt, lest men effect a haughty and ill-judged demolition of the political fabric, which others would be provoked to defend by violence what they hold in reverence. Written attacks tending to defame or calumniate economy, order and administration of the government are seditious and dangerous because they appeal to the passions and not to reason of the multitude; they unsettle the people, relax authority and impair reverence of law. Every Englishman may write within limits, but he must not endanger fun-

damentals of the constitution; he may impute error and suggest improvement; he cannot provoke passion; he is controlled when he trespasses beyond necessity; Starkie, Slander & Libel, 5 ed. ch. 33, p. 637.

The freest public discussion, comment and censure, in relation to all political or party questions, of all public acts is permitted; no narrow construction is to be put upon the expressions used; but the criticism and censure must be without malignity, and must not impute corrupt or malicious motives. (Halsbury, No. 902)

"Something must be allowed for feelings in men's minds and for some warmth of expression, but an intention to incite the people to take the power into their own hands and to provoke them to tumult and disorder is a seditious intention." (R. vs. Collins (1839) 9 C. & P. 456)

"The character of the words may form irresistible evidence of the nature of the intention." (Halsbury 902)

A seditious intention is one that tends to raise discontent or disaffection amongst His Majesty's subjects; to promote ill-will amongst the different classes of such subjects. A person is deemed to intend the consequences following his conduct, at the time, and in the circumstances, in which words were used. (Halsbury, No. 909)

Sir James Stephen (Digest, 6 Ed., p. 79) says the same; but an intention to show His Majesty has been misled or mistaken; to point errors for reformation, by lawful means; to point out (for removal) matters tending to feelings of hatred and ill-will is not a seditious intention.

"Sedition embraces all those practices, whether by word, deed or writing, which fall short of high treason, but directly tend to have for their object to excite discontent or dissatisfaction; to excite ill-will between different classes of King's subjects; to create public disturbance, or to lead to civil war; to bring into hatred or contempt the Sovereign or the Government, the laws or constitution, and generally all endeavors to promote public disorders."

Criticism and censure are permissible, but they must be without malignity, must not impute corrupt or malicious motives, and must avoid defamation. The law only interferes when the limits are passed of frank and candid and honest discussion; (Archbold, p. 1139).

A man may discuss measures, provided he does so fairly, temperately, with decency and respect, and without imputing corrupt or improper motives. Nothing can be worse to any government than to encourage ill opinion of it, and to procure animosities as to the management of it; this has always been looked on as a crime, and no government can be safe unless it be punished. Whether the publisher intended his writings to have that effect is not material; if the publication is calculated to do so, it is seditious libel. Liability depends, not on the truth of the words used, nor in the motives of the publisher, but on the ques-

tion whether the words used, having regard to the audience addressed, were calculated to promote public disorder, physical force or violence; (Archbold, p. 1140).

"The seditious intent may be inferred from the libel without any extrinsic evidence of it"; (Archbold, p. 1142, 28 Ed.).

In many cases the innuendo appears so clear from the context that further proof is unnecessary, and it is left to the jury. (P. 1144)

It may be tedious, but it is necessary to review the contents of the pamphlets distributed by the appellant.

The Crisis declares:

It is impossible to elect men and expect them to enact just laws (p. 5); can the nation exist long, while such unjust conditions exist? (P. 6) Big business owns every visible thing; real estate, and the banks, to which the Government was compelled to advance \$100,000,000 (pp. 7, 8); the same interests control the professional clergymen, who make merchandise of the Word of God, to keep people subject to the ruling powers (9).

The predatory class uses a propaganda press and its hypocritical clergymen to sound false slogans. Big Business and its strong-arm squad are reprehensible in the sight of God; but the clergymen are worse (13).

Satan is the author and organizer of the Big Business system. He has used commerce, politics and religion, to get control of the human race (14).

Satan and his great commercial organization, acting with false and hypocritical religious leaders, abetted by the political power, charge God with responsibility for human suffering. The clergy, claiming to represent God, represent the Devil (17).

Satan placed power in Big Business and its allies; the army, the navy and the "strong-arm squad" will do its bidding (19).

America and Britain are the leading nations of "Christendom"; yet there has been more hypocrisy practiced and more blood unrighteously shed in these than in any others under the sun (23).

Both the United States and Great Britain are the chief part of the realm of "Christendom", but Satan is their invisible ruler and god (4). Every branch of the government is contaminated and improperly influenced by Big Business (p. 8).

Why is there great fear amongst the rulers and distress amongst the people? (P. 12)

The American government . . . cannot endure; together with all other nations it soon shall fall, in spite of Big Business, politicians and clergymen, the military and the strong-arm squad (28).

Refrain from violence; wait for salvation; trust in Jehovah, whose kingdom is solely your hope (28).

I charge that the clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, hinder the people from receiving the truth as to the real cause of the distress that is now upon the world (40).

Catholics, Protestants and Jews form a confederacy with the announced purpose to bring peace, prosperity and relief. The time to accomplish this they call "holy year". The real purpose is to keep the people quiet for a while. The Catholics have no confidence in the Protestants, and vice versa; the Jews have no confidence in either. Big Business knows that the whole crowd is insincere. There will be greater distress (30, 33).

There will be no peace and prosperity as long as the unholy alliance of commercial and political oppressive power with hypocritical religion continues to exist (33). Prosperity

and peace will not come, for it is not God's time; their prayer God will not hear (35).

Big Business, political rulers and big churchmen have joined hands. That combine has gained control of the gold and property of the world; as instruments of Satan they have brought about oppression of the people (36).

Farmers have tilled; financial giants have grown rich by manipulation of prices; they loaned money on mortgages; then they stripped the farmers of their lands, after taking their money.

The crash is certain to come, and then what? (35)

The time of crisis has now arrived, and Jehovah's witnesses are proclaiming His name (p. 16). Rulers are now evolving great schemes, but no such schemes can pull the nation out of the present dilemma (18).

Veterans march to Washington to beg the government to feed them and their starving children; they beg for bread and receive a stone (18).

Would revolution relieve the people? No! No man in America can lead a revolution. It would be folly. Satan sees that Big Business retains power through the army and the navy and the "strong-arm squad"; they will do the bidding of Big Business.

The millions of people who once produced the wealth that others now have, and who are without money, are crying for help. They are not crying to God; Satan has kept them blind; they are crying because they have been robbed and defrauded, and their burdens are unbearable.

The invisible and visible armies of Satan and Jehovah are assembled at Armageddon. Satan's marshal is Gog and commands the host of invisible devils and the visible organization that is on earth under Satan (p. 20).

God has recorded illustration of this great battle now approaching (22); that battle will be the worst trouble ever afflicted the world (23). Why do I state that relief will follow the downfall of "Christendom"? Because Jehovah says so (25).

The American government with all other nations will fall soon, in spite of Big Business, politicians, clergymen, military and strong-arm squad, in spite of the Devil holding together oppressive rule (28).

When the work of the witnesses shall have been accomplished, there shall follow the worst trouble the world has ever known.

We will obey God and not man (46). We will preach in the manner and by the means that Jehovah has provided.

He who opposes will do so at his peril. Let all such take warning. If officers will be tricked by hypocritical clergymen—they must take the responsibility. Jehovah will destroy all who oppose the onward march (47).

There is a cartoon in *The Crisis*. It depicts an angel, with buckler and sword, crashing into a company of three: a bloated capitalist (with a silk hat, a fat cigar) is impressing a crowned ruler, in a modern check-suit, with a weighty argument in the shape of a bag of dollars. On the back of the politician's chair is the legend "In God we trust"; there is a glass on the table in front of him; a clergyman in cassock and beretta is pouring a liquid from a bottle into the glass, while the worldly gentleman blows smoke-rings skyward. The clergyman is depicted with a paunch, and a fat cigar. On the floor is a wastepaper basket, containing a dilapidated book, entitled "Holy Bible"; beside it is an uncorked bottle. The clergyman carries an umbrella, with the device "For the Economic Storm" (p. 52).

In another book (*Le Royaume*) (p. 8) there is another cartoon, showing the erection of ramparts, constructed of helmets, airplanes, cannon, cruisers, etc. These are being cemented with plaster, the water for which is in a watering can, bearing the inscription "Holy Water". A Protestant clergyman (presumably) is passing a trowelful of plaster to a Catholic clergyman, standing on a ladder, and gowned in surplice and stole—both bespectacled. Army, navy, and civil representatives stand by, witnessing operations.

A vignette depicts the pope, during "Holy Year", knocking on a cobwebbed door with a mallet. He carries the keys of St. Peter, and he wears his tiara; young pages carry a long, long train. The only concourse consists of three mice. Perhaps the vermin are meant, with the cobwebs, to denote the state of decay, neglect and dilapidation into which the church has fallen. Ridicule in any event is heaped into one square inch of picture.

Some of the passages noted were addressed to the American public, but they were distributed in Quebec; these paragraphs were meant for consumption here. The utterances, distributed by the appellant and his comrades (fellow-missionaries, and self-styled witnesses of Jehovah) acting with a common design, must have been calculated to cause offence and to bring grief to large numbers of the population of Quebec. The convictions and feelings of others were entirely disregarded. The language, repeated and again repeated, is grossly insulting. Fair comment and criticism of political measures, of economic doctrines, and of religious tenets are permissible. As the authors declare, censure must be within the limits of ordinary decency. The insults offered were gross.

I have not stopped to see what effect the author's teachings would have on religion. I have studied the pamphlets in the light of the law, with the sole purpose of discovering whether they are apt to sow dissension, foster hatred and animosity, and provoke unreasoned and unseasoned judgment, in our present distress, when passion should find no place. The arguments advanced by the author are clearly specious; he argues from particular cases, and claims to have established a sweeping, general conclusion that corruption, cupidity and malevolence exist in those spheres of life, on which society has always counted to maintain its structure. It does not necessarily follow, because a person has attained distinction, that he is necessarily bad. The author has clearly divided the world into two categories. He seeks to set one against the other; there may be good priests and clergymen; there may be honest bankers; all businessmen are not miscreants. On the other hand, we are prone to suspect those who advertise their title to goodness; their assumption is their sole title.

Two or three years ago, we all believed that our civilization and culture, that our economic system, were the greatest that man could evolve. The great

majority of thinkers, until very recent years, would believe nothing to the contrary. Any other prophet then would have been stoned. As adversity touched us, we have discovered flaws in our structure. It is not only the author, who discovered them; it is not he who discovered and disclosed cupidity and extortion. He probably would have noticed nothing had government agents and business experts themselves not made known to us the evils that beset us; the people could have known only that they lacked, not the cause of their lacking.

Governments have been alive to the troubles of the people; it is even recognized that the troubles of the people mean eventually the ruin of their leaders, unless efforts be made to rectify conditions.

Government and Business are aware of the difficulties of a situation, which requires careful attention. A fabric cannot be destroyed in a world of millions, unless we have something to replace it. Even the advanced thinkers and outspoken socialists of England do not advise immediate and entire change of a system; in the meantime, no provision could be made to absorb the masses who would be displaced; these would be greater than those now out of employment; the latter are being assisted, if not generously, at least as helpfully as our financial assets will allow.

If the leaders in church and state and business are as corrupt as the pamphlets would have us believe, how would the author find substitutes for our institutions and our managers? Would he have us accept him and his fellow missionaries, because they tell us that they alone have absorbed the real spirit of the Bible?

Man lives in society, and a condition of his existence in society is toleration. Common sense requires it; the law sanctions it; all religions teach it. Sin is reprehensible; but the state is still interested in the sinner, who may be curbed.

If man has sinned believing in his system, we have all sinned, for we thought alike.

The logical thing to do is to find where we committed error and to correct it. Some, even many, may have taken advantage of the weakness of man's creations; but efforts are being applied to correct abuses. They will be corrected. Necessity will hurry correction along. Can it be said that the leaders in the principal countries of the world are not alive to their difficulties, that the best minds are not grappling with solution? They need encouragement. Why preach a gospel of despair? Why assign corrupt and malign motives to acts, which many of us know are directed by a sense of duty, a feeling of brotherhood and at the personal expense of the actor. A complex system has to be overhauled; we are not dealing with primitive principles.

The interests of society come before every consideration. Assuming that the author's matter was ap-

propriate, his methods should also have been appropriate. I find them harmful. Sentiment must be disciplined; good sense must be applied; a little courtesy has its place; modesty in the assumption of the title of a preacher of the Word might await a more marked indication from a higher quarter than the author's ipse dixit, though supported by letters-patent.

All parties in the State today are offering panaceas to cure ills; there are various policies; the trouble is to select, because conditions are new. We have a corrective in the ballot; our newly acquired knowledge of economics will be suggestive and beneficial. We may be floundering, but an honest effort is made.

The accused advance in support of their intervention in mundane, as well as spiritual affairs, the authority of the Bible; but we must take our authority from the Code, which no one can say runs counter to proper teaching. I am not now considering, I repeat, the moral or religious aspect of the matter, though the clergymen of all religions have been pilloried and placed in the stocks. I merely have to declare that I find in these pamphlets a sapping of all authority, to be replaced only by anarchy and mob-rule, unless some despot should present himself.

To accept the teaching of the author would also encompass the unification of all churches in his. We are told to await the second coming of the Messiah. This might be satisfactory, if all were good Christians, of which fact the pamphlets express doubt. All might not have sufficient patience to maintain the woeful depicted condition until this second coming. And we are taught that good works are necessary here and now.

Many of these missionaries themselves, if imbued with the spirit of the writings, and with their urge of hatred, would be tempted to scourge the despoiler—and they might not discriminate. Many unbelievers could not revolt at once, did they believe that justice could not be earlier served. Others would doubt the authority and the ability of these teachers to interpret the Bible; and especially would some deem that these jumbled texts have been perhaps misapplied.

It is dangerous to incite the multitude. If proper ends are desired, the psychology of the human race is to be considered; it is not as stable as some insist; people are variously excitable; the unexpected may happen; care is required.

Nor can it be urged that these writings are not harmful, but beneficial, because the people are told to be patient, and to await Armageddon, when the hosts of the Lord will fight for them. The Devil, we are told, may cite Scripture for his ends. The appearance of virtues may be assumed for varying purposes.

The Scriptures inform us that the poor we shall always have. This does not indicate the futility of human endeavor. The text implies that we should

not render these poorer and more numerous; that, though misfortune may overtake some, concerted action by states and individuals should bring alleviation. Texts are explanatory of others. They are addresses to people of common sense; the other kind is not responsible. The understanding of texts means discriminating selection for, and application to, a given situation. Virtues may conflict; pity and duty are not always compatible; the occasion must be appropriate.

When nerves are racked, demagogues and saviors play on emotions; they let loose forces that they cannot control. The law frowns on injudicious harangues, pious or profane. It was for jurors to decide; they saw danger; their verdict so declared. The slogans and cheap witticisms (that usually provide us with a philosophy of life, and a solution for all problems) were in this case wrapped in texts; their pious exterior did not improve the contents; *l'habit ne fait pas le moine*. All kind of sects, which have become outmoded, were founded on misapplied texts, perhaps by people in good faith. Born overnight, with a pseudo-divine mission, they disappeared in the mists created by themselves.

The author now blames all Christians in high places, on the authority of texts. He declares that Protestants see heresy in Catholic teachings, and vice versa, with the Hebrews sneering at both, while Big Business smiles in smug satisfaction. Christ gave a mission to His apostles to teach—not to insult and destroy, as these appellants do now, while assuming the roles of judges, theologians and statesmen.

It is to be noted that men today do not necessarily desire change; they do want improvement; they want it now. But sudden and drastic changes would leave us nothing to distribute; we would not have organized our production. The appellant must have suspected that men would not wait.

To attack the eminent and distinguished today is for mediocrities a hallmark of distinction; their efforts are in inverse ratio to their abilities. We tend to the lawlessness rampant in other realms; we may come under the rule of a self-inspired zealot, strong, because of our cynicism—capricious and tyrannical because of our weakness. This is not fantastic; others have so evolved. Crusading missionaries cultivate this cynicism, and exploit this weakness.

No greater security is obtained by snatching power from leaders (willing to alter plans), and by vesting it in zealots, who reject all human authority (that of the people, in the end). History teaches that populations return to leadership established by the nation (in committee of the whole), and not to that of demagogues, hating one another, as they once hated the common imaginary enemy. The law wants to maintain a nation, and not a rabble; it desires no clashes of classes. Change is not to be sought for purposes

of retaliation, but for improvement's sake, which can only be attained by co-operation and universal brotherly love (a text omitted in the pamphlets). Actually the only differences existing are in the scope and method of suggested improvements.

If the appellant sought only to bring about the spiritual betterment of his fellows, why did he and his author lay most stress on the temporal activities of today, that he repeatedly execrated in vehement language; why did he especially castigate all persons in authority? The appellant knows that all were wedded to the system. Why did he select scapegoat to be blamed for sins committed by a few, sins that were lately discovered, sins that could only have been committed because we, like appellant, did not even suspect the methods adopted and their successful operation?

It appears to me that the Biblical addition to the invectives of these pamphlets is only for a cloak for the sensational and the novel. The writer knew well that he could not inveigh against order and good government; he sought to cover himself with texts. His method was an insidious attack; it was of a nature to provoke discontent and disorder.

The citations may be correct, but they have been misinterpreted and misapplied; the end intended would not be attained, because no one will wait.

The indictment of these pamphlets against all men who sought to distinguish themselves is for the worst crime that could be committed against God and humanity.

The attack is one against "Christendom", the presently accused missionaries now seek to offer themselves as an improvement on the apostles, whose work has been a dismal failure, to be corrected by appellant and his companions. Why embellish the Bible? Was something omitted or improperly expressed? If we are to await Armageddon, why stir passions, and expose personages to execration? Was not present, direct action intended, or at least suggested?

This sect appears to have social, political and economic ends. In the spiritual and religious sphere, it omitted charity, moderation and toleration.

Passions were unbridled in other countries, under a cloak of patriotism and religion, as history tells, and results were always disastrous, until sanity assumed sway.

The conclusions of these pamphlets are left in mid-air, the policy suggested is one of prayerful watching and waiting; passions were unnecessarily aroused, if nothing was intended, or at least suggested.

These missionaries clamor against the persecutions of all sects of all nations; yet they do not hesitate to deliver leaders to the only martyrdom in their power: ridicule and obloquy; these they pour on those who, they think, deserve their venom. It is

they, themselves, who tell us that they have been persecuted in the United States, Canada and even in England, that never refused a rostrum to any perfervid orator who presented himself.

I stated that they clamor against persecution, yet they declare that they seek it. They affirm that they will preach in the manner and by the means that Jehovah has provided; he who opposes will do so at his peril. This is a sample of their intentions not to submit to law and order; this is an encouragement to others to do as their judgment or an inspired mission may direct them.

The pamphlets tell us that the worst troubles will overtake the world, when the witnesses shall have finished their work; they and others like them are to have their assumed task blessed in the midst of the universal destruction that will follow their teaching.

It must be remarked that the churches—all the churches—rose, long before this author, to decry greed and cupidity. This is common knowledge. All governments have taken measures to restrain, but the churches and the states of the world have not decreed destruction, as a corrective. And more, both church and state everywhere want the kingdom of God on earth, and not only in heaven.

The exhortations of the author are pious vituperation and sanctimonious recrimination. He was the more dangerous because there is no cry that incites more to fury than the cry of inspired sanctity. Inspiration must be properly directed. I cannot conclude that these teachings are as altruistic as claimed.

The accused was entitled to review the fact of the case in appeal, because he alleged that there was no evidence to justify conviction.

The accused complained of the conviction because his arrest was illegal, having been made without a warrant. Article 648 Cr. C. enacts that a peace officer may arrest without warrant any one whom he finds committing any criminal offence. This is what happened herein.

The jurors were entitled to judge the accused, according to their conviction, after a reading of the pamphlets; no witnesses were required.

The rejection of proof of similar acts by other parties, not molested, was proper and legal; that proof would have had no bearing on this issue.

I find that no substantial wrong was done the appellant.

The insulting cartoons were in themselves sufficient to convict.

I would dismiss the appeal.

This is the unanimous judgment of the Court. I was instructed by the Crown chief justice to render this judgment.

J. C. WALSH,
J. C. B.

Another Example of Quebec "Justice" *By Gerald Barry, Pioneer*

THE following are copies of two open letters which were recently sent to the Hon. L. A. Taschereau, premier of Quebec, concerning the arrest and imprisonment of two young sisters at Ville St. Pierre, Quebec. One was sent to Taschereau by myself, and copies of it were also sent to the judge and the mayor of Ville St. Pierre. The other letter was sent to Taschereau by the mayor of Ville St. Pierre. As it was written in French, you are provided with the French original and an English translation. The letters speak for themselves.

An open letter to the Honorable L. A. Taschereau, Premier of the Legislative Assembly, and Attorney General of the Province of Quebec.

HONORABLE SIR:

You are aware of the fact that, however it may be explained, the courts of justice of the province of Quebec have in recent years been made an instrument of religious persecution. Men and women have been convicted and fined, or sentenced to a term in prison, not for any crime or wrongdoing on their part, but because they believed in the teachings of Christ, and were active in disseminating their teachings among the people. During the past week, two young Christian girls, one of whom was under eighteen years of age, who were working in Ville St. Pierre, calling at the homes of the people with literature explaining the Bible, were arrested, and were finally, in the afternoon of the same day, taken to the home of Judge Lacoix, 275 Bloomfield Ave., Outremont, and were questioned by the judge and were sentenced to ten dollars fine and costs or eight days in jail. The trial taking place at the judge's home, the girls were not aware that they were really undergoing their trial, and for that reason attempted no defense. Their request to get in touch with their director was refused by the judge, and they are now serving their sentence of eight days in jail. There is no question but that this case is a blot upon the administration of justice in the province of Quebec. The girls will be out in a few days, but there is a principle at stake.

To illustrate this point, I am going to quote briefly from Mr. Harai who spoke in Chicago at the Parliament of Religions in A.D. 1893. He says: "Is it the principle of civilized law that the rights and profits of so-called 'uncivilized' or the weaker should be sacrificed? As I understand it, the spirit and the necessity of law is to protect the rights and welfare of the weaker against the aggression of the stronger; but I have never learned in my shallow studies of law that the weaker should be sacrificed for the stronger. . . . Is it Christian morality to trample upon the rights and advantages of a non-Christian nation, coloring all their natural happiness with the dark stain of injustice?" Is it not the duty of a

judge to protect and deliver the innocent, as well as to condemn the guilty? If he fails to do so, is he not then failing in the performance of his duty? It is written, "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the Lord."—Proverbs 17:15.

The apostle Paul recognizes the fact that when a person believes on the Lord Jesus, he must confess Him with his mouth. His words are: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." (Romans 10:9) The man whom Jesus healed wished to accompany Him, but Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee."—Mark 5:19.

But today, when two young girls who have just started to walk in the Master's footsteps proceed to do this that Jesus said, they are thrown into jail. I recall the case of the hermit of Livry, near Paris, in the sixteenth century. Through the teachings of the Reformers, he came to know Christ as his personal Savior; filled with joy, he spoke forth the Word to all whom he met with gladness of heart. Within a short time he was arrested by the authorities, tried, and burnt at the stake for his faith.

If those who have constituted themselves rulers or authorities have dealt truly and justly by the followers of Christ in thus subjecting them to persecution, and if they have done right by Christ himself, who died for us all, then let them rejoice in the position which they have taken, and let the people rejoice in them. But if not, then let God's Word which He has spoken be fulfilled, which God spake in Deuteronomy 32:40-43: "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 to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me. . . . 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."

In A.D. 1914 God placed His beloved Son Jesus upon His throne in heaven, and Satan and his angels were then cast out of heaven, and down to this earth. —Revelation 11:17,18; Daniel 12:1; Psalm 2:6; Revelation 12:7-17.

In A.D. 1918, when the war had ended, the people were given an opportunity of accepting and welcoming God's appointed King, and walking in His ways, or not. This, since 1918, is the true fulfillment of Palm Sunday.

The rulers of this world, and many of the people, have not welcomed God's appointed King, and God has caused notice and warning to be served upon them by His witnesses, even as notice and warning

was served upon Pharaoh at God's command, by Moses and Aaron. The day of God's vengeance is now being proclaimed by God's command throughout the earth by Jehovah's witnesses, and shortly the manifestation of God's wrath shall be visited upon the wicked. Then "the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power".—2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

"Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings; be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord 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."—Psalm 2:10-12.

April 16, 1935.

GERALD BARRY.

(Open Letter)

[Translated from the French]

Ville St. Pierre

24th April 1935

Monsieur, The Honorable L. A. Taschereau,
Prime Minister of the Province of Quebec,
Government Buildings, Quebec.

HONORABLE MINISTER:

I beg leave to address you, and to send you this answer to the letter which was sent you the 17th inst., concerning the disciples of Jehovah; the municipality of Ville St. Pierre being there specially mentioned, I believe it to be my duty to give you the other side of the question. I am in possession of a copy of the letter which was sent to you the 17th inst., by Mr. Gerald Barry, one of the disciples of Jehovah, who consider themselves sent of God to save the world. I see that the basis of his letter rests more on some extracts taken from a discourse of a certain Mr. Harai, rather than on the protestations regarding the arrest of the two young girls who were arrested here for having spread and sold harmful and destructive literature.

I do not wish to open here a controversy with this gentleman, because that would be taking him too seriously, and would be giving a free advertisement for the subversive ideas that his sect wishes to inculcate in our spirit in spite of us. Why does this gentleman who possesses such an evangelical zeal not go, with his brothers and sisters (as they call themselves), to the barbarous peoples of Africa and Asia? They would certainly find there a ground better prepared than ours for their radical ideas. Do they fear that their petty business would not be as flourishing as amongst us? I am astonished that the God whom they claim to follow has not sent them there, thus imitating our Catholic missionaries who fear not the real persecutions. But no, they like better to parade in automobiles, and run the risk of passing a day

or two in prison in order to pass as martyrs for their cause.

I protest, Monsieur the Minister, against the accusation made by Mr. Barry to the effect that our courts are being used as instruments of persecution against their religion. If they have incurred the severity of our courts, it is because they have wished it, because they have sought it, and because they consider it a glory to be condemned, refusing all chances to go home in peace. Why do they have to come even to our doors to try to sell us their booklets, in order (according to their claim) to be allowed to carry on their work of salvation? And what doctrine do they wish to establish? They are not pussyfoots, for the two young girls in question, arrested in Ville St. Pierre by my orders, have naively told me that all the churches ought to be burned, and that they will certainly be some day, because that there we worship the Devil; and that the ministers and priests are frauds and hypocrites. This savors of communism, does it not, Monsieur the Minister? The two young girls in question were given full opportunity to leave Ville St. Pierre at liberty, but they would not budge, refusing to take orders from men, and declaring themselves ready to submit to martyrdom, adding that they would come back again. Sure enough, as soon as their term in prison was finished, they came back, nine or ten in all, both men and women, but this time they were not rebellious, and were sent home in quietness.

Would that these enlightened ones would leave us in peace, that they would go elsewhere to spread the results of their nocturnal studies, and there get hanged.

I also ask where they will place all their elect, for according to them, there are only 144,000 disciples of the elect in their heaven; ours then being much more hospitable, it is preferable that we stay as we are. Why do they go to so much trouble? Let them stay where they are, and all will be well.

I have the honor to be,

Monsieur, the Prime Minister,

J. A. LACHANCE, Mayor.

O'Connell's Fight Against the Children

A DISPATCH from Boston says: "For the third time in little more than ten years Massachusetts yesterday rejected ratification of the child labor amendment to the United States Constitution. There was not a single dissenting vote. Last week the House voted 218 to 5 against the amendment. Twice before the measure has been rejected at the behest of Roman Catholic and other clerical forces and in the face of support by organized labor." The outstanding advocate of child labor, opposing legislation in behalf of the little folks, is Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston.

Outside of Quebec

What Should Be the Penalty?

THE Minneapolis *Star*, June 24, 1935, has nearly three columns telling of the conspiracy between the police and the criminals of St. Paul, unearthed by the St. Paul *Daily News*. The headlines read: "Four Officers Told to Quit or Face Ax; Five Suspended; Sensational Link with Criminal Lawyers and Gambling Syndicate Bared; Police Ownership of Slot Machines Uncovered; Five Men Suspended for Thirty Days, Including Chief M. J. Culligan; Most Drastic Department Shake-Up Follows Month of Wire-Tapping; James Crumley, Inspector, Told to Turn in His Badge or Be Fired; 3,000 Pages of Evidence Secured Through Telephone Conversations Recorded by Dictographs and New Invention." Readers are invited to note the names and the probable "church" connections of those suspended or ordered to resign. They are, James Crumley, Fred Raash, Michael McGinnis, Ray Flanagan, M. J. Culligan, Thomas Dahill, Charles Tierney, John McGowan, Patrick Ridge. Dahill and Tierney were expected to be demoted, but allowed to return to the force. The gang cleared in the neighborhood of \$2,000 a day. There was a well organized tip-off system, so that their pals in the criminal world would not get caught; eighty percent of the telephone conversations with police headquarters were between the criminals and their pals at headquarters; police and gamblers communicated with each other by a code system; lawyers were in on the conspiracy, and the cases of persons arrested were sold to the highest bidder; there were police deals with houses of prostitution. It is a safe bet that every pimp of the outfit was a member of some so-called "Holy Name" gang, members of the greatest criminal conspiracy that ever existed on earth. The worst that is proposed for these miscreants is that they should lose their jobs permanently or, more probably, temporarily. Here are men that have betrayed the interests of the taxpayers, and connived against them, and bargained with gamblers, crooked lawyers and prostitutes, and have done it in the name of law and order, and probably have done it in the name of religion, too. In view of the fact that in ancient Israel it was the law to stone or burn whores to death, one naturally wonders what penalty is properly due to pimps. It is men like this, and with names like these, and with church connections like these, that have done the will of their "religious" overlords and made the name

of America to stink throughout the whole of heathendom. And the worst of it is that this gang is planning to take over the whole country.

Archbishop Messmer Lays Down the Law

THE Italian Catholics of Kenosha, Wis., got it into their heads that they should have something to say about how their money is spent. It was therefore necessary for their archbishop, S. G. Messmer, to explain to them just what there is to the repeated claims that the Catholic church is the friend and champion of liberty. A part of what he wrote to them is as follows:

"American Catholics should understand clearly the teaching of their faith, namely, that the church is not a republic or a democracy, but a monarchy; that all her authority is from above and rests in her hierarchy; that while the faithful of the laity have divinely given rights to receive all the blessed ministrations of the church, they have absolutely no right whatever to rule and govern. The bishop has the right and duty to govern the diocese in spiritual and temporal matters with legislative, judiciary, and coercive power, according to the rules of the Sacred Canons. It belongs to the pastor, not the trustees, to determine how and for what purposes the premises of the parish, church, or school, or hall, may be used. Hence the pastor is not the servant or hired man or employee of the congregation, but he is its boss and master or let me rather say, its father who rules the parish as a father rules his family."

In the same letter the poor Italians who thought they should have some liberties were given to understand that it was their job to pay and pay and pay, and that a good time for the priest to put this privilege up to them is

"when such people come to receive the sacraments, or in the case of marriage or a funeral, or when they bring their children for baptism or first communion or holy confirmation. In such a case the priest has a perfect right not only to expect a little gift for himself, but also to demand of these parties to pay some contribution to the parish, to pay some contribution when in compliance with their duties. When the priest does this he is not doing anything wrong."

Portugal 65-Percent Illiterate

AFTER centuries in which the education of the people was entirely in the hands of the priests Portugal is now 65-percent illiterate. To correct this disgraceful state of affairs the Portuguese government now plans the construction of 20,000 primary schools within two years.

Laughing at Religion

THE following letter appeared in the correspondence column of an English newspaper: "Canon Blackburne, Dean of Bristol. Dear Dean:—In noticing that men laughed at religion but never at Christ you have got near the reason why the churches have fallen into disfavour. Education has brought people to understand Christ's teachings, and they are revolting, not against Him, but against the mummeries and bigotries which so many religionists preach in His name.—John Bull."

Senator Bailey's Tribute to "Father" Coughlin

ON April 25 it was surprisingly warm in Washington—in the United States Senate. A Democratic administration had up for consideration an anti-lynching bill. Apparently the Democratic and Roman Catholic "Father" Coughlin had said something about it on the radio. Senator Bailey, of North Carolina, Democratic, but not Roman Catholic, was talking on the bill and happened to think of the radio priest, and this is what he said:

It is time to have a notice, too. Some of us here in the Senate find our voices too feeble to stretch across the continent and our humble words drowned in a universal din of hysteria and confusion and the clear, patient words of national life all obliterated and obscured in the raucous noise that comes from Coughlin over the radio. Perhaps, when we cease to be heard, a bill like this will notify the nation. If I do not miss my calculations, the reverberation, if it shall, will drown the voice of Coughlin, and then we may thank God for the bill.

I did not mean on this occasion to speak about Coughlin. I left off his title, and I did so deliberately. In his church—and I shall always speak respectfully of all churches—he can be called "Father" or "Reverend Father"; but he cannot be called "Father" or "Reverend Father" in American politics. In his church he may have his priestly robes and his power of absolution, but when he undertakes to promise a harp and a halo to the American people by political action I challenge his priestly power.

There is nothing more sinister in our life right now than that Coughlin from the radio of the Shrine of the Little Flower . . . that voice stirs the depths of hate throughout the land of liberty, matches class against class, foment the fires of revolution, to crucify the American people upon his damnable ambition. Coughlin! Not "Father Coughlin". . . . When . . . a minister of a church comes down into the political arena and goes out with his radio incendiarism to stir up the fountains of hate in a distressed land amongst a suffering people, I take it nothing amiss, and I make no apologies, but I will snatch the halo from his brow and throw it into the nearest spittoon, and then throw the spittoon into the gutter.

Judas to Get His Thirty Pieces

CATHOLIC Action is now well launched in New Jersey. The opening gun was at a so-called "Holy Name Communion Breakfast", held at Passaic, N. J., April 7, 1935. The two-column report in the Passaic *Herald-News* is confusing. One boast is that 860 took communion; the other is that there were 300 at the breakfast to hear the pleas for what was designated as "New Catholic Action". What that action will be is well known to Jehovah God and to His witnesses. Mr. Moriarty was one of the speakers. Listed as "superintendent of the Wallington public schools", he must have made a thrilling address, as the pope has repeatedly, over and over again, denounced the public schools. Probably he has a job with the hierarchy looking after one or more parochial schools, but big titles are essential, to put anything across. He said, "The keystone of modern society is the church." The pope has made it clear that as soon as the Catholic "church" gets strong enough it intends to put Protestants to death; so Moriarty, of course, meant only the "church" that engineered the massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day. Deputy Mayor Kelly is the title given to somebody; the title sounds fishy. But, anyway, Mr. Kelly said, "This is truly an age of Catholic action," and, "Ours is a religion of authority and not one of private convictions." Protestants may take note of this, or have it rammed down their throats a little later. As to the liberties of members of the flock of the "church" with which he is connected, Mr. Kelly explained his condition by saying, "We cannot read certain publications, because the church wishes to safeguard our faith and our morals." Now if that were in Mexico, and back of 1910, Mr. Kelly could have proudly said, "Only 15 percent of us Mexicans can read at all. The reason is that the Roman Catholic church has had undisputed sway here for four hundred years, and it does not dare to let the common people see how they have been lied to and deceived." In conclusion it may be added that while that is not their conscious objective, yet the Roman hierarchy aims at exactly the same situation as it attained by four hundred years' unrestricted use of tyrannical and unprincipled domination of everything in Mexican life. Thanks were extended to Protestants for helping to make the meeting a success. Judas will get his thirty pieces of silver, all right, but he won't be able to use them.

Pope's Soldiers Had on Their Shakos

THE pope is strong for peace; he says so himself. That is why he has three kinds of soldiers. "Onward, Christian soldiers." "In time of peace prepare for war." How will anybody know a ruler is for peace unless he has soldiers? Readers of the *New York Times* had a chance to read over a column about what went on in the pope's little kingdom on Easter Sunday. One of the items said: "Noble and Swiss guards and papal gendarmes, armed with sabers and rifles, and wearing the plumes, shakos and patent boots of a bygone military era, were posted at portals and aisles from dawn." The shako, it should be explained, is a stiff hat, on the order of a plug, but bigger at the top, and stiffened with a brass or other metal plate. The intent is to keep the wearer's head intact and free from all danger of bullets or ideas or other dangerous things that might be flying through the air. However, it is really not needed in Vatican City; certainly not by the kind of men that wore them; and absolutely not on one of the three days in which the pope himself said everybody should pray for peace. By the way, at those three days of prayers for peace at the Lourdes grotto, it speaks of the lights which gleamed from the silver helmets of the Vatican officers, and cannon that roared in salute to the legate of Pius XI, all of which seems very appropriate to the occasion, especially when considering *who* were praying for peace.

Not Clear About Reverend Murphy

T. J. O'NEILL, architect, of Whitehall, Ballycastle, Ireland, sued for £1,105 due for services in connection with the erection of a convent. The Reverend Bernard Canon Murphy was to have answered that Mr. O'Neill had agreed to take his pay in prayers, and then Mr. Murphy had the bad luck to die before the case came to trial, and nobody could locate him, on account of the dust and smoke, and it is not known whether his prayers are of any good in the place where he is. It seems, according to the best Roman Catholic theologians, that Mr. Murphy is due to cook for at least 1,000 years, and it is hard to pray for others while one is cooking. Under the circumstances it looks as if O'Neill would get no prayers for 1,000 years, and by that time he won't need them. Everybody will have forgotten about the whole ridiculous arrangement.

Eucharistic Red-Light Annex

THEORETICALLY, the Holy Name Society has as one of its objectives the suppression of immorality, but it seems that when the big Eucharistic show of the little piece of bread was made at Melbourne, and it was necessary for the Roman hierarchy to make a big show in a Protestant land, desperate measures were necessary to get everybody in line for the big parade. George Bennett, Jr., of New Zealand, states the facts in the following communication:

"Reading recently an article in *The Golden Age*, touching on illiteracy in Catholic countries, makes me wonder what the immorality rate is in these same countries. During my travels I could not help noticing the large numbers of street women in places like Spain, Italy, South America and other Catholic strongholds. It is perfectly obvious that the confessional is to blame for this. Ambrose and his racketeers have very cunningly made all these sins the washable variety, providing the women have the long green that goes with it. Here is an instance: During the Eucharistic Congress at Melbourne a number of visitors went around to the red-light district to call on their favorites. Imagine their surprise when the girls told them to come back later, as they were ordered to attend the procession and no one was excused. Some religion!"

Ambrose and His Go-Cart

THE real hero of history is not Little Boy Blue with his tin horn, blowing about the sheep in the meadow and the cows in the corn. That is all a take-off. The real figure is Ambrose. When he gets up into his go-cart and the cardinals and bishops and other big guns pick him up and start down the aisle there is something doing every minute. He puts it all over Little Boy Blue and gets away with it, hands down. In place of a tin horn he has six silver trumpets to tell everybody to hunt their holes, for he is on his way. They had better get out, for he has soldiers, not the little tin ones Little Boy Blue played with, but almost the real thing; some grenadiers, some Swiss guards, some 'noble' guards. But the grand sight is the go-cart, the sedia gestatoria. No go-cart that Little Boy Blue was ever trundled in can compare with the grand sight of seeing the pope in his white night-gown climbing up on his portable throne and then being carted all around the place. 'Oh, ring the bells, and blow the horns, and bring the white flabelli out; shout "Papa!" till the lisp-ones give back their cradle shout.'

Collusion Between Vatican and Britain

IT IS interesting to see how the world's politicians work together to bamboozle the people. Sir Charles Wingfield was appointed minister to the Vatican. The reason why he was selected was that he was a descendant of Sir Thomas Moore, whom the pope intended to make into a "Class I Saint". When the announcement was made that Sir Thomas and Cardinal Fisher would be made over into saints, about 2,000 persons were present. They kissed the pope's foot. The account does not say whether Sir Charles Wingfield was one of the kissers, but he probably was. After the saints had been made the pope blessed the British Empire and reminded them of their ancient faith, a part of which, of course, is kissing the pope's foot. The pope said that the two new saints would be invited to the Royal Jubilee celebrations in England, but forgot to say that they would be unable to attend on account of being dead and in their graves, quietly asleep, awaiting the resurrection.

Not Sure About the English Saints

THE regular rule is that before anybody is made a "Class I Saint" he must have performed at least two miracles after his death.

Please do not ask how anybody could know what a man does after he is dead: that would be lack of faith. In the case of the only two English saints canonized since the days of Henry VIII, namely, Sir Thomas Moore and Cardinal Fisher, it was decided to make them saints without waiting for the miracles. This seems like a good idea: first, because it takes so long to make saints out of the British, and, second, because the British are so inquisitive and would have to have good proof that there were any miracles at all before they would believe a word of it. That the raw material was very tough for Italians to work with was proved by the fact that the ceremonies took 5½ hours, but in the apostle Paul's time it did not take that many seconds, as all his epistles bear eloquent testimony. See, for example, Ephesians 1:1, Philippians 1:1, Colossians 1:2.

Hard Time Getting It Stopped

A DISPATCH, down to 1½ inches in length, told of the pope's efforts to stop the "holy year" on April 28. In view of all the great things it was going to do, and failed to do, all agree that it should be stopped, anyway, anyhow.

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The Bible and Human Relations

JEHOVAH GOD made provision for the marriage of man and woman. Marriage is therefore a divine institution, and questions relating thereto should be settled according to the rule of the Bible, the written Word of Jehovah God. Jehovah first made man and then declared: 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make him a help-meet for him.' He made a woman and brought her unto the man. In other words, God made the man and woman and brought them together that they might enter into the marital relationship.

Since then no flesh and blood relationship between any man and woman as man and wife has been closer, for Adam married a creature of whom he said: "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:23,24) There is nothing in the record indicating that when God made man and woman and brought her to the man a ceremony was performed. Manifestly it was impossible for any man to perform such a ceremony at that time, for the reason that Adam was the only man on earth and Eve was the only woman. (1 Corinthians 15:45-47) "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."—Genesis 1:28.

Cain's Wife

It is manifest that for God's command to Adam and Eve to be obeyed it was necessary for their sons and daughters to intermarry; brothers must marry sisters. And they did. Sometime after Adam and Eve were driven from the garden of Eden children were born to them, who grew to the estate of manhood and woman-

hood, and they in turn had children. "Adam . . . begat sons and daughters: and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years." (Genesis 5:4,5) The record concerning the birth of children to Adam and his wife is brief. It does not claim to give the names of all their children. Cain is the first one named, and Abel the second. It is certain, however, that other children were born, both male and female, and lived contemporaneously with Abel and Cain. Doubtless both of these men were heads of families. The Scriptures specifically state that Cain had a wife; and she must have been one of Adam's children, and therefore the sister of Cain.

After murdering Abel "Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden". (Genesis 4:16) Cain's wife, one of the daughters of his father Adam, went with him to that land. Contrary to uninformed popular opinion, the Bible does not say or even allow that Cain found him a wife in the land of Nod. But, after relating Cain's flight to Nod, it merely says: "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch." Despite such a close marriage, the Bible shows that Cain's offspring were not idiots and cripples and terribly diseased; for some of them were the original inventors and teachers of arts and sciences that have come down to us today. Cain's great-grandson Jabal was an active fellow, always on the move, he being the first of those dwelling in tents, and a herdsman; whereas his brother Jubal "was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ", and another great-grandson, Tubal-cain, was "an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron". (Genesis 4:21,22) Evidently this was so because the stream of the human family, now flowing, was not yet so far along on its descent from its once perfect source Adam, and hence

was not yet so polluted and corrupted and unbalanced as in the days of the prophet Moses, over two thousand years later, when God saw it good and timely to give a law making it illegal for His people to contract such close marriages. (Leviticus 18:1-30) Thus it was that that man of faith, Abraham, whom God counted righteous, married his half-sister; for, said Abraham, "she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."—Genesis 20:12.

Bigamy

Lamech was the great-great-great-grandson of Cain. "And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah." (Genesis 4:19) This is the first record of polygamy or of a man's having more than one wife at the same time. But the Bible says nothing in condemnation of Lamech's course. True, Jehovah made just one woman, one wife, for the first man Adam, and doubtless had the human family continued in sinlessness and perfection, this would have been the rule for all human creatures. Also Noah and his three sons had each but one wife when they went into the ark for safety from the great flood. (Genesis 7:13) Nevertheless, undue, harsh and sarcastic criticism has been maliciously leveled at the Bible, and thereby great reproach has been heaped upon the name of Jehovah God, because of the polygamy practiced by faithful men of God in times of old; and the Bible has been classed by self-righteous worldlings of super-fine "religious susceptibilities" and "moral sensibilities" as being "not fit to have around the house lest the children should get hold of it and read in it".

Was it wicked, immoral, unclean and illegal for Abraham to have a wife and a concubine, and for his grandson Jacob to have several wives, and also for other servants of the Lord likewise? That is wicked, immoral and illegal which the expressed law of Jehovah God forbids and condemns. From the time of man's transgression in Eden until the time of Jesus and His apostles there is no law recorded in the Bible as given of Jehovah God restricting a man as to number of wives. Rather Jehovah's law given in connection with His covenant with the children of Israel at Mount Sinai recognized the having of a number of wives at the same time, allowed it, and made special provisions respecting it, for instance, as to rights of inheritance

of children born to the several wives of a man. (Deuteronomy 21:15-17) Shall mortal man, then, take himself so seriously today as to think he is more moral, more just, more righteous than Jehovah God, who is the only Lawgiver and the supreme Judge of all?—James 4:12; Hebrews 12:23.

Polygamy Abolished

By virtue of the death of His dear Son Jesus on the tree on Calvary Jehovah God abolished the law covenant which He made with the Israelites and under which He authorized the practice of having several wives. Thus Jesus is spoken of, at Ephesians 2:15, as "having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace"; and, at Colossians 2:14, as "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross". Thenceforth the law of Jehovah God as applying to the footstep followers of His dear Son was as expressed by His apostle under inspiration at 1 Timothy 3:1, 2: "If a man desire the office of a bishop [not an ecclesiastical office, but simply the service of overseer], he desireth a good work. A bishop [overseer] then must be blameless, the husband of one wife." Yet self-righteous men of today and the past ignore the foregoing Scriptural facts; and being brought up in so-called "Christendom", which had adopted the law of monogamy as stated by the apostle, such conceited men misapply this law to God's servants of pre-Christian times and thus condemn God's holy men of old and reproach and ridicule His name and at the same time justify themselves as righteous and moral and self-contained. For the benefit of all such Jesus said: "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."—Luke 16:15.

Covenants Illustrated

The fact that Abraham had a wife and concubine at the same time was not condemned of God, but was used of Jehovah to illustrate that He would make a number of covenants. Jehovah took Abraham from the land of Ur of the Chaldees and to Canaan, and there to Abraham He made the declaration of His purpose (His covenant), to wit: "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, 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 I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12: 1-3) This is an unconditional promise that Jehovah himself will bless all obedient ones of the human race.—See Genesis 15:18; 22: 15-18.

Abraham's descendants, the Israelites, were in Egypt by the permission of Jehovah, and when the time came to deliver them from their oppressors in Egypt Jehovah made a covenant with them. Leading that people by the hand of Moses to Mount Sinai, Jehovah confirmed or inaugurated there His law covenant, which is in the Scriptures sometimes called "the old covenant". (2 Corinthians 3:14, *Revised Version*) "And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: . . . Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine, And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." (Exodus 19: 3, 5, 6) "And he [Moses] took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said: All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood [of sacrificial victims there slain], and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words."—Exodus 24: 7, 8.

All covenants made by Jehovah toward man are made for the primary purpose of vindicating His name. They are called Jehovah's covenants because He is the originator and maker of them, and He takes others into His covenants as it pleases Him.

Abrahamic, Law and New Covenants

The Abrahamic covenant is an unconditional promise of Jehovah to produce by His organization Zion (symbolized by His "woman") a seed by or through which all the families of the earth may have an opportunity for the blessing of life; the primary purpose of which covenant is the vindication of Jehovah's name. The "seed" of that covenant is Christ, who is the Savior and Redeemer of man and the Vindicator of Jeho-

vah God's name. That covenant is unchangeable because bound by the word and oath of Jehovah.—Hebrews 6: 13-18.

Because of the abounding of transgression or sin against God's law, Jehovah added to the Abrahamic covenant the law covenant, made in Egypt with Moses as mediator; and that covenant served as a schoolmaster to lead the teachable ones of Israel to Christ, the "seed" and Vindicator, and that covenant was continued until the coming of Christ. (Galatians 3: 19-25) The purpose of the law covenant was to produce a people for the name of Jehovah; hence the primary purpose thereof was the vindication of Jehovah's name.—2 Samuel 7: 23.

At Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Jehovah God foretold the making of a new covenant. The new covenant was made in the place and stead of the old law covenant. The purpose of the new covenant was not for the salvation of men, but for selecting a people for the name of Jehovah; which people so selected must be witnesses to the name of Jehovah; and, proving faithful therein, these participate with Christ Jesus in the vindication of Jehovah's name. The new covenant was made with Christ Jesus at the time of His death, and He is the Mediator thereof.—Matthew 26: 26-28; Hebrews 9: 14, 15; 12: 24.

The Connection

Now, what connection has the foregoing with the fact that Abraham "the friend of God" had—what seems offensive to the self-righteous moral standards of many in "Christendom" today—a wife and a concubine? This: The apostle Paul says: "For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondmaid, and one by the free woman; but he that was of the bondmaid after the flesh had been born, whereas he that was of the free woman through means of a promise. Which things indeed may bear another meaning; for the same are two covenants, one indeed from Mount Sinai into bondage bringing forth, the which is Hagar, and the Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she answereth, however, unto the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage with her children; but the Jerusalem above is free, the which is our mother."—Galatians 4: 22-26, *Rotherham translation*.

Immediately following the above the apostle quotes from the prophecy of Isaiah 54: 1, showing that Sarah, Abraham's wife, represented God's organization called Jerusalem which is above and pictured by His "woman". Abraham's

relationship to his wife and to his concubine Hagar and to his later concubine Keturah illustrated God's relationship to His covenants, which covenants are a means employed to accomplish His purpose of getting a name for himself. Sarah and her son together illustrate or picture the unconditional covenant that Jehovah made that He would produce "the seed". This seed of promise is foreshadowed by Isaac, Abraham's son by Sarah, but the true "seed" is Christ Jesus. Hagar and her son Ishmael allegorically represented or pictured the law covenant, which God attached to His original promise made to Abraham. The purpose thereof was to furnish natural Israel an opportunity to produce a people for His name; but that covenant failed by reason of the fact that Israel was made up of imperfect human creatures. This failure of the covenant is illustrated in the fact that Hagar's son was "born of the flesh". What the law covenant failed in the new covenant furnishes, to wit, a people for His name, Jehovah's name.

The Abrahamic covenant was in fact an unconditional declaration of Jehovah's purpose to produce a seed, and by using Abraham and Sarah his wife God pictured how He would bring forth a seed, which seed was pictured or illustrated by Isaac. God permitted Sarah to be barren for a long while and until His due time to bring forth the typical seed of promise, Isaac. During that period of time Hagar was substituted for Sarah or attached to the Abrahamic household that she might give birth to an heir to Abraham. (Genesis 16: 1-4) The son of Hagar was not the heir of promise (Genesis 17: 15-22; 21: 1-12); and manifestly the chief purpose of this arrangement was to demonstrate that the 'promised seed' could be produced only by the miraculous power of Jehovah. In due time Sarah gave birth to the typical seed, Isaac, and this was the result of the exercise of Jehovah's miraculous power. The birth of that son was a confirmation of the covenant. Isaac was a type of Jesus Christ, the Son of Jehovah God, and who is the promised "seed".—Galatians 3: 16.

Bible Justifies No Immorality

Any man who would seize upon the historic events recorded in the Bible as a justification or excuse for pursuing an indecent or immoral course would show that he has no faith in God and does not believe His Word and has no desire to obey Him. There is nothing in God's Word that furnishes any excuse or justification

for man or woman to do that which is immoral, improper and wrong.

The accounts in the Bible of the most intimate relations between certain men and women were written not for the purpose of furnishing breezy stories or snappy stories for the entertainment of the foul-minded of today. They were not recorded with a salacious or suggestive intent, nor do they mar the beauty or purity of the Bible as "dead flies [which] cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour". (Ecclesiastes 10: 1) Concerning the Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi the Lord Jesus in prayer to God said: "Thy word is [the] truth." (John 17: 17) And so it is that the written Word of God sets forth the pure unvarnished truth, for the lovers of fact and truth, and not for those of touchy "religious susceptibilities". "For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth." (Psalm 33: 4) And as for the Bible's needing to be expurgated or censored or revised because otherwise it is (as the evil-minded consider) "not fit for children to read", the apostle Paul writes to Timothy concerning the aforesaid sacred books of the Bible and says: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Timothy 3: 15-17.

"The words of the Lord are pure words." (Psalm 12: 6) The record of Lot and his two daughters is the simple, plainly stated truth, showing the origin of the two nations of Moab and Ammon and the dire conditions which produced them, and that hundreds of years before the "ten commandments" were given from Mount Sinai and to the prophet Moses. (Genesis 19: 30-38) Was the apostle Peter inspired to condemn the man Lot? 2 Peter 2: 7, 8 reads: "And [God] delivered *just* Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked; (for that *righteous* man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)."

The conduct of the woman Tamar, recorded in Genesis 38, is in full harmony with the law of levirate marriage, as expressly stated by Jehovah God several hundred years later in His covenant with Jacob's descendants in the plains

of Moab. (Deuteronomy 25:5-10) "Unto the pure all things are pure." (Titus 1:15) "Jehovah seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7, *A.R.V.*) It could not be right to criticize the Word of God or the course of action taken by certain ones on record therein merely to please the fancy of some imperfect man or to maintain what is claimed to be the world's standard of wisdom, purity and righteousness. The clergy have criticized much of God's Word, that they might make themselves to appear holy, wise, pure and great, and that they might receive the commendation of other men. It is better to trust the Lord God, who never makes a mistake, and to know that what He directs is pure, holy, and righteous. "It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8) In their attempt to make themselves appear as upholding the world's standard of purity they have made themselves ridiculous in the sight of God.

Ruth and Boaz

Take, for instance, the Bible drama of the beautiful Moabitish woman, Ruth, who forsook her native land in order to return with her mother-in-law Naomi to Bethlehem, the future birthplace of King David and of Jesus Christ. God's law made provision for a levirate marriage, and Ruth, by washing and anointing herself, and dressing for the occasion of going down to the threshingfloor and lying at the feet of Boaz, a kinsman by marriage, was preparing to be taken by Boaz as his wife by a levirate marriage that very night, and that without the necessity of some sanctimonious and pious-faced, hypocritical preacher's being present to perform the ceremony.

Scoffers and critics have made much over this, claiming it to be an act of gross indecency. Such, however, have manifested a greater desire for the approval of men than to have an understanding of and to do the will of God. The course advised by Naomi, and which was taken by Ruth, was merely a formal way of serving notice upon Boaz, and of showing Ruth fully submissive to God's arrangements, and Boaz, being a godly man, so understood it. Naomi, Ruth and Boaz were all devoted to Jehovah God, and, knowing this fact, Naomi did not hesitate in saying to Ruth that 'Boaz will tell you what to do'. (Ruth 3:1-4) The coming of Ruth to Boaz in the field in the manner directed by Naomi well pictures

the willing submission and unselfish devotion to the Lord by those who seek to know and to do His will.

Purpose of Marriage by Substitute

Jehovah's purpose in the law of levirate marriage was that the fruit should be brought forth, that is to say, that the fruit of the body might be brought forth in the lineage leading up to King David and, in due time, to Jesus, God's mighty King. Naomi knew, from Genesis 49:10, that the Law-giver must come from the tribe of Judah, of which she was a member, and of which Boaz was also a member, and she was anxious to perform the part that God had assigned to her whether she understood it or not. She was too old to offer herself to Boaz to raise up a child, and therefore she offered her daughter-in-law; and this without doubt she did under Jehovah's direction. In like manner barren Sarah offered Hagar to Abraham; and also Rachel, because of her barrenness, offered her handmaid Bilhah to Jacob. (Genesis 16:1-3; 30:1-5) Naomi did not want the opportunity lost for a child to be of the royal house, and the only way to avoid that loss was to substitute Ruth for herself.

The later action of Boaz was strictly in compliance with the law. (Deuteronomy 25:7) This does not mean that those other than the Israelites were then or now to comply with the law of levirate marriage. God's law was given to Israel, His covenant people, and that law was for the purpose of foreshadowing greater things to come to pass. (Hebrews 10:1) The things which came to pass on the Israelites were typical of what would be due to come to pass at the end of the world. "So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and . . . she bare a son." (Ruth 4:13) Thus Jehovah showed His approval to give Boaz and Ruth a son, looking to the vindication of His name and His Word that 'out of the loins of Judah should come a Ruler and a Lawgiver'. It was not the physical power of aged Boaz and of Ruth that resulted in the birth of the son, because it was 'God that gave the increase'. (1 Corinthians 3:6) Even so it is Jehovah who now has brought forth the mighty One who shall rule all the nations of the earth and who shall be the Vindicator of His great name.

Thus, every-way, the Word of God, the Bible, stands vindicated as pure, holy, honest, true, wholesome and correct and higher than the word of creature man, and shall endure for ever.—Isaiah 40:8.

IN ACCORD with the intimation given through the public press by government officials the Ontario government has canceled all contracts with the private power companies of Quebec, and in so doing has saved the people of Ontario tens of millions of dollars. Speaking editorially of these contracts the *Globe* of Toronto says, in part:

Whereas Hydro users had every right to assume that their industry would be conducted, as Beck explained, without requiring them to pay the toll levied on patrons of private corporations, they now find they were sold out behind their backs. The contracts made in their name oblige them to pay profits and dividends—to pay even though they do not use the power—to pay such large profits that the promoters of each corporation, as soon as the contract was signed, were able to sell tremendous blocks of securities to the public with the observation that Hydro customers in Ontario would more than pay the dividends. Fortunes were made for the promoters with a stroke of the pen.

The real facts, long concealed, are now coming to light. On Tuesday night Mr. Roebuck stated that under these contracts the four Quebec power corporations will take \$380,000,000 from the people of the Niagara district, an amount exceeding by \$100,000,000 the entire capital investment of the Hydro in plant. They call for delivery of, and payment for, 916,000 horsepower, although the maximum demand for Niagara power last year was only 833,000 horsepower and the normal operating capacity of Hydro's Niagara plants is 830,000 horsepower.

Ultra-Conservative Social Program

Speaking upon the subject of social legislation in Canada the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix*, under the caption "Far Behind", editorially says:

Since the program of social legislation was outlined to Canada by the prime minister, there has been considerable scrutiny of what other countries have done in this direction. The result of such an examination is that Canada is beginning to realize how far behind the parade it has been and still is. Even some of the South American republics are far ahead.

The 8-hour working day and 48-hour working week legislation is about fifteen years behind the times, it having been adopted by the International Labor Organization that long ago. That body is now drafting an agreement for a 40-hour week.

Unemployment insurance, now being enacted at Ottawa, has been in effect for twenty years and more in dozens of countries. European nations have had similar legislation since long before the war.

State sickness and accident insurance has been in effect in a number of countries for quite a while, and not a few have some form of old-age insurance scheme

which provides pensions for the advanced years of its citizens.

Recently a representative of the International Labor Organization visited South America, and there he found a number of the republics have excellent social legislation of the kind Canada is now preparing to adopt.

His report covers Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Chile. In all four of those countries workmen's compensation legislation is effective and satisfactory. In Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay there is a system of voluntary sickness insurance by mutual benefit societies. In Chile sickness and maternity insurance is compulsory for all workers and the Central Fund of the workers' insurance system is active in organizing medical services.

All four countries have old-age, widows' and orphans' insurance. In Chile these systems are compulsory to wage earners in industry, commerce and agriculture. In Uruguay they apply to workers in industry and commerce, but not agriculture. Brazil and Argentina have made them applicable to a large body of workers in industry and business.

According to the report submitted to the International Labor Organization, legislation in these countries is quite advanced with substantial allowances and pensions paid. The funds are well organized and the administrative standard is said to be as high as in European countries.

It seems that Canada is merely catching up with the South American republics in this matter of social legislation.

Comforting a Bereaved Ewe

A Canadian Press news item from Manitoba tells how a rancher solved his dilemma. It states:

To George Heatley, who for thirty years has raised sheep successfully on his farm three miles west of here, a knowledge of the Old Testament comes in handy in his business. In fact, it's part of his stock in trade.

One of his ewes dropped twin lambs, and another triplets, recently. But both of the first ewe's lambs died. Heatley took one of the triplets and gave it to the first ewe. The anguished mother would have nothing to do with it. George turned to the Bible in his dilemma.

He came to the Old Testament story of Esau and Jacob, which described how Rebekah 'took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau and put them upon Jacob, her younger son, and put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands and upon the smooth of his neck', so that Isaac, feeling Jacob's hands and smelling the smell of his raiment, took him for Esau and gave him his brother's blessing.

Heatley skinned one of the dead lambs and pulled it like a sweater over the head of one of the triplets.

The subterfuge worked, the bereaved mother welcoming 'her' lamb with open 'arms'.

Canada's Huge and Increasing Debts

As one watches the ever increasing burden of national debts one cannot help but wonder how long the people can endure such terrible burdens. In Canada this debt upon every householder totals the large sum of over \$3,300 apart from such private debts as mortgages. To give some idea of how rapidly these debts are increasing we quote from an editorial appearing in the *Globe* of Toronto:

How far Ontario has traveled in the interval of thirty-one years since the last Liberal Budget was brought down in the Legislature is pointed out strikingly in the presentation by Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn.

The rise in debt totals could scarcely have been imagined by those who heard Premier Ross deliver his Budget address on February 9, 1904. Such figures as these are startling:

	1904	1934
Net debt	\$1,664,000	\$358,476,000
Per capita net debt	.74	100.53
Population	2,246,000	3,566,000
Assessed value of all property	\$897,000,000	\$3,183,000,000

An analysis which will be helpful in clarifying perspectives is presented in the statement of gross and net debt at the end of the successive political régimes:

	Gross debt	Net debt	Net debt per cap.
Whitney, 1914	\$ 41,716,000	\$ 6,294,000	2.30
Hearst, 1919	97,032,000	13,115,000	4.65
Drury, 1923	291,025,000	100,978,000	33.45
Ferguson, 1930	473,372,000	212,778,000	64.23
Henry, 1934	655,761,000	358,477,000	100.53

Average annual increases in net debt were: Hearst, \$1,364,000; Drury, \$21,966,000; Ferguson, \$15,971,000; Henry, \$36,425,000.

An interesting passage in the Budget is devoted to the general position in municipal affairs in the province. The statement of obligations shows the following totals:

Unmatured principal	\$71,903,498
Overdue principal	11,418,041
Total principal	<hr/> 84,241,539
Overdue interest	3,972,350
Total outstanding principal and interest	<hr/> \$88,213,869

The Department of Municipal Affairs, established in September, 1934, has embarked, Mr. Hepburn remarks, on a program looking to improvement in munic-

ipal accounting and auditing, and he comments upon the contemplated measures which will give wider control over municipalities seeking special powers.

By reason of the shifting of the end of the fiscal year from October 31 to March 31, this year's statement embodies an unusual feature: an interim statement for the five-month period. Here ordinary expenditure totals \$34,250,028, as compared with ordinary revenues of \$26,800,794, a deficit of \$7,449,233.

The comparative statement of Budget ordinary revenue (March 31, 1936) and actual ordinary revenue (October 31, 1934) shows an interesting net increase of \$9,717,685. On the expenditure side of the table a net decrease of \$4,396,256 is revealed.

Comments on Canadian Hate Bill

To give some idea of how far the Devil will go to muzzle freedom of speech in his effort to hold his empire together, we quote the following news item from Ottawa:

Michael Luchkovich, U.F.A. member for Vegreville, today introduced a bill in the House of Commons designed to make it an offense to utter defamatory words against any race, nationality or creed represented in Canada.

His bill, Mr. Luchkovich explained before the House met, "is designed to create better feeling among the races in Canada." He would gain his object through an amendment to the criminal code saying:

"Everyone who utters, prints, publishes, circulates or otherwise disseminates any defamatory matter reflecting upon any person or body of persons of any race or religion tending to degrade, revile or expose them to hatred, injury, insult or contempt among the people is guilty of an offense."

The bill was given first reading.

The fourth column of the *Consumers' Gas* contains the following interesting comment upon this proposed legislation:

A member of Parliament proposes a bill which would make it a crime to speak in a defamatory way of any race or religion. Behind it is the idea that everybody has a right to his own racial or religious prejudices, and that to disturb them is to invite a breach of the peace. If we are not mistaken, the author of this measure is a member of whom we have spoken favorably in the past. The bill makes it unlikely that we shall ever make the same mistake in the future. It is well meaning, but vicious. Under the guise of promoting and maintaining brotherly feelings it aims a blow at free speech.

We have never been beguiled by the theory that because every man has a right to believe what he likes another man should be forbidden to say that what the first man likes to believe is silly or dangerous or anti-social. The right of a man to believe does not supersede the right of another man to believe that he is in error, and if the matter is to be discussed, to say so.

Irreparable damage to human souls and the progress of civilization has been wrought under the guise that it would be shameful to deprive a man of his beliefs. Time was when men believed that a salve would cure cancer, or that some superstitious incantations, embodied in a religion, would guarantee a fruitful marriage. It was in the public interest that such sacred beliefs should be blown up.

We speak as a Canadian when we say that anybody in this country ought to be free to say that Canadians are no good, and as a nominal Christian when we say that people who do not believe in Christianity ought to be permitted to continue their missionary efforts to wean us from it. Races and religions that cannot withstand the kind of criticism that they are exposed to in this country are not worth preserving.

High Auto Costs in Canada

With the high tariff wall against manufactured goods' coming into Canada from the United States causing among other things the Canadian people to pay approximately 50 per cent more for cars than their American cousins, it is high time the matter was investigated. Concerning this spread the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* says:

The spread in the prices of automobiles as between Canada and the United States is something on which there has been a lot of quiet thinking by prospective or possible car purchasers but about which there has been little discussion.

The announcement from Ottawa that the tariff board has been requested to investigate the spread and its causes should, therefore, be satisfactory to the public and not at all disturbing to those who make and sell cars in Canada. And the inquiry should clear the air considerably, correct any wrong impressions and bring to the fore a number of factors which are frequently not taken into consideration.

This, of course, is quite to be desired. It is safe to say that both the buying public and the makers of cars want the business to be on a fair basis, and the only way to arrive at such a basis, and satisfy everyone concerned, is by a close public examination of the circumstances.

It is generally believed that prices in Canada are much too high when compared with those in the United States. It is usually pointed out that a car which is advertised across the line at, say, \$500 or \$1,000 costs several hundreds more in Canada, the exact amount depending on point of sale. Certainly figures arrived at in this way are enough to arouse bitter criticism, but it is a rather casual and careless comparison. The situation calls for more exact analysis.

But one or two things should be pointed out even before such an inquiry begins. One is that a comparison of this type leaves out of account the matter of freight rates. The prices set opposite each other

should be for comparative points in each country, that is, points equidistant from the place of manufacture. That makes a very considerable difference.

Another angle is that of the trade-in value of the used car. The amount allowed in the United States on a trade-in is said to be ridiculously smaller than that allowed in Canada. The higher amount in this country does not, of course, help the man buying his first car, or who has no car to trade in, but it makes a very considerable difference to the car owner renewing his transportation.

Whether or not this trade-in difference is sufficient to offset the price spread is a matter which calls for study such as only the tariff board can give. If it does, then the man who is renewing his transportation will probably not be greatly affected by any change in prices in Canada. As the price of a new car drops the allowance on his old one will be reduced correspondingly.

But certainly the new buyer has to pay a decided spread. At the present time, after four years in which cars have been used longer than normally, and for some little time in the future, it is probable that the new buyer, or individual without a car to trade in, will be a larger factor in car sales.

These are points worth keeping in mind, and there may be many more of equal importance on both sides of the question.

The appearances are most distinctly that there is a difference in prices unwarranted by costs of production and made possible by tariffs. That is the opinion generally accepted by the public, and the appearances are sufficient to warrant a thorough public inquiry by the tariff board.

Armchair Generals and Their Ties

The same paper, under the caption "Saved Again", makes the following comment:

Canada has been saved again.

Once more the military forces, or at least the higher command, have risen to the occasion, have sprung into the breach, and by supreme wisdom and exquisite tactical judgment have prevented the worst.

The news comes from Ottawa. It is that at long last the great controversy over the exact size and shape of ties for military dress uniform has been settled.

It seems there have been differences of opinion on this question, but with that amazing genius for concealment of their thoughts, which characterizes the higher command, no word of the danger has seeped out to alarm the public.

It was rapidly coming to a crisis which, if permitted to develop, might have disturbed the peace of the country and disrupted the defensive forces. And then what an opportunity there would have been for the Communists!

Indeed, perhaps it was all a dirty Communist plot.

But the danger was met boldly. The armchair generals constituting the board of strategy at General

Headquarters were undismayed. They called in their sartorial experts. They studied the terrain of the shirt-front and the monkey-jacket. They examined the upper reaches for a jumping-off point and finally launched their attack up the exposed glacis of the Adam's apple.

It was a complete success. The deviators were put to rout and the question settled for all time.

But it is remarkable, when the thing came up for discussion in the House of Commons, that Miss Agnes Macphail did not seize the opportunity for an antiwar utterance. She might have dealt forcefully with the brutality of war and the horrors of a deviating dress tie.

Very Low Military Costs

The *Mail and Empire*, speaking of the "Great Military Power" of Canada, states:

Every year when the estimates for the Militia Department come before Parliament there are repetitions

of what one member called "a protest against the enormous expenditures which are being made in Canada for military purposes". Dr. Manion neatly spiked the guns of the objectors a few evenings ago when he presented the following table giving the present cost per head in various countries for defense purposes: Canada, \$1.24; New Zealand, \$1.50; Denmark, \$2.18; South Africa, \$2.20; Australia, \$2.40; Japan, \$3.70; Belgium, \$4.10; United States, \$5.60; Switzerland, \$6.00; Italy, \$8.00; Great Britain and Northern Ireland, \$9.50; France, \$14.80.

Canada is the lowest in the world. Even Switzerland spends \$6 per head, though it must be centuries since she was at war. Yet Canada, with an expenditure of \$1.24, is talked about as if she were getting ready for war. "I am sure," remarked Dr. Manion ironically, "all nations are trembling as to what we shall do with this great military power of ours."

Transportation Items

American Planes Safer and Faster

FIGURES of the Bureau of Air Commerce show that American planes are safer and faster than European. Fifty-six percent of American planes are capable of cruising at 160 miles an hour or more, while there are but 33 planes in use in Europe faster than 125 miles an hour. In America, on the average, one may fly seven and a quarter million miles before having to take matters up with his undertaker, but in Britain they come for him after he has flown but two and a quarter million miles.

The Aviator That Lived in a Shoe

IT IS all a mistake; it isn't the old woman that lived in a shoe; it is Paul de Rollegheem, the Belgian war aviator. His new airplane is of the shape of a huge aluminum shoe. It is without engines, but has instead a series of burners. Hot air is forced out of these burners at a fifty-pound pressure. Suction pulls the machine upward and onward. The French government is developing the machine.

Telegrams to Passengers in Flight

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, LIMITED, receives telegrams while planes are in flight, so that passengers between Alexandria, Egypt, and Karachi, India, and between Alexandria and Cape Town, South Africa, are at all times able to receive messages from anywhere in the world. However, these must pass through certain British offices, en route to the planes.

Landing in a Private Zoo

NEAR the Brooklands (Surrey, England) airdrome there is a private zoo containing hyenas, buffaloes, gazelles, deer, ostriches, and other animals. At least two aviators, in difficult weather, have had the luck to land in the midst of these wild creatures, but both managed to get away safely in their planes.

Lieutenant Agello Still the Fastest Man

LIEUTENANT AGELLO, of Desenzano, Italy, who first made a speed record of 424 miles an hour and then increased it to 440 miles an hour, is still the record holder for speed in the air. He is a small man, only 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing but 140 pounds.

Dutch Plane Service to South America

THE Dutch have a plane service from Holland to Dutch Guiana, competing for South American trade with the French, German and American services. In a very brief time now it will be possible to go to any corner of the earth, and across any ocean, entirely by plane.

Sirens for the Huge Bridge

SIX sirens, each with sound deflectors 40 inches in diameter, will warn vessels of their near approach to piers of the great bridge between San Francisco and Oakland. Each siren weighs 750 pounds, and requires a 10-horsepower motor to run it.

The City on Wake Island

THE unnamed city on Wake island, 3,300 miles from San Francisco and 2,950 miles from Manila, where the Pan American Airways line will make its midocean stop in the Pacific, can never have more than 266 acres to build upon, for that is all the land there is in a million square miles of which it is the center, but in that acreage there will be a city with smooth, tree-lined boulevards, electricity, cold storage, a hospital, a hotel, letters by air and telegrams by wireless. The population is to be seven whites and five Chinese. A staff was also left at Midway Island, east of the International Date Line. The Pan American Airways have the backing of Morgan, Whitney, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt capital.

More Mail Going by Air

THE reduction of air mail postage to a flat rate of 6c an ounce has resulted in a much greater use of the air mails than before the change took place. In the last month of 1934 the total poundage was 931,425, the largest in history. The United States has now the most efficient air fleet in the world. This year the navy is building, at an expense of \$2,800,000, eighty-four flying men-of-war capable of making over 200 miles an hour. They are built to be able to land on either land or sea. They shoot in every direction, four guns.

Build No More Zeppelins

THE New York *American* lists thirteen zeppelins or dirigibles, lost between 1913 and 1935 with 343 brave men carried to their death, and urges Congress to abandon further attempts to make these foolish things that have thus shown, at least in American hands, and under American atmospheric conditions, their entire unsuitability to any good purpose. As toys to play with, they are a huge success, and have been a gold mine to the Goodyear people, but in actual practice they seem to be of no value.

Towing Planes Up into the Skies

BRITAIN is experimenting on using huge planes to lift heavily loaded mail planes into the air and start them on their way. A plane can readily travel through the skies so heavily loaded that it could never take off under its own power. As soon as the little plane gets nicely started on its way the huge plane returns to earth to take up another little one, and so on.

Brave Attempt to Match the Planes

THE railroads are making a brave attempt to match the airplanes, and doing marvels. If one has the price, he can work all day in New York, leave at 5:15 p.m. by the Pennsylvania Broadway Limited, and be in Chicago at 8:15 the next morning, railway time. He can work in Chicago nearly all day, leave at 3:30 p.m. by the Chicago & North Western Railway, and roll the 409 miles into St. Paul in 390 minutes, landing there at 10:00 p.m., the same evening.

Burlington Means Business

THE Burlington road means business in its effort to recapture passenger traffic from air lines and other competitors. Its fourth streamline train, Diesel-engined, has now been ordered. It will go into service between Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis. The streamline train between Kansas City, Lincoln and Omaha operates at a cost of less than half that of the steam trains that it displaced, and the passenger revenue has been more than doubled.

Freeing the Highways of Metal Scrap

AT A COST of 76 cents a mile the state highway commission of South Dakota operated a magnet over the highways of that state which in seven months picked up enough nails, bolts, tacks and other pieces of metal to fill two freight cars. It is figured that the net cost to the state, after salvaging the scrap, was worth all the operation cost in fewer flat tires to motorists.

Details of the Seadromes

IF A chain of seadromes around the world is built, as is contemplated, they will each be 1,500 feet long, with a crew of 43 and accommodations for 100 guests in the hotel. A toll of \$70 will be levied for each passenger. The first seadrome will be built between New York and Bermuda, and will cost \$8,000,000. Its life is calculated to be 25 years; no taxes will be paid.

Hit-and-Run Drivers in Massachusetts

IN A single week recently twenty-five persons were slain in Massachusetts by automobiles. Most of these were elderly persons who could not move fast enough to suit the speed maniacs that bore down upon them. Five of the deaths were caused by hit-and-run murderers who never even stopped to view their work.

Public Utilities

Why Public Ownership Is Wrong

LITTLE by little the public is learning why it is all right for them to own and operate sewers, pavements, police departments, fire departments, hospitals, etc., where all is outgo, and why it is all wrong for them to own and operate gas and electric plants and other public utilities, where the funds come in every month, regular as clockwork, and the things the people must have are charged to them at three times the price that would be fair. Thus, it would be all wrong for the California public to own their gas and electric plants. If they did, somebody would holler "Bloody murder!" at the idea of paying President Hockenbeamer \$70,000 a year; others would holler at paying fifty-seven other officials, engineers, attorneys and managers over \$5,000 per year each; and still others would holler at the contribution of \$15,523 to the so-called "Edison Electric Institute", under which high-toned name the Power Trust now operates its propaganda against public ownership of public utilities. Somebody would be sure to make a row about \$8,139 going to the California Taxpayers Association, than which no name could be more misleading; and some other victim would complain about a contribution of \$7,521 to the California State Chamber of Commerce. This is the situation all over California, all over America, and nearly all over the world, but not quite. So it seems that the big officials are not interested in their huge salaries, not at all, but their eagerness to turn over to the public little things like garbage and ashes collections and to keep for themselves such things as gas, water and electric utilities, is because they want the people to dwell together in peace. Ah! That is it! "Blessed are the peacemakers," the utility gang. And what about the people? Oh, the people! Well, "the people can be damned." No, Clementine, they do not say that aloud, but that is the idea.

Where the \$1,312,264 Went

THE Federal Trade Commission did not find a record of all the public utility money that was used to bribe educators, but they did find where \$1,312,264 of it went. Among the recipients were professors in the universities of Alabama, Pennsylvania, New York, Colorado; also Princeton, Harvard, Ohio State, and Northwestern. Among the givers were the Insulls and Owen D. Young of the General Electric.

More Electricity Being Used

LARGELY as a result of the constant hammering by a few honest editors, the electric light and power companies have been cutting their rates, with the perfectly natural result that might have been expected; the year 1935 opened up with 20,520,870 persons in the United States using electricity in their residences, which is more than ever before in the history of the country. The rates still need to be greatly reduced in order to provide the people with more opportunities to use this blessing, and in the end it will work out better, and does work out better, for the electric companies themselves. Engineers now claim that steam electric generation is cheaper than water.

New Street Lights

A NEW method of lighting streets is being used at Lynn, Mass., where eight lamps have been installed in front of the post office which combine a mercury arc with a tungsten-filament bulb. With the addition of the latter the ordinarily greenish light of the mercury arc is corrected by the red and yellow rays which it lacks. The result is a glowing white light, like daylight, something unusual in street lighting.

Morgan Control of Industry

MORGAN & COMPANY'S 24 partners hold directorates in 89 corporations with assets of more than \$20,000,000,000. Two hundred United States corporations control 22 percent of the entire wealth of the country, and will have the rest of it soon.

Japanese Textiles in Argentina

DURING the month of February, out of 26,479 packages of piece goods received in Argentina, 17,600 of the packages, or two-thirds of the whole, were from Japan. Arrivals from Britain were 3,381 packages; from Italy, 3,756 packages.

Huge Profits of Woolworth in Britain

IN THE year 1934 the 598 Woolworth "three-penny and six-penny" stores in Britain made profits of £4,879,950, or about 80 percent on the stock.

White Cloud's Profitable Plant

WHITE CLOUD, Mich., has its own municipal power plant, and, as a result, the town has not had to levy any municipal tax since 1932.

Gangland, Incorporated

The Day of Reckoning

REFERRING to the financial day of reckoning, which he envisions as in the not remote future, Lewis W. Douglas, former director of the Budget, in an address at Harvard University, said:

"When that day arrives, regardless of what the intervention may be, whether an apparent recovery or a slow process of disintegration, the terrific impetus of the economic forces created by an insolvent Federal Reserve system, a bankrupt banking system, a destroyed middle class and no credit with which the unemployed may be relieved, it is difficult to conceive the method by which we may escape from the despotism of a dictatorship."

The University Let Shockey Go

WILLIAM J. SHOCKEY, a Methodist youth, brilliant, capable, came to the conclusion he could not serve Christ and any longer take part in the military activities of Ohio State University, and the university, rather than honor his conscientious scruples, let him go. The university could far better have afforded to let its president go, and retain the youth who had the backbone to stand up for what he knew to be right. He would have been an asset to the university among the weak-kneed and spavined steeds remaining in the stable.

Letting the Cat Out of the Bag

THE *World-Telegram*, referring to a dispute between garment workers and their employers, involving 375,000 Easter dresses, mentioned that they were made to wholesale at \$4.75 and to retail at \$6.95, and to look like dresses of higher-priced lines. This tells the public that when the stores have taken off their cash discount and trade discount of approximately 21½ percent (12c) from the wholesale price, the stores then add 50 percent to the net wholesale price to arrive at the price they expect the customer to pay.

Gangs Fight the Children

THE Big Business and Roman Catholic hierarchy gangs stick together in their fight against the children. The National Child Labor Committee, referring to the defeat of the child labor amendment at Albany, said: "Without Catholic opposition, we are convinced, the amendment would have been ratified by the New York legislature, which was Democratic in both branches."

"Make Money at Home"

UNDER the title "Make Money at Home" the *Real America* magazine gives the names and addresses of a half dozen concerns offering home work to women and all of them swindles in the most absolute sense. Their scheme is to get materials of one sort or another, dress goods, fountain pens, brushes, paints or what not, into the hands of unfortunates, charging them several times the actual value. No work done with the materials purchased is ever satisfactory to the persons that pretend to offer employment.

Capital Is Still on Strike

THE most selfish and cowardly thing on earth is capitalism, with the single exception of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. That capitalism is entitled to this bouquet is proved by the fact that during 1934 the deposits in the Federal Reserve banks rose \$6,700,000,000 while the loans of those same banks decreased \$800,000,000. Capitalism hasn't even got sense enough to do the only thing that will keep it alive. Its only motto is "Grab all; hold all."

"Page Andrew Mellon"

SOME *Golden Age* reader hands in a Toronto (Ontario) item reading: "Robert Jackson, who stole four pencils from a department store, today was sentenced to seven days in jail"; and then, for some reason not stated, marked the clipping, "Page Andrew Mellon." This leaves the situation confused. Nobody ever accused Andrew Mellon of stealing four pencils.

The Du Pont Gang's Country

AT THE Senate munitions inquiry in Washington a memorandum from one of the Du Pont gang, K. K. V. Casey, to another made the quite truthful statement, "This is our country, not that of Congress." That is pretty rich. All the real Americans can do about it is to exercise their right of free speech while they yet have it, for all know that the gang told the truth.

Ought to Be Able to Live on Their Wages

THERE were 600 executives in the United States that in the year 1934 drew wages of \$10,000,000. Seems as if they ought to be able to live on that, and they probably do. The thing most interesting at this time is the question as to whether, with things as they are, the rest of the country can pay so much.

Civilization in Scotland

SAYS H. H. Johnston, in London *Tid-Bits*: "In June last year, by the waterfront of the one prosperous fishing port of Fraserburgh, I saw four hundred crans of newly-caught herring (all together some 300,000 fish) being dumped with sinful abandon into the sea. My inquiry brought the amazing reply that there was no demand for them, and that prices were poor. The following morning at seven o'clock, in one of Glasgow's busiest and proudest shopping thoroughfares, I watched with shame a band of decent-looking men, women and children rummaging avidly through the garbage bins outside provision shops in the grim hope of finding some scraps of meat, or bone, or bread. And remembering those 300,000 fresh herring, I turned away sick with disgust, pondering on the word 'Civilization'."

Actors Protesting Against Free Radio Shows

THE Columbia Broadcasting System is now operating two playhouses in the Times Square area, to which audiences are admitted without charge, and the National Broadcasting Company has several large studios in Radio City for the free accommodation of audiences. The Legitimate Theatre Code Authority is now protesting against these free shows, on the ground that a large potential audience is attracted that would otherwise attend the legitimate theaters.

Feeding the Gangster Craze

EVERY parent that buys toy guns for a child is doing what is possible to make him a gangster when he grows up. Children so trained think it manly and smart to point guns at others. The other day, in an Eastern city, a youth was in the street with a rifle, aiming it at passersby. Probably his parents thought that the cutest thing imaginable.

Proposed Law Against Nudism

NEW YORK state has no law against nudism, but such a law is proposed, on account of the revelation that men and women, stark naked, and in large numbers, have been frequenting gymnasiums and swimming pools where no sex lines are drawn.

Population Increasing Rapidly

THE population of America is increasing rapidly. The estimate is that it is now 141,574,000, an increase of nearly 20,000,000 since 1930.

Hierarchy's Position on Censorship

THE Roman hierarchy's position on censorship is that of a bareback rider standing on his head. Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, expresses himself as in favor of a censorship of American movies, American radio, etc., and then the Roman Catholic Des Moines *Register* says editorially: "Censorship always betrays either misgiving as to the merits of one's position or else the existence of a minority despotism."

"The Unknown Soldier"

SAYS Edmund Alin Grey, in the Dallas (Texas) *Kaleidograph*, respecting the Unknown Soldier: "He sleeps beneath a roof of stone as nerveless as his stiffened limbs, and hears no pious frauds intone the measures of their specious hymns. He is a shaft set up for men to gauge and read their follies by. Oh, poor blind fools, will you again believe the unctuous cunning lie?"

Punishment for Crime

THE New York *American* quotes Captain Donald Wilkie, criminologist, as saying that for crime in America it is 6 to 1 the criminal won't be arrested, 12 to 1 he won't go to prison if caught and tried, and 124 to 1 he won't be executed. Politicians, influence, shyster lawyers, red tape, perjury and alibis block the path of justice.

Public vs. Parochial Schools

THE fight of the Roman hierarchy against the American public school system goes on in every state in the Union. Amendment is asked to the Constitution of the State of New York, so that funds may be diverted from public schools to the schools of the pope.

What a Grammarian Said

WHAT a grammarian said: He said that that *that that that* that modifies is incorrect. And maybe he was right at that, but it does seem a little confusing to a human creature to see the same word six times in succession.

20,000 Suicides a Year

IN THE year 1933 there were 19,993 suicides in the United States, which is just another way of saying that the country is completely ruined.

Science and Invention

Doctor George W. Carver, Chemist

DR. GEORGE W. CARVER, chemist of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, is a colored man, 70 years of age. He is credited with having produced 285 useful articles from the peanut, and 165 from the sweet potato. Among those developed from the peanut are face powder, synthetic rubber, milk, cream, butter, cheese, ice cream, instant coffee, pickles, sauces, oils, face and shaving lotions, rubbing oils, emulsions, seventeen kinds of wood stains, axle grease, lard, linoleum, breakfast foods, stock foods, soap and ink. He has been offered \$175,000 a year for his services, which offer was declined. He does not take anybody into his confidence as to how the articles enumerated are made. He is alleged to give the Creator credit for all the discoveries he has made.

Death from Gold Injections

IN England a new way to kill people has been discovered. Gold is injected into the blood stream to cure arthritis. Referring to the sudden death of a woman who had received several such injections, Dr. Geoffrey Holmes, writing in the *British Medical Journal*, expressed his doubts of the wisdom of shooting people full of metals of all kinds and said: "During the past six months I have heard of two cases of the treatment of arthritis by gold injections which terminated fatally."

Great Changes in Steel Business

SIXTY years ago 86 percent of all steel was made in Bessemer converters; in 1934 it was but 8 percent, while open-hearth plants turned out 92 percent. The latest from Pittsburgh is that sheet steel is made directly from molten metal, without going through the processes of ingot making, soaking pits, blooming mills, etc. The process has also been adapted to the rolling of brass. Very considerable reduction in cost will follow.

News Gets Through in 1,500 Years

SOME time about the fall of the Roman Empire a star now called Nova Herculis exploded, and the light of the explosion is now reaching the earth, having been all that time on the way. The star at present is one of the twelve most brilliant in the heavens. The universe is believed to be 500,000,000 light years across. Light travels 186,300 miles a second.

Liquid Copper Produced in Chicago

LIQUID copper has been produced in the University of Chicago. It is expected to be of great use in the production of corrosion-resisting paints. Silver was changed to cadmium at the Institute of Technology (Cambridge, Mass.), and the students not only saw the latter change, but heard it, as the explosion which accompanied the change was amplified millions of times.

Motion Pictures in Relief

AFRENCH inventor, Louis Lumiere, working in the motion picture field, projects two images, one yellowish-green and the other blue; the spectator wears spectacles correspondingly tinted. The result, in the brain, is that the two pictures are combined into a single brilliant black and white relief.

Effects of Wireless on Nervous Systems

SOME wireless amateurs have found that after working with shortwave transmitters they have suffered from heat and other unpleasant sensations. Attempts are being made to use these short waves therapeutically, with doubtful results.

Petrified Forests of Utah

IN SOUTHEASTERN Utah, in a valley difficult of access, some forty miles long and ten to fifteen miles wide, there has been discovered one of the greatest petrified forests ever located. The trees, some of them, are ten to thirteen feet in diameter and 75 to 200 feet long.

Automatic Ship Clocks

BRITISH shipbuilders are constructing two new ships in which all clocks aboard will give accurate time whether the ship is sailing east or west. When moving eastward the clocks will automatically gain, while westward they will automatically lose.

Sagebrush Has Its Uses

HITHERTO always regarded as the most useless thing in the world, it now appears that sagebrush has some value. It contains three valuable oils, including camphor and eucalyptol, and it is believed that with this oil removed the residue will make good stock feed.

Comfort

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

THE people are in great distress and in need of comfort. Jehovah is the Father of mercy and God of all comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:3) He provides comfort for them through a knowledge of His Word. When the people are fully convinced that oppression will end and that the blessings of peace and prosperity are certain and are near, that knowledge will bring comfort to those that mourn. Jehovah's witnesses are endeavoring to aid the people to gain a knowledge of the truth that will comfort them.

Why is there so much poverty, suffering and distress among all the peoples of the earth? The Scriptures answer that question in these words: 'Because the Devil has come down to earth and is gathering all the nations to the battle of Armageddon, seeking their destruction.' (Revelation 12:12; 16:13-16) For many centuries Satan the Devil has been the invisible ruler of the world; and now the end of his rule has come and he knows that the time is short until the final war must be fought, and he hastens to drive all the people to despair that they might turn away from God and be destroyed. Jesus said that at the end of Satan's world the people would be in distress and perplexity; and it is even so now, because we have reached the end of the world.—Luke 21:25, 26.

Now learn the truth and receive comfort. Christ Jesus, the world's rightful Ruler, has come. Soon He will completely destroy Satan's oppressive organization and set the people free. Just before that work of great destruction the Lord sends forth faithful men and women to be His witnesses and to inform the people of God's gracious provision for their blessing. Christ, now present, is dividing the peoples as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats; which Jesus himself illustrated by the parable. That separating work is being done by having the people informed of the truth, that they may intelligently decide whom they will serve. By His truth the Lord is now binding up the broken-hearted and giving comfort to those that mourn and who desire to see righteousness rule the world. A knowledge of the truth assures them that such blessings are near.

Soon Armageddon will be fought, resulting in complete destruction of Satan's oppressive rule. Then trouble, suffering and sorrow will end. The Lord Jesus Christ as the invisible Ruler will rule the world in righteousness, and righteous men will represent Him on earth, and the righteous rule shall never end. Just now we are in the transition period from wicked rule to that of righteous government. Speaking of the blessings that shall come to the people soon under the rule of Christ Jesus, the Scriptures say (Psalm 72:4, 7, 12, 17): "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed."

Jesus has taught all good persons to pray for the coming of God's kingdom, and now that prayer is about to be fulfilled. His kingdom will bring blessings far beyond the fondest imagination of men. The earth shall be filled with the glory of God, and all who desire righteousness and who obey the Lord shall dwell upon the earth forever in continuous peace and prosperity. God's Word is true, and He will perform exactly what He has promised. Through His prophet He says: 'I have purposed it, and I will also do it.' Learn the truth and be greatly comforted, and then pass that message of comfort on to your neighbor that he also may rejoice.

Take note of some of the precious promises set forth in God's Word and receive comfort therefrom: The people are now encompassed by enemies such as sickness, suffering and death, and by reason thereof the world is filled with sorrow. The Bible says (1 Corinthians 15) that under the reign of Christ all enemies, including death, will be destroyed. Those who obey the Lord shall be given life, and then the people will no longer be sick, as it is written in the

Scriptures. The people being in good health and strong and happy, no more tears of sorrow will flow. In Revelation 21 it is written concerning the blessings of the Kingdom that God will wipe

away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, crying nor pain. Such are some of the blessings that Jehovah has in store for the people.

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Let Every Man Select His Own Vestments

Takes His Stand for Baal

SAID C. H. Stuart, in the *Tampa Morning Tribune*:

"Several days ago there appeared, in the space you so generously contribute to public opinion, a letter condemning as 'public nuisance No. 1' a certain class of people who invade our homes under the guise and pretense of being Jehovah's special appointees. Mention was also made of the very eminent position assumed by these people through their bombastic vituperation of Christendom in general. Also the beclouded and veiled threats to all who would not accept their interpretation of the Scriptures as correct. I am in position to offer first-hand information concerning these 'invasions', for at one time I wasted much time in the dissemination of this ridiculous propaganda. This organization has men, of the 'chosen' variety, to make periodical visits to assemblies, not of this nation only, but throughout the earth, mind you; to drill and teach the best method of 'approach' and 'salesmanship'. The proposition of major importance is 'to sell your wares and bring in the money'. Where does the money go? For more of the same stuff written by the same man, who arrogantly claims to be the greatest of all men since Christ and the apostles. People in general are easily frightened. Then, too, the vast majority know so little about the Bible they seldom dispute these extravagant assertions. Such a one does not exist in this present generation. Christ will attend to everything when he returns."

The foregoing letter is published because it perfectly fits all the conditions which the Scriptures attach to the "evil servant" class. There is the admission that he once believed the Lord's presence; the admission that now it is no longer believed; there is the smiting of fellow servants; there is the eating and drinking with those that stand for the abominations of "Christendom". The Lord has cut him off; he has been given his portion with the hypocrites; and the screed in

the *Tampa Morning Tribune* is his "gnashing of teeth". Nothing is missing. See the account in Matthew 24:48-51. The Lord continues His story about a wicked and slothful servant, in the next chapter; tells of his being cut off from the light of truth; tells of his weeping and gnashing of teeth; and finally tells of the "goats" that are cursed and sent into everlasting destruction prepared for the Devil and his angels. All this can now be plainly seen.

Catholics Take Their Stand for God

THE following are from former Catholics in France and Italy, addressed to the Paris office:

Since I came back to Italy I have been busy making known the Truth and I continue to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, thus accomplishing God's will. The ecclesiastical papers here claim that Protestantism is increasing, and they warn their readers that the Bible is not sufficient. Notwithstanding great contradiction, by God's grace I remain firm in the Truth, and, according to His promises, we shall be comforted.

—A. J., *Vallée d'Aoste*.

About a year ago one of your representatives called at my little home. He left with me a book *Creation*, by J. F. Rutherford. In order to fully understand its contents I read it three times, and am now greatly satisfied, for it is only too true that those in power have kept the people in ignorance. . . .

—N. F. M., *Corrèze*.

Although Catholic (and your ideas are not like those of our priests), I am always happy to hear your fine lectures by radio. Well, I ask God to put me in the right way which I must follow, and I think it is your purpose to help us therein.—MME D. D., *Seine Inf.*

Overalls Section

Reverend Yard Visions the Overalls

REVEREND W. R. YARD, pastor of the First Baptist church, Marshalltown, Iowa, seems to see what is ahead for him in the way of farm work or some other useful occupation, when, in a circular letter to his parishioners, he says: "If 75 percent of the church members have no vital interest in the churches of any community, do those churches any longer serve any real need, and might not the 25 percent about as well quit, too, and let the church die or go out of business? If 60 percent of the members of our church have no real interest in any part of its work, would it not be as well for the other 40 percent to quit, turn out the 300 enrolled in the Bible school, and permit our church to die along with the rest?" As additional argument for permitting the church to expire and give him a chance at the farm work which the prophet Zechariah (in Chapter 13) suggests as an honorable substitute for the line of work which now engages his attention, Reverend Yard explains that he knows of 32 members of his church that have not attended his services in over eleven years, 52 rarely attend, and 109 attend only occasionally. If the "Reverend" will read *Light* (Books One and Two), *Vindication* (Books One, Two and Three), *Preparation*, *Preservation*, *Jehovah*, any of them, he will understand why the farm yawns for him.

What Reverend Gates Does Not Know

REVEREND MILO HUDSON GATES, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, explaining some of the things he does not know, said: "I was never taught by my Savior any definite, legal, categorical reason why it is that the man who is most needed in his community, at the zenith of all his powers, just when he is able to do more than he had ever done before, drops dead, and some drunken sot and butt end of humanity persists existing to the torment and worry of all around him. I do not know why it is that awful diseases exist in the world." He admitted he could not absolutely prove the existence of God, and wound up by saying, "I think that we ourselves have the privilege of doing our share to bring this world to perfection." Now, there it is. He admits that the world is in a terrible condition; he doesn't know if there is a God; but in the absence of any knowledge on the subject he and a few others will shortly put everything in apple-pie order and all will live happy ever after.

Mr. Bennett Doesn't Want the Dances

ATTORNEY JAMES E. BENNETT, of Park Row, New York city, doesn't want dances in the pulpits of Presbyterian churches and doesn't want missionaries in the field who don't believe the Bible, but he is considered out of date and behind the times by those that are running the present Presbyterian church system. He has been asked to resign from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Indeed, he was directed to resign, but did not do so. And that has not hindered him from protesting against the dances of Miss Ruth St. Denis, who has been giving other Presbyterians a thrill by illustrating to them "the gradual ascent of man's soul from the moment he acknowledges his need of spiritual light to the final radiation". The final radiation, it may be explained, is that the 'radiated' person doesn't believe a word in the Bible from cover to cover, and doesn't know one thing of what life is all about. Miss St. Denis says that "in the next five years dancing in church will become so common that there will be no criticism about it from the point of novelty"; and she may be right at that. Better sell your cabaret and vaudeville stock at once.

High Cost of Fire Escapes

WRITING on church finances, in the Oakland (Calif.) *Tribune*, L. A. Mason, of that city, says:

"In re that \$22,000 a year to operate one church in Oakland: Did it ever occur to you to figure up what it costs to preach the gospel to a handful of old folks? Go into any one of the imposing palaces of religion any Sunday, and what do you find? A bleak expanse of pews thinly populated by a few dozen nice old ladies, a smaller number of fine, elderly husbands who are present only as the result of wifely stress and compulsion, and a mere half-dozen of young people who have been dragged in by main strength and awkwardness."

Biting the Hands That Feed Him

BITING the hands that feed him, Bishop Henry W. Hobson, of Cincinnati, in an address at the Episcopal convention in Chicago, said that a majority of present-day church members are 'religious morons'. He could have gone on to explain that the reason for their mental condition is the kind of religious pabulum passed out to them by their teachers; but maybe he did not want to confess.

Promotion of Reverend Stuart

THE London *Star* tells of the promotion of the Reverend Herbert Edward Stuart. In a dispatch from Beckenham, England, it tells of an earnest desire on the part of Mr. Stuart to get out of the church business and get into something honest. This gentleman has become a grocer. The account says, in part: "Until two weeks ago [he] was assistant to the vicar of Holy Trinity church, Stepney. And all the 25 years he has been connected with the Church of England he has been longing for his own shop counter, his own bacon-cutting machine, and butter pats." And so the reformation proceeds.

Salaries of the Bishops

THE archbishop of Canterbury receives a salary of \$75,000 a year; the archbishop of York, \$45,000; the bishop of London, \$50,000; the bishop of Durham, \$35,000; the bishop of Bath and Wells, \$25,000; the bishop of Salisbury, \$25,000; the bishop of Oxford, \$25,000; the bishop of Exeter, \$14,000; and the bishop of Sodor and Man, \$10,000. The total loss to the country, however, is not the \$304,000 thus worse than wasted. That is only the beginning of the trouble, which extends down to the poorest-paid curate in the land. The total influence for evil is incalculable.

All Depends on the Sermon

REVEREND HAROLD CUTBILL, Boston, explaining why he arranged for a young lady in abbreviated costume to dance the fan dance in his pulpit as a part of the religious performance, explained that "dancing has as important a part in religion as singing or sermons". He did not explain that it all depends on the sermon. The Scriptures are silent on the ability of Mary and Martha and Priscilla and others of Bible times to do the tango, or whatever it was they danced back there; so one wonders where Reverend Cutbill got his information.

The Rabbi and the Y.M.C.A.

SOME old-fashioned people may wonder what connection there is between a Jewish rabbi and a Y.M.C.A. But the Cincinnati Y.M.C.A. sees nothing incongruous in having Rabbi James G. Heller of the Center Synagogue as a director of its activities. The irresistible conclusion is that the term "Christian" does not belong in the name of the association.

The Clergy and the A. F. of L.

THIRTY clergymen in New York have petitioned the American Federation of Labor for a charter. The apostle Paul said, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content"; but these thirty could show the apostle something. They think they should have \$2,500 a year, not realizing, of course, that they are a total loss to their fellow men, and actually a liability. What part hath a clergyman with a federation of labor, and what concord hath one who toils not with those who sweat?

Should Try the Witness Work in New Jersey

THE Right Reverend Frank W. Creighton, bishop of Long Island, in an address in Brooklyn, said: "The trouble today is that we have no danger. We are not suffering and fighting against a persecution as of old. There is nought to oppose us, with the result that our faith wilts and becomes soft." The "Reverend" should take a few Sundays off and go out as one of the witnesses in the New Jersey division of Jehovah's witnesses. Thirty days in jail for preaching the gospel would give him a brand-new outlook on life.

The God and Scriptures of Nationalism

REFERRING to nationalism the social service committee of the Philadelphia annual conference, Methodist Episcopal church, said:

"It erects its own God. Its chief symbol of faith and central object of worship is the flag with its curious liturgical forms and attitudes, to which the child is taught the strictest allegiance. The national anthem is listened to with awe in a standing posture with uncovered head. Nationalism has its holy scriptures—the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Washington's farewell address, the Monroe Doctrine, and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg."

Overlooked the Bible

REVEREND HAROLD MARLEY, vicar of Sedgley, Worcestershire, England, forgot there is such a book as the Bible, and feeling that he must do something for his wages he preached that hereafter there must not be any evidences in his church of either lipsticks or bare legs. Probably this will keep some of the congregation away, but most of them will stay away anyway, feeling that the show he puts on is altogether on the bum.

With the Catholics of America

(From *Le Catholique de L'Ain, France*)

IT IS a magnificent spectacle to see the superb position the Catholics have been able to acquire in the United States.

It was not easy for them to make a place for themselves amongst the multitude of Protestant sects, all very hostile towards the "papacy".

They have made it by the exercise of patience, energy, loyalty, charity and discipline.

Their position today is invulnerable. They have conquered all calumnies, lies and prejudices. They have acquired the respect of all. It would be impossible to organize persecution against them.

And they make, unceasingly, numerous and often noble acquisitions. In the jumble of sects, in the uncertainty of beliefs, the Catholic church, by the firmness of its creed, the purity of its morale, its wonderful unity, the discipline of the faithful under the hierarchy, has acquired an incomparable prestige, a force of irresistible attraction.

The American Catholics number more than twenty millions, are united, faithful, and proud of their faith. Their social works, as hospitals, asylums, shelters, orphanages, libraries, laboratories, schools, universities, are models, everywhere.

The place they have acquired in the life of the church has become so important that the Holy See has elected, almost simultaneously, four American cardinals: Mgr. Hayes, archbishop of New York; Mgr. Mundelein, archbishop of Chicago; Mgr. O'Connell, archbishop of Boston; and Mgr. Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia.

And in national life they are always in the first rank. Amongst religious groups they are the most numerous, most active and the hardest. They are at the head of all great activities, the fight against prohibition, against immoral cinemas, the fight for disarmament and peace for the nations, the campaign against religious persecution in Mexico.

In addition, they balk at nothing in the way of progress, and draw back before no sacrifice; their bearing is neither humiliated nor provocative; they are just, they are "chic". They have an immense influence in the great Republic, and it grows each day.

They have never had a criticizing, grumbling attitude, always discontented, the attitude of defeat ill supported, living in an obsolete past, an attitude such as many French Catholics have

never been able to quit. Instead of letting their eyes rest on a past of defeat, they fix them on a future of conquest.

Their souls are those of victors, hardy, happy, inviting, and, for that reason, they go from progress on to progress.

No Five Spot, No 500 Days

ANY man that would try to Jew down a seller of indulgences to less than one cent a day for keeping him out of a bonfire that otherwise would roast him to a piece of charcoal is certainly a piker and ought to be publicly exposed. It is with pleasure therefore that the following memorandum is reprinted. It originally accompanied a rosary and said: "This rosary is blessed with the Crozier Blessing, which means that an indulgence of 500 days is to be gained for each 'Our Father' and each 'Hail Mary' recited on its beads. This indulgence, granted first by Leo X, is applicable to both the living and to the suffering souls. The heart which joins the chain is also specially blessed as a scapular medal, giving the one who carries the rosary, and has been once enrolled in the scapular, the advantages of indulgences bestowed on those who wear the scapular. These favors are not to be gained until the Five Dollars collected, or contributed, for the pious cause has been forwarded to the Sacred Heart Union, Arlington, N. J." That's nicely put; now, isn't it? Everything is blessed all O.K. and you get the 500 days indulgence all O.K., but if you hold back on the five bucks, then the whole thing is no good, none at all, just so much junk, a false alarm.

The Confessional in Utah

OBJECTING strenuously to the law which would require priests to disclose the whereabouts of murderers and thieves, the Right Reverend Monsignor D. G. Hunt, vicar-general of the Catholic diocese of Salt Lake, issued a statement in which he said: "Every man has the right to benefit of clergy. No matter how criminal he may be, he does not lose the right to pour out his troubles to a minister of religion in whom he has confidence, and to ask for help which only a minister can give. Incidentally, the more criminal he is, the more urgently he needs to exercise this right." He announced that "regardless of the statutes of any legislature" the priests would continue as heretofore.

Catholics Not Interested in Their Press

THE following extract from *The Catholic Messenger* of June 15, 1935, indicates that Catholics generally have little confidence in Catholic papers. They seem to realize that these papers are published to further the interests of the hierarchy, and not to give out the truth.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—There has been talk at the Catholic University from time to time,—all unofficial, and largely conjecture, of course,—about the possibilities of making the *Washington Post* a national Catholic daily. There are men who have such dreams. Nothing will ever be done about the fantasies, but, some pleasure is derived from speculation.

The *Post*, for many reasons, could have been changed over into that long-dreamed-of Catholic daily, so it has been said. In its long history it has never been sensational and it has been generally fair to all creeds. [?] In the last national election it hammered the bigots while it supported the opponents of the candidate the bigots were attacking.

Where the \$3,000,000 necessary for the purchase of the paper could have been raised is a question. Unlike Christian Scientists, Catholics are not as a rule interested in their faith to the extent of investing in Catholic publications. Part of the fault rests with the individual members of the church, and part with the publishers. Be that as it may, the fact nevertheless remains that raising \$3,000,000 would have been a task. Perhaps an impossible task. And what kind of a paper could it be under Catholic auspices? . . .

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Cistercian Order Doing a Good Business

THE Cistercian Order, in care of the "Monastery of Our Lady of Spring Bank", Okauchee, Wis., seems to be doing a good business. Here is some of its advertising literature. The headlines are interesting: "Lend the Cistercian Order Money at Six Percent; Lend the Cistercian Order Money for Only Five Years; Lend the Cistercian Order Money on Ample Security; Lend the Cistercian Order Money for the Cause of God." What do the people get back? Oh, they get bonds, in denominations of \$1000, \$500, \$100, and \$50. They can pay in installments, too, and the bonds are transferable. Just think of that. And they can be left in a will. Isn't that generous? The same advertising literature tells how you can join the "Cistercian Perpetual Mass League", by either sending in \$10 in a lump sum or in parts, or \$100 for an entire family of Pa and Ma and the eight kids. This may make it necessary for them to go without shoes, but the circular explains that Christ is hungry and they want to still the hunger of Christ, and if you

loosen up and send them money, money, money, why, the hunger will be stilled. The literature refers to Him as the "Divine Babe"; and if you knew a "Divine Babe" was hungry, and would not let go of your wad to still his hunger, then you are hard-hearted and deserve to be kept awake at night when you want to sleep. Why should he be quiet if you don't pay?

Inquisition Re-established in Spain

SEÑOR FELIX GORDON ORDAS, former Spanish minister for commerce and industry, is the author of an 18,000-word document giving details of the re-establishment of the Inquisition in Spain. In Mieres, in a Catholic college known as Christian Doctrine College, an old established form of Inquisitional torture was re-established: prisoners' wrists were tied together, a rope was slipped between the arms, and the rope was passed over a pulley, and the prisoners were hoisted in the air. Some were suspended for nine hours and now have both arms paralyzed; some suffered loss of speech. In one instance sixteen prisoners, whose names were not known, were taken from prison and their bleeding bodies thrown into a coal mine. To extort confessions men have been compelled to lie prostrate on the ground while soldiers clubbed them into submission. Women have been similarly clubbed. One man had every tooth knocked out by blows with a rifle-butt. Spain is once more fully under control of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

This Time It's the Firemen

NEW YORK city and vicinity have everything that can be desired in the way of Holy Name Societies, even to saloons; this last in Newark. The public press is loaded down with Holy Name Society this and Holy Name Society that, to get the public used to the idea that everything in the city and almost everything in the country and in the world is run by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The latest, in New York, is the Holy Name Society of the Fire Department. On April 28, 1935, 1,000 members of the Society had a so-called "communion" breakfast at the Hotel Astor, New York. This happened eight days after a big waterfront fire in Brooklyn at which 144 out of 411 firemen on the job were injured, and, most deservedly, were highly commended in the press. That they were all Catholics, however, was not true.

Demonism—Devil Worship—Hypnotism

Stigmata Caused by Demons

THE demons have certain powers over the bodies of those who submit to them. They have been known to cause wounds somewhat similar to those believed to have been made in Christ's hands and feet when nailed to the tree. The object is to dishonor God. The crucifixion of Christ, though not prevented by God, was the work of the Devil, and was done by the Devil's agents. It was all permitted by the Higher Power and is for ever a thing of the past. Christ dieth no more. It was all right in Paul's day for him to preach and talk of little else than "Christ and Him crucified"; today the great message of God's people is the vindication of God's name, though the Vindicator, to be sure, is that same One who was crucified so long ago. Live in the present. Do now the things God wishes you to do now.

Worshipping the Devil in London

THE magazine called *Inside Stuff* asserts that in the most exclusive residential districts of London are three temples with floors covered with the skins of lizards, snakes and leopards, in which, as in similar temples in Paris, the Devil himself is actually worshiped and invoked. The worshipers are all absolutely nude. The center of each edifice is occupied by a gigantic urn adorned with the symbols of the zodiac.

While this open worship of the Devil is comparatively rare among so-called "civilized nations", a little reflection will show that those who will not worship and obey Jehovah God serve the Devil quite as fully as do those who go through the formal rites of his cult.

Curious Malady at Equinoxes

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., reports the curious changes which twice a year take place in the organism of Mary Kate Ware, now 12 years of age. At vernal and autumnal equinoxes, it is said, her fingers shrivel into talons, her childish face becomes haggard and pinched, her back acquires a hump, her head sinks, her arms grow limp, and a withered foot manifests itself. After the equinox has passed she again becomes normal. The most reasonable explanation of this malady, said to have baffled 200 doctors, is that this is the work of demons, seeking to bring dishonor upon the great Creator at the turn of the year.

"Let's Say I Am the Devil"

THE colored people of Harlem have injured their race prospects greatly by the fools they made of themselves over the Reverend M. J. Divine. Many, many thousands have ecstasically and frenziedly insisted that "Father" Divine is God. Pulled up in front of Justice Panken, who demanded an explicit answer to the question "Are you or are you not God?" and facing a jail term if he did not tell the truth, this miserable demonized fanatic answered: "No, I am not God, but millions of people think I am, and I'd like them to believe it. Let's say I am the Devil."

What Awful Liars the Demons Are!

WHAT awful liars the demons are! Very appropriately the Scriptures call them "lying spirits". London hypnotists, comprising Dr. Alexander Cannon, Dr. E. T. Jensen and Dr. Radwan, claim to have, by hypnotic methods, carried a woman's memory back year by year to the day of her birth, then to a half hour before her birth, and ultimately back to the planet Venus. All this was the work, not of the woman's memory, but of demons that invaded her mind while she was subject to the invisible powers invoked.

Cattle Go Wild in Ohio

FOR reasons unknown, cattle have gone wild in certain parts of eastern Ohio, steers jumping fences with perfect ease. In one instance it was necessary to summon the sheriff and shoot the cattle down. This is possibly because the cattle ate loco weed, due to their normal feed's being dried up by the drought. Another reason might be that it is the work of demons, as they have been known to do such things to cattle. The swine became crazed on the shore of Galilee in this manner.

The Hallucinations of Hypnotism

THE hallucinations of hypnotism bear all the marks of demonism. A boy hypnotized into thinking an onion was an apple ate it with evident relish. Another boy was hypnotized into thinking he could not see a certain person who was present in the room. When that person put on a hat and walked about the room the boy was astonished to see the hat apparently floating in the air. Hypnotism is possible only when the victim submits wholly to the will of the medium.

America's Huge Imports of Food—and Why *By Tom Linder (Georgia)*

(Tom Linder is Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia)

MILLIONAIRE international bankers in this country loaned millions of dollars to foreign countries to promote war. In the war which followed, foreign countries bought from America many thousands of shiploads of everything from bayonets, with which to kill, to wheat, to eat, and medicine to treat the wounded.

In exchange for these supplies, shiploads of gold came from London, from Paris, from Rome and from Oriental nations. Nearly all the gold in the world was piled up in vaults in Washington and New York.

After the gold was piled up in this country we shipped other thousands of shiploads of war munitions, food and medicine, on a credit. In America, the number of millionaires grew by leaps and bounds, because of profits on the war.

Since the war closed these American international bankers want to collect their money from foreign countries. They cannot collect any gold, because the gold is all in this country.

They cannot collect any farm commodities, because the American farmer is working in the cold of winter and in the heat of summer to produce food and clothing, not only for the people of America, but to ship a surplus to foreign countries.

These American international bankers are determined to collect their profits from foreign countries, whether or not.

First, there are the newspapers of America—they agitate the question that Europe should be made to pay us what they owe us. Who is us that Europe should be made to pay?

Europe did not owe the American farmer anything; therefore the American farmer was not us.

Europe did not owe the American merchant anything; therefore the American merchant was not us.

Europe did not owe the ordinary American banker anything; therefore the ordinary American banker was not us.

But the us that Europe was to be made to pay was the international banks of Wall Street.

The Wall Street bankers are systematic—they are not fools. They saw that before they could collect from foreign countries there must be created a shortage in foodstuffs in this country, so that foodstuffs could be imported from these debtor nations.

Immediately, a program was put on. Six million hogs were slaughtered and thrown into the

river. One-fourth of the cotton was plowed up and destroyed.

When we see millions of hogs slaughtered and thrown into the river; when we see cotton plowed up by the millions of acres; when we see farmers hired to go into the business of not raising food crops for the hungry millions, can any sane man doubt that there is deliberate method and intent to bring about a shortage of food in the United States, so that these international bankers can ship food crops from debtor nations into this country and thereby collect the war debts made twenty years ago?

Today, I received authentic information from Washington that should startle every American, except the bankers of Wall Street, from the president down!

I will give you a few figures to indicate the extent to which this country is being thrown into chaos, in order to enable these Wall Street bankers to collect their gold.

During the month of February, alone, which is one-twelfth of the year, this country imported from foreign countries 320,000,000 pounds of vegetable oils and oil-producing seeds and tallow.

In five months we are importing as much oil as we get from our entire crop of cotton.

America alone can use two and one-half times as much oil as we get from our entire cottonseed crop. Yet we are hiring people not to plant cotton, the most valuable food crop that we have in America.

During the month of February we imported, among other things, 13,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil; 4,000,000 pounds of peanut oil; 27,000,000 pounds of cocoanut oil from the Philippines; 22,000,000 pounds of palm oil from the Philippines; 111,000,000 pounds of flaxseed from which the oil is to be taken; and 16,000,000 pounds of tallow.

We have developed the rayon industry. Out of trees we are making cloth to substitute for cotton. We are shipping jute, duty-free, from India, and Mr. Wallace has even taken the processing tax off the jute, so that it can be made and sold cheaper than low-grade cotton, in order to encourage the importation of jute.

Our cotton is stacked up under a government loan but it cannot move in world markets.

A few days ago, in Liverpool, the ruling was changed, so that cotton from any country could be delivered on cotton futures contracts. This

is why the cotton market dropped two hundred points in one day, with the government guaranteeing a price of twelve cents.

The world knows that America cannot consume the cotton which she produces and that sooner or later this cotton is going on the world markets at world-market prices.

While the government hires the farmers to let their land lie idle and not to grow corn, we are importing a million bushels of corn every week from South America.

Under the present set-up, it will be a matter of only a short time before we will be importing wheat and hogs in like quantities as we are now importing corn and oil.

Corn, wine and oil were the principal commodities depended upon for sustaining human life in the early history of civilized world. Today, corn and oil are the principal products that are being imported, so that New York bankers can collect their money, while the American farmers stand idly by, asking their government for help and wondering what can be done.

When this country, as a whole, has the most corn, the most wheat, the most livestock, the most clothing and the most shoes, that is when we, as a nation, are in the best condition.

When we allow ourselves to be fooled into thinking that we are better off when we have fewer of the necessities of life, because they will bring more money; when we allow ourselves to be led into a love of money, we are being led into the beginning of evil, because the LOVE OF MONEY is the root of all evil.

Helps Boost the Price of Meat

HOW the great desire to get the prices of food as high as possible can be helped forward is shown by two items from Toledo. The first is that 499,000 pounds of meat intended for the unemployed was kept until it was spoiled and was then shipped to Columbus and destroyed; and the second was like unto it: a federal inspector was on the way to examine 452,000 additional pounds believed to have also spoiled. Not wishing to embarrass anybody, but just can't help wondering why this meat was not parceled out before it was spoiled. Maybe those that helped forward the spoilage are vegetarians on the rampage, but it hardly seems likely. Why was it necessary to send the trainload of spoiled meat to the political headquarters of the state to destroy it?

On Relief

By One of the Unemployed

I AM a widow with one child, a small son. I positively have nothing. My only help is in the relief, and slim, very slim, it is. The director we have is such a hard-hearted, cold-hearted director. She's so "hard-boiled". There are good, honest people and children who are nearly starving in this county. She knows, but cares not. It's her big salary she cares for. If I can ever finish this letter to you—I speak the holy truth. I nearly starve; tonight I have only one quart of cornmeal in my house. My son and I ate dry cornmeal, just salt in it and cold water, for our supper. I work as a ———. Now, here's how it goes. Say I have nine days a month, six hours a day, 15c per hour. I worked this week, yet I will not get a cent for this week's work till Friday a week. Well, when nine days are up we have to wait two or three weeks again for work, then wait two weeks for our pay. I haven't a cent. No store will let relief folks, the poorest, have things on credit. I have \$5 a month rent to pay, wood to buy, flour, fattiest kind of fat back meat. I can't buy a thing to nourish us or give us strength. I am nearly wild with worry. I stay so weak I can hardly work. No lunch to take to work. I am nearly threadbare. They will not give us clothes.

"Why Try to Sell Us War?"

AT Central High School, Philadelphia, Lieutenant Hinkle, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, was canvassing the students about joining the Army Reserve Corps, when all at once one of the students shouted, "What's the idea, trying to sell us war? Why not try to sell us peace?" With that one of the teachers chipped in and said, "I'd like to know what is behind this sudden effort to get these boys to become mass murderers. How far has this thing gone?" Lieutenant Hinkle said that was as far as it had gone, and was told that was far enough.

Probation Farms in Michigan

IN THE state of Michigan prisoners eligible for probation, instead of being thrown out on a hostile world to shift for themselves as best they can, are given work, for regular wages, on probation farms. Here they work under a supervisor and attendants, but there are no guards. The objective is to really help the prisoners to get back on their feet.

Agricultural Items

Dust Storms Have Hurt the West

DUST storms have hurt the West. The headlines tell the story as follows: "Prairies of West Doomed to Be Desert"; "Dust Storm Hides Sun in Denver; City's Premiere Comes with Unusual Suddenness; Lights on at Noon; Six Deaths Already"; "Black Dust Storm Chokes Midwest; Land and Air Traffic Halts and Schools Close as Darkness of Night Descends; All Are Driven Indoors; Death Toll Rises to 5 as New Clouds Sweep over Wheat-Growing Plains States; Warned to Remain Indoors; Fight to Keep Homes Clear; Eastern Skies Grow Hazy"; "A Tornado Stirs Up the Dust; Powerful Winds Sweeping over the West Blow Away the Fertile Topsoil if It Is Unprotected by a Cover of Vegetation"; "Dust Storm Traced to Effects of War; W. A. White Says Frantic Dry Farming in High-Prices Era Ruined Sod of Prairies; Droughts Added to Evil; Kansas Editor Describes Eerie Light and Murk as Greatest Show Since Pompeii; Protection Lost in Vast Area; Dry Cycle Still Unbroken." And so they go. Under the circumstances there is a very great danger indeed of a famine, without anybody down at Washington creating an artificial one to help it along. What an interesting thing that the World War should now be revealed as an agent of destruction from yet another direction!

More American Wines Used

WITH the resumption of their usual habits it is found that Americans are drinking more of their own wines and paying less attention to French wines than was once the case. Part of this, no doubt, is the deep resentment felt in this country at French repudiation, not of its war debt, which was wiped out and forgiven, but of the money borrowed since the war. Efforts of the French to rehabilitate their country in American eyes are sure to fail, so long as honest debts are left for the American taxpayer to handle the best way he can. And that goes for Britain too.

Half a Million New Farmers

DESPITE the removal of millions of acres of submarginal lands, with incident removal of farmers themselves from the lands thus acquired by the government, it is estimated that in the United States, in the past five years, at least a half million new farms were added to those already in cultivation.

No Established Residence

THE Little Rock (Ark.) *Democrat*, in a dispatch from Wynne, Ark., tells of a man who has been share cropping for 23 years. He lost his wife; he was left with five motherless children and four others, orphan relatives. In 1933 several of the children were ill and his expenses ate up his entire share of the crop. He was evicted from his cabin, as it was needed for other tenants. After he was evicted the county relief office ruled that no aid could be given to him as he was without an established residence; and at the time the dispatch was sent the man was living in the open, on a river bank, trying to bring up his nine little folks to love their country, and even to die for it if need be.

Wanted to Help His Dad

NOBODY can tell what a thirteen-year-old boy will do; that is one of the things that makes life worth living. One in South Dakota wanted to help his father clear off the mortgage on the farm. The father could not afford to buy horses so that the boy could help with the plowing. Youth can always find a way. This time youth wrote to the war department at Washington for a couple of condemned artillery horses, and the best of it was that he got them, with a nice letter to boot. The two horses cost the artillery officers the condemnation price, which was \$35. The whole country was benefited by the deal.

Odorless Cabbage Produced at Cornell

AFTER six years of experimentation the department of plant breeding at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., has evolved an aristocratic cabbage that can be cooked without smelling up the house. About 10,000 seeds were obtained by last year's crop, but, though this number is too small to distribute, it will not be more than a few years now before odorless cabbage will be on the market. The leaves are said to be dark-green, crinkly, and more digestible.

Too Many Rabbits in Kansas

THE past winter, it is estimated, 1,000,000 rabbits were killed in Kansas in an effort to keep down what is there considered a pest. Every Sunday for weeks many thousands were driven into enclosures and there clubbed to death, to save cost of ammunition, and possible injuries to hunters.

Cotton Picking May Pass Away

FOR generations, in slavery and out, cotton picking has meant a livelihood to the southern Negro, but his work may soon pass, never to return. The new Rust brothers' cotton picker carries several hundred smooth wire spindles which rotate as an endless belt is passed over the cotton row. The spindles are automatically moistened and as they penetrate the plants the moisture causes the mature cotton to adhere to the spindles and to wrap around them. It is claimed that with this device 8,020 pounds of seed cotton were picked in $7\frac{1}{2}$ hours; about 60 times the output of one human picker.

Desert Spreading in Eastern Colorado

THE desert is spreading in eastern Colorado and western Kansas; 2,000,000 acres that three years ago were valuable farm lands are now uninhabitable. Hundreds have left the area, and hundreds more will leave when able to get away. In dust storms people sleep with wet cloths over their noses and wet sheets jammed about door and window sills in a vain effort to keep out the dust that often gets inches thick on floors and furniture. Six persons died from inhalation of dust particles, and many others were made ill with dust pneumonia.

Thistles as Stock Feed

A DISPATCH in the *Tulsa Tribune* claims that in Kansas last winter 400,000 tons of thistles were used as stock feed, such was the desperation of the farmers to get something to feed their cattle and horses. The same dispatch shows that about 400 cattle and horses died as a result of this unsatisfactory food. It was more satisfactory when processed through a feed grinder. In bygone years Kansas farmers paid thousands of dollars to rid the state of Canadian thistles, and now some are actually planting them.

"Shame to the Civilized World"

MRS. J. B. MITCHISON, British woman journalist, investigated the conditions under which the miserable southern share croppers exist, and said, at Memphis:

"If the southern planters realize what a shame they are to the whole civilized world, they'll wake up and do something. I've been all over Europe and part of Africa, but I have never seen anything like it. We in England would not let animals live like those people are forced to live."

Perennial Wheat a Coming Blessing

BY CROSSING many species of perennial wild grass with many types of wheat, at Tomsk, Siberia, the Russians have developed a species of wheat that comes up every year, like grass, needing neither plow nor harrow nor seeder. This perennial wheat sometimes bears 500 heads of grain on one plant, is immune to drought, rust and fungus, and with its roots always holding the soil in place it bids fair to be one of earth's greatest blessings, in God's due time.

A Bumper Crop of Bugs

THE scientists at Washington who know all about the 20,000 kinds of insects that destroy plant life say that 1935 will be one of the worst years ever. The most damaging pests, aside from government officials' ordering crops plowed under, are, in their order, the following: chinch bug, corn-ear worm, grasshopper, boll weevil, bark beetle, Hessian fly, termite, European corn borer, screwworm, webworm, alfalfa weevil, codling moth, pink bollworm and mosquito.

Canada Has 6,000 Fur Farms

CANADA has six thousand fur farms, over five thousand of them fox farms; the silver fox is still a leader. Other animals raised on the fur farms are mink, raccoon, skunk, marten, fisher, coyote, badger, lynx, fitch, ferret, weasel, muskrat, beaver, and the South American chinchilla and coypu. Manitoba, in 1933, exported 1,600,302 pelts.

The Vanishing Alligator

IN Florida, fifty years ago, there were 50,000 alligators slain every year. Now, at last, even the alligator needs protection, and so the state has set aside 2,000 square miles in the southern tip of the state where the poor saurians can be safe from the savage white animals that have taken such toll of this kind in the last half century.

Coyotes Spreading East

COYOTES (wild dogs of the western plains) are now multiplying rapidly in all parts of the country, having been located in New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Michigan, as well as in all the western states. They are shrewd, bold, not dependable, and multiply rapidly.

All Around the Globe

Abyssinian King's Proclamation

THE Abyssinian king, Haile Selassie, with the Italian army at his doors, spoiling for a fight and itching to take over his realm, issued a proclamation in which he said: "It is my hope with God's will to live in peace with all men and to transform the still many backward tribes of Ethiopia (Abyssinia) into industrious Christians. It is a difficult task which requires years of patient tutoring. I am building schools and operating several commercial enterprises, not for personal enrichment, but to have funds to extend my educational program. War is the furthest thing from my thoughts, for war would interrupt my social reforms. War would bring back evil days. We are seeking to progress gradually and peacefully in the direction of a European democracy such as England. I would have the Ethiopians a truly modern people under the kingdom of Jesus Christ." Perhaps Abyssinia could not do it now, but forty years ago the Ethiopians killed 13,000 Italians in one week, and when the men were done the women rushed upon the wounded and mutilated the Italian men with knives in a manner too horrible to be described. Mussolini may get away with his plan to annex Abyssinia, and he may not. The Abyssinians are said to be ready for his next move, and not too patient in their waiting either.

Earthquakes in Formosa the Beautiful

ABOUT all most Americans know of Formosa is that it is an island of considerable size off the coast of China, that it used to belong to China but now belongs to Japan, and that it is the source of the world's supply of camphor. The few whites who have been there describe the scenery as superlatively grand. The island, 235 miles long by 60 broad, was recently the scene of a terrible earthquake, which took at least 3,165 lives and destroyed 31,000 homes. The Japanese Red Cross, accustomed to earthquake relief, handled the situation with clock-like precision and efficiency.

Jewish Immigration into Palestine

OF THE 198,035 Jews that had entered Palestine up to the end of 1934, 77,425 were from Poland, 29,026 from Russia, 15,209 from Germany, 8,599 from Rumania, 6,045 from Arabia, 6,003 from Lithuania, and 4,363 from the United States.

Hastening Hungarians Heavenward

HUNGARIAN women have developed a new industry that has great possibilities. At Debreczen Mrs. John Nagy discovered that by steeping flypaper in hot water she was able to get rid of her hubby and ten other persons. Gradually she let other people in on the secret, and the police now say that hundreds of men have been killed by their wives. One can readily understand how the men would be glad to get rid of such companionship, but it doesn't seem just fair that papa should have to pay for the stuff that bumps him off.

Cree Indians About James Bay

DOCTOR COOPER, of Catholic University at Washington, returning from a study of the primitive Cree Indians about James Bay, Canada, found them kind to the wild animals, never killing them except for food. He found an almost complete absence of cancer. Probably not one of them has an aluminum cooking utensil. They had few cases of heart disease or chronic kidney disease. They alleged that their simple herbal remedies are much more effective than the materials obtained from the white man's drugstore.

Little Home Life in Moscow

THERE is little home life in Moscow, Russia. Two out of three of the people get all their meals in the huge restaurants or factory kitchens that are to be found all over the place. Great numbers of women work in the factories, and, as most families live in one room, there is scant encouragement for a woman to try to prepare home-cooked meals. Moscow now has a subway.

The Saguenay River

NO INFORMATION as to details available, but interested to know that the Saguenay river, flowing east 100 miles from Lake St. John into the St. Lawrence, is the deepest river in the world. Its bed is probably far down in the rift made by an earthquake in prehistoric times. It was once thought the way to China.

Mammoths Found in Arctic Ice

THE bodies of five mammoths have been found on the Yamal peninsula fifteen hundred miles north of Leningrad, Russia, where they have been since the time of the Flood, 4,307 years ago. In two instances the bodies are complete and perfect. The curling tusks are nine feet long.

Jealousy Causes Two Deaths

FOR reasons best known to himself the governor of the state of Campeche, Mexico, decreed that Catholic priests in Campeche must marry or they could not register as priests. The Catholic women of the community did not want any woman to marry the priest, so they started a campaign of violence. The troops, for reasons best known to themselves, fired upon them, killing two. At this distance this killing seems to have been entirely unnecessary.

Australia Well Covered with Air Lines

DESPITE its relatively small population, Australia is now well covered with air lines. Some serious accidents marred the early operation of the air line to London, via Singapore, Calcutta and Karachi, but imperfections are soon removed from such great enterprises. Many different companies carry the mails in Australia from point to point. The Australian Government is responsible for the section from Australia to Singapore.

Thin Excuse for Soviet Murder

DISPATCHES tell of the Soviet murder at Tashkent of one George Lomakin, former member of the Kolchak forces, for using too much fertilizer and for failing to weed a cotton crop. No doubt the real reason why he was done away with was that he had at one time resisted the Soviet régime. In Russian Turkestan troops shot down 2,000 peasants who remembered the famine and withheld grain from the Soviet.

Pathetic Eagerness for Work

THE Baska mine, Katowice, Poland, was worked out and the owners wished to flood it and abandon it. Eighty of the miners wished to retain the only employment they knew. They went on strike deep down in the mine, for the privilege of continuing to operate the mine on their own account. Fifty of them remained in the mine seven days in the darkness, and without food or water, to voice their protest.

Road Accidents Increase in Britain

ROAD accidents increase every year in Britain. In the year 1934 there were 7,273 killed in road accidents, and 231,698 injured. One-fourth of all the accidents were in London, in which city, however, the proportion killed was much lower than in the cities of smaller size.

Crocodile Tears in Britain

DISPATCHES from London tell of the great emotion caused by the king's jubilee address in which, referring to the war specter which hangs over Europe, he said, "... the cradle of our envied parliamentary institutions, the anvil whereon our common law was forged to become the inheritance of the United States of America and our community of peoples." The account says that the king's voice broke with emotion while he was reading this. He could have saved his voice, and let it break at some future time when Britain again tries to drag the United States into another world war, and is calmly reminded of the repudiation of the American war debt and told that America will stay out.

No Time to Boast of Prosperity

IN AN address in the British House of Commons Lloyd George advised his countrymen not to boast too loudly of their prosperity as long as they leave their debt to the United States unpaid. He further said: "Our government does not understand that something catastrophic has happened in the world's financial system. The whole structure has been overstrained and is visibly collapsing in every country."

Paying Tithes on Land He Gave Away

SIR GEORGE VERNON, Droitwich, England, in a moment of generosity ten years ago gave a half acre of land to be added to the churchyard. Now he finds that ever since the gift he has been paying tithes on the land he gave away and that the parson meantime has made about \$250 in tombstone permits for monuments erected on the same tract. Sir George has been sued for unpaid tithes, and his furniture attached.

318 Homeless Polish Jews

A GROUP of 239 men and 79 women, mostly Polish Jews, paid \$500 each to travel to Palestine, where they hoped to land under cover of night. They arrived but were prevented from landing by the British authorities. After two months of wandering from port to port, in which they were locked below decks, and charged \$2 a piece for pieces of stale bread, they were finally taken back to Poland. Some had been reduced to chewing sole leather.

Governmental Notes

Co-operative Homestead Project for New Jersey

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN, Rabbi Wise and others are obtaining loans from the Government for a subsistence homestead project at Hightstown, N. J., calculated to provide for 200 families. Features will be a community farm of 500 acres, a dairy farm for 100 cows, a poultry farm for 100,000 laying hens, an orchard of 40 acres; a garment factory, co-operatively operated; water supply system; roads and other utilities. The homesteaders have raised \$100,000 for the project; the land has been bought; houses to cost \$3,500 each will be erected.

"A Time to Speak"

THE wise man, in Ecclesiastes 3: 7, says there is "a time to speak". The Hattiesburg (Miss.) *American* seems to have had this thought in mind when, criticizing efforts to pass laws to curb agitators and propagandists, it said: "There are times that any American citizen and taxpayer worth his salt becomes a radical and a propagandist." A radical is merely one who believes in going to the root of things; if they are wrong, root them out, is his idea.

Butter Doubled in Price

NOT only have Americans noticed that butter doubled in price in a year and that it is not nearly as good as usual, but it is now disclosed that Europe is filling the gap, sending over millions of pounds. Just how it benefits Americans to pay double for their butter, and to have to send out of the country to get butter that is not nearly as good as what they are used to, is something that only somebody who belongs to the "brain trust" can understand.

Texas Mourns the Loss of \$9,000,000

TEXAS mourns the loss of \$9,000,000, having discovered that last year she paid \$16 per capita for educating 1,571,000 children of whom 1,000,000 attended school but the others never showed up; some were in private schools, some duplications, some over age, some fictitious, and some just didn't attend.

22,375,000 on Relief

ON March 6 the administration estimated that the number then on relief was 22,375,000. Besides the 5,400,000 families which this number represents, there were also 775,000 single persons on relief.

Church Councils Seeking Legislation

PROTESTANT church councils have been formed in Wisconsin and North Carolina, and perhaps in all other states, looking to the carrying out of some legislative program they have in mind, styled "social legislation". These councils not only will render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and then some, but will also tell Caesar just what to do and how to do it.

World Gone Mad over Lotteries

THE world has gone mad over lotteries, especially the so-called 'Irish hospitals sweepstake tickets'. The practice has been to load the tickets into trunks, rush them by automobile out of the Irish Free State into Belfast, and there mail them all over the world, or else take the trunk to some British town elsewhere and do the same. Recently \$300,000 worth of such tickets were seized at one time.

Taxed at 103 Years of Age

AT Budapest, Hungary, Israel Kohn, 103 years of age, asked the authorities to relieve him of taxes for the rest of his life, but they were hard of heart and unwilling to make an exception, even at 103 years of age. Israel's neighbors, when they heard of it, agreed to pay his taxes for the rest of the way.

Got the Ships Launched All Right

IT NOW turns out that when the government had some of its ships built by the New York Shipbuilding Company, and the time came for launching, some of the items charged to the government and paid by it were: donations, \$32,458; cigars, wines and liquors, \$17,651; and Christmas presents, \$5,400.

Fraud Orders Issued Against Lotteries

POSTMASTER GENERAL FARLEY has issued fraud orders against 412 lotteries which have been operating in the United States and using addresses in Quebec, Cuba and Ireland to get money away from the ignorant and superstitious.

U. S. Can Make Its Own Paper

A GOVERNMENT survey shows that three sections of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina can supply pulpwood enough to keep all the paper mills in the United States going.

Postal Inspectors Locate an Arsenal

A POSTAL inspector in Los Angeles, checking over bank deposits, found a \$20 bill, which was part of a \$129,000 mail holdup at Fall River, Mass. In a few hours a Boston inspector was in a plane headed east, and with him in the plane was the young man that deposited the \$20 bill. The net result was 20 gangsters bagged at their headquarters in Rhode Island, all living together happily in a big 25-room summer home. The gang still had \$20,000 in cash and a small arsenal. Some of them were college graduates.

"High Blood Pressure"

LABOR, Washington, D.C., gives details of the methods by which the United States Government is cheated out of millions in the awarding of naval contracts. Fake bids are submitted. The bidders know weeks in advance what each bidder will bid. Their all-night fights as to who shall have the most graft have resulted in physical violence among themselves. When "The Fixer", who it was claimed had a White House pull, was ordered to the witness stand his physician stepped forward and said he had 'high

blood pressure' and that it would endanger his life if he were to appear. It is claimed for this man that his connections with the Democratic National Committee enable him to place \$15,000,000 of ship contracts wherever he sees fit. No wonder his blood pressure is high. It seems that some legal firms in Washington are the world's prize grafters. *Labor* gives the names and columns of details.

Darrow's Awful Slam

IN AN address to the National Commercial Teachers Federation at Chicago the noted lawyer, Clarence Darrow, said, "It doesn't take brains to make money. Look at those who have it." Now does it not seem a shame that a bright man like Darrow should speak that way about "the principal of the flock"?

Seem to Be in Earnest

THE Mexican government seems to be in earnest. The supreme court decided that property of any one who rented buildings for use by the Catholic church (thus seeking to circumvent the law) should be forfeited to the state.

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Hierarchy Takes Credit for Movie Clean-Up

MRS. SMITH makes up her mind to clean house ; she has 15,000 children ; the house is large ; it takes time to get over it ; but she announces her plans and begins vigorously at the attic, working her way down. Her neighbor, Mrs. Brown, needs to clean her own house, but wants credit in the community for cleaning Mrs. Smith's house, or having it cleaned, and so she runs up and down the sidewalk, dressed in her thinnest and most lovely pajamas, and shouts to all passers-by how terribly filthy is the home of Mrs. Smith, and in the name of public decency and morals demands that something be done about it. Meantime Mrs. Smith is diligently minding her own business and working her way down.

Mrs. Smith is the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America, Inc. She has 15,000 artists to keep in line ; that is some job for any good housekeeper. But she was hard at her clean-up job when the Roman hierarchy heard about it and wanted credit for it, and got it, too, more's the pity.

In the year 1932, and perhaps earlier, the above-named organizations previewed American motion pictures.

These previewers (censors) were untrammelled in judgment or expression. The American Motion Picture Producers modestly inquired in 1932: "What makers of what other product in the history of the world have invited disinterested outsiders to view their wares before the wares were offered on the market, and have en-

couraged the dissemination of advance criticism, however ruthless?"

It was not until 1934, two years later, that the storm of the Roman hierarchy broke on the Producers, and it broke then only because the hierarchy wanted to be the kite and wanted the other previewers to be the tail, which, as a matter of fact, is just what they immediately proceeded to become.

In a closely typewritten 27-page review of its efforts to produce films suitable for the child mind the Producers mention that "in this one field contacts were established in 1933 with more than 10,000 additional community leaders, including 6,000 teachers, editors and club group leaders ; 1,200 librarians ; 800 clergymen, directors of religious education, and Y.M.C.A. secretaries as well as 2,000 theater man-

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Boy Scouts of America
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agers". Quite a list, now, isn't it?

A year later the Producers said: "We are now carrying on active co-operation and tendering continuous facilities to more than 3,000 better film councils and other groups." In other words, besides attending to their own business, which was considered a virtue 2,000 years ago (1 Thessalonians 4:11; 2 Thessalonians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:15), the Producers have been trying to satisfy a group of idlers and mischief-makers that the Mexicans have had to expel from their country before they could do anything worth while in an educational way.

The Producers intimate that they dimly sense that they have been captured and bound hand

and foot by their natural enemies when they say that it may well be before long the Producers will be saying to Will Hays:

"We have followed your leadership. We have tried to give these people what they want, but nothing will satisfy them; nothing will even mitigate their attacks. They are simply enemies of entertainment, and we cannot go along with groups who wish no end but our destruction."

The Producers are making the mistake of a lifetime. What they should do is to rip the mask off this whole system of hypocrisy, Catholic and Protestant, and show it up for just what it is, a method of keeping the people in bondage to fear and superstition, and with no more resemblance to Christianity of the Bible than a Galapagos Island turtle bears to a beautiful gazelle.

Whether true Christianity can be popularized is another matter. But if it cannot, why pander to the frauds that are trying to live upon its reputation? It is entirely untrue that the Roman hierarchy represents any considerable following. Many Catholic people (but not all of them) bow to their will because they are afraid of their imagined power. In their hearts they hate them. Witness what is happening in Mexico.

One visualizes a great octopus, defined in the dictionary thus: '(1) A devil fish having eight arms or tentacles, each with two rows of suckers. (2) Figuratively, any organized power regarded as of far-reaching capacity for harm.' Quite an apt figure of speech, and agrees with the above quotation; don't you think?

There is no one more adept at good words and fair speeches than the Roman Catholic system. Like Jezebel, she sits at her window, painted up and adorned for the passer-by to admire her. Why criticize her? She wants to feel young and have a chance in the movies—she simply couldn't keep her nose out of that—she is such a chaste lady herself, and simply must teach the world good morals.

One is most surely interested in decency, by all means, but when a system representing one-sixth of the population of America, twenty millions against one hundred millions, five-sixths of other faiths, says what one is to see on the screen, it is coming to a fine show. The twenty million, to be frank, represent about one-third minors, one-third Roman Catholic in name, and perhaps on a church roll, and the last third one might say ACTIVE Catholics, moving like Punch and Judy by a string manipulated by the 'man in the box'. One might say, "The Roman Catholic church

restricts only its own flock from seeing certain pictures, do they?" Let one turn his eyes to the moving picture industry. They have what they call "*the index*"; that is a list of books banned by the Roman Catholic system, and which influences producers considerably. Cannot they shake the fear of this system, seeing Roman Catholic active members are so limited in number, compared with citizens of the U.S.A. not Catholic, and indifferent to what Catholics think?

Strange, isn't it, and sounds paradoxical, that the representatives of the system that criticizes the moving picture industry so severely, and had nothing good to say of the actresses thereof, and advises the people not to pour millions into their lap, should have such an awe-inspiring influence over the producer? Really it is surprising that producers are so fast asleep, and ask, Why let fear of Roman Catholic newspaper articles, and croakings of Roman Catholic cardinals and bishops, dictate and govern us in the production of plays?

Motion pictures are a means to impart instruction, and admittedly a power for good and evil. The truth portrayed in pictures is not always palatable to the Roman Catholic system; Jezebel's interest in pictures is to keep under cover some of her own past indelicacies, that her present lovers may be kept in the dark. Take, for instance, the banning to Roman Catholics of the *Affairs of Cellini*. This was based on a document "The Autobiography of Benevenuto Cellini". It related the marriages and lives of popes and their bastard sons in Italy a few centuries ago, written by a Roman Catholic at that. The document was lost for a very long time, but finally was found in a secondhand shop and translated into English. The book was too enlightening for the Catholic laity; so the hierarchy banned it. Of course, the immorality banned was Cellini's, not the pope's. *Cherchez la femme*, Revelation 17:5, 6.

If producers continue to permit the Roman Catholic censorship to govern their productions, here is the pitfall for them. They unwittingly, no doubt, will withhold from the American people, and especially the youth of America, interesting historical facts in plays. Of late such pictures have produced instructive entertainment for the masses, and awakened an appreciation of better pictures for the people.

A class of people that found no interest in plays of lighter vein are now attracted to pic-

tures. However, if the producer is going to allow "*the index*" to bias him in production, this will be the result:

The Roman Catholic system will censor any book, likely to be written up for production in scenario form, that will reveal her in her true colors. That is part of her business. It is appalling, the ignorance of Catholics on common history of the past centuries. A young man studying for the priesthood stated: "King Henry VIII translated [he said 'wrote'] the Protestant Bible." They are confident St. Peter was the first pope, and do not know there were no popes until the fourth century. Can you imagine the Roman Catholic system's passing a scenario of the "Persecution of Arius", who stood for the truth—God the Father, and Jesus the Son, and against the worship of the virgin Mary as though Mary was divine, and her offspring God himself?

Or of the persecution by the Roman Catholics of Peter Waldo, who had the Gospels translated into French from Latin, and, finding they differed widely from the teachings of Roman Catholicism, began to let his light shine—alas for Peter Waldo?

Or of the persecution of the faithful martyrs in Britain, under the reign of Bloody Mary, a Roman Catholic queen?

Then turn your eyes to France, Italy, Germany, and note the same wicked system persecuting faithful souls for their constancy to truth. To the excommunication of Archbishop Fenelon from church and court for his love of justice toward a suffering woman, Madame Guyon. They imprisoned her in the Bastille. Let us quote from one of her letters, written in the seventeenth century—it sounds so up-to-date—a letter to Pere la Chaise, confessor to Louis XIV: "They have not only shut me in prison, and attempted to blast my honor, but they have insisted that I have failed in respect for the doctrines of the church, and have denounced me as a heretic. Permit me to say in soliciting your kindness and protection that I ask nothing which shall be found inconsistent with justice and truth. The judge of the ecclesiastical court has been to my prison, and has examined the statements and papers laid before him against me, and has pronounced them false. Have I not reason then to think that it is something besides my alleged want of orthodoxy which keeps me in prison?" Another letter from her: "It is true

that my feeble nature has sometimes been greatly burdened. Sorrows have come in upon me like a flood; I have been obliged to say with the psalmist, 'All thy waves and thy billows have gone over me.'"

Years later, when banished to Blois, a broken invalid, she wrote the well-known hymn in which appears "While place I seek or place I shun". Will the Roman Catholic system ever permit such enlightening historical facts to pass censorship if adapted to the screen? One thinks not.

The Roman Catholic church is a menace in its self-appointed censorship of the moving-picture industry. It is to be hoped that producers will awake and not withhold from the American people truths of history that will enlighten the masses, uncensored by a system that poses hypocritically to protect them from immorality.

Perhaps no more fitting picture comes to mind than that of Abimelech, who slew all his father's sons, save one, and made himself king. Jotham, who was spared, stood on the top of a hill and lifted up his voice. Read what he said [Judges 9:15-20]—it fits well today: "And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow; and *if not*, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon."

The Devil is such a braggart that all one has to do is to wait and he always lets the cat out of the bag. In the Jesuit magazine *America* the admission has just been made that the motion picture producers met with the Catholic bishops in May, 1934, at that time came under the code written by the church authorities and under their code interpreter, and since that time have acceded to his every order. It seems that the Jesuits forgot to tip off the Catholic "daughters" and they kept squawking about the indecent movies, whereas the bishops' objective was already gained. The truth is that the bishops would never have started that campaign except to throw dust in the eyes of the two and one-half million people who signed the petition of Jehovah's witnesses for fair treatment on the air. The unsophisticated would jump to the conclusion that the bishops are really interested in cleaning up the movies and that there must be some reason why they really wanted to get rid of Judge Rutherford. And there is. The real reason is that Judge Rutherford is telling the people the truth about their devilish organization.

A Brief History of the United States

(By Robert M. Sperry, in *Bridgeport Life*)

THIS country began with a tree and a flintlock musket. The first settlers on these shores had to hide behind trees and shoot Indians. It was not a very difficult task to drive back the Indians, who were armed only with bows and arrows. The old blunderbusses loaded with gun-powder and slugs made noise enough to scare the red men even if they did not always score a perfect hit. As the Indians moved back the white men moved forward. This was confiscation in early history, and it worked perfectly.

After the Indians had been put on the run the Colonists thrived and prospered. The prosperity of these early settlers brought added taxation from the mother country, England. The natives paid taxes until they became so burdensome they could not possibly make enough money to meet these increased demands. There was nothing left for the Colonists to do but fight; and fight they did.

Again it was a tree and a rifle. Instead of shooting red men, this time it was redcoats. The natives hid behind trees and took pot shots at English and Hessian soldiers. They knew their trees and their flintlock muskets, and in time ran out the redcoats as they had the red men.

With this country now their own the natives formed their own constitution for future government and started a republic that was destined to lead the world. The vast extent of territory, with its great abundance of natural resources, made this country the paradise of the world. It offered life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. When the Americans subdued the red men and the redcoats the progress of this nation was sure and rapid.

Before the Revolutionary War the exploitation of the people was in the hands of the royalists of Great Britain. It was not until big Americans sought to exploit the people that we began to see trouble again. It took a bigger war to stop the exploitation of the black people than it did to push the Indians off their own land. Even in the act of freeing the blacks new financial giants were produced whose wealth made it possible for them to own the government.

With the emancipation of the slaves came the immigration of cheap labor. Shipload after shipload of immigrants were landed in this country. These newcomers were eager to get out of their country where the future offered them nothing

more than the miseries of the past. They were grateful to work for little or nothing just to enjoy the personal liberties of this country. They worked hard and were thrifty. They asked nothing more than the privilege to work and earn. They knew well the hardships they had endured in their native countries, and could compare their past with their future. To these immigrants America was heaven.

The rapid breeding among the immigrants brought forth a new situation. Their children had never known the hardships of their parents in their native lands. As the children grew to the age where they could breed and bring forth more and more children, the situation became more and more acute. The rapidly increasing population, with no added land areas and the diminishing of the natural resources, soon made making a living more difficult as time went on. Life now became a matter of the survival of the fittest.

With more people being born than could be absorbed in gainful occupation there came the labor leaders who sought to live well from the efforts of the actual workers. These leaders formed their armies of dues payers and were soon ready to carry rifles and look for trees. This was the beginning of the wars between labor and capital. Capital retaliated with labor-saving inventions. Steam shovels replaced hundreds of human diggers. Elevators threw thousands of hodcarriers and ladders out of use. Gasoline engines and electricity took the place of labor, with the laboring classes breeding as rapidly as ever. It was just the beginning of the wealthy becoming wealthier and the poor becoming poorer.

From the very start of the American nation the people had been divided into three parts: the wealthy class, which controlled the currency; the middle class, which furnished the brains; and the lower class, all the hard work. All during this set-up the middle class was the buffer between the extremely wealthy and the extremely poor. As long as such a situation existed the wealthy actually had little or nothing to worry them.

Along came the World War at a time when such a war was considered necessary to kill off a percentage of the already too large population in all countries. Progress in the science of medicine had made plagues and epidemics impos-

sible as a means to accomplish this. Here was a grand opportunity for the wealthy to become far more so. The powerful Americans sold their people into war to increase their power. The outcome of the World War was to find America actually stuck for the major portion of the expense.

The World War was followed by the most disastrous effect in American history. It was the beginning of the annihilation of the middle class in America. People of the middle class were urged to purchase securities in American industries. The urge for gambling was built up in the only legalized gambling game in the nation. They were urged to purchase homes under the guise that home owners made the best citizens. They were urged to purchase everything on the installment plan, from homes to automobiles and from real estate to stocks on margin. This created a fool's paradise that could last only as long as the extremely wealthy would permit.

Before the days of automobiles a man could buy a horse for one hundred dollars. The horse would earn its keep and make money for its owner and five years afterwards could be resold for one hundred dollars. Later on a man paid three thousand dollars for an automobile and five years afterwards was glad to get fifty dollars for the out-of-date, secondhand contraption. There are some people owning automobiles today who have neither the money nor the brains to operate a wheelbarrow. There are people owning automobiles who have not the price to purchase a collar and necktie. There are those who are depriving themselves of the actual necessities of life in order to loaf around in an automobile. It would be doing humanity a favor if the government were to put a tax of ten cents a gallon on gasoline. This would do much to bring back the horse and the bicycle. Automobiles and installment buying have put the public in hock for many years to come. Those now in hock are living at the expense of those who endeavored to save for a rainy day. It will not be long before no taxpayer has even an umbrella left.

Then came the elimination of the middle class. The Stock Market took a well-timed toboggan slide with such stock as that of the New York Central railroad falling from two hundred and fifty dollars to nine dollars per share. The currency paid by the middle class went into hiding, leaving the victims holding countless batches of

worthless securities. Then came the confiscation of their homes for back taxes and unpaid interest. Installment payments could no longer be met, and away went all those unpaid luxuries. The extermination of the buffer class between the extremely wealthy and the extremely poor was now complete.

It was an absolute victory for the wealthy. They now owned practically everything from the government to all the tall buildings. They had won decisively and had nothing at all to worry them. Millionaires were now billionaires, and if anybody needed money it would have to come from them. They had cornered the money market to such an extent that even if the government needed money it would have to borrow from them and pay them interest. The battle was over, and the people were again slaves; just as much slaves as were the Negroes before the Civil War, when they worked for their keep.

But, with their victory for wealth came unforeseen worries. Starving people were dangerous to contemplate, so they were fed through fear, and not through charity. Their food must be paid for, and the money must come from added taxes. High taxes must naturally come from those who had hidden the currency. Wealthy men, like Andrew W. Mellon, began to engage clever lawyers to protect what they had hidden. With the middle class, or the buffer class, wiped out, the extremely wealthy were left at the mercy of an augmented lower class. This was a terrible situation.

Many European countries, since the World War ruined them, had overthrown their governments and now dictators were in power. Kings, emperors and monarchs had been dethroned and Napoleons of the present day were in power. The financiers were now face to face with troubles to which they had never before given thought. All their schemes had gone screwy. They outnumbered everybody in wealth, but they did not outnumber the people. The people must be fed or all their wealth would be in serious jeopardy. Taxes were now chasing them to their hiding places.

The financiers sought through the power of their wealth to buy up the lawmakers and have them put into law codes and regulations that would protect them from the wrath of the people. They endeavored to throw the country into war, which would silence the people and the press, but the people had not forgotten the

World War. With so much frightened currency in hiding, the government was forced to issue new money in order to feed the people. This quite naturally made the hidden money less valuable. It was a state of affairs never thought possible by those who had planned the downfall of the middle class. Many of the great financiers were now in the same fix as a billionaire on a barren island who would gladly exchange a thousand-dollar bill for a ham sandwich to sustain life. Things had not worked out as they had been planned. They saw what they had taken from others being taken from them through higher taxes, as a highwayman would take it with a gun. They saw the government vote five billion dollars in one lump sum to be used as financial water to prime a pump gone dry. They know if the five billion dollars does not set financial water flowing again another and perhaps still another five billion dollars must be produced by added taxes.

In the meantime the lower class has been reduced to living on dole. Members of the middle class have lost their investments, their homes and their all, and have no purchasing power left. The middle class is falling back into the lower class, making the largest army of unemployed

the financial directors of this nation have ever had to face. This army will increase as it breeds. Idleness breeds crime which will attack those believed still to possess wealth. It was much easier and much quicker to tear down America than it will be to rebuild it. Greed has conquered, but at what a cost to humanity!

Homes in the hands of bankers are not where they belong. Currency hidden is just as much unemployed as the people out of work. Keeping people alive by taxing those who still have some money left can last only as long as taxes can be paid. When all is taken and there is nothing left, what then?

This country began with a tree and a musket when the white man fought the red man for what he owned. Our nation began with a tree and a musket when the Colonists fought the redcoats for what they governed. We may again resort to a tree and a rifle to fight the yellow man. It may be the yellow men in our own race or it may be the yellow race. As an individual makes his bed, so must he lie in it; and as a nation makes its bed, so must it lie out of it or fight. Whether we live to fight or fight to live may soon be settled in a manner that will call for the reprinting of all the histories in American schools.

Government and Misgovernment

The Right to Lynch

THE Fergus Falls (Minn.) *Daily Journal* comments on the sad fact that 97 percent of American lynchings are in the southern states, and 90 percent of those lynched are Negroes, and then says:

The southern states always championed states' rights, until the present administration came into power. Under this administration they have forgotten all about their states' rights and turned everything over to Washington except the right to hang and burn anyone a mob happens to select.

Ogden Mills Wants to Know

IN AN address at Staatsburg, N. Y., Ogden L. Mills wants to know, "What is to be thought of a leadership which, however well-intentioned, devotes most of its energies for over two years to leading the country up a road which it now has to admit is a blind alley, and never was anything else?"

Why Insult the Goldfinch?

THE Camden *Courier-Post*, calling attention to the attempted legislation at Trenton to have the Eastern goldfinch proclaimed the official bird of New Jersey, wants to know what the goldfinch has ever done to deserve such infamy. It says the goldfinch is decent, law-abiding, a loyal companion, a right fair musician, and smart. In view of the record of the present legislature the *Courier-Post* thinks the Japanese beetle, which is of no good to anybody, should be made New Jersey's official bird.

The Boys That Got the Bonus

IN THE World War the United States Government sent 2,000,000 boys to France. The pay of these men for the time they were in France was \$1,100,000,000, which is the sum that the United States Steel Corporation made in clear profits, over and above all taxes, in the five years of the World War, 1914 to 1918 inclusive.

"Grass Roots" Charges Against Roosevelt

THE so-called "Grass Roots" conference at Springfield made 18 charges against Roosevelt: (1) The most profligate waste of the people's savings ever witnessed in human history; (2) the addition of 120,000 civil service employees to the Federal pay roll; (3) annual deficits of \$4,000,000,000 a year; (4) the placing of governmental corporations in direct competition with private industry; (5) debasement of the currency and devaluation of the dollar; (6) coercion of Congress; (7) ignoring of states' rights and of Jeffersonian democracy; (8) subjugation of the people to the "brain trust"; (9) forcing Congress to appropriate \$4,800,000,000 for secret and undisclosed purposes; (10) devoting over \$2,000,000,000 to speculating in foreign currencies; (11) lowering the American standard of living by destroying foodstuffs and cotton; (12) spending millions to retire agricultural acreage, and other millions to bring heretofore unimproved acreage into cultivation; (13) surrendering home markets to products of foreign countries; (14) creation of monopolies and destruction of small businesses; (15) attempting to socialize bank deposits; (16) concentrating in his own hands a larger mass of wealth than was ever before controlled by one person or group; (17) using his combined industrial, financial and political power to put political pressure on the hungry and needy; (18) distaste for the unanimous decision of the Supreme Court relegating the NRA to the ash can.

"The Propaganda Pay Roll"

IN AN address before the Chicago Bar Association, Governor Talmadge, of Georgia, charged that the national government has embarked on a policy of bribery, and asserted: "They have got twenty-three of the biggest newspapermen of my State on the propaganda pay roll at Washington, besides all the postmasters."

Plans for Destroying American Government

NOT sure just how clearly he sees the identity of the foreign power that is bent on destroying the American Government, but former president Herbert Hoover has formally charged the Roosevelt administration with attempting to set up a European form of government in the United States; and the charge is true.

Huey Keeps the Senate Awake

IT SEEMS that nobody can be quite sure what Huey Long will say, and therefore he disturbs very much the slumbers of other statesmen who, if they wake up and say anything, merely repeat what they said twenty years ago. Referring to Mr. Roosevelt's fishing trip on Vincent Astor's \$5,000,000 yacht, the Nourmahal, Mr. Long was mean enough to say:

"Our president of the United States, the knight of the Nourmahal, says we are confused because we cannot see just how this thing is going to look when he gets through making it. Why, to be sure! All those millions of hogs they killed; all those cattle they shot down; the milk they poured into the rivers, with the people starving for it; all of the cotton they plowed under and wool that they burned up, with the people naked because they could not get it; none of us can just see how that is working out. But the president says it is going to look pretty when he gets the picture made up. Surely it will look pretty. It may not look exactly like a song, but it will be something like a dance, the St. Vitus' Dance. Now the president said this: 'They know that the process of the constructive rebuilding of America cannot be done in a day or a year.' No, and if he is a fair sample of it, they know it cannot be done in a hundred years. His process of construction, if you call it construction, is to start out repairing the automobile by first tearing off the top and then, when the rain begins to beat in, to hammer the engine to pieces, tear down the chassis, and then wind up by taking off the wheels. That leaves only one thing to do,—he sends the bill for the work. That bill has now reached the size of over thirty billions of dollars, six times more than all of the money in circulation in the United States."

The Share the Wealth Plan

UNITED STATES SENATOR HUEY P. LONG insists that in sticking to his Share the Wealth purposes he is merely standing by the declaration which Mr. Roosevelt made at Chicago, when, in his speech of acceptance, the then future president said, "Throughout the nation, men and women, forgotten in the political philosophy of the government of the last years, look to us here for guidance and for more equitable opportunity to share in the distribution of national wealth." When the president subsequently brought forth his desires for legislation requiring much larger income taxes from those who have the largest incomes, Senator Long smiled and said that all he had to say is "Amen".

The plan would bring in at least some money to pay the debt incurred to protect the rich.

Indictments of George III

ONE of the indictments of George III was that "he has erected a multitude of new offices, and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people, and eat out their substance". What has that to do with the addition of 120,000 to the Federal pay roll at Washington in the reign of Franklin D. Roosevelt? Nothing. Another indictment was "taking away our charters, abolishing our most valuable laws, and altering fundamentally the forms of our government". What has this to do with the oft-repeated claims of Catholics that Jeffersonian democracy has been destroyed and America is in full tilt to be guided from Rome? Not a thing. If a person prefers to go to sleep in the presence of pickpockets, and only gets angry when his attention is called to the fact that somebody is making off with all his trousers except the suspender buttons, why irritate him? Let him sleep while he can. When the awakening comes it will be crude enough, and rude enough and nude enough to create a lasting impression.

Smelling the Hempen Rope

REALIZING that the United States is going to be a mighty bad place for Americans after the second Tuesday of November, 1936 (and protesting that he already smells the hempen rope), Oscar Ameringer, editor of *The American Guardian*, thinks all persons with anything above their necks but feathers should get together in a hurry. He says, "Such a federation might capture a block of western states, make them safe for democracy, and furnish a place to run to when the storm breaks." Ameringer is looking for something he will never see. The United States is going through the cornsheller right now. When the handle is given a few more yanks the Big Business gang will have all the corn and the people at large will be the corncob, and thereafter will be for only such use as the owner of the corn may elect.

New Deal Dead and Buried

CLARENCE DARROW says that the NRA was the heart of the New Deal; into it the administration put all its enthusiasm and talent; that when the heart is out of a thing there is nothing left; that he felt sure the Supreme Court would never approve it, and that he does not see how the administration can go any farther with the idea. The New Deal is dead and buried.

The Biggest Bill-Collecting Agency

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, retired commander of the United States Marines, only person ever to receive twice the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery under fire, said:

"I spent thirty-five years with the biggest bill-collecting agency in the world, the United States Marines. I served in every rank from private to general, and half that time was spent in fighting on foreign soil for the benefit of American bankers. But now I have sworn that I will never fight again in a war outside our borders, nor let my three sons fight, even if I have to shoot the conscription officer that comes to take us. War is a racket."

Who Is to Get the \$4,800,000,000?

FRANK R. KENT, in the *Baltimore Morning Sun*, speaking of the final disposition of the \$4,800,000,000 entrusted to Mr. Roosevelt, said:

"It was in January that this Works-Relief program was conceived. It does seem that in six months these basic matters of policy might have been determined. The lack of co-ordination and general confusion is typical of the Roosevelt régime. In all our history, there has never been an administration so muddled and unbalanced, so lacking in a sense of direction, so full of futility, so prolific of wasted effort and wasted money, so extravagant in everything except thought."

Strong Language of New York American

THE *New York American* said: "If the national program that is now undermining the traditional American Republic had ever been hinted at in the Democratic platform adopted in the summer of 1932 Herbert Hoover would now be president of the United States. The Socialists who now rule at Washington are bent on a program of Down with Everything! They are doing precisely as the dictator-tyrants of Europe are doing—everything to dig themselves in indefinitely."

Redistribution of Wealth?

THERE was to be a redistribution of wealth. The NRA report comparing December 1934 with December 1926 said: "The income enjoyed by those who received dividends and interest was 50 percent higher than in 1926, even though the national income had declined nearly 40 percent since that date and volume of production had declined one-third." That shows there has indeed been a redistribution of wealth, but in the wrong direction.

Free Speech over the Radio

THE National Broadcasting Company absolutely refuses to let Judge Rutherford tell about God's kingdom over the lines which they control. Their excuse is that the clergy do their thinking for them as to what the people shall hear. In 1934 James Aloysius Farley spoke 22 times over the National Broadcasting Company's station; the president went him one better; members of the cabinet had 78 periods; assistant secretaries had 34 periods; heads of federal emergency agencies, 21 periods: total, 178 periods for the executive branch of the government. Senators and congressmen had about as many opportunities. Apparently the clergy have not felt called upon to bring any pressure on the National Broadcasting Company to restrain freedom of speech by those to whom the National Broadcasting Company looks for renewals of licenses. And to a true American, with still a spark of manliness or honesty in his make-up, it does seem strange that the concern that virtually monopolizes the radio privileges of America could be so ready to help advertise one of the greatest governmental failures in history and yet not allow an able, thoughtful, reverent presentation of the only way out of the tangle, even when it is paid for. Free speech in America has become a joke, and the National Broadcasting Company is the principal offender. The NBC seems to take the attitude that the level of the intelligence of the American people is fully reached when they are fed pabulum by the party in power in respect to how all may get wealthy by killing unborn pigs, plowing under cotton, and otherwise destroying God's bounties, and a sufficient amount of jazz, tooth paste, mouth wash and laxatives are administered along with it to make it seem like entertainment.

Babies Employed on Newspapers

THE United States department of labor investigated 4,000 newsboys and newsgirls. Of these, 178 were under 10 years of age, and 493 between 10 and 11. Besides 25 hours a week in school these little tots put in, frequently, 25 hours a week in the paper business. Half the boys under 12 earned less than 79 cents a week. In most cities the publishers held the little folks responsible for nonpayment by customers, so that it has happened that a boy worked for a great publisher 20 hours in a week and his whole week's work netted him 30 cents.

Where the Birth Rate Is Up

A STARTLING fact is that relief families are now producing from 50 percent to 60 percent more children than they were producing in predepression days and that the maternity wards in all county and charity hospitals are overcrowded. Meantime the brilliant statesmen that have the job of squeezing the taxes out of those that have jobs are trying to pass a law that would send to prison anybody who even has in his or her possession any information on the subject of birth control. But if such a law could be enforced at least half the people in the country would have to go to jail, including most of the alleged statesmen. Most certainly it would be necessary to lock up every doctor and every druggist.

Fired for Telling the Truth

SENATOR LONG claims that when the Government put able investigators to work to prove that it is not possible to produce enough so that every family in the United States may have an income of \$5,000, the investigators, so it chanced, were honest men, and brought in a reverse report, whereas the administration was so peeved that it fired every last one of them. Just why the administration really desires only a bread-line and soup-kitchen America is unknown.

Got the Captions Mixed

SOMEBODY got in too big a hurry in the office of the New York *American* on the morning of June 22. Two pictures of about the same size had the captions transposed, with the result that the parade of the queen of England through the streets of Windsor was pictured as a munitions explosion where 75 were killed, and vice versa.

Dionne Quintuplets Wards of the King

THE Dionne quintuplets are being reared in a hospital as wards of the king. The parents may see them on application, but have no control over the situation and resent very much having their parental control taken away from them.

Seven New Prisons Needed

SANFORD BATES, director of Federal prisons, thinks seven new prisons are needed. The inmates of Federal penitentiaries, reformatories, camps, hospitals and jails now total 14,752, which is an all-time high record.

Finance and Transportation

All Aboard the Propaganda Special

A CORRESPONDENT of *The New Republic* cites an instance where every employee of a utility company must write by hand 75 letters to influence legislation. The letters are according to sample supplied by the company, which also supplies paper, envelopes and stamps. Any employee who fails or refuses to come across with his 75 letters loses his job. It is like the Israelites' being compelled to write to Pharaoh praising him for compelling them to make bricks without straw; only that in Pharaoh's time the Devil had not learned to be so mean and small.

Cahaba Coal Company

THE Cahaba Coal Company contributed to the general fund raised by coal companies to fight distribution of electric power by the Tennessee Valley Authority. And then Judge W. Irvin Grubb ruled that it is unconstitutional for the Tennessee Valley Authority to sell electric power. And then it came out that Judge Grubb has 100 shares of stock in the Cahaba Coal Company. And that is all for now. Those who think the Big Business crowd are going to let the people have anything at all without a big fight, signify it in the usual manner.

What Happened in Fourteen Years

IN 1916 the United States Industrial Relations Commission said that 2 percent of the people of the United States own 60 percent of the wealth. Fourteen years later the Federal Trade Commission said that about 1 percent of the people of the United States own 59 percent of the wealth. That is what the interest system does, just as naturally as the waters of Lake Erie fall over Niagara Falls. In a few years more, at the present rate of increase, a half dozen families will own it all. No other conclusion is possible to anybody who knows how to multiply.

Big Business Wanted a Dictator

IN AN address at Mayfield, Ky., General Hugh S. Johnson, former NRA administrator, said that in March, 1933, many of the Big Business crowd wanted to have a dictatorship, and added, "And strange as it now seems, the principal urgers were some of the very barons of Big Business who recently came to Washington and passed resolutions telling the New Deal to fold up and die."

The Canal Across Florida

THE canal across Florida, first proposed by Philip II of Spain, will probably be built in the near future. Though its length will be 180 miles, it will follow the St. Johns river, and traverse numerous lakes, so that the total that will have to be dug will be only 65 miles. It is estimated that the canal can be completed in three years, at a cost of \$100,000,000. It will be used by about 10,000 ships annually, and cut off about 700 miles of ocean travel.

Nine-Word Telegrams for 12c

PERSONS in Britain may now send telegrams anywhere within the United Kingdom for the very low cost of nine words for a sixpence. This is one-third what it would cost in America. In Britain the telegraph service is in the hands of the Post Office, where it ought to be. British postage has been cut from 3c per letter to 2c.

A Million Dollars a Plane

THE United States Government appropriated six hundred and forty million dollars for its air service in the World War. It so happens that just six hundred and forty American-built planes were ever flown across the German lines. The name by which they went among aviators was "flaming coffins", due to the fact that the majority of them were shot down in flames.

New York to Chicago for \$2.21

LATE in June C. I. Cummins, president of the Cummins Engine Company, made the trip by automobile from New York to Chicago in one of the first cars ever propelled by a Diesel engine on the highways. He claims that his total fuel cost for the trip was \$2.21 and that he can cross the continent for \$8.

Crossings in Middle of Blocks

THE chairman of the Washington (D. C.) traffic committee recommends crosswalks in the center of city blocks, so as to cut down the use of crossings at street corners. He believes the inauguration of this rule would lessen accidents and speed up traffic.

Eight Miles of Walks in Mammoth Cave

TO MAKE the wonders of the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky more accessible, eight miles of walks have been built, requiring about eight hours to traverse. It took 100 men two years.

Agriculture and Husbandry

Postgraduate Courses for Livestock

SENATOR LONG thinks it may be necessary to have postgraduate courses for the livestock. The *Congressional Record* reports him as saying:

"Congress is going to adjourn, they say. I guess it will. It would have been better if it never had met. Congress is going to adjourn with nothing whatever done to increase the purchasing power of the masses. The only reform that is urged is to destroy a little more cotton, and a little more pork, and a little more sugar, and a little more molasses, and teach the hens not to lay eggs, and give lessons of birth control to the swine and to the cattle, so that they will not raise too much of those products to flood the market for a public that has not the money with which to buy!"

Dust Storms Turn Day to Night

PHOTOGRAPHS and letters from Kansas tell of dust storms when it became as dark at 11 o'clock in the morning as it usually becomes at midnight. It takes 400 years to create an inch of topsoil, yet in some places in Texas 16 inches have been blown off exposed areas, and in southwest Kansas, in one place, the level has sunk six feet in three years. The dust storms have spread to the west as well as the east, compelling Nogales (Ariz.) citizens to clamp wet cloths over their noses. While the dust storms were raging Kansas City did not see the sun for an entire month. Some land is known to have been rendered useless for a hundred years.

Reindeer Now East of Mackenzie River

THE great herd of 2,300 reindeer bought by the Canadian government is now safely east of the Mackenzie river. It has taken ten herders four years of hard work to cover the 3,000 miles the reindeer have come. Wolves slew many en route. The reindeer are expected to provide livelihoods for great numbers of the Eskimos, whose normal methods of life have been broken by the incursion of whites into their territories.

After the reindeer were delivered at their destination one of the herders walked 1,200 miles to the nearest railway station, so that he could visit his father at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Livestock and Humans

THERE are more humans in the world than all the cattle, sheep and pigs put together. There are about three humans to each of the cattle, three humans to each sheep, and seven humans to each pig.

Stingless Bees in Jersey

SIX years of crossbreeding, inbreeding and artificial propagation have developed stingless bees at the apiary of Henry Brown, Burleigh, N. J. Swarms were dumped over the bare heads of men, women and children without a single casualty. The bees have stings, but do not use them. By contrast, the *Apis dorsata*, the great wild bee of India, is the best honey-producer in the world, but cannot be domesticated, and refuses to work in captivity. Besides, it has a very bad temper and its sting is something to dread.

Locusts in Virginia

A CORRESPONDENT in Virginia sends the wing of a seventeen-year locust, a very beautiful, shimmery thing, like crinkled cellophane, amber color, beautifully striped with orange-colored veins. Each wing has a "w" on it, a sure sign, so the superstitious say, that war is imminent. The seventeen-year locusts spend seventeen years underground and then come forth to live about four weeks, breed and die. They make plenty of noise but are not specially injurious to crops.

In the Great Mississippi Valley

IN THE great Mississippi valley, granary and treasure house of North America, and the richest and largest valley on earth, one-tenth of the farmers have electricity in their homes, and nine-tenths have not; one-tenth have water piped into their homes, and nine-tenths have not; one-fourth have radios in their homes, and three-fourths have not; two-fifths have telephones in their homes, and three-fifths have not; 65 percent have automobiles, and 35 percent have not.

Utah's Intelligent Gulls

IT IS 750 miles from the Pacific Ocean to Great Salt Lake, but 750 miles is nothing to a sea gull, and it was long ago that the gulls found Utah a nice place to come for a summer vacation. Now they have discovered that cherries make good eating. On account of having webbed feet they are unable to alight in the trees, but with their strong wings they beat the ripened fruit to the ground and manage to get along quite well, thank you.

28 Earthquakes in 35 Years

GOING over its records The Associated Press has discovered that since 1902 there have been 28 major earthquakes, resulting in the loss of more than 250,000 lives. This is in accord with Jesus' statement of the order of events associated with His second coming: war, pestilence, famine, earthquakes in divers places. The locations of the major quakes, published in the *New York Times* of June 1, 1935 (the day before Judge Rutherford's great address in Washington on the subject of "Government"): St. Pierre, Martinique; San Francisco; Valparaiso, Chile; Kingston, Jamaica; Sicily; Calabria; Turkey; central Italy; Guatemala; Java; Mexico; Persia; Tokyo, Yokohama, Kyoto, Japan; Dutch East Indies; New York to Newfoundland; southern Italy; southern Italy again; New Zealand; Managua, Nicaragua; Japan; Honshu island, Japan; southern California; India; eastern Crete; Formosa; northern Iran, Persia; Kars, near Turko-Russian frontier. The four last named were in 67 days of this year, 1935, and resulted in 4,000 killed, 11,240 injured, and 23,000 homes destroyed or damaged. To this list may now be added the earthquake which leveled Quetta, Baluchistan, and killed 20,000 persons in that city alone, in addition to an estimated 30,000 in the surrounding country.

Demons Invent Musical Instruments

ACTING under what he claims are instructions and specifications received from unseen spirit sources, a man in Ironia, N. J., has made a weird collection of musical instruments of the stringed variety unlike any others in the world. All the instruments are playable. One is a fiddle fourteen feet high; another is a combination of a harp and violoncello; another is a three-headed violin.

Epsom Salts Lake, Washington

EPSOM SALTS LAKE, in Washington, is virtually pure Epsom salts. It crystallizes in warm weather and liquifies in the winter. Thousands of tons of Epsom salts have been shipped from this lake.

Hail Six Feet Deep

IN A freak storm near Hazelton, Kans., the last week in March, in an area that had been ravaged by dust storms, five inches of rain fell in fifteen minutes and hail piled up six feet deep in some places.

American Stratosphere Flight Fizzle No. 2

THE largest balloon ever made, a sphere 192 feet in diameter, exploded suddenly in the Black Hills, South Dakota. It was intended for a trip into the stratosphere, the second futile American effort. The gondola, a globe 9 feet in diameter, with a metal shell less than one-fifth of an inch in thickness, was to have carried more than a ton of scientific instruments.

Cellophane Instead of Celluloid Films

THOUSANDS of deaths have been caused by fires due to inflammable motion-picture films. The end of this series of disasters is in sight. It is now found that motion pictures may be made on cellophane films, which are noninflammable, non-scratchable, and weigh only one-seventh as much as the old films.

Mummy in the Mammoth Cave

FOUR miles back from the entrance a mummy was found in the Mammoth Cave. The savage was caught by a fall of rock, and now scientists will have the rock carefully lifted and try to ascertain just what he was digging for at the time the rock fell, what tools he used, and all about it that can be known.

Making Ice by the Sun's Rays

A CALIFORNIA rancher, with a flare for invention, supplies his home with refrigeration by heat obtained from the sun's rays. The heat is used to vaporize ammonia enclosed in tubes, and as the ammonia is condensed the refrigeration takes place. The apparatus is homemade, and works well.

Phosphorescent Paint on Autos

A FRENCH firm of automobile makers has started painting its cars with phosphorescent paint. A car so painted can be seen for a half mile at night, even when the headlights are turned off; the device also increases parking safety.

Shivery Days on Planet Mars

FOR reasons unknown the planet Mars is having unusually cold weather. The usual temperature there is about that of earth's August, but recently there have been snowstorms and the polar icecaps are larger than in thirty years.

Gravediggers' Department

100 Physicians Poisoned in France

AT A banquet in Amiens, France, more than a hundred physicians were made gravely ill; so says the *New York Times*. Every reader of *The Golden Age* knows what it was that caused this wholesale poisoning, but the ones that were poisoned did not know, and the account in the *Times* says that the police were called in to question the kitchen employees. That is rich. A good way to do would be for both the police and the doctors to bake a good big dish of pork and beans in an aluminum pot, let it stand in the aluminum for 24 hours, warm it up, and feed it to the personnel of the Aluminum Trust, and stand over them while they eat it. They might get personal information that way, but even then their findings would never get into the papers, not so long as the Trust has plenty of money to pay for advertising aluminum cooking utensils. Meantime the poisonings continue, and the cancer rate grows by leaps and bounds.

Aluminum Wrappers Spoil Cheese

THE Blue Moon Cheese Products Company of Minnesota filed suit for \$1,148,200 against the Aluminum Company of America, alleging that inferior wrappers caused cheese to spoil. Prior to May, 1934, the cheese company had always used a tinfoil wrapper, but changed to aluminum foil on representations of a superb but unprincipled sales organization that aluminum is impervious to aromas and would keep the cheese in better condition. Complaints from retailers that cheese was spoiling resulted in an investigation. The cheese company wants \$1,000,000 for loss of business and good will, \$100,000 for spoilage, and the balance for unusable wrappers and other items.

Blaming the Insect Powder

AT THE Transient Service Bureau Home, Armleder Building, Twelfth Street and Central Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio, 100 were poisoned on Thursday, May 16. All foods cooked there are prepared in aluminum utensils; also, the inmates eat from aluminum dishes. It was necessary to find some cause for the wholesale poisoning, so the statement was published that "the poisoning is believed to have resulted from the sprinkling of insecticide powder about the kitchen". The idea is that those who believe it will believe it and those who don't believe it won't believe it; all of which is very simple.

Grayslake Gelatin

A CIRCULAR explains all about how Grayslake Gelatin is produced. Quoting in part, the literature explains: "The skins [of animals] are conveyed to aluminum cooking kettles. . . . The gelatin solution is drawn off and passed through aluminum filter presses. . . . All the piping and equipment in contact with the gelatin solution are aluminum . . . placed on drying racks covered with aluminum wire screening." The circular is a reprint from the *Journal of the American Medical Association* of July 25, 1931. It is too bad that those more than a hundred doctors at Amiens, France, who called in the police to find out what was wrong in the kitchen, didn't have some of this gelatin while they were convalescing, but it seems that the boys in the kitchen were on the job first and so the doctors could get along without it until the next time they have a group poisoning.

Safest for What?

A CIRCULAR at hand from the N. C. Joseph, Ltd., Aluminum Works, Stratford-on-Avon, England, says, "Pure aluminum, as you probably know, is the safest of all metals for beverages or food." In view of this statement, and the fact that even aluminum salesmen have almost died after leaving "beverages" in aluminum over night and then drinking them the next morning, one wonders just what is meant by the word "safest". Does it mean safest for the beverage consumer, safest for the doctor, safest for the undertaker, or safest for the maker and purveyor of the utensils? Probably the ones last mentioned; certainly not the one first named.

Qualifications of Aluminum Salesmen

AN OHIO correspondent sends a clipping from a Wheeling paper calling for an aluminum utensil salesman who is a college graduate or teacher, with training in medicine, dietetics and public speaking, and then he asks: "Why is it necessary for a salesman to be qualified to do everything but put on a fan dance to sell aluminum cooking utensils if they are healthful to use? If your answer will satisfy the Mellon interests, the undertakers, and the folks who have been poisoned and still be true, you win the prize, viz., one helping of potato salad cooked in church supper aluminum ware, and allowed to stand, say two hours and a half."

All About the World

What the People Really Want

WHAT the people really want is shown by the peace vote being taken in England. On a set date 6,815,537 had voted. Of these, 97.1 percent were for the League of Nations (a British institution), 92.5 percent were for general disarmament, 85 percent were for abolition of military planes, 93 percent for abolition of private manufacture of arms, 94 percent for collective security by economic action, and 74.1 percent were for collective security by the usual British method of "military measures if necessary". But the point is that the general average of those that desire peace is 89.3 percent, yet the warmakers usually get their way in the end.

Peace in the Chaco

PEACE at last between Paraguay and Bolivia; but at what a price! Out of a total population of 4,000,000, not less than 100,000 were slain before the oil companies fighting for the Gran Chaco could come to an agreement as to how to divide the territory. The last time the Paraguayans were at war, in 1870, they fought singlehanded for five years the countries of Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, and when the war was over the only males left alive in the country were those less than 14 years of age and more than 70; all others had been slain.

Labor Office in the Dumps

AFTER setting forth that practically nothing has thus far been accomplished toward bringing about world recovery, the International Labor Office, at Geneva, of which the United States is now a member, says:

"The true problem to be tackled by international action is not how to restrict production, but how to increase consumption. The task has certainly been rendered more difficult by much of the national planning already carried into effect and by the interests which have been firmly entrenched beneath its shelter."

Something About the Normandie

THERE are 25,000 doors on the Normandie. If it took you two seconds to open each door and two seconds to close it, you could open only 21,600 of them if you worked steadily, day and night, for twenty-four hours. There are fourteen freight and passenger elevators on the Normandie. The power plant is large enough to supply the needs of the city of Boston. The ship cost \$60,000,000.

Pagans Privileged in Nazidom

REFERRING to the German government's refusal to permit either Catholics or Protestants to hold mass meetings, with its consent to the Nordic pagan movement to hold a great meeting in the largest auditorium in Berlin, the *New York Times* says: "This is probably the first time in the history of modern Europe that a pagan religion has received privileges denied to Christian churches by an allegedly Christian government."

Restlessness in Canada and Newfoundland

THE "distress of nations with perplexity" is upon the countries to the north, Canada and Newfoundland. In British Columbia the members of relief camps are showing much lawlessness; they receive food, clothing, housing, tobacco and 20 cents a day in cash; they want more. In St. John's, Newfoundland, 900 jobless men stormed the city's main thoroughfare and looted more than forty stores before they were clubbed into submission.

First Sky Train into Cuba

THE first sky train into Cuba had one towing plane and two gliders in tow. The train came from Miami, Florida. On arrival over Havana one of the gliders cut loose and looped the loop three times on the way down. He landed safely, and so did the rest of the train, but the excitement was too great for the citizens of Havana: they broke through the police cordon and a riot ensued in which many were clubbed.

Subterranean River Causes Flood in France

AT Amiens, France, a subterranean river suddenly came to the surface, flooding several villages to a depth of six feet. This suggests what will occur at the battle of Armageddon as set forth in the prophecy of Habbakuk, recently explained in *The Watchtower*. Further similar experiences, in other lands, and on a much greater scale are looked for, later.

England Backsliding on Liberty

C. E. M. JOAD, English philosopher, claims that since the World War England, the home of liberty, has prosecuted more individuals for opinions disliked by the government than in fifty years before 1914, and argues that democracy cannot exist without liberty of speech and action. Muzzled creatures are slaves.

Why Clergy Oppose Truth

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

THE church organizations, both Catholic and Protestant, are ruled by priests or pastors, otherwise called "clergymen", and these violently oppose the message of the Bible which Jehovah's witnesses are carrying to the people. The clergymen claim to represent God and Christ, and Jehovah's witnesses claim that they serve God and Christ, then why should the clergy oppose the message Jehovah's witnesses bring? The correct answer is given in the Bible.

When Jesus was on earth the priests or clergymen of that day claimed to represent God and to be guides of the people. Jesus spoke the truth at all times, and yet those priests or clergymen violently opposed Him. They misled multitudes of people and caused them to oppose Jesus and His work. Jesus told those clergymen that they were blind guides and were leading the people into blindness. (Matthew 15:12, 14) Those clergymen exalted themselves; and the Devil, taking advantage of that fact, blinded them to the truth. To them Jesus said (John 8:38-45): 'Why do you not understand my speech? Because ye are of your father the Devil, and the desire of the Devil you do; and because I tell you the truth you believe me not, but seek to kill me.'

Exactly a similar condition exists today. When men use the Word of God for a selfish purpose to exalt themselves and other men they always fall into the trap of the Devil. Today the clergymen do not seek to exalt the name of Jehovah and His kingdom, but violently oppose it. Says the scripture at Romans 6: 'A man is the servant of him whom he serves.' Since the clergymen oppose the message of God's Word, they show themselves as servants of the Devil whether they appreciate that fact or not. The clergy are part of this world, participating in the politics of the world, and hence are blind to the truth and are the enemies of God. (James 4:3, 4) Every man who has faithfully followed Christ Jesus the religious organizations have opposed. To His followers Jesus says, in John 15: 'Because I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. They have per-

secuted me, and they will persecute you also.' That is the reason why the clergy oppose Jehovah's witnesses.

Now clergymen advocate the League of Nations as a means of uplift for the people. They are ignorant of the Word of God, which says (Matthew 12:21): 'In the kingdom of Christ is the hope of the world.' If the clergymen represented God and His kingdom they would devote themselves exclusively to aiding the people to understand the Bible concerning the same. The fact that they ignore God's kingdom and advocate schemes of men is conclusive proof that they serve the god of this world, who is the Devil. The clergy do not oppose Jehovah's witnesses because they are afraid of them, but oppose them because they are afraid of the truth which Jehovah's witnesses bring to the attention of the people. The truth will set the people free from the domination of selfish men and organizations. Jehovah's witnesses have no fight with men, clergymen or otherwise. Their only duty is to call the peoples' attention to the truth of God's Word so that each person may be free to intelligently take the course he desires. Everyone must take his stand on the side of God or of the Devil, because the time has come for the setting up of God's kingdom of righteousness which shall rule the world. Those who remain on the Devil's side will be destroyed. Those who take the side of God and His kingdom and obey shall live.

The faithful apostles of Jesus were going about the country teaching the people the truth of God's Word, and the priests, or clergymen, caused those apostles to be arrested and thrown into prison. Those clergymen could not have been serving God and at the same time persecuting the faithful apostles of the Lord. Whom, then, did those priests, or clergymen, represent? They represented God's adversary the Devil, because, according to the words of Jesus, they were doing the will of the Devil. God's expressed purpose is that He will establish a righteous government under Christ, destroy Satan's organization, and then bless the people. Jehovah

commands His witnesses to now tell the people this great truth; therefore the Devil and his

agents hate them and persecute them in order to prevent the people from hearing the truth.

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More About the Clergy

Songs of Degrees

SEVERAL Psalms are called Songs of Degrees. These are not what might be called religious degrees. Some religious degrees are scriptural. Thus the degree D.D. is scriptural (Isaiah 56:10), and usually awarded openly and with much ceremony. The V.D.M. and B.D. degrees have been awarded. B.D. may mean either Bachelor of Divinity or Bad Dog, or both. At the moment the Scriptural basis for either of these degrees does not appear. Examining the 120th and 124th Psalms, which are entitled Songs of Degrees, one notices that there may be some reference here, perhaps, to persons entitled to religious degrees who have been instrumental in assisting some of God's people to free board behind bars. Thinking on this, and especially on 2 Thessalonians 2:12 and Hebrews 12:8, a new degree, the degree of B.D. is now awarded to all such. Thus one might be either a D.D. or a B.D. and at the same time a D.B., or he could have the latter degree and not have either of the two first named, but the degree of D.B. is conferred only privately and after much careful study. (With apologies to Payette.)

Church Members "Religious Morons"

BISHOP HENRY WISE HOBSON, of the Episcopal diocese of southern Ohio, in an address before the 98th Episcopal convention of the diocese of Chicago, said that the majority of present-day church members are "religious morons". The bishop did not explain, and so *The Golden Age* explains for him, that this feeble-mindedness of the Episcopal morons is manifested by their willingness to continue to support the clergy system, which system is interested only in keeping in the saddle, and not at all in the instruction of the poor morons.

Pennsylvania Not in Prayer Market

IN THE Iowa legislature prayers have been \$5 each, but in Pennsylvania, on account of being nearer Wall Street, the price has been \$7, which is a 40-percent advance over the Iowa price. Things are evening up now, however. Pennsylvania legislators discovered that they had two dominies in their midst, and have voted that these two sky pilots shall pray alternately, and receive for their intercessions with the Almighty the value of the prayers themselves, and nothing more. In other words, the two dominie legislators will do the praying for the legislature without any additional compensation over their pay as lawmakers.

"The Religious Mind"

RETURNING from a four months' tour of the world Evangeline Booth, commander of the Salvation Army, is reported to have said that "the world is God-hungry. Temporal things have failed utterly"; also that she was "very much impressed with the religious mind of those who sit in power". A "religious mind" is a mind not given over to the doing of the will of God, but a mind given over to forms and ceremonies, which influence, more than any other, has helped the world into its present predicament.

"Easier to Be a Theologian"

AT THE General Assembly of the Presbyterian church at Cincinnati the Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Stevenson said: "It is so much easier to be a theologian than a Christian that the church has not been able to resist the temptation to take the easy way of escape from brotherhood responsibilities." That is a new way of saying that a man may be a great "theologian" and not be a Christian at all.

The Censor's Tail

Southern Preachers on the Run

AT LEAST two southern preachers were on the run recently. In the North Carolina senate chamber the Reverend H. L. Arnold was called down publicly for offering a political speech to his Lord God instead of the prayer for which he had been paid. Then he tried to apologize to the chair and got called down again because he had no right to address the chair. At the same time, in Atlanta, Georgia, the Reverend Dr. Witherspoon Dodge was thrown out of the Georgia house of representatives for describing sundry legislators as "hoodlums, bums and barbarians", in a radio address. After he landed in the corridor Dr. Dodge said he took nothing back. The hoodlums were still hoodlums, the bums still bums, and the barbarians still barbarians.

Rapping on the New Deal Coffin

RAPPING smartly on the New Deal coffin, by a vote of 110 to 21 the New York East Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church declared that "the conviction grows that capitalism must be discarded and a planned Christian economy established. . . . The tenderness with which the sacred cow of private profits has been protected, while suffering has been indescribably inhuman, indicts both the intelligence and character of our nation". It is sad to think of the pained look these dominions will get from the principal of their flock the next time they go for a handout; all they will get will be the Kelvinator look and the Frigidaire mitt.

Had Too Much Information

IT SEEMS that the "Reverend" Thurston Berger, of Minong, Wis., had too much information. According to press dispatches he consigned a poor but well-liked deceased citizen to the eternal companionship of Satan, whereupon one George Whitman pasted him on the map several times by way of protest. Friends and admirers of Whitman raised the \$7.50 which this burst of enthusiasm cost.

Poltergeist at Perth, Ontario

DEEDS of poltergeist are reported from Perth, Ontario. These are physical acts performed by demons. Among the incidents reported from Perth are teakettles, flatirons, stove-wood and other objects flying around in the home of John Quinn, without being propelled by any human hand.

The Letter Jesus Did Not Write

IT CAN be set down as certain that Jesus did not write the letter which is in a column article in the St. Louis *Post-Dispatch*. The letter hints at Jesus' speedy death, but is dated (about) A.D. 29, which was four years prior to that event. It promises after that event takes place to send someone to cure a certain man of a certain illness. This could not have been true. If Jesus communicated with the man at all he healed him direct. Many years later the apostle Paul healed others by sending them a handkerchief which he had touched. Surely if Jesus touched a letter it would do as much.

Demonism in Harlem

AS A result of the outburst of demonism in Harlem, associated with the belief by thousands of colored people and others that "Father Divine is God", at least eighteen people have gone insane. Their insanity takes the form of dancing in the nude and chanting nonsense rhymes as is done in Africa where like obsessions occur. The man who encourages the people to believe that he is God admitted in court that such is not the case, adding, in effect, "Suppose we say I am the Devil."

Banks Boosting Salvation

AT WHAT was described as "A nation-wide Go-to-Church movement, backed by the press, radio and motion picture interests", held in the Advertising Club, 23 Park avenue, New York, "Charles V. Vickrey reported that in some communities church attendance had increased 72 percent as a result of Go-to-Church advertising published by the local banks." This was probably in a town where 7 out of a congregation of 12 were regular. Vickrey is the executive secretary of the committee.

Comical Blunder in Scotland

THE Church of Scotland was in session recently in Edinburgh. Its head is Dr. Marshall Lang, brother of Dr. Cosmo Lang, the archbishop of Canterbury. King George had written a letter to his son, the duke of York, who was to address the session, calling attention to this interesting fact. By a comical mistake somebody gave the king's private letter to the clerk of the assembly and he read it aloud part-way through until he discerned the error, gulped a few times, and left the platform in dismay.

Reverend Chivington, of Colorado

IN THE fall of 1864 an ex-Methodist preacher, a "Reverend" Chivington, of Colorado, then a cavalry officer, led an attack against a peaceful village of Cheyenne Indians in which 300 Indians were killed. The government report of the affair said, in part: "It scarcely has a parallel in the records of Indian barbarity: fleeing women, holding their hands and praying for mercy were shot down; infants were killed and scalped in derision; men were tortured and mutilated in a way which would put to shame the savages of interior Africa." Before the killing began, the Indian chief, Black Kettle, ran up a United States flag topped with a white emblem, but all in vain. The Government paid the tribe \$30,000,000 damages for the massacre. The preacher displayed more than 100 scalps between acts at a theater performance. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Methodists Against Minding Mexico's Business

THE Methodists are against minding Mexico's business. Referring to Borah's proposal for a Senate investigation of so-called "religious persecution" in Mexico, the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal church adopted a resolution which said, in part:

"We regard this proposal as an unwarranted interference in the internal affairs of a friendly neighbor nation. When the American people come fully to realize the significance of the Mexican revolution they will at once feel a deep sympathy with the masses of the Mexican people in their struggle upward against the threefold tyranny of landed aristocracy, foreign interests and a dominant State church. These forces have always been to the fore in opposing reforms in Mexico."

Methodist Funeral Oration for New Deal

THE liberal group among the Methodists, headed by Bishop McConnell, says that "the New Deal measures which seemed designed to restrain the money-changers in the interest of all have served instead to intrench them. Roosevelt has continued the Hoover policy of seeking to save the debt structure by putting government credit behind the failing credit of big corporations. This has intensified the disease of our failing economic order—the piling up of a load of debt. The bankers have the money: billions lie idle in their banks. And they can and do call the tune".

National Church Snoopers' Department

THE Reverend Albert Huysmans, Derby, Iowa, writing in the *Des Moines Register*, recommends:

"Every citizen to pay an annual tax of \$5 to be turned into a church fund; said tax to be remitted on evidence of satisfactory church attendance for the year."

E. Rice, also of Iowa, says:

"The Reverend Albert Huysmans, Derby, Iowa, surely has a unique plan to keep the churches going; that is, to place a tax on non-church-going public. But how could this be enforced? I suggest we have a new department of the NRA, the NCSD (National Church Snoopers' Department). In order to enforce the law the United States would have to be well covered with an army of enforcement officers, to take note of those who do not go to church and therefore are subject to the tax. This would lessen the ranks of the unemployed. In order to get faithful service, I suggest the preachers be given the job, as they would have a personal interest in the collections and have had experience in finding where the money is."

Will Do Philadelphia's Thinking

RADIO station WFIL, Philadelphia, has announced that the Reverend Hugh L. Lamb, Roman Catholic, the Reverend Dr. John A. MacCallum, Presbyterian, and Rabbi William H. Fineshriber will pass on all religious matter going out from that station. That's rich. These three men will do Philadelphia's thinking for them. Everybody knows that the World War ruined the world and that it would never have been fought if the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy had taken their stand on the Lord's side. This, however, they never had any intention of doing, and do not have any such intention now. The only real purpose is to hold the old, rotten organization of things together, and prevent Jehovah's witnesses from getting the truth to the people.

Distorting a Circular into a Prayer

FOR changing a circular letter issued by George Washington into the form of a prayer, the Freethinkers of America, Inc., are seeking damages from the owners of St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton street, New York, and are asking for the court to order the removal of a plaque which seeks to perpetuate a fraud. The damages are claimed for the cost of two postcards, sold for ten cents each, supporting the fraudulent claim that Washington prayed as alleged.

"This Bloody Western Religion"

DR. FRED B. SMITH, chairman of the executive committee of the World Alliance for International Friendship, in an address at Los Angeles, said:

"Organized religion is doomed if another great war comes. This bloody western religion of ours is indicted. If we don't wash our hands of blood and war, we'd as well call home our missionaries, quit the farce and let Ghandi establish a religion based on the Sermon on the Mount. The ravings of some of these 100-percent Americans who boast of our superior military and naval strength fall like music on the ears of the American manufacturer of munitions who would be perfectly willing to sell guns to Japan even though he might know that America and Japan were at war. Many of the churches today which, at every conference, work their people up into a frenzy to hang the Capones, Dillingers and Hauptmanns and to ostracize the merchants of booze and tobacco somehow get cold feet when somebody suggests a positive stand against war."

Spiritual Injections at \$250 Per

IN BUILDING up its war vessels the United States gave the building of the cruiser Tuscaloosa to the New York Shipbuilding Corporation. While the cruiser was building the workers went on strike. Two ministers, one of Camden, N. J., and one of Woodbury, N. J., did what they could to get the men back to work, so that the building of the war machine could go on. Philip Chappell, conciliator of the National Labor Department, said that, as far as he could recall, these ministers injected themselves into the situation. When the battle was over, and the men had gone back to work, each minister was paid \$250. This is a high price to pay for injections, but spiritual injections always come high.

Reverend Percy Stanley Scott

REVEREND PERCY STANLEY SCOTT, of England, is on record as having served eight sentences, three of them for five years each. Two of the latter were for bigamy, and one for false pretenses and forgery. He has just gone up again for 18 months for obtaining \$4,500 worth of jewelry under false pretense. All can see how much better it would have been for this man if he had gone into some honest line of business many years ago. He is now 67 years of age, and the bad habits he has cultivated will now probably stick with him until the end.

Atlanta Union of Church and State

ATLANTA, Ga., has union of church and state, on this wise. The school children were required to fill out questionnaires telling to what church father belongs; to what church mother belongs; what Sunday school the child attends; during the past four Sundays how many times the child has been at Sunday school; if the child itself is a member of any church, and if so, what; the occupation of each parent, and if none, it is to be so stated. The information, when collected, was to be turned over to the Evangelical Ministers' Alliance, which had no more right to have it than the gaekwar of Baroda or the maharajah of the kingdom of Bhutan, or the amir of Afghanistan.

Doctor Inkster Sees Some Truth

DOCTOR JOHN INKSTER, prominent theologian of Canada, sees some truth. In an address in the Knox Presbyterian church, Toronto, he denounced the Dominion's theological colleges as filled with professors having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, with the natural result that "like priest, like people". He said that God is being kept out of the schools, out of commercial life, and out of everything else in life, and that the masses are as bad as the classes: dishonesty and greed have become the dominant features of our civilization; the atheists are in control. Wonder what Doctor Inkster's attitude is toward Jehovah's witnesses.

"True Christian Does Not Compromise"

REVEREND C. C. COLE, pastor of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, 104th street, New York, is on record as saying, truthfully: "When Jesus says 'Love your enemies' and the government says 'Kill your enemies', the Christian must choose. And when a man must choose between surrendering his conscience to his government or subordinating his patriotism to his God, the true Christian does not compromise."

The Church in an Anomalous Situation

REVEREND CLAYTON S. RICE, of Seattle, Washington, addressing the annual council of state superintendents of Congregational and Christian churches, at Chicago, made the statement that the order from which church institutions draw their financial lifeblood is, in its motivation, largely un-Christian, placing the church in an anomalous situation. He had no remedy to offer.

Her Harlot Majesty, the Censor Herself

Improving Passaic's Police

ALL of Passaic (N. J.) police are now under orders that once a week they must go to some place where they will learn that God meant all right but has got the earth in such a terrible jam that only the preachers can straighten it out, or else that he is in a contest with the Devil which will result in the everlasting torture of almost everybody, or else that he is in partnership with the Devil, which latter gent holds most of humanity in a bake oven for 1,000 years after they get through with the priests, preachers, politicians, bankers and saber rattlers here below. In the latter case he can be bribed to cut down the time some. Quotations on time off, so much for so much, can be had from any "purgatory" expert. When the Passaic police get through with this course of instruction, they will be what they are now, subservient to the Roman hierarchy, only more so.

The man who gave the order that the Passaic (N. J.) police must go to church, director of public safety, John J. Roegner, is a Catholic. As a Catholic John is certainly not interested in the "heretical sects" of Protestantism, nor has he any interest in the Jews whom the Catholic organization so mercifully persecuted when it had the power to do so. His only interest is in getting the Catholic police (who haven't a whole lot of use for the priesthood) to go to church and continue subject a little longer to priestly influence. As a large proportion of the police force in American cities is Catholic, the objective of the hierarchy is attained, though for the sake of covering its tracks it has this puppet tell Protestants to go to Protestant churches and the Jews to the synagogues. It cannot get things done the way it could at one time, so this concession has to be made. But what about those who are neither Jews, Protestants nor Catholics? These seem to be out of luck; or are they in luck?

There is something queer about this whole proposition, especially when it is remembered that most criminals had "religious" training of one kind or another. There may be foul play in this suggestion or order that police must go to church. It is hard to make out. It may be that the presence of the police in church will tend to hold in check those of criminal tendencies, seeing that the priests and preachers have not accomplished much in that respect.

The police will probably find a way out of the

difficulty, however. Now that most preachers advertise their sermon (?) topics, it will be an easy matter to find out from the "Go to Church" page in the paper whether Dr. Musty is speaking on "Mother Goose" or "Alice in Wonderland", or just what Rev. Makempay will say about the political situation. When it comes to this the Protestants have the edge on the Catholic police, for it seems that the priests 'take no thought for the morrow' when it comes to telling in advance what they will preach about. On the other hand, the priests are not unreasonable, and a slight (?) monetary consideration will probably persuade them to divulge what they expect to talk about at the preaching mass. Since the police are also required to smile when on duty, the effect of the regulation will probably be to make bigger and better hypocrites, and more of them, all around.

Where the NRA Came From

SNEERING at the United States Constitution, John A. Matthews, New Jersey lawyer, urged Fordham graduates to look for their inspiration to the popes Leo XIII and Pius XI, and then said: "The man at the helm of our government today is wedded to this very course. The remarkable parallel between the principles regarding social reconstruction enunciated by the popes and the efforts at national recovery launched under the Christian leadership of President Roosevelt is an earnest that social justice as preached by the sovereign pontiffs can be the ultimate economic salvation of America if Catholic Action will express itself in united prayerful co-operation with honest elected leadership and not in the hopeless program, however sincere, of emotional mobocracy."

The Popes versus Jefferson

IN AN address at Boston Governor James M. Curley, addressing an organization of fellow Catholics, said:

"The Roosevelt program is fashioned along the lines of the encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and of Pope Pius XI. If anyone had said a century ago that we should so revolutionize our government that we should accept the guidance of 'our holy father', Pope Leo XIII, rather than of Thomas Jefferson, we should have deemed him a fit subject for a psychiatrist."

This statement by a Roman Catholic governor is as plain a statement as anyone would wish of the purpose of Rome to destroy the American Government and replace it with one of their own.

Fear of Coughlin as a Dictator

THE Reverend Doctor Norman Vincent Peale, of Marble Collegiate Reformed church, New York, expressing his fear that "father" Coughlin might become dictator, said:

"Already the duly authorized government at Washington shows a tendency to yield to fear of the sinister power of this priest. Before an audience of 25,000 people at Cleveland, enthusiastically ready to follow him, he cried, 'We are stronger than any president.' Orderly democratic government and our honored American institutions threaten to give way against this man who, half mad with lust for power, has deluded thousands of otherwise sensible citizens by his bizarre demagoguery. Is there no way of stopping this wild priest? Are we, as Americans, content to have him dictate to the democratically chosen representatives of the people, and to the president himself, his own ideas which he hands down as though they were the dicta of God? Even the press seems to be afraid of him."

Coughlin's Present Claim

COUGHLIN's present claim is that he has no political ambitions, that the National Union for Social Justice is just a side issue with him, that the membership of the Union is 8,750,000 and that he hopes to drop out of the picture soon. Of course, it is all just an accident, the year before a presidential election, that a Roman Catholic party is forming right under America's nose, and that those that are forming it had no intention to do what they are doing, and don't intend to do anything whatever with the 8,750,000 (more or less) tied to Mr. Coughlin.

One of Coughlin's Critics

AT first "Reverend" Coughlin was for Hoover; then it was "Roosevelt or Ruin". Linking himself with the institution of which he is a part, he has said, "The Catholic church stands four-square behind the capitalists." Of course it does, and this automatically estops it from claiming to be the friend of the workingman. Whenever this man has expressed himself as in favor of "a just and living annual wage" it has been noted that he is silent as to how to get it. Every statement seems to have a "but" attached to it. In one breath he says that "in this struggle for the recognition of labor unions the laborer is absolutely on the side of the angels", yet when he built his new church he refused to have anything to do with union labor, and the wages he paid were 25 percent to 40 percent below trade union rates. He urged workers to

fight for their rights, but not to strike. He wants a Fascist solution of the labor problem. He condemned Milwaukee students for adopting anti-war resolutions. He is for huge military appropriations, wanting 10,000 airplanes to guard the coast line. He is for war in Mexico. He is against what he calls "bonds, bloody bonds", but on March 19, 1931, invested \$80,048.04 in government bonds. In denouncing the great financiers he never mentions either Rockefeller or Hearst. He is in close touch with some of the greatest financiers in New York. It is figured that his expenditures are about \$1,250,000 per year, and the income about \$450,000. It is conjectured that the missing \$800,000 is put up by those who are determined to have a Fascist dictatorship in America. He has denounced profits of 35 or 40 percent, but on the \$20,000 invested in silver margins he is calculated to have made a profit of \$120,000, which is 600 percent. He has three bank accounts, one in the name of C. E. Coughlin, one in the name of the Radio League of the Little Flower, and a third in the name of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish. All three accounts are used for speculative purposes. He is a Jew-baiter. He is not in favor of free speech. He is an ideal tool for some man who would be Fascist dictator. The foregoing facts are taken from *The Truth About Father Coughlin*, by A. B. Magil, Box 148, Station D, New York City.

Coughlin Uses Hierarchy Methods

IT IS a significant fact that there were no elections or discussions at Coughlin's conventions in either Michigan or Ohio. Coughlin himself does the discussing and the electing. In answer to a question of one of the poor suckers as to how he was to vote in the elections Coughlin answered, "That's my job to tell you." That is the way the Roman Catholic hierarchy has always talked to the people, and always will until Armageddon; after which, no more hierarchy.

This Is Too Easy; Ask Another

THE *New World* (Roman Catholic), Chicago, has a three-column cartoon showing the pope standing up in a little boat tossed up and down on the waves of war, ruin, hatred, destruction and savagery, and asks the question, "Christ Stilled the Storm Tossed Waves. Will They Heed His Vicar, Pope Pius XI?" This is too easy; ask another.

Cardinal O'Connell Radio Censorship

THE Chicago *Daily News* says that Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, wants a modified form of radio censorship. Let us get it straight. What Cardinal O'Connell really wishes is a radio censorship that will absolutely prevent anybody from broadcasting the truth about the greatest collection of liars and hypocrites that ever lived. The *Daily News*, still striving for the principles of true Americanism, says that inasmuch as there is no way to modify a thing like censorship, the only right way to do is to let Cardinal O'Connell and all others have the liberty of expressing their views on public subjects over the radio, in print or on the platform, whenever and wherever they can command the means of reaching an audience. And every true American knows that the *Daily News* has the right idea.

Weary of Bogus Saints

WEARLY of bogus saints, the Zacatecas state legislature voted to change the names of all towns, streets and stations in the state that were named after saints. The Roman Catholic church had uninterrupted control of Mexico for four hundred years. Bishops and priests were given 72 hours to leave the state of Guerrero, and were also ordered out of the states of Sonora, Tabasco, Chiapas and Colima as public enemies. A dispatch from Mexico city stated that "the government committee of public health ordered the dismissal of every confessed Catholic on its pay rolls". The Associated Press carried a dispatch that 200,000 persons, many of them women, paraded in the hot sun for four hours, as a mark of their support of the government's policies.

Four Hundred Versus Fourteen Years

JOSE MIGUEL BEJARANO, Lynbrook, N. Y., writing in the *New York Times*, says:

"For 400 years the Catholic church had an absolute monopoly of education in Mexico, with the result that in 1910 85 percent of the people were illiterate. In the fourteen years that the revolutionary government has been in power this figure has been reduced to less than 35 percent. The school is now the center of rural life. The government supplies the teachers, but it could not erect the buildings. Workers spent their day off building the school, and farmers gave land for the school farm, which they tilled one day a week together with the students. Children were taught to work and to teach. There is no age limit and no grading."

Church Troubles in Panama

PANAMA has its church troubles. Somebody in the city of Anton laid hands on 6,700 pieces of jewelry, including gold chains, gold rings, diamonds, and gold and silver coins and other objects. This was a bad loss, and shows carelessness on the part of the priests. The haul for each day should be put in the safe, if the priest is able to get to it. And then here is another item. The "Reverend" Victor Torres was accused of stealing a gold chain from his archbishop, Reverend Juan Jose Maizetegui. At the reverend's hearing he complained that an inmate of the red-light district, a colored girl, had robbed him of \$145. Released on \$100 bond, pending trial for swiping the chain, he lit out for parts unknown, forfeiting the bond.

No Innocent Bystanders

DR. ROSS S. HOFFMAN, professor of history at New York University, seemed to have a correct hunch of what is coming when he said to the New York Province of Newman Clubs: "And if we, not as Catholics but as full-fledged members of civil society, are not on the side that wins, we shall most certainly be on the side that loses, for in the struggle that is coming there are not going to be any innocent bystanders." If he never tells the truth again, he told it then.

"Where Thieves Do Not Break Through"

THE Apostolic Mission House, Brookland, D.C., is willing to accept bequests of \$5,000 down to \$50, and advises that contributors should "lay up treasures where 'neither rust nor moth doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal' ". The House is under control of the Catholic Missionary Union, one of the directors of which, the Very Reverend John B. Harney, C.S.P., advocates the murder of those opposing the Catholic church.

"Pray," by Edward Lodge Curran

JUST noticed a leaflet put out by "International Catholic Truth Society". It is entitled "Pray", by Edward Lodge Curran. The front page contains the word "pray" 211 times; the second page, 1½ times; the third page, 1½ times; and the fourth page, 7 times; total 221. That ought to be enough, especially in view of Jesus' statement about not having too much to say when one prays.

Free Speech and a Free Press

WHENEVER the Roman Catholic hierarchy or any other rascals undertake a raid on the liberties of the public they always start off with a preamble professing their complete admiration and acceptance of the American principles of free speech and a free press. They figure that the suckers will bite better if they have some bait. This helps one to explain, as well as to understand, the item in the Pueblo (Colo.) *Star-Journal* of May 13, 1935, that Rabbi Maurice L. Zigmond, of Temple Emmanuel, of that city, who did all possible to put Judge Rutherford off the air in that city, was one of about 250 "clergymen of three faiths, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish", who signed a memorial to Congress "to warn the nation against imminent dangers which threaten our constitutional liberties of free speech, free assembly and a free press". What Zigmond and his cronies really desire is a national law that will give them the floor and shut Judge Rutherford off altogether, but they lack the nerve and the honesty to come out in the open and say what they mean.

Pueblo Makes Itself Ridiculous

FOR reasons unknown the city of Pueblo, Colo., is of late trying to make itself ridiculous in the eyes of the rest of the world. Trucking to the Roman hierarchy the president of the city council issued a proclamation urging upon all the people of Pueblo to assist in the ceremonies attendant upon Good Friday. M. Flanders, of that city, properly reprimanded him publicly in a letter in the Pueblo *Star-Journal*, reminding him that in Pueblo there are some thousands of people that are not Roman Catholics, that Good Friday is a purely Roman Catholic institution, that if one of its holy days is to be generally and publicly observed then all of its holy days, including the 71 fish days, should also be generally and publicly observed, and that it seemed to him that the best thing a public official can do is to attend to his public business and keep his fingers out of petty sectarian squabbles.

Crowning Mary as Queen of the May

THE St. Petersburg (Fla.) *Times* gives a lengthy account of a public procession in that city terminating by the crowning of a statue of the virgin Mary as Queen of the May. This was done on May 12, 1935. Not sure what Mary gets out of this. Never heard of the like before.

What Commissioner Valentine Said

IT IS the claim of the Roman Catholic hierarchy that it controls the police of New York and Brooklyn. Once a year this control is manifested in Brooklyn in a so-called "Holy Name Society breakfast" in the Hotel St. George, at which the highest members of the hierarchy are present. How well this control has worked in the past was indicated at the breakfast in the spring of 1935, in which Commissioner Valentine told the police that if hereafter they would do their duty "the chiselers, who enable former bootlegging thugs, murderers and assassins to insinuate that they bought your good name, won't dare to stench your midst". What a big word the little word "if" is.

Idolatry at London

NEWSPAPERS from Britain devote several columns to the worship of a Y-shaped stole, made from the wool of 'specially blessed' lambs. After the stole was made it lay for one night on what is said to be St. Peter's grave. On arrival in England it was put up on the altar and worshiped, then kissed by the clergy, and finally put around the new archbishop's neck. Then the clergy kissed his hand and knelt before him. The bishop next in line was clad "in gorgeous robes of purple and gold", and the other girls were dressed to kill, too.

Stipanovic Smiteth Zubak (?)

ANDREW G. ZUBAK, proprietor of the Sharon Hotel, Sharon, Pa., had the "Reverend" John Stipanovic arrested, complaining that the "Reverend" John smote him snootwise and broke his glasses. This "Father" Stipanovic denies emphatically, says the Youngstown (Ohio) *Daily Vindicator*, and now almost everybody, except the informed and experienced readers of *The Golden Age*, wonders which is the liar.

Financial Report of New Rochelle Church

AT HAND the Financial Report of Blessed Sacrament Church, New Rochelle, N. Y., for 1933'. Receipts for the year, \$59,615.18, a very sizable business. The candle department alone yielded \$2,457.38. The money received for 139 baptisms, 11 converts and 47 marriages was not shown.

This Business of Reprimanding Priests

IN Mexico in the recent past a Roman Catholic priest gathered together a mob and soon succeeded in getting two of Jehovah's witnesses, a man and wife, murdered. This gave the priest something to do, and while the murder was going on he was happily employed. No news yet as to whether he has been reprimanded. In Youngstown, Ohio, however, the "very reverend father" Elias Hayek was sued for kicking and punching a woman to death, and her relatives, instead of recognizing that he had to have something to do, had the temerity to sue him for sending Mrs. Jennie Dardass out of this world, and the jury awarded her estate the sum of \$1,200. What are things coming to in this country, when a priest can't murder a citizen without being sued for it?

People Betrayed by Newspapers

ONE of the most interesting phenomena of the times is the betrayal of the people by the newspapers. Despite the certain knowledge that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is the world's greatest foe of human liberty, not a chance is let slip to pose that same hierarchy before the people as the grandest, most sublime institution on earth. The pettiness is astounding. Thus, when the big news came of the arrest of M. C. Harbeck, July 18, by the secret police of Germany it was concealed from the people that he was one of Jehovah's witnesses, of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, and though it was grudgingly admitted that he is a prominent "Protestant minister", the whole story in the New York *Evening Journal*, in which the account first appeared, was put under glaring headlines about the "persecutions" of Catholics in Germany, which persecutions are almost if not entirely camouflage. The next morning, in the New York *American*, the same item appeared under glaring headlines "Hitler Orders Police Drive on Catholics", but it was sandwiched in the middle of the article between two imaginary "reports" of contemplated action against Catholics. The effect upon the casual reader would be that the arrest of Harbeck was in some way an attack on the Catholics who were thereby being persecuted. Few would believe that anybody could be so fiendishly small of soul, yet the charge is openly made in New Jersey that both of these papers, and most other New York and New Jersey papers, are completely under the control of Frank Hague, the Roman

Catholic boss of Jersey City, and that all the news from the state is colored to suit his wishes. That, most certainly, is the reason that no mention is ever made in the metropolitan papers of the maltreatment of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey. In other words, the public press of today is definitely on the side of the Devil and committed to him, body and soul, to do his will. The New York *Times* had a decent and honorable report of Harbeck's arrest; so also the *World-Telegram*; but in both the *Journal* and the *American* the camouflage was complete. Probably the fact is that Gog, the invisible prime minister of the Devil, caused the report of prospective attacks upon the Catholics to be circulated so that when he had nabbed Harbeck those who are given over wholly to the Devil might do just what the editors of the *Journal* and *American* did.

Scots Displeased with Idolatry

THE Scots do not take well to idolatry. A procession was marching through the streets of Edinburgh worshiping a little piece of bread. The natives took umbrage, thousands shouted "Down with popery!" Twelve were arrested. The newspapers are trying to play this up as if the Catholics were being persecuted. However, that is not the case. The Catholics were putting on a show, and, as it was no good, received "eggs and rotten tomatoes".

Mexico Suspects What Is Wrong

MEXICO suspects what is wrong with the United States; is sure of it, in fact. When news reached the Mexican Congress that Senator Borah had proposed that the United States investigate Mexico, a Mexican senator arose and gravely proposed that Mexico investigate the United States, and some that have heard of it think it might not be at all a bad idea to carry the plan into execution.

"Back to Imperial Rome"

IN AN address in Lowell, Mass., Rev. Harry Fay Foster said:

"Dean Pound of the Harvard Law School informs us that the social and political world is being carried back to imperial Rome. Instead of a modern religion overcoming an ancient world, a world of the past is overpowering the present faith. A free religion is disappearing under the influence and compulsion of an autocratic world."

Refuge for Men of Good Will

CITIES of refuge were long ago provided by the law of Jehovah God. They were a place of protection for those who had unawares broken His "everlasting covenant" with mankind by unwittingly taking a human life. (Genesis 9:1-17) These cities of refuge foreshadowed God's loving-kindness for the protection of the people of good will during the coming battle of Armageddon, "the battle of that great day of God Almighty." (Revelation 16:13-16) The people of good will, now known as "Jonadabs" because of their likeness to Jonadab of old (2 Kings 10:15-23), must perform certain specific requirements in order to be assured of refuge during the trouble, and to ultimately receive life.

"And Jehovah spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan [river] at Jericho, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer that killeth any person unwittingly [through error (*margin*)] may flee thither." (Numbers 35:1, 10, 11, *A.R.V.*; Deuteronomy 19:1-10) Three of the cities of refuge were on the east side of the Jordan, and three on the west side, in the land of Canaan, according to the commandments of Jehovah.—Numbers 35:13, 14.

Moses here was a type of Christ Jesus, the Greater Moses. (Acts 3:21-23) The setting up of the cities of refuge was notice to those who should have need therefor that God had made provision for their protection and refuge in time of distress. That was a part of the prophecy, and, being a prophecy, it must have its fulfillment at some later day and at the second coming of the Greater Moses. In keeping with the prophecy, on the 24th day of February, A.D. 1918, by the Lord's grace and manifestly by His providence and direction, there was publicly delivered, at Los Angeles, Calif., for the first time the message "The World Has Ended—Millions Now Living Will Never Die". Thereafter that message was proclaimed by word of mouth and by printed publication throughout "Christendom". No one of God's people understood fully the matter at that time; but now in the clearer light of prophecy it is seen and understood that those on the earth who may live and not die are the ones who now 'get into the Lord's chariot', as Jonadab at the invitation of King Jehu got into the chariot of Jehu and rode with him to

the execution of Jehovah's judgments upon the enemies in vindication of His name.

Jehovah's commandment was that there should be given to the tribe of the Levites forty-eight cities and suburbs. Out of these there were designated six cities for a place of refuge. (Numbers 35:6) These six were, in being thus assigned to the Levites, assigned to those who had been redeemed or purchased by Jehovah God in the place of the firstborn ones of the nation of Israel that had been spared of the Lord in the tenth and last plague which Jehovah brought upon Egypt to force it to let the Israelites go. These Levites had been assigned exclusively to God's service. (Numbers 3:11-51) Now, in the Scriptures a city is a symbol of an organization; and the six cities thus appointed picture the organization of Jehovah's consecrated ones yet on earth who are anointed with His spirit as His witnesses. Such anointed ones represent Zion, "the holy city," or God's capital organization, since it has been builded up. (Psalm 102:16) There being six such cities of refuge would not indicate an imperfect refuge, but rather would suggest that such is God's provision for refuge while imperfect conditions still exist on the earth.

The Hebrew word for "refuge", which is applied only to these six cities, means an "asylum", as a receptacle into which something might be taken for protection and safe-keeping. If Jehovah would make such provision for one who slew another unawares, and who would therefore be helpless against the avenger or executioner, it would certainly seem reasonable that He would provide a similar place of protection for those people on earth who are of good will to be preserved from the "sword" of the great Executioner Christ Jesus which will avenge the world-wide violation of the everlasting covenant, this covenant pertaining to the sacredness of human life. All the nations have violated the everlasting covenant. For this reason God will execute His vengeance upon them at the battle of Armageddon. That is the day of the expression of the vengeance of our God. (Isaiah 61:2; 63:4) In the cities of refuge the fugitive could be hid. Even so in the day of the execution of Jehovah's vengeance He has provided a place of refuge where certain ones may be hid who learn the truth and who do that which is right.

Only one city of the priests of Israel was made a city of refuge, namely, Hebron, in the

hill country of Judea. (Joshua 21:11-13) The priests were taken from the tribe of Levi, and six cities of that tribe being made places of refuge, the manslayer seeking refuge was obliged to find protection in those cities. Hence these cities of protection symbolized the present-day organization of those who are wholly devoted to God and His spiritual temple service. There was, back there, no other place that the manslayer could find refuge or safety. This is strong proof that the Jonadab class of the present time who seek refuge against the day of vengeance must find it only in the Greater Jehu's chariot, that is to say, in the organization of Jehovah. Of that organization Christ Jesus is the Head and great High Priest, and Jehovah's witnesses today are also members thereof with Christ Jesus.

"Unawares"

"These six cities shall be a refuge, both for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them; that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee thither." (Numbers 35:15) What is meant by the words "every one that killeth any person *unawares*"? This: Satan's organization on the earth has willfully and deliberately broken God's everlasting covenant by wantonly and cruelly killing human creatures. By His prophet God declares His purpose to destroy Satan's official organization on the earth because of the violation of the everlasting covenant. (Isaiah 24: 5, 6) The commercial and political elements of Satan's visible organization have deliberately planned and promoted cruel wars resulting in the wholesale shedding of innocent human blood. The religious element of "Christendom", and particularly those of the clergy, have sanctified those wars and blasphemously declared them to be in harmony with God's will. All such willful slayers shall perish at Armageddon.

On the other hand there are those on the earth, and particularly in the realm of "Christendom", who have worked for and supported the commercial and political systems of oppression; who have served in the armies and navies and taken human life; who have upheld the commercial and political systems that have greatly oppressed the people; who have been associated with religious systems which have sanctified war and have hence been a party to the crime of breaking the everlasting covenant; or who as members of the "strong-arm squad"

have aided in the persecution of the faithful followers of Christ Jesus and have persecuted those who serve Jehovah God. During the World War many men participated in these wrongful doings, and especially in the persecution of God's people (Matthew 24: 7-9), and did so without malice and without knowledge that they were violating God's law.

Since the coming of Christ Jesus to the temple spiritual (in A.D. 1918, as fact and Scripture show) there has been great persecution heaped upon God's people in the land of "Christendom". There is bloodguiltiness on the part of those who have shared in this wrongful persecution deliberately. Others have had part therein unwittingly. "Christendom," and particularly the official part thereof, lays great claim to doing God's will, while at the same time being guilty of many flagrant crimes. The clergy, and the Roman Catholic hierarchy in particular, have connived with the big commercial and political wrongdoers in robbing and destroying the people, and the prophecy of Isaiah 1: 21-24 applies to them, because such are the ones who claim to be God's kingdom. Among both the Jews and "Christendom" there have been those who have had no sympathy with such wrongdoing, yet by reason of circumstances have been forced into participating with and supporting these wrongdoers, to some degree at least, and are thus of the class that unwittingly are guilty of shedding blood.

Those who have unwittingly or unawares supported those wrongdoers must have some way of escape; otherwise they would fall in the great trouble in the battle of the great day of God Almighty. In His loving-kindness Jehovah has made just such a provision as is needed for their escape, and the cities of refuge pictured that way of escape. Of the six cities of refuge "Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sunrising". (Deuteronomy 4: 41-44) After him Joshua confirmed that selection after he had crossed the Jordan, and also appointed three cities in Canaan. The six cities were a place of refuge for the children of Israel and for the stranger and for the sojourner, thus showing that in the fulfillment of the prophecy the place of refuge would be for those in "Christendom", and also for those associated with "Christendom" but *not* a part thereof, who might have need of such refuge and who desire and seek it. —Joshua 20: 1-9.

If death resulted from a willful act, as by one

using as a weapon an instrument of iron, or by throwing a stone, or with the hand-weapon of wood, that is, a club, the one doing the wrongful act which thus resulted was guilty of murder and must die. (Numbers 35:16-18) The murderer's blood must be shed by the avenger or revenger of blood, that being the law of God for punishment in violation of the everlasting covenant: "Whosoever sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." (Genesis 9:6) "The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay him." (Numbers 35:19) But if the killing was by accident or unawares, the manslayer might flee to the city of refuge for protection. "And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment."—Num. 35:12.

The Avenger

Who is "the avenger", or the one who executes vengeance antitypically upon such wrongdoers? The very language of the law of God makes "the avenger" God's official executioner. According to the Hebrew for "avenger", the execution of vengeance devolved upon one by reason of kinship, family relationship, such as the relationship of the man Boaz toward Naomi and her daughter-in-law Ruth. (Ruth 2:20, *margin*; 3:2) The great kinsman of the human race by birth is Jesus, being born of Mary the virgin. Hence He was the near kinsman of the Israelites. (Galatians 4:4, 5) The perfect man Jesus bought the human race with His own precious blood and is therefore the Redeemer. As the Redeemer of man He is clothed with authority from Jehovah His Father to give life to the human race. (Romans 6:23; Isaiah 9:6, 7) He is Jehovah's great official executioner and delivers justice by repaying like with like upon the blood-guilty. "For 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; Deuteronomy 19:21) Christ Jesus is the Vindicator of Jehovah's name, and the executioner of all of God's enemies. In this execution of vengeance He associates with Him those pictured in the ninth chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy as the "six men" each of which was armed with a slaughter weapon in his hand and used it under the direction of the Lord. The "six men" represent all of the invisible organization

under Christ, including the resurrected members of "his body, the church", also cherubim, seraphim, and angels.

"The revenger of blood himself shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him." (Numbers 35:19) Jesus Christ, the great Executioner, will certainly meet or overtake all of the bloodguilty ones at Armageddon in the battle of the great day of God Almighty and will slay all such as are not in the cities of refuge. The provision of God's law was, "that the [unwitting] manslayer [might flee to the city of refuge and thus] die not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment." (Numbers 35:12) All other manslayers must be executed. The cities of refuge were prepared as a way of escape: "Lest the avenger of the blood pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and slay him; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him [the slain one] not in time past. That innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee." (Deuteronomy 19:6, 10) That provision of God's law foreshadowed far greater things to come to pass after the faithful witnesses of Jehovah on earth have by Him been taken into His covenant for the kingdom of heaven and have been sent forth to 'preach this gospel of the kingdom in all the world for a witness to all nations; and then shall the end come'. (Matthew 24:14) This preaching is now being done!

Who, then, are the ones that will escape? It is the people of good will that flee into the "city of refuge". These were once associated in some respect with Satan's organization; but now, by reason of the wickedness thereof and by reason of God's loving-kindness, they seek refuge in God's organization, which organization was of old pictured by the cities of refuge. They forsake "Babylon", that is, Satan's organization, and flee unto God's organization, taking their stand on the side of Jehovah and His kingdom. Henceforth they must have no sympathy with nor give support to the wicked organization, but must remain steadfastly on the Lord's side and be in full sympathy with His organization and the work He is doing.

The great Judge, Christ Jesus, is upon His throne at the temple and is dividing the people as an oriental shepherd divides the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:31-46) Those who desire to be in harmony with God and righteous-

ness must without equivocation or compromise take their stand on Jehovah's side and let it be known that they are for God and His righteous government at all times. The obligation is now upon Jehovah's witnesses to instruct the Jonadab class in order that those of good will may act intelligently. Those persons of good will and honest heart have been kept in blindness by Satan and his agents, particularly the clergy, until they heard the truth about the Lord and His kingdom, and thus they have unwittingly supported the unholy crowd and committed acts of violence to those who are devoted to Jehovah and His kingdom, as well as to others.

Seeking Refuge

God's law required that if one committed manslaughter accidentally or unawares or unwittingly and he was not an enemy of the slain person, "then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the revenger of blood according to these judgments: and the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil." (Numbers 35:22-25) The congregation must try the case and determine whether or not the slayer might flee to their city and find refuge there. "And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, and until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled."—Joshua 20:6.

If the decision was that the slaying was without malice and was accidental or unwittingly committed, then the slayer should find protection in the city of refuge and must remain there until the death of Israel's high priest. Then though the congregation found the slayer not guilty, and entitled to the protection of the city of refuge, that was not sufficient for him to go free, but he must go into the city of refuge and remain there until a change took place in the office of the high priest. At the death of the high priest the slayer might return with safety to his own place or residence. This would clearly seem to teach that the Jonadab class, having sought and found refuge with God's organization, must remain therein, in the "chariot" with the Greater Jehu, and must continue in heart

sympathy and harmony with the Lord and His organization and must prove this proper heart condition by co-operating with Jehovah's witnesses until the office of the high priest class, the anointed ones under the Head Christ Jesus, yet on the earth be finished. Thus the people of good will must do if they would have their lives spared during the battle of the great day of God Almighty and be of the "millions now living (that) will never die".

The Lord Jesus Christ is the great High Priest, and the faithful members of His Father's royal house, Jesus' faithful footstep followers, are counted in as members of His priesthood. (Revelation 1:6; 20:6; 1 Peter 2:5-9) The anointing oil of God's spirit has been specially poured out on all of Jehovah's true witnesses in these latter days; and the faithful remnant thereof being thus anointed, they are made members of the "royal priesthood". The Jonadab class must be obedient to Jehovah's requirements. They must be submissive to God's arrangement by honestly abiding in and supporting His organization until the end of the earthly ministry of the priesthood. Then Christ will no more act as a sacrificing priest, but as the great priest ministering life to the obedient ones of the world. This cannot take place until the day of Jehovah's vengeance is past. The work of the "royal priesthood", "after the order of Melchizedek" (Psalm 110:4), is a work of giving life to those who obey Him, Christ Jesus. Then will be the fulfillment of the words of Jesus, the great Life-giver, to wit: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." (John 8:51) "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."—John 11:26.

God's law concerning the manslayer who did such slaying unwittingly provided for his protection only within the bounds of the city of refuge. The bounds or borders of the city were the suburbs which surrounded the city. If the avenger of blood should find the slayer out of the bounds of the city of refuge, then he could slay him with impunity and the avenger would be entirely free from wrongdoing. As written: "If the slayer shall at any time come without the border of the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; and the revenger of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge, and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he [the revenger] shall not be guilty of blood."—Numbers 35:2-5, 26, 27.

This prophetic provision finds its fulfillment in the present day. Jehovah has graciously provided for those of good will who now seek Him, and who are not of the spiritual class or Jehovah's witnesses. If after receiving these good things from the Lord's hand any man is found exercising too much personal liberty, that is to say, not keeping within the bounds of Jehovah's merciful provision made for him at the present time; if he does not take into consideration that he does not yet possess the *right* to life, but treats the favor of Jehovah lightly, indifferently, or ignores it, he loses the protection which Jehovah has provided for him. He must continue to appreciate the certainty and nearness of Armageddon, at which time Satan's organization will be destroyed, and also the fact that soon the priestly company shall pass from the earth, and that then the Jonadab class may receive the gift of life through Jesus Christ if they continue steadfast on the side of the Lord and righteousness. Having once taken his stand on the Lord's side and tasted the good things of God's arrangement, and learning of God's gracious provision for those of the Jonadab class, he cannot again turn to the "beggarly elements" of Satan's organization and at the same time have the Lord's protection.—Ezekiel 18: 24, 26.

Those who have once sought and found refuge on the Lord's side and who turn again to unrighteousness will die justly. The executioner of Jehovah is entirely justified in slaying such at Armageddon, and his hands are clean, because he carries out Jehovah's orders. No one in the universe can ever justly say that the slaughter at Armageddon will be barbarous, unjustified or unrighteous. On the contrary, it will meet the requirements of God's law concerning the sacredness of human life. Christ, the great Avenger and Executioner, will not spare any of the Jonadab company that get outside of Jehovah's safety arrangement made for them in connection with His organization. Life cannot be granted to any of the Jonadab class until the last member of the priestly class has finished his earthly course. Says the law: 'After the death of the high priest the slayer may return to his own.' "The death of the high priest" means the change of the last members of God's "royal priesthood" from human to spirit organism; which change follows the battle of Armageddon. Then first those of the Jonadab class may find safety on the earth by being obedient to the laws of the Lord Jesus Christ, the great Ruler of the earth.

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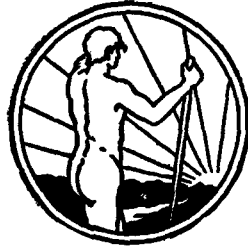
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"What Is Fascism?" *By David Wilkie (Great Britain)*

(In Three Parts—Part 1)

THE Church of Rome is definitely not a "religious" body such as, for example, the Baptists, the Congregational church, the Unitarian church, or the Salvation Army. It is a religious-political organization, as much political as religious. The pope regards religious belief merely as a means to the realization of world dominion, an "empire" ruled over by the Roman Society of Priests, of which he is the head. Of course, he is bound to pretend to his followers that he is acting only as their spiritual chief.

The Jesuits have captured the Church of Rome; the pope, indeed, is their nominee. The Jesuit Order is the "political priesthood" (*per se*) of the Church of Rome. Both the general of the Jesuits and the pope are capitalists, or rather financiers, of world-wide influence. It is the Jesuits who are the real managers, the organizers, and the financiers of Fascism throughout the world. They work behind the scenes, of course, using other people as their tools (and many as their dupes) as they have always done.

An All-Time Political Machine

Think over this carefully. According to official Roman Catholic figures there are, roughly, 400 Jesuit priests in Great Britain and about 2,880 in the United States. Has any political party in the country a larger staff of full-time organizers than this? These Jesuits know the innermost

secrets of almost every Foreign Office in Europe. Has any party in the country a better intelligence service? In this country, too, they have their agents and spies, i.e., Roman Catholics, in the press, the police, the army, the civil service, in society, and in all political parties.

They have tremendous funds at their command. What's to stop the Jesuits from capturing political power in any country? They have the machine; all they need is a political "story" and a "party". Fascism supplies both the story and the party. Its "creed" (promptly cast overboard by every Fascist leader the moment he comes to power) is simply a salestale to put Fascism across a gullible public in order to establish, in the end, a Jesuit dictatorship. Every Fascist is merely a tool and a dupe of the Jesuits. The rank and file do not know this, but their leaders (who are "in the know") do.

Socialists have made the mistake of reasoning that a movement, in this case Fas-

cism, which stands for "private ownership" must, necessarily, be "capitalist". Socialists have missed this fact: that "private ownership" existed before "capitalism" was heard of.

The Church of Rome's ideas about property are not the same as "capitalism's". Fascism wouldn't be Roman Catholic if it were capitalist.

Fascism an Instrument of Rome

Fascism is not an instrument of capitalism;

JESUIT CONTROL OF THE WORLD —BY FASCISM

It is difficult to popularize a tyranny, and, as everybody knows, the Roman Catholic hierarchy is the most perfect example of tyranny the world has known.

The job of the Jesuits is to make it seem desirable, even necessary, that the government of mankind should be turned over to the Roman hierarchy.

The curiously interesting methods by which men are persuaded to put their worst enemies in control of their destinies are set forth in this article.

The writer of the article, a university man of high standing, conceals his identity under a nom de plume. He is one of the few men who, having inside knowledge, dares tell the truth.

Every reader of The Golden Age will be fascinated, but more than fascinated; for he will be instructed as to just how the Devil is working his game.

The article takes down the screens and lets the honest reader see just how the Jesuits are planning world control by Fascism, and how they are succeeding.

If liberty is lost, all is lost; and liberty is lost wherever the Jesuits succeed in forcing a dictator upon the people. This the people sagely suspect.

it is an instrument of Rome. Its aim is not to "reinstall" capitalism, but to take advantage of the political and economic situation in its entirety to re-establish the political supremacy of the Vatican. This, to use Cardinal Bellarmine's words—the "pontifical supremacy", temporal as well as spiritual, remember—is the "fundamental article" of the Roman Catholic religion. The aim of Fascism is to establish, by force, the Romish rule, and to continue it by force, with book-burnings, suppression of the press and of freedom of speech, and with the torture and terrorist methods of the Inquisition up to date.

In the course of its history the Jesuit Order has been expelled from the following countries and places (by Roman Catholics as well as Protestants), not for religious reasons, but on political grounds:

<i>Country or Place</i>	<i>Date of Expulsion</i>	<i>Country or Place</i>	<i>Date of Expulsion</i>
England	1579	Mexico	1768
England	1581	Naples	1767
England	1586	Duchy of Parma	1767
Japan	1587	Malta	1768
Hungary	1588	Suppressed by Pope	
Transylvania	1588	Clement XIV	1773
Bordeaux	1589	Russia	1776
The whole of France	1594	France	1804
Holland	1596	Naples	1810
Touron	1597	Moscow	1816
Berne	1597	St. Petersburg	1816
England	1602	Canton of Soleure	1816
Denmark	1606	Belgium	1818
Thorn	1606	Brest ¹	October 1819
Venice	1607	Russia ²	March 20 1820
Kingdom of Amurs (Japan)	1613	Spain	1820-1825
Bohemia	1618	Rouen	
Moravia	1619	Cathedral ³	March 1825
Netherlands	1622	Belgium ⁴	Sept. 1826
China	1623	Eight colleges in	
India	1623	France ⁵	June 16 1828
Malta	1634	Great Britain and	
Holland	1708	Ireland	April 13 1829
Russia	1723	France	1831
Savoy	1729	Saxony ⁶	Sept. 1831
Paraguay	1733	Portugal	May 24 1834
Portugal	1759	Spain	July 1835-44
Brazil	1759	Rheims ⁷	Dec. 1838
France	1764	Lucerne ⁸	1845
Spain	1767	France	1845
Two Sicilies	1768	The whole of Swit-	
		zerland	Sept. 6 1847

¹By the inhabitants. ²For ever. ³By the people. ⁴From all private and public schools in Belgium. ⁵Namely, Aix, Billon, Dole, Forculquier, Mont-Morillon, St. Acheul, and St. Ann. ⁶Prohibited from entering. ⁷By the inhabitants. ⁸For ever. ⁹Expelled from all their establishments.

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Bavaria	Feb. 17 1848	Galicia	July 1848
Sardinia ⁹	March 2 1848	Sardinia	July 19 1848
Naples	March 11 1848	Sicily	July 21 1848
Papal States	March 29 1848	Spain	1854-1858
Linz	April 10 1848	Paraguay	June 28 1858
Vienna	April 16 1848	Several	
Styria	May 8 1848	Italian States	1859
Archduchy of		Sicily	June 1860
Austria	May 8 1848	Spain	1868
Austrian Empire	May 8 1848	Italy	1873
		Germany	1873
		France	1880

It is worth recording that when Pope Clement suppressed the Jesuits on August 21, 1773 (they were "re-established" by Pius VII, in 1814), part of his words were: "We have remarked to our deep regret that our admonitions to them (the Jesuits) to serve God and not to mix themselves up with other matters, especially secular and political, and many other practical measures, have been almost powerless and of no effect. . ."

Let the Scoffers Scoff

If I regard the Jesuit Order as a menace (as I most certainly do), I can support my attitude, as the above table shows, by saying that this has been the experience of generations of governments and statesmen in every country in Europe. Let the scoffers scoff that off.

Take away from the Communist party the Catholic-born element in Glasgow, Dundee, Newcastle, Liverpool, Bristol, and Cardiff, and it is a well-known fact that the Communist party in Britain would cease to exist. Take away the Scoto-Irish element in Scotland, and the Anglo-Irish element in England, in London and Liverpool particularly, and there would be no "Communist Party of Great Britain". Every member of the House of Commons *knows* that the Catholic population of Britain is the spawning-ground for the Communist party.

The truth about Communism and Fascism is that there is ample evidence to show that the Roman Catholic church has been, and is, the spawning-ground of both of them. (This is exactly what was "arranged" in Germany; the Roman Catholic Rhineland was the hotbed of "Communism", and Roman Catholic Bavaria the homing-ground of "Nazism".) The Communist party in Britain, and in most countries, is one half captured by the Jesuits, and the fake, promoted, systematic conflict of these two anti-

democratic forces, "Communism" and "Fascism", is a conspiracy to lead the public to accept "Fascism" as the alternative to "Communism".

Tammany Is a Sample

Any man who ignores the existence of the Jesuit order is unfit to govern. They are the Grand Masters of Devilry behind Tammany Hall (the U.S.A. Roman Catholic graft institution called after "St. Tammany"); the Zinoviev Letter; the murders of President Duca of Rumania, Barthou, King Alexander of Yugoslavia, President Obregon of Mexico, Sir Henry Wilson; the "Holy Vehme"; Eugene Chen (really a Mr. Bernard Achem, a R.C. from Trinidad); the Moplah risings in India; Ivar Kreuger; the Zimmermann Note; Señor Gil Robles; Skoropadsky's Ukrainian "Nationalist" movement; the "Protocols of Zion"; the German-Irish Society; Adolf Hitler; etc., etc., etc. The climax of their machinations during the last 100 years is, they have virtually recreated the "Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire" in the heart of Europe—Fascist Austria, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Hungary. And these countries, as "swords of the Vatican", are about to plunge Europe into war, to spread the power of the Jesuits over the rest of Europe by military force.

Fascism in Austria

To get the exemplar of the Vienna massacre one has to turn to the history of the Albigensians in France, or the massacre of the Huguenots, begun on St. Bartholomew's Day:

"The growing influence of Admiral de Coligny filled Catherine de Medici with terror. An attempt to have him assassinated miscarried, so she ordered, purely as a 'measure of public safety', the murder of all Protestant leaders in Paris. The provinces adopted the measure, and between August 24 and October 3 fifty thousand Protestants were put to death. For that Catherine received the congratulations of all the Roman Catholic States, and the pope celebrated the occasion by having a special medal struck and bonfires lighted."

The late Dr. Dollfuss, dictator of Austria and a "zealous" Roman Catholic, was leader of the Austrian "Christian Socialists (i.e., Roman Catholic) Party". His successor, Dr. Schusnigg, is the leader of the Austrian "Clerical Volunteers"; he is another very "zealous" Roman Catholic.

The massacre in Vienna was St. Bartholo-

mew's Day over again, with Austrian Social Democrats taking the place of French Huguenots.

On one side were ranged the Social Democrats; and on the other, as Fascists in the army and in the Dollfuss front, the "Holy Roman Catholics", the minions of the pope. The result was the holocaust of St. Bartholomew's Day over again: "Rationalism" instead of "Protestantism"; the slaughter of men, women, and children; cruel and ruthless—worthy of the superstition-sotted, confession-poisoned, priest-drenched dupes of the Haroun of Rome.

The Dollfuss Massacre

"The papal nuncio in Vienna and the Catholic bishops Gfollner and Waitz were pushing the Government (i.e., the Dollfuss régime) forward along the path to Fascism. Here was the right opportunity, they thought . . . to transform Austria into a Catholic authoritarian State," says Otto Bauer, the Austrian workers' leader, in his pamphlet *Austrian Democracy Under Fire*, page 22. It was, in fact, the bishop of Linz and Mgr. Sibylla, the papal nuncio, who urged Dollfuss to begin the massacre, said Otto Bauer (see *Sunday Times* February 18, 1934). The Roman Catholic "statesmen" in the pre-Dollfuss Government, Vaugoin, Bishop Seipel and Prince Starhemberg, paved the way for Dollfuss' "iron rule", just as the succession of Roman Catholic chancellors in Germany, Wirth, Marx, Bruening, and Papen, prepared the way for Hitler.

The *Universe*, Roman Catholic paper, April 6, stated: "The new Constitution (of Austria) now to be promulgated is based upon the conception of a Catholic Corporative State." The first article of the old Constitution laid it down that "Her laws originate from Almighty God". In plain English, Austria's laws will henceforth originate in the will of the pope, who is "God Almighty's" interpreter.

Everything Austrian in the future is to be worked in the interests of one man, Ambrose Ratti, a foreigner and a tyrant. That's what the Fascist "patriots" have done for Austria!

As is to be expected, therefore, it was reported in the Austrian *Reichpost*, March 23, 1934, that Bishop Innitzer had been made "leader" of the Youth Movement in Austria. And the Vienna correspondent of the *New Statesman and Nation* stated, July 14: "Workers' rights survive on paper, or rather as Catholic workers'

rights in the *Einheitsgewerkschaftsbund*," i.e., Unity Association League.

Then came the murder of Dollfuss. And after Dollfuss, Dr. Schusnigg was appointed chancellor. Schusnigg is the leader of the "Ostmarkische Sturmsharen", the Clerical Volunteers! And Schusnigg has as his deputy Prince Starhemberg, another papist, who marched alongside Hitler at the time of Hitler's 1923 Munich 'putsch'. Starhemberg is also the "friend" of Mussolini. Observe this chain of pals: Hitler, Starhemberg, Mussolini.

Who rules in Austria? The capitalists? Bunkum. The capitalists, like the workers, have the thumb on them. Austria's laws "originate" from "Almighty God". "Almighty God" rules in Austria: "His Excellency," "His Eminence," the pope. As a London *Daily Telegraph* correspondent reported, Austria is now an "Autocratic Roman Catholic State".

Fascism in Spain

There are two Fascist parties in Spain. One is led by Gil Robles, and the other by Primo de Rivera, eldest son of the late monarchist-dictator of Spain.

There was a pen portrait of Gil Robles in an article in the *Daily Herald* (Britain) May 17, 1934, by Don Fernando de los Rios, late Spanish minister of education and foreign affairs:

"In the first speech of his electoral campaign last year, he (Gil Robles) spoke of the necessity of purging Spain of Jewish sympathizers and freemasons. At a recent mass meeting of his supporters at the Escorial, where they took an oath of allegiance, they had to repeat, hands lifted in the air, that 'the leader can do no wrong'." Just a political version, you see, of the "Papal Infallibility" doctrine—"The pope can make no mistake."

In Spain the attachment of the Roman Catholic church to Fascism is open and unconcealed. It was reported in the Spanish press, April 1, 1934, that three Roman Catholic priests had been arrested for taking part at a Fascist meeting at Oviedo.

The Spanish Fascist movement is frankly one of "Catholic reaction" (to use Mr. Vernon Bartlett's expression, *News Chronicle*, March 13, 1934) against the recent Spanish reforms, which drove out the Jesuits, prohibited priests from interfering in politics, and gave Spain a democratic constitution.

The other Fascist party in Spain, led by Primo de Rivera, calls itself "Falange Española

la". That there is no breach between "Nazism" and "Fascism" is illustrated by the following from the Madrid correspondent of *The Times*:

"J.O.N.S., an incipient Nazi organization, has recently concluded an alliance with the Fascist group, Falange Española, whose leading spirit is the young Marqués Primo de Rivera."

Incidentally, Primo de Rivera's younger brother visited Sir Oswald Mosley's Fascist headquarters at Chelsea, London, some time ago.

The following is a report from the *News Chronicle* of June 4, 1934. The headlines, cross-heads, and bold type appeared in the report:

FRUSTRATED BY PHONE ERROR

Secret Plan Revealed

Nuncio Who Got Wrong Number

From our own Correspondent

MADRID, Sunday.

A telephone comedy of errors that has resulted in a diplomatic upheaval between Spain and the Vatican has just been revealed.*

A few days ago, shortly before the Spanish foreign minister, Señor Pita Romero, was due to leave for Rome to negotiate the concordat with the pope, Monsignor Tedeschini, the papal nuncio in Madrid, rang up a secretary at the Vatican in order to instruct him secretly on how to deal with Spain's foreign minister when he arrived.

By a curious coincidence the name of the Spanish attaché at the Rome embassy is almost identical with that of the secretary at the Vatican whom the nuncio was ringing up, and by an error at the Rome telephone exchange the papal nuncio at Madrid was connected with the attaché at the Spanish embassy.

ASTONISHED DIPLOMAT

All unaware that he was talking to the wrong man, the papal nuncio gave the Spanish attaché confidential instruction to extend to the Spanish foreign minister every hope of the early signature of the concordat, but to delay the actual signature.

The reason, he confidentially explained to the astonished attaché, was that he felt sure that Señor Gil Robles, the Spanish Fascist and Catholic leader, would soon be in office and then the concordat could be arranged on terms more favorable to the [Roman] church.

The attaché hung up the receiver without revealing his identity and immediately rang up the Madrid foreign office and gave word for word the secret instructions he had just involuntarily received.

* See *The Golden Age* No. 393, page 24.

NUNCIO CONFRONTED

The acting foreign minister, Señor Rocha, then called on the nuncio, who blandly expressed his confidence that the concordat would soon be signed. Señor Rocha cut him short by showing him the full text of the secret instructions that the nuncio had just phoned to Rome.

Despite his great diplomatic experience it was some time before Monsignor Tedeschini found his breath.

He finally explained that he had acted under Señor Gil Robles' formal promise that he would soon be in power.

This diplomatic comedy is much commented upon here and the Labor papers are demanding the withdrawal of the Spanish envoy in view of the Vatican's duplicity.

This exposes the trickery the "Holy" Roman church is capable of; and it shows, too, quite unmistakably, what Fascism is in Spain.

[Continue:]

As a special correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor* reported, July 24, 1934: "That Spain's problem is now definitely Vatican versus Labor is a conviction that is rapidly growing."

The rising in Asturias in October of last year was a fight between reformers and Jesuits for Oviedo city, the center of the Spanish armament industry. The Reformers were beaten, owing to the introduction against them of levies of Moors, and the treachery of certain Catalanian leaders. Since the Asturian rising the Spanish Fascists and the Roman Catholic-owned press have been loudly demanding a wholesale slaughter of the leading spirits of the rising. The Government, however, more wary than the fanatical Fascist-Clericals, has turned a deaf ear to these demands. The vigor of the Asturian defense, many of them miners, by the way, and the knowledge that what the Asturians stood for has many friends in Spain, and in Europe, has prevented the Government from committing further excesses which might inflame the Reformers, and tempt them to another rising which, if it did not succeed—and it *might* (there are not enough Moorish janissaries to cover the *whole* of Spain, and even if there were their employment on a national scale would in all probability defeat its object)—would at least do incalculable damage.

Honest and Overzealous Reformers

The Reformers made the mistake at the beginning of the revolution of being overzealous in the application of their democratic ideals.

Without any apprenticeship in the new ideas, votes were granted to women, and the women, easily swayed in the confessional and still in fear of the priests, voted for the friends of the Clerics and against reform. Characteristically, no sooner did the reactionaries find themselves in legal control than they started to abuse their authority, to use all the forces of the state at their disposal to subdue and crush the opposition by force. It was this that caused the Asturian affair. Fortunately for the Reformers, stalemate has been reached, owing to the fact that they (i.e., the Reformers) have many sympathizers in the army and the police; otherwise there would have been no necessity to use Moors in Asturias. The reactionaries (Fascists) are straining every nerve to raise a dependable private army.

Spain, where the "Holy" Inquisition came into being (the appellation "Holy" reminds one of another "Holy", which has not yet received pontifical blessing, however, the anti-Jew, Nazi "Holy Vehme" in Germany), is, no doubt, a fertile soil for anti-Semitism. Gil Robles' cry of "Down with the Jews!" and the overt Jesuit alliance with Gil Robles definitely identifies the Jesuits in Spain with anti-Semitism. For centuries Roman Catholics have hounded Jews with the cry of "Christ Killers!" When, or where, did a Jew ever prosper in a Roman Catholic country? It was a pope who compelled Jews to wear the so-called "Medal of Infamy"; and the establishment of the Inquisition (established to hunt, burn, and torture Jews in Spain) was sanctioned and confirmed by papal decrees, and the Constitution of the Inquisition was drawn up by a Dominican priest, Dominicans were the "judges" of this awful secret tribunal, and Dominican novitiates in many cases acted as the torturers. (It is significant that, during the reign of the "Bloody Mary" in England, the Dominican house was at Smithfield, where the *autos-da-fé* were held.) Within living memory Jews were massacred in Limerick, (R.C.) Ireland, on the charge, the timeworn one, of holding a "Black Mass". One cannot conceive of such a thing's happening in Protestant England, or Scotland, or Wales. Indeed a "Black Mass" has no significance or meaning to anybody but a Roman Catholic. And in France, at the time of the Dreyfus affair, it was Papists and Jesuits, as is historically well known, who were ranged openly against Dreyfus. The defeat of the anti-

Dreyfusites was followed immediately with legislation against Roman Catholicism—in which Jean Jaures, who was assassinated in 1914, took a leading part.

Anti-Semitic Propaganda

The Fascists in Spain will make the most of anti-Semitism. Whether it will help them any, or much, is a moot point. Anyway, it will take more than ingenuity to prove that there is anything like a "Jewish menace" in Spain, where, until the revolution, the Jesuits were the big landowners and business monopolists. The only "menace" there is in Spain (and it is obvious to anybody who looks for one) is the menace of a corrupt, absolutist "Church", supported by secret orders, who brought Spain to decay and its people to depths of illiteracy—as they reduced Poland, too, to impoverishment and, finally, servitude.*

One more quotation, from an article on Spain by a V. S. Prichett in *The Fortnightly Review*, July, 1935, a highly reputable British magazine: "The question is, What will Señor Gil Robles do? Before last October the answer was some kind of Fascism; now it is, Nothing this year. His strength is that he has the rich and powerful backing of the adaptable Jesuits . . . The Jesuits have already bought up many of the best provincial newspapers, and they are determined to redeem Spain from anti-Clericalism, Socialism, and indeed Liberal policy . . . for Spanish clericalism will put the clock back if it gets the chance."

For Dirty Work, Call the Jesuits

And again from a recent observer, a Leah Manning, an ex-M. P. for Islington, London, in her newly published book, *What I Saw in Spain*, calls Gil Robles' party "a Vatican party", and "a Jesuito-Fascist organization". Yes, in Spain the Jesuito-Fascist alliance is stark and obvious. It is indeed not an "alliance", for Gil Robles is a tool of the Jesuits, not an equal. And the same is true of every other Fascist boss in Europe (and candidate for the job), but in most cases the truth is hidden from public view by the Jesuits, the world's masters in the art of 'back stage' politics, as well as the world's champions in the art of 'gulling' the masses. To make the

people of Italy believe, when it is expedient, that Mussolini is not a militarist, but a cooing dove, is surely child's play to a gang of experts who have been making almost whole nations believe, for generations, that a bit of paste is the body of the Son of God. If they (i.e., the Jesuits) have not a correct appraisement of the gullibility of mankind, after a 1,000 years' experience at the game, then who has? It is a historical truism, When you want dirty work done, call in the Jesuits. But (and since this is an article on Spain, the simile is becoming) the Jesuits, like the Moors who were invited to Spain, have the knack of pinching the prize which they have been called in only to safeguard. They got their postwar start in Italy, thanks to the—at least neutrality, of U.S.A., Britain, and France (and they got a start, too, in Poland), and now it won't be their fault if they don't soon own and control a half of the continent of Europe. But alas! and fortunately for others, it is ALSO a historical truism that the triumphs of the Jesuits are always short-lived.

"The Protocols of Zion"

IN the trial at Berne, evidence was produced that the so-called "Protocols of Zion", an alleged scheme of the Jews for a world super-government, were the work of a Russian writer named Nilus, and consisted, in 170 passages, of plagiarisms from an essay written by the French author Maurice Joly, in 1864, entitled "A Dialogue in Hades Between Machiavelli and Montesquieu". The Jews never had anything to do with these protocols, yet it was because of these that the Nazi persecutions in Germany were begun and carried on with such bitterness. Efforts to prove that the Jews had discussed these protocols at the first Zionist Congress at Basle in 1897 were proved to be false. Two stenographers who attended all the sessions testified that the published report of the Basle proceedings was correct in every detail and that the subject of the protocols was not even mentioned.

German Newspapers Dying Rapidly

SINCE the Nazis came into power in Germany, in January, 1933, German newspapers have died off at the rate of more than one a day. In two years more than 1,000 papers were forced by the government to cease publication or found further publication unprofitable.

* The first partitioning of Poland was made by Frederick of Prussia and Catherine of Russia, the two European monarchs who gave the Jesuits harborage in their domains on the request of Voltaire, after the papal suppression of the Order.

Civilization 'n' Lotteries 'n' Everything

H EADLINES from New York papers in one month, covering eight columns of news: "Bars 152 from Mails to Curb Sweepstakes; Postoffice Department Acts on Lotteries; Individuals and Firms Are Hit by Order"; "Mayor Blamed for Existence of Policy Evil; Society for Prevention of Crime Demands Prompt Action to Suppress Racket"; "Vast Numbers Play Policy in the City; Doubt Is Cast, However, on Estimate that Annual Receipts from the Game Are \$100,000,000"; "Perjury Charged to 77 Bondsmen; Blanshard Says They Swore Falsely 1,584 Times in Nine Months Last Year; Prosecutors Get Report; Extent of Policy Racket Also Shown in Summary of Inquiry Prepared for Mayor; Eight Higher-ups Named; Little Bondsmen Terrorized"; "\$3,000,000 Fake; Buyers Get Receipts and Nothing More; Insider Tells How Pals Abroad Send Apparently Bona Fide Acknowledgments"; "5,000,000 Slips in Italian Lottery Seized; Boss Banker Arrested in Raids Here"; "\$2,000,000 Lottery Unmolested Here; That Is the Estimated Weekly 'Take' in Metropolitan Area of 'Italian Game'; Politician Linked to It; Notorious Underworld Figures Reported Involved; Numbers Sold Throughout Nation; Played Mostly by Italians; Winning Numbers Cabled Here." And so, at length, man "robes the earth in the glory of his moral achievements". Anything or anybody that doesn't like it can move on.

Homesteaders in Alaska

I N THE fertile Matanuska valley, Alaska, 200 carefully selected settlers from Minnesota, Wisconsin and northern Michigan were settled by the Government on 40-acre farms, where they are working out their destinies. They started with nothing, but will have homes worth \$3,000 each in which to live. The winters are dry and cold (down to 35 degrees below zero), the summers short but sunny, with plenty of mosquitoes. It is a good dairy country. Cabbages have been grown which weighed forty pounds. The settlers selected are all young.

California Again Distinguishes Itself

C ALIFORNIA has again distinguished itself. This time it sent a 19-year-old boy to the gallows, although he had been granted a stay of execution. Meantime Mooney still remains in prison, and is still innocent.

"With a Little Wisdom"

I N AN address at the Catholic University, Washington, D.C., Dr. Parker T. Moon, of Columbia University, said that "with a little wisdom we could so strengthen and improve the League of Nations and the World Court that war would become as obsolete as dueling". Archbishop Michael J. Curley, of Baltimore, was in the chair when Mr. Moon admitted for himself and the archbishop, and others, wherein is the great lack that has made the League of Nations a jest and a byword in every corner of Japan, Germany, Italy and everywhere else. "Lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" Mr. Moon will never find the little wisdom he now lacks: the League will perish, and deserves no better fate.

Justice in Jersey

A T Mount Holly, N. J., a man out of work and out of money had an old automobile for which a dealer promised to give him \$7 if he would deliver it. The poor man took two tags from a car in a junk yard and made delivery. New Jersey's efficient guardians of law and order witnessed the great crime. They arrested the poor man, he was brought into court and fined \$5 and \$2 costs. When he heard the sentence he fainted, and when he awoke in the hospital the doctor said he was on the verge of starvation. The \$7 which he had hoped would provide food for his family went to support the troopers. Why not? How can they keep neatly dressed and fully armed without some income?

Which Is the Greater Success?

W HICH is the greater success, increasing the national debt from 22 billions to 33 billions, or increasing the accumulated deficit from 2 billions to 11 billions? Which is the greater, the AAA, with its 7,000 jobholders, or the Federal Housing Commission with its 29 'great men' at combined salaries of \$124,900? The 20,000,000 people now on relief are the ones that want the answer.

Untermeyer's Opinion of the League

S AMUEL UNTERMAYER, admittedly one of the best-informed men in the United States, says of the League of Nations:

"It would have been far better for civilization and the peace of the world that the League should never have been born."

Big Business and Politics

Andrew Mellon Loves His Children

ANDREW MELLON loves his children. In 1931 he gave Ailsa and Paul, then in their twenties, \$66,000,000 in stocks to give them a start in life. Not all parents can do that. Here is a story in *The American Guardian* of conditions in 1934 near Keysville, Ga., accredited to the pen of Erskine Caldwell:

"In one of the two rooms a six-year-old boy licked the paper bag the meat had been brought in. His legs were scarcely any larger than a medium-sized dog's leg, and his belly was as large as that of a 130-pound woman's. Suffering from rickets and anemia, his legs were unable to carry him for more than a dozen steps at a time; suffering from malnutrition, his belly was swollen several times its normal size. His face was bony and white. He was starving to death. In the other room of the house, without chairs, beds, or tables, a woman lay rolled up in some quilts trying to sleep. On the floor before an open fire lay two babies, neither a year old, sucking the dry teats of a mongrel bitch. A young girl, somewhere between fifteen and twenty, squatted on the corner of the hearth trying to keep warm. The dog got up and crawled to the hearth. She sat on her haunches before the blazing pine-knots, shivering and whining. After a while the girl spoke to the dog and the animal slunk away from the warmth of the fire and lay down again beside the two babies. The infants cuddled against the warmth of the dog's flanks, searching tearfully for the dry teats."

Here is hoping that Ailsa and Paul will know what to do with their \$66,000,000 worth of stocks—while they have them.

Uncle Sam's Narcotic Farm

UNCLE SAM'S \$4,000,000 narcotic farm at Lexington, Ky., will have 350 employees, with an annual pay roll of \$500,000, and other expenses will be \$250,000 more. The farm will care for 1,400 inmates. In other words, the care of those 1,400 poor drug addicts will represent an outlay of around \$1,000,000 a year, when the interest on the original investment is taken into consideration.

The Conspiracy Against America

THE alphabetical list of the conspirators against America, some of whom even have the impudence to count on America to come to their rescue in case of another world war, are Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Estonia, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania and Yugoslavia. Finland is to be congratulated on being the only nation in Europe honest enough to even try to pay its debts.

Grand Larceny of Two Potatoes

THE *Illustrated Daily News* of Los Angeles publishes side by side the pictures of two men. One is that of a man 70 years of age who pleaded guilty to the theft of two potatoes to keep from starving. He has a rather good face; his principal crime was that of being jobless and starving. Next to him is a well-dressed man just released from prison who was tried on one of forty-three counts of grand larceny. He served 2½ years of a five- to fifty-year sentence and was then granted parole. He has the crafty eyes, cruel nose and cynical mouth that should give him a good place among the principal of the flock.

A Squawk from the Brokers

WALL STREET brokerage firms, about a thousand of them, are squawking that they are ruined. It may be added, also, that the firms that are now going to the wall because they have no customers are quite generally the same concerns that thought it was quite the pleasant thing to do to ruin their customers when they did have them.

Sedition Against International Murderers

IF HAVING been well demonstrated that International Murderers, Limited, are stronger than the governments, the next logical step is to make it a crime of sedition to say anything against the munition makers. The pope quotes Jesus as saying, "You shall hear of wars and seditions." He wants to be known as the upholder of the *status quo*.

Picking American Taxpayers' Pockets

THE refusal of all the nations of Europe (excepting only honest Finland) to pay the money which they borrowed from Uncle Sam, and which indebtedness as of April 1, 1935, was \$13,438,703,671.61, imposes an annual burden on the head of every American family of more than \$20, just to pay the interest on it.

Civil Service Reform Discounted

THE National Civil Service Reform League, following its fifty-third annual meeting, said of the spoils system as it affects the Post Office: "Almost eighty percent of the 'service' postmasters (career men, risen from the ranks) who held office at the beginning of 1933 have been dropped."

European and African Items

Guidonia, Italy's New Air Center

GUIDONIA, Italy's new air center, is claimed by Mussolini to be the most nearly perfect testing center in the world for air research. The buildings occupy 570,000 square feet and contain the most modern machinery for conducting investigations under all conditions likely to be met with. One department is devoted to study of engines under stratosphere conditions. There is a tank a third of a mile long for studying the resistance to motion through water of seaplane floats. Mussolini says there is a hard period ahead for Italy; probably referring to his plans regarding Abyssinia. He intends that there shall be plenty of soldiers, now and later. On Easter Monday, accepting his offer, 2,206 young couples were wed in Rome, receiving 500 lire each (about \$41.50).

Demonism in the Congo

AN African correspondent of the London *Times*, himself skeptical of the Hindu rope trick, relates seeing a crate of chickens burned and a man beheaded by a magician, yet neither the crate nor the chickens were damaged in the slightest and the beheaded man was not injured in the least, though the correspondent saw his head roll in the sand and the blood spout from the beheaded trunk. The only explanation of these items is that these things took place in the mind of the correspondent, but actually did not take place at all. The demons made the impressions so real that the correspondent believed them to have actually occurred. This is the true explanation of demonistic phenomena, nearly all of it.

Mussolini Afraid of Truth

IN THREE months Mussolini expelled four foreign correspondents from Italy because they pointed out his weak financial position and the fact that the Italian people are not enthusiastic about his grandiose scheme of conquest. That shows he is afraid of the truth. Every dictator is the same; none of them can bear the blazing light of publicity on their acts and motives.

Austrian Children to Be Militarized

FOLLOWING the example of Italy, Austria's children are to be militarized. School children will be taken by their teachers to see troops, will be instructed in the manual of arms, in military formations and in field gunnery.

Rumanian Priest's Brilliant Idea

IN NORTHERN Rumania the "Reverend" Theodore Postolesco had a brilliant idea, which worked well for a time but resulted in his losing his job. He planted cabbages, turnips, garlic and onions between the graves of the deceased parishioners, and pastured his cow in the churchyard. The congregation labored to convert him from the error of his way, but all in vain, so they put it up to the bishop, and the "Reverend" Postolesco is looking for work as a market gardener or dairy hand.

Another Dictatorship, in Bulgaria

ONE more European government has gone dictatorship-wise; this time Bulgaria. The king learned the military leaders were planning to take over his government, so he invited all the principal ones to the palace to talk things over; then he had 200 military students surround the palace and disarm and arrest the officers, and that's that. Now he is monarch of all he surveys, and the Bulgarian people hail him as the savior of the country.

Bulgaria's Religious Bums Discouraged

BULGARIA'S religious bums are disheartened. The public no longer feels the urge to keep alive worthless spongers and parasites, and therefore the monks and priests of Bulgaria have been forced to leave the monasteries and flock to the towns to get something to eat and wear. The greatest monasteries in the country are now almost completely deserted.

Egypt's New Road to Palestine

NO DETAILS of the route are at hand, but it is claimed that the Egyptian government is about to build a motor road from Cairo to Jerusalem that will substantially follow the route taken by Moses when he led the 2,000,000 Israelites into the Promised Land. The new road will cost \$10,000,000. It will have wells every ten miles, marked by beacons.

Pedigreed Livestock in Vienna

IN Vienna anybody who has \$75,000 can have himself made into a duke; he can get to be a count for \$40,000, and a baron for \$10,000. The titles are conferred by marriage or adoption. Money is scarce, and people who have pure bunk to sell are trying to get something on it before it lands in the ash can for keeps.

British, French and Polish Notes

Too Much of Potatoes and Milk

A WHOLESOME, well-balanced meal may be had of baked potatoes and milk. Britain has millions on relief, and does not begin to raise enough food to provide all inhabitants with eatables, yet, following the brilliant example of the United States, vigorous steps have been taken to cut down food production. Farmers may produce only so much milk and so many potatoes. Fines of \$75,000 have been collected from potato growers who have harvested too much to suit the financial powers.

Church Fires in England

ENGLAND is having a series of church fires similar to that which took place some time ago in the province of Quebec. It is not certain whether these fires were set by haters of these devilish man-traps, or whether they were set by the owners of the traps, to collect the insurance on buildings no longer used. The one explanation is as likely as the other. In each of three British church fires the outbreak began in the vestry.

Stefansson Says Irish Discovered America

VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON, Arctic explorer, says that no man knows who discovered America, but that he is sure it was an Irishman. In A.D. 820 an Irish monk wrote of colonization of Iceland by the Irish, and records at the Vatican show there was a continuous line of bishops in Greenland from A.D. 1126 until 36 years after Christopher Columbus landed on San Salvador.

Must Take His Pay in Prayers

ARCHITECT O'NEILL, of Ballycastle, Ireland, must take his pay in prayers for the work he did in designing the Ballycastle convent. He had hoped to get \$5,225 in cash, but lost his suit, and even though the priest who engaged him, and who would normally have done the praying, is dead, still it is prayers for him for all his work, instead of cash.

All Nations Hiding Their Gold

ALL nations are hiding their gold. Recent accounts have told of French, British, American and now of German steps to protect gold reserves against bandits. The German safety vaults are so arranged that they can be flooded with water by the touch of a button, and then submerged in poison gas.

Censorship of Lottery News

CENSORSHIP of lottery news worked perfectly in England, and the Irish sweepstakes swindle is done, as far as England is concerned. It is estimated that in recent years \$25,000,000 of English money was sent to Ireland as bets on the sweepstakes. For years the police and civic authorities tried to stamp out the nuisance, and failed, but the minute the news could no longer be circulated through the newspapers the English interest passed away in a night.

Largest Grape Vine in the World

THE largest grape vine in the world grows at Kippen, Stirlingshire, Scotland; it covers 5,000 square feet; last year's yield was 2,096 bunches. The longest spread of branches is 300 feet; the roots extend the same distance from the parent stem. The branches are carried from one hothouse to another in pipes, so that the vine may grow without limitation. The average weight of the bunches of grapes grown on this vine is six pounds.

Persecutions of Conscientious Objectors

CONSCIENTIOUS objectors are being persecuted in France. Louis Vidal was imprisoned for refusing to put on the uniform, went on a hunger strike, was forcibly fed, served a year, came out, and went through the same procedure a second time, except that his sentence was two years; and when he comes out he will still be liable for service. He is but 21 years old.

Too Ill to Hang

A POLISH criminal killed a judge. He was imprisoned and sentenced to death by hanging. When the morning came to hang him he was found to be suffering with an excruciating heart attack. The physicians pronounced him too ill to be hanged; so he was left in his cell until he should get well enough to be led to the gallows.

Lived in a Tomb 17 Years

AT Vukovar, Yugoslavia, a poor man who had lost home, money and other property lived for seventeen years in the tomb of his father. Friends supplied him with food; finally, when he had reached 75 years of age, they induced him to enter the poorhouse.

Jerusalem to Be Greatly Improved

JERUSALEM is to be greatly improved, and by all accounts needs it. A park system will be established, arterial highways will be built, and water supply and sewage systems brought up to date. The Rockefeller Museum of Antiquities, completed after four years, stands near the Herod Gate and is the finest building in the Near East. The building itself covers an area of 9,700 square feet and cost \$2,000,000. It has large grounds surrounding it. At present there is no unemployment in Palestine. In 24 years the population of Tel Aviv grew from 515 persons to 120,000. The export of oranges in 1921 was 930,000 boxes; for 1940 it is expected to be 20,000,000 boxes. Palestine now has the highest wage scale of any country in the East.

Sold the Wrong Waste Paper

THERE is a shortage of writing paper in Tomsk, Siberia, so the keeper of the archives there sold some thousands of old documents as writing paper. In a short time farmers and others were surprised to receive orders from the Soviet government on one side and when they turned the letter over to see what was on the back they found, perhaps, a prayer for the restoration of the czar. Now the archive keeper is in trouble for spreading propaganda contrary to the Soviet scheme of things.

Babylon Had Some Freak Customs

ANCIENT Babylon had some freak customs. One was that a first wife might adopt a young girl as her sister and then lend her to her husband as a second wife. If the first wife thereafter was divorced she could decamp, taking all of the property of wife No. 2 with her when she left, but if she merely became jealous she could move out but take nothing with her. Another freak custom was that if some hot-tempered man killed another man's slave, then one of his own slaves must be slain in a similar manner.

Heavy Jewish Immigration into Palestine

IN THE first five months of 1935 more than 24,000 Jews entered Palestine. During the past thirty-three years Jews the world over have contributed about \$20,000,000 to purchase land in Palestine as the national property of the Jewish people. The property purchased is held on fifty-year leases and cannot be sold at any time. In other words, the jubilee arrangement is in embryo.

An Australian Native Woman's Appeal

THE Adelaide *News* reports Mrs. A. Morgan, a full-blooded aborigine, of Australia, as having said to a Women's Committee:

"We are black, and that means we are nothing. There is no sanctity for our womanhood; any white man can insult us, and we have no redress. We want education and the chance to emancipate ourselves. The teachers sent to us are not always qualified, and their educational standard does not reach above the second grade. It is wrong for the Government to take girls away from the tribe as soon as they reach the age of 14: when placed at domestic service they are often seduced by white men. The missionaries use the blacks for their own ends, and what do my people receive in return? We do not resent the white people's being here, but we think we should all be given some part of the land that was ours, so that we can make a home. Our people should be educated, and then we would cease to be what we are now, and become an asset to Australia."

Molasses Smuggled into Australia

CLEVER swindlers obtained possession of 50 or more tins in which opium had been smuggled into Australia. They got the tins out of the country, filled them with molasses, smuggled them back in and sold them to the Chinese at fabulous prices, thus cheating the poor Chinks out of hundreds of dollars, though, in this instance, they gained more than they lost.

Mass Bankruptcy Inevitable

AT A meeting of 200 wheat growers in Adelaide, Australia, it was determined to go on strike, on the ground that "there is no alternative to mass bankruptcy to alleviate the present intolerable conditions of farmers under existing legislation".

Men Requested to Retain Their Hats

IN EACH of the seven elevators of the building of the Bank of New South Wales, Sydney, Australia, is a sign requesting men to please keep their hats on their heads, as in the rush hours it makes a difference of four persons that can be carried in each elevator.

50,000,000 Unemployed in China

THE Associated Press contains a dispatch from Nanking, China, that the number of unemployed in China on June 22, 1935, was estimated at 50,000,000.

Papal Kingdom Items

Encouraging Jude to Do His Bit

AT HAND, from the Ave Maria Shrine, 1009 South Sixth Street, St. Louis, Mo., a printed prayer to St. Jude asking for favors and then encouraging him to do his bit by putting up the following argument: "I promise you, O blessed Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor and I will never cease to honor you as my special and powerful patron to do all in my power to encourage devotion to you." At the start-off the prayer helps to get Jude in the humor to do something, by the remark that "the name of the traitor has caused you to be forgotten by many". Ordinary novenas, i.e., silent prayers represented by the burnings of candles for nine days, \$1; hanging lamps instead of candles, \$1.50; candles for thirty days, \$3. This is really 10 percent off. The method by which Jude takes these burning candles as just so many prayers is not explained.

Roman Hierarchy, the Foe of Education

K. W. GUNN, of Canada, enclosing a clipping which mentions that a Montreal publication had to go out of business May 1 on account of criticism by Cardinal Villaneuve, archbishop of Quebec, said:

"Few people in the United States, and this country too, have any conception of the power that the Roman hierarchy exercises over the press and freedom of opinion. A number of years ago a French Canadian editor started a campaign for a better educational system for the French boys and girls, in order that they might be on a better footing with their English-speaking brothers and sisters. His worthy efforts cost him a newspaper. The hierarchy broke him at once. The province of Quebec is one of the most backward spots on the face of the earth. Sufficient radical opinion exists in a country like France not to permit too extreme clerical oppression. The recent trials of Jehovah's witnesses in the city of Quebec are other examples of the same tyranny."

The Dead Committee

TIREED of being ridden by the Roman hierarchy, the parishioners of the Roman Catholic Lithuanian church at Gary, Ind., went on strike until their pastor was removed. When the new pastor was appointed they waited on him and presented the reasonable proposition that as they paid all the bills, anyway, they would like to take the collections, count the money and handle the finances generally. Nothing doing. The new pastor had twenty priests come to give him counsel, and the next Sunday

had a coffin in church, with six candles lighted; each candle, so he said, represented a member of the committee. One by one, as their names were read, each member of the committee was declared to be dead. Some of their wives took it so much to heart that they inquired of the pastor if they should remarry. He said no; he would revive the penitent.

Money Got Away Nineteen Times

THE New Britain *Daily Herald* shows that in a certain Catholic church in that city the big money for marriage got away from the priest nineteen times last year. The young people, trying to embrace their rights, were married by justices of the peace. Afterwards they had their marriages "validated" by the priest in the downstairs chapel, instead of upstairs, where it would cost more money. The bishop has now ruled in favor of this priest; so the young people hereafter will not dare run to New York to get married for less money. The *Herald* says: "These marriages, while legal, are not recognized by the church, according to Father Lawlor, who said persons married by justices of the peace receive nothing more than a certificate that is a beautiful work of art."

With Archbishop Curley in the Chair

WITH Archbishop Curley in the chair, Dr. Parker T. Moon, professor of international relations at Columbia University, delivered the commencement address at the Catholic University in Washington, and said that with a little patching here and a little patching there, strengthening, stiffening, washing and ironing, and, above all, a coat of whitewash, the League of Nations would be just as good as ever. That was not just what he said, but, in substance, it was what he meant. He still clings to the exploded idea that the League ever was of any good, or ever will be of any good. Possibly he thinks it can be galvanized into life by some proclamation from Rome; and that is just possible, too.

Mother Superior Changes Her Mind

THE Roman Catholic "Mother Superior" convicted in the assassination of General Alvaro Obregon, president of Mexico, in 1928, has renounced her faith and married, in prison, a fellow conspirator in the crime. Both prisoners are at the Islas Marinas penal colony.

Blasphemy in Maryland

IN Exodus 20:4 is the specific command: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath." Would you suppose that in the face of that command anybody on earth would dare assume to try to make a picture of Jehovah God, the Creator of heaven and earth, and the One that issued the command? But here is a so-called "Enrollment Certificate" that certifies that the deceased members of such-and-such a family have been enrolled as beneficiaries of our 'spiritual treasury of good works for the holy souls', "to share for all time in all the masses, prayers and missionary labors of the missionary servants of the most holy and blessed trinity. [Signed] Rev. Theophilus Milroy, M.S.M.T., Holy Trinity Heights, Silver Spring, Maryland." While attempting to analyze the picture some observations and questions intrude themselves. The largest single object in the picture is the "Spiritual Treasury for the Holy Souls". In the picture it is 5-7/8 inches long. The next biggest thing is the priest, with his back turned to the audience. From the tip of his fingers, holding aloft the little piece of bread, to the hem of his lace petticoat is 3-13/16 inches. The next largest item in the picture is styled "Blessed Mother" and also "Dispensatrix of Grace"; height in the picture, an even 3 inches. Next in height is the figure of St. Joseph, also exactly 3 inches. Next in height is Jesus, still nailed to the 'cross' and still bleeding. From the crown of His head to the point of His pierced foot is 2-11/16 inches. The priest, at 3-13/16 inches, is larger by 42 percent. The next one in size, according to the certificate, is God, seated upon His throne. Not counting the halo or the dove above, the length allotted is 2-7/16 inches, but would be somewhat more if standing, though even then less than the priest. Peter, standing, was allotted 2-3/8 inches. Heaven, according to the certificate, is much crowded. Apparently the apostles Matthew, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Simon Zelotes and James the Less failed to make the grade, for they are not shown, but St. Anthony, St. Catherine, St. Agnes, Little Flower, St. Ann, St. Vincent de Paul, St. Cecilia, St. Mary Magdalene, St. Joseph, St. Francis Assisi, St. John Baptist, and St. Rose of Lima all got good jobs. Only two were carrying crucifixes; none carry beads. The bake oven below the priest, shown in most such pictures, is omitted.

The certificate is free, but friends of the holy souls are encouraged to give \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 as an alms; also to help pay the cost of the certificates, which, if they cost 2c each, cost too much.

"In the Heart of Gertrude"

A LEAFLET on St. Gertrude says: "It is said that during fifteen consecutive years she was always favored with the visible presence of Jesus Christ. She died in 1334, after having been an abbess for forty-four years. She is sometimes represented as holding a heart in her hand. It is an allusion to the words of our Lord, 'You will find me in the heart of Gertrude.'" Those familiar with the Lord's Word know exactly what it was that appeared to Gertrude for fifteen years; it was the same kind of creature that appeared to the witch of Endor and that besought the Lord that they might go into the swine. They just made a fool of Gertrude, and used her for forty-four years to keep others in ignorance and bondage; and she probably led them a hard life, too. As for the Lord's directing anybody away from Jehovah God and directing them to the heart of a spirit medium as a place to find Him, there is not a shadow of truth in it.

Stigmata Not Uncommon

STIGMATA (marks representing wounds in hands and feet and in the forehead) are not uncommon, a French author having collected 321 examples as early as 1894. Theodore Schwann, Catholic professor at Louvain, and a noted biologist, who carefully looked into the subject, refused to admit for stigmatization other than a perfectly natural character. It is six times as common in women as in men, and is often associated with sexual and mental irregularities. It is the business of reporters to write up such stuff in a thrilling, weepy style, so as to peddle their papers better.

A Snapshot from Switzerland

IN Valais canton, Switzerland, in April, 1935, a priest, dressed in his long black robe, secured the aid of a police officer to arrest one of Jehovah's witnesses. The camera caught him in the act. The priest looks the part of the hypocrite which he is, the officer looks regretful and disturbed, Jehovah's witness alone looks manly, courageous, and indifferent as to the outcome.

Alphabet of Civilization

IT IS not so easy to get up an alphabet of the grand twentieth-century civilization. Try it and see. A is for AAA, Ambrose, aluminum utensils, archbishops, armament makers, albs, ammunition, amices and armored cars; B is for bishops, bayonets, basilicas, banks, beads, bombs, birettas and blimps; C is for clergy, cannons, cardinals, concubines, churches, collections, cassocks and cowls; D is for dominies, dictators, dalmatics, dues, depth charges, disarmament conferences; E is for eucharistic congresses, emperors, explosives, Episcopalians, epaulets; F is for Federal Council of Churches, follies, financiers, flabelli and fish; G is for gowns, guns, girdles, gangsters, grenades and gendarmes; H is for hoods, harlots, hate bills, holy water, Hitler, "holy year," hocus and hell; I is for indulgences, imbeciles, incense, ingenues, imprimatur, insanity and intolerance; J is for jazz, Jesuits, jamborees and jails; K is for kidnapers, kindergartens, kings and Kentucky colonels; L is for League of Nations and League of "Decency", "Little Flower," liquid fire, litany, Lewisite gas, Lutherans and lice; M is for monks, money, monsignori, mistresses, miters, machine guns, morons, mines and mustard gas; N is for nuns, nudists, NRA, naval conferences, nitroglycerine, nuncios, National Broadcasting Company, narcotics, National Catholic Welfare Conference and nicotine; O is for orders, oil, ordnance and oligarchy; P is for peace pacts, priests, prostitutes, prelates, projectiles, purgatory, pope, prosperity, poison gas, politicians, picric acid, peace treaties and pistols; Q is for quintuplets and queens; R is for rabbis, rifles, reverends, racketeers, rosaries, relief, rochets and rats; S is for steeples, swords, sedia gestatoria, stoles, steals, strong-arm squads, surplices and sterilization; T is for tiaras, torpedoes, thrones, tanks, tippets, TNT and tunics; U is for Unam Sanctans, universities and unemployment; V is for vivisection, vaccination, vatican and venereal disease; W is for war, whisky and wild women; X is for Xanthippes; Y is for Young Men's Christian Association; and Z is for zeppelins and zero hour. Additions may be made ad infinitum.

Another Blasphemy Case in Quebec

ON April 21, Reverend Victor Rahard, French-Anglican rector in Montreal, placed signs (in French) in front of his church, declaring

that the church of Rome is not content with the commandments of God, and that it wishes to have its own commandments obeyed for the satisfaction of its ambition and the prosperity of its store. While he preached 2,500 young men from neighborhood Roman Catholic parishes milled around his church and tried to intimidate him, but all in vain. Police estimated that 15,000 people passed the doors. After the sermon Reverend Rahard was taken in front of Judge Gustave Perrault, found guilty of blasphemous libel and ordered to pay a fine of \$100 and costs or serve a month in jail. He filed an appeal. His likeness is that of a manly man, able to put up a stiff fight, and not easily frightened.

Early Christian Attitudes Toward War

SIDNEY A. WESTON and S. Ralph Harlow, joint authors, say:

"In Numidia, as late as A.D. 295, the recruiting officer brought before the proconsul a young man named Maximilian. As he was about to be measured he said, 'I cannot engage in military service; I am a Christian.' He persisted, saying, 'I am a Christian; I cannot fight.' When they found it impossible to persuade him, he was put to death. . . . If you had started throwing away dollars the day Christ was born, and had kept it up ever since at the rate of a dollar a minute without pausing either to eat or sleep, you would only now be starting on your second billion, with 95,000 years more to go [to throw away as much money as the United States threw away in the World War, \$51,000,000,000]."

Martyrs Must Pay for Own Fagots

WITH a measure of nobility the Presbyterian General Assembly affirmed support of conscientious objectors, but when the proposition was put up to it to provide such conscientious objectors with legal counsel the Assembly sat down in the harness and refused to budge. In other words, the Assembly is willing to cheer martyrs on the way to the stake, but insists that such martyrs pay for their own fagots.

The Present "Order" Going

REVEREND CLAYTON S. RICE, of Seattle, Wash., in an address in Chicago, said: "Laity and clergy alike recognize that the present unchristian order is going. Consequently, the churches feel free to ask for help from business men, realizing as we accept it that our order is partly unchristian and retaining our right to work and plan for a better order."

Prince of Peace

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

JEHOVAH GOD is the King of eternity. His beloved Son, Christ Jesus, is the Prince or Rightful Ruler of the world, and one of His titles is Prince of Peace. He alone will bring everlasting peace to the peoples of earth. Before that peace can come the wicked organization of Satan that now rules the earth must be destroyed. Jehovah God is the Almighty Warrior against wickedness, and Christ Jesus is the chief one whom Jehovah uses to accomplish His purpose in war and in peace. It is written, in Ecclesiastes three: There is a due time for war, and a time of peace.' The great and final war the Scriptures designate as "the battle of that great day of God Almighty", or battle of Armageddon. Soon that battle will be fought by Christ Jesus against Satan and all of his forces, resulting in a complete victory for God and Christ. That victory will convince all creatures that Jehovah is supreme and that His name must be exalted for ever.

The present visible rulers of the earth are preparing for war and at the same time declaring their purpose to establish peace. They are doomed to complete failure in their efforts. Say the Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 5:3): 'When these rulers shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction shall come upon them, and they shall not escape.' Christ Jesus, at Armageddon, will destroy all workers of wickedness, and then will quickly follow everlasting peace. At Psalm 37:7-11 it is written: "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evil doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace." The righteous government then shall control the world, and God says of Christ (Isaiah 9:6, 7): 'The government shall be upon His shoulder; His name shall be called Wonder-

ful Counsellor, the Prince of Peace; and of His government and peace there shall be no end.'

That the rule of the Prince of Peace will give the world everlasting peace it is written, at Psalm 72:7, "In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth"; and, at Isaiah 32:1-18, 'He shall rule in righteousness, and the work of righteousness shall be peace, quietness and assurance for ever.'

When the babe Jesus was born at Bethlehem the angelic host proclaimed: 'There is born this day a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, toward men good will.' That great prophecy is now about to be fulfilled, because the Prince of Peace has come. Armageddon is near, and everlasting peace will follow.

All honest persons desire a righteous government, under which they may live in peace. Christ, the Prince of Peace, will give just such a government to the world. Then the people will learn that "the love of Christ" means unselfish devotion to Jehovah God and that "the love of God" means His unselfish provision for the blessing of all who learn righteousness and do it. The people will then without hindrance come to a knowledge of the truth and learn righteousness, because that will be the time of the judgment of the Lord: as it is written (Isaiah 26:9): 'When the judgments of the Lord are in the earth the people will learn righteousness.' The Prince of Peace is the true friend of the people. It is for your highest welfare that you gain a knowledge of Him and His kingdom. The books that are brought to you by Jehovah's witnesses will enable you to gain that much needed knowledge.

Many are the precious promises contained in the Bible concerning the blessings of peace that God's kingdom under Christ will bring to the world. Note Isaiah 2:4: "He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." Give no heed to the

vain schemes of imperfect men concerning peace and prosperity. Concerning the blessings the Prince of Peace will bring it is written (Psalm 85:10-12): "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 hope of the world is His kingdom.

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An Ordinance That Failed

FUTURE historians will wonder at the efforts made at Plainfield to prevent the gospel of the Kingdom from being proclaimed in that city as Jesus said it would be proclaimed before Armageddon, and as it has been proclaimed in spite of the ordinances passed to make the work difficult.

Jehovah's witnesses may now read the ordinance which was passed in the effort to make the Roman Catholic police chief of Plainfield the one to determine whether or not the commands of the Most High God shall be obeyed in that city.

The ordinance does not specify that Jehovah's witnesses must have their heads shaved, their necks painted purple, their right arms black, their left arms yellow, the toe nails of their right foot blue and the toe nails of their left foot a brilliant carmine. Little details like that could have been arranged afterward, if any of the witnesses had paid any attention to the ordinance which follows, but they did not.

The witness work has gone on continuously, fearlessly, in the love and fear of God and of His Son, Christ Jesus, the King. There have been arrests, many of them. There have been trials which were mockeries of justice, grotesque in the extreme. Some of these have been described in *The Golden Age*; others were dramatized and sent into Plainfield over the radio; and meantime the work went right on.

Jehovah's faithful people in New Jersey have been true to their trust. They have been sentenced to an aggregate of years in prison, and have served their time and gone right back into the firing line. Meantime thousands of Plainfield citizens have signed written statements that they *desire* to have Jehovah's witnesses call at their door, and that they do not wish the chief

of police to have anything to say about their liberties in that respect. These tactics produced results, and now Jehovah's witnesses in Plainfield, though still persecuted, are not the objects of attack they were. Had they not resisted the Devil to the end, the witness work in Plainfield would by now have ceased entirely.

PLAINFIELD, New Jersey

ORDINANCE adopted (as to amendment by addition of Section 3-a and Section 3-b) April 16, 1934, approved by the mayor April 17, 1934. [Original ordinance adopted and approved March 19, 1934.]

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF NEWSPAPERS, PAPERS, PERIODICALS, BOOKS, MAGAZINES, CIRCULARS, CARDS AND PAMPHLETS.

The inhabitants of the City of Plainfield, by their common council, do enact as follows:

Section 1. No person shall distribute or cause to be distributed, or strewn about any street, in an automobile or public place any newspaper, paper, periodical, book, magazine, circular, card or pamphlet.

Section 2. No person shall distribute or cause to be distributed to the occupants of any house, place or cause to be placed into any areaway, in front of, or along the side or rear of any house, or upon the doorstep thereof any newspaper, paper, periodical, book, magazine, circular, card or pamphlet, unless the same has been previously ordered by the person in actual occupation of the house, in the areaway of which, in front of which or along the side or rear or doorstep of which said newspaper, paper, periodical, book, magazine, circular, card or pamphlet shall be distributed or placed.

Section 3. No person shall go from house to house to distribute to the occupants of any house any newspaper, paper, periodical, book, magazine, circular, card or pamphlet, unless the same has been previously ordered by the person in actual occupation at the house, or unless a written permit for making such dis-

tribution is obtained from the chief of police or the officer in charge at police headquarters.

Section 3 (a). Any person desiring a permit to distribute newspapers, papers, periodicals, books, magazines, circulars, cards and pamphlets from house to house shall fill out an application blank with the chief of police, or, in his absence, the officer in charge at police headquarters, stating the name of the applicant, permanent home address, name and address of employer, if any, and the place or places of residence of the applicant for the preceding three years, the length of time for which the permit is desired, the nature of the newspapers, papers, periodicals, books, magazines, circulars, cards or pamphlets to be distributed, the number of either arrests or convictions for either misdemeanor or crimes, and the nature of such offenses for which arrested or convicted, which application shall be accompanied by a letter from the individual, partnership or corporation for which he or she purports to work as an employee, authorizing the applicant to make such distribution.

Section 3 (b). After due investigation, upon being satisfied that the applicant is of good moral character and that he or she is making such distribution of newspapers, papers, periodicals, books, magazines, circulars, cards or pamphlets for a project free from fraud, the chief of police, or in his absence, the officer in charge at police headquarters, shall have power to

grant a permit to make such distribution, which permit shall specify the number of hours or days the permit will be effective; and provide that no distribution shall take place, except between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on each day, except that no permit shall be granted for the applicant to go from house to house to distribute to the occupants of any house any newspaper, paper, periodical, book, magazine, circular, card or pamphlet on the first day of the week, commonly known as Sunday; provided that each applicant shall be fingerprinted and photographed before a permit shall be issued and a copy of said photograph attached to said permit. The permittee shall carry said permit and exhibit same to any police officer or other person upon request.

Section 4. Any person violating or causing to be violated, or consenting to, or permitting the violation of any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable or subject to a fine of not exceeding Ten (\$10.00) Dollars, or imprisonment for a period of not exceeding ten (10) days in the city prison or the county jail, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided, or both, for the first offense, and a fine not exceeding Twenty-five (\$25.00) Dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both, for each and every subsequent offense.

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Bulletin and Affidavit Circulated by N. J. Division of Jehovah's witnesses

THE defendants herein named, for the offense of telling the truth of Jehovah's Word, were prosecuted and convicted at the instance of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. At the time they were committed to prison said defendants made and filed a statement of which the following is a copy:

JEHOVAH'S King, by four of His brethren and fellow witnesses, namely,

Peter Semansky,
Lena Albright,
Ella Hering,
Alice Rosendahl,

To Richard H. Thiele
as Recorder of the Township of Maplewood,
New Jersey,

Greetings!

Your desire that four of Jehovah's witnesses, herein named, present themselves before you Tuesday, the thirteenth day of August 1935, they acknowledge. They shall so do. To you now they say:

JEHOVAH'S King, Christ Jesus, when on earth as a man, by request instructed certain wicked ones in language quoted now by three justices of your

New Jersey Supreme Court as ground for judgment by those justices entered against us during the past month, in their affirming the decision previously announced by your county judge, Brennan, in his approval of your own earlier conviction of us as violators of your Maplewood ordinance.

Your New Jersey Supreme Court's judgment of us states:

"... The ordinance requirement is clearly directed toward a police effort to have knowledge of those who go from house to house and to have assurance that such persons are of good repute. Our study of the Scriptures leads us to the conclusion that the teachings thereof are very much to the effect that citizens should render themselves accountable to temporal authority in all matters so reasonable as that which is before us. Asked whether tribute should be given unto Caesar, the Master said, 'Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.' Luke 20:25. To say that obstinate refusal to seek the permit required by the ordinance is an act of worship is to say that disobedience of any statutory or ordinance provision may be so designated. We find no support for the argument that the ordinance is not applicable to the prosecutors or, so applied, is unconstitutional."

AND NOW, IN OBEDIENCE TO THE INVITATION AND COMMAND OF ALMIGHTY GOD, and FOR INFORMATION OF ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO WHOM A COPY OF THIS STATEMENT SHALL COME, we notify you that

That judgment of your New Jersey Supreme Court justices, of your county judge, and of you as recorder we must and do hereby publicly and happily CONDEMN AND REJECT as being both unsound and untimely as well as in utter contradiction of the superior written judgment and law of the Most High God, JEHOVAH.—Isaiah 54:17.

JEHOVAH'S written Word, at Luke 20:19-26, Mark 12:13-17, Matthew 22:15-22, shows that certain wicked clergymen and politicians conspired to "entangle" the Master, Christ Jesus, "to catch him in his words." It is written that those wicked conspirators "sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: . . . they watched him, and sent forth spies . . . that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the [pagan Roman] governor. . . . But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites?"

Jesus had not 'rendered himself accountable to temporal authority' of pagan Rome in the "reasonable" matters in which those wicked politicians and clergymen thought by "their craftiness" to "deliver him unto the power and authority of the [pagan Roman] governor".

Jesus recognized their hypocritical and wicked inquiry. Not as sincere seekers and learners of truth, but with an ulterior motive, those hypocrites asked the Master: "Is it lawful FOR US to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?"

Selfishly and foolishly they asked. In accordance with law (Proverbs 26:5) of His Father, Jesus answered:

"Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

That instruction Jesus gave at the request of and to HIS ENEMIES who sought to kill Him.

To His friends, who with Jesus willingly and joyfully serve His Father, the Master said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments . . . the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me." —John 14:15-24.

As Jehovah's witnesses it is our desire and determination to obey His voice as communicated through His written Word, the Bible. Every honest student of Jehovah's Scriptures knows and recognizes that the commandments of His Word are superior to all laws, ordinances, statutes and commandments of human origin. Jehovah and His King Christ Jesus command that the good news of His Kingdom shall be preached in all the world, including Maplewood and other New Jersey communities, before His destructive vengeance is poured out upon all opposers of His Government. In obedience to that command we, when arrested in Maplewood, were carrying that message from house

to house so that every one desiring to have an understanding of Jehovah's purpose might receive and study the books and booklets and announcements of radio broadcasts setting forth that message.

Your New Jersey Supreme Court justices, your county judge, and you as recorder and your associated chosen servants of the residents of Maplewood unanimously say to us: "You cannot obey God's command without first receiving a written permit from the chief of police."

PERMIT

JEHOVAH God through Christ Jesus commands us to go from place to place and preach or make known this gospel of His Kingdom. Our failure to obey this commandment the Lord's Word plainly tells us will result in our destruction. We love Jehovah and will serve Him.

Notwithstanding that the United States Supreme Court has held that this is a Christian nation, and that the laws of God are higher than man's laws, your municipality by law says we must get a permit from the police chief to preach the gospel. For us to obey that law would be an insult to Jehovah and a violation of Jehovah's law. Then we must choose either to obey God and live or disobey Him and die. If we obey Him, you send us to jail. If you were placed in the same position as we are, what would you do? choose prison and live or disobey God and die?

To us it seems far better and more consistent to refuse to ask for a permit, and go to prison in consequence at the instance of the papal Roman authority because we are telling the truth,

Than to disobey Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and suffer complete destruction.

You may feel duty bound to obey your earthly superiors, but we remind you at the same time that you must take the responsibility to answer in due time before the great Judge of the universe.

Acknowledged and signed
before me this twelfth day
of August, 1935.

HARRY L. PIATT,
Notary Public

PETER SEMANSKY
LENA ALBRIGHT
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No Appeals from Canadian Rulings

ONE can see the clever hand of Gog, the Devil's prime minister, in the ruling just made that while civil cases may be appealed from Canada to highest British court, yet there may be no such appeal in criminal cases. This means that if a corrupt judiciary in Canada makes unjust and really treasonable decisions against innocent people, there is no redress except with God.

Obedience Brings Promotion from Jehovah God

“**N**OW after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him.”—Mark 1:14-18.

What a promotion! “For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south: but God is the judge; he putteth down one, and setteth up another. For in the hand of [Jehovah] there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.”—Psalm 75:6-8.

The fishing business is not a business that calls for fine clothing. Jesus said “they that wear soft clothing are in kings’ houses”. (Matthew 11:8) Probably the kind of clothing Peter and Andrew wore was as different from that worn by their alleged successors, or by the clergy of their day, as could possibly be imagined.

Not sure where Peter learned “to curse and to swear” (Matthew 26:74), but being up all night on the tempestuous sea of Galilee, and fishing all night without even getting a bite, he would have some inclination in that direction. Maybe he heard somebody say something a little askew and could not forget it. Such things have happened. More likely, Peter was telling the absolute, naked, unvarnished truth when “he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord”.—Luke 5:8.

It might be well just here to give the whole account as it occurs in Luke’s gospel; so here it is:

“And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, and saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon’s, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down

your nets for a draught. And Simon, answering, said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.”—Luke 5:1-11.

Peter’s Theological Seminary

Peter’s book education was limited. In Acts 4:13 it says of him and John “that they were unlearned and ignorant men”; and the word “ignorant” is a translation of the Greek word *idiotes*. Maybe you have heard the word before, without the last two letters. Peter was not an idiot, but he was rude and unlearned, probably as rough as the bark on a tree, but at heart he was true-blue, honest, straight, square, upright, dependable, wanting to do right.

When John the Baptist came along preaching repentance it sounded good to all four of these fishermen, and they expressed their contrition toward God, and their desire to be found acceptable to Him, by believing John’s message, which surely means that they were baptized for the remission of their sins.

They even had some acquaintance with the Lord himself, because John the Baptist had pointed out to Andrew that Jesus is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. “One of the two which heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, which is by interpretation, A stone.”—John 1:40-42.

Peter was a man of some means, married, and with a home large enough to house a multitude. The account says of Peter's home, where Andrew lived and where Jesus and James and John were also guests, along with Simon's wife and her mother, that "at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him [Jesus] all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils".—Mark 1: 29-34.

It may be set down as certain that Peter was a hard-working and what is sometimes called a hard-headed man. He saw through the scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites; he knew he was imperfect; he knew his comrades in the fishing business were imperfect; he was convinced that John the Baptist was a man sent of God; he was ready to do what God wanted him to do. All that, and much more, may have been figured out the night when he toiled all night and caught nothing. That boat, bumping around on Genesaret's restless waters, was better than a theological seminary.

When the Lord Called Him to Come

When the Lord called Peter to come, Peter did not say, "Wait till I get a college education; wait till I get a degree; wait till I get yards and yards of black cloth, the finest made, woven into garments that will make me look like a Pharisee; wait till I get into a collar backwards, with a tie that looks like the corner of an old bed-quilt, and hook up with a string of beads and some other junk that will help the common people to see how pious I am, and then I will come right along, and between us we will put up the biggest game of graft and hypocrisy that was ever pulled off in Palestine."

There were too many of that sort in Palestine already. Peter knew it well, and so did the Lord. Did not Jesus hand it to that crowd, in Matthew 23, when He said: "All their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and

Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell?"—Matthew 23: 5, 6, 13, 14, 15, 25, 27, 29, 33.

Probably that was the way that Peter talked about the same gang before he ever laid eyes on Jesus. Do you remember what Jesus said about the pious fraud that stood and prayed with himself and patted himself on the back and told the Lord how good he was, and the other man, the poor publican that stood afar off, and would not so much as lift up his eyes to heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner? When Peter told the Lord he was a sinner, the Lord did not pull a long face and begin to give Peter a lesson on character development. He had already sized Peter up for what he was, and knew that He could use him later to the praise of Jehovah's name.

Forget the Intervening Years

Forget the intervening years, for a moment; they are but three in number. What is this great excitement that is going on in Jerusalem? Jesus has been put to death, and has ascended into heaven. The holy spirit has been poured out upon the apostles and the others in the upper room. The mouthpieces of Jehovah God have declared the truth in at least sixteen languages besides their native dialect of Galilee. Three thousand souls have been added to the believers. A man lame from his mother's womb is leaping and praising God at the Beautiful gate of the temple. Somebody has said something to him in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Annas and Caiaphas, and John and Alexander, and all the

other scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites that Jesus trimmed have met in solemn conclave, and before them is brought the "culprit" that dared speak in the forbidden name, and when they demanded of Peter and John by what power or by what name they had done this work of healing, Peter, the same one that said he was a sinner, "stood up on his hind legs" and said:

"If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done."—Acts 4:9-21.

What a Promotion!

Jesus meant that Peter should catch fish for the Lord's own net, but there seems no objection to another quite different thought. And so, what a promotion that was, from catching bass or pickerel or trout, up there in the lake of Gali-

lee, to dangling those scribes and Pharisees and hypocrites on the end of the pole right there in front of the temple at Jerusalem, and watching them flop and twist and squirm to try to make it appear that they were still so righteous and holy and sanctified that God could not get along without them. But they were bad fish, cast away as unfit. Everybody in Jerusalem knew about it, and every person of good will in the city was openly or secretly on the side of Peter and John and the other apostles and believers.

All this came to Peter as a result of his obedience to the Lord. When the Lord invited him to come, he came. Just think of some of the other great privileges that Peter had! He was the first one to confess that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ of God. When the Lord invited all to leave Him who wished to go it was Peter who said, "To whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." He was the one first privileged to take the gospel to the Jews, and the first one to take it to the Gentiles. He was taken up into the Mount of Transfiguration; he was the one privileged to walk on the water; he was one of those present at the raising of Jairus' daughter; he was the one that elicited the information as to how far forgiveness may extend; he noticed the withered fig tree; he was one of the four who heard the Lord's great prophecy of Matthew 24; he was one who was with Jesus in Gethsemane; he was one to whom an angel of God sent a special message after the Savior's death; he was one to whom Jesus himself gave a special message after His resurrection; he was one who saw Jesus ascend into heaven; he was one who was sure of a glorious climax to his earthly career; he was one whom the angels released from prison. How few of humankind have ever had an angel slap them! Peter was one of the two apostles used in raising one from the dead. Peter wrote two epistles that have been of priceless value to the people of God. All this came as a reward of his obedience.

Peter made mistakes. Forget them; so did you. Prominent in the early history of the church, he occupied a humbler position later, after James was installed as leader of the church at Jerusalem and Paul was in charge of the work among the Gentiles. But prominence means nothing. Peter was where the Lord wanted him. He never aspired to be the earthly head of the church. The Lord never assigned that job to him or to anybody; that is something the heavenly Father reserves for Jesus himself.

Present-Day Applications

Today there are about two thousand pioneers who have literally done what Peter and the other apostles did; they have left all to do the Lord's bidding, devoting their entire time to preaching the gospel message from house to house. Theirs is the most useful and most honorable place in the kingdom of God today; the Bethel family at Brooklyn, N. Y., would increase the number by ten percent. Something like forty percent of all the literature placed is put in the hands of the people by these pioneers and Bethelites. Thousands of others have the same spirit and share in all their activities and experiences, as far as they are able.

Some of these, as in New Jersey, and Germany, and Quebec, are often imprisoned as was

Peter. Their life is strenuous, as was Peter's, and interesting and exciting, as was his, to the last degree. Armageddon is just ahead. Today, today, they have the opportunity to suffer something for Jehovah's name. Tomorrow it will all be for ever done. How gladly the angels of God would leave their places in heaven, if that were God's will, to come to New Jersey, and go out in the work in Plainfield or Maplewood, and stand before De Meza or Thiele and say as did Peter of old, "Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."

And recently the angels have heard some wonderful things of what God is about to do in Armageddon; and there will be more.

Serums in Hogs

IN AN address before the American Chemical Society William B. Bell, chairman of a chemical company, said, in part:

"In the eight months ended February 1933, we imported 115,000 bushels of corn. In the eight months which ended in February 1935, we had imported 5,709,000 bushels—115,000 against 5,709,000. In January and February, the last of the eight months, we were importing at the rate of 23,300,000 bushels of corn. I happen to be very much interested in a company which generates serums in hogs. We have some 2,000 hogs in New York state, and several hundred horses. We are feeding them now on Argentina corn. Our collections from Argentina, where we have a branch office, have greatly improved. Business is pretty good down in Argentina. We imported 20,000 bushels of oats in 1933. The current rate of importation of oats is 13,000,000 bushels a year—20,000 against 13,000,000."

Several things about this will interest Americans very much. They will be interested to see the skill with which the international bankers have persuaded the American people to pay American farmers for not raising corn and oats, so that they, the international bankers, could cash in on the loans they, the bankers (not the American people), made to people in Argentina and elsewhere. Moreover, some Americans will be mildly interested as to what becomes of the serums which pass through 2,000 dirty hogs. Meantime they will cheerfully and actually pay for the advertising matter which their local and state boards of health put out by the carload to

induce them to have those same serums put into their children. What with poisoning the blood stream by aluminum hydroxide and poisoning it some more by serums made from sick calves, sick horses and sick hogs, is it any wonder that cancer is growing by leaps and bounds? But the people that endorse aluminum cooking utensils and some 1,200 serums (one for each disease is the theory) are quick to say that nobody knows the cause of cancer. It is not altogether modest for a group of men to reiterate that because they don't know a certain thing, therefore nobody else does; still some are like that.

Chicago Has Medical Liberty

CHICAGO has medical liberty. The following is the ordinance passed by the city council January 13, 1926: "The board of health shall pass no rule or regulation which will compel any person to submit to vaccination, or injection of any virus, or medication, against his will or without his consent, or, in case of a minor or any person under disability, the consent of his or her parent, guardian, or conservator, and nothing in this ordinance contained, or in any other ordinance heretofore passed and in force in this city, shall be construed to authorize or empower any person or office to so vaccinate, inject, or medicate, without such consent, or to authorize or empower the said board of health to adopt any rule or regulation requiring or authorizing any such vaccination, injection or medication."

COMBINED effort is being made by the Medical Union and those of high public health authority to have us believe that there is great mystery surrounding the medical department of the healing art. These are so profound that the average layman is not supposed to be sufficiently intelligent to comprehend. When traced down they lead us to astounding facts and truths everyone should know for self-protection.

Men at the head of health departments like those of New York and Chicago edit or control papers and bulletins, issued at regular periods, either with their own or with the use of public funds, presumably for health welfare; and we find they are copyrighted so that only a favored few can obtain them.

A bulletin was published February, 1935, by the president of the Chicago board of health, which contains this statement:

Reproduction, either in whole or in part, or in any medium or form, strictly prohibited. [Signed] Dr. Herman N. Bundesen.

How can we as professionals intelligently show what these men write or discuss, when thus prohibited from quoting? Probably we are not supposed to. The Federal Bureau of Animal Industry sends its agents among the farmers to serumize, immunize, test for disease or kill at will. Already in some cities or states it is made compulsory that little children must be subjected to being poisoned by vaccination or serumized in order to attend public school. It will not be long, evidently, until a "Federal Bureau of Human Welfare" will be established; then we shall be treated in a like manner as the animals of the field.

The item which Dr. Bundesen wrote mentions that the medics once used a toxin-antitoxin giving three injections to the child for a supposed immunization for diphtheria. Seven years ago a new method was discovered. They began using what is termed a "toxoid". This apparently protected about 80 percent of children after three treatments. A little later science advanced to the point where alum was added to the toxoid. Alum is a salt of aluminum. This required two injections. So many of the children died following the second they discarded the toxins and now use an injection of an "alum precipitated toxoid". Only one injection is necessary, and there is so little reaction in most cases that it must contain some magical power which brings diphtheria 'under control in 100 percent of all the children thus immunized'.

During past centuries we have had various kinds of medical fancies. It would be foolish to relate here many of the ideas which have been practiced and then discarded. In Washington's time "cupping" (drawing off the blood by the use of leeches, etc.) was just the proper procedure to prevent or cure disease. This was done to the president; many believe he was bled to death. No one would accuse the physician of purposely murdering him. It was the 'proper' medical procedure at that time.

In later years medical science rose to the point where a physician held a revered place in the hearts of man. The more advanced medicine became, the more learned the physician, the less the public is supposed to know about health. The laity is not to ask any questions. Mystery surrounds everything medical. Is it any wonder, under such a condition, thinking people have deserted physicians by the thousand and now by the million? Never in the history of medicine have the so-called "cults" so prospered. The more success these have, the greater the effort made by the Medical Association to have laws enacted through the control of county, state and national health departments to compel the public to take their medicine and, wherever possible, to prohibit others from practicing various departments of healing.

Why have the medics changed from using toxin-antitoxin eight years ago to a purely alum precipitated toxoid now? What will be used in a like period hence, or other substances supposed to have the magic wand to prevent diphtheria? This is an unusual change of procedure within that short period. A toxin, according to Gould's Dictionary, is

"An amorphous, nitrogenous poison, formed by bacteria in both living tissues and dead substances."

This shows that the offal of living organisms which include the dead bodies themselves becomes a potent poison. This was cultured in laboratories, and then injected into healthy children under the name of "toxin-antitoxin". Through some magical process when placed in the body of a healthy child this was supposed to counteract the action of diphtheria germs for a period of years.

Eight years ago the medics were just as positive of the efficacy of toxin-antitoxin for diphtheria immunization as the present officials are of alum precipitated toxoid, the only difference

being that the latter takes but one injection, while the former required three.

An alkali is, in effect, the opposite of an acid principle; that is to say, when the alkali substance is mixed in proper proportions with an acid substance the acidity and alkalinity are both destroyed. The resulting substance is a salt. When aluminum is united with sulphuric acid in proper molecular proportions it becomes aluminum sulphate—a salt. Aluminum sulphate forms double salts with the sulphates of the metals of the alkalis such as sodium, potassium, etc. When these are combined an alum is produced.

Edward M. Averill, examiner for the Federal Trade Commission, Docket 540, describes the origin of the word as follows:

The English word "alum" is derived from the Latin word *alumen*, the Greek equivalent of which seems to have been *stypteria*, meaning astringent. The ancients applied this term to a number of substances of astringent taste. Chaucer used the word "alum" about 1386. Potash alum and ammonia alum have been known from early times, both have been made from alum shale, clay, bauxite and other aluminum materials, both have been used in medicine, and in tanning, dyeing, paper sizing and water purification. As chemistry developed, other salts were discovered of analogous composition and same crystal form in which other elements replaced the potassium or ammonium, and "alum" was applied as a generic term to the whole series. Alum: Any of a series of double sulphates isomorphous with common alum, in which the potassium may be replaced by sodium, ammonium, etc.

Several authoritative works will also be quoted here giving the definition of the word "alum".

Webster's New International Dictionary:

ALUM. A name given to a remarkable series of double salts, of which potash alum may be taken as the type. We can replace one—potash by soda. The following is a list of alums actually known to chemists:

1. Ordinary potash alum
 2. Soda alum
 3. Ammonia alum
- Ten others are listed.

The New International Encyclopedia:

Common alum, as late as the eighteenth century, was regarded essentially as "aluminum sulphate".

Alum is a neutral salt, consisting of sulphuric acid combined with luminous earth or fine clay, and merits, of consequence, the name of aluminum sulphate, or alum; at first affects the organs with a sweetish taste, and is afterwards felt to be strongly astringent.

Fourcroy Elements of Chemistry and Natural History:

Sodium aluminum sulphate is anhydrous soda alum, has the same appearance and taste as exsiccated (burnt) potash alum or ammonia alum, and there are no substantial differences in chemical or physiological action between any of the three forms.

As "alum precipitated toxoid" is being used upon an extensive scale for the immunization of diphtheria, we have deemed it proper to quote recognized medical authorities as to their findings showing the evil effects of alum compounds upon the human body. Dr. H. Gideon Wells, M.D., pathologist, University of Chicago, gave testimony as follows, in Docket 540 Federal Trade Commission:

Aluminum compounds, if in solution, may pass into the blood stream by diffusion through the cells of the digestive tract. This diffusion may take place in any part of the digestive tract from the lips to the anus, so that the whole of the digestive tract may be affected. They may pass into the blood along with fats. The moment an aluminum compound has passed through or into the wall of the intestine beyond the surface and entered the blood vessels of the intestinal wall it will come in contact with the red corpuscles and cause these corpuscles to aggregate or clump and have opportunity to produce this injurious effect exactly the same as if the aluminum compound had been injected into the blood directly. The tendency to aggregate is a serious matter, since the aggregated corpuscles cannot pass through the capillaries of the body, and tends to clog them up. Experiments have shown that when metallic substances act upon red corpuscles to produce such changes in the corpuscles, the corpuscles become more fragile, break up more readily, and lead to anemia or the reduction in the number of red corpuscles in the blood.

These results may occur because of large doses, but they may come from small doses of aluminum compounds administered over a considerable period. A small quantity acting for a long time may produce results quite as marked as a larger quantity acting for a shorter space of time.

The resistance of the intestinal wall to bacteria would be reduced, and they would get a foothold and begin to grow there when they could not do so in a normal intestinal wall.

There are two effects to be observed at the introduction into the human digestive tract of aluminum compounds: the direct effect of carrying the substance into the circulation, and an indirect effect in the intestine and in the arterial tract rendering the human organism more susceptible to disease.

H. A. McGuigan, Ph.D., University of Illinois, wrote in his textbooks the following quotation:

Aluminum is classed with the heavy metals which

exert their action in the form of soluble salts in two ways:

(a) Local action, due to combinations with proteins which classify aluminum—

With ferric chloride as styptic.

To the salts of lead, bismuth, zinc and mercury as astringent.

(b) General action as absorption in which there is little difference in the metals. Local absorption exerting a constricting action on the local vessels.

Physiological Materia Medica, by Wm. N. Burt, M.D., gives a lengthy description from which the following quotation is taken.

CEREBRO-SPINAL SYSTEM

Aluminum produces most profound prostration of the animal nervous system.

A. C. Cowperthwaite, M.D., published a *Materia Medica* in which the seventh edition contains the following:

ALUMINA (PURE CLAY-ALUMINUM) GENERAL ANALYSIS

Alumina affects directly the motor nervous system, giving a paralytic condition, but it shows its most specific action upon the mucous membranes, and of these the intestinal and vaginal are principally involved. The condition seems to be that of extreme dryness and lack of secretion, with more or less irritation.

Dr. Arthur R. Cushny, professor in the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, has the following statement in his textbook published in 1906:

Aluminum has a very remarkable general action when it obtains access to the blood. In Siem's experiments on animals the sodium-aluminum lactate or tartrate induced a very slow intoxication, mammals never dying from the effects sooner than one or two weeks after the intravenous injection of the salts. In frogs the symptoms were those of a descending paralysis of the central nervous system, the heart and the peripheral nerves and muscles being little affected. In mammals the first symptoms appeared only after three to five days, and consisted in constipation, rapid loss of weight, weakness, torpor, vomiting; marked abnormalities in movement and sensation were observed later, such as tremor, jerking movements, clonic convulsions, paresis of the hind legs, anaesthesia of the mouth and throat and lessened sensation all over the body. Before death, diarrhea often set in and albuminuria was generally present. The mucous membrane of the stomach and bowel was found swollen and congested, the kidney and liver has often undergone fatty degeneration, and hemorrhages were found in the renal cortex. Albumin was found in the urine.

ACTION OF ALUMINUM COMPOUNDS UPON HUMANS

Like the other members of the heavy metal series aluminum therefore acts on the bowel and kidney in general poisoning, while many of the symptoms point to a direct action on the brain. Dollken has recently confirmed Siem's results, and showed that the nerve

cells and fibres of the cord and medulla undergo degeneration, particularly those of the lower cranial nerves.

After 1925, in collaboration with Florence Siebert, Ph.D., Dr. Wells investigated "The Effects of Aluminum on Mammalian Blood and Tissue". The results of three years' work were published in *Archives of Pathology*, Vol. 8, August, 1929, copyrighted by the A.M.A. A detailed description of their findings is given. Under "Comment" they tell of the results of the experiments in which aluminum compounds were injected into the blood stream of small animals like rabbits. The conclusion was that a marked anemia was often shown after the aluminum ion either in the form of sodium sulphate salt or as the chloride was injected. When the dose was large enough the animals died.

A vivid description is given as to the effect on the tissues where the injection is made. Especially were these in marked evidence where the sodium aluminum sulphate was used. They are described as being affected with edema, inflammation, swelling and necrosis of the tissues and that the neighboring lymph glands were swollen. Under paragraph 6 is given information as to the effect upon the kidneys, heart muscle cells, stomach and intestines, showing they become diseased to the point that lesions were produced; principally focal necrosis, fibrous pigmentation and thrombosis.

Under "Summary", paragraph 4, the effects of feeding small daily doses over a long period and the giving of a large dose at once showed similar results. They described that changes were produced in the tissues and the blood which indicated that the aluminum is absorbed through the intestinal tract. As this takes place the same poisonous effects are shown as those obtained by the placing of the drug directly into the arterial system.

We find these words of C. S. Smith, Ph.D., New York City, under the caption of "Colloids in Medicine":

The nature of the charge varies with the solvent. In water, colloidal iron or copper or the hydroxides of iron, copper or aluminum are positively charged; while silver is negatively charged. The positive electric charge of aluminum hydroxide in suspensoid colloidal solution is particularly strong, and after intravenous injection increases the ionic concentration of the blood so as to produce shock.

Some years ago alum compounds were used generally before major operations for the pur-

pose of thickening the blood. Its action was to "slow up" the circulation to the point where danger from the loss of blood was greatly minimized. The results were disastrous, due to embolism—thickening of all the blood; many died even though the operation itself was successful. This phrase became a by-word: "The operation was a success, but the patient died." On account of this the use of alum solutions was practically discontinued. Now, after twenty years, they have revived its use, claiming it to be such a potent toxoid that one injection will make a child immune from diphtheria for a period of years. From newspaper reports which are constantly coming in, many are immunized for ever.

A few of the dead are here named:

Mrs. William Barnes, New Haven, Conn., died a few minutes after antitoxin for diphtheria had been administered.

Doris Berkowitz, 3 years of age, Bronx, N. Y., died one hour after antitoxin was administered.

Lena Vincenzo, 6 years, died half hour after injection of diphtheria antitoxin.

Miss Elizabeth Baker, 19 years old, 404 S. Clinton Ave., Dallas, Tex., died after an injection of diphtheria antitoxin.

Theodore B. Huss, 2 years of age, Muskegon, Mich., died following vaccination with toxin-antitoxin for diphtheria.

Nancy Kirkpatrick, age 13, of 18 Ingrebourne Gardens, Upminster, England, died following toxin-antitoxin injections.

Mrs. Joseph Bentley, Webbersville, Mich., died following toxin-antitoxin injection.

John Bagarisen, 4½ years of age, 305 E. 28th St., New York City, died following two injections. The death certificate read "Acute poliomyelitis" (infantile paralysis) and a "serum accident".

Eva Bernal, 18 months old, 225 Refugio St., San Antonio, Tex., died following three inoculations of serum for diphtheria.

Deaths in Dallas, Tex.: Mabel Rogers, Alfred F. Jolly, Esther Runland, Maxine Baird, Frederick Miller, Edwin Smith, Sabine Folk Phelps, Robert Thomas Rogers, E. M. Hastings, Jr., Mary Margaret Johnson; ten children murdered outright, and sixty others injured, in Dallas by the administration of toxin-antitoxin declared safe by the U. S. Bureau of Inspection.

Twelve dead, 5 dying, and 23 in hospitals, following toxin-antitoxin. Bundaberg, Queensland.

Report of disastrous slaughter of 19 children

and 30 more dying as a result of diphtheria inoculation has come to us through the newspapers by way of the United Press, from Medellin, Colombia.

Seventy-three infants killed by B.C.G. vaccine, in Luebeck, Germany.

Precipitated alum which is injected into children for the immunization against diphtheria is also used for the purpose of embalming the dead, as a mordant in the making of aniline dyes, and making of bricks, sewer pipes and adobe houses. How medics can enjoy squirting such material into children or babies is beyond my comprehension, especially under the pretext of preventing disease. There may be a reason, however, which Dr. Bundesen mentions. He says the initial order for Chicago would be 40,000 units; these at 50 cents each would take \$20,000 out of the Chicago treasury, plus the medical fees, which may be from three to five dollars per injection. If the profit for service is \$200,000 or over for the first order of toxoid for Chicago, what would accrue to the medics of New York city? also that made by the City Public Health Laboratory from sales of the medicine? Dr. Wm. H. Park, director, might be kind enough to advise you; he has not seen fit to answer our inquiries.

A Drug Addict at 22

THE Los Angeles *Examiner* has a report of a young girl of 22 in Seattle who became a confirmed drug addict because a doctor prescribed morphine for a pain in the stomach. A sophomore in college, the girl begged to be sent to jail or even to prison, anywhere where she could be protected until she recovered.

Beware of Painkiller Drugs

DURING the past ten years there has been much use in patent medicines of a drug called amidopyrine. The new drug has the property of killing pain, but it robs the system of its white blood cells, which latter are very necessary for the body's well-being.

One Percent of Doctors Are Drug Addicts

HARRY J. ANSLINGER, Federal commissioner of narcotics, testified in hearings before the House Appropriations committee that about one doctor in a hundred is a drug addict, while for the population as a whole the ratio is about one drug addict for each 4,000 of population.

Freedom of Speech

Clergymen Unite to Prevent Freedom of Speech

THE well-known favorite device of the Jesuits is to make a public declaration in favor of liberty, freedom of speech and of the press and radio, etc., as a preamble to their dirtiest work of suppressing that same liberty and freedom. It ought not to be necessary to argue the point with anybody that an institution which admits its intention to destroy those that disagree with it, as soon as it considers its power adequate, has no thought whatever of encouraging liberty or freedom. It is peculiarly disagreeable to honest persons, therefore, to read that Ryan, Cadman, Wise, and 250 other prominent Catholics, "Protestants" and Jews recently visited Washington to urge "an investigation of conditions throughout the country that limit the liberties guaranteed citizens . . . under the constitution". It is as certain as the light that this is really a move to curtail and hinder and estop the activities of Jehovah's witnesses, and when their program gets far enough along it is their unquestioned purpose to propose legislation similar to New Jersey's hate bill. They realize that it is quite a job to put through hate bills in each of the 48 states, and that they must move quickly to gain their objective. Let them go to it. Meanwhile, let everybody reflect that the most important part of democracy is freedom of speech. "No free speech" means "no democracy".

Free Speech in Marked Tree

MOST Americans have heard of a now generally ignored and much discredited document that maintains that Congress shall make no law abridging freedom of speech and of the press. It is not just amusing, therefore, to read in the *New York Times* that the "Reverend" J. Abner Sage, of the First Methodist church, is practically dictator of the town, and that under the inspiration of his genius Marked Tree, Ark., has a law making it "unlawful for any person to make or deliver a public speech on any street, alley, park or other public place within the corporate limits of Marked Tree without first having obtained the permission of said city". These things, in America, are enough to make the framers of the Constitution turn over in their graves. Meantime it is interesting, exceedingly so, to learn that in the vicinity of Marked Tree women are working 15 hours a day in the field, picking radishes, at 1c an hour, and evicted tenants have been reduced to such destitution that they have killed and eaten their dogs.

Making Crime Seem Repulsive

THE newspapers and movies have so glorified crime that the police are doing something to offset it. In New York city a group of 24 innocent boys between 12 and 15 years of age were lined up, handcuffed, placed in the "black Maria", and taken to the Tombs and placed in cells as if they were criminals. It was not a bad move. New Jersey has something very different; in that benighted state it is only necessary for a young girl or a gray-haired grandmother to go from door to door preaching the message of God's kingdom as the hope of the world, and in some localities, as in Maplewood, they are given thirty days in jail.

The Washed-up Post

HARRY D. CORSON, Jr., of Staten Island, sends a copy of a letter which he wrote to the *Washed-up Post*: "I received the copy of the June 3 *Post* which I ordered and paid for. However, I feel that a protest is in order. I sent for said copy of the *Post* because I desired to read Judge Rutherford's speech 'Government'. I understand that the *Post* was bound by a contract to publish same. Evidently a foreign power dictated otherwise. The public press magnifies many unimportant matters, such as giving front-page publicity to a washed-up ball player. At the same time a world-wide broadcast of a speech of great importance is cast aside."

The Impossible Burleson

WHEN the impossible Postmaster General Burleson tried to bar Victor Berger's *Milwaukee Leader* from the mails, because it was of pacifist nature, Chief Justice Holmes, then alive and at his best, ruled that the United States could give up the Post Office whenever it saw fit, but until it did so the ruling would have to stand that the use of the mails is almost as much a part of free speech as the right to use one's tongue. With this all Americans, of course, heartily agree; excepting only the Vaticanists, subjects of the Vatican, pretending to be Americans.

Sound Trucks in Missouri

THE Catholic church has begun the operation of sound trucks in Missouri. Very well, let them go forth and tell their story, which they have a perfect right to do, unmolested. And then, when some sound truck of Jehovah's witnesses is in the neighborhood of some Roman

Catholic roughneck chief of police, let him keep his hands off and keep his mouth shut and remember that America believes in freedom of speech. Chief in Alexandria, Va., please take notice.

Free Speech for Everybody

JOSEPH BERWICK, of New Hampshire, writes: "I am a subscriber and reader of *The Golden Age*. An acquaintance of mine, Jack Wilgus, to whom I gave some copies, wrote the following article, which I am sending to you in the belief that you may be interested in giving both sides of a controversial question voice in your pages." The article follows:

"Communist Outrages Reported in New York."

I quote a heading from the December 5 issue of *The Golden Age*. We can thank William Green of the American Federation of Labor for the information. We Communists rate William Green on a level with Father Coughlin, Reverend Cadman and plenty of others. He expounds with the fiery words of judgment, and cringes in submission before his superiors. His words are fiery, but his leadership is a betrayal. We quote as follows in this connection from another article in the same issue of *The Golden Age*: "Today there is an organized and subtle movement to take away from the American people liberty of conscience and freedom of speech." Among the lieutenants of this subtle movement one finds Bill Green, Father Coughlin and William Randolph Hearst. They, with all the amplifying effects of press, radio and pulpit are reaping profit in the ugly business of muting the truth, lest any truths harmful to certain people's security become too penetrating.

Communists carry no bombs, knives . . . or seeds of hate. We are not the skulking night prowlers the Greens and Hearsts or Cadmans would represent us as being.

It would be no idle waste of time to just ask ourselves what the Communists want, and how they are trying to get it, and other things about their activities which apparently the priests, bankers and labor misleaders don't want us to know.

Communists aren't out to make money; on the contrary, one who is observant will see the followers of the hammer and sickle growing emaciated and ragged along with their intense work. They are laughed at by their old friends, doors are slammed in their faces, the police come charging upon them from the side-streets, and they have handed them long jail sentences. Once in a while we read of a score or so of Communists being shot up against a wall, or tortured beyond recognition. Yet Mr. Green and Mr. Hearst and Father Coughlin would have the public consider such people a criminal element.

We entered a world not many years ago, for we are mostly young, where men were segregated off into

colors, nationalities and occupations. Now when we are endeavoring to draw all these men and women together and teach the world that we are a common family, the defenders of the high priests, the apologists of the thieves, gather in conjunction among themselves and seek to have us thrown into jails.

We Communists are forming into groups those people who have been ground down, who are hungry, and who might otherwise lose hope. Then we gather the groups into masses and at last we will consolidate all these peoples. For they have sowed the seeds, reaped the harvests, manufactured the goods, and carried all their handiwork to the warehouses, wherein it has been locked away from them. (We recall how the Carpenter went into the stock exchange of an earlier age and upset the tables of the Rockefellers and Morgans and Du Ponts of that day.)

We build the phalanxes against wars. In every land we are ringing the immense gongs of alarm, to bring together peoples that they may prepare, not to slaughter each other, but that they may make common ground against war.

The men who profit in billions on the agony and death of men raise their voices against us; they point to us and call us destroyers. They speak of us as advocates of violence, and we know who are the real advocates of violence.

We battle against war, but we know that there will yet be the great battle of all the world which we sing about in our song, *The Internationale*, and which we call the final conflict.

Our movement grows. Against it are opposed Hitler, who burns along with the books of culture the charter of the rights of man. Against us are the priests of the rich church trusts, and the men who are paid to wave their country's flag. In common array they march against us Communists . . . for they hope in vain to destroy us before our voice is too well heard.

I have never known a man or woman of deep religious convictions who has opposed the advance of Communism. For they know us for what we are, and we know them for what they are, and we have no battle to fight with them. It is not religion we are opposed to, but the thieves who are making a commerce of the things of the spirit, the priests and ministers of organized church. They make commodities of inspiration, hope, charity, love, and they profit by the very forgiveness God grants man in his frailty. To them we raise stern and unrelenting visages. We offer them no tolerance.

We would drag these Coughlins and Greens and Cadmans and Morgans out of the high places and restore those high places to the common people. We would open the factories and warehouses, so that men and women might eat and be secure. And then we would develop human nature, which the fakers so often demean. We believe that human nature is the ore from which there can be refined pure gold.

In Lighter Vein

The Lady Holds Her Nose

San ———, Calif.

Enclosed please find clippings and one dollar for a year's subscription for *The Golden Age*. We have always purchased our copies from the local company, but after reading *G.A.* No. 413 we want it as hot off the press as we can get it. The description of the convention activities was graphic, in fact, so convincing we could "smell" the writer from the *Time* magazine. I felt something should be done about him when I read his remarks in that said magazine, and the way you handled that gentleman of the press filled me with glee. I have been told *Time* is a papal oracle; so I am not surprised at his wisecrack about the powderless women. To gain his respect should they have been billowing around in yards of black drapery with a white frill around their shaved heads?

The women of Jehovah's organization do not have time to powder and paint to look like a circus poster (nor do they want to), neither could they qualify as a model for cigarette ads. Nor do they spend their time toying with cocktail glasses, but if I might propose a toast (water will serve the purpose) it would be, "Here is to the *Time* writer; we hold our nose as he passes by." Maybe when Armageddon

strikes he will realize that the shine on their faces was from an inner glow that was consuming their every thought and energy.

But enough in defense of my sisters; the all-important thing is the publishing of the message of Jehovah's kingdom.

The *G.A.* is a grand magazine for the furtherance of truth; and may the Lord continue to bless your efforts as you use your special talent in His service. We are proud to be associated with such gallant people.

(Signed) MRS. EDNA GODDEN.

No, Little One, No!

A CORRESPONDENT wants to know what it means, in Genesis 3:14, when it says, "Upon thy belly shalt thou go," and, in Philipians 3:19, 'Whose god is their flabelli.' Do these refer to the same thing? No, no, little one, not at all. Somebody, probably, is just trying to poke a little fun at Ambrose's white flabelli and has mixed this up with Scriptures about the Devil and about the god of greed. But there is no relation between these three or four bellies, and, anyway, the word in Philipians 3:19 is really "belly" and not "flabelli", even if the thought is much the same. Flabelli is feathers, ignorant one, not scales.

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"What Is Fascism?" By David Wilkie (Great Britain)

(In Three Parts—Part 2)

THERE are only two persons in Germany "privileged" to call themselves "Leader". One is Hitler, and the other is Baldur von Shirach, the leader of the Nazi Youth Movement. Both Hitler and Shirach are Roman Catholics. Goebbels, Roman Catholic, the minister of propaganda, the prime molder of Germany's mind, was educated by the Jesuits. In 1923, when Hitler's revolt in Bavaria failed, Goering fled to Rome. Later, in 1931, Goering was sent to Rome as Hitler's envoy to the pope and Mussolini: "a mission," says the German author of *Why Nazi?* (a Nazi sympathizer), "which was highly important for the further progress of the National Socialist movement."

In *Mein Kampf* Hitler says: "After all, the only infallible touchstone for distinguishing right action from wrong is: visible success." This makes Al Capone a saint until he was pinched. This is the Jesuitical "code" of morality upon which Nazism, and Hitler's philosophy, is based. This somewhat prepares one for the following observation by one of Hitler's semi-admirers, *An Eyewitness in Germany*, page 78: "Adolf Hitler has with profound insight made use of the Roman propaganda's many centuries of experience, and National Socialism's whole organization betrays the papal hierarchy as its model."

Hitler is a Roman Catholic, like every other European 'dictator'—the late Pilsudski, Musso-

lini, and Dollfuss. He acquired his anti-Semitism, so he says himself, from Lueger, a burgo-master of Vienna, a well-known anti-Semite preacher, and a "devout" Roman Catholic. In the story of the actual intrigues that made Hitler the chancellor of Germany there lies the truth about Nazism.

JESUIT CONTROL OF THE WORLD —BY FASCISM

It is difficult to popularize a tyranny, and, as everybody knows, the Roman Catholic hierarchy is the most perfect example of tyranny the world has known.

The job of the Jesuits is to make it seem desirable, even necessary, that the government of mankind should be turned over to the Roman hierarchy.

The curiously interesting methods by which men are persuaded to put their worst enemies in control of their destinies are set forth in this article.

The writer of the article, a university man of high standing, conceals his identity under a nom de plume. He is one of the few men who, having inside knowledge, dares tell the truth.

Every reader of The Golden Age will be fascinated, but more than fascinated; for he will be instructed as to just how the Devil is working his game.

The article takes down the screens and lets the honest reader see just how the Jesuits are planning world control by Fascism, and how they are succeeding.

If liberty is lost, all is lost; and liberty is lost wherever the Jesuits succeed in forcing a dictator upon the people. This the people sagely suspect.

Made Chancellor

by Papal Intrigue

Hitler became chancellor of Germany, and later "constitutional" dictator, purely and wholly by papist intrigue. Hitler was not made chancellor by popular vote or voice. He was called to the chancellorship by Hindenburg after von Papen had persuaded Hindenburg to dismiss Schleicher. This is well known. What is to be noted is that von Papen, like Hitler, is a Roman Catholic.

It is amazing how this has been forgotten in the rush of events since. Nazism rules in Germany today, thanks to von Papen. Democracy has been trampled on, the Jews beaten, Karl Ernst, Strasser,

and Schleicher murdered, thanks to von Papen, the Vatican's 'lay nuncio' at Berlin.

As a matter of fact, von Papen, so-called "Nationalist", and not Hitler, was Germany's first Nazi dictator! Von Papen was chancellor before Schleicher. He, too, was "invited" to the chancellorship by Paul Hindenburg, without either parliamentary or public support.

Yet this von Papen, whose party had won only 10 percent of the votes at the election, while he

was chancellor in June, 1932, summarily "dismissed" and "forcibly removed" the Prussian cabinet led by the Labor ministers Braun and Severing, who had held office for ten years as heads of an efficient administration. This, a year before Hitler became chancellor, was the commencement of Nazism in Germany.

Bruening was connected with the Catholic trade union movement. To use Walton Newbold's words, he was "always cajoling the Social Democrats, more particularly their trade unions". Elsewhere Newbold refers to "the Catholics of the German Centrum and their allies, the Social Democrats". These quotations are from Newbold's book *Democracy, Debts, and Disarmament*. The papist chancellors Wirth, Marx, Bruening, and von Papen prepared Germany for Hitler; and the Social Democrats, stupidly enough, made themselves the "allies" of the Roman Catholic Centre Party whose vote later on made Hitler the "constitutional" dictator of Germany!

After being elevated to the chancellery, Hitler held a general election. He wanted to win two-thirds of the seats in the German Parliament in order to enable him to abolish it "constitutionally", to vote itself out of existence.

The "Election"

Hitler obtained permission from Hindenburg to dissolve Parliament and to hold the election, but on condition that whatever the result the composition of the government was not to be changed!

Can you beat that? Hitler was taking a chance to get supreme power, but he was not risking the loss of the power he already had!

No sooner had the "election" started than Goering got to work. He had newspapers suppressed for publishing a report that stock exchange prices had slumped. He prohibited the entire Social-Democrat (e.g., Labor) press from publishing a Social-Democrat manifesto!

At this stage Goebbels was appointed to the newly created post of minister of propaganda. This gave Hitler control of broadcasting and cinemas, and of the press, through a system of censorship which Goebbels introduced.

Then six days before the date fixed for the election the Reichstag went up in flames. Does any common-sense person doubt for a moment that it was set on fire by Goering? The effect of the fire was stupendous; and Goering, Goebbels, and Hitler made the most of it. The Com-

munists were accused of setting the Reichstag on fire, and the Socialists with "complicity". Van der Lubbe was said to have confessed his crime and association with both Communists and Socialists.

On the strength of this imbecile's "confession" the official press agency announced throughout the length and breadth of Germany: "Through this confession the united Communist-Socialist front has become a palpable fact." In the course of investigation it was stated several weeks afterwards that the Socialists had been entirely cleared from the charge of conspiracy in the crime.

Labor Press Squelched

On the strength of the fire scare, the entire Labor press, consisting of more than two hundred daily newspapers, was suppressed until further notice. During the last few days of the election Nazi speakers stumped the country accusing the "Marxists" of being murderers and incendiaries. Murderers? It is only non-murderous Nazis who coin words, or names, like "The Night of the Long Knife". Hitler stood forth as the "bulwark" against those "Reds" who had dared to put a match to Germany's citadel of Democracy, the Reichstag.

Still Hitler doubted the result. He wanted, understand, not merely a majority, but a two-thirds majority, the majority necessary for the temporary elimination of Parliament. Again Goering came to the rescue. Under cover of suppressing the "Red" danger, Goering obtained from Hindenburg a presidential decree which enabled him to establish an iron rule, first over Prussia, and then gradually to the other German states. Germany was put under "martial" Nazi law. Large internment camps were formed, and Communists, Socialists, Liberals, true Nationalists, intellectuals, state officials, etc., anybody and everybody suspected of anti-Nazism who could influence public opinion by pen, speech, or position, were thrown into them. The Labor branches throughout the country were kept in a riot of disorder by a series of raids carried out by Nazis who were practically free from official interference.

In spite of all this force, suppression, quackery, jailing, and raiding, Hitler did not receive an absolute majority. Out of 647 seats, he obtained only 288. Compared with the previous elections of November 6, 1932, the Nazis had gained 38 seats, the Nationalists 1, the Roman

Catholic Centre Party 4; the Socialists had lost 1 seat, and the Communists had lost 19. The Government Parties (e.g., Nationalists, 52, "Other Government Parties" 9, and Nazis 288) held a total of 349 out of 647 seats. What Hitler had wanted was a two-thirds majority to enable him "constitutionally" to eliminate Parliament. He failed to get this two-thirds majority. What happened next?

The Reichstag met in the Kroll Opera House: Hitler introduced an "Empowering Bill" giving the Government complete and absolute power to rule without Parliamentary control. And the Roman Catholic Centre Party voted in favor of it! This gave Hitler his necessary "two-thirds" majority.

Hitler became chancellor, thanks to the papist von Papen; and he became the "constitutional" dictator of Germany, thanks to the papist Centre Party.

The Murders of June 30

Hitler's next task was to remove from office in the party every sincere Nazi who could by his position or prestige influence policy, and who was not prepared to sell Germany, or betray it, to the general of the Jesuits. This was accomplished on June 30, when about 100 Brownshirt officers were massacred (by Blackshirts), and also a number of non-Nazi patriots were dealt with, such as General Duesterberg and General von Schleicher.

General Duesterberg, former deputy chief of the Steel Helmets, the German ex-Servicemen's Association, was arrested on the night of June 30. (It was the practice of the Inquisition to make its arrests at nighttime.) He was first taken to Dachau concentration camp, and then to Colombia-Haus, Berlin. He was released on August 2, and said after his release: "I have not been shot, but I am a living corpse" (see Manchester *Guardian*, August 30, 1934).

June 30 and the Austrian Debacle

Note the following facts:

- (a) Nazi "disorders" broke out in Austria just a few days before the murders took place.
- (b) The murders happened a few days after Hitler's return from Venice, where he had been discussing Austria with Mussolini.
- (c) Among those murdered was Herr Rudolf Mai, former leader of the Nazi Storm Troopers (Brownshirts) in Upper Austria; also it was reported in the press that "many

leading members of the Austrian Nazi Legion in Germany are said to be missing since the Hitler 'purge' started on Saturday".

Put two and two together now, and you have the truth about the "Second Revolution". The crime of Roehm, Heines, Ernst, Mai, etc., was that they believed in the Anschluss. They had preached it for years with Hitler: to them the "Third Reich" was the Anschluss.

If Roehm, Heines, Heydebreck, Ernst, and Mai, etc., had been living when the swastika went up in Vienna, they would have led the Brownshirts and the Austrian Nazi Legion in Germany into Austria. Mussolini's meant nothing to them. They believed in 'Germany First' and the Anschluss. Of course, this would have upset the whole "Black" (Popish) plot and the alliance of Germany and Italy.

Leaders Bumped Off

This was one of Hitler's main planks: the union of Austria with Germany. But this did not suit Mussolini, a power in the "Black International"; so, at Venice, Hitler agreed to give up the Anschluss idea, and instead to help Mussolini to "preserve" the "independence" of Austria. In other words, they would share Austria between them; but no Anschluss, because power might change hands in Germany. Knowing that this would create trouble in the Brownshirt ranks when it became known, Hitler "bumped" the Brownshirt leaders off before they had time to organize resistance.

It is surely perfectly obvious that these Brownshirt leaders were not expecting trouble. Roehm made the Brownshirt army. He was its organizer No. 1. Heines was a Rossbach man, a leading Nazi terrorist. Men of this sort don't wait to be slaughtered. They had met trouble before; but then they knew that it was coming to them. They weren't killed for anything they had done, but for what it was expected they might do when they learned of Hitler's "treason".

To General Daleuge was given the task of "cleaning up" the entire Nazi Brown Army after the June executions. He stated afterwards that "several thousand" leaders and men had been removed or subjected to disciplinary action. Then in the next breath we were told by Hitler that Captain Roehm had "no following". Then why were those "several thousand" cashiered or removed? The "purge" reached out over the whole of the Brownshirt organization. It

altered its character completely. It left Popery in possession of "Nazism" and "on top" in Germany. Blackshirtism, Popish Fascism, rules Germany; Brownshirtism, or "true" Nazism, is finished.

The murder of General von Schleicher had nothing to do with the other murders. He was murdered, and his wife also, because dead men (and women) tell no tales. He knew the whole intrigue that made Hitler chancellor; he was regarded as the chief menace to the popish plot to rule Germany under the name of "Nazism". As stated by "Artego" in *The Referee* (Britain), July 8:

"In his conversations with Schleicher (when Roehm and Schleicher were conspiring to remove Bruening from the chancellorship) Roehm revealed to him certain secrets about the internal affairs of the National Socialist Party and about its leader. Altho' Schleicher did not speak about those things confided to him, he allowed others to see that he was in possession of knowledge about the Nazi party and about Hitler the publication of which would have put Hitler in an unbearable position and ended his political career."

The Pope Behind the Scenes

Broadcasting to Britishers on July 3, a Mr. Crossman, an eyewitness of the scenes during the Hitler murders, said that whenever he had spoken to the German people, from Munich to Berlin, *all*, without exception, told him the same thing, i.e., that "the pope was behind the whole of the trouble".

To bear witness that the Nazi party was on the wane when the conspiracy which made Hitler chancellor took place, listen to the following accounts of eyewitnesses, a Russian social democrat, a biographer of Nazism, and a French Marxian Communist.

Kerensky, the famous Russian politician, and anti-Communist, says, page 321 of his book about Russia, *The Crucifixion of Liberty*:

I was in Germany myself in December 1932, during the chancellorship of General von Schleicher. The Nazi influence was then plainly on the decline. In order to beat them finally it was only necessary to push the new chancellor's experiment to its conclusion; in his internal policy he had the support of the central elements of every class in Germany . . . Instead of doing everything to support Schleicher, however, Hugenberg and von Papen turned to Hitler and almost pushed him into power.

The (anonymous) German author of *Why Nazi?* says, pages 23, 89:

The intrigue which overthrew General von Schleicher

and installed Hitler in his stead had been contrived, not by him, but by other forces . . . His (Hitler's) movement had undoubtedly begun to decline and was showing signs of internal disunion. Baron von Papen, whose mediation had brought about the change of Government, was (made) vice-chancellor . . . He publicly described the Hitler experiment as a *detour* leading eventually to the 'authoritative State' which was his ideal.

Lost Two Million Votes

Henri Ernst, the author of *Hitler over Europe*, says, pages 12, 13:

At the end of 1932 it (Nazi party) lost 2 million votes and the Strasser group announced its secession. In January 1933 Schleicher was on the point of hitting the Hitler movement on the head and putting it under his own command . . . In the middle of January a secret meeting was held between Hitler and von Papen at Cologne . . . the news of the meeting got into the papers a few days later . . . At this meeting Hitler came to an agreement with von Papen. In this way the sudden fall of Schleicher and the sensational nomination of Hitler came about.

This, from three sources, is the story briefly of how Nazism got into power. Hitler was not made chancellor as the result of a popular demand. Germany was not in wreck and ruin. He was not carried to the highest administrative post in the Reich on a swell of popularity for Nazism.

In his Merttens lecture, 1934, "The Roots of Violence," Mr. S. K. Ratcliffe said, with perfect truthfulness:

"The German people are profoundly anti-revolutionary. During the eight years marked at the end by her admission to the League of Nations, Germany had rebuilt her industries and her civic life, had overcome to a great extent the destructive influences in the national character, and by persistence in the policy of treaty fulfillment (afterwards so bitterly repudiated) had regained in great degree her international standing."

There wasn't an earthly chance of a Communist revolt. Nazism was a declining force. The German public had rejected the idea of violence. After thirteen years of turmoil, tolerance had triumphed, Germany was becoming Nationalist, progressive, and more thoroughly, and sensibly, democratic. Schleicher "was on the point of hitting the Nazi movement on the head".

Germany "Saved" for the Jesuits

The Jesuits saw Germany, and their vision of the "Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire", slipping from their claws. "Down with Democracy! Down with Tolerance! Up Murder! Up Dictatorship!"

Papen and Hitler "saved" Germany for the Jesuits, just as Mussolini "saved" Italy for the "Holy Church".

"Fascism" (meaning "Nazism" too), wrote Ludendorff in his book *The Coming War*, "is a fighting instrument of the pope." "Fascism is the offspring of the Jesuits." "The ways of the Church of Rome and Fascism are identical." "The Papacy and Fascism are inseparably united: together they constitute what is called 'Rome'." "What astonishes me is that the fact should have been overlooked that national so-

cialism of the Fascist type merely means collectivism of the Romish brand."

Thanks to the Jesuits, the old "Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire" has virtually been revived in Central Europe. Thanks to the Dominicans (the "Inquisitor-General" is always a Dominican), the "Universal Inquisition", known by the name of "Gestapo" in Germany and "Ovra" in Italy (i.e., the secret police), once more rules over Poland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Italian Peninsula. But it won't be for long.

(To be continued)

Social and Labor Items

Millionaires Broke in Los Angeles

ONE man in Los Angeles, worth \$6,000,000 before the 1929 crash, has applied for a position as teacher. Another, once worth over \$1,000,000, is receiving \$33 monthly to go to school and learn a trade; he declares his intention of fighting his way back to independence. In one trade school are several persons each of whom had once accumulated over \$150,000.

Most American Factories Are Idle

MOST American factories are idle; 10,000,000 factory workers have no jobs. The Department of Agriculture has made studies that show that if these idle men had been busy for the past five years they could have provided a new \$5,000 house for every family in the country, or have scrapped the whole American railway system and rebuilt it five times over.

"Civilization" Spreading in Africa

CIVILIZATION is spreading rapidly in Africa. The native does what he sees the white man do. The white man knows how to make whisky and get dead drunk; so the native has learned how to make it, and he gets drunk, too. The white man, when he leaves school, often celebrates; the black man, when he leaves school, is initiated in the saloon. The white man imbibes freely on festive occasions, such as weddings. When the black man has a wedding all hands get as drunk as possible. A returned missionary stated that at Sierra Leone a half-breed wanted to sell him a book of Irish Sweepstake tickets. As fast as the whites can do it they are bringing the blacks down to their own level.

Egyptian Labor Methods in California

UPTON SINCLAIR'S *Epic News* contains pictures of gangs of men hitched to plows, harrows and cultivators in lieu of horses or tractors. The men were working on SERA project No. 1, D4, 876, Long Beach Boulevard. Elsewhere in California college men have been employed as mules to plow and do other like work at \$1.50 per day.

Don't Be in a Hurry to Be Frozen

DON'T be in too big a hurry to be frozen, with the hope of being thawed out a century or a millennium from now, to see what the world is like. The dogs that had sodium citrate put into their blood, and were then frozen and subsequently thawed out, do not behave normally. One of them has never since been able to stand or walk unassisted.

Improvements in Nazareth

IMPROVEMENTS are being made in Nazareth. The market has been divided into three parts: fruits and vegetables are sold in one place, livestock in another, fuel and lime in another. Elements of sanitation are being introduced. Municipal licenses are being required for dogs. Signboards are being restricted.

"This Yere Is Sakrid"

AN ITEM in the Morris Island (N. C.) *Swamp Angel* states that a tombstone near San Diego, Calif., reads as follows: "This yere is sakrid to the memory of William Skaraken, who caim to his deth by bein shot by Colt's revolver, one of the old kind, brass mountid, and of sutch is the kingdom of heavin."

Abuse of the Insane

A WRITER in the Washington *Herald*, who had a period of incarceration in a hospital for the insane, tells of having witnessed hundreds of chokings and beatings in one of Uncle Sam's havens for war veterans. According to his tale the favorite method of choking is with a towel wrapped around the neck and twisted. When a patient is to be pummeled in the stomach towels are wrapped around the pummeler's fists, to save his knuckles, and also to make the pummelings resemble bruises received through falls. When a patient offends an attendant he is given the ice pack, by the doctor's orders, and the anonymous writer says: "I've seen men who fought in mud all over France without flinching sob like a baby in a cold pack." Bitterly, this man says: "Yes, I've been a patient in the most violent ward of a 700-patient hospital. Ninety percent of the violence I saw there was among the attendants, not the patients. I talked to many of the patients who had been in other hospitals, state institutions and private sanitariums. They all agreed that there is less brutality in the veterans hospitals. If that is true, I shudder to think what goes on in state institutions. I saw one man thrown by two attendants as you would throw a bag of grain. The fall broke his pelvis bone. Three days later he died of 'pneumonia'. The two attendants are still on the job, or were over a year after it happened. . . . Because I have been a patient in a mental hospital I cannot secure employment of any kind. My wife must earn our living. . . . Where are the sob sisters? Where are all those great humanitarians? Why not laws to protect the inmates of asylums from the brutality of angry attendants?"

Impatience of Youth

EVERY year there are about 60,000 marriages in New York city, but every year there are about 5,000 divorces among these young people, and in only ten percent of the cases is the divorce contested. Youth is impatient, and often selfish. Of course, nobody can make anything out of a thoroughly selfish man or woman, but love can go a long way, and patience can go farther still to make the marriage yoke at least endurable. Every year more than 100,000 children are affected by the divorces granted in this country. These are the real sufferers, and everything endurable should be undergone on their account.

Bleeding the Public by Charity Lies

IN VARIOUS parts of the country concerns I have built up large businesses by bargains made with charitable institutions, on this wise: For the use of the name, a small (a very small) percentage goes to the charity, while almost all goes to the promoters of the swindle. Thus a benefit show for a Los Angeles relief association received 4c out of every dollar taken in, clerks got 30c, and the charity swindlers received 66c. A milk fund swindle in Philadelphia spent \$862 for free milk out of a total of \$22,000 taken in.

Papa Spanked Theodore

AT Camden, N. J., Theodore Emicie, 18, pleaded guilty to stealing an automobile to take his girl for a ride. The order of the court was that papa should spank Theodore, which he immediately proceeded to do. And now all the world that has been spanked is left to wonder about the details. Was the best girl there? Was Theodore just spanked on the cloth, or, horrors! was it the kind of spankings that mother used to make?

Sane Locked Up with the Insane

EPIC NEWS, reporting the rescue of Mrs. Blanche Ashley from an insane asylum, where she had been landed by two of her children, cites Harry Lutgens, director of state institutions, at Sacramento, Calif., as declaring that more than half of those confined in California state hospitals are sane. This is a great note; still Mooney is yet in prison in the same State.

Alberta's Health Insurance Scheme

THE province of Alberta, Canada, will try health insurance. Each head of a family will pay \$2.01 per month; seems like a large amount. Some families do not have that much medical expense in a year, or ten years. Eyeglasses are extra, but everything else is provided in care of the sick.

The Central Kitchen Idea

THE central kitchen idea has been so developed in one district in Germany that in an area of a hundred blocks anyone living in the district may telephone to the central kitchen and have meals delivered at once, and hot. Standard containers carry the food through pneumatic tubes.

Finance and Transportation

Trinity Church Leans Toward Wall Street

THE discovery has been made that the tower of the Trinity church, New York city, leans eighteen inches toward Wall Street, at the head of which street it stands. This is peculiarly appropriate. Some years back, and perhaps even yet, the Trinity Church Corporation was known as the wealthiest church corporation in the world and the most heartless landlord. Owner of the greatest number of slums in New York city, and the very worst slums, it was almost impossible for its tenants to get needed repairs made, or the slums made sanitary.

No Tips on Chinese Dining Cars

TIPS are strictly forbidden on Chinese railway dining cars on the ground that waiters are only doing their duty and that duties should be performed without thought of individual reward or discrimination. It is hoped that, in time, this high standard of civilization may spread to Darkest America, where tipping barbarities and vulgarities still exist. To reduce the huge costs of Chinese weddings, mass weddings are now in quite general custom.

Overworked the Telegraph Company

IN ATTEMPTING to put the screws on Congress one of the public utility crowd at Warren, Pa., sent hundreds of fake telegrams from his city, signed by names selected at random from the city directory. His employers admit having expended \$700,000 to swerve Congress from the path which, had they had the courage to follow it, would have eliminated the public utility holding companies, with all the evils that go with them.

Electrical Power Direct from Sun

ALBERT G. BURNS, president of the Congress of National Inventors, is authority for the statement that experiments now in progress show that the sun will shortly place 200 billion volts of electrical energy at man's disposal daily, making electrical energy dirt cheap, and doing away for ever with the necessity of coal mining or any other laborious work on the part of man.

Cable for Television

A NEW form of electrical cable, containing copper wires suspended in gas, will carry 200 telephone conversations, or the extremely rapid impulses necessary for television.

Fast Time from Portland

THE Union Pacific Railway Company's new streamlined train "City of Portland" made the trip from Portland, Oreg., to Chicago, 2,200 miles, in 39 hours 45 minutes, clipping 19 hours 15 minutes from the old running time. This is a great achievement, even though it may look small compared with that of the planes, which make the same trip in 14 hours 55 minutes.

Costs of Electricity Cut in Half

THE United States Geological Survey reports that in 1919 it required 3.2 pounds of coal to produce one kilowatt-hour of electricity, but within fifteen years thereafter the efficiency of steam plants had so increased that the fuel requirement was only 1.45 pounds per kwh.

Planes May Not Fly over White House

IT IS now illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House; and the law is a good law. Others than the president have been disturbed by planes flying in close proximity to their homes, and the president should be spared this.

Germany's New Highway System

GERMANY'S new 4000-mile highway system, of which 14 miles have been completed, is 80 feet wide, will take six years to construct, and involves a cost of \$750,000,000. The road is built to allow for speeds up to 140 miles an hour.

Contemplated Air Lines

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, British, contemplates air services across Africa from Khartum to Nigeria and all British colonies along the Gold Coast; there will also be a line to Hong Kong, connecting with the London to Australia line at Bangkok, Siam.

Russian Woman Sea Captain

A RUSSIAN woman sea captain, Anna Ivanovna Satinina, 27 years of age, graduate of the naval school at Vladivostok, with the aid of a crew of 30, recently piloted her vessel 9,580 miles to Odessa, on the Black sea.

Russia Has 3,000 Planes

RUSSIA has 3,000 planes, 800 in the Far East; 800 more recently demonstrated at Moscow; there are 350 at Leningrad, 300 at Kiev, 170 at Kharkov, and 100 at Rostov-on-Don; there are squadrons at other points.

Sundry American Items

Two Aluminum Murders in Illinois

A WOMAN of 55, the mother of five children, and a daughter of 29, are dead at Princeville, Ill., murdered by the Aluminum Trust. The story of the murder is just another one of the hundreds which have filtered through the news in the past several years. The mother and daughter ate freely of rhubarb, cooked in an aluminum kettle. The sad story, as published in the *Peoria Journal*, was as follows: "Witnesses told the jury that the rhubarb came from the Swanson garden, that it was picked Saturday morning and prepared in an aluminum kettle. At first it was thought some chemical action might have resulted from this cooking, but physicians said such was unlikely." The key to these murders is in the last six words of the statement just quoted. As long as the physicians stand by the Aluminum Trust, and stand by the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and stand by each other, and stand against the truth on this subject, these entirely unnecessary slaughters will continue. *The Golden Age* does not expect to change the minds of these men; all it does is to tell the truth about it, and let each assume his own responsibility before God and man.

Ghosts Can Be Rented in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA is the only city in America where ghosts can be rented. It seems that in 1874 some 4,200 horses were sent to the glue factory, but their value is still listed in property valuations of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. The taxpayers pay out, in interest charges, \$77,500 for the upkeep of these dead horses. Naturally, the horses being dead, the money must go somewhere, and so it goes to the live owner of the dead horses' ghosts, at the annual rate of just a shade less than \$18.48 per ghost. It is the expectation of the owners of the bonds that they will draw interest forever.

Not All Spent on War Equipment

THE \$10,000,000,000 of American money loaned abroad did not all go for war equipment; millions of it went for swimming pools, libraries, roads and schools in lands where the United States is hated because it loaned the money. American taxpayers in districts where there are no swimming pools or libraries or good roads or schools will be interested but not enthused to know that a fair share of their taxes goes to pay the interest on that money.

The Greatest Agricultural Experiment Station

THE greatest agricultural experiment station on earth is the United States Department of Agriculture. A few years ago it was urging farmers to expand, to invest in the most efficient and expensive machinery; now it wants three million of them to go back to subsistence farming, wooden shoes, tallow candles and cradles. The farmers have some reason for feeling sore. In the drought region, when benefit checks were given to them, they could not get out of the buildings where the checks were given them until they had paid their back taxes. And the news has got around that one hog raiser in California received a benefit check of \$400,000 for hogs he did not raise, and a Florida corporation got \$800,000 for sugar cane which it did not grow, and the plain dirt farmers who never see very much money wonder at the niggardliness toward the little fellow and the generosity toward the millionaire.

Forty Foreclosures a Week

THE Home Owners Loan Corporation, otherwise known as the HOLC, is now making forty foreclosures per week. The average man has nothing to gain from borrowing money from the government over borrowing from a local bank. In any event it is some bank that at the end holds the whip hand. The very fact that the government itself has to borrow money from the banks, and insists upon paying interest on it, shows that the banks are more powerful than the government and practically own the country. What was it President Lincoln said about this wonderful government of the bankers, for the bankers, and by the bankers?

Publicity Agents Employed by Administration

IN A radio address at Washington Senator Metcalf, of Rhode Island, declared that the government is employing publicity agents outside of the law, and paying them as much as \$10,000 a year to turn the tide of public opinion in favor of the "brain trusters" now in the governmental saddle.

President Against Constitution?

ALL Republicans and many Democrats are now insistent that Mr. Roosevelt is against the United States Constitution, and seeking its destruction, though as part of his oath of office he said that he would, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect and defend it.

Agriculture and Husbandry

Dog Sensed All Was Not Well

AT Kearny, N. J., two boys were arrested for scaling a fence and playing in a playground where they had no right to play. When the cops came and got them, and locked them up, they also locked up with them a little white fluffy-haired dog named Rex, and after that they could not get to the boys even to feed them; the dog barred the way. He seemed to sense that all was not well. At length, when the mother of one of the boys came, and the dog recognized her, he quieted down, and all left the jail and lived happy ever after.

Possibilities of Corncobs

THE corncob is listed as the source of 166 basic products including axle grease, binders for brushes, boot and shoe heels, buttons, car springs, car wheels, chair cushions, cigarette holders, dolls, door mats, filling for horse collars, fodder for bedding, hats, imitation amber, incense, linoleum, lumber substitutes, oilcloth, paint, phonograph records, printer's ink, printing plates, punk, radio equipment, roofing, shoe-horns, sidewalks, tar, telephone receivers, varnish and washboards.

What Became of the \$8,355?

A FARMER at Waterloo, Saskatchewan, is a little peeved. In 1917 he borrowed \$6,000 on his farm. Since then he has paid \$8,355.96 on the bill, and now he still owes \$6,238.92. He wonders about this, and just what happened to his \$8,355.96, and why it is that the debt now, after eighteen years, is more than it was in the first place. Persons familiar with the Bible's denunciation of the interest system know the answer.

Hope of Resodding the Barren Plains

THERE is hope of resodding the barren plains, stripped of much of their soil by the dust storms. Buffalo grass, the native range grass of the plains country, would be used, and its seed is being threshed for that purpose.

Snakes Not So Fast

THE fastest snakes known in America are said to move at a slower pace than that of a man walking rapidly, while the rattlesnake, about which one hears so much, requires three hours to travel one mile.

Sea Gull Missed His Aim

SEA gulls have learned to carry clams aloft, drop them from a height upon something hard, and then come down and enjoy the clams' insides. A Babylon (L. I.) man claims that he found about two dozen around his doorstep one morning, but that the gulls missed their aim, and when the clams fell on the soft sand of his yard there was nothing doing in the free lunch line.

Cows, Mosquitoes and Malaria

RUSSIAN scientists claim that cows have 100 times as much attraction for mosquitoes as do humans, and the mosquito bites do not hurt the cows. They therefore urge that in malarial districts the cow barns be located between the swamps and the homes, the idea being that the mosquitoes will stop over permanently on the way.

Electrocution of Artichoke Worms

A CIRCULAR trap with a midnight blue light in the center and a web of live wires all around it lures millions of plume moths to their death in California artichoke fields, with the result that worminess in artichoke plants is reduced from 20 percent or 30 percent to 2 percent or 3 percent.

Mexican and Mediterranean Fruit Flies

THE discovery has been made that both the Mexican and the Mediterranean fruit flies and their larvae are killed when the fruit is subjected, for a few minutes, to a temperature of 112 degrees. This does not injure the fruit.

Plague of Ants in London

LONDON has recently had the worst plague of flying ants that it has experienced in twenty-five years. At one time the sky was darkened, a tennis tournament was held up, and piles of them were brushed from the doorsteps.

Fishes See by Invisible Light

DR. BEEBE and his comrades in deep sea exploration have discovered that the fish living a half mile down in the ocean see by ultraviolet light, and that zinc ore fluoresces a quarter of a mile away.

Advice to a Tobacco User

ESTELLE LAWTON LINDSEY, in the San Diego *Tribune*, advises a tobacco addict to avoid smoke and smokers for three weeks; after each meal rinse the mouth with a solution ($\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 percent) of silver nitrate; when tobacco craving comes on, chew gentian root or camomile blossoms and swallow the juice; each morning for one week take a half teaspoonful of rochelle salt and cream of tartar; and in the first two weeks take four Turkish baths, three or four days apart.

What the Restricted Relief Diets Do

DR. WALTER R. CAMPBELL, of the University of Toronto, says that the pinched relief diets cause tuberculosis, eye troubles, gastro-intestinal disturbances, rickets, mental inferiority, and many kinds of degeneracy, costing the people, in the end, billions for malformed, diseased and helpless persons' care, said persons being for ever thereafter unemployable. That is capitalism at its best.

The Great Rift of 1935

THE great rift of 1935 is along a line which includes Italy, Turkey, Irak, Baluchistan, Tibet, Formosa, Papua and New Zealand, and indicates a great uneasiness in the earth's crust hundreds of miles in width and extending nearly halfway around the world. The average annual loss of lives from earthquakes is 15,000, but in the year 1935 many times that number are dead.

AAA Program Gets Results

THE AAA program of plowing under American products is getting results. Several cargoes of Argentinian and Rumanian grain have been received at New Orleans and other ports. Each such cargo means that much cash for American banks that did not see how to get their money back until the scheme of destroying American products was invented.

Location of Foreign Bodies in the Eye

BY THE use of modified X rays a way has been found to locate foreign bodies in the eye. The eyelids are closed when the observations are made, it having been discovered that vision by means of the X rays can be had when the eyes are closed.

100,000,000 Pairs of Legs

AMERICANS have found that frogs' legs make good eating, and have gone after the frogs strong; so much so, in fact, that they eat 100,000,000 pairs of frogs' legs a year. The wholesalers get about 7c a pair. Probably the frog raisers get about half that. Here is a source of meat supply that is limitless; and the meat is good, too. If you don't believe it, try it.

Avalanche in Sight of New York

IF A fifty-ton rock falls from the Palisades into a roadway, is that an avalanche? Well, if that is an avalanche, then the New Jersey shore of the Hudson river, just across from the 125th Street (New York) ferry was the scene of an avalanche May 17, 1935. The big rock fell about fifty feet and tied up the highway for five hours. No one was injured.

Device for Disposing of Garbage

ENGINEERS of the General Electric Company have devised a grinder, weight 75 pounds, which grinds all the garbage and sends it down the sewer, and which may be attached to any kitchen sink. Thus all waste is disposed of, excepting only the bottles and cans.

Photographs Internal Organs of Body

ALOS ANGELES woman physician, Dr. Ruth B. Drown, has photographed the heart, kidneys, spleen and nerve ends of the cerebellum by means of a shortwave radio instead of a camera.

Substitute for Cotton

GERMAN and Japanese scientists, working separately, made the discovery at the same time that alpha-cellulose, the chief constituent of common straw, can be converted into a cotton substitute.

Moon "Turned into Blood"

MILLIONS of Americans watched with interest the moon in its longest total eclipse in 100 years, on the night of July 15. The refracted rays made the moon a rich copper color. The spectacle lasted $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Danes Destroy Animals Too

THE plan of making the nation rich by destroying its food is in full force in Denmark, where more than 300,000 meat animals were destroyed in 1933 and 1934.

Health Items

Washington Star Turns Over in Its Sleep

ON June 19 *The Golden Age*, in the same issue in which the *Washington Star* was exposed as a mere servant of the papacy, had the following skit:

Sleeping in the Raw

Those who make a practice in the summertime of sleeping nude, with only the summer covers when any covers at all are necessary, report the greatest comfort and ease in being able to turn freely in the bed, and there is a saving in sleeping garments also. Some robust persons sleep thus the year around, and this can be done, too, with the sheet tucked closely about the neck.

The skit was entirely original with *The Golden Age*, including the title. Seventy-five thousand copies of that issue were distributed in Washington by Jehovah's witnesses. At length they made some impression on the *Evening Star*; for after 57 days the following wheezed forth from that decadent organ, and it is a safe bet that it traces directly to the item above. But would the *Evening Star* admit that? Not on your life!

'Sleep Raw and Stay Beautiful,' Experts Admonish Fair Sex

CHICAGO—More than 6000 beauty specialists, putting beauty on a 24-hour shift, bade farewell today to the old-fashioned nightgown. A new creed of the fastidious female will be: "Sleep raw and stay beautiful." Miss Ruth D. Maurer, educational director of the American Cosmeticians' Association, said the body cannot breathe properly when covered. Miss Maurer, whose job keeps her on the jump thinking up new ideas, suggested that women sleep with the pillow under their feet instead of the head. "It's more comfortable and gives you more circulation," she explained.

In America the business of appropriating other people's ideas, and taking credit for them, has become one of the fine arts. What a joke is "glory"!

The Value of Lettuce

THE *Vegetarian - Fruitarian - Humanitarian* calls attention to the fact that lettuce contains over 6 percent of potassium, over 1 percent of sodium, over 2 percent of calcium, over 1 percent of magnesium, iron about $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent, phosphorus nearly 2 percent, sulphur less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1 percent, silicon $1\frac{1}{2}$ percent, and chlorine over 1 percent. It thus contains all the minerals present in spinach, without oxalic acid, which, for those inclined to have stones in the bladder, is not considered so good.

About Potatoes and Tomatoes

DR. H. G. BURDEN, of Tennessee, tells about a man who for experimental purposes lived on potatoes and nothing else for a year and a half, adding only a little vegetable fat. He worked hard and kept well, and his weight, strength and appetite did not decrease during all that time. It does not take a very big space to grow a ton of potatoes in your spare time, and 1500 pounds will supply one man with his food requirements for an entire year, except a moderate amount of fat or butter. Much of the food value of potatoes is lost by peeling them or by pouring off the water in which they are boiled. Bake the potatoes and eat the skin as well as the meat. Water in which potatoes have been boiled should be used for soups or broths. Never throw it away. Of course, the potatoes should be cleaned well before being cooked or baked.

The tomato is one of the richest vitamin foods. It is sometimes called the poor man's orange. It contains more vitamins than oranges, especially vitamin A. This vitamin promotes growth, protects against infection, colds and sinus troubles. They are almost as good canned as when fresh. Put them up for use during the winter. Tomatoes do not cause rheumatism, as was once thought, and they are more highly alkaline than oranges in the effect on the blood, which is a desirable thing.

How to Get Eczema and Get Rid of It

WRITING in the *Arkansas Gazette*, L. S. says she discovered that artificial silk undergarments caused the baby's skin to break out in pustules, but changing the type of clothing relieved the eczema. Ralph S. Green (pioneer), writing on this, says: "Clipping enclosed may be a verification of the conclusion arrived at by R. H. Barber regarding the effect of the alum in rayon socks upon his poisoned feet. My own experience with a pair of rayon hose recently may be explained also. Thousands of pimples broke out, beginning at the top of the hose and extending to the top of the foot. As for the "athlete's foot" disease, I had suffered with that for some time, but in the above case my legs were affected. These pimples disappeared upon changing to white cotton socks, and such I expect to continue to wear."

The Rape of Ethiopia

Italy Wants Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA has 350,000 square miles, with only 17,000,000 inhabitants. She has coal, iron, platinum, gold and oil, and can support millions more of people and millions more of livestock. She claims to be able to put 350,000 barefooted soldiers into the field in thirty days and to mobilize 900,000 troops, all together. It is still the law in Ethiopia to punish thieves by amputation of their hands. The war will start without mercy's being shown by either side. The Italians are morally certain to win it in a few weeks, but may get a great surprise. All the talk about the Italians' wanting to put an end to the Ethiopian slave trade is pure buncombe. Sir Samuel Hoare, British foreign secretary, said, in the House of Commons, "So far as my information goes, the Abyssinian government is doing its utmost to abolish the slave trade." All there is about the war is that Italy is determined to have Ethiopia so that she can have an outlet for her surplus population, and keep them Italians. It is a clear case of robbery and murder, and the League of Nations hypocrites will cheer the robber and murderer and make it easy for him, and will do nothing for the native who wants to retain control of his own country.

Who Gets Ethiopia

THE French and Italians fixed it up between them that Italy was to have Ethiopia, a country which in thirty days can put 350,000 men in the field and bad actors, too. But the Ethiopian ruler did the unexpected. He knew what was going on and invited in tens of thousands of Japanese, to build roads, factories and laboratories and open banks, and now the Italians will have to consider the Japs, and it is an embarrassing thing to consider. The Italians are enlisting Mohammedan Ethiopians to fight the so-called 'Christians' of Ethiopia, but the heathen Japanese constitute a serious difficulty to be overcome. Who will get Ethiopia remains to be seen.

Flame Throwers to Convert Ethiopians

TO HELP convert the Ethiopians to the Mussolini idea 100 Italian flame throwers have been sent to Ethiopia, with a fair chance that none of them will return alive. Flames can be thrown sixty-five feet, but if a bullet punctures the flame-throwing apparatus the whole thing blows up, man and all.

England Also Wants Ethiopia

ITALY has been giving popular demonstrations of all known forms of bombs and poison gases. Ethiopia has laid in 1 ton of poison gas and 176 tons of munitions; which is nothing for a war with Italy. She has appointed an American professor of international law and a French professor of law to represent her at the preliminary peace conference; Italy is offended at this, for she had hoped to deal with Ethiopia direct. When the Italian troops began to pour into Africa the British hurried and, for \$1,500,000, bought the right to a large part of the watershed of northwestern Ethiopia, for use in the Sudan. And this peeved the Italians, too. When Ethiopia found she could not buy munitions in France, Belgium, Denmark or Czechoslovakia, and that in some instances shipments already paid for were detained, the emperor said: "The Belgian government informed us this was to avoid the reproach of participation in the armament of the Ethiopian empire. Isn't it a worse reproach to facilitate the accomplishment of Italy's program of violation of treaties and coercion of a free people, weak in all resources except the justice of their cause? Is there one policy for the weak and another for the strong? The weak must be kept weak so that the strong may have no difficulty in destroying them."

International Murderers, Incorporated

INTERNATIONAL MURDERERS, INC., British Branch, did a wonderful business with Italy during June. The British government, that being one of its side lines, did not, of course, dare to raise any objections. But it is quite different with Ethiopia. The cabled "explanation" of why Ethiopia is denied the same privileges as were accorded Italy is as follows: "The British and French attitude is based on a special agreement among Britain, France, Italy and Ethiopia whereby Ethiopia agreed to limit the importation of arms except when it was 'strictly necessary'. The Ethiopians also agreed that any shipments of arms into their country could be stopped in the event of war." There you have it. Isn't that rich? The whole world knows that Italy is about to wipe Ethiopia off the map. Under those circumstances it is not 'strictly necessary' for Ethiopia to arm in self-defense, and when the war starts she cannot arm, because the murderers are conscientious objectors to supplying arms to a weak nation attacked by a strong one.

Something Else "Unveiled"

THE London *Evening Standard* has been running a series of articles entitled "Abyssinia Unveiled". The articles have been highly insulting to Ethiopians (from whom the writer seems to have had hospitality and most generous treatment), and paint Ethiopia in the worst possible light. They have appeared under the name of "L. M. Nesbitt". But the *Evening Standard* has been careful to conceal that "L. M. Nesbitt" stands for Louis Mariano Nesbitt, and that Mr. Nesbitt is a half-Italian. So one could hardly expect *his* writings to paint Ethiopia in anything *but* the worst light! But why does a widely read paper like the *Evening Standard* print articles on Ethiopia from such an obviously biased journalist? Incidentally, the *Evening Standard* belongs to Lord Rothermere, who a short time ago was backing Sir Oswald Mosley, the British Fascist, in the *Daily Mail*. Rothermere must have an unfathomable (sic) sympathy for anti-Ethiopian and pro-Mosley (i.e., Fascist) articles. A few years ago Rothermere's son, Mr. Arthur Harmsworth, was a candidate for the throne of *Roman Catholic* Hungary. Mr. Louis Mariano Nesbitt is now no more, however; he was killed on July 20 in an air-crash on the Swiss-Italian frontier. He was on his way from Rome to London.

Selassie's Sons Educated in Ohio

THE sons of Haile Selassie, ruling monarch of Ethiopia, were educated at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, where the three boys left an excellent impression by their good behavior, studiousness and ability. Prof. F. Ernest Work, department of history, Muskingum College, decorated by both Italy and Ethiopia, has pointed out that *England and France promised Italy Ethiopia in 1915*, as a reward for switching the Italian army from the Central Powers in the World War, and Mussolini is now insisting that the promise be made good.

The Ualual Boundary Dispute

THE Ualual (Walwal) boundary dispute between Italy and Ethiopia becomes a ghastly joke when one learns that even on the Italian maps themselves Ualual is shown as being on Ethiopian territory. Italy's pretense that she is seeking satisfaction for border trespasses is the most perfect hypocrisy imaginable.

Courtesies to Burglars

BENITO MUSSOLINI is what might be called "a Christian burglar". He is a Roman Catholic and sufficiently attached to the papacy that he has ordered the crucifixes to remain in every schoolroom in the country. He is out to steal the land of Ethiopia, and has announced that the only thing that will prevent a war will be for the king, Haile Selassie, to ask Italy to assume an armed protectorate over the country. This brings up the whole question of etiquette toward burglars. Thus if some gang gathers at your front door and sends word in that they are going to murder you, burn your house and swipe all your valuables, the first thing to do is to find out if they are "bread-worshippers", and if they are, and are well armed, the next thing is to ask them to come in and make themselves at home for the rest of their lives, and to petition them to assume an armed protectorate over the premises.

French Tell Italians to Go Ahead

FREDERICK T. BIRCHALL, London correspondent of the *New York Times*, says: "It is generally understood that when the subject of recent Ethiopian conflicts came up in his conference with Pierre Laval last month, the French foreign minister gave the Italian premier a free hand to carry out any police operation he cared to undertake in that part of the world. No forceful interference from Great Britain is likely either." What this means is that if Italy is strong enough to grab the new Ethiopian oil deposits she will get them, the same as Paraguay grabbed the oil fields of the Grand Chaco, and Japan grabbed the iron ore and coal mines of Manchuria. Some will wonder why the League of Abominations is silent while all this thievery is going on. But the League is only an international joke.

The Pope Wants Ethiopia

A DISPATCH from Vatican City says that the pope remains "neutral" in the Italo-Ethiopian conflict. All the more shame to him. He has constructed an Ethiopian college on Vatican ground, and professes to be very much interested in the Ethiopian people. Then why does he not come out and openly condemn this braggart and murderer instead of remaining "neutral"?

The Religious Business in Ethiopia

IT SEEMS difficult to think of any religious business more foolish than the one that is dominant in Italy and Spain and all over South America. Though less blasphemous, in Ethiopia it is perhaps more absurd. Pierre von Paassen, in a letter to the *Atlanta Constitution*, says that every family of prominence has its own chaplain; morning devotions conducted by him last two hours. The family meanwhile remains standing, leaning on crutches. The poor have wooden crutches; the wealthy, gold and silver ones. Those in the religious racket seem to have the idea that the more foolish and unreasonable their claims and their methods, the bigger will be the crowds that follow them, and the more they will collect. That being the case, the pope would find a fine field in Ethiopia for his racket.

News Items on the Ethiopian Situation

AFRICAN travelers familiar with Ethiopia assert that it is one of the greatest natural fortresses in the world, and that Italy is cut off from it by almost inaccessible mountains and deserts. As a feature of its African campaign Italy has sent to the front, so it is said, three hundred thousand tons of steel rails. Among the Italian troops already in Africa drinking water is said to be selling at a dollar a bottle. Ethiopia claims to be able to put 80,000 cavalymen, 20,000 trained infantrymen and 700,000 ordinary infantrymen into the field. The army has 1,000 machine guns, 200,000 spears and 100 pieces of artillery. All this, however, is nothing to what the Italians have. Italy's airplanes are expected to be a great factor in the campaign.

Will Imitate Britain to the Letter

MURDERER Mussolini, imitating Japan, made the statement on the occasion of departure of troops for Africa, "We will imitate to the letter those who have given us a lesson." While he probably had Britain chiefly in mind, and British lips are therefore tightly closed, yet every great empire or government has been built up by the identical methods Mussolini is now using. Of course, one could wish that this time the tables would be turned, but they probably will operate as usual and Ethiopia will pass out, with Italy, France, and Britain snarling over the carcass. Meantime Hitler may demand German colonies back.

Ethiopia Claims to Be Christian

REMINING the world that Ethiopia claims to be a Christian land, that she still subscribes to the Sermon on the Mount and the Ten Commandments, Emperor Haile Selassie also wants the world to note that she has never been conquered and that she is prepared to defend her territory to the last man rather than to surrender her liberties to Italy.

American Negroes Keep Out of Ethiopia

AMERICAN Negroes who know when they are well off will keep out of Ethiopia. Harlem boys who went over there found on arrival that they ranked no better than slaves and were looked down upon because they were black while the Ethiopians were brown. The powers concede that Italy will take the country.

Wants Mussolini to Win

THE Rome correspondent of the *London Daily Express* reports a Vatican authority as saying to him, "It is evident that when Italian culture and civilization are firmly fixed in Ethiopia, Catholicism will have a better opportunity to flourish."

Friction Between Greece and Italy

RECENT causes of friction arising between Greece and Italy are that Greek sailors deserted a ship which they found was bearing munitions for Italian troops in Africa; and Greeks in the Dodecanese islands, seized by Italy in 1922, are being compelled to bear arms against Ethiopia.

Italian Lemon Market Cornered

WHAT a wicked thing is civilization! American lemon growers are in high spirits, for their markets are expanding, but the reason is that Italy is about to seize Ethiopia, and wants all the Italian lemons for the troops in the hot country where they are now being acclimated for the war in October.

600,000 Mobilized in Italy

EARLY in April, in anticipation of war with Ethiopia, Italy had 600,000 men under mobilization orders and boasted that she could put 7,938,000 trained men into the field on short notice. Mussolini also claims that he has at his command 1,507 modern military planes.

Peace Messengers

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

IF A PERSON comes to your door bringing you a message of good news that makes you happy, you are pleased to receive that message. Today the earth is filled with strife, crime and suffering. The public press contains nothing but bad news. There is a company of men and women in the land that go from house to house carrying to the people a message of good news. They are called Jehovah's witnesses. They are aiding the people to gain a knowledge of God's provision for giving them everlasting peace on earth, and that knowledge will make you happy. Those men and women are properly called peace messengers. You should receive them gladly.

All the nations of earth are now in great distress and perplexity. No man has a remedy for the relief and comfort of the people. Jehovah God has a full and complete remedy for all the ills that afflict humankind. To all persons of good will God says (Matthew 12:18-21): 'Behold my servant [Christ Jesus], my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: He shall bring judgment to the nations; and in His name shall the nations hope.' Whatsoever God speaks to the people is truth, as it is written in the Bible, His Word. He informs us in His Word that for centuries Satan has been the invisible ruler of the world and has brought all manner of suffering and sorrow upon the peoples of the earth. Now the end of Satan's rule is come and God by Christ will destroy wickedness and establish peace and prosperity on the earth. Nothing could possibly be of such interest, convenience and necessity to you as a knowledge of the truth of and concerning God and His kingdom which will bring to mankind boundless blessings. How can the people gain such knowledge unless someone tells them? The Lord has taken out from amongst men those whom He has made His witnesses, and now He sends them to the people to give information of and concerning His gracious provision for the blessing of mankind. These messengers come to you in peace with the unselfish motive of doing good unto you.

Long ago God caused faithful men to make a record of His prophecy, and that record is contained in the Bible. No man could compose or interpret that prophecy. By prophecy God fore-

told what would come to pass at the end of the world, where we now are. He has brought to pass the facts in fulfillment of prophecy, and by setting these facts alongside the divine prophecy any person may learn the truth and thus ascertain God's purpose and manner of establishing a righteous government on earth for the blessing of mankind. These great truths are now published in book form so that you may take your Bible and together with these books gain a knowledge of God's purpose, which you so badly need. Jehovah's witnesses are bringing to you these books that you may have opportunity to avail yourself of the information they contain. They are not selling books, but if you are able to contribute a small amount of money when receiving the books that money will be used to publish more books, and thus you will be enabled to have a part in sending this message of good news to other suffering ones of mankind that they may know how their relief is coming. A knowledge of God's purpose toward men is of far greater value to you than all the gold of this world, and for that reason it is written, in Proverbs 18:15: "The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge."

The Devil is the invisible ruler of this wicked world, and he causes his representatives to prevent you from hearing the truth. He knows that the truth will cause those who love righteousness to turn to God, and for this reason his agents the clergy oppose Jehovah's witnesses and the message they bring to you. Now a few selfish men control the land and hold mortgages on the farms and homes of the people, who are in constant fear of losing their homes. Such an unhappy condition will pass away under the reign of Christ, and then the people shall live in their homes without fear, as it is written (Psalm 37:11): "But the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace"; and (Psalm 22:26), "The meek shall eat and be satisfied; they shall praise the Lord that seek him; your heart shall live for ever." Who are the "meek" mentioned in these texts? To be meek means to be anxious to learn the

truth. The meek are those who seek to gain knowledge of God's gracious provisions for mankind. Such knowledge you can gain only by studying the Word of God; and He has made it possible for you to gain such knowledge, by plac-

ing before you an explanation of His Word of truth. "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."—Psalm 96: 10.

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With Jehovah's witnesses

Phonograph Experiences in Indiana

"WITNESSING at a Catholic home, and having records along, I asked permission to use their phonograph, but was told it was broken. However, the children had a method for playing it even though the spring was broken, and they did. At another home an elderly woman was grieving because her daughter-in-law had refused permission for her to tune in and hear Judge Rutherford on the radio. I came along with the phonograph records, played for her the record 'Jehovah', and she said, 'Oh, I love the name of Jehovah. Don't you think, when you want to hear, the Lord sends the truth?' And I told her I thought so indeed. Across the street is the I.O.O.F. home, where permission to play the records was refused, and from which I have been asked by the superintendent to remain away. Yesterday morning I saw a couple sitting in front, whose hands hung heavy in idleness. They heard the records gladly. In another home a Catholic-raised boy staying with his grandparents said, 'I am not a Catholic. Do you know that the Catholics are trying to get the power to persecute?' He also was glad to hear the records. Oh that a sound car would come our way, that could make the people hear four miles away!"—Mrs. R. M. H., Indiana.

Petition Experiences in Colorado

"TWO J. w's who team together in the service experienced the following in connection with the petition work. At a fine home an elderly Jewess answered the door, flew into a rage when she saw the petition, called the J. w. hard names and bid her be gone. As the worker turned to go the husband appeared at the door and said: 'Wait a minute, lady, wait; don't go

away. Mama, don't you know dot ve heard on the radio dis mornink dot dis ladee would be here vit a petition vot ve should sign? Come in, lady. Sit down. How is Chudge Rooterford? how is his bealt? He is a goot man, God bless him. He is doink a goot vork. Mama, you sign dis petition, too. Now you apologize to dis lady for de vay you talked to her.' And she did." At another door a woman read the heading and said, 'Certainly I will sign this. I believe in free speech for everybody except that damned Judge Rutherford. I wish he was in hell.'

"At a fine large house no one answered. Perhaps the bell was out of order. Going around to the rear, a lady was sitting outside. Looking the petition over she said, 'I don't understand this; I'll go in and see father.' In a few minutes she returned without the petition. Immediately following her was a big fat priest, with the petition in his hand! Oh! Oh! Glp! What now? Another priest was immediately back of him. The fat one then read it aloud. 'H'm! This is all right. Sure! Wait a minute! We've got a big meeting on; I'll get some more names for you.' He returned the petition with the names of 37 priests added."—F. W. W., Colorado.

Where Else Would It Happen?

W. B. AIKEN, of North Carolina, writes that Carl S. Born, pioneer from Illinois, attending the Washington convention on May 31, lost his last \$5 bill amid the 12,000 that on that day thronged the convention. Upon his applying at the "Lost and Found" booth the bill was returned to its delighted owner. Could this happen anywhere else than in an assembly of Jehovah's people?

"Missionaries" After W. R. Brown

IN THIS issue is presented a report of a transcription meeting conducted at Accra, Gold Coast, West Africa, by W. R. Brown, accredited representative of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society. The Devil, ably assisted by the missionaries, did everything he could to interfere. Though Brown was born a British subject (in the West Indies), and had credentials signed by Judge Rutherford and countersigned by the London office, and though he had previously been received with courtesy by the officials at Sierra Leone, Liberia, Nigeria, Conakry and Dahomey, some unseen and unknown force persuaded the police to force Mr. Brown to deposit £60 in cash, to guarantee that he would not become a public charge, before he was allowed to give his lecture. The native press was very outspoken about this unkind and unnecessary act; also about hoodlums' throwing stones on the roof where 3,000 people were trying to hear the lecture. It may be set down as certain that the missionaries were at the bottom of this. Several of them were in the audience.

WAR IN THE CLOUDS, WARNS
JUDGE RUTHERFORD IN TALK

3,000 Listen to Lecture on Politics

Speaker Condemns Policy of Leading Powers

A fully packed house heard Judge J. F. Rutherford speak on the subject of "Universal War Near" through a high-powered transcription machine at the Palladium, Accra, on the evening of Sunday. W. R. Brown, a representative of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, formerly the International Bible Students Association, under whose auspices the lecture was given, conducted the meeting. The audience, which was estimated at 3,000, included some clergymen from other denominations and adherents of churches with different religious dogmas.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD SPEAKS

The lecture was preceded with the singing of the popular hymn "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" by massed voices at 7:30 p.m. Before this time there was no elbow room in the very spacious hall. After the hymn Judge Rutherford set the ball of his lecture a-rolling in clear intonation through the machine; but owing to the great attendance and the noise outside made by the many people who could not gain admission into the hall, the voice of the lecturer was drowned and was inaudible to many, who were thus deprived of the advantage of closely following the substance of the lecture, which took about fifteen minutes to deliver.

MR. BROWN EXPOSES

But the audience was not disappointed. After the delivery through the machine, Mr. Brown mounted the platform to clarify and amplify certain points in the lecture. He said that by "Universal War Near", the title of the lecture, was meant the clouds which are at present gathering on the political horizon in Central Europe, and are threatening the peace of the world. Like the rain storm, the clouds would burst on the people and the whole universe would be caught in that gruesome cataclysm, the like of which had never been known in the history of mankind, and then the end of the present era would have come. A few people would survive. Satan, who was liberated to interfere in world's affairs after the war of 1914-18 and had been active ever since, would be destroyed, and the Kingdom of God established on the earth.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS DOOMED

The League of Nations was prophesied in the Scriptures. It was referred to as "the abomination of desolation" in the Bible. It was the Devil's organization on the earth and would live but for a short time. There was no truth in the statement that the League of Nations was the expression of God's Kingdom on the earth. Scriptures were definite that the purposes of the League of Nations were to the contrary. No amount of Hague conferences, Locarno pacts or Versailles treaties would give peace to the world; peace would be established in the world only after the great Armageddon, which some of the Bible students believed would commence a year or two hence.

CHURCH BOWS TO STATE

The church was one of the Devil's organizations on the earth. The lecturer, to lend weight to his contention, referred his hearers to what he considered the very regrettable incident which took place in England when the question of the revision of the *Common Prayer Book* was before the British Parliament. He said, according to the Manchester *Guardian*, the then prime minister stated in the debate on the question that the church was for the state. The then archbishop became indignant at this statement and contended that the church was a different organization from the state. But when Parliament declared that it would withhold its financial assistance from the church if the archbishop was serious, he (the archbishop) withdrew his statement ignominiously.

PRIESTS KILL ONE ANOTHER

The clergy were garbed in the cloak of hypocrisy. During the Great War, they divested themselves of their ecclesiastical accouterments, slung rifles on their shoulders, and took part in killing one another.

BUT PREACH LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

But after the war they reinvested themselves with their canonicals, mounted the pulpits and denounced

the killing of humanity, and said by way of admonition: "Love your enemies." [Loud laughter and long applause.]

Concluding his lecture, Mr. Brown said that the impending Armageddon would free humanity from the cruel grip of all the Devil's organizations on the earth; the Kingdom of God, for which the people had always prayed to come, would be established on the earth; and Christ the Elect of God would be the Emperor of the world, and would rule the people with love, justice and righteousness.

The lecture was punctuated here and there with thunderous applause, especially whenever Mr. Brown easily explained a knotty point in a Scriptural passage whose meaning was obscure to the auditory.

Mr. Brown's exegesis was a masterpiece, and he sent his large audience back to their homes well satisfied, and with enough food for reflection.

The lecture lasted about one hour and a half.—Accra (West Africa) *Gold Coast Spectator*.

American Inland Mission

REALIZING that Jehovah's witnesses are visiting every home in the land repeatedly with the message of God's kingdom as the one and only hope of mankind, the Protestant churches are getting together in an attempt to provide work for unemployed preachers, and to prevent the people from learning the truth. They will try to put on thousands of trailer-type coaches, equipped with microphones and amplifiers, to imitate Jehovah's witnesses. An appeal for funds to keep the coaches on the move is now being made in the name of the American Inland Mission. It seems not to have occurred to them, however, that the use of microphones, amplifiers and other sound equipment presupposes that the users have something to say, and the usual vacuities of preachers will hardly serve the purpose. Have we not read somewhere the inquiry, "Wherefore wilt thou run, seeing thou hast no tidings ready?"

Trying Out the New Sound Car

"THE New Jersey sound car took up a position in front of the city hall, Plainfield, N. J., at 7:45 p.m., Thursday, June 6. The car's four five-foot trumpets blazed away for about two minutes with a message concerning Jehovah God and His witnesses and their imprisonment. Two police cars surrounded the sound car, arrested the five witnesses who were in it and put them in jail, charged with operating a sound car without a permit from the police. Inasmuch as there were five in the car, the police

do not know the identity of the operator and do not know who made the announcement. The burden of proof is with the strong-arm squad, and it will be interesting to see how they will meet it. The New Jersey sound car is a babe as yet, not officially seven days old, yet it has been approached by 14 police officials at nine different points, six times has been stopped from operating, and twice has been confiscated, and taken away from us. 'If my kingdom were of this world, than would my soldiers fight.' Happy are we to fight for the kingdom of Jehovah. The operation of the sound cars at Washington was an eye-opener, and the New Jersey division has visions of a fleet of 25 such cars. Shall they not drink of the cup which Jehovah has poured? They shall. We see the continued favor of Jehovah upon Brother Rutherford. His zeal for the King greatly refreshes us. The spiritual food is timely, and without it we could not survive. May God's holy angels direct him and direct us for His name's sake, is our prayer."—D. E. M., New Jersey.

Out of the Heart of the Sahara

SAYS Mme. M. A., Nord, France, in the *German Watchtower*: "My 19-year-old son belongs to a Sahara regiment of the French army. He is stationed in T., almost in the heart of the desert. If Jehovah had not provided the radio he would have been cut off from all the interesting news of the world. He knows that I listen regularly to your radio lectures. In a letter received yesterday he writes, among other things, the following: 'I know, dear Mama, that just now you are sitting by the radio listening, just when I too am listening in, for I hear those lectures here without any interference whatsoever. At home, in France, I never heard them as clearly as here.' My son asked me to always send him the French *Golden Age*."

Depths of Ignorance Sublime

A CORRESPONDENT who was at the Washington convention of Jehovah's witnesses writes: "I was stationed in the park outside Rawlings Square on the day of the June 2 broadcast, and a priest was there. He had procured the booklet *Universal War Near* from someone, quite a discussion arose concerning it, and he said this, emphasizing each word by beating the booklet with his palm: 'If the people would stick together they could defeat Jehovah.'"

Australian Items

Did Not Wish to Go to Work

THE pastor of a Baptist church in Australia was asked by four out of five of his official board to resign. The reason for wanting him to quit was that he stopped preaching from the Bible and regaled the people with sermons on Hitler and Doctor Angus and what not. But he did not relish losing his job. Then somebody, possibly the preacher himself, threw a bomb into camp by painting on the inside of the church, in red letters a foot high, and twelve feet off the floor, the word "Ichabod". That means, "The glory of the Lord has departed from this place." The official board thought they would be suspected. One of them tried to wash out the letters, but they would not wash. Then he tried to cover them with a strip of calico. Between the morning and evening services they managed to obliterate the offending word. A good time was had by all.

Missionaries of No Good in Australia

IN THE Sydney *Morning Herald* Beecher Webb, of Alice Springs, a lawyer familiar with the interior, said that for all the good the missionaries are doing in central Australia they might as well leave. He cited one mission post where flogging of natives is common and in two months there were eight deaths out of a population of 300 natives. Missionaries, both men and women, are living with natives, and there is hardly a white child in the district. Australian aborigines, of whom, full-blooded, there are slightly less than 50,000, are dying off at the rate of ten percent a year.

Great Flood in Australia

AT THE great flood in Australia seven hundred homes were inundated at Chelsea, in some instances not even the roofs being visible. Some were drowned in their beds. Important railway bridges were washed away. Meteorological officials declared the storm "unusual and inexplicable". It was most severe in the district where there was greatest hullabaloo about the worship of a little piece of bread.

Man with Boiler-Plate Insides

A DISPATCH from London says that the Australian premier, after attending 100 lunches, banquets, dinners and conferences during his London visit, would visit the pope on his way back to Australia, via Naples and New York.

What The Mirror Wants to Know

THE MIRROR, a West Australian newspaper, wants to know why ministers wear purple and fine linen, travel in motorcars and mix in the best society in the name of an Outcast who was born in a stable; why they preach that the poor are God's chosen people, but give the best pews to the rich; why they teach the doctrines of the Prince of Peace but wave flags in every war; and why, after 1900 years of burning people at the stake in the name of religion, there is still so much sham, cant and hypocrisy. *The Mirror* probably has found the answers to these questions, but is just trying to wake some of its readers up; not an ignoble aim.

Shark Helps to Solve a Murder

IN Australia somebody killed a man; the hands were tied together and the body thrown to the sharks. A shark fourteen feet long swallowed the body; the shark was captured and placed in an aquarium; it became ill, refused to eat, and at length disgorged one of the dead man's arms. The arm disgorged was tattooed with a picture of a boxer upon it, and a rope was still tied around the wrist. These details made possible the identification of the dead man, and resulted in the discovery of the man who accompanied him on his last fishing trip.

Plague of Green Parrots

A SECTION of South Australia has been invaded by a plague of millions of green parrots, so thickly massed as to give the countryside a distinct verdant appearance. Nothing like it can be recalled by the oldest inhabitants. It is the more disturbing because it follows closely on a plague of grasshoppers.

West Australia Desires to Leave Federation

BY A majority of two to one, West Australia has petitioned for the right to leave the Federation of Australia, and revert to their former position as a self-governing colony. A petition twenty-six feet long was presented to the Australian parliament.

The Longest Phone Call

THE longest telephone call that can be made on earth is from Perth, Australia, via London, to Vancouver, B.C., 21,000 miles. A call only 2,000 miles short of this has actually been made, from Rockingham, New South Wales, to California.

Canada Ready for Fascism

READING between the lines, one can see from the address of Chief Justice R. A. E. Greenshields, delivered at the University of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, Quebec, that Canada is about ready for Fascism. Calling for a strong National Coalition Government to fight depression and unemployment without partisan bias, Mr. Greenshields admits that he is totally without a remedy for conditions in which "the world's granaries are filled with food, and yet starvation almost faces thousands. Seedtime and harvest have never failed, yet penury and want stalk throughout our land. The Giver of all good has given to His world in abundance to feed and clothe His people, yet thousands go unfed and thousands are in need of proper raiment". One would think, since Mr. Greenshields admits he has no remedy for this complete debacle of the interest or capitalist system, that he would be ready to listen to those who come to him with the message of God's kingdom, or, at any rate, would listen to the arguments of those who believe in Silvio Gesell's "hot money", or Major Douglass' social credit proposals. But Mr. Greenshields and his friends do not want to give up the failing capitalist system without one last determined effort to keep the current of interest still flowing. And the last stand of the capitalist system is the Roman Catholic Fascist system, as now being worked out in practice by Mussolini, Hitler, Schuschnigg, and other clerks.

Japanese Mission in Brazil

MOST cotton planters in Brazil are Japanese. A Japanese mission is now in Brazil making arrangements for more planters to settle there, and also making arrangements to take back to Japan some 900,000 bales of cotton each year. This will reduce, by just that amount, the cotton the Japanese have hitherto bought in the United States. After a few years the American planters may be able to plow *all* their cotton under.

"And Walked Right Out Again"

THE League of American Writers sent fifteen liberals to investigate the destruction of civil liberties in Cuba, and they found out. They were put in the hoosegow seventeen hours incommunicado and then sent back on the same Ward liner that brought them. Why send fifteen? One could 'walk right in and turn around and walk right out again' as well as fifteen or a hundred.

Jewish Refugees from Germany

OF 80,500 Jewish refugees from Germany 27,000 have found homes in Palestine, 10,000 in France, 6,000 in the United States, 2,500 in Great Britain, 4,000 in the Netherlands, 3,000 in South America, 2,000 in Spain, 1,600 in Czechoslovakia, 1,100 in Italy, 1,000 in Scandinavian countries, and 4,300 elsewhere; while 18,000 went back to Germany.

Protocols of the Elders of Zion

AT AN official trial at Berne, Switzerland, the so-called "Protocols of the Elders of Zion" were declared to be forgeries, ridiculous nonsense and clearly not authentic. At the trial, one of the Nazi leaders from Germany tried to prove the Protocols genuine; also tried to prove Jehovah's witnesses connected with them. He wound up by making himself a laughingstock.

The Anti-Nazis in Germany

THE Anti-Nazis in Germany, i.e., the Social Democrats, publish every two weeks a paper called *Socialist Action*. It is of eight pages, in the smallest type, on the thinnest paper. Each issue weighs barely an eighth of an ounce. In the first year 2,000,000 copies were secretly distributed. To be caught with one in possession means a term in prison.

Secret Levy on German Exporters

A SECRET letter sent to all German exporters with an annual income of \$7,500 or more requires them to turn over 3 percent of their income to provide a dumping fund, so that German goods can find an outlet in foreign countries. Jews are required to contribute more than others.

Gasoline Substitutes in Germany

IN AN effort to be independent of foreign fuel oils many cars in Germany are now being driven by illuminating gas, by gas generated from wood, and by gas generated from vegetable refuse, dried leaves and corncobs. Most of these gases are less expensive than gasoline.

Reducing Number of Professional Men

GERMANY is engaged in reducing the number of professional men to those needed to do the work devolving upon them. This program has cut down the number of students in the secondary schools so much that a thousand fewer teachers had employment in 1934 than in 1933.

"Religion" at Home and Abroad

"It Is Indeed Wonderful"

SOMEBODY in Los Angeles sends in a copy of *The "Spoken Word"* containing, among other things adoring the Reverend M. J. Divine (the Harlem darky known to his followers as "Father Divine" and believed by them to be God himself), a three-page "sermon" on birth control by that gent himself. In the course of unburdening himself of that which seems to principally occupy his mind, he managed in three short pages to use 41 times the expression, "It is indeed wonderful." In other words, "it is indeed wonderful" how full of prunes a man can get, and "it is indeed wonderful" how many suckers there are born every minute, black, white, yellow, brown and red, who fall for everything except the truth. In sixteen pages there is not a Scripture citation, from beginning to end, in *The "Spoken Word"*, all of which helps one to appreciate what Divine himself said on the witness stand, "Suppose we say I am the Devil." Not that he really is the Devil, but, as far as his influence goes, he is on the Devil's side, and doing what he can and all he can to help others to take their stand on that side also. "It is indeed wonderful" why intelligent colored people should fall for his line of bunk. But many of them have gone Roman Catholic for even less reason than they have gone after this mountebank, for everybody admits that he does something for his followers, i.e., feeds them in his "heavens" as fast as they turn their property over to him. Let nobody suppose the man is a ninny. Without a doubt he is demonized.

The Religious Business in Matanuska

A CORRESPONDENT in the Matanuska valley, Alaska, says: "It is quite interesting how the religious business works out. Recently our government shipped in 200 farmers with families. Immediately both a Catholic priest and a Protestant minister were on the job, held open-air services, and along came a United States marshal to see that the collections were coming forth. And as they all have radios, they hear Judge Rutherford every Wednesday evening, so they can get, each for himself, the best way to get to heaven. Personally, I believe that the teaching of the Bible is the proper thing for our children, provided that it is not deceptive. For that reason we especially like Judge Rutherford's interpretations, and he certainly has the proper system of reaching the people over the air."

Americanization Classes in The Oranges

IT IS with some satisfaction that it is of record that Americanization classes will be opened in the Y.M.C.A. of The Oranges, New Jersey. No better locality for such classes could be devised, nor one where there is more need. Maplewood is in The Oranges. It is under the domination of Roman Catholic police, who are as far from being Americans as is possible to be. The spirit these citizens of the Vatican have shown toward Jehovah's witnesses makes the Y.M.C.A. classes in Americanization peculiarly timely, though it is uncertain whether any Maplewood police can be induced to lay down their rosaries long enough to join up. Still they are learning something, anyway. One of Jehovah's witnesses found fifteen of them at Maplewood police headquarters listening to a WBBR (Watchtower) true life radio drama picturing police court conditions in Maplewood, and they sure learned something, if they listened to the end. Also, it should be observed that the citizens of Maplewood are much better protected when the police are sitting around in the City Hall doing nothing than they are when these are out trying to find some way to deprive decent and honest Americans of their liberty, to satisfy a few crossbacks.

Missionaries Using Slaves

W. G. BALLINGER, returning to Toronto, Canada, after seven years' work as a technical expert in South Africa, thought many Christian people sending money for the support of missionaries in South Africa would be surprised to know that some of these missionaries are men of wealth and have slaves working for them. He said of one such: "There is a district where one missionary owns 115 head of cattle which were given to him by a native chief. These beasts are looked after by slaves, whose generally shocking living conditions have already been revealed in a Government inquiry report."

Missionaries in Ethiopia

THE twenty-odd missionaries of the United Presbyterian church now in Ethiopia expect to remain there, regardless of the impending war. It is conjectured that at the outbreak of hostilities Addis Ababa will be evacuated and the war will be fought in ravines and on hill-sides, where the Ethiopians will try to make the most of their spears and other crude weapons.

"National Union for Social Justice"

THE so-called "National Union for Social Justice" now calls itself the National Union. Its spokesman, Charles E. Coughlin, at Madison Square Garden, New York city, addressed an audience estimated at 20,500, calling for political action of the Union, but distributed between the various political parties. The Union, in each district, will consider the various candidates, and vote accordingly.

Mr. Coughlin was dressed in clerical garb. Twice in his address he labeled Pope Pius XI as "the greatest churchman of the age". The indications are plain that the Roman Catholic hierarchy, having taken over the Democratic party, body and soul, now aims to take possession of the Republican party, and will use Mr. Coughlin and his "National Union" as the fisherman.

In his address Mr. Coughlin gave some interesting information, quoted:

In 1919 we had in the United States of America 274,402 manufacturing establishments. By 1927—eight years later—despite our increase in population and our increase in exports, these manufacturing establishments decreased by 30 percent, leaving only 191,866 manufacturing plants in operation.

These figures prove to you that there was a tendency toward monopolization, that business as conducted in this nation was programed and geared only for the few.

It was fast becoming a grim reality that in the United States there was no place for the small business man. Only that plant which was associated with a large banking house could secure loans to purchase labor-saving machinery. The little industrialist who refused to sell his birthright and share his profits, not with the laborer but with the banker, gradually was being eased out of industry.

In 1919 these manufacturing plants employed 9,039,171 wage earners. Eight years later this wage-earning group was reduced to 8,349,735. Here again we find, despite our increased population and exports, fewer laborers were required—a decrease of 689,436.

In the prosperous year of 1929 industries upon which 40 percent of our wage earners depended for a living employed 900,000 fewer wage earners than they did in 1919, although the 1929 production was 50 percent greater.

In 1914 the value of the products manufactured in our industrial establishments was approximately \$24,000,000,000. In 1921 this value increased to \$44,000,000,000. In 1923 it skyrocketed to \$60,000,000,000. While in 1929 it reached the stupendous figure of \$69,000,000,000.

Not only was power concentrated in the hands of

fewer industrialists; not only did our population increase by more than 25,000,000 persons; not only did the wealth produced by these industrialists increase by almost 300 percent; the astounding and frightful figure associated with all this is that there was a steady devastating decrease in employment and in wages also. The more business carried on, the fewer wages were paid.

As far as the wage decrease, which accompanied the wealth increase, is concerned, let us put these official figures on the books of our memories.

In 1923, when modern capitalism was in bloom, the total volume of wages paid to workingmen in the manufacturing industries was \$11,007,000,000. In 1929, when the annual value of our manufactured products had increased \$9,000,000,000 over the 1923 total, the volume of wages in the manufacturing industries was still approximately \$11,000,000,000.

Catholics Tired of the Hierarchy

VIRTUALLY admitting that good, honest Catholics have lost all confidence in the hierarchy, and that great numbers of Catholic young men in the Citizens Conservation Camps have never been to communion, Bishop Walsh, of Charleston, S. C., in an address at the National Catholic School of Social Service, Washington, D. C., declared: "If we keep on missing the opportunity of reaching young people who call themselves Catholics, we will have a condition just as bad as in Mexico and Spain." This admission confirms the general knowledge that the expulsion of the hierarchy from Mexico was by Catholics themselves. The hierarchy is using every means it can command to get into a position of dominance through unscrupulous methods. While many of the "children of the church" are falling away, there are still enough willing tools left to carry out its dictates. Weak-kneed and weak-minded "Protestants" are, at the same time, being cajoled into support of the schemes of the papacy through the mellifluous "Father" Coughlin, an obedient tool of the hierarchy.

A Priest Now Head Chaplain

FOR the first time in American history a Roman Catholic priest, Captain Edward Aloysius Duff, is now head chaplain of the United States navy. In the navy the chaplains supervise recreation, athletics, libraries and papers. It is the openly expressed intention of the hierarchy to drive all Protestants out of the American navy. The navy has sixty chaplains.

Divine Inspiration of the Bible

THE divine inspiration of the Bible is today attacked from various standpoints. The opposition to and denial of its claims of divine inspiration come from a quarter from which we might, humanly speaking, least expect it. Among those who have *apparently* given many years of study to Biblical writings there are many who reject the claim that it is the Word of God, and thus undermine its influence. These professors, teachers, students and what not, really exalt their own wisdom above that of the Scriptures. They claim that present-day enlightenment is in advance of the Bible. While they do not always state the case as plainly as that, such is nevertheless their position.

Objection to the Bible as divinely inspired is based upon the following propositions:

They claim that the Bible does not agree with science.

They hold that its historical data do not correspond with the inscriptions found upon some ancient monuments and temples, particularly those of Babylon and Assyria.

They say that the Bible contains things that are indelicate.

They assert that there are contradictions in the Bible.

They state that there are things in the Scriptures that seem foolish and unintelligible, and hold that this is folklore or mythology.

In answer to the objection that "the Bible does not agree with science", it is pointed out that this does not necessarily prove the Bible to be wrong. The Bible is not a treatise upon science. Science has to do with material things. The Bible is pre-eminently a revelation of things that could not otherwise be known. It tells of God's purposes toward His earthly creation, as well as telling of other creatures and their part in His universal organization. It gives important information as to what is acceptable to God and of what His service consists.

Where the Bible deals with natural phenomena and material things it will be found that its statements are in harmony with the *proven* theories of science. Statements which appear to contradict what science has shown to be true will be found to be figurative or symbolical. Thus, when The Revelation tells of "four angels standing on the four corners of the earth", there is no thought of either a flat or a square earth. It is a symbolical statement.

Much of what is called science, on the other

hand, is nothing of the kind. Unfounded statements are often made, and unwarranted deductions drawn. True science does not conflict with a proper understanding of the Bible. Frequently statements of Scripture are found which become very significant in the light of the discoveries of science. For instance, while it was certainly unknown in Job's day that the earth is round, one finds in the book of Job the statement that God "hath the earth upon nothing". (Job 26:7) Compare that with the silly notion of the "wise" Greeks of ancient times who believed that the earth was upheld by someone called Atlas. The statement in Job must have been difficult to appreciate until true science revealed that the earth is an immense ball whirling through space and actually 'hung upon nothing'. The Bible is away ahead of science, as its remarkable account of the creative epoch-days abundantly proves.—Genesis 1.

Were the Ancient Monuments Reliable?

As to the claim that there are discrepancies between the historical tables and monuments, on the one hand, and the Bible, on the other: This is readily admitted. But why conclude that it proves the Bible untrue? Is it not more probable that it proves the monuments and tablets of the ancient heathen nations to be false? Consider how the Bible has been preserved, while every vestige of the literature, if any, of ancient Babylon has been lost, with the exception of some clay tablets. Truth was not the big objective with the heathen kings. They were interested in glorifying themselves. The crude inscriptions on monuments and buildings, which are pointed to as invalidating Scripture testimony, are hardly worthy of comparison with the Scriptures. The kings, generals and priests of heathen nations had no scruples about being dishonest, and dressed the facts to suit their purposes. The writers of the Bible, on the contrary, were men who often braved persecution and death in their stand for righteousness and truth. The constant effort of the Israelites was to preserve the Scriptures inviolate. The monuments and tablets with their crude inscriptions, therefore, should be given no weight against the testimony of the Bible.

But, object the higher critics, the Bible has contradictions. An examination of these claimed contradictions shows a failure to bear in mind the main teachings of God's Word, and they

manifest as well an unwarranted eagerness to find contradiction where there is none. The fact, for instance, that the four writers of the gospels record similar events in somewhat different language is taken as evidence of "contradiction", while the reasonable and proper view would appreciate these slight divergencies as evidence of the truthfulness of the different narrators, showing that there was no collusion on their part to tell a plausible story.

As to Indelicacies

As to those things in the Bible, and they are few, which seem "indelicate": Niceties of speech are not necessarily an indication of purity of heart, nor is plain speech a proof of the reverse. The Bible is written for mature minds, and not for the immature, although children are greatly blessed by instruction drawn from its contents. It certainly cannot be said that the Bible condones impurity. Its influence is in the opposite direction as respects those who sincerely study its pages. The Bible, however, records without varnish, as well as without partiality, the failings as well as virtues of the individuals which appear in its historical parts. This should give us greater confidence in the accuracy and honesty of the Scriptures, rather than less. As it gives us examples of righteousness and faithfulness, it also gives examples of that which is wrong and to be avoided.

As to those things in the Bible which are unintelligible or which seem foolish to some: No doubt an advanced study in algebra appears foolish to those who have not studied that science. So also the more advanced parts of other branches of knowledge. The Bible, too, has the simpler truths for the beginner and the more difficult themes (such as The Revelation) for those who are farther advanced; that is, it has "milk for babes" and "strong meat" (solid food) for the more mature. The Word of God requires study, and patient study. Only those who are earnestly desirous of knowledge and understanding will find the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge". The critical, the superficial and the unbelieving will not be privileged to appreciate God's purposes. "Light [truth] is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart."—Psalm 97: 11.

The Modernist a False Friend

The foregoing covers the reply to the general objections raised to belief in the Bible as in-

spired. There is, however, another kind of opposition leveled against the Word of God which is more insidious, coming from a class of men that is highly esteemed. This class is composed of "leaders in religious thought". These profess to believe in a sort of half-inspiration. This attitude is more destructive of faith in the Word of God than any direct denial of its claims to inspiration. The modernist is a false friend of the Scriptures. He assumes an air of superiority that often amounts to the most palpable conceit. Pointing to their great learning as a class they claim to be in position to tell what parts of the Bible are to be accepted as "authentic". They will concede that some parts of the Bible are 'fairly good', and that the inspiration which prompted the writing of those passages was similar to the "inspiration" which results in an author's accomplishing the writing of a good book or the production of a fine painting on the part of a painter. Quite differently does the Bible speak of its inspiration.

It would have been the highest presumption if the prophets and writers of the Bible had followed the course which higher critics and modernists say they did. These "wise men" tell us that the prophets and other writers of the Bible, fired by a zeal for the right as they saw it, were very bold in speaking and writing, and claimed that what they wrote was not their own writing, but that of God. The modernists tell us that the prophets merely attached God's name to their own ideas to give their writings and warnings greater weight. They further tell us that the writings of Isaiah, Daniel and others of the prophets were produced by altogether different individuals, who palmed off their own writings as the production of some of the great men who lived in previous ages. Wonder where the modernists get their information. Wonder, too, how they can call this "inspiration" in any sense whatever. A strange zeal for the right must have prompted the prophets, did one accept the modernist view of the matter.

But the apostle John says, "No lie is of the truth." What can it be called but lying, if any individual, no matter what the motive, should say, "Here is a writing from a great prophet, the great Daniel, and see, he foretells thus and so," if all the time he knew that he was falsifying. A peculiar kind of righteousness! Yet, nothing less than this is held up to view in modernist literature, garbed in beautiful phrase, but undermining meanwhile both faith in God and

every proper conception of truth and righteousness. To such, and other perverters of His Word, God says, "What hast thou to do, to declare my statutes, and that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee."—Psalm 50:16, 17.

The Bible's Own Testimony

The importance of the words of God to man is indicated in the significant statement in Deuteronomy 8:3, "Man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of [Jehovah] doth man live." It is of greatest importance, therefore, to realize that the words of the Scripture are indeed the word of God and not the word of man. That they are in the most definite and literal sense the words of God is made clear by the statements of a number of the writers of the books of the Bible. Take note how plainly they state that the things they wrote and taught were not in any sense of their own production. We find Moses saying with eloquent simplicity, "The LORD hath sent me to do *all* these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind." (Numbers 16:28) In these words he flatly contradicts the bold statements of the modernists to the effect that the writers of the Bible were merely expressing their own convictions. Not only does *Moses* disclaim *that* kind of inspiration, but the same is true of other writers of the Bible. Note the statement of the apostle Peter (2 Peter 1:20, 21): "No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the holy [spirit]." Note that he says 'prophecy came not by the will of man', by merely human will. The prophets were guided by the holy spirit. In another translation (*Weymouth*) the twentieth verse reads, "But, above all, remember that no prophecy in Scripture will be found to have come from the prophet's own prompting; for never did any prophecy come by human will, but men sent by God spoke as they were impelled by the holy spirit."

The prophets did not originate what they wrote or said. Very frequently these teachers and proclaimers of God's messages spoke contrary to their merely human inclinations; but, being moved by the holy spirit of God, they spoke boldly and plainly, though they often had to endure much suffering and persecution as a result.

We have as an example the prophet Jeremiah, who, when called of God to speak to Israel, demurred, pleading that his youth and inexperience made him a poor instrument. He said, "Ah! Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child." (Jeremiah 1:6) He felt that the people would be unwilling to accept God's message from one so young; but the Lord encouraged him. Jeremiah then did as he was told, speaking in public places. Being derided and persecuted he for a time kept silence, but not for long. The words which God had entrusted to him 'were in his heart as a burning fire shut up in his bones', and so he proceeded with the work of giving to the disobedient nation the unwelcome message of coming disaster. While fulfilled upon Israel in miniature, his message has a wider application at "the end of the world".

A Definite Commission

From a reading of the prophetic books, which have a fulfillment in this day as well as in the days of Israel, it is most evident that the prophets had a very definite commission.

Ezekiel says, "The word of the Lord came *expressly* unto Ezekiel the priest." God said to him, "Thou shalt speak *my* words unto them." (Ezekiel 1:3; 2:7) Ezekiel was one of the few priestly prophets. He was honored as a spokesman of the Lord not merely because he was a priest, but because he was a faithful Israelite.

Hosea's prophecy begins with the statement, "The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea." The book of Joel begins in a similar manner. Amos says, "Thus saith the Lord," and Obadiah uses the same expression. Others use words which with equal plainness show that they wrote, not out of the abundance of their own imaginations, but at God's behest.

In some instances we find that God made use of instruments which were made to deliver His message in spite of themselves. Thus he used Balaam, who, like preachers today, had an eye for business and who was quite willing to curse the people of God if he could only get permission. But he was obliged to deliver the Lord's word unchanged. So he said to Balak, who tried to buy him, "I cannot go beyond the commandment of the Lord, to do either good or bad of mine own mind; but what the Lord saith, that will I speak."—Numbers 24:13.

The prophet Jonah, though not after the money, as was Balaam, was nevertheless inclined to consider his own honor a little more

than God's honor and the advancement of His purposes. He tried to evade the responsibility laid upon him, and had to be summarily dealt with. He was handled rather roughly, but learned the needed lesson and did as he was told. Having once accepted the duties of the prophet's office he was held to the agreement. His personal inclinations could not be permitted to interfere with God's purpose, for his own good as well as for the vindication of God's name. There is a lesson here for those of God's professed servants who shrink from proclaiming unpopular truths.

God's Word Came Through

All these examples show that God's Word came through the way He wanted it to be delivered, whether His instruments were so disposed or not. Other Scriptural statements still more directly tell us that the Bible is the Word of God.

Peter says, "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 1:25) Then he says, "The prophets . . . prophesied of the grace that should come unto you . . . unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the holy [spirit] sent down from heaven."—1 Peter 1:10-12.

Paul states, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." (2 Timothy 3:16, 17) He therefore advises Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He also states under inspiration, "The word of God is quick and powerful, . . . a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) He further likens the word of God to a sword with which the servant of the Lord is able to route his enemies.—Ephesians 6:17.

It will be a surprise to those who have not given the matter careful study to note how continually the Scriptures claim divine inspiration and authority. Psalm 119:103 expresses the sentiment of those who have come to truly appreciate the Scriptures. "How sweet are thy

words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" In the same Psalm is the statement, "The entrance of thy words giveth light." (Verse 130) Further, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Verse 105) The entire 119th Psalm is eloquent testimony to the inspiration of the Bible, particularly the portion of it then known to David. Other parts of the Scriptures subsequently written are declared to be inspired quite as emphatically by other witnesses of the Lord. Proverbs 30:5 declares, "Every word of God is pure"; and the 19th Psalm gives us this beautiful passage: "The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul: the testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever: the ordinances of Jehovah are true, and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is thy servant warned: in keeping them there is great reward." (Verses 7-11, *A.R.V.*) There is nothing indefinite or ambiguous about these words.

Jesus' Own Testimony

Finally, and conclusively, we have Jesus' own testimony to the fact that the Scriptures are the Word of God. His continual reference to them is proof of His confidence and faith in their inspiration. Indeed, with Him it was more than belief: it was knowledge. He *knew* that the Scriptures are the Word of God, and so testified.

Speaking to the religious leaders of His day, He said, "Ye have not [God's] word abiding in you: for whom he sent, him ye believe not. Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me." (John 5:38, *A.R.V.*) If the Scriptures which were written centuries before Jesus came to earth spoke of Him, it surely proves most conclusively that they were the inspired words of God. Jesus further said, "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?" (John 5:46, 47) It was His perfect harmony with the Word of God that gave Jesus' own words the power that even His enemies could not gainsay. Of Him it is said, "His word was with power." 'He spake with authority.' "Never

man spake like this man." "[They] wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth."—Luke 4:32; Mark 1:22; John 7:46; Luke 4:22.

In His temptations Jesus rebuffed the adversary with quotations from the Word of God; in His preaching He constantly appealed to it; in His controversy with His opponents He silenced them by referring them to the same authority, and in His hours of sorrow He drew comfort from it.

As already stated, the most honored of Jesus' disciples give unquestionable testimony to the

effect that the Scriptures are the Word of God. Since they were most familiar with Jesus' own attitude toward these writings, they reflect that attitude in their own course of action, as well as being guided by inspiration to bear testimony to the truth of the Bible's divine inspiration.

But the foregoing proofs of inspiration, remarkable as they are, constitute only a part of the vast amount of evidence on this subject that is impressed upon the mind when the depth and scope of the purposes of the gracious Creator as set forth in the Bible are increasingly appreciated through faithful "searching".

Advice from "Silent Unity"

"**SILENT UNITY**" seems to be about as bad as the more audible kind. It gives the following advice and "information" in one of its booklets. "Silently repeating statements of truth is a form of prayer. 'Concentration,' 'affirmation,' 'meditation,' 'holding the thought,' 'speaking the word,' and 'going into the silence' are terms having exactly the same meaning as 'prayer'. . . . [!] Go where you will be alone. Sit in a comfortable position and relax your entire body. For the time being, dismiss all other thoughts and considerations from your mind and give your entire attention to the work in hand. . . . Begin your prayer by repeating, silently or aloud, the truth statement or affirmation in our letter to you, or inclosed in the envelope in the form of a printed leaf or card. . . . Please sign your name the same way in each letter. . . . Give in a few words the apparent condition, and mentally deny the error as you write."

Here we have the system by which "Unity" works. The idea is to "pray" by "affirming *truth*", which is accomplished on the same principle as when writing about your condition you mentally *deny* "the error" as you write. Thus when you write "Unity" about your kidney trouble, you think as you write that you have *no* kidney trouble though you are telling "Unity" that you have kidney trouble. Can anything be simpler. You are affirming "*truth*" and not kidding yourself, of course.

When you "go into the silence" or "hold the thought" you are "praying" to "the 'god' within you", which "god" evidently is quite in harmony with the falsification. He could be no other than "the god of this world", about whom the Word

of the true God tells us in 1 Corinthians 4:4. This god, or one of his helpers, evidently has a **good** chance to "get inside of you" while you are entirely relaxed and thinking of nothing but denying what is actually a fact; otherwise why all this bother about something that does not exist?

Then "Unity" concludes with, "For the benefit of those who are unable to decide the amount of their offerings, we say, Ask the Spirit to show you. Silently affirm: 'Infinite wisdom guides me in all my ways.' Keep your mind open and receptive to the guidance that comes intuitively from within, and you will be shown what to do. Many of those who have been helped through Unity have adopted the tithing plan in order to show their love and gratitude. As a result, these friends are not only remembering our work liberally, but they are, in turn, being blessed with constantly increasing prosperity. Information as to tithes and tithing will be furnished on request."

Now, isn't that just wonderful! You "hold the thought" and "Unity" will hold the tithes. Sweet of them, don't you think? But, to those who are too honest to affirm as truth what is untrue, and who are unwilling to deny that God *is*, all this is as plainly of the Devil as anything could be, and such will recall the words of real truth to the effect that in the last days some will give heed "to lying spirits". Undoubtedly the Devil and his assistants will give some prosperity to those who fall into this trap; but could anything compensate for the tremendous loss that results to those who thus let go of their integrity toward God?

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The Holy(?) Roman Empire Revived

A GLANCE AT THE PRESENT HYPOCRITICAL ALLIANCE OF RATTI AND HITLER, ROMAN CATHOLICISM AND PAGANISM, BY WHICH ALL LIBERTY AND TRUTH HAVE BEEN DESTROYED IN GERMANY, AS DISCLOSED IN THE NEWS. "AND I SAW ONE OF HIS HEADS, AS IT WERE WOUNDED TO DEATH; AND HIS DEADLY WOUND WAS HEALED; AND ALL THE WORLD WONDERED AFTER THE BEAST."—REVELATION 13: 3; SEE "LIGHT", BOOK ONE, PAGES 269-275.

First Signs of Weakness

HITLER'S first signs of weakness are in the fact that in the building of the new Nazi headquarters in Munich the roof was made eight feet thick, so as to be as nearly bombproof as possible, while beneath are eighteen bombproof cellars each accommodating sixty persons. Also, these buildings are connected with others by subterranean passages thirty-two feet beneath the street. Extreme care for one's person, and efforts to forestall death by violence, are signs of mental weakness, if not insanity. After the death of Dowie his house at Zion City, Ill., was found to be an arsenal similar to the Hitler castle at Munich, only not so extensive.

Herald Probably Has It Right

THE London *Herald* claims that the Nazis were out of funds and in such desperate circumstances that Hitler was threatening suicide; then Hitler learned that the Junker aristocrats of Germany, of whom Hindenburg was one, had plundered the public funds in a most outrageous way; the Nazi organization forcibly suppressed those who were trying to get the facts before the public, and in this way gained control of Hindenburg and of Germany.

Hitler Paid the Bill

A DISPATCH from the London *News Chronicle* states that the Hitler government paid the traveling expenses both ways of 350 Saarlanders from the United States and South America who returned home to vote for the return of the Saar to Germany.

Nazi Headquarters at Munich

THE Nazi headquarters at Munich are not built on anything as substantial as sand. They are built on swamp land, which, until but very recently, it was thought could not hold the weight of a public building. The Nazis put down 1,780 concrete pillars, however, by keeping the pumps working night and day, and they expect their building to stand. It is seven stories in height; appropriately, four of these stories are below ground. There, of course, the Nazis will have their treasury and seek to hide from the face of Almighty God in Armageddon. But all in vain.

Demonstrations a la Coupon

GERMAN efficiency has provided the world with one form of demonstration that is new. When the government wishes a demonstration held in any or all of its 16,000 centers throughout Germany every brain and manual worker is provided with a form which has to be signed and handed to a Nazi official before leaving the alleged "spontaneous" demonstration, and woe betide any worker that fails to show up.

Hitler Still a Catholic at Heart

A DOLF HITLER, though nominally a renegade Catholic, is still a Catholic at heart. One of his most trusted aides, Helmuth Brueckner, Nazi regional leader for Silesia, and governor of that province, was summarily ousted from both positions and expelled from the Nazi party for referring to the priests as sensitive old men that belong in the church and not on the street.

In an Unnamed Prison

IN AN unnamed prison in Germany, according to the *Manchester Guardian*, a prisoner, a youthful workman, had been subjected to physical torments extended over several weeks. "Then he was informed that his aged mother had received permission to visit him, but when she arrived she was not allowed to see him, although she had obtained the permit with the greatest difficulty and lived many hours' journey from the prison. She was taken into a room where her son could not see her but could hear all that was said. She was cross-examined for several hours on end on her son's political activities, and told that she would be detained in the prison herself if her son did not reveal everything, and if she did not tell the police what they wanted to know she would not be allowed to see her son at all. Then she was told that so severe a punishment awaited her son that she would not live to see him a free man again. But both mother and son remained constant in their refusal to betray anyone or anything under these menaces." The *Guardian* stated that such methods are in common use in Germany. It is plain that the Nazis are demonized, and retain nothing of manhood to which an appeal can be made.

Reds and Catholics May Fight Nazis

AT THE seventh congress of the Third International, in Moscow, the proposition was made that the Reds and Catholics unite in a fight in Germany against the Nazis. That is probably what will happen, with the expected result that after the Reds and Nazis have destroyed each other the Catholics will have everything to themselves. In other words, the Roman Hierarchy is perfectly willing to back a fight between these two organizations, provided it can rule the roost thereafter.

Cruelty to the Aged

MR. SAM HALL, leader of the Power Workers' Group, in an address to the Transport and General Workers Union, held at the Isle of Man, reported that he had come in personal contact with the Nazi régime in Germany and that "men over 70 are expected to go through the same exercises as men of 20, and when they are no longer able to stand they are kicked up again and ordered to go on". The measure of a people's civilization is best determined by its treatment of the aged and helpless.

The German Bible—Mein Kampf

ADVERTISEMENTs carried in German papers show that Hitler's book *Mein Kampf* (My Fight) has reached a total printing of 1,820,000 copies. That is nothing at all. In the Brooklyn factory alone 5,620,000 copies have been printed of Judge Rutherford's book *The Harp of God*, 3,403,500 of *Deliverance*, 2,774,000 of *Creation*, 2,058,000 of *Reconciliation*, 2,495,000 of *Government*, and ten other clothbound books of over 1,000,000 each. The printing of booklets has literally run into the hundreds of millions. Of the last booklet, on "Government", 5,000,000 were printed in the first edition. Hitler thinks he is a great man; but when his bubble bursts and the people look for the place where it was, they will find nothing but a small hole in the ground.

Had to "Heil Hitler" or Get Fired

AT Berlin, on May Day, every worker in the city had to parade to the Tempelhof Field and rejoice before Hitler or else lose his job. The only exceptions allowed were expectant mothers and women over 40. Men had to wear long blue trousers, black shoes, white shirts, black ties and blue peaked caps. Women had to wear blue skirts, white blouses and black ties. The marchers were 11 abreast, each row in charge of a Nazi under orders to inflict severe punishment on anybody that fell out of the ranks. What do you think about that, you Americans? Is that what you want in America? Well, it is what you will get, if the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is allowed to have its way.

How Hitler Was Financed

SAYS Upton Sinclair, of California: "More recently, five great German arms manufacturers contributed heavily to Hitler's campaign funds. And the French-owned Skoda, Czechoslovakia's great armament firm, donated millions of marks to Hitler's campaign. These same Frenchmen also own newspapers that did more than any others to enrage France against Hitler, exhorting the people to build up the French defenses against the menace of rearming Germany, screaming, 'Awake, *La Patrie*!' But it was left to the Federal Laboratories of Pittsburgh to carry the art of double-dealing to high perfection; it sold gas bombs simultaneously to all antagonists in war-torn Cuba in 1933."

Treatment of Prisoners

THE *Manchester Guardian*, in its issue of May 10, tells of prisoners in Germany being struck so that the blood flows from ears and mouth; of a girl so severely beaten that she lost consciousness; of another girl of 18 who was kicked in the abdomen and also lost consciousness; of the special cell where the stench is unbearable, the window can be opened only an inch, there are only wooden planks upon which to sleep, there is a hot meal only once in three days; of a prisoner 20 years of age being in chains for two weeks, the bridge of his nose broken; of a prisoner being beaten in the face with a bunch of keys; of a prisoner having his eardrum broken; of women chained at night; of the arrest of old men and women and cripples; of two prisoners hitting back, and both being beaten to death. One good boxer, before he was beaten to death by weight of numbers, knocked three guards unconscious.

Unspeakable Dachau Prison Camp

THE *Manchester Guardian* gives details of the treatment of prisoners at the Dachau prison camp in Germany. Some of the cells are unheated throughout the winter, some are dark, and some have chains let into the walls. Prisoners are compelled to work at the double-quick. One so working was ordered to drop his load and run. He obeyed and did so and, when he ran, was shot twice on the pretext that he was trying to escape. This man, Hans Max Kohn, is a mass of scars. One of his fingers was completely severed by a blow. Some prisoners have been beaten until they have lost most of their teeth. Rather than lose its dividends and its grip on the throat of the people Big Business would gladly turn all mankind over to the Devil himself, as they have done in Germany.

What Nazism Has Done to the Common Man

ACCORDING to H. R. Knickerbocker, in Upton Sinclair's *National Epic News*, in Germany today a citizen may be arrested without warrant and held twenty months in prison without benefit of attorney; he may be tried by a Nazi court of laymen, from whose decisions there is no appeal; his dwelling may be searched at any time without a warrant; his property may be confiscated; his mail may be opened and his telegrams read; he may not hold an assembly, or form an organization, or practice freedom of speech.

Infamous Secret Courts

REFERRING to Germany's secret courts which in recent months have sentenced an unknown number of persons to death and penal servitude, the *Manchester Guardian* says: "The amended penal law makes an extraordinarily wide range of offenses treasonable. Among those punishable by death are anti-Government propaganda by means of printed matter, pictures, or gramophone records." No information is obtainable as to the names of persons beheaded, hanged, shot or otherwise disposed of. It is known that some were encouraged to poison themselves. Big Business started and financed the Hitler régime—a foretaste of their program for America.

The Uses of a Servile Police

SOME have wondered where the German police are when the Nazis conduct riots in various places. Information comes to hand to explain. There were Nazi assaults on innocent people in Munich; the police arrested the victims, to secure their safety. A photographer who attempted to take pictures of the rioters was arrested and taken to police headquarters. So much for the German police. Of what possible benefit to humankind are criminals in uniform? New Jersey's citizens are interested.

Victims Must Pay for Custody

PERSONS imprisoned in German protective camps, and subsequently given their liberty without any charges being preferred against them, are being rendered bills for their care while in so-called "protective custody". While they are in custody their heads are shaved.

Schoolboy of 19 Imprisoned

ASCHOOLBOY of Magdeburg, Germany, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment for communist activities. The court has ordered that after he has served his two years (and he is now but 19) he be kept under special police supervision.

3,942 Nazi Murders

AT AN anti-Nazi conference held in New York city on June 30 it was claimed by a German refugee that the Nazis killed 3,942 since they assumed power. Of these, 212 men and women were decapitated. More than 300,000 are held in concentration camps.

Mistreatment of Fleshly Israel

The Jews of Hesse, Germany

(From the *Manchester Guardian*)

WE WERE prepared to find here and there a placard at the main gate of a farm property prohibiting Jews from entering on pain of bodily ill-treatment, but of these placards we saw not one or two, but hundreds. In the villages they are on almost every door; it is a matter of honor to flaunt them. Not to one of the peasants who go on Sunday in their splendid old peasant costumes to the church service does it occur that these placards are the coarsest revilings of the "Evangel" which they profess. Worse still is the warning that whole villages cry out in unison: "Jews are forbidden to enter the village." Really this might fairly be brought before a magistrate for the restraint of what amounts to a breach of the peace. But nobody dreams of doing so. This brutal outlawry of the Jews has become a commonplace in Oberhessen—the Jews themselves no longer take umbrage at it.

They have worse things to endure. For how many Jewish families it is now an anxious moment when the father of the family lights the Sabbath lights. The window shutters are closed for safety, and in hundreds of cases stones rain upon them. Woe to anyone who ventures, not to protest—nobody any longer has the strength and the hardihood for that—but even to ask for some consideration to be shown. I know of a case in which a white-haired Jew, a man whose simple piety and warm humanity had earned him in the past the respect of the peasants among whom he lived, who begged for the uproar to be ended because his wife lay near to death. The reply came from a stone that struck him on the forehead amid a chorus of derision and obscenity.

She died. When he had buried his life companion the old Jew left everything as it stood, house and garden and all that was in them; his possessions had become worthless to him. He collected those few things that his heart still clung to, a few trifles of no interest to anybody else, closed the shutters over his windows, and walked out of the village—jeered at by the young men, slandered by the twenty-year-old hero of this tragedy, greeted with silent sympathy by an old peasant woman. He has never returned.

There are hundreds of such exiles, wandering with the little remains of what they had, in

Frankfort; they have abandoned their homes because they cannot endure the malevolence and the humiliations to which they were exposed in their village.

The program of the young heroes is to allow them no peace until they disappear. I was told of one young fellow of this type, employed in some town, who went home to his parents on Saturdays. At home he amused himself with a shotgun, aiming through a hole in the roof of his father's house and breaking the windows of any Jews' houses that he could reach. The whole village knows all about it, but there is no police interference with the young wretch. Evidently none of the injured parties dares to make a complaint.

Propaganda Against Jews

THE *Judenkenner*, Berlin anti-Semitic journal, has published the following infamous bulletin in various factories and offices in the city: "German National Comrade, do you know that the Jew violates your child, sullies your wife, sullies your sister, sullies your fiancée, murders your parents, steals your property, mocks your honor, scorns your morals, destroys your church, rots your culture, infects your race; that the Jew lies to you, cheats you, robs you, calls you cattle; that Jewish doctors slowly murder you, Jewish lawyers never help you get justice, Jewish food stores sell you rotten goods and Jewish butcher shops are dirtier than pigsties?" It is good that people that can say such things can still use the words justice, honor, morals and culture, even though they have not the slightest conception of what any of them means.

20,000 Jews Flee to Berlin

IN THE smaller cities of Germany the bigotry and prejudice and terror are even more pronounced than in the larger centers. As a consequence 20,000 Jews fled from the smaller cities to Berlin. Now the Hitler government will, so it is stated, send these unfortunates to the work-houses before returning them to the places whence they were expelled.

Object to Clean Jews

THE Nazis have expelled the Jews from swimming baths at Heringsdorf and Herwick, for, allegedly, insulting the Nazi state. It is not clear, on the one hand, why the Nazis object to clean Jews, nor is it easy to understand, on the other, how anybody could insult the Nazi state.

The Devil's Real Target—Jehovah's witnesses

THE following is a summary of an article in the *Westdeutscher Beobachter* of Cologne:

"NO ROOM FOR PEACE DISTURBERS!"

At a convention of the German Labor Front, in Annaberg, Saxony, Pg. Stiehler, a leader, said in an address to the leaders: "The German Labor Front cannot permit any longer that people who do not belong to this national organization remain employed. They disturb the labor peace in the works [mills, factories, mines, etc.], and it is the duty of the German Labor Front to see to it that such elements are kicked out." He stated: "Such peace disturbers are especially from the camp of the International Bible Students, who are nothing else than a continuation of the Marxist parties, the traitors of country and people. People who refuse to join the Horst-Wessel-Song [a Nazi hero-worship song] and to join the salute to the leader [Hitler] or claim their faith does not permit them to join the German Labor Front, and by other acts of sabotage disturb the unity in the works, must be removed. The German Labor Front will not stand for any incitement against confessions or spreading of religious fanaticism." The labor trustee [Pg. Stiehler] called on the leaders of the German Labor Front to no more merely talk, but henceforth to act.

The Copenhagen *Aftenbladet* has the following from its Berlin correspondent. Its Roman Catholic origin is self-evident:

"The German authorities have now banned the books of Judge Rutherford, the investigator, in Germany. They have been put on the black list and must not be published any more in the German Reich.

"The reason therefor stated is that an examination has shown that a close connection existed between an association of Bible students and Judge Rutherford's movement 'Friends of Jehovah'. All members of this association were Communists, and Nazi can only see in it a masked Marxist organization.

"However, there seems to be more reason to suppose that Rutherford has been banned on account of a sensational speech he delivered recently, wherein he declared that he was going to fight the pope, Mussolini, and Hitler with all his might, as he regards them to be enemies of the people."

The *Westdeutscher Beobachter*, Cologne, which, because it is especially venomous against Jehovah's witnesses, is most certainly under Roman Catholic influence, says, gleefully:

PRISON FOR "INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS"

The Lower Court in Seesen [Germany] sentenced five persons, who were actively engaged for the prohibited "Bible Students Association", to prison terms ranging from three to six months.

Reporting the imprisonment of eight of Jehovah's witnesses from Darmstadt another Cologne paper says truthfully, and should have

said with bowed head: "The defendants refused to admit that there was anything criminal in their creed, since they wanted only to preach God's Word and to serve mankind."

The *Limbacher Tageblatt und Anzeiger* reports two brethren sentenced to nine and seven months respectively in prison, because, so said the judge, they spread "heresy". The judge went on to say: "The Nazi movement has become great because of its faith in the Fuehrer [Hitler]; that he [Hitler] is very religious [he is a Roman Catholic] and does not place himself above God, as the defendants have claimed. The defendants should not claim that they have received greater enlightenment than other Christians. The Third Reich [Hitler's government] must live on and must not tolerate the destruction of its foundations. Never before have the German people been as happy as at present, knowing that again there is a future for them." Both defendants refused to give the German salute, both admitted they had put the message of the Kingdom in the hands of the people, and both said that the Judgment Day is at hand, when the world of the Devil will be destroyed and there will be only one State. They were taken into custody when a meeting of "Bible Students" was raided by the police.

A brother writes from a place in Germany, via a neighboring country: "Throughout Germany hundreds of brethren have been arrested for celebrating together the memorial of Jehovah and Christ Jesus. Even where only two or three assembled, and this in their own homes, they were espied upon by the secret police and betrayed by their neighbors." At the time of writing these were still kept in prison without having had a trial and without being convicted; all together, there were, to his knowledge, about 1,500 of Jehovah's witnesses behind prison bars. In one camp were eighty brethren. Each, as he entered, was given twenty-five hard blows with a stick; brutal punishments, such as the dark cell, follow for the least offense. Brethren were placed on a scaffold as a spectacle, and after the Nazis had made sport of them they threw them down from the scaffold. In one city ten are in prison, two of them sisters, one 72 and one 75 years of age. In one prison the brethren were sentenced to four, two and a half, and two years, respectively, for passing *The Watchtower* from one to another.

A German newspaper clipping shows that one

brave brother was given one year in prison and three days extra because he refused to stand up when the court pronounced sentence. The account shows the Devil's crowd are cut to the heart. It says:

The prosecution pointed out that the defendant sold Bibles from house to house in order to obtain an opportunity to spread his illegal propaganda for the International Bible Students Association, and this he did under the disguise of the name "Jehovah's witness" in order to prevent interference with his work by the authorities. By his activity the defendant has placed before the people deep-cutting questions of conscience, although this was entirely unnecessary, and has robbed them of their faith and love toward state and God.

A Word to the New York Times

IN ITS issue of July 23 the *New York Times*, editorially, wonders at "the sudden fury of Hitler against the German Catholics", and says: "Why he should have assumed his present violent attitude toward the Catholic church is not easily explicable. He had made his peace with the Vatican. He had agreed to a concordat by which the rights and privileges of Catholics in Germany were recognized and guaranteed." Let the *New York Times* take note that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has no reason to fear what its clerk, Hitler, will do against it. All of the columns and columns of stuff about proposed attacks on the Catholics and Protestants was intended to cover up the fact that Germany at that very time had about 2,000 of Jehovah's witnesses in prison, and was putting more of them in prison every day. On the day the *New York Times'* editorial was published, Martin Harbeck, Jehovah's witness, and one of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society's European representatives, was then in Germany and in prison, and it was thought best by the Hierarchy, and its employee, Hitler, to set up a smoke screen for the *Times* and others.

Germany's New Penal Code

IF THE recommendations of Judge Goertz, of Germany's penal tribunal, are accepted, the new German penal code will prevent persons who have ever been imprisoned from ever engaging in any commercial activity, exercising paternal or civil rights, making wills or assigning property. Judge Goertz malignantly puts these measures forward as being a penalty more severe than death. And may Almighty God reward him according to his works.

Jailed for Belief in Kingdom of God

A DISPATCH from Berlin, dated July 28, starts off with the following statement:

"Two members of a Bible research sect have been jailed by Nazi authorities for their belief in the Kingdom of God. That was learned today along with the revelation of the first known imprisonment of a Catholic priest in Germany for statements from the pulpit." Ponder that well. Consider that at that time 2,000 of Jehovah's witnesses were in prison in Germany, the American newspapers have been filled for months with lurid stories of proposed attacks on Catholics and others, and now is the first instance of such attack. The news of the world is in the grip of the most unprincipled people in the world—the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. They are determined to prevent the people from knowing the facts.

Papal Control of News

THE *New York Times* of July 20 tells of twenty-two of Jehovah's witnesses sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from two months to three years, at Weimar, Germany, because they rejected military service and the Hitler salute. Their identity was concealed by the name "Bible Researchers"; the news about them was crammed into one inch in the center of a column-long article filled full of pure bunk as to what Hitler was *about* to do to Jews, Catholics and Protestants. It was sent out by the Associated Press and was clearly prepared under Roman Catholic Hierarchy control—all camouflage of the facts.

A Question for Ambassador Luther

AMBASSADOR HANS LUTHER, back from Germany, says it is "absurd to talk about religious intimidation in Germany" and that people "are allowed to worship in whatever church they choose". Then how about the fact that some 2,000 of Jehovah's witnesses are in prison in Germany, and they are not allowed any liberties in the land whatever? Ambassadors should tell the truth first, and make their explanations in accord therewith. The whole German campaign is a put-up job by a Roman Catholic dictator, the real object being to put the pope back in power in that land, and crush out Jehovah's witnesses, and all other truth-lovers.

Extract from German Golden Age

ON THE 16th of April, 1935, I was present at a trial in a small town in the Pfalz, Germany. A young lady, one of Jehovah's witnesses, stood before the court. The prosecutor read, in substance, the following statement: "About a year ago the daughter of Mrs. K—— in U—— was murdered by a fiend. The parents of the murdered girl were deeply grieved and even contemplated suicide. When the defendant heard of it she called on Mrs. K—— to comfort her. While thus doing she was nabbed and arrested. This is her statement: 'I am one of Jehovah's witnesses, and am in duty bound to comfort mourners, according to the Scriptures. When I heard of the tragedy that befell family K—— I decided to visit and comfort them. I was there about once a week. Once I went to the cemetery with Mrs. K——.' Mrs. K—— herself testified that the defendant spoke only kind and comforting words to her. Had she conversed about politics, as the prosecutor presumed, the visits would not have been welcome. The Bible only was discussed." In spite of this evidence the state prosecutor demanded a one-month jail sentence, for this reason: "The defendant wanted couple K—— to join the International Bible Students Association; she had success. If the couple had not been in poor circumstances contributions would have been invited. In this activity of the defendant I see a misdemeanor against the peace and safety of state and people, and seeing how the poison is penetrating the German people through such channels, I therefore demand a jail sentence of one month." Now the defendant's counsel had the word: "Among other things the prosecutor stated, 'The whole crime of the defendant consisted of saving two people from suicide.' This witness of Jehovah has done what no clergyman could do, and for that shall she be punished? Such people should be rewarded." His plea for freedom for the defendant was granted. On the same day and before the same court nine of Jehovah's witnesses were sentenced to fines of from 150 to 200 marks for the sole reason that they attended a meeting of Jehovah's witnesses. In other words, they chose obedience to the divine command in regard to "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together" for studying the Bible. It was remarkable that in all cases the accusers, police officers, always admitted that Jehovah's wit-

nesses are quiet, diligent and industrious, against whom nothing can be objected except that they take the Bible seriously.'

In a Few Days, in a Single District

IN A few days, in a single district in Germany, the following occurred: The next day after the memorial of Jesus' death two of Jehovah's witnesses were taken into custody, on complaint of a clergyman, and that without any reason whatever; three were arrested while yet in their beds and were brought to concentration camp; three sisters were taken into custody for attending the memorial of the Savior's death; six brethren were given sentences of three to six months for attending study meetings; six were arrested at the Memorial itself; similarly six others, in another place, were arrested; three brothers and two sisters were sentenced to three months each for confessing themselves Jehovah's witnesses; a 70-year-old man was sentenced to two months in prison for reading a booklet with Biblical statements; in one town the housewives have received orders to notify the police at once when any of Jehovah's witnesses receive friends in their home; the best worker on a certain job must forfeit his position because he refused to say "Heil Hitler"; seven brothers have been in a concentration camp four to six months, without trial, and deprived of legal advice; in another place six were condemned to prison and when the prison terms expired they were put in concentration camps; a brother in a concentration camp was told he would not be set free until Jehovah would fetch him thence at Armageddon. Two hundred actions against Jehovah's witnesses are impending in the district, and similar conditions prevail throughout the whole of Germany. The country has gone entirely to the Devil.

What Kind of Country Is This?

AT Hanover, Germany, three men and four women were each sentenced to a fine of 200 marks or forty days in jail for gathering together and reading from the Bible. The court admitted a conviction that the defendants do not belong to inciters opposed to the state. At Hildesheim 13 persons were sentenced to from sixty days to four months in prison for meeting together April 17 to commemorate the Lord's death.

Further Distressing Reports

REPORTS from Germany are that the persecutions there now beggar description. Men born in Germany are saying, "Today I am ashamed to be a German." Hundreds of preachers who opposed the Neo-Paganism of the new German National Church were arrested, some of them as they stood in the pulpit. Jehovah's witnesses in Germany have been proscribed at the instigation of the clergy. A regional service director disappeared completely, either imprisoned or foully murdered. A brother was dismissed from prison for no known reason except that his son-in-law is a member of the nobility and an ardent supporter of the Nazis. Women have cheerfully accepted prison sentences rather than compromise the name of Jehovah God. The work goes on, under great difficulties. A writer in a Nazi paper, *Drehscheibe*, quotes a page from *The Crisis* and then says: "The time is short. Jehovah is gathering His troops. In America sits His war minister, Judge Rutherford, a man with a very long and sharp pen. The army of fighters against Jehovah must become more and more numerous. We must get the start of Him by a preventive war." At the conclusion of his article the writer last quoted said: "We shall meet again in the battlefield of Armageddon." A brother at Gelsenkirchen, for writings found in his possession, allegedly entitled "A Witness of Jehovah", and allegedly against State and "Christianity", received seven months in jail; yet writings completely repudiating the Bible altogether find hearty acceptance in Nazidom. In H—— a girl, a daughter of one of Jehovah's witnesses, wrote a letter to the state police declaring that her father had never had anything to do with politics and that the action of the police in sending him to prison was a persecution of Christians smacking of the Dark Ages. For this she was fined 25 marks or five days in jail. In the Mecklenburg district thirty of Jehovah's witnesses were sent to prison for terms varying from eighteen months for Brother T—— to six months for all the others. The Hamburg papers said of these brethren: "As a community in our nation they had no right to live. Their alpha and omega is the Bible, according to which there is no fatherland on earth, and the word 'Heil' (Hail or Salvation) properly belongs only to Jehovah but never and in no wise to Adolf Hitler. They refused the Hitler salute; besides, they are devoted to pacifism, and they confess that in the case of war they

would refuse war service. Who is not for us is against us." Something like that is stated in the Bible. The prelude of the trial was that the public in the background refused to give the Hitler salute when the court entered, thereby identifying themselves as Jehovah's witnesses, wherefore they were expelled offhand.

Jehovah's witnesses in the Fiery Furnace

AN Associated Press dispatch from Berlin, dated June 18, says: "Secret police raided bookshops and newspaper stands today, confiscating all pamphlets by J. F. Rutherford, head of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society of Brooklyn, on the ground they contained treasonable charges. The Nazis are trying to wipe out the Society of Bible Researchers, explaining the religious society cannot be tolerated because it defies the Hitler dictatorship, acknowledging only the rule of God. In Darmstadt thirteen members of the Bible society, which is now forbidden, were sentenced to four months' imprisonment for the distribution of treasonable propaganda." In explanation of the foregoing it should be stated that all the names above used have reference to Jehovah's witnesses, of whom J. F. Rutherford is one. It should also be explained that these innocent Christian people now falsely accused by the Roman Catholic and other clergy as conspiring against the German state are the very same people that were accused falsely, in 1918, of being pro-German. Judge Rutherford was one of those thus falsely accused, and was sentenced to eighty years in Atlanta Penitentiary. Strange how the Devil can use the clergy! In one land they try to lock a man up for life for being pro-German, and in another they would gladly kill him, if they could get the chance, because he is everything but pro-German. Oh well, Judas finally got all that was coming to him.

A Silly "Order" in Wurttemberg

THE Wurttemberg minister of the interior has issued an "order" forbidding the holding of public meetings and lectures organized by churches or religious associations "except when they take place within churches or are traditional institutions, such as processions and pilgrimages". The object of that "order" is so plain that nobody but a fool would question it or have any respect for it. Go to it, Judas.

"Und Drei Kleine Kinder"

A LETTER just at hand tells of the murder of one of Jehovah's witnesses in a German prison. The letter cannot be printed, because it would aid the devils in swastika to commit yet other outrages, but it is enough to break the heart of any man who has a heart to read the simple words "Er hat eine Frau und drei kleine Kinder". May Jehovah, the true and loving and almighty God fulfill the imprecations of the Psalms upon the souls of these beasts that have insulted God by killing one of His witnesses and at the same time have deprived "three little children" of their father and caretaker. It is bad enough for the frau to be deprived of her life companion, but for the poor "drei kleine kinder", the three little kids, all one can do is to cry for Armageddon to come soon. But meantime God may see to it that the little ones are safely hidden in the midst of the storm.

The Crime of Being a Christian

AT Barmen seven of Jehovah's witnesses, five men and two women, were found guilty of assembling in the home of one of them, where the defendant Karl W—— read an excerpt of one of the prohibited magazines of the I.B.S.A. The prosecution admitted that the defendants had no aims hostile to the state. The reader was given six weeks, four were given four weeks each, and two were dismissed.

'All the World Wondering'

AS POINTED out in *Light*, Book One, all the world is now literally wondering at the recovery of the "beast", Germany, that received the deadly wound and has since been healed. (Revelation 13:3) Today Germany is first in the number of aircraft, in trained pilots and in factories for aircraft construction, and is now virtually able to challenge the whole world in the air. It is also first in devilishness.

Useless to Plead

THE newspapers of Britain contain numerous pleas for co-operation between America and Britain in the emergencies which the rearming of Germany have thrust upon the latter country. The papers are wasting their ink and paper and type. Britain will never realize how much she lost when she repudiated her debt and left American taxpayers to bear the brunt of the colossal burdens of the Madness of 1914-1918.

Veiling the Truth

A DISPATCH from Berlin, dated June 5, says: "Nine of a group of 28 members of a Biblical society in the Walderburg mountain district were sentenced to from one to six months' imprisonment today, convicted of disobedience to the government and insulting Chancellor Hitler. The others were fined. Charges were based on pamphlets distributed by the Society, urging members to continue their forbidden meetings." In this vague language is hidden away from the casual reader the great truth that Jehovah's true and faithful witnesses in Germany are being hounded and thrown into prison, and thus having a most honored part with Christ Jesus, their Lord and Head, in the vindication of Jehovah's name. When Hitler and his demonized minions have perished for ever, the names of these witnesses will shine with the glory of God.

Brutal Assaults on Children

A CORRESPONDENT in Germany says: "Children who refuse to say 'Heil Hitler' are being thrashed; my two children are among them. The boy had to remain home for three days because he was unable to sit, and the girl had to undergo medical treatment since last Saturday for effusion of blood of her right hand. Such things are committed in spite of the testimonies the teacher and the principal have received. There are some teachers who have remorse or pangs of conscience. Yet the great majority are shouting with the others, 'Heil Hitler'—the most of them moved by fear of men. They do not know our God Jehovah, nor want to know Him, yet there are still a great multitude of people of good will. One teacher was recently given an immediate dismissal because she refused to chastise a child for refusal of the German salutation."

Nazis Investigate Every Individual

VIKTOR LUTZE, commander of the Nazi storm troops, in an address at Muenster, Germany, July 6, said:

"We feel ourselves not alone responsible for the fate of the people as a whole, but investigate the life of every individual. Whoever feels that he cannot conform and must live his life independently will find he is biting on granite. That is good for both institutions and individuals. Whoever opposes us we will destroy, and whoever provokes us we will attack."

Nazi "Education"

Slop for Schoolteachers

IN AN address to a schoolteachers' assembly at Heringsdorf, Germany, a Nazi spokesman named Godenschweger made the following declaration: "The basis of all German education must be the recognition that it was not Christianity that brought us morality, but it was the infiltration of German character that gave Christianity its permanent worth. The values represented in the German character, therefore, are the eternal values with which everything else must be compared and upon which all else must be constructed. Whoever is not ready to accept this truth refuses to take part in the re-birth of Germany and has spoken a death sentence upon his own soul." Can you imagine the mental and moral condition of teachers of the young who would sit quietly and listen while an infinitely hopeless ass would bray like that? And can you wonder, as a natural result, that, at Potsdam, a pupil brought a Bible to school and used it as a football during recess time, kicking it about the playground? The teacher in charge of the playground investigated, but did not interfere. And what will be the recompense to the German nation for meekly submitting to all these blasphemies and atrocities when Jehovah God rises up to the prey?

The Sausage Press

ALL the newspapers of Germany are now as much alike as the links in a string of sausages, and have about as much information in them. One of the latest fool Nazi laws is that publishers must prove pure "Aryan" descent back to the year 1800 or go out of business; also, their publications may not be owned or managed by individuals or companies representing denominational interests, and, unless they are Nazi papers, they may not be published in more than one place.

History Distorted

VIVIAN OGILVIE, in the New York *Post*, declares, as a result of interviews with German school girls, that they are deliberately mistaught history; as, that it was the Germans that taught the Romans civilization, instead of vice versa; that the Germans are the greatest and most gifted of peoples; that all other nations are barbarians trying to do them harm; that to be a German and to have devotion to Hitler is the end of all instruction.

What the Professors Say

GERMAN professors, like German judges, do as they are told. Hence it is of interest to note what some of the professors are saying. Professor J. Wilhelm Hauer, leader of the Germanic faith movement, has publicly repudiated the truth of Jesus' statement, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Professor Hans Schemm, Bavarian minister of education, has described Adolf Hitler as "the greatest teacher of all times". This professor of poppycock went on to say: "The fuehrer opened wide the cage of the past era of time, enabling the German eagle to stretch its wings again to the bright heights of eternity and freedom." The capacity of Germany for making a fool of itself is infinite.

Students Suspended for Two Years

SEVERAL students have been suspended for two years from Heidelberg University, Germany, because they failed to listen to one of Hitler's speeches while it was being broadcast, and because they dared discuss in a restaurant the method by which Hitler eats asparagus. This means that they cannot go on with their lessons anywhere for two years. Hitler youth and Nazi students have been ordered to resign from all fraternities, and it is believed that this ends the German fraternity system.

All Professors Must Be Nazis

IN GERMANY today all officials of every sort must be Nazis, the preachers and priests must in effect be Nazis, and now the proclamation has been made that all professors, lecturers and tutors must be Nazis. It seems incredible that the German people could go along with such a hopelessly idiotic program. They have meekly bowed to the voice of kings and emperors so long that they seem to have lost all independence and manhood.

The Toys of Nazidom

THE toys of the Nazi Germany are marvelously lifelike lead soldiers three inches high, perfect in their military details. Along with these the little boys and girls of the new Germany play with trenches, tanks, shell holes, liquid-fire guns. The season's best seller in Munich was a new military *Mother Goose*.

A Holiday in Berlin

VARIAN FRY, editor of *The Living Age*, wrote a report of a German holiday which he witnessed. On both sides of the street a crowd was lined up, forcing each car that came by to run the gauntlet. Every man or woman that looked like a Jew was taken out and beaten; he saw one man brutally kicked and spat upon as he lay helpless on the sidewalk. The police did nothing to interfere. Everybody seemed to be having a good time. It was Germany's present civilization, a civilization without God and with the morals of the Devil. If the Olympic games are held in Germany next year no self-respecting American or Briton will attend. Who wants to visit a country managed by persons under demoniacal control?

Pharaoh Still Meaner

HITLER may think he is the meanest man that ever lived, but Pharaoh was still meaner. The Hitler régime, through its representatives, has attacked and imprisoned innocent people, has abused school children at school, and even refused to permit a German to marry a Jewess to whom he had been engaged for years, but, so far as known, it has not yet duplicated Pharaoh's arrangement for putting Jewish babies to death as soon as they are born. But probably that will come along soon in the laws put forth by this tool of the papacy.

Employment for Young

IT IS against the law in Germany for any man under 25 years of age to accept employment if his place can be filled by an older unemployed man. This has had the effect of driving 250,000 young men into what is called the labor service. Theoretically this labor service busies itself with drainage, flood prevention projects, road construction, reclamation of waste land, and settlement construction aid. It also finds time to drill, and is today the best-drilled body of troops in Europe.

Conscription of Women

COMPULSORY labor service for all women has been decreed in Germany; women must serve at least six months; men a year and a half. Even foreigners are subject to so-called air-protection drills; no pictures of such drills may be taken; the penalty for disobedience is a term in prison.

One Year of the Nazi Terror

CONDITIONS in Germany under the Nazi régime may be judged from the fact that in the one year ending June 30, 1934, official figures show, 212 people were beheaded, 184 were "shot while attempting to escape", 280,308 were jailed, and 49,000 were sent to concentration camps; over 13,000 were deprived of their citizenship, and 12,863 were sterilized. The same methods of terror are still in use. The new legal code makes treason to the State (which includes spreading of unfavorable news about it) punishable by death. An entirely new offense is created, called "treason to the people", which consists of unfavorable comments on the German people. Blasphemy is defined, in one definition, as "grossly violating the German people's religious feeling".

Savagery Toward Communists

MOST certainly the Communists have a right to their views, but at Brunswick, Germany, Rudolf Claus was given the death sentence by a Nazi judge because he was cashier of a Communist organization, gave relief to suffering Communists, and helped some of them to escape from Germany. The court shamelessly admitted that the man was being punished more for his will than for any evil deeds he had done. A woman Communist, at the same time, was sentenced to nine years' penal servitude, while three young men were given sentences of nine, seven and four years each. What beastly terrorism!

Refugees in Holland and Denmark

GERMAN refugees, largely but not wholly Jews, are being trained for future usefulness in both Holland and Denmark. At Weiringen, in what was recently the Zuider Zee, 250 are being transformed into farmers, horticulturists, carpenters, metalworkers or housewives. In Denmark, where conditions are still better, they are scattered among the farmers, with the understanding that after a year of training they will leave the country. Most of them expect to go to Palestine, but some hope to go to South Africa and others to South America.

Jews Forbidden Health Resorts

ALL over Germany health resorts are forbidding Jews to enter the premises. Notices are posted at every entrance.

The Devil's Pagan Wing

Analysis of Hitler Philosophy

WHEN the Devil further took over the German people, by putting them into the hands of Hitler, he provided new "spiritual food" for them. Hitler's director of philosophy is Dr. Rosenberg. In his book, *The Myth of the Twentieth Century*, now in its twenty-fourth edition, and accepted as a textbook by the Nazi youth, he says that Jesus Christ was a great personality, but smothered in "all the waste and rubbish of Asia Minor, Palestine and Africa", meaning by that last expression, the Bible. After denouncing in savage language the historical and prophetic books that preceded Christ's first advent, he says that these "stories of pimps and cattle dealers will be replaced by Nordic sagas and legends". On page 636 he says: "The principal requirement of all German education is to recognize the fact that we have not derived our ethical standards from Christianity, but that Christianity owes its permanent qualities to the German character. It is therefore the virtues of the German character that are eternal. Everything else must adapt itself to these virtues." This kind of "spiritual food" has the definite approval of Big Business, and would be entirely acceptable to them in America, if the American people would fall for it. And people that will swallow what the American people swallowed just after Mr. Wilson "kept us out of the war" will swallow anything at all.

Sundry Church Items

AMERICAN churches in Germany have been closed, there being now so few Americans in the country that it does not pay to keep them open. In Hamburg there are now said to be 394 religious groups, 214 of which registered within the past ten years. Twelve hundred German pastors were arrested for denouncing as superstition the Nazi belief in an eternal Germany which puts itself in the place of Christ Jesus, the Lord. After a week they were allowed to read the manifesto to their congregations, but were compelled to make certain additions. In Bavaria thirteen of the seventeen Roman Catholic academies for women teachers have been closed. The Catholics staged a big counterdemonstration in Berlin, where it is claimed that 20,000 turned out to celebrate the papal anniversary. The Devil's religious campaign in Germany is exceedingly complicated and confused by lies.

Proclaiming Hitler as Christ

HUGH REDWOOD, writing in the *London News Chronicle*, declares that in Thuringia, Germany, Hitler has been proclaimed Christ, and that on Hitler's birthday many pastors placed his portrait on their altars and read to their congregations, not from the Bible, but from Hitler's book *Mein Kampf*. It is claimed that the young people of Germany are being carried away with the new concept that the thing to be worshiped is the German blood. In an address to a great concourse of these young people General Herman Goering, German air minister and Prussian premier, said: "By believing in my people and their future I believe in the Almighty. We do not permit ourselves to be fascinated by disbelief or revealed miracles, for there never has happened a greater miracle than in our time. This miracle of the Almighty has been performed through Adolf Hitler—a miracle of resurrection of the German people." In the Hitler Youth Hour, broadcast June 30 over Germany, the demand was made that the youth of the land decide "Are you with our Leader or do you want to have besides another leader?" These and hundreds of other items show that Hitler, in Germany, has, for millions of Germans, become Antichrist.

Bitter Cries of Protestants

GERMAN Protestants have denounced the Nazi church government as despotic, lying, robbing and under the control of Satan, all of which is true. That church government has, in effect, announced that God must be a German. In an official manifesto signed by the state bishop of the Bavarian church the claim was rightly made that "the doors have been opened for every heresy that unites with these powers". Little by little the lesson is soaking in in Germany that "the friendship of the world is enmity with God" and that "ye cannot serve God and mammon".

What Protestants Are Up Against

WHAT German Protestants are up against may be judged from the following pronunciamento by the so-called "Reichsbishop" Ludwig Mueller. In a speech at the Berlin Sportpalast that gentleman said: "The time will come when only Nazis will conduct services and only Nazis will occupy the pews. We want one people, one state, one church." It might well be added, "And so does the Devil."

Statements of the Nazi Press

THE Nazi press of Germany is more completely and more definitely controlled by Satan than is the press of any other country. These deplorable conditions are to be charged to the preachers, who in turn have been influenced by the devilish trend of German culture and philosophic thought. The following are translations of some of the statements made therein:

'The excellent gods of the old Germanic religion are more closely related to us and holier than the Jew God Jehovah and the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The German children must learn to know their own ancestors and learn to respect them, and that is a higher way towards faith in Germany than the characters of the Jewish Bible.'

'The old blood of Germanic spirit is awakening again in us, and no power in the world can put it down again. One thing Christianity has not been able to do is to put the old joyful heathen laughing out of the world. All laughing comes from heathendom, and joy is heathenish. Christianity knows not to laugh, and no evangelist reports that Jesus of Nazareth ever laughed.'

'Nations of the world, be loyal to yourselves, or be loyal to your own gods. Be loyal to your race and country and whatever is grown thereon. Challenge Jehovah to battle, who threatens your life. [Was there reference here to the numerous telegrams sent to the head of the German government by Jehovah's witnesses from all over the earth? These telegrams read, in part, "Cease persecuting Jehovah's witnesses, or Jehovah will destroy you and your national party."']'

'Jehovah must die in us and amongst us. If we continue this fight against Jehovah we will do the greatest service and accomplish the world mission of the German people. We do not need the Bible any longer. The Bible does not mean anything to us. We Germans are not mere men. We are gods!'

'Service of Jehovah means indifference to everyone for himself. Jehovah must die in us and to us in order that we as a people may live. When this dawn of demonism is accomplished within us, then we render to the world the highest and the greatest service, and that is the real mission of the German people.' (Paper for the German faith, *Lightning* No. 18.)

'The church has not prevented the German workingman from losing his faith in God, and in his home, and that he has sold out to atheism and Marxism. The church, by its covenant with the bourgeois, and by the marriage of throne and altar, has driven the German workingmen into international Marxism and bolshevism. The German workingmen will not voluntarily return to the church and to Christianity.' (The ABC of the German heathen.)

'The German youth do not any longer find moral foundation in the Bible, but in their faith in Germany.'

Growth of Paganism

PAGANISM is growing in Germany by leaps and bounds. In the largest auditorium in Berlin a mob of 15,000 shouted itself hoarse over such propositions as a flat repudiation of Christianity, and a declaration that God had revealed Himself to the German people through Adolf Hitler. The minister of the interior, Wilhelm Frick, has forbidden such meetings to either Catholics or Protestants. Hitler's personal bodyguard was on hand; the hall was decorated as if for a Nazi convention; swastika flags draped from the balconies and covered the walls. A thousand pastors of the Lutheran church have been arrested; three of them were arrested for specifically mentioning by name four others that had been arrested. The names were mentioned in prayers; so it seems even prayers are censored in Germany now.

The Nordic Faith Movement

PROFESSOR BERGMANN, of Leipsic University, spokesman for the German Nordic Faith Movement, says, in part: "In almost all respects Christianity is contrary to the German conception of decency and morals. Those who forgive sins sanction sins. The forgiving of sins undermines religious ethics and destroys the morals of the people. The believer in German religion is not a servant of God, but master over the Divinity within himself. No longer do we want merely to believe in Christ, but we want to be Christ ourselves and act like Christ, for ourselves, for our people, and for humanity." To this may be added the fact that the cruelties practiced in German concentration camps are so terrible as to defy description and sufficient to break the will of the most determined.

The New Bishops Must Be "Good"

IN A declaration at Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany, Reich Bishop Ludwig Mueller stated that all present Protestant diocesan and regional churches would be swept away, together with their bishops and councils, and would be replaced by church provinces created by the State. He also said that this time the Nazis would see to it that all the new bishops are good Nazis. Apparently he has the idea that Paul did not know just what a good bishop should be, for certainly Paul knew nothing and said nothing about being a good Nazi.

Miscellaneous Nazi Items

"Invisible Wall" Against France

WYTHE WILLIAMS, famous war correspondent, writing of Germany's "Z" ray, or *Fernschweissapparatur*, tells that experiments have been progressing for ten years, and then says, in *Liberty* magazine:

"If they are finally successful Germany will possess a weapon that will pulverize steel girders. Apply it, and bridges will fall, gun muzzles will melt, aviation motors will disintegrate in mid-air, radio stations and railway tracks will pulverize, the sheet armor of attacking tanks will go to pieces. Most important of all, enemy shells waiting to be fired at the cannon's breech or stored in mobile ammunition parks, so perfected by the French army transport, can be exploded simultaneously."

Lost \$500 by Kicking for More

KNOCKED down by an auto, a German farmer received \$500 from an insurance company. Dissatisfied, he took the matter to court. There, at a signal the lights were put out, and the farmer, to his surprise, saw a motion picture of himself, hale and hearty, and of surprising agility, at work in his field. He came into court on crutches, with \$500 in his pocket, and went out without the crutches and without the \$500. An enterprising motion-picture operator had taken pictures of him from a hedge the day before.

Mercy Cast to the Winds

IN AN address in Munich, in the presence of Adolf Hitler, and before the Academy of German Law, entrusted with the task of preparing the new German code of laws, Hans Frank, Reich minister without portfolio, made the statement that "National Socialism has thoroughly done away with the principle of false humanitarianism". He also said, "Whatever is useful to the nation is right, and whatever harms it is wrong," thus making love of Hitler a legal concept.

Millions Becoming Atheists

TAXATION arrangements in Germany make it necessary for people to say whether they are Protestants, Catholics or atheists. In 1925 there were in Germany 1,100,000 willing to come out in the open and say they were atheists. The number is now 2,400,000. There is a small increase in the number of Catholics. Despite the unfavorable conditions, there were 956,987 Bibles sold or distributed in Germany last year.

Twenty-five Priests Confess

OUT of sixty priests arrested in Germany for taking marks out of the country, twenty-five admitted conscious violations of the foreign exchange regulations before their trials took place. Hitler's government claims also that in the remainder of the cases there was destruction of evidence, false bookkeeping, and fake correspondence sufficient to prove guilt.

Must Be a Nice Friend

FOR telling a personal friend that Hitler is a murderer, and that Germany is governed by gangsters, and the press of the country is unreliable, a clergyman of Bernheim has been sent to jail for one year. Probably he will never live to see the outside of the prison. His friend must be a nice kind of friend; and the world has many such.

Baron Sosnowski Lives

BARON SOSNOWSKI, of Poland, whose espionage activity brought two German noblewomen to the headsman's block, has been granted his liberty by the Hitler government. Various excuses are made for beheading the two women and releasing the man that employed them. The whole incident is a good picture of the present devilish German government.

Ludendorff Ludicrousness

ERICH VON LUDENDORFF, German general, self-confessed and boastful heathen, has issued a manifesto to the German people that "the time has come to make an end to the Jehovah cult and to Christianity; the Christian teachings are pacifistic and do not harmonize with the character of the German people".

"Christianity as a Danger"

IN AN address in Berlin Professor William Hauer, spokesman for the Pagan German Faith movement, said:

"Christianity has virtue as its ideal; but our ideal is the heroic man. Christianity is not the religion of the German people. On the contrary, we regard Christianity as a danger to the unity of the people."

Japanese-German Alliance in Sight

A JAPANESE-GERMAN alliance is in the making. Seventy Japanese high military officers are about to visit Germany to study her military methods and institutions.

God's Organization

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

JEHOVAH is the God of order, and His organization is His systematic arrangement employed to carry out His purpose. His universal organization is called Zion, and is symbolically pictured by a woman. The Scriptures speak of that organization as "mount Zion" or God's "holy mountain". Lucifer was once a part of that holy mountain. When Lucifer rebelled against Jehovah he was cast out of God's holy organization. Jehovah expressed His purpose to build a special organization by and through which He would carry forward His purpose concerning the human race. That special organization is called the seed or offspring of the universal organization of Jehovah.

To Abraham God made a promise in these words (Genesis 22:18): "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Later God, by the Scriptures, declared that the promised seed is The Christ, meaning His anointed royal Son whom He has made the world's Ruler. (Galatians 3:16-29) In the prophecies are found many pictures foretelling the building up of God's seed or capital organization. Christ Jesus, the Head of that organization, is pictured by a precious stone. In the prophecy of Isaiah (28:16) He says: "Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone." By the apostle Peter God explains that this Stone means Christ Jesus and that faithful men who become a part of His organization are called living stones. (1 Peter 2:1-9) In the prophecy of Daniel (second chapter) Jehovah's royal organization is pictured as 'The Stone cut out of the mountain without hands', which stone becomes a great mountain, meaning a mighty organization, and which organization destroys Satan's power, and then administers blessings to the nations of the earth. Thus it is seen that Jehovah's universal organization is pictured as a mountain and that His special organization is likewise pictured as a mountain. It is to these two mountains Jesus in His great prophecy warned the people that they must flee during the time of distress at the end of the world. This mighty organization of God, symbolized by the mountains, is the kingdom of God under Christ, and it is the sole and complete hope of the peoples of the earth.

When Jesus was anointed, following His baptism in the Jordan, there began the building up of God's special organization or seed of promise. When God raised up Jesus out of death and exalted Him to heaven He was then the Rightful Ruler of the world, but it pleased God to wait a long period of time before the rule of Christ should begin. (Psalm 110:1) During that waiting period God has been selecting from amongst men a few whom He makes a part of His organization. These are the ones that are 'taken out as a people for His name' and whom God makes His witnesses in the earth. (Acts 15:14; Isaiah 43:10) The apostles of Jesus were witnesses, and likewise faithful followers of Christ Jesus now on earth are Jehovah's witnesses. The end of the world has now come, and within a short time Jesus Christ as the mighty Officer of Jehovah will destroy Satan's power; but before doing so the Lord sends forth men and women as His witnesses to tell the people of His purpose and of His provision for their blessings. For that reason Jehovah's witnesses now come to you with books explaining these truths and which show you where to find them in your Bible that you may learn them for yourselves. The booklet *The Final War* gives an explanation of some of these truths, and the books *Vindication* give a more detailed explanation thereof. It is of the greatest importance to you that you learn these truths, that you may put yourself in line to receive the blessings which God through His organization will extend to all the obedient ones of mankind.

Jesus Christ is the Head of Jehovah's capital organization, and only those who put themselves under the power and control of that organization can get life everlasting. It is written (Acts 4:12): "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The time of great climax has now arrived and God is affording men the opportunity to place themselves under His organization. How may one avail himself of that privilege? The man must first realize that he is a born sinner, that Jehovah God is the great Life-giver through Christ Jesus, that God has redeemed man through Christ Jesus and made Him Ruler of the world, and believing these things he must

take his stand on the side of God and His kingdom by consecrating himself to do the will of God. Having taken these steps, then he must study God's Word and from it ascertain God's

will. Thus he will be seeking meekness and righteousness, and it is to such that God gives promise of His blessing by and through His organization.

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"What Is Fascism?" By David Wilkie (Great Britain)

(In Three Parts—Part 3)

IT MAY surprise some people to be told that what is now made out to be the "creed" of Fascism is the COMPLETE REVERSE of the creed which animated the Fascists who marched on Rome. Everybody who knows anything about Italian Fascism knows this. Signor Grandi, the Italian ambassador in London, knows it. It is a positive fact that the original Fascists, the pre-March on Rome Fascists, Mussolini's followers, were ultra-libertarians!

Mussolini was almost an anarchist (he did, in fact, at one time organize the so-called "Red Week" in collaboration with the anarchist Malatesta) while he was leader of the Italian Fascists before he became premier! In the *Popolo d'Italia* (i.e., the official Fascist organ), April 7, 1920, after the Fascist party had been in existence for a year, Mussolini wrote:

"I start from the individual and aim at the State. If the rebellion against the legal hour was the supreme attempt of revolt against the coercion of the State, a sunbeam of hope would filter into the spirits of us who are desperate individualists. Down with the State in all its forms and incarnations! The bourgeois State as well as the socialist State—the State of yesterday, of to-day, and of tomorrow. For us, only one thing is left, the consoling religion of anarchy."

This is what Mussolini, then Fascist leader, was preaching about the State, and State "coercion", only two years before he became premier! Where does the "Corporate" State come

in this? The truth about the Corporate State doctrine is, it was invented for Mussolini (probably by Jesuits) years after he became dictator, and it was created to justify his dictatorship, and to make the Italians fall in love with tyranny.

JESUIT CONTROL OF THE WORLD —BY FASCISM

It is difficult to popularize a tyranny, and, as everybody knows, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the most perfect example of tyranny the world has known.

The job of the Jesuits is to make it seem desirable, even necessary, that the government of mankind should be turned over to the Roman Hierarchy.

The curiously interesting methods by which men are persuaded to put their worst enemies in control of their destinies are set forth in this article.

The writer of the article, a university man of high standing, conceals his identity under a nom de plume. He is one of the few men who, having inside knowledge, dares tell the truth.

Every reader of *The Golden Age* will be fascinated, but more than fascinated; for he will be instructed as to just how the Devil is working his game.

The article takes down the screens and lets the honest reader see just how the Jesuits are planning world control by Fascism, and how they are succeeding.

If liberty is lost, all is lost; and liberty is lost wherever the Jesuits succeed in forcing a dictator upon the people. This the people sagely suspect.

The demands of the Fascists were more extravagant than the demands of the Socialists in Italy. When bands of workmen started to seize the factories, Mussolini, the Fascist leader, applauded their actions. When a number of ex-soldiers, not Communists, started to seize the estates, Mussolini applauded their actions too.

The first occupation of the factories took place at Dalmine (Bergamo), on March 17, 1919. It started all the others. Two days later Mussolini wrote in *Popolo d'Italia*: "To the workmen of Dalmine we send our salute and the expression of our fervent and disinterested sympathy for the noble battle fought." On March 29 he motored to Dalmine with Cesare Rossi

to congratulate the workmen.

Writing about the first occupation of lands, in the same paper, the official Fascist organ, remember, Mussolini wrote, March 25: "The peasants that rebel today in order to solve the land question must not meet with our hostility." On June 10, he wrote:

"Either the blissful landowners will be expropriated or we will muster the masses of combatants

against these obstacles and will overthrow them. We will carry on a devilish propaganda."

Mussolini's "About Face"

Black, and dirty, and foul as Mussolini's volte-face was, and so far has been proved to be, one has to read his program in order to realize the ENORMITY of his betrayal of his Fascists, and to appreciate how easy it is for a person once established as a dictator (with the Jesuit machine behind him) to do anything even when it is the complete opposite of what he has preached, or reverse of the faith, or objects, or desires of his followers. The following was Mussolini's program *before* he became dictator, i.e., the program of the Italian Fascist party, published in 1919:

(1) National Assembly, intended as the Italian Section of the International Assembly of all Peoples, in order to proceed with the radical transformation of the political and economic basis of Society.

(2) Proclamation of the Republic. Decentralization of administrative control. Administrative autonomy of regions and communes through their own legislative bodies. Popular sovereignty exercised by means of universal, equal, and direct popular vote of all citizens of both sexes, with right to the people of initiative, of referendum, and veto. Reorganization, ex-novo, of the administrative bodies of the State. The function of the State to be limited to the civic and political direction of national life.

(3) Abolition of the Senate and of every artificial and arbitrary limitation of popular sovereignty. Abolition of political police. Establishment of a municipal and national civic guard. Elective magistrates independent of executive power.

(4) Abolition of all caste-titles, of princes, dukes, marquis, "commendatori," "cavalieri," etc. Only titles of honor, those of talent and honesty in work.

(5) Abolition of compulsory conscription. General disarmament and veto of all nations forbidding the manufacture of armaments.

(6) Freedom of thought and of conscience, of religion, of association, of press, of propaganda, of individual and collective agitation.

(7) System of education with both cultural and vocational schools open to all.

(8) Maximum care and perfection of the social hygiene system.

(9) Abolition of stock companies. Suppression of every kind of speculation of banks and of the Stock Exchange. Creation of a national financial institution with regional schemes for the distribution of credit.

(10) Census and reduction of personal wealth. Confiscation of unproductive revenues. Payment of the debt of the old State by the wealthy classes. Suppression of church revenues.

(11) Eight hours' work on a legal basis.

(12) Reorganization of production based on insurance principles and on direct participation of profits by the workers. All landed estates to be given over to the peasants. The management of transportation industries and of public services to be entrusted to syndicates comprised of technical experts and workers.

(13) Abolition of secret diplomacy.

(14) Open international policy dedicated to the solidarity and independence of peoples in the Confederation of States.

"Fascists" Cheated in a Big Way

It would be out of place here to discuss whether this program is good, bad, or indifferent. The point is, it was with this program that Mussolini got into power. The Fascists stood for (and the rank and file believed in it, you may be sure): no political police, no secret diplomacy, no compulsory conscription, freedom of speech, decentralization of executive magistrates, etc.!

You ought to appreciate now that Mussolini has cheated his "Fascists" in a big way. A man capable of doing what he has done is fit for any treachery, and any amount of it. It sticks out a mile that his régime is THE GREATEST SWINDLE IN HISTORY. I have given this matter some thought and some study and I am firmly convinced that from the START of Fascism (and maybe long before then) Mussolini was secretly in league with "Rome".

"Mussolini," says Ludendorff, "is nothing more than an ambitious tool in the hands of Romish ecclesiastics"; and I concur with Ludendorff. Ludendorff is Germany's Smuts. He is not an amateur in politics. He knows what he is talking about. The difference between Ludendorff (who has no axe to grind) and most other authorities on politics (who also lack his courage) is, he says what he thinks. The rest of them think it but don't say it, and so leave the masses in ignorance and confusion.

Mussolini gave the name of "Fascism" to the creed he promised. What I want to know is, and what you, dear reader, should want to know is: What name must we give to the creed he has fulfilled? It is not Conservatism, it is not Liberalism, it is not Socialism, it is not "Fascism". No! IT IS JESUITISM.

The Original Fascist Program

Read the Fascist program again: (1) It is not anti-Masonic; you may look but in vain for any reference to Masonry in it. Many active Masons were in the ranks as Fascists during the March

on Rome. The Freemasons in Italy were a patriotic although anti-Papal body. (2) It is not pro-Church of Rome: one of its clauses is, "Suppression of Church revenues." (3) It is not anti-liberal; if anything, it is ultra-liberal. It proclaims "popular sovereignty", "freedom of thought, of press, of propaganda," and so on. (4) It is not, strictly speaking, anti-Socialist. It demands nationalization of credit, the abolition of stock exchanges, expropriation of estates, etc. Lastly, (5) the spirit of the Fascists was "Italy First", i.e., with emphasis on the "Nation", not the "State", and with no reference at all to the "Church". So much for the theory. Now for the practice.

The "Revised" Program

(1) Before Mussolini was in power three years he launched an attack upon the Masons, including those in his party, sent many of them to jail, and suppressed Freemasonry by law. But he didn't suppress, and he hasn't suppressed, the Roman Catholic secret societies by law, the Italian equivalents of the Knights of Malta, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus, etc. (2) In 1929, from the Italian treasury Mussolini gave a gift of nineteen million pounds to the Vatican. This was a part of the "Lateran Treaty". (3) He murdered Amendola, the Liberal leader; treated liberalism as "subversion" (this is the very word used by a Fascist historian); and in *Gerrachia* magazine, 1925, Mussolini boasted that he had reduced democracy and liberalism to the state of "rotten corpses". (4) He smashed every outward vestige of propaganda in favor of the 'Socialist' items in his program, irrespective of whether the agitation came from the Reds or from the Fascists. And he murdered Matteotti, the Socialist leader. Matteotti was an upright and a very popular figure. (5) Mussolini abolished the "Victor Emmanuel's Day" celebrations. On the 20th of September, 1870, the Italian troops took possession of Rome. The Italian nation celebrated the day as a festival of national reunion, and, of course, as the anniversary of victory over the Papacy and Austria. It was Italy's "First of July" and "Battle of the Boyne" combined. This is where Fascism shows itself in its true colors. The idea of Italian patriotism's "insulting" Roman popery was naturally disliked by Mussolini's masters; so the festival was cut out of the Fascist calendar. The Vatican, not Italy, came "First".

It is a mistake to imagine that only plumbers and dockers and "Reds" of various hues are lying in Mussolini's internment camps. During the War and later in 1925, General Bencivenga was secretary for Cadorna, commander-in-chief of the Italian army in the War. Mussolini interned Bencivenga in the island of Ustica, where the worst and most incorrigible criminals were lodged. It would have been more humane to have him shot, but to keep him living was perhaps the "better" method of sealing the lips and falsifying the hands of his friends.

The Explanation

Now let me ask of you, What explanation can you offer for this total perversion of the Fascist policy and this attack upon Liberals, Patriots, Socialists, and Freemasons? Surely this is a question of some importance. Well, then, ANSWER IT, you Tories, Liberals, and Socialists! This is the answer: There is only ONE political body in Europe, only ONE, not two, or three, or four, which is anti-Liberal, anti-Masonic, anti-Patriot, anti-Socialist, anti-Communist, and anti-Jew, and that body is the JESUIT Society. "Fascism" (i.e., original Fascism) doesn't rule in Italy today, any more than "Nazism" (or Brownshirtism) rules Germany. The Jesuits rule Italy, and their "creed" is now the orthodox Fascist creed in every European country.

If Mussolini's post-War record is hardly flattering to Il Duce, his pre-War one is worse. The following are characteristic points of Mussolini pre-War biography:

(1) His five months' imprisonment, November 23, 1911, to March 12, 1912, for having incited the soldiers of the African war to desert.

(2) His expelling of Bissolati and Bonomi from the Socialist party he directed, because they had dared to congratulate the king for having escaped murder at the hands of an anarchist.

(3) His denouncement before the High Court of Milan, April 1, 1914, for "instigation of crime, and insult to the army".

(4) The organization of the so-called "Red Week" in collaboration with the anarchist Malatesta, etc.

The last myth about Mussolini that's worth exploding is the one about the March on Rome. Contrary to the belief of almost every Fascist, Mussolini did not lead the March. He was in Milan all the time, and when it was safe to go to Rome he went in a Pullman sleeping car!

The March on Rome

The March on Rome was the work of the "Quadrumvirate", De Bono, De Vecchi, Bianchi, and Balbo. De Bono was in command of operations; Bianchi did liaison staff work; Balbo commanded the marchers; and De Vecchi, along with Grandi, did the negotiating with Salandra (the prime minister) and the king.

Mussolini watched events from Milan, a few hundred miles away from Rome.

It was De Vecchi and Grandi in Rome who telephoned Mussolini at Milan telling him of Salandra's first offer of 'participation' in the government. It was they who won from Salandra and the king the invitation to Mussolini to form a government. "On receipt of the official invitation," says Ion S. Munro, "he (Mussolini) left at once for the capital."

How has this quadrumvirate fared? De Vecchi is still a minister. Bianchi is dead. De Bono was "removed" from his post as chief of police. Grandi was "sent abroad" to London. Balbo has been "exiled" to Tripoli.

"La Bottega del Papa"

It is not true that Mussolini against his will was forced to "bargain" with the pope. This is often said to justify Mussolini's dealings with the Vatican. It is sheer, demonstrable nonsense. On the contrary, if Mussolini had put the pope in a boat and sent him to Tripoli, nobody in Italy would have bothered much. Before Mussolini's advent to power the Church of Rome's name in Italy was mud. Its prestige was low before the War; it was much worse after it. It was commonly called "*La bottega del papa*", i.e., the pope's shop, a reference to the "holy" relic racket.

What Mussolini did was, he pretended to quarrel with the pope, just as Hitler is pretending. Most people, including the then "Fascists", thought that this was fine. But the net result of every "quarrel" was a further concession to the Vatican. In fact, Mussolini re-instated Popery. He raised the "Church" from one of odium, which it richly deserved, to an institution of authority. And when he had completed the job, the pope called him a "man sent by divine providence to save Italy". As no pope yet has ever worried much about "patriotism", substitute the word "Church" for "Italy" and you will have the pope's real meaning. "Sent by divine providence to save the 'Church'." I am telling Jews and democrats who their enemy is. In the words of

Gambetta I say, pointing to "Rome": "THERE IS YOUR ENEMY." If I were saying this to the Labor people in Spain, they would believe me. They know what "Rome" is, as the forefolds of Britain, Holland, Sweden, Switzerland, etc., knew, i.e., from personal experience, but the average person now doesn't know a thing about it. And the moment one tries to speak to him about it, he thinks (or at least some of them do) that one is trying to turn him into what he calls a "hymn-singer".

Mussolini and Freemasonry

Anti-Freemasonry was not a plank of the early Fascist program. Many Masons took part in the March on Rome.

Freemasonry in Italy had old ties with Italian Nationalism dating back to Risorgimento days. They helped to make Italy a nation. And for this too, no doubt, they incurred the displeasure of the pope, because the papacy lost its dominions, the City of Rome, when Italy became a nation.

The Masons were neither for nor against Fascism. They were neutral. There were two Masonic bodies in Italy, known by the name of the buildings they occupied, the "Giustiniani Palace Masons" and the "Piazza del Gesu Masons", and actually the latter was, if anything, friendly towards Mussolini.

Why does the Church of Rome dislike the Freemasons? Not because they belong to a secret society. No. There are a number of Roman Catholic secret societies, The Knights of Malta, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Knights of Columbus, etc. The Roman Catholic church objects to Freemasonry because Masonic societies do not come under their priestly control, and because Masons deny the papal claims.

In August 1924, two years after Mussolini came to power, the attack on Freemasonry opened. During 1925 Mussolini was busy "purging" his party of Masons. They had been good enough to help Mussolini to power, but they were not the sort he wanted to help him to administer his "Fascist" state.

At the close of 1925 Freemasonry was suppressed by law. "It was a move," says Ion S. Munro, "which won him favor in the eyes of the Vatican."

The year 1929, i.e., seven years after Mussolini's elevation to the premiership, was perhaps the year when the Fascist terror reached its highest pitch. The "O.V.R.A.", or secret police,

was called into existence in 1929. To quote a 100-percent sympathetic historian of Fascism, in 1929: "Over 1,000 prisoners were sentenced, many of them receiving punishments of over ten years' imprisonment." In September 1929, Cesare Rossi was decoyed on to Italian soil at Lake Garda, after he had managed to leave Italy. He was arrested and sentenced to thirty years. Who is this Cesare Rossi? At one time he was secretary of the Italian Fascist party, and Mussolini's closest companion! If Rossi was not prepared to "play ball" with the pope, and I suspect he wasn't, the least Mussolini could do (at his masters' bidding) was to shoot him or jail him. He jailed him plenty.

The Vatican's "Profits"

What is there of significance about this year 1929? After seven years of Mussolini's rule one would have expected that the internal condition of the country would be quiet, stable, and non-refractory. The Lateran Treaty was signed in June, 1929. This "Treaty" was the Vatican's 'profits' from Fascism. It was JESUITISM putting the seal on its victory. The resistance to it was the last 'big fling' of the anti-Fascist forces in Italy. They lost, of course. But the next time they cross swords with Mussolini (and the general of the Jesuits) they shall win.

When Mussolini signed the Lateran Treaty, the words "toleration of other religions" were cut out of the Italian Constitution. In theory Fascist Italy (unlike pre-Fascist Italy) does not admit religious tolerance. In practice it has to, so as not to arouse the antipathy of especially Britain and U.S.A. He gave the gift of £19,000,000 to the Vatican, already referred to. (I suspect this was the return of the monies Mussolini had received from "Rome".) Above all, he re-established the pope's "temporal" sovereignty. Do you know that the Vatican was very much upset because it was not given a seat in the League of Nations? If you didn't know this before, then you know it now. By re-establishing the pope's "temporal" sovereignty Mussolini raised the Church of Rome to the diplomatic status of a "State".

Mussolini closed down the Y.M.C.A. He put the pope's picture back into every State school classroom. He cut out the words "toleration of other religions" from the Italian Constitution. He suppressed the Freemasons. Finally, Fascism re-established the pope's "temporal sovereignty".

There is no liberty of speech anywhere in Italy outside of the confessional box; and this just about sums up the truth, and tells all there is to know about Fascism in Italy.

The Beneficiaries

Some time ago knighthoods ("commenda") were given to five leading foreign journalists in Rome, two of whom belong to British papers; an almost unheard-of thing in any other country. This gives one a good idea of what sort of "news" some readers must be getting from Italy. It is news of "ruptures" between Italy and Germany, "quarrels" of Mussolini and the pope, Roman Catholics "ill-treated" in Germany, Italy, and Austria, all to misinform and confuse the public.

Fascism Breeds Poverty

Fascism has not been a godsend either to the workers or to the employers of Italy. In 1926 Italy had 78,000 unemployed; in 1933 the figure was 1,000,000. In the years 1930-32 Italy's foreign trade shrank by 48 percent. One of Italy's recent budgets showed a deficit of £66,000,000. The adverse trade balance was £50,000,000. There were more than 21,000 bankruptcies in Italy in 1932. In Great Britain, a more commercialized country, there were 4,645 bankruptcies in 1932, i.e., one-fifth of Italy's figure.

The official comparison of real wages, that is, money wages in terms of food-purchasing power, are thus given in *Whittaker's Almanack*, on the authority of the *Ministry of Labour Gazette*: Great Britain 100; Italy 45.

Mr. Hessell Titlman, British journalist, who undertook a survey of conditions in Europe a year or two ago, says, and quite truly:

"Whether or not families forced to live on such a budget are 'starving', as one Italian working man assured me, there can be no question that the standard of living in Italy is one of the lowest, measured in material comfort, in all Europe." ("Slump: A Study of Stricken Europe.")

Who, then, has benefited from Fascism? The pope, [Achille] Ambrose Ratti. And—Mussolini, starting earlier than Rosenberg, has bled his country white financing parties abroad to serve his war plans. Listen to this, from a pamphlet written in the summer of 1930 by Lauro De Bosis, an Italian, and secretly distributed in Italy:

"For all the dissatisfied, Italy has a little money and a great deal of promises. In Albania, among Hitler's men, among the people of the Austrian Heimwehr, among the Macedonian Comitagi, and especially in Hungary, wherever there is an opportunity to agitate, to trouble peace, to put powder mines, there the dangerous shade of Mussolini can be discerned."

The Mussolini Myth

It is not true that Mussolini "saved" Italy from Bolshevism. This is a myth (like the myth that Hitler "saved" Germany from Communism, or that Mosley is "saving" Britain from Moscow); and the people who spread it are prevaricators.

The danger of a Bolshevik revolution passed away with the failure of the occupation of the factories, and the victory of the Moderates (*Riformisti*) over the Extremists of the Socialist party on September 2, 1920. Mussolini himself said in his paper, November 30: "The Italian home situation improves every day." In the first days of 1921, a year before he became premier, and almost three years before he declared his dictatorship, Mussolini wrote: "In Italy one

cannot speak any more of any Bolshevik danger whatsoever."

That's clear enough, isn't it? Also the alleged economic paralysis caused by "Bolshevism" in the years 1919 and 1920, as the test of official figures reveals itself nonexistent:

	1918	1919	1920
Number of stock companies in Italy	3,463	4,520	5,541
Capital invested in the same (in millions)	7,257	13,014	17,784
Deposits in savings institutes and popular banks (in billions)	12	17	20
Revenue from income tax (in billions)	9.6	15.2	18.8
Number of persons transported by the railways (in millions)	65	102	110

One would probably get jailed in Italy today for printing a handbill showing a comparison of the so-called "Bolshevik Period" with that of the so-called "Napoleonic Year", viz., the year VIII of the Fascist Era; and conditions have worsened since this "peak" year.

Most Autocratic Institution

(From the *Fellowship Forum*)

THE Papacy itself is the most autocratic institution in the records of the world. From its government every vestige of human rights is excluded. No Roman Catholic has any voice in the selection of the "sovereign pontiff" or of any bishop or priest whom the canon law requires him to obey.

In the papal system the theory of "divine right to rule" rises to perfection. Pretensions of all other civil despots pale into democracy when compared with those of the popes. Not only does the Roman pontiff claim 'divine right to rule', but he claims to rule as sole agent and *alter ego* of God Himself. In that role he arrogates to himself the unique attribute of infallibility. All governmental authority descends from him to the Hierarchy and clergy and monastic orders and the laity. All are his subjects.

There is no cardinal, patriarch, archbishop, bishop, abbot, monk, nun or Roman Catholic layman but by his appointment. There is no faith, theology nor canon law but by his decree. There is no province, diocese or parish, nor any

school, college, seminary or university unless licensed directly or indirectly by him.

All power descends from his throne. The food and clothing and shelter, the community life, the property and income, the thought, the speech, the habits, and the business and civil and religious life of 300,000,000 Roman Catholics in every part of the world are under his strict regulation and authority. Such is the essence of the papal system. It is stamped indelibly on the government and people of lands dominated by the Roman Hierarchy.

One Fifth on the Dole

ONE fifth of the population of the United States are on the dole. A great proportion of these are Roman Catholics, so correspondents report, and out of the funds which the boys send home a considerable proportion inevitably goes into the church exchequers. If the priest got the boy his job, and the boy sends the money to his mother, does anybody suppose the priest intends to be left high and dry? Not a bit of it.

Making America Fascist

The Proposed R. C. Fascist Dictatorship

REFERRING to the proposed Roman Catholic Fascist dictatorship over the people of the United States, P. G. White, of Illinois, in a booklet entitled *The United States Need Not Surrender*, says:

"When it was all over, he (the dictator) had saved the people from Communism on the left, but he had taken them straight over to Fascism on the right. And the middle classes, to whom he had come with false promises, found themselves thrust aside, forgotten and ignored. Thus was a Fascist, Roman Catholic dictatorship established in Italy, in Germany, and in Austria. In Italy and Austria the country was already majority Roman Catholic; in Germany the dictatorship was established over a predominantly Protestant nation. Roman Catholicism co-operates with Fascist dictatorships throughout the world. The two philosophies are identical in application: both rule by means of dictatorship imposed from above. The great danger in America today is that, in avoiding Communism on the left, we shall be led, willingly or unwillingly, to a Fascist dictatorship on the right. In this connection, the campaign of Father Coughlin, the radical radio priest of the Roman Catholic church, born in another country, foreigner by training, propagating a foreign philosophy taken from the encyclicals of the popes and expressed in the platform of the National Union for Social Justice, will be watched by informed Americans with great interest."

The Four Most Important Towns

THE four most important towns in Lackawanna county, Pennsylvania, are Scranton, which is the county seat (and the anthracite metropolis of the world); Carbondale, the largest town on the northern boundary; Moscow, the largest town on the eastern boundary; and Clark's Summit, the largest town on the western boundary. Under the present administration, of Achille Ambrogio Damiano Ratti, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Patrick J. Boland (congressman for Lackawanna county) and James Aloysius Farley, Scranton, which had a Protestant for postmaster, now has a Catholic; Carbondale, which had a Protestant for postmaster, now has a Catholic; Moscow, which had a Protestant for postmaster, now has a Catholic; and Clark's Summit, which had a Protestant for postmaster, now has a Catholic. And so the work of turning the United States over to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, bag and baggage, goes merrily on. The Jesuits are onto their job. But the Masons; it is to laugh. Look at Italy and Germany; the Masons are all through.

Executive Director of the \$4,800,000,000

WHAT capable "Protestant" would you judge was selected by President Roosevelt to act as executive director of the National Emergency Council, the man who decides where and how the \$4,800,000,000 will be expended? All you can do is laugh when you learn that Frank Comerford Walker received his education by spending four years at the Roman Catholic University of Gonzaga, at Spokane, and spent four more years studying law at Notre Dame University, in Indiana. A Protestant would never do. Why? Simply because he lacks the training to qualify him to allot that huge sum of money so that most of it, by divers routes, ultimately reaches the coffers of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy at Vatican City. Is it any wonder that Cardinal Mundelein (Chicago) said that Franklin D. Roosevelt 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"?

"Absolute Dictatorship Planned in Congress"

JAMES T. WILLIAMS, Jr., in the *New York Evening Journal*, June 15, 1935, calls attention to a proposed amendment to the Constitution, introduced in the House by Congressman Wood, of Missouri, which would enable Congress to dictate hours, wages, terms and conditions of labor of every person in the country, and production and prices of food; enforce, cancel or adjust debts; also to abdicate completely to the president every legislative power. All that would be needed then to make America a madhouse like Germany would be to put some fool in the White House who would try to get away with such a program. Nevertheless, some such plan is contemplated seriously by the gang that was chased out of Mexico.

O'Connell Wants Radio Censorship

CARDINAL O'CONNELL, back from the Bahamas, wants censorship of the air. Of course he does. Who is to direct the censorship? Why, naturally, it would be himself, or somebody of his selection. Then what shall be done with the declaration of James Aloysius Farley that in the United States we shall have no press or radio censorship? Oh, that is easy, and the answer is so obvious that it won't even be necessary to state it. It speaks for itself.

The Jesuit Delaware Corporations

REFERRING to the Jesuit Delaware corporations, i.e., Commodity Credit Corporation, Public Works Emergency Housing Corporation, Federal Surplus Relief Corporation, Federal Subsistence Homesteads Corporation, Electric Home and Farm Authority, and Public Works Emergency Leasing Corporation, Senator Thos. D. Schall, of Minnesota, who probably did not know of the Jesuit origin of these corporations, said on the floor of the Senate*:

"The purpose of these corporations is wholly unholy in intent wherever the Federal Government is to seize power without warrant in laws constitutionally enacted. I now add, without any fear of successful contradiction, that the majority of bills, other than personal, introduced into the Seventy-third Congress and passed by it were not originated in the convictions of Congressmen nor reported out as creations of various investigating committees nor as a result of public clamor or need, but were prepared in secret as parts of a whole plan determined on long before March 4, 1933, and long before November, 1932, and fed in so speciously as to arouse no suspicions on the part of Congress, of the press, or the public as to their being the completion of a plan to undermine the hitherto prevalent plan of government in the United States. . . . I believe beyond all doubt that a group of men and women have used Congress and the president as cat's-paws in the past few years, but more particularly since November, 1932, and that a senatorial inquiry would prove that they were prepared to swing the United States either into a Fascistic form on one side or a Communistic form on the other: one or other to prevail as opportunity may offer, but both planned to lodge immense power and wealth in the hands of a few at the center of a group of corporations."

"Foreign Power" After the Press

COL. R. R. McCORMICK, publisher of the *Chicago Tribune*, in an address to members of the Advertising Federation of America, said: "I ask you to join the newspapers in their fight to preserve the freedom of the press. In this great contest which has been going on in this country for three years, and which is not yet ended, to decide whether the principles of arbitrary government shall be allowed to cross the ocean and crush all that the Revolution gained, the Constitution organized and the Bill of Rights guaranteed, practically every fight for freedom was swept away in the first rush of absolutism."

*See *Congressional Record*, February 6, 1935, pages 4 and 5.

Wholesale Murder of Protestants Soon

THE New York *World*, December 14, 1930, reports the Most Reverend F. X. Talbot, S.J. (Jesuit), as having said:

"The old Protestant culture is about at the end of its rope. The first settlers of our country established this distinctly Protestant culture, being chiefly from Protestant countries, so that our history from the beginning of the republic has been predominantly non-Catholic. It has given the complexion to the country, entered our legislation, sociology and economics, is the basis of our commerce and industry and, in fact, has formed a great part of the American people. For 150 years the Protestant element was strongest, and we admit it. This Christian culture is a wave receding, and we Catholics are living in a most important day, with one culture vanishing, another gaining strength. Why can't we raise a tidal wave that will bring Catholic culture into the United States? Why can't we make the United States Catholic in legislation, Catholic in justice, aims and ideals? We are the greatest numerically in the country, strong and growing in the arts and education. We are now ready to expand. Now is the time to organize and strike hard to put the Catholic idea before all."

The method by which 15 percent of the American people would thus enslave the 85 percent was indicated in the New York *Herald*, Tuesday, May 7, 1901. Therein it was admitted by the "Reverend Father" Harney, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Hierarchy before the Federal Communications Commission, that the Roman Catholic church regards Protestants as heretics and believes and teaches that heretics should be put to death.

Protestantism stands on the edge of another and infinitely greater St. Bartholomew's massacre than that which caused Paris streets to run deep with blood. Press dispatches admit that 1,500 machine guns have been distributed from American armories and are now in the hands of gangsters, nearly all of whom, when they seek 'benefit of clergy' seek it in the "church" of their training and choice, the "church" that admittedly believes in graft and murder, and has placed the whole subject of remission for sins on a cash basis.

"Peace upon Earth"

THE other night, over the radio, some wag quoted the following alleged poetry: "Peace upon earth' was said; we sing it, and pay a million priests to bring it. After two thousand years of mass we've got as far as poison gas."

Priests as Labor Arbitrators

BECAUSE they know nothing about honest labor, and because they love to be in the public eye (like a cinder in that respect), and because there are no real Americans 'suitable' for the job, President Franklin D. Roosevelt appointed as labor arbitrators the following members of the Roman Catholic priesthood: Very Reverend Monsignor P. M. H. Wynhoven, of New Orleans, who forced a radio station in Louisiana to crowd Judge Rutherford off the air; Reverend Francis J. Haas, of Washington, D.C.; Reverend James F. Cunningham, C.S.P., of Los Angeles; Reverend Dr. John P. Boland of Buffalo, N. Y.; Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, of San Francisco; Reverend Frederic Seidenburg, S.J., of Detroit; Reverend John O'Grady, of Washington, D.C.; Very Reverend John W. R. Maguire, C.S.V., of Chicago; and Right Reverend Monsignor John A. Ryan, of Washington, D.C. Six of the nine were made chairmen of the labor boards on which they serve. In every way in his power Roosevelt is trying to turn America over, lock, stock and barrel, to the Vatican.

Unwitting Servants of the Papacy

ALL know that the press of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy claims for the pope the paternity of the New Deal. Mr. Coughlin declares that he read to Mr. Roosevelt the pope's plans for just such a New Deal. The only thing that stopped the New Deal was the United States Constitution. The pope hopes to put that out of the way, and a great campaign to destroy the Constitution and do away with States' rights is now under way, so that Papal Fascism in the United States may become a stark reality. Meantime there has been received in this office a copy of *The Gentile Front*, showing the strange co-operation with this scheme of very many able American Jews, among whom are listed Bernard M. Baruch, Donald R. Richberg, Professor Felix Frankfurter, Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, Henry Morgenthau, Sr., Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Professor Rex Tugwell, Mordecai Ezekiel, Edward A. Filene, Frances Perkins, Harold S. Ickes, Samuel Untermyer, Joseph B. Eastman, Samuel Dickstein, and many others. On the other side of the story is the fact that two of the United States Supreme Court justices, Louis D. Brandeis and Benjamin N. Cardozo, are said to be Jews, and their opinions helped to kill the New Deal. The probable fact is that the reason

why there are so many Jews in prominent places in the national government and in the New York state government is that there are so many able Jews in New York city, which city is, in fact, the largest Jewish city in the world. The governor of New York state, Herbert H. Lehman, is a Jew, and nine of the ten New York state supreme court justices for Manhattan and The Bronx are Jews. *The Gentile Front* asserts that in the New Deal at Washington 85 percent of the advisory and official positions are held by Jews, and that of the Russian Communistic set-up, composed of 554 members, all are Jews but less than 20. *The Gentile Front* seems to be Nazi propaganda. It maintains the so-called "Protocols of Zion" are of Jewish origin, despite the fact that this has been proved false wherever the courts have looked into it. Nothing could be more devilishly narrow-minded, more fiendish, more contemptible, than the so-called "New Germany" to which *The Gentile Front* looks up and upon which *The Golden Age* looks down with loathing inexpressible. The Jews are money-lovers, granted; but they are not pig-headed wild beasts.

Jesuits Crowded Too Soon

THE Jesuits crowded too soon when, in their magazine ridiculously called *America*, they said, two years ago: "The States no longer function as States. It does not seem probable that at any time in the future they will so function. The old Constitution, now no longer the supreme law, is largely an historical document." The reason why the Jesuits said so was that they hoped it was so; but when the real Americans saw the Jesuit statement they hoped it was not so, and when the Supreme Court pitched the NRA into the ash can they knew it was not so, and for once the Jesuits had overshot their mark. In this life it is best not to get too fresh too soon.

Farley for President in 1940

WILLIAM H. ANDERSON, former Anti-Saloon League campaigner, in an address in Baltimore, said: "Postmaster General Farley said a few months ago that the only thing which stood in the way of his selection as president in 1940 was the fact that he is a Roman Catholic, and he added that, 'If we continue to gain as we have done in the past year or so, even that will not stand in the way.'"

Obedience Lightens a Tax-Gatherer's Burdens

FEW innocent people are as unpopular as the tax-gatherer. A tax is a compulsory contribution to support a government, and nobody likes to be compelled to do anything. However people may wave flags and cheer soldiers on their way to the front, they never like to pay the tax bills. The fight over the soldiers' bonus is a sample. The banks have a longing to absorb all that is coming to the soldiers in interest charges on loans which they are now making to them. They do not have a longing for increased taxes.

If anybody were to stand up on a rostrum and invite the people to come forward and contribute cash to buy bayonets wherewith to scatter the entrails of their fellow men over the landscape, nobody would come.

If a radio plea were to go out for cash to buy shrapnel to blow human creatures to fragments, there would not enough money come in to load one gun a single time.

Nobody would think of reaching down in his pocket and stripping something off from his roll (if he has one, in these days) to enable his government to invest in poison gas wherewith to burn out the lungs of a fellow creature.

It is even doubtful if anybody would come along and offer to help erect a battleship, or a submarine, or a cannon; though there might be a few who would invest in these things if they thought they would reap some personal benefit therefrom.

International Murderers, Limited, Unlimited, Preferred and Common, Low-down and Contemptible, would have a hard time selling their wares if they waited for voluntary contributions.

One-fourth of the wealth of the United States was squandered in the World War, with resultant benefits to the people of this fair land considerably less than could be nicely balanced upon the point of a cambric needle.

As a result, when the increasing tax bills come in (about the time of year when the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has a consuming interest in the poor souls in purgatory, because they think that is the best time to gather in all the change possible) the people thank God for their harvests, because the president tells them to do so, but they do not thank Him for the tax-collectors. If the truth be known, they feel like setting the dogs on them.

America points with pride to her leading citizens like Andrew Mellon, Dutch Schultz, Charles Schwab, John Dillinger and Al Capone, and does all possible to encourage the youth of the land to walk in their footsteps, and yet is obliged to note, with regret, that they have not shown that zeal in the payment of their income taxes which would set the best example to the rising generation.

And So One Comes to Matthew

Some will feel grieved at this introduction of Matthew, or Levi, as he is sometimes called. It is just too bad, for Matthew. It is no fault of anybody now living that Matthew got into the tax-collection business. He just picked the wrong job; that is all. Nobody should go into the tax-collection business who has either a conscience or a tender heart, and it seems that Matthew had both.

And, by the way, so had Zacchaeus. The account of the latter tax-collector says: "And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus, who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down, for today I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down; and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be a guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor: and if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forso-much as he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."—Luke 19: 1-10.

Persons in the United States who know of tax-collectors who give half their income to the poor, or who restore fourfold (except to persons who have put up cash for the national committees of the political parties) are invited to send in the list. Lists may be written in letters an inch high on the back of a postage stamp of the kind on which Farley made a fortune.

Matthew Was Like Zacchaeus

Matthew was like Zacchaeus. No matter what he did (and very likely, like Zacchaeus, he had done some things he ought not to have done), he was in a business where there then was, and still is, opportunity to graft, and he was unpopular. The only popular tax-collector of personal knowledge turned out to be a complete crook. He had a pleasant manner, a winning smile, and a duplicate set of tax books which cost his fellow citizens many thousands of dollars.

The Jews as a people cannot be justly accused of eagerness to part with their money. When they paid their taxes for the support of the Roman government they certainly did not smile, and when they paid more than their just share they probably scowled and said things that made the tax-collector feel as mean as a priest feels when he accepts purgatory graft; maybe worse.

It is of record that about the time of Jesus' birth six thousand Pharisees in Herod's realm refused to take the oath of allegiance to the Roman emperor, and it is conjectured that the principal reason for this was the "decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed", mentioned in the first verse of the second chapter of Luke's gospel.

And so that brings one to the story of Matthew, which story Matthew himself was so good as to record at length, though with consummate modesty he omits to mention what others of the gospel writers disclosed, that the feast was held in his own home. The story runs:

"And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him, and it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."—Matthew 9: 9-13.

One can hardly fail to note the similarity between the two men, Zacchaeus and Matthew, their standing in the neighborhood and with the Pharisees, and Jesus' words on the occasions of the feasts. In the one instance He was "come to

seek and to save that which was lost", and in the other He was "not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance".

Matthew Was a Suitable Instrument

Matthew was a suitable instrument for Jehovah's purposes. Jesus knew it, and all the efforts of the Pharisees to get Matthew in wrong with Jesus, or to get Jesus in wrong with the people, were just so much wasted breath. Neither one of these men was looking for popularity. What is popularity? It is a breath. Here today, it is gone for ever tomorrow.

Jesus was all intent upon the vindication of His Father's name, and entirely indifferent to popularity, as any son of Jehovah God might well be. To those who sought popularity Jesus said some of the sharpest things in all history. Listen to this:

"I receive not honour from men. But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?"—John 5: 41-44.

It may as well be noted at this point that there is a difference between not seeking the honor of men and yet not being desirous of being unjustly dishonored by them. Jesus pointed this out when some asked Him the question: "Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth."—John 8: 49, 50.

Both Jesus and Matthew were dishonored by the Pharisees the day that Jesus participated in the feast at Matthew's home. But who are the honored ones now? and who are the dishonored ones? The tables are completely turned.

Which Would You Rather Be?

Which would you rather be today: Matthew, who entertained Jesus at his home, and gave up his business, and became one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb, and one of the foundations of the New Jerusalem, or one of those Pharisees to whom (or at least to whose comrades) Jesus put the question, "How can ye escape the condemnation of Gehenna?"

The Pharisees, at best, have a very poor

chance of ever obtaining life anywhere. Matthew, all know, from Jesus' own words, made his calling and election sure, and there is every reason to believe that he is now upon his throne, with the Lord, for ever secure, for ever happy, busily engaged in his part of the vindication of Jehovah's name, the friend of Jehovah the great Creator, the friend of Jesus, and the well-known friend of every other of the 144,000, as well as, without a doubt, of every one that shall ever get life at all. Who is there that will not know of Matthew and his work?

Matthew alone (chapter one) gives what is recorded of the birth of Jesus; he alone tells of the visit of the magi, and of the flight into Egypt and the return to Nazareth; he alone gives the whole of the Sermon on the Mount; he alone gives the explanation of the parable of the wheat and tares; he alone tells of the half shekel in the mouth of the fish; he alone tells of the unmerciful servant; he alone gives the parable of the eleventh hour in the vineyard; he alone gives the parable of the wedding garment; he alone gives Jesus' denunciation of the scribes and Pharisees, the account of the wise and faithful servant and of the wise and foolish virgins, the parable of the talents, and the parable of the sheep and goats. In many other places in his story Matthew gives a more extended account than the other evangelists. No one in the church would part with what he has done, under any consideration.

When Jesus summoned him Matthew was quick to give up his business and come. He was obedient, immediately, and unquestioningly so. Do you suppose he is glad now that he left that job of tax-collector? He had everything to gain by obedience. So have you.

Could Get Along Without You

If you are a tax-collector, or have some job of spending money for some government instead of helping them get it together, has it ever occurred to you that the government you are serving could get along without you? And Jehovah's government can get along without you, too.

And don't imagine that those for whom the United States Government has done the most are the ones in greatest eagerness to help keep it up. The other day the news was published that nine days after President Roosevelt's message asking for larger levies on gift taxes and inheritance taxes John D. Rockefeller, Jr., gave away \$76,338,000 to various educational and

scientific corporations. Apparently he would rather do anything else with his money than to give it to the people as a whole, that is, to the Government.

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., late associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, set a splendid example to the wealthy men of America when at his death he left small sums to needy relatives, but the bulk of his fortune, something like \$3,000,000, to the United States Government, that is, the people, to whom, so he said, he justly owed it after he had had the use of it for a lifetime.

This is the right attitude of all Jehovah's witnesses toward the Government of Jehovah. It is worthy of their all of time, talent, money or whatever they may have; and they don't have to die to give it; it can be given while they are yet alive, and even left in their own care, to be used as the great Governor shall direct. Many have put their all into a house-car, gone into the pioneer work of proclaiming the gospel from door to door, though sickly and nervous, and after a few years in the field look as though the only way they could be killed is with an axe. Matthew found the Lord a good friend, and learned a lot. And these pioneers have learned a lot, too.

Bids for Publicity

EVERYTHING the Roman Hierarchy can do to keep Coughlin in the public eye is being done. The newspapers have columns and columns and columns, all bunk. Half the Roman church is alleged to be against Coughlin, and half for him; that is nothing but propaganda, the purest of the pure. The pope is for Coughlin, and Coughlin is for the pope. The others are merely whoopers-up, and at the right time will gracefully step over the line and admit that they are converted to Coughlin, converted to the pope, converted to Roman Catholicism, and urge everybody else to do the same, with the intent to throw the Catholic vote, at the last minute, just where it will be most effective. Everybody has noticed that Coughlin's so-called sixteen points are entirely silent on the subject of free speech, freedom of the press and upholding the Constitution of the United States. This is exactly the papal position; it seeks destruction of all these. It is a pro-Fascist organization, therefore against liberty and against the people. The troops for the Fascist rush are manifestly the CCC boys.

Home Treatment of Hiccoughs and Burns

GUY R. SHEARER, of California, tells of a treatment for hiccoughs that can be used by anyone, anywhere, at any time. "Breathe for several minutes in a paper sack fastened or held over the nose. This results in an excess of carbon dioxide accumulating in the air breathed. The carbon dioxide backs up into the lungs, reducing the vitality of the nerve centers that control the hiccoughs, so that they resume their normal function." The foregoing remedy was discovered at the City Hospital, Los Angeles. Concerning the tannic acid treatment for burns, Mr. Shearer says: "Large city fire departments are now equipped with apparatus for spraying burned persons with tannic solution as soon as they are taken from burning buildings. The results are no less than astounding. Just a word about home applications of tannic acid. Tannic acid, as it is bought in the market, is a white powder, but is mixed with water when applied to burns. It must be freshly mixed, as it does not keep long when mixed with water. To apply, place gauze bandage over the burn, and soak bandage with the solution; it will turn a brown color after applied. If you have no tannic acid at hand, use some tea grounds out of the teapot. It makes a fair substitute. The Chinese have, for centuries, used tea grounds for burns."

How the Ulcers Were Disposed Of

SAYS Elmer W. Dean, of New York: "I was under a doctor's care off and on for over three years for stomach trouble, which the first doctor diagnosed as ulcers of the stomach. He tried every trick he knew and finally reduced me to a diet of peptonized milk, but to no avail. Then he began to hint of an operation, and I changed doctors. The second M.D. told me to have my teeth removed; so I had them all out, but still no improvement. Then I read several strong articles in *The Golden Age* about aluminum poisoning. I didn't take much stock in it at first, but after a while I decided to see if there was any truth in it. We had a pretty nearly complete outfit of aluminumware (the peptonized milk was prepared in it) but we junked it and substituted stainless steel and enamelware. I began to improve, and today I can eat anything within reason with no discomfort whatever. I never have any trouble except when I eat away from home and inadvertently partake of something cooked in aluminum."

The Regular Daily Dose of Poison

SAYS S. A. McKenzie, pioneer, of Idaho: "This past winter, in witnessing in the rural territory here I made a practice of going to the back door, and from what I have seen 90 percent of the cooking utensils are aluminum. It is claimed that four-fifths of the people here have pyorrhea, and some in their twenties have false teeth: Aluminum poison is the answer to this. I have seen some pitiful sights. All the relief work was stopped in Idaho at the first of the year. In shacks that would not keep a horse warm I have seen a mother with two to eight children watching a lone aluminum pot boil with some beans or potatoes in it. Under the conditions it seemed to me that a dose of strychnine would have been more humane than that regular daily dose of poison. How I have hoped and prayed for Armageddon!"

A Couple of Recipes from Florida

W. F. McLENDON, of Florida, gives a couple of recipes which he has found effective: "Three-in-One Soap, good for chapped hands, eczema or insect bites, is made as follows: 8 quarts of water; boil and add 3 pounds sal soda, 1 pound 20-Mule-Team borax, 1 large box Chipso; boil 25 minutes, then add one 10c bottle ammonia and 1 tablespoon iodized salt; boil 5 minutes, let cool until only warm, stir, and can while warm. Mosquito Dope, good, so one can sleep sweetly where mosquitoes are thick, is made of 3 quarts of coal oil (kerosene), 1 quart of white gasoline, one 25c box of Bee Brand powder, one 25c bottle of citronella, one 10c bottle of household ammonia. Stir thoroughly, let stand 2 hours, then strain and bottle, and use as a spray for insects."

An Effective Laxative

SOPHIA E. SCHWAB, O.D., optometrist, Colorado, recommends the following laxative from natural foods as wonderfully satisfactory: "¼ pound each of cashew nuts, raisins, cocoanut and senna leaves, and ½ cup honey. Grind dry ingredients through food chopper and mix with the honey. Left in a large ball it keeps fresh a long time. Take a piece the size of a small walnut at night, and reduce as needed. Keep in icebox. Jehovah, the eternal King, supplies us with all good things. The Devil and his hordes begrudge mankind a healthy moment. The day of slaughter is near."

On the War Path in New Hampshire

THE *Truth-Teller* has an interesting and instructive letter from Mrs. Florence M. Dederick, of New Hampshire, known to our readers, in which she tells the story of her battle to prevent the vaccination of her daughter. She fails to see how an unvaccinated child can possibly "expose" an already vaccinated one if vaccination prevents smallpox. Mrs. Dederick acted as her own lawyer. When first in court she waived a hearing and appealed to the Superior Court; that resulted in a delay of five months. When her case was called suddenly, without giving her time to get her witnesses, she asked for a postponement; that gave her three more months. Being then ready for trial, and the State not being ready, she asked for a court order putting her child in school. The court lost his head and indicated prejudgment and bias, so Mrs. Dederick went home, refusing to be tried before him. They sent a deputy sheriff after her and she told him to go away; two more postponements followed, making a year and four months all together, when she received notice that the case had been dropped. Mrs. Dederick's

advice to those who wish to make a vaccination fight is: "First: Tell the local board or their agent, or write them, you are making legal tender of your child, unvaccinated, to the school board. Second: Don't send an unvaccinated child to school. Make them accept the child unvaccinated first, and have it in writing. Have copies of any letters you write and send them registered with request for a return receipt. If it is not done in writing, have witnesses." Mrs. Dederick has probably studied law, and is versatile and courageous. It is a very hard battle for most parents with small means to undertake.

One of the Oldest Readers Dies

THE death is reported of one of the oldest *Golden Age* readers, Captain William J. C. Crandall, Civil War veteran, who died at Fort Sanders Hospital, Tennessee, August 7, at the age of 96. During the early days of the Civil War Captain Crandall walked from central Tennessee into Kentucky to enlist in the Union army. His last renewal for *The Golden Age* was in June, 1935.

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The Associated Press Cowardly and Unfair

THE Associated Press is afraid to tell the truth regarding the flag-saluting incident at Lynn, Massachusetts.

The Associated Press does not want the people to know that the United States has been officially declared to be a Christian nation and that therefore in this country God's law, by express pronouncement of the highest court in the land, is above man's law.

The Associated Press does not want known the act of the United States Senate by which the nation's highest lawmaking body officially consented to flying the flag of the pope above the stars and stripes.

It does not wish the people to know President Roosevelt has agreed to have a representative from the Vatican received here as ambassador and to have this country represented by an ambassador at Vatican City as soon as public opinion can be brought to see such relations to be acceptable to the country's plain people.*

The Associated Press especially fears to mention that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy backs a vast scheme to grab the government of the United States.

The Associated Press has no interest in giving publicity to the speech of a man who has the courage to tell the truth on a subject of vital interest to every school child and every parent in the land.

When Hitler-minded politicians and fanatics in Massachusetts imposed upon that state's teachers an unnecessary requirement which was adverse to public interest and adverse to keeping the United States flag in its proper place in the minds of children and grown-ups of that state and the nation, and when an eight-year-old American boy of good parentage, and himself

an excellent child, refused to be forced to do something contrary to his conscience and not necessary to his education, The Associated Press quickly saw the news value of the incident.

The morning after, it sent all over the United States the story of the boy, the teacher and the flag at Lynn, coupled with information that the boy was a son of one of Jehovah's witnesses.

The Associated Press seized the chance to put Jehovah's witnesses to the test in the eyes of the whole American people. At seven p.m. Tuesday, October 1, it sought a statement from Judge Rutherford, spokesman for Jehovah's witnesses, and president of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.

It desired a verbal statement and was told the statement in writing would be ready the next morning. The next day passed without anybody's calling for the statement. That evening another telephone call was received, and The Associated Press refused to agree to accept the statement unless released from the promise that it must be used exactly as given.

Meantime Judge Rutherford decided to broadcast the statement so that millions on the Atlantic seaboard interested in this important question might have their reasonable and proper desires gratified. The Associated Press asked when the statement could be had and was told it would be ready Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning between eight and ten. No further effort was made by The Associated Press to obtain the statement, word probably having gone out from the higher-ups that it contained too much truth to be made public.

Meantime also the Boston *Herald* insisted on being given the statement for publication. That paper was told the statement would be given out

* See page 43.

immediately after the broadcast, provided the paper would agree to publish it exactly as broadcast. The *Herald* agreed, received the copy of the speech, but published not a word, nor did The Associated Press.

The Golden Age considers it a grand privilege to be able to present in this issue the address, which immediately follows, word for word as broadcast Sunday morning October 6 on a chain of fourteen stations.

Saluting a Flag

[Broadcast over chain Sunday, October 6, 1935, by Judge Rutherford]

RECENTLY much publicity has been given to the case of Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., a school-boy of tender years, who declined to salute the American flag and sing "America". He is the son of one of Jehovah's witnesses. The Associated Press has requested me to express my view of the matter. This I do from the standpoint of a true follower of Christ Jesus. To many persons the saluting of the flag is merely a formalism and has little or no significance. To those who sincerely consider it from the Scriptural standpoint, it means much.

The flag representatively stands for the visible ruling powers. To attempt by law to compel a citizen or child of a citizen to salute any object or thing, or to sing so-called "patriotic songs", is entirely unfair and wrong. Laws are made and enforced to prevent the commission of overt acts that result in injury to another, and are not made for the purpose of compelling a person to violate his conscience, and particularly when that conscience is directed in harmony with Jehovah God's Word.

The refusal to salute the flag, and to stand mute, as this boy did, could injure no one. If one sincerely believes that God's commandment is against the saluting of flags, then to compel that person to salute a flag contrary to the Word of God, and contrary to his conscience, works a great injury to that person. The State has no right by law or otherwise to work injury to the people.

For many centuries Satan the Devil has been the invisible ruler of the nations of the earth. God has suffered or permitted him to so act in order to put a test upon the human race to determine how many will serve God willingly and how many will serve the Devil. For that reason Jehovah God gives this commandment to those who will receive His favor (Exodus 20:3, 5): "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. . . . Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

At the third chapter of Daniel the Divine Record states that in violation of God's law the government of Babylon made a law commanding all persons, when the national hymn was played, to fall down and worship before a certain image and that those who refused would be put to death in a fiery furnace. Three Hebrews who had covenanted to serve Jehovah God refused to obey that commandment and said to the king: 'We have no need to obey you in this matter; and if it be that you cast us into the fire, our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the fiery furnace; and He will deliver us.' The test was on. The three Hebrews were cast into the furnace; and because of their faithfulness God delivered them, and thus put His disapproval upon the emblem-saluting law of Babylon.

The present-day attempt to compel school children and others who believe in and serve Jehovah God to salute any flag or sing any song is exactly in line with the Babylonish law just mentioned. To salute a flag means, in effect, that the person saluting ascribes salvation to what that flag represents, whereas salvation is of Jehovah God. The Hitler government, a stench in the nostrils of all honest people, requires all persons of Germany to give a certain salute and to cry out, "Heil Hitler!" and those who refuse to do so are severely punished. At the present time more than twelve hundred of Jehovah's witnesses are in prison in Germany because of the commission of the 'grave offense' of declining to shout, "Heil Hitler!" They trust in Jehovah God and in Christ Jesus, and not in man.

Jehovah's witnesses are men and women who have fully pledged themselves to obey the commandments of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. They fully comply with the commandment of Jesus, who said: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's." (Luke 20:25) The meaning of that declaration of Jesus is this: Jehovah God is supreme, and His law is above all human

laws. Caesar stands for the state or human law. All laws of the state or government that are not in conflict with God's law should be gladly obeyed by all who are devoted to Jehovah God. When the law of man is in conflict with the law of Jehovah, then the Christian cannot obey that law of man. The apostles of Christ Jesus placed this exact construction upon the words of Jesus. In answer to charges of violating the law of the province or state they said to the high court: "Whether it be right in the sight of God [for us] to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. . . . We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 4:19; 5:29) Jehovah's witnesses take that same stand. They gladly obey every law of the land that is not in conflict with God's law. But when the law of man is in direct conflict with God's law, they cannot and will not comply therewith.

It is written, at Romans 13:1: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers"; and many wrongfully hold that "the higher powers" are the visible rulers of the nations of earth. This scripture is addressed to the followers of Christ Jesus, and to no others, and "the higher powers" are Jehovah God and Christ Jesus, and every true follower of Christ Jesus must obey God in preference to man.

The flag of the United States is not the flag of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. It is the emblem of the power that rules the nation; and no one can truthfully say that God and Christ Jesus rule a government where crime is rampant. Men have organized governments, and Satan the Devil overreaches men and rules them because of their refusal to obey God, and hence the nations of the world are under the control of Satan the Devil, as stated at 1 John 5:19: "We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the Evil one." (*Weymouth*) In proof of this, mark the words of Jesus. That the Devil is the invisible ruler of the world, note this from the Bible: Satan took Jesus up on a high mountain, and, being the god of this world, he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and offered to give them to Jesus upon condition that Jesus would fall down and worship the Devil. Jesus refused and said (Matthew 4:10): "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

In further proof, Jesus, at John 12:31, stated that Satan is the prince or invisible ruler of this world. At John 18:36, He said: "My kingdom is

not of this world." Jesus directed His followers to pray to God saying (Matthew 6:9-12): 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as in heaven.' At 2 Corinthians four it is written that Satan is the god of this world and deceives and blinds the people to the truth.

Jehovah's witnesses are true followers of Christ Jesus and must obey His commandments. To them the Lord says (John 15:19): "Because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." At John 8:23: "I am not of this world." At John 14:21: "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Concerning His followers it is written in the Scriptures (Philippians 3:20): 'For our citizenship is in heaven.' (*Rotherham* translation) At 1 John 5:21: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." At 1 Corinthians 10:14: 'Wherefore, my beloved brethren, flee from idolatry.' This commandment is based upon the commandment at Exodus 20:4, 5.

FATE

Jehovah's witnesses are in a solemn covenant or agreement to obey God and Christ Jesus, and for them to break that covenant means their destruction, as it is written, in Romans 1:31, 32, that "covenant breakers . . . are worthy of death". At Acts 3:23 they are told that every one who does not obey Christ shall be destroyed. When Jesus was about to be put to death the Roman governor pointed to Jesus and said to the Jews, "Behold your King"; and the Jews answered, "We have no king but Caesar." (John 19:14, 15) They were in a covenant to obey God. Their repudiation of their covenant resulted in their destruction. The question to each of Jehovah's witnesses therefore is: "Shall I obey every command of man and die, or shall I obey Jehovah God and live?"

Jehovah's witnesses are not a sect or cult. They are true followers of Christ Jesus. The Bible is their only creed. God has given them a banner or flag, and that is His message of truth, as stated in Psalm 20:5. Jehovah commands His witnesses to "lift up a standard for the people" (Isaiah 62:10), meaning that His witnesses must raise God's standard of truth and point to that as the only salvation of man. Every nation has a different standard; and therefore none of these are God's standard.

The Pilgrim fathers left the oppressive nations in Europe, and landed in New England, because

of their sincere desire to be free to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. It now appears that in Massachusetts, the very cradle of American liberty, an oppressive rule is attempted to be enforced that takes away the liberty of the citizen to worship God as God has commanded that man shall worship. The government or state is wholly inconsistent and unfair in compelling citizens to salute the flag. No one is injured by a man conscientiously serving God as he is commanded by the Lord. Jehovah's witnesses are thoroughly devoted to God and Christ Jesus, and they will obey the laws of God always, and will obey the laws of the state or nation that are not contrary to God's law. No government has a right to compel a man to violate God's law in which he conscientiously and implicitly trusts.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in *Church vs. United States*, 143 U.S. 457, authoritatively ruled that the American government is a Christian nation. If the nation is standing by that ruling of the Supreme Court, then the nation must recognize the law of God as superior to the law of man, and where the two are in conflict the Christian must obey the law of God.

On the ships that ply the sea the Roman Catholic service is held. At that service the flag of the pope is displayed above the flag of the United States. The United States Senate went on record, in February, 1929, as favoring the right of the flag of the pope to be thus displayed, and this appears in the *Congressional Record* No. 47, page 2851. In that instance the senator from Massachusetts took the position that the flag of the pope is the flag of God. I wholly disagree with him in that regard; but giving him credit for believing that the flag of the Catholic church is the flag of God his words are appropriate. He said: "I for one refuse to depart from the time-honored American custom of placing the emblem of God above every other emblem of the world. I will not run down the pennant of God for any other emblem." The Senate, by a vote of 68 to 10, sustained the senator in that position. The United States government is therefore estopped from saying that the flag of the United States should be honored above Jehovah God.

The most important question before the peoples of earth now is, Whom do you choose to serve, Jehovah or Satan the Devil? The crisis is here because the end of the Devil's reign is at hand. Soon Christ Jesus will destroy all of the Devil's organization visible and invisible, and

that includes all who take their stand on the side of the Devil. Each person must choose for himself. There can be no compulsion on either side. As for Jehovah's witnesses, they will serve and obey Jehovah God.

It is a great pity for the people who attend the churches that their clergymen fail to teach them the truth of God's Word. For their neglect the clergymen are doubly responsible. Today the combined church organization celebrates "loyalty day". Do they mean loyalty only to man? If entirely loyal to God they do harm to no one. To compel the saluting of the flag, thereby saying in symbol, "We look to the flag for salvation," is doing great harm to man and reproaching the name of Jehovah God.—Galatians 6:10.

The Baltimore *Evening Sun* editorially expresses the true American sentiment in these words:

"For our part, we glory in Carleton's spunk. Any statute requiring that the flag be saluted by school children is an insult to the Stars and Stripes, and ought to be resented by all patriots. Is our national ensign a swastika flag, to be respected only by forced salutes? Since when has the Star-Spangled Banner so lost the respect of the people over whom it flies that laws are necessary to make them pretend to honor it? What a disgraceful thing it is to assume that the flag would not be saluted if people were not afraid to refuse the tribute of respect! . . . It is supposed to float because its people have raised it of their own free will and uphold it out of preference—not because they fear it, but because they love it. If the time has come when they must be compelled to pay it a formal and forced tribute, then the time has come to haul it down and hoist in its place some red or black banner of dictatorship of force and fear."—Baltimore *Evening Sun* of September 28, 1935.

The Nichols lad has been taught by his parents to serve and obey Jehovah. He has made a wise choice, declaring himself for Jehovah God and His kingdom of righteousness. All who act wisely will do the same thing. The great multitude that serves God is revealed as saying: "Salvation [salutation] to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the [Christ]."—Revelation 7:9, 10.

Real American citizens who love the principles of the Bill of Rights and the fundamental law of the land, who believe in freedom of thought and freedom of speech, and, above all, in the right of man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, will commend the lad, Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., for the bold stand he has taken for Jehovah. It is fool-

ish to attempt to make good citizens by compelling them to act as hypocrites.

For more than 150 years honest Americans have obeyed the law without being compelled to salute the flag. Why the burning zeal to now compel flag-saluting? The reason is this, and once again I warn the American people, that the same power that caused Fascism and Hitlerism to seize governments in Europe is moving to seize control of the American institutions, and the policy of compulsory flag-saluting is but a part in that program to put fear into the minds of the people and compel submission to an arbitrary dictator. One mighty religio-political organization is back of the entire program. That organization is not the honest Catholic population, but it is the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, operating from Rome, in its determina-

tion to rule the whole earth. It has its political ambassadors in almost all countries. On March 8, 1934, a special cable dispatch from Rome to the New York *Sun* states that a definite agreement has been reached by President Roosevelt and the Vatican and that diplomatic relations shall be established between the United States and the "Holy See" as soon as public opinion in America can be brought around to the idea.* Compulsory saluting of the flag is in line with Hitlerism and a part of the studied, diabolical effort to bring the people around to the Roman idea. It is high time that the loyal and faithful American people realized this great peril. True and honest men of America, in which class Jehovah's witnesses are included, do not need shotgun methods or prisons to compel them to do what is right.

* See page 43 for proof at the mouth of two witnesses.

Some of the Telegraphic Responses

MASSACHUSETTS. LYNN. "Thrilled with Jehovah's Word on flag-salute case. Looking forward to distributing this message among the people." Lynn company of Jehovah's witnesses.

MASSACHUSETTS. WORCESTER. "Company of Jehovah's witnesses gathered at Worcester heard clearly every word of your splendid address regarding flag-saluting." Jehovah's witnesses.

MASSACHUSETTS. NEW BEDFORD. "Reception excellent through WNBH. In whole accord with decision rendered." Henry G. Judson, for Jehovah's witnesses.

VIRGINIA. NEWPORT NEWS. "Address on flag salute great. Jehovah bless you." Margaret Bailey.

CONNECTICUT. MILFORD. "Praise Jehovah for such a talk. Came over WICC splendidly. Yours in his service." Bridgeport company.

CONNECTICUT. WATERBURY. "Reception of short address at ten a.m. very good over local station WATR, and much enjoyed." A. V. Meyers.

NEW YORK. PRINCESS BAY. "Thrilled with message and appreciate privilege of lifting high standard." Staten Island publishers.

NEW JERSEY. PATERSON. "Your clear-cut bold statement regarding saluting the flag heartily endorsed." Paterson company of Jehovah's witnesses.

NEW YORK. BAY SHORE. "Your unequivocal Scriptural view saluting flag greatly appreciated. Jehovah bless you. Reception WPG excellent." F. M. Finken.

PENNSYLVANIA. HAZLETON. "Praise God for your ringing, stirring, fearless, inspiring, real-American address received perfectly as we start out in the witnessing work this morning." Hazleton company, thirty-four of Jehovah's witnesses.

PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA. "We glory in the standard of Jehovah, and with you salute it wholeheartedly." Philadelphia company.

RHODE ISLAND. PROVIDENCE. "Special lecture today thrilling. Another thrust of enemy met with great testimony against them." James L. Gardner, for Jehovah's witnesses.

MARYLAND. BALTIMORE. "Despite bad weather, message on flag came in splendidly over WFBR." Baltimore company of Jehovah's witnesses.

VIRGINIA. RICHMOND. "Message thrilling. We stand with you for Jehovah." Richmond company.

Jehovah be praised." M. A. Howlett, for Jehovah's witnesses.

PENNSYLVANIA. READING. "Speech came in perfectly at Reading, Pennsylvania, from WIP.

VIRGINIA. NORFOLK. "Your fearless denunciation of tyranny thrilled assembly." T. J. Sullivan, for Jehovah's witnesses.

Boy Will Not Salute Flag

[Reprint from Boston Post, September 21, 1935]

LYNN CHILD, 8, REFUSES TO JOIN IN
SCHOOL EXERCISES—IS BACKED BY
FATHER ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS

THE refusal of an 8-year-old boy in the third grade of the Breed Elementary School at West Lynn to join his classmates yesterday afternoon in saluting the American flag and singing "America" created a profound problem for the Lynn school authorities, which became further aggravated last night when the lad's father, who called himself one of "Jehovah's witnesses", supported the boy's alleged unpatriotic attitude and defied anyone to make him or his son change their convictions.

The boy is Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., who readily admitted to newspaper reporters last night that he had told Principal William F. Pashby of the Breed School that the reason he didn't salute the flag was because it "was the devil's emblem".

The boy's father, Carleton B. Nichols, Sr., a machinist at the General Electric Company by day and a distributor of pamphlets and preacher of the doctrines of "Jehovah's witnesses", formerly the International Bible Students Association, by night and Sundays, was emphatic in his declaration last night that neither his son nor himself, nor any members of his family, would violate the tenets of his faith by pledging any allegiance to the "Devil's kingdom".

SCHOOL AUTHORITIES AT SEA

Meanwhile Principal Pashby, following a conference with the father yesterday afternoon, at which the boy was present, took the matter under advisement.

He forwarded a report of the incident to the school authorities, who frankly admitted it was the first case of its kind that had come to their attention.

Just what move, if any, is to be made, will depend upon a ruling to be requested from the city solicitor relative to the application of the school and State laws to such incidents.

"The father is obviously sincere in his attitude," Principal Pashby stated last night. "He has very pronounced convictions on the subject. Of course, the school and State laws are very specific in the matter of saluting the flag, and we have a positive duty to perform."

NICHOLS EXPLAINS ATTITUDE

He was not prepared last night to state what action the school authorities will

take after getting a legal ruling from the city solicitor.

Nichols at his home last night, surrounded by his wife, who shares her husband's convictions on the subject, and their three children, of whom Carleton, Jr., is the eldest, explained just why he taught his son not to subscribe to ordinary patriotic standards.

It would be beside the mark to say that this boy would be a credit to Patrick Henry or Thomas Jefferson, but it would be the truth.

It is beside the mark to say that he is a credit to his parents, whose training is so manifest in his conduct. That also is true.

What must be said is that he has given a splendid witness to Jehovah God and to Christ Jesus, the Father's choice as earth's King.

The Boston Post is on the editorial desk of every great newspaper in the world, and it is respected, too, for its courage.

The report here presented is a credit to honest journalism, and a fair statement of the position of Jehovah's witnesses, whose devotion to Almighty God this child of tender years so well represents.

Jesus lost no time getting about His Father's business; there were plenty of Roman youths to worship the Roman flag; He had other work to do. Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., has taken his stand as Jesus did, and has done it in a difficult place. "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise."

What an example to some grown-ups! Later reports say Carleton was expelled by the school board October 8.

The United States Constitution estops these Nazi-minded "officials" from their persecution of this high-principled boy.

"My children are Christian children," he stated. "They are taught at home to be obedient, kind and meek. They are taught that the law of God is the highest authority governing man, and they are also taught to obey every law as long as it does not conflict with God's law."

"THE DEVIL'S KINGDOM"

He declared that the law compelling salute to the flag or the singing of "America" conflicted with God's law because they pledged an individual's allegiance to the Devil's kingdom.

"The Scriptures prove the truth of my assertion that this world, this country, the entire worldly kingdom, is not possessed by any government or any country, but by the Devil. Doesn't it say in the Scriptures that Satan took Christ up into a high mountain and showed Him the entire world and said that if Christ would kneel down and adore him, the Devil, he would give Him the entire kingdom known as the world? Didn't God then show that this world was the Devil's kingdom? Why then should I, or my son, pledge allegiance to the Devil's kingdom?"

HAVE HAD HARD STRUGGLE

Nichols also pointed out that Christians pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Thy kingdom come," which he asserted proved that this kingdom on earth was not God's kingdom, as His kingdom was to come.

Nichols said he was born in Maine, as were his parents, grandparents and generations before him back to the Micmac Indians of the same State.

"I guess when it comes to nationality I'm as much an American as I possibly can be."

He said he was working as a machinist at the General Electric Company but suffered with his family for 19 months in the depression. His wife, who said she was a native of New Hampshire, chimed in with the statement that when her youngest child, now about a year and one-half old, was about to be born, they were ejected from a tenement because they couldn't pay rent.

"The child has suffered from sugar diabetes ever since her birth," the mother declared, and blamed it on the harsh treatment experienced by herself and family.

HAVE BEEN ON WELFARE ROLLS

"Yes, and I worked at everything from peddling vegetables from house to house to clean-

ing out cesspools," Nichols stated. "I didn't make enough money to keep a bird alive."

He then admitted that for a long while he was on the city of Lynn welfare rolls.

Mrs. Nichols recalled that all they obtained was \$4 per week. "That didn't keep us in food," she averred.

They are getting along better, as Nichols' work as a machinist is now fairly steady.

Nichols declared that he was not an opponent of the government or of law. "True, they are imperfect, because man is imperfect," he said. "I agree that they do the best they can."

NOT FIRST CASE, NICHOLS CLAIMS

He said he was opposed to war. "Why should I kill someone I never saw before?" he asked. He further averred that if a foreign nation invaded this country and the enemy came to his very door he would protect his family with all his strength, but if overcome, would leave the rest in "God's hands".

"Of course I would lock my door, and I would stand there to use all the strength I was capable of to protect my wife and daughters, but if I were overcome and they got past me, the rest would be up to God. I would never kill a man to prevent him violating my house."

Although school officials contended the refusal of the Nichols boy to salute the flag was the first case on record, Nichols and his wife declared that a pupil of the Lynn Classical High School refused to lead the salute at last year's graduation exercises and was not forced to do so. They also claim to know of other cases of this kind.

NO DOUBT OF THEIR SINCERITY

The Nichols boy, as far as teachers and principal knew, saluted the flag while in the first and second grades of school, and yesterday was the first time he refused.

Miss Yvonne Brooks, the child's teacher, after trying to prevail on the child, took him to Principal Pashby, who requested the father's presence at the school.

The principal said that the father condoned his boy's attitude and quoted the Scriptures at length to prove the validity of his stand.

Principal Pashby also quoted the Scriptures and referred to the passage, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God

the things that are God's," without any impression on the representative of "Jehovah's witness".

Miss Brooks, daughter of a former Lynn

minister, said last night that young Nichols is one of her best pupils. She said that she did not doubt the sincerity of the pupil or his family in their scruples.

Can America Be Saved?

(From *The Fellowship Forum*)

LITTLE does the public seem to realize the gravity of our national peril. Whether the Republic shall survive or perish turns on the ability of Franklin D. Roosevelt to inflict himself on us another four years. With ten billion dollars in his hands for that purpose and with the opposition bewildered and disorganized, he may re-elect himself. If he does, the nation is doomed.

It were suicidal to deceive ourselves. He is clearly determined to wreck the United States. He intends to blot out the States and saddle on us a Fascist dictatorship at Washington. He has demonstrated his contempt for the Constitution. He is daily piling up new proofs. He will openly denounce and reject it as soon as he feels that he dares. Re-election would bring the opportunity that he awaits.

Only outwardly did he accept the recent Supreme Court decisions. Any other course now would foreclose the possibility of his re-election. It was to test the mind of the nation that he railed against the court when its opinions were rendered. Had the reaction been in his favor, he would have settled the question then and there. But he found the people loyal to the Constitution.

In spite of his ostensible submission, he now treats the Constitution with increased disdain. He is whipping through Congress revolutionary statutes which he must know are unconstitutional. His whole batch of "must" bills are of that type. They are rushed through without debate and without a roll-call vote to place members on record.

He has pursued no policy clearly in accord with the Constitution. He proceeds on the theory that America is a gigantic failure and the Constitution a fatal handicap. With Hitler and Mussolini he assumes that government by the people has definitely failed. Its theory is that we have groped in the dark till Roosevelt and Farley and Johnson and Wallace and Tugwell

now come with divine mandate to rescue us and take away the liberties that beguiled us.

Every major act whipped through Congress bristles with that theory. It underlies the terrorism of Johnson and Wallace and other tyrants. It is back of the frightful squandering. It is voiced at least by innuendo in all the official propaganda. It laughs at the ideals of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson and John Marshall and Daniel Webster and Abraham Lincoln and the other beacon lights of the Republic.

We face the question whether that theory shall triumph. The question will be definitely settled in the next general election. In the last 100 years only three presidents have served two full terms. All forfeited in the second term the popularity which characterized them in the first. If re-elected next year, Franklin D. Roosevelt would repeat that record with emphasis.

Expediency required by his candidacy now imposes restraints from which he would then be free. Contempt of the Constitution must be now veiled. But it would boldly assert itself then. Open violation of the law defined by the Supreme Court now would be fatal at the ballot box. But he would then be beyond the reach of the voters. What he dare not do now, he could do with impunity then.

The lust for irresponsible power is even now persistent and startling. Never before did executive usurpation require judicial restraint so constant and vigorous. Under protest does the president outwardly yield to that restraint while pushing new usurpations.

What he so obviously seeks to do now, he would do with audacity after his re-election. His wish to reign as a dictator would then be gratified. He could defy both ballots and courts. Both would cease to function or be subordinated to the will of the dictator. The pending election will decide whether the Republic shall survive or perish. Let all good citizens gird for the momentous decision.

March 8, 1934

THE NEW YORK SUN, THURSDAY

U. S. Conferring With Vatican

Roosevelt Said to Favor Establishment of Diplomatic Relations.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.
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ROME, March 8.—A definite agreement has been reached by President Roosevelt and the Vatican that diplomatic relations shall be established between the United States and the Holy See as soon as public opinion in America can be brought around to the idea, it was learned here today.

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Matters have not yet reached the point where the choice of an American ambassador or minister to be appointed to the Holy See has been made, but if a career diplomat is chosen he may be the Chicagoan, Alexander C. Kirk, who is counselor of the American Embassy here. Mr. Kirk flatly denies that any understanding exists and has repeatedly urged that silence be preserved on the subject of the relations between Washington and the Holy See, but he is known to be deeply interested in the possibility.

Began Before Election.

Private, unofficial discussions between Mr. Roosevelt and the Vatican began before the former was elected President and have continued intermittently since. Before the election one of his friends and advisers confidentially assured the Vatican that he would recognize the Holy See if he were elected. This step is thought to have caused the Holy See to regard Mr. Roosevelt's candidacy with great interest.

The present general plan of action was agreed upon by Postmaster-General James A. Farley and Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, when Mr. Farley was here last December and conferred with both Pope Pius XI and Cardinal Pacelli, although Mr. Farley, the Vatican and the American Embassy here denied this then and continue to do so.

It was agreed at that time that a cautious campaign should be undertaken to win American public opinion to the idea. It is hoped by means of this strategy gradually to encourage the growth of the idea in America that the establishment of relations is both natural and desirable so that President Roosevelt would be able to give

the impression in acting that he was doing so in response to popular demand.

Trial Balloon Sent Up.

The first step in this campaign was the publication on January 10 of a long article in the Vatican organ, *Osservatore Romano* in which the subject of American relations with the Vatican was discussed. The astute author of the article made no direct bid for recognition, but confined himself to describing the history of these relations in such a way as to emphasize the view that the relations—which existed until the capture of Rome by the Italians in 1870—were favorably regarded by American public opinion of all beliefs at that time and were broken off not because of any issues between Washington and Rome or of disagreement among the Americans themselves but over other irrelevant questions of American domestic politics.

The fate of this first trial balloon was carefully watched by the Administration and seems to have convinced President Roosevelt that further steps may be safely taken.

In this connection the Vatican's tolerance of the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin of Royal Oak, Mich., "radio priest" and defender of the New Deal, may be significant. It is true that technically the Rev. Mr. Coughlin's participation in politics may be described as a local affair within the competence of the bishop of Detroit. Nevertheless, if the Vatican found Father Coughlin's viewpoint repugnant there is no doubt that he would be silenced.

President Roosevelt's plan is being developed with all the more caution because of the passions aroused during the campaign of Alfred E. Smith.

Following Cautious Course.

An additional reason for both sides making haste slowly is the magnitude of the President's responsibilities on other and more urgent issues, chiefly economic. Also, his bold business policies, which have led opponents to speak of "rebellion" against the established order and his advocacy of prohibition repeal, which led the militant drys to speak of "rum,"

dictate caution in dealing with the third element of a triad which once caused one of the greatest upheavals in American party politics.

For all of these and other reasons the new plan for exchanging diplomatic representatives has been and will be pursued with the greatest possible caution. The Vatican never makes haste and may well decide that it is better to wait indefinitely than to risk failure.

The Pope himself feels so strongly about premature publication of Vatican news that he has been known to change and even abandon plans solely because they were discovered and printed by newspapers before he considered the occasion appropriate.

One of the considerations pertinent to the question of establishing relations with the Vatican is the theory held in some quarters of the Vatican that such relations legally exist, because they have never been formally terminated since the last American minister, Rufus King, left Rome. Certain church lawyers assert that, while the post of minister has not been filled for sixty-four years, the post as such exists, just as often occurs for shorter times in other diplomatic posts.

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DISCUSS ENVOY AT VATICAN

Report Move to Establish Diplomatic Relations With U. S.

BY WALLACE R. DEUEL
(Special Cable to The Bulletin)

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“And Let Us Be Silent There”

“Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there; for [Jehovah] our God hath put us to silence, and given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against [Jehovah].”—Jeremiah 8:14.

IN THE foregoing text the prophet gives advance notice of present-day efforts to prevent a spread of the truth by silence on the part of those whose duty it is to speak.

The prophet Isaiah puts the matter with equal pungency when he says, “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of [Jehovah], and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake . . . the earth.”

Elsewhere in this issue there is presented in full the address of Judge Rutherford broadcast, in person, Sunday, October 6, 1935, 10 to 10:15 a.m. on “Saluting a Flag”. By request of The Associated Press he gave that statement.

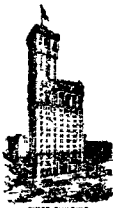
This broadcast was widely advertised throughout the original “thirteen colonies”. The fourteen stations of the special chain used are listed below.

There is now presented for the delectation of the readers of *The Golden Age* a copy of a letter written by Walter H. Gates and a facsimile of the reply for the *New York Times* signed by H. A. Littledale of the New York office.

It will be readily apparent to the readers of *The Golden Age* that the slogan of the *New York Times*, instead of being “All the News That’s Fit to Print”, should be changed to read, “All the news that the *New York Times* sees fit to print.”

As for Mr. Littledale, he was either unintentionally or deliberately misinformed when he wrote his letter, or else the big headline in the middle of page 51 of this issue is 7 pages out of the way. How could an organization like the *New York Times* fail to find that

the speech of Judge Rutherford went out on the chain of stations listed below? Ask the *Times*.




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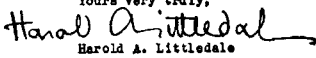
October 8, 1935

Mr. Walter H. Gates
111 Teaneck Road
Ridgefield Park, N. J.


Dear Mr. Gates:

Thank you for your letter of October 7th complaining of our omission of a broadcast speech by John F. Rutherford between 10 and 10:15 A.M. Sunday, over a chain of stations sponsored by the Associated Press and for which several programs made way.

We are informed that the broadcast was not at the hour you state; was not over a chain of radio stations; was not sponsored by the Associated Press and that other programs did not give way to it. It is a customary feature of WJCA and is an electrical transcription which means that it is broadcast from a phonograph record. Thus, you will see, it scarcely qualified under the classification of news.

Yours very truly,

 Harold A. Littledale

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WBBR New York
WNEW New York
WFEA Manchester
WNAC Boston
WMEX Boston

WMAS Springfield
WORC Worcester
WNBH New Bedford
WICC Bridgeport

WATR Waterbury
WIP Philadelphia
WPG Atlantic City
WFBR Baltimore
WTAR Norfolk

111 Teaneck Road
Ridgefield Park, N. J.
October 7th, 1935

The New York Times
New York, N. Y.

Attention: The Editor

Gentlemen:

I understand that from 10:00 o'clock to 10:15 a.m. yesterday, over a chain of the big Radio Stations, a speech was made by John F. Rutherford, President of the Watch Tower Bible Society. I did not hear of the matter until late yesterday afternoon, therefore I missed the broadcast. However, since the speech was made at the request of the Associated Press and several prominent programs gave their time to make way for the special item referred to, I naturally expected to find the text of the speech in this morning's "Times".

I have searched this morning's edition and failed to find any mention whatsoever, which very much surprises me as I have always felt the New York Times, an outstanding paper is giving all the important news, and giving it in true detail. Considering the nature of the Broadcast, its Biblical references, its sponsors, and the special arrangements necessary for putting it on the air, I cannot understand why you have not printed the speech.

With reluctance I want to believe that The New York Times has any biased views; but rather leads American Journalism in the matter of serving the people as a newspaper exercising its constitutional rights, printing all sides of any question, so that people may be able to form their own opinions in a fair way.

Therefore, since you apparently have omitted the item in question, may I ask you your reason in doing so? Your answer either through the columns of your paper or by mail (stamped envelope enclosed) will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Walter H. Gates

Repercussions of the Lynn Case

THE Lynn flag-saluting case continues to attract attention. For refusing to salute the flag eight-year-old Carleton Nichols was expelled from school despite various Massachusetts laws which stipulate, among other things, "Every child between 7 and 14 shall attend a public school. The School Committee shall enforce attendance. No child shall be excluded on account of race, color or religion." Other Massachusetts children have taken a stand similar to that by Carleton. They will not be coerced. Here and there is an American editor who sees the issue plainly. Such a one is the editor of the Buffalo *Courier-Express*, which, under the caption "Pashbyism at Lynn", had the following:

"In his own little sphere as a public school principal in Lynn, Mass., William A. Pashby* seems determined that Pashbyism shall be over all just as Hitlerism is over all in Germany, religion included. It is a pity that the American flag has been subjected to such abuses as Pashby, a World War veteran, has put it. Instead of serving as an instrument whereby to defend religion, the American flag should continue to be known as the standard whereunder religion can

* Pashby is a Roman Catholic "educated" in a Catholic school.

be pursued as one's conscience dictates. . . . No robot has yet been invented to determine when we poor weak mortals are moved by high principles or merely by stubborn desire to have our own way. Perhaps none can be. So one will have to do his own guessing as to what underlies Pashbyism. If we must make fools of ourselves every now and then by trying to sustain a position which we ought never to have created, at least we ought not to try to cover up under the flag."

Pashby-like Nazi Troopers Fight the Babies

BRAVE Nazi troopers in Berlin have risen to the point where they are now sufficiently courageous to fight the babies. Five hundred Jewish children, between the ages of 6 and 14, were told by the social welfare workers that they might not henceforth have their turn at playing in the sunshine, because they are not Aryans.

D.A.R. Still Making Automatons

THE Daughters of the American Revolution do not like Americans, but they do revel in automatons. It is their thought that if everybody on this side of the ocean can be compelled to go through certain forms and genuflections, then everything will be all right, no matter what is in their heads and hearts. Hitler has the same idea; so has Mussolini; so has Stalin; so has the pope. If there is ever held a parade of all the forces that are opposed to that for which the United States government was founded, they should put Ambrose, Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin in the front automobile and a good wagonload of the Daughters of the American Revolution in the second one. Force in education, force in everything, seems to be about the only idea they have. The D.A.R., with infinite stupidity, is now urging a Teachers' Oath Bill in every state, and this from teachers that are as old as most of the D.A.R. ladies themselves, and that is saying a great deal.

One More Star in Roosevelt's Crown

PUT one more star in President Roosevelt's Roman Catholic crown. Victor Ridder, Roman Catholic, New York publisher, was appointed to succeed General Hugh S. Johnson as Works Progress Administrator for New York City. This means that Catholic out-of-works will eat in New York city this winter, whether non-Catholics do or not. *The Catholic News* says gleefully of Mr. Ridder that he "takes over the most important regional post in the WPA, involving the expenditure of millions of dollars".

Jefferson, Hamilton, or Ratti?

Protests Against Dictatorship

FORMER Senator James A. Reed stated in a recent speech that the national administration in the United States had subjected "almost the entire business of the country to a dictatorship more obnoxious than that of the monsters who control the enslaved peoples of many European countries". He said, further, "The present administration, having abandoned the precepts of the Democratic platform and the solemn commands of the Constitution, is drifting upon a sea of Bolshevism, Socialism and Red Internationalism. The major portions of its acts are rendering real recovery impossible."

Professor Gustave Cassels, in the *Svenska Dagbladet*, Stockholm, said, "A dictatorship has no right to exist if it is unable to contribute to the reconstruction of world economy. But dictatorships have not done so. Instead they have introduced economic experiments strikingly reminiscent of quack doctors' methods. Developments have been almost identical in Germany, the United States and Russia."

The Revolution at Washington

REFERRING to the revolution now under way at Washington, which revolution received a setback by the decision of the United States Supreme Court against the NRA, the Titusville (Pa.) *Herald* says:

"There is absolutely no question that Mr. Roosevelt and his followers, including the Brain Trust, are fixed upon the course of changing the form of our government, and we must make up our minds without very much delay if we are going to permit it. We must watch every action at Washington. The effort is subtle and well concealed and the trick may be turned almost before we know it. The question every person in this country must answer is: Are we ready to surrender the liberties that have made this country, with all its faults, the greatest nation the world has ever produced? There is no avoiding the issue. It must be met sooner or later."

When the NRA Went Overboard

WHEN the NRA went overboard, the next morning after the Supreme Court decision several concerns were ready with announcements of longer hours and less wages for their employees. Within a week forty-three different kinds of business had thrown the NRA to the dogs and were at it again, cutting wages and lengthening hours as in the 'happy days' before NRA ever disturbed their happiness.

Who Runs the United States?

HUEY LONG, who was regarded by Clarence Darrow as one of America's most valuable men, charged that James A. Farley directly interfered with the course of justice in Tennessee, causing the removal of a United States attorney who was about to indict the Davis gang of Nashville for hundreds of forgeries and other similar crimes, and replacing him with another man sent down from the department of justice at Washington to put the kibosh on the proceedings. Huey spoke feelingly of President Roosevelt. He said: "The only difference between Roosevelt and Hoover is that Hoover didn't do anything, while Roosevelt didn't do anything but gave you a song and dance while not doing it."

Bar Tired of Washington Mix-up

THE American Bar Association is tired of the mix-up at Washington, where, in so many of the Commissions, the legislative and judicial departments have been almost completely absorbed by the executive. Its committee on commercial law and bankruptcy says in its report to the Association as a whole:

"The present situation cannot be right and cannot be justified. We should not have some seventy-three midget courts in Washington, most of them exercising legislative and executive as well as judicial powers. A man should not be judge in his own case, and the combination of prosecutor and judge in these bureaucratic tribunals must be relentlessly exposed and combated."

Out to Preserve the Constitution

A SECRET national political organization, composed of Jeffersonian Democrats and staunch Republicans, called the American Nationalists, Inc., is said to be responsible for the recent Rhode Island congressional election, regarded as a test vote on the Roosevelt policies. It has but one purpose: protection of the United States Constitution and American policies and ideals against anything un-American.

The People Will Never Do It Willingly

JAMES T. WILLIAMS, Jr., writing in the *Chicago American*, says:

"No thinking American taking the trouble to inform himself concerning the personnel or performance of the present Congress will ever vote to scrap the Constitution, junk the Supreme Court and give to this or any other Congress despotic power over the life and liberty of every man, woman and child under the flag."

The \$4,880,000,000 Relief Resolution

SENATOR SCHALL, of Minnesota, referring to the \$4,880,000,000 relief resolution, said on the floor of the United States Senate:

" 'I have not read the bill,' smilingly said our president of the \$5,000,000,000 relief resolution. Either he knows or he does not. If he does not, it seems passing strange that all of these things could happen so in sequence and in perfect order, with such definite and purposeful ends, without a master brain and hand behind them. The courageous senator from Michigan (Mr. Couzens) has already called the turn in his declaration that whoever wrote this resolution should be hanged. But whoever inspired it, whoever wrote it or whoever condones it, it is a stealthy cunning circumvention of the Constitution. It is the culmination of a treasonous plot. It explains the planned emergencies and forced chaos that has tied hand and foot and gagged a docile, trusting, obedient, law-abiding, bewildered people. If this relief measure passes the Senate, as requested by the president, it would be the final step in delivering us into a worse condition of servitude than our forefathers crossed the ocean and built this nation to escape."

Achievements of the Foreign Legion

SENATOR SCHALL, of Minnesota, told the United States Senate something of the achievements of the 37,000 foreign agents that are in America trying to run the country. He gave them large credit for bringing about shipments of coal from England, potatoes from Ireland, iron ingots from India, and glass and lace from Belgium. He thought it quite remarkable that the meat for the CCC camps was purchased from Argentina, which camps are now costing more than the standing army. He was amazed at the success of these agents in bringing in cotton from the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, gunny cloth from India, copper from Canada and Africa, milk and cream from Canada, canned tomatoes from Italy, green peas from Mexico, and hides and cheese from Australia. He marveled that the United States cannot pay \$400,000,000 bonus due the soldiers, but can cheerfully pay out of the treasury the annual interest, \$750,000,000, which the allies agreed to pay on their debts, but which with the exception of Finland they have agreed not to pay. Concerning France Mr. Schall said: "One billion three hundred million dollars was loaned to France after the armistice. Yet they tell us, 'We cannot pay you a cent.' Although France has loaned something like \$17,000,000,000 since the war to other nations, yet she cannot pay the United States

one penny." Mr. Schall paid his respects to the financial acumen of the foreign legion in the following interesting passage:

"Any political convention that has a chance to elect a president attracts the foreign eye. I was told that at the 1920 convention there was enough foreign money present to pay off the German indemnity. Since the war foreign countries have taken an extraordinary interest in the nominations of our presidents in both Democratic and Republican parties. Our present president up to the time that he took the governor's chair in New York was a member of the board of directors of the International Bankers Association; and speaking of the governorship of New York, there was \$80,000,000 in the state treasury when he came in, and when he left there was a deficit of \$90,000,000. He is some spender. I heard two Negroes quarreling in that convention of 1920. One of them had received \$3,000 and the other one only \$2,500, and the fellow who got \$2,500 was sore." (Laughter.)

Why, Senator Schall!

SENATOR SCHALL, of Minnesota, must have been on his ear or on his dignity or on something when he said in the United States Senate:

"Never before in the history of this nation has our government stooped to such lying and deceit as we have witnessed in Washington during the past two years. Fully 99 percent of all the statements issued by these Government press agencies are falsehoods. They are designed to deceive the people and make them believe their government is trying to help them, when just the opposite is the purpose of this maladministration of our affairs. Every day a dozen or more of these untrue statements are handed to the press and radio, printed, and broadcast as truth. Not even under the Soviet rule in Russia are so many barefaced untruths given out as Government facts. Our government has resolved itself into a propaganda bureau for disseminating falsehoods to its citizens."

Mr. Schall gave numerous examples to prove the truth of these remarkable statements.

Powers of the Food Dictator

THE new AAA bill gives the American food dictator power to restrict the production of corn, wheat, hogs, cattle and cotton; he can levy a processing tax on the handlers and pay that tax to the farmers; he has the power to regulate milk, tobacco, naval stores, nuts, fresh fruits and vegetables and fix the prices growers are to receive; he may fix the trade practices in the barter and sale of these commodities; he is empowered to seize the books, records, documents and correspondence of all such food handlers.

The Death of Capitalism Impends

DR. SETH C. MAKER, of California, sometimes known as "The Philistine", was asked the question: "When the machine age is more fully developed, and science has contributed a fuller share to make a finished world, what will society do to take care of the myriads no longer needed in the field of production?" To this Dr. Maker replied, and his answer will be of interest even to those who know that the only possible remedy is in Jehovah's kingdom:

"The condition described in this question is not a contingency of the future, but is already here, and the problem awaits solution. The myriads no longer needed in the field of production are with us on every hand, and as time passes the increased efficiency of the machine will add to this vast army of the unemployed. Until new occupations are devised, or until human genius finds a method of expression for idle but willing hands, the maintenance of those now out of work will become the responsibility of government. The transitional period through which we are now passing is not highly encouraging, and what the future holds is anything but certain. A hundred plans have been formulated to meet present demands and save the capitalist system, but organization and unity of purpose are both lacking. Some of these plans are of sufficient merit to temporarily cure our economic ills, but each, without exception, necessarily embodies the socialization of one or more established institutions. Therefore they are being strenuously opposed, not only by those who believe their private interests would be in jeopardy, but by the so-called representatives of the people who find inspiration only in the almighty dollar. It is contended, for instance, that the socializing of the money system for the public good will lead to the socializing of industry; which is not necessarily true. While the people are jostling and milling, highly paid social philosophers would have them believe that the hit-or-miss plan of rugged individualism is preferable to any that would guarantee the social security of the mass. These philosophers refer to Douglas, Townsend, Long, Coughlin and Sinclair as demagogues and dreamers, and any man who dares to speak for the common cause is reviled and ridiculed for asserting that the masses have any rights that individualists are bound to respect. . . . In all of this medley of sound, however, it is impossible to hide the obvious faults of the present system. We know that the people are confronted by many evils that have grown out of unrestrained individualism. Special privilege is in evidence everywhere. Democracy is slowly but surely disappearing, and social progress is blocked at every turn by an organized and all-powerful minority. Majority rule exists in name only. Already an amendment to the Constitution has been proposed, which, if passed, will put the people of the United States under

an absolute dictator. All of this may be regarded as a penalty for widespread inertia and lack of vigilance. Liberty is diminishing as the years go by, because the people are not zealous of their political rights, and are indolently neglectful of the responsibility which every citizen must assume if this nation is not to be dominated by Communism or Fascism. . . . Therefore what happens in the future will depend on the alertness, the judgment, and the determination of the people. What they want they can have if they will only organize and demand it."

The Old Idea Was to Have a War

A SUBSCRIBER sends five clippings from Spokane papers showing how unwelcome surplus labor is in that city at this time and says: "Spokane, Wash., draws from the largest mining and lumbering industry in the Northwest. When times were good and pay checks large, the lumberjacks and miners were greeted in Spokane with open arms, and catered to till their money was gone, but, of course, they could always go back to the job and earn plenty more to spend. Now these same men, with no money, no home, and a job a thing of the past, are not wanted, as the clippings show. But when a Big Business man goes under, one would be led to believe from the holler that he was the only one who had lost anything." Up until recently the only prescription Big Business had for a surplus of labor was to have a war and kill them off, but labor is not taking so kindly now as it did at one time to the idea of being killed, and some are even mean enough to hint that in the next war the workers should stay at home and let the Big Bankers and Big Politicians and Big Preachers go to the front. It upsets everything to have workers talking and thinking like that.

The Progress in One Year

IN THE month of May, 1934, the total number of unemployed workers in the United States was 9,201,000; but a year later, as a result of the great efforts of the "brain trust", and the Congress that ignored the greatest petition ever presented to it, the number was 9,711,000. The *Electrical Workers Journal*, in an editorial too long to reproduce, insists that when the subject is carefully analyzed the number of unemployed cannot be far short of 30,000,000. It makes seven classifications of the unemployed: four classes have jobs but are sick, laid off, voluntarily idle or on vacation, while three classes are without jobs and either sick or looking for work or voluntarily idle.

Satan's Organization

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

SATAN, the Devil, has an organization of which he is the prince or chief. It is made up of a host of wicked angels which control the nations of the earth and draw into it all wicked men. The commercial, political and religious organizations on earth form a part of Satan's organization because they are dominated by that wicked one.—1 John 5:19.

How did Satan get an organization? Originally his name was Lucifer. He was then in harmony with God and God made him overlord of mankind. Lucifer rebelled against God and formed an organization of his own into which he drew many angels and almost all of the human race. From then till now he is designated in the Scriptures as Satan, Serpent, Dragon, and Devil. He challenged God to put men on earth who would remain true and faithful to God and righteousness. God has given Satan full opportunity to prove his wicked challenge, and for that reason God has not interfered with his wicked rule of the world until the time comes for the destruction of the same. That time is now at hand.

The organization of Satan is symbolized by a wicked woman, and "the seed of Satan" means those that become a part of his organization after it was first formed. At the time God sentenced man to death at Eden He said that He would put enmity between the Devil (pictured by the Serpent) and God's woman or organization, and that the seed of God's woman or organization would bruise the head of Satan's seed. (Genesis 3:15) This symbolic language is a prophecy foretelling God's purpose to destroy all those who follow in the lead of Satan.

True to the prophecy of Jehovah there has always been enmity between God's organization and Satan's organization. Every man who has taken his stand on the side of God and tried to do right has been persecuted by Satan and his agents. At Babylon Satan set up a religious system as a part of his organization. From then till now the earthly part of Satan's organization has been made up of religion, politics and commerce. Men have formed these visible organizations, and the wily foe Satan has overreached them, blinded men to the truth, and turned them away from God. Satan has used the religious

organizations as his chief instrument for the persecution of those who do right. Religion is his best means by which to deceive and entrap the people.

Satan and his seed persecuted Jesus when He was on earth, and in doing so Satan used the religionists to harass Jesus and to bring about His crucifixion. Likewise Satan uses men of his organization to persecute today those who are witnesses for Jehovah. The Bible contains an abundance of proof as to the manner of developing the seed of Satan and how it is used to bring sorrow upon mankind. The three books *Vindication* show you where to find the truth in the Bible and how all these texts harmonize and explain the present conditions in the earth.

A host of wicked angels that form a part of Satan's organization is employed to deceive men and cause them to commit crimes of the most atrocious kind. Those wicked angels impersonate men who have died, and by this means millions are deceived into believing that their beloved dead are still alive. Now the time has come when God by His Chief Executive Officer, His 'seed of promise', will bring about the complete destruction of Satan and his seed. That is absolutely necessary in order for peace and happiness to come to the children of men. Satan and his agents now are putting forth every possible effort to prevent the people from learning the truth, which truth is so essential for the welfare of men. By all means, and regardless of all opposition, you should now learn the truth of God's Word concerning these mighty organizations, because it is only the truth that shall open to you the way of freedom and life.

There are millions of persons now on the earth who are under the domination of Satan's oppressive organization and who would like to get out from under it. They have been kept there by reason of an ignorance of the truth. Jehovah God has provided a way of escape for such, if they will learn and obey His will. All men of good will who desire now to get out from under the wicked organization of Satan are commanded to flee to the kingdom of God under Christ and thereby find a place of refuge from the great tribulation that shall shortly come upon the world. The way of escape is to believe on

Christ as the Savior of man and then prove your belief by taking your stand on the side of God and His kingdom. Thus a man identifies him-

self with God's organization and places himself under it; and to such alone does Jehovah furnish protection and blessing.

[The foregoing talk is one of a series of thirty-six published by arrangement with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., who are the distributors of these talks in the form of phonograph records. These talks have met with much appreciation as a

means of refreshing the mind on important truths and of calling these truths to the attention of others. Inquiries regarding the records should be addressed to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, not to the office of *The Golden Age*.]

Sound Car Witnessings near Washington

ONE of the sound cars operating out of Washington (D.C.) headquarters reports: "At Marshall, Va., permission was asked of the chief of guards if we could witness to the prisoners. After explaining the work the chief released fifty prisoners from ball and chain, formed them in a square, and covered them with high-powered rifles, and a program suitable for the occasion was put on. The prisoners seemed happy and the guard enjoyed it enthusiastically. It was a touching scene when the record was played which explained how Jehovah will break the bands off all prisoners. In a suburb of Baltimore, Md., a record was put on, when a woman, a preacher's wife, came out screaming, threw a fit, wanted the lecture stopped, went back into the house and phoned for the police. When the officer arrived there were fourteen white and colored standing around the car, with some sitting on the curb, listening to the lecture. The officer said he was sent from the station on a complaint from a woman who said there were enough ministers in the neighborhood to take care of the people's salvation. He was asked if it would be right to deny the fourteen the privilege of listening (some of whom had already

made contributions to the cause) because one person objected, and that, not because the noise distressed her, but because the message of the Kingdom was being preached. The officer said, 'It sounds good to me,' but on his suggestion the car was moved a little

way farther down the road. At one point an excursion train with 300 persons on board was waiting at a siding. The horns were turned toward the train and 'America's End' was run. During the lecture many put their heads out of the windows to listen. At York, Pa., a lad came running up, wondering that the note he had sent to Brooklyn the day previous had such an immediate answer: it seems he had sent in asking that the car come to York. He was reminded of the promise, 'Before they call I will answer.' At Frederick, Md., the Watch Tower quartette was put on, suitable announcement was made,

and within twenty minutes a carload of Jonadabs came driving up, accompanied by friends. At Hagerstown, Md., a very enterprising dominie had been busy broadcasting, advising the people to buy the books being distributed by Jehovah's witnesses, and then burn them. The car was parked across the street from this



man's house, a quartette record was put on, and he came out on the front porch with his family to enjoy the serenade. Then some stirring records were put on, and at the conclusion the announcement was made that Jehovah's witnesses were in town calling on all the people with the books and booklets which had been so widely advertised over the radio by the dominie. As a result, 6 books and 305 booklets were placed in the neighborhood."

Use Found for Cross-and-Crown Pins

JEHOVAH'S witnesses at Lakewood, N. J., nearly all broke, wanted a sound truck, to sound forth the praises of Jehovah's name. The equipment desired would cost them \$175. They brought all their cross-and-crown pins, five sets of artificial teeth with gold in them, old silver watches and spoons, etc., and as a result of care-

ful search for everything of gold or silver that any of the witnesses possessed, they now have the sound car and are having the happiest times of their lives.

Questions from Leicester, England

FIRST: "Will you please say in *The Golden Age* if we are correct in saying cremation is unscriptural?" For the answer see 1 Kings 13:2; 2 Kings 23:16; 2 Chronicles 34:5.

Second: "Also if Benjamin Donath's new translation of the Bible is reliable?" Not in use in the *Golden Age* office; reported as rather too free, being somewhat of a commentary as well as a translation. Thus he renders a portion of Exodus 20:5 as follows: "God considers the sins of the fathers as a mitigating circumstance in the conduct of the children."

The Prize Liar Located

THE prize liar has been located; he is a preacher or priest at Iowa Falls, Iowa. On August 16, 1935, the Mason City (Iowa) *Globe-Gazette* carried the following infamous falsehood. Ostensibly dated August 24, it was no doubt written on August 14. Like the date, everything in the story is a lie, which, of course, is what one normally expects from a preacher or priest.

Investigation discloses the fact that Judge Rutherford never spoke at Iowa Falls in his life, and never tried to do so, though he did speak at some of the larger Iowa cities some thirty years ago. Since then he has become the greatest Bible expositor since the apostles of Jesus Christ. His works have been placed in the hands of the people to the extent of over two hundred million copies.

At the convention of Jehovah's witnesses in Washington, D.C., May 30 to June 3, 1935, of which convention Judge Rutherford was the director and the principal speaker, the Washington press unanimously admitted what could not be concealed, that it was much the greatest religious convention ever held in that convention city. That speaks for itself. See *The Golden Age* No. 413, containing cablegrams from 38 foreign countries, showing the world-wide interest in his public talk.

If Judge Rutherford were to speak now or try to speak in Iowa Falls the nice little city of 4,112 population could not possibly receive the crowd that would come. In a town of that size there are certainly not more than 1,000 homes; what would the town do with 20,000 strangers?

It is hard for an honest man to give advice to a liar, but the best way for a liar to get himself believed is to tell something that sounds reasonable and might possibly be believed. The Iowa Falls liar has outdone the Ananias fraternity; he is entitled to the first prize for stupidity, in the following:

USED PHONOGRAPH TO BROADCAST IDEAS; IS PUT UNDER ARREST

Iowa Falls, Aug. 24 [14].—Judge Rutherford, well known in town as a "doomsday" preacher, has made several attempts to speak in Iowa Falls but was never able to draw a crowd into a hall. Recently he was allowed to speak in one of the city parks, but his speech was stopped by authorities when he began to be abusive to members of other beliefs. Sunday night Rutherford disciples with three phonographs and a supply of records set up in different places about town and broadcasted Judge Rutherford's speeches. One phonograph downtown had its loud-speaker projected into the street from an upstairs window and its operator was arrested, charged with disturbing the peace. In court Monday a small fine was remitted on promise of good behavior in the future.

Midianites Getting Nervous

IT OCCASIONALLY happens that clergymen, having no regular occupation, help out the family income by writing editorials. One wonders if it was one of these that wrote in the Winston-Salem (N. C.) *Journal and Sentinel*, under the title "Misusing Religion", the following, which is quoted but in part: "The most dangerous of false prophets are those who mix and mingle religion with seditious doctrine. In this country are propagandists preaching Communism pure and simple, which they have sugar-coated with a thin veneer of religion. One of the favorite devices of these radical propagandists is to quote Scripture by the chapter, yard or ream. In America a new deal is in the making for the people, provided they are patient and keep faith with the great president who has already done so much for them. They must not in this hour of grave decision turn to the walking after strange gods. Their reasonable hope is in Franklin D. Roosevelt, and if they keep faith with him, he shall justify their confidence in due season and prove the absurdities of the doctrines of the false prophets who would lead a nation into chaos while crying loudly upon the name of the deity."

Finland's New Archbishop

FINLAND'S new archbishop, Mgr. Kaila, in his first circular letter to the clergy, said: "The clergy cannot serve two masters. We must either serve God or a worldly master. Our citizenship should be registered in heaven. It is sad to observe how political interests extinguish the holy fire in a clergyman's heart. The clergyman's position is exceedingly dangerous in Parliament, where he easily becomes entangled in party aspirations. I must warn clergymen against the politician's slippery and dangerous path." The archbishop's appeal to the clergy to avoid politics and help the children, the sick and the aged was well received by the people.

The Revolution That Failed

THE San Jose (Costa Rica) *La Tribuna* contains a dispatch from Mexico City reading as follows:

"The Reverend Lucas Cervantes and twenty citizens of the town of Matamoras, state of Coahuila, were arrested by federal officers and charged with fomenting a rebellion. It is alleged that Cervantes purchased arms and horses and distributed same among Catholics for the purpose of rising against the government."

Rice Lines in China

WITH 22,000,000 people in the bread lines, America knows something about bread lines, but nothing about rice lines as now existing in China. Here, in spite of efforts to destroy the bounties God has provided, almost everybody may have something to eat, but in some of the relief districts of China nobody may have anything at all unless provided with a starvation badge, and when the badge has been obtained the applicant may have but two spoonfuls of rice to last for the entire day. In the small city of Yangsin there was an average of twenty human deaths a day from starvation.

Balaam, the Son of Beor

ALVIN HALL, Arkansas, writes of an experience when out with the sound car. He says, of experiences in De Queen, Ark.: "We gave them a few lectures, then we asked the question over the microphone, 'Where are the dead?' Then we read from the booklet. A Baptist preacher heard it all. When the lecture was over he was mad and said, 'If you people will make me up \$10 I will answer that question, "Where are the dead?"' So you see how anxious the preacher was for the welfare of the people and the good name of Jehovah God. He was anxious \$10 worth."

Mixing Ecclesiastes with Ezekiel

MAX M. BURGET, of Pennsylvania, is a wag. Talking with a preacher, he said to the preacher, "I believe the soul never dies, because the Bible says, 'The soul that sinneth, it shall die.'" The dominie replied, "Why, you don't believe that, do you? That is in the book of Ecclesiastes, which is a work of the Devil and should never have been put in the Bible." The joke of it is, says Burget, that in his anxiety to repudiate the Bible he got the books twisted, for the passage is in Ezekiel, not Ecclesiastes.

Archbishop of York on Liberty

DR. TEMPLE, archbishop of York, in a lecture broadcast on May 30 on the subject "Faith and Freedom", said, in part: "The man who believes himself to be a child of God can never allow that any earthly authority has an absolute claim to his allegiance and loyalty. His first duty is to God, and if it seems to him that this duty requires disobedience to earthly rulers, he will not hesitate. He must obey God rather than man."

Bread-Worshippers

Caught with the Goods

IT IS noteworthy that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy claims to possess practically all the objects that are closely associated with the sufferings of Christ. It was the Romans that used these instruments to inflict pain upon the sinless Son of God, and it is not inappropriate that their successors should still claim to possess these tools and evidences of cruelty. The tree upon which Jesus was impaled by the Romans is still (so it is claimed) in the possession of the Roman "church". The seamless robe which the soldiers took away from the Savior is found in the possession of the "church" which persecutes His followers. The thorns of the crown He wore, the spear, the nails, the binding cord, the burial shroud, are claimed by the same plunderbund. And (they say) now is produced the sponge that was held to Christ's lips; and soon we shall discover that these mercenaries have all the gall in which that sponge was dipped. The way the exhibitions of these impostures are reported in twentieth century "news" dispatches is painful, but revealing, as will be noted from the following:

"Pilgrims saw part of the sponge *said to have been* lifted to the Savior's lips as he died. The relic was displayed at St. John Lateran Basilica as part of Rome's religious celebration of Holy Thursday. The pilgrims from far and near also venerated at St. John Lateran a table *believed to have been* used at the Lord's last supper. At St. Peter's they saw two skulls *reputed to be* those of St. Peter and St. Paul and a portion of the pillar on which *it is believed* Christ was scourged."

The words in italics tell the story, and one may believe the portion of the report printed

here in this way to emphasize the only truth there is in the tale, but even of that be not too sure.

The Holy Sponge

OH, YES; another relic has been found at Rome. This time it is the 'holy sponge' which was put to Jesus' mouth when He said, "I thirst." No doubt the price ticket has been removed ere this, so it cannot be determined for sure whether the sponge came from the Bahama Banks, as was probably the case.

Bishop William

Vincent Lucas

THE London *Daily Express* contains a picture of Reverend Bishop William Vincent Lucas, bishop of Masasi, in Tanganyika. He is back in London on a vacation. Describing his adoption of heathen customs, with a pretense of Christianity associated with them, the account says: "Now every summer, forty or so youths are initiated into full adult membership of tribe according to revised rite. All night they dance the ancient dance at the doors of the cathedral. For invocation of tribe's departed spirits is substituted Litany

of the Saints. Chief used to offer flour ceremonially. Bishop offers bread—in the sacrifice of the Mass. Chief and Christian priest side by side lead procession of tribesmen, grass-hatted, leaping, yelling, banging drums, to camp where candidates are to be isolated for a month or six weeks. First they submit, in accordance with ancient use, to circumcision." By methods similar to these great numbers are being taken into the Catholic "church" in central Africa.

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Always on the Devil's Side

THE Roman Hierarchy can be confidently expected to take its stand on the Devil's side of every question. When Congress was trying to get rid of the public utility holding corporations, so that the American people would not have to pay three prices for their electric current, Bishop William D. O'Brien, of Chicago, injected himself into the situation by a letter to Congress in which he said, "The annuity and endowment funds of the Catholic Church Extension Society have been invested during the past fifteen or twenty years largely in public utility securities." Of course! Why not? In other words, when the readers of this journal pay their electric light bills they have the satisfaction of knowing that a good hunk of the money goes to help put the Roman Hierarchy in full charge of the country.

Wouldn't It Be Great?

A CORRESPONDENT, referring to the ridiculous claims of the Roman Hierarchy that their tyrannical crowd is being persecuted in Mexico, asks the significant question, "Wouldn't it be great if they started to guarantee liberty in America first?" And isn't that the truth? The reason why the American people have no confidence in the Roman Hierarchy, not a particle, is that they are kept informed, by Jehovah's witnesses, of just what the Hierarchy is doing to American rights and liberties from day to day. The powers of oppression and suppression used to work well, and there is still a desperate effort to make them work now, but they just don't work. The cat is out of the bag and will stay out.

City Council of Los Angeles

NINETY-EIGHT years ago (January 17, 1837) the Los Angeles city council passed unanimously the following ordinance: "The Roman Catholic Apostolic religion shall prevail throughout this jurisdiction, and any person publicly professing another religion shall be prosecuted." Los Angeles has learned something since that date, but the Hierarchy that was then in control of the city is as impervious to the truth now as it was then, and, if it had the power, would pass hate bills in every state in the Union making it illegal to do anything whatever that would offend the religious susceptibilities of anybody who wished to have his susceptibilities offended.

Why the Jackass Is Not Shown

A DISPATCH from Rome, dated April 13 shows that during "Holy Week" it was the intention to show, among other relics, the lance with which the Roman soldier pierced Christ's side, the pillar at which He was scourged, and the table used at the last supper. Lest any wonder why it is that with everything else that Christ ever touched or wore or used that is being exhibited for hire there is not also shown the ass upon which He rode into Jerusalem, it is explained that the art of taxidermy was not 'invented' until 1880. As soon as enough time has elapsed that the works revealing this fact can be destroyed or put where they cannot be found there will be put on exhibition one ass, and then another, and another, until finally there will be as many as are mentioned in Numbers 31:45, which is 30,500. As long as they have the money to pay for the show the flock will be provided with the best there is.

A Lawless Organization

A DISPATCH from Berlin, published in the New York Times, states that a number of Catholic priests, friars and nuns have been arrested due to violations of the securities and exchange regulations. There followed the usual statement, always made in such cases: "The Catholics under arrest are believed to have been wholly ignorant of the implications of the complicated exchange decrees, and if any infractions occurred they were wholly due to misinformation or misinterpretation." This reminds one of the occasion, some years ago, where a bunch of nuns came down from Montreal to Providence and were stopped at the border because they had concealed under their maternity gowns huge quantities of French lace. They pleaded that they were so innocent and guileless that they did not know what it was all about.

Colby Does Not Admire the Pope

BAINBRIDGE COLBY, secretary of state in the Wilson cabinet, is no admirer of papal influence at Washington. In an address at Chicago he said:

"Already measures are under way, in fact they are advancing rapidly, to rescue the [Democratic] party's name and reputation from those accidental and, I believe, momentarily, powerful influences which have made the party's pledges a byword and a hissing, and its principles of liberty and justice playthings for fools and a target for treachery."

American Disaffection Bill

FIRST one bulwark of the people's liberties is taken away, and then another, with the Vatican gang cleverly hiding from sight and getting some mutton-headed Protestant to act as sponsor for legislation primarily intended to choke the wind of Jehovah's witnesses. The British parliament recently passed a so-called "Disaffection Bill"; did not know why they did it; nor did anybody else. Everybody that had any sense could see it was aimed against freedom of speech and of the press, but some sinister power forced it through. Now America is undergoing a similar experience. At this writing a bill has passed the Senate, and has been reported favorably for passage in the House, which would make it a two-year prison offense for a person to write to *The Golden Age*, or any other publication, opposing war, deploring the amount of appropriations for the army or navy, or criticizing any phase of the military or naval organizations of the United States, and if published, the editor and publisher also could be jailed, and fined \$1,000 in the bargain. Congressmen Maury Maverick, of Texas, and Paul J. Kvale, of Minnesota, say of this proposed bill: "The truth is that the bill is not really aimed at Communists (that is a subterfuge), but at the honest peacetime expression of opinions on anything remotely concerning the army or navy by decent American citizens of any projects favored by profiteering munition makers and other similar interests. It is a brash piece of Hitleristic fascism." The bill will probably pass, because Gog and the Devil are back of it. And the America of Jefferson and Lincoln goes one step nearer the precipice.

New York State Bans Mexican Film

NEW YORK state censorship board banned the Mexican film "Chucho El Roto" because a Mexican bandit garbed himself as a priest; they considered this derogatory of the Roman Catholic clergy, though it was merely a representation of the truth in the life of the bandit. *The Catholic Observer* has announced that it cannot publish any announcements hereafter of gambling events under church auspices. Widows and orphans who lost \$42,500 when a priest near Chicago invested their pile in worthless brewery stock are still minus their pile. The newspaper account said, thoughtfully, that it was the "Reverend" that lost the \$42,500. Stated in that manner, it got by all the censors.

The Art of Reading

THERE is an art in reading a newspaper which is somewhat difficult to cultivate but which yields entertaining and more or less instructive results. For instance, the case of Joseph L. Steinmetz, who in a moment of anger killed his wife and the priest in whose bedroom he found her. The newspaper reports of the trials are illuminating. The Catholic censor or annotator is usually on hand to see that a matter of this kind is properly presented to the public, that is, when it cannot be kept out of the paper altogether. Thus the item after being properly checked appears, in part, as follows:

"Steinmetz was indicted for murder in the fatal shooting of his bride of two weeks and the Rev. Joseph L. Leonard, Catholic priest, when he *allegedly* found them together in the priest's room at a midtown hotel. 'When he saw this scene, his wife practically naked,' stated Samuel S. Liebowitz, his counsel, . . . 'a monkey wrench was thrown into his mental machinery . . . ' In his opening statement to the jury, Liebowitz portrayed Father Leonard—*previously released from his church duties because of mental illness*—as 'not even worthy to be called a man.'"

The italics are apparently additions made by the censor to somewhat tone down the force of the situation. Maidens and brides, however, may learn from this that when a priest invites them to his private quarters to "confess" it is a good indication of "mental illness" and that something should be done to "release him from his church duties".

Pope Invites England to Re-enter His Fold

THE pope invited England to re-enter his fold. His man, "Father" Harney, has admitted that it is the teaching of the pope's "church", and the plain intent of the Roman Hierarchy, to destroy all Protestants as soon as they feel strong enough. Meantime, some who have been instructed by the Hierarchy are willing to go as far as they dare. Thus a correspondent writing from Jackson, Mich., says: "We had a taste of Roman 'tolerance' here last summer. There was a Protestant convention here and the Catholics came to the tent and threw sticks and stones. A stone hit a lady in the eye and sent her to the hospital; very nearly put her eye out. They put oil on the tent and tried to set it on fire. They threw rotten eggs also." These arguments for re-entering the fold appeal to some, but will hardly be convincing to the British.

Why the TVA Rates Are One-Sixth

HON. JOHN E. RANKIN, of Mississippi, explaining why the TVA rates for electric current are only one-sixth of those usually charged by private utility companies, said:

"But they say that the TVA does not take into account all the items of expense which the power interests have to meet. That is true: they don't have to take them all into consideration, for they don't have to pay them all. For instance, here are a few of the items of expense the power interests have to meet that the TVA does not incur: (1) Dividends on watered stocks. (2) Exorbitant tributes to holding companies. (3) Money to buy up newspapers and magazines for propaganda purposes. (4) High-priced lawyers, employed for their political influences—usually relatives or law partners of high public officials, and sometimes the officials themselves. (5) Money spent to influence elections, contributions to campaign funds of their 'favorite' candidates for public office. (6) Unreasonably high salaries and bonuses paid to power company or holding company officials. (7) Money uselessly spent by the power trust in trying to defeat President Roosevelt, both in 1932 and in 1936, to say nothing of the expense of their campaign of propaganda against Secretary Ickes of the Interior, who is in charge of the construction of Boulder Dam, which is to be the greatest public power project on earth. The TVA does not have to meet these expenses. Therefore it can supply power at something like what it costs to produce and transmit it."

Why the Wages Were Reduced

IN CANADA, so says Westbrook Pegler, "the Canadian manager of the five-and-ten-cent chain is explaining to a parliamentary commission why it was that he reduced by 10 percent the wages of the girls who were making from \$7.00 to \$10.80 a week and the stock of the firm was returning a profit of 20 percent." Mr. Pegler writes movingly. He says: "Economics be damned! The people are not economists. All they know is just what they feel, and they are feeling sore enough to repudiate the perpetual debts, now that repudiation is the fashion of the nations." Pegler's writings are copyrighted by United Features Syndicate, Inc.

\$430,000 for What?

IN VIEW of the fact that the stockholders got nothing last year, one wonders just what were the great services that Charles M. Schwab and Eugene G. Grace rendered to the Bethlehem Steel Corporation that enabled them to pay themselves \$430,000 in salaries.

Gyping of the Workers

ANSWERING the question, "What does 5% interest mean?" Dr. Hugo Fack, in his interesting little paper *The Way Out: Free Economy*, San Antonio, Tex., says:

"It means no more nor less than that every year 5 percent of the whole national wealth (thus, within twenty years, the whole national wealth) has to be newly produced by the workers of all shades, besides the amounts necessary for the maintenance and amortization of all properties. This 5 percent flows into the pockets of the capital owners in form of unearned income. If there were no necessity to pay interest the workers would receive besides their present income, every 20 years, the whole national wealth; i.e., the workers would receive an increase of working income equalling in 20 years the whole national wealth. In view of compound interest, only 16 years are required to accomplish this fact. Higher interest will do it in correspondingly shorter periods. Unearned incomes in all civilized countries are of about the same volume as working incomes. The workers are despoiled by capitalism for about half of their rightful income."

"Americana" News Items

THE Pathfinder, under the heading "Americana", lists the following achievements of American snivelization: "Night clubs being operated until late Saturday night in buildings which are used for church purposes on Sunday. Burglars calling up on the telephone and saying they are checking up on radio programs but instead getting information on the family's routine, when they will all be away, etc., so they can rob the premises." "Women on the streets of Washington, in open day, being so drunk that they insist on their womanly right to shout and sing and defy everybody, and the police being unable to suppress them. President Roosevelt being pleased at a report that a young auto worker was getting \$1.25 an hour for an eight-hour day and then finding that the young man had worked only 65 days last year."

Justice Holmes and the People

JUSTICE OLIVER W. HOLMES left \$300,000 of his fortune to the United States Government, to do with it as the Government may see fit. Justice Holmes had the respect of every man in the United States while he lived, and has it now that he is dead. Does anybody recall any of the Morgans, Vanderbilts, Astors, or any of the other moneybags, as doing anything like this for the people?

Educational Flashes

Graft Possibilities in Quintuplets

THERE are considerable graft possibilities in having the control of the Dionne quintuplets. Some rascals even proposed to kidnap them and bring them over to the United States so that they could be exhibited. Then the Canadian lawmakers got busy and had them declared wards of the king, so that they could not be taken out of the Dominion without his consent. Just who wanted to get their hands on the youngsters, and why, is apparent from a Canadian Press dispatch published in an Ottawa paper. The dispatch, dated Toronto, April 12, mentions that the parents are dissatisfied. They have made a protest, quoting from a papal encyclical, that "it would be contrary to natural justice if the child before the use of reason were removed from the care of its parents", and then they ask, "Are we to believe that the laws of the church under Pope Leo XIII do not apply to our parish of Corbeil? Where are they who are supposed to enforce the laws of the church?"

Press Agents for Hypocrisy

THE public press loves to be press agent for hypocrisy, but is not disposed to give the truth a fair deal. Here is an INS dispatch from Washington containing as its kernel of truth $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches of information about the arrest and deportation of M. C. Harbeck, American citizen, from Germany, but the way the story was built up there were $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches trying to make it appear that the strained situation between the United States and Germany is over persecutions of Jews and alleged "extension of the oppression drive to the Catholic church". It reminds one of Annas and Caiaphas sending out criers in the streets to call attention to their own alleged persecutions and sufferings while Jesus was being crucified by the Roman soldiers; only Annas and Caiaphas were not sufficiently schooled in the ways of meanness and pettiness to do such a thing.

Effect of Censorships

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW says: "All censorships exist to prevent anyone from challenging current conceptions and existing institutions. All progress is initiated by challenging current conceptions, and executed by supplanting existing institutions. Consequently the first condition of progress is the removal of censorship."

College Degree at Eighty Years of Age

A COLLEGE-BRED man, working for years on the staff of *The Golden Age*, used often to say that he could not see, for the life of him, of what possible benefit a college education is to anybody. Edison used to say that college men were educated until they had no brains left. This by way of introduction to the story that a California college boasts of having just given a degree to a great-grandmother eighty years of age. Her thesis was a 28,000-word essay on Lucretius as the Poet of Nature, which seems to be a matter of no possible value to anybody. Boys and girls who go to college believers in God usually come away infidels. The dean of the Brooklyn Law School advocates cutting the college course to three years, to which he would abolish all vacations. A person without knowledge of why he is in the world has no real education whatever. And there are many such.

America's Great Awk

JIM BARRICK, of Pennsylvania, sends a clipping, taken from the *Radio Guide* of June 22, wherein that self-confessedly honest, just and honorable aggregation of capital and profits known as National Broadcasting Company, after enumerating its putative objectives, says: "In the furtherance of these aims, NBC has always maintained American standards of free speech on the air; of fair play for all people, regardless of race or creed, with decency and good taste." Jim says by way of explanation: "Enclosed article is not sent for the purpose of causing any violent stomach disturbances, but if any readers care to start a tall story club, here is a chance to secure a real leader. You can get the same effect reading this as you do when you take a big dose of soda and can't burp."

Springing What Spring Sprang

FROM the state of Ohio Doctor Spring sprang this: He said: "That 'that that that that that modifies' business in recent *G.A.* reminds me of the following group of words which when properly punctuated in the order in which they appear make good sense. Try it. 'That that is is that that is not is not is not that it is.'" Not in the spring Spring sprang this, but sprang it in the summer to take a fall out of *G.A.* readers just as they are going into winter quarters. But it works out all right.

Agriculture and Miscellany

The Share Croppers of Arkansas

NAOMI MITCHISON, British author, says: "I have traveled over most of Europe and part of Africa, but I have never seen such terrible sights as I saw among the share croppers of Arkansas. Here are people of good stock, potential members of a great community, and they are being treated worse than animals, worse than farming implements and stock. They are dressed in rags; they have barely enough food to keep them alive; their children get no education; they are a prey to diseases which the scientific resources of civilization could easily eliminate." The details of what she saw in some of the homes are enough to make the stoutest heart sicken.

A Door-Opening Cat

W. HAMPTON SMITH, who runs a general store near Louisiana, Mo., writes that he has a cat, Snowball, that many times a day, without assistance, opens the door to the store. She climbs up between the screen and the door, reaches over with her paw, springs the thumb latch, and the door swings open. She learned the trick through watching customers enter and leave the store, and, so far as known, is the only cat able to perform it.

Improvements in Vehicle Tires

IN THE year 1911 Patent No. 1,000,000 was issued in the United States. It was for an improvement in vehicle tires; it took 121 years for this number of patents to be granted. In the year 1934 Patent No. 2,000,000 was issued; it also was for an improvement in vehicle tires. The second million required only 23 years.

Baseball Played by Blind Students

BY THE use of rubber balls equipped with bells eleven blind students at Evander Childs high school, The Bronx, have been taught to play baseball. A boy who is not blind does the pitching for both sides. Football and basketball are also played by the blind.

Distance to Ursa Major

A REPORT from the Mount Wilson observatory estimates that a nebula in the second Ursa Major cluster is distant about 230,000,000 light-years, or 1,380,000,000,000,000,000 miles, and is speeding away from the earth at the rate of 25,000 miles a second.

Du Pont's Gifts to the Aged and Needy

ALFRED I. DU PONT, powder-maker, left a fortune of about \$50,000,000, the bulk of which, so it is alleged, will go to relief of the aged and needy. This seems not a bad idea. About 10,000,000 boys were slain in the World War, and no doubt millions of the parents are by this time in a more needy condition than they would have been had their boys been spared to them. All the munition makers should get together, make wills leaving their all to the orphans and widows and bereaved fathers and mothers, caused by the distribution of their wares over the earth's surface.

No Commission to Torture Animals

DR. JEAN GARSAUX, French aeronautical expert, whirled dogs in a special whirling apparatus at four to six turns a second. All the dogs emerged either permanently injured or near death. One would think they would. Nowhere in the Scriptures is man given the right to torture the lower animals. To do so is to violate the spirit of the 'everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh' (Genesis 9:1-17).

The Terrible Earthquake at Quetta

A TOTAL of about 65,000 people perished in the great earthquake in Baluchistan, India; 26,000 of these in the one city of Quetta, where not one habitable building was left standing. The shock lasted but three minutes. Within two hours after it occurred 10,500 people were dug alive out of the debris. In the native part of the city 70 percent of the population perished. British casualties were 250 dead and 155 injured.

Transportation of Soil

ONE of the most sensible suggestions as to what to do with the bad lands of western Kansas and eastern Colorado, stripped of their soil by high winds, is that limestone soil from the Ozark mountains be shipped there and put on six inches deep, and sowed in clover seed. The desert would be turned into a garden in short order.

Potash from the Dead Sea

FROM 2,000 to 3,000 tons of potash a month are now being produced from the Dead sea. Potassium sulphate and calcium sulphate, both useful fertilizer ingredients for Palestine soil, are also being produced.

“Every Man by His Own Standard”

“And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts.”—Numbers 1:52.

WHEN the children of Israel came out of Egypt it suited the purposes of Jehovah God to let each tribe camp by itself, about its own particular banner. The banners of Judah, Reuben, Ephraim and Dan are mentioned by name. One can see the reason why this was done. Here were 2,000,000 people, suddenly released from slavery. The children of the various tribes would soon get to know the banner of their tribe and thus could readily find their parents when accidentally separated from them.

Jehovah's people are not without their banner. The psalmist speaks of this banner when he says, “We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners.” (Psalm 20:5) The same writer continues, “Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth.” (Ps. 60:4) ‘The banner of Jehovah God’ is thus seen to be a poetic reference to the publishing of the truth.

The wise man in the Song of Solomon has something further to say of the banner of Jehovah God: “He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.” In this same poem Jehovah's witnesses are described as, “terrible as an army with banners.” (Song of Solomon 6:4, 10) This is but a poetic way of stating that the banner of truth, the banner of love for God, has in it that which strikes terror to those who do not love truth and therefore do not love God.

Concerning this banner of truth and love, the prophet Isaiah says, “Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.” (Isaiah 13:2) There is here a command resting upon Jehovah's witnesses to widely publish the truth so that others may enter into the Kingdom. Jehovah God has given His assurance that this work of publishing the truth shall be done: “Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the [nations], and set up my standard to the people.” (Isaiah 49:22) The instrument which Jehovah God is using to set up this standard is the servant whom He has chosen, Jehovah's witnesses.

Again, through the mouth of this same prophet, comes the command from Jehovah God to His witnesses in the earth: “Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the

people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people.”—Isaiah 62:10.

The prophet Jeremiah mentions this same banner, or standard of truth, and shows that it not only is a standard of truths pleasing to the ear, such as the general truths of salvation for man, but contains a message of direst import to all the nations involved in the World War and in all the other wars that have broken the everlasting covenant. Thus the word of the Lord, speaking by Jeremiah the prophet, says, “Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces; her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.”—Jeremiah 50:2.

The Devil Has His Banners, Too

Not only does Jehovah God have His banner or standard of truth and love, but the Devil has his banners or standards in opposition thereto and invites all nations to come to his support.

One can see how this worked out in the case of Daniel, and also in the case of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego. Although these men had done nothing wrong to anybody, they were repeatedly placed in jeopardy because Satan's banners or standard were used against them in an improper manner.—Daniel 3.

There are many hundreds of different flags in the world, and there have been many thousands, no doubt; for in the last twelve years fifteen of the seventy-odd nations in the earth have made new flags for themselves. In the United States, in 1747, there were twenty colonial flags in use; and since the Declaration of Independence the national flag has existed in thirty forms.

All Nations in the Same Situation

What nation today can claim to be the nation of Jehovah God? When the Devil took Jesus up into a high mountain and showed Him all the governments of the world in a moment of time, what nation did He exempt? What flag, of all the nations of the earth, can properly be said to be Jehovah's banner of truth and love? Certainly none.

The colors of the Italian flag were taken from Dante's description of Beatrice in his foolish and blasphemous work entitled *Inferno*.

Because the swastika originally represented a hurricane, and because many Japanese were killed by a hurricane, the Japanese used it for an emblem on caskets. Adolph Hitler adopted this emblem because when he was a child he lived opposite a convent in the courtyard of which was an archway over which was an engraved shield bearing a swastika. Merely because Adolph Hitler saw this emblem when he was a child, millions of Germans are supposed to grovel in the dust before the swastika.

Magistrate Brodsky of New York was absolutely right when he described the swastika as "rightly or wrongly regarded by these defendants and others of our citizenry as a gratuitously brazen flaunting of an emblem which symbolizes all that is antithetical to American ideals of the God-given and inalienable rights of all peoples to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that in their minds this emblem of the Nazi reign stands for and represents war on religious freedom, the disfranchisement of nationals solely on religious and ethnological grounds, the debasement of the learned professions, the deprivation of the right to education and the earning of a livelihood".

War Department Loyal to the Flag?

Is the War Department loyal to the flag? Why certainly; why not? The War Department buys hats from the Michael A. Zelinski Hat Company. On a certain date it awarded a contract to make 140,625 hats for the CCC. Twenty days later the firm was found guilty of making the employees "kick back" \$7 a week out of the \$22 they received. Under orders the contract was canceled, but as soon as the Supreme Court declared the NRA unconstitutional the War Department re-awarded the contract to the same firm.

At Newark, N. J., Uncle Sam built a war base that cost \$11,000,000. Then brilliant army officers entered into a contract with the Mercur Corporation to operate the base, paying the government 90 percent of the profits after deducting maintenance and operating costs. The Mercur Corporation had such a wonderful bookkeeping system that on an expenditure of \$4,692,546.76 they painfully handed over to Uncle Sam as his share of the profits a grand total of 59c. All will notice that this is 29c more than usual, and will wonder at the Mercur Corporation's generosity.

The TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) is loyal to the flag, too. Why not? When the TVA had to buy a cow it paid \$900 for one, and also

in nine months spent \$90,000 for rental of automobiles. Surely there are many reasons here for a politician to be patriotic.

Recently a very wealthy merchant died, who during the World War worked himself up into a frenzy insisting that everybody must buy Liberty Bonds to the full extent of his financial ability. When his estate was being settled recently it was found that this man had bought only \$500 worth himself, which moved the San Francisco *News* to say:

"The fellow who gets fussy about the flag doesn't necessarily have more real love for it and for what it stands for than the fellow who is too modest to glaringly advertise to his neighbors that he is a patriot."

"Loyal to My Country's Flag"

Some months ago the Hearst newspapers were carrying on a "Buy American" campaign, in the course of which Saunders Norvell, president of the Remington Arms Company, was quoted as saying, "I would not consider myself a patriotic citizen of the United States and loyal to my country's flag, if I bought any foreign goods when I could buy the same goods made in the United States."

Why not? Of the 12,000 persons murdered in the United States every year a large number come to their death because of the activities of the Remington Arms Company; what would America's Dillingers and Al Capones do without the Remington Arms Company, and others of the International Murderers, whose business it is to sell patriotism and firearms? A contemporary says:

"Here is what some of the big boys made out of the last war:

	Average Annual Profit	
	4 Years Preceding War	During War
Scoville Manufacturing Co.	\$655,000	\$7,678,000
Niles Bement Powder	656,000	6,146,000
Atlas Powder Co.	485,000	2,374,000
Hereules Powder Co.	1,271,000	7,430,000
Republic Iron and Steel	4,177,000	17,548,000
International Merchant Marine	6,690,000	14,229,000
General Motors	6,954,000	21,700,000
American Smelting & Refining	11,566,000	18,602,000
Utah Copper	5,776,000	21,622,000
Anaconda Copper	10,649,000	34,549,000
United States Steel	105,331,000	239,653,000
Bethlehem Steel	6,840,000	49,427,000
Du Pont	6,092,000	58,076,000

The owners of all these corporations were the leading patriots during the war. They all fought (for profits) on the home front."

Why would not the armament makers be loyal to their country's flag? They sold 'mail planes' to Germany exactly like the fighting planes they sold to the United States Navy. They also sold Germany, for industrial purposes, powder, bullets and machine guns. And the joke of it is that these self-confessed patriots that paid munitions dividends of 39,000 percent and 1,143,275 percent let the foreigners have lower prices than they charged to Uncle Sam. These are the men that bust up peace conferences, by men used to such work, who are hired for the purpose, like William B. Shearer. In case of war these are the men that supply the United States with advice and really run the country. They admit that bribery and double-crossing is their regular course of conduct; and even if they did not admit it, the facts prove it.

The Flag Oath

The flag oath was invented by a busybody old maid in Kansas. Heywood Broun, the famous columnist, quoted with approval the statement, "The D. A. R. and other fervent self-appointed guardians of the public safety are interesting examples of the convenient device of making clamor take the place of thought." And then Broun says on his own account, "Just wave the Stars and Stripes and everything will be all right."

Some sections of the country are quicker than others to go into hysterics when the flag-waving starts. It is now eight years since a home in Seattle was broken up because a child, Russell Tremain, refused to salute the flag, was torn from his parents by a court order, and transported to a distant part of the state. The *Oregon Daily Journal*, referring to that piece of cruelty and asininity said, bitterly, "and a jury acquitted Albert Fall!"

The same subject was up in Virginia, and the board of education of that state had sense enough to see that the question of compulsory flag-saluting was not within its jurisdiction. This impressed the *Virginia Pilot*, one of the leading papers of Virginia, to say, "It is far less important to the inculcation of downright Americanism in the rising generation to insist that everybody salute the flag at nine o'clock in the morning than it is to insist that nothing be done at any time, in school or out, to humiliate one because of his religious beliefs or to compel one to do anything that his religious convictions forbid."

The *New York Times* quotes Professor W. H. Kilpatrick, of Teachers College, Columbia University, in an address at the University of Pennsylvania, as deploring the 'cult of the flag' with its narrow type of patriotism. He denounced these flag-wavers as "pro-war, anti-foreign and pro-status-quo and averse to any criticism of our political or social or economic institutions".

Thus One Comes to Boston

Thus one comes to Boston and the statement of the columnist Edward Orlans in the *Boston Daily Record* of December 2, 1931, which reads almost like a prophecy: "We are rapidly approaching the time when even the average ten-year-old schoolboy will realize that what now makes for and perpetuates war is merely patriotic bunk."

It was ten miles out of Boston that the incident occurred which is quoted from the *Boston Globe* elsewhere in this issue of *The Golden Age*. The parents of the eight-year-old Nichols boy, explaining why they did not wish to coerce him, wrote to the principal of the school the following, which ought certainly to appeal to any true American. "We send our son to school for the purpose of being educated. We, his parents, reserve custody over our son's religion. We regard compulsory salutation of the flag, together with the compulsory pledge which accompanies it, as a violation of God's law. Our opinion on this point cannot be changed . . . In deference to the flag and in deference to God's law, which is unmistakably made known to us in the Bible, we considered this our parental duty not to allow our son to attend school last Friday."

This story has found its way into every newspaper in the country, including the local Lynn press, which admitted that "almost simultaneously City Solicitor Patrick F. Shannahan stated that he had been unable to discover any law on the statute books which compelled a pupil to pledge allegiance to the flag or sing the national anthem".

Of the scores of clippings on this item which have been received at the office of *The Golden Age* the only ones that have criticized either the boy or his parents were "Rev." Laurence B. Walker, East Lynn, Mass., and "Rev." L. Cregg Long, Calvin Presbyterian church, New Haven, Conn. These "Reverends" may now line up with the patriots elsewhere mentioned in this article and claim their due share of the swag the next time there is a war, pointing out the rare cour-

age they manifested in publicly attacking an eight-year-old boy.

Not all clergymen are that small and that mean, because Bishop Paul Jones of the Episcopal diocese of southern Ohio, in a Navy-day address in Boston, denounced the display of the American flag in the public schools of the country as a "dangerous fetish worship which promises thoughts of war amongst school children". The bishop also said in effect that a man cannot have two religions, nationalism and Christianity, that "it is impossible for a man to worship at both altars". See *The Literary Digest* of November 23, 1929.

The Flag of the Pope

A considerable proportion of the officers and men of the navy are Roman Catholics, and when Roman Catholic services are being held on battleships of the United States navy the flag of the pope is always flown above the Stars and Stripes. This matter was up for discussion in the United States Senate in the month of February, 1929. A complete history of the discussion will be found beginning at page 2850 of the *Congressional Record*, Seventieth Congress.

Among the speakers on that occasion was David I. Walsh, United States senator for Massachusetts, who, doubtless honestly, but mistakenly thinking that the pope's flag is the flag of Jehovah God, said: "Mr. President, it is regrettable that an issue of this kind should have been raised, and I should have remained silent and said nothing had it not been that the debate has taken the appearance of an entirely different motive and purpose than would apparently appear to one who simply read the amendment. The issue now is, Will we repudiate the recognition in the navy of a power and influence above all nations and all sects—a Supreme Being? . . . I for one refuse to depart from the time-honored American custom of placing the emblem of God above every other emblem in the world. I will not haul down the pennant of God for any other emblem."

The Senate sustained Senator Walsh by a vote of 68 to 10, with 17 not voting, and the flag of the pope continues to fly above the United States flag, on the battleships of the United States navy, whenever the priest aboard is conducting what passes for divine service, but is not divine service even in any remote sense of the word.

Squarely Up to Massachusetts

The question is now squarely up to Massachusetts whether to stand by the Pilgrim fathers, by Lexington, Concord and Bunker Hill, or to go over, bag and baggage, to Ratti and Hitler.

Is Fascism in the United States to break out first in sight of Faneuil Hall?

What has become of the descendants of the men that engineered the Boston Tea Party?

Has a pot-bellied priest on a Romanized battleship superior rights to an American boy of good parentage seeking an education?

Give the boy a chance and be glad, or give him no chance and be sorry.

The issue is plain. It is "Every man by his own standard".

By whose standard do you wish to take your stand? Take your choice.

Badly Tangled at Huntington, Ind.

IT IS evident that *Our Sunday Visitor*, Huntington, Indiana, is badly tangled. Speaking of the Catholic religion it says in one breath that it "has produced the great majority of those persons whom the world considers holy men and saints" and in the next breath it says that same "church" is continually attacked because it represents Christ, who was not of this world. Why quote the world as an authority in favor of the "church" and in the same story try to prove that its testimony is not to be believed? The same issue tells the strange tale that "the Catholic church has ever been a most powerful champion of all true liberty". The journal does not quote its fellow Catholic periodical, *The Morning Star*, of New Orleans, La., wherein the latter refers to the American charter of liberty as a "lying constitution", nor does it mention the 50,000,000 liberty-lovers who have died because they would not bow down to the Roman Hierarchy. However, the *Visitor* does tell one great truth. It says that "the Catholic church has existed for nearly two thousand years without once having to revise its doctrines with the progress of knowledge". That is a long time to go without learning anything, but the Devil can beat even that record. He has gone about three times as long and is in the same predicament.

A Cheer for Carleton

[Editorial in the Baltimore Evening Sun, September 28, 1935]

AT Lynn, Massachusetts, 8-year-old Carleton Nichols has precipitated a municipal crisis by refusing to salute the flag, according to the statute in such case made and provided.

It seems that there is a law in Massachusetts providing that the flag shall be saluted and "America" sung at least once a week by every pupil in the public schools; if they fail, principal and teachers are subject to heavy pains and penalties. Again, if any child is prevented from attending school, principal and teachers are likewise subject to heavy pains and penalties. Now Carleton has refused to salute; and he cannot be expelled, because that would be preventing him from attending school.

For our part, we glory in Carleton's spunk. Any statute requiring that the flag be saluted by school children is an insult to the Stars and Stripes, and ought to be resented by all patriots. Is our national ensign a swastika flag, to be respected only by forced salutes? Since when has the Star-Spangled Banner so lost the respect of the people over whom it flies that laws are necessary to make them pretend to honor it? What a disgraceful thing it is to assume that the flag

would not be saluted if people were not afraid to refuse the tribute of respect!

The flag that flew at Yorktown, and at Fort McHenry, and at Chapultepec, and at Santiago, and at Viny Ridge and St. Mihiel is not yet the flag of a totalitarian state that pretends to no right to exist save the might of the clenched fist. It is supposed to be the flag of free men. It is supposed to float because its people have raised it of their own free will and uphold it out of preference—not because they fear it, but because they love it. If the time has come when they must be compelled to pay it a formal and forced tribute, then the time has come to haul it down and hoist in its place some red or black banner of dictatorship, of force and fear.

A Crime Bill of \$14,000,000,000

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER claims that in five years the national crime bill of the United States has risen from \$8,000,000,000 to \$14,000,000,000; and yet there are but 2,500 known killers in the United States. He names moving pictures, newspapers and a waning faith in God as the underlying causes.

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Many Editors Are for the People

THE Nashville *Tennessean* said editorially: The situation that arose out of a Lynn, Mass., schoolboy's refusal to salute the American flag has been handled in a bungling, inhuman and un-American manner by the Lynn school board.

The boy, eight-year-old Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., is a member of a family associated with a religious sect called Jehovah's witnesses, and his refusal to salute and take the required pledge to the Stars and Stripes was based on religious scruples and not on any lack of love for his country.

Mrs. Costa S. Mitchell, whose four children in near-by Saugus have taken the same stand as the Nichols boy, explains her position in this way:

"This is the best country in the world. I was born here and I've always lived here and always want to live here. But I can't give allegiance to the flag because that would be putting Jehovah second."

Little Carleton Nichols, described as a "good boy", had no mark against his record except that he would not take an oath of allegiance which some group of law or rule makers had decreed all school children should take. There was nothing in the dispatches dealing with the case to indicate that he was anything except a good schoolboy and that he might grow up to be a useful citizen if given an opportunity.

Because his parents felt that saluting the Stars

and Stripes would be putting God second to the flag, this boy, in obedience to them, had the courage to stand out against teachers and pupils giving the salute.

It was unfortunate that an issue was made of this

matter, and unfortunate that the best solution the Lynn school committee could find was to expel this boy from school. The solution was beneficial neither to the boy nor to society. Society, represented in this case by the Lynn school board, has a duty toward this boy, and it has failed miserably in the discharge of that duty. He is branded as an outcast unfit to associate with other children in the public schools, and unless his parents are able financially to send him to a private school he is denied the education which society owes to him. The likely result would be that this lad of character, bearing resentment against

such cruel treatment, would grow to manhood unsocial and bitter.

It seems that if this mistake is corrected, the Lynn school board must make the correction, for the city solicitor announced that the board was within its rights in making regulations and predicted it would be upheld by the court in expelling the boy.

And unless this wrong is promptly righted, traces of the damage caused will remain for a long time to come and might persist throughout the life of this boy.

Many men in America engaged in the newspaper business honestly and sincerely desire to serve the people by telling them the truth. Some of them have the courage to do so, while others are hindered because of the sinister influence exercised over them by the entrenched forces of a foreign power.

The issue is now beginning to be made clear. The question is proper, How many American editors will stand by American fundamental principles and battle for the cause of righteousness? and how many will fall to the seductive influence of a religious-political gang that is trying to seize the rule of America as that gang now rules Germany?

In this issue of THE GOLDEN AGE are reproduced the editorials of some of the honest, fearless editors, which the people will be glad to read. There are also published in this issue garbled statements by other newspapermen which clearly were made to mislead and deceive the people and thereby enable a foreign power to move forward in its nefarious work.

THE GOLDEN AGE hereby calls upon all honest Americans to show their appreciation of the fearless, honest, sincere editors of American newspapers, and to express their disapproval of a bunch of traitors to American principles.

"Patriotism, Liberty"

IN THE Cincinnati *Enquirer* in one editorial on the Lynn case it said, in part:

It is unfortunate that there is not another word than patriotism to describe that misshapen thing by which men seek to coerce their fellows into an attitude of loyalty. They do great disservice to the cause of genuine patriotism by annihilating intellectual and religious liberty in the name of the flag.

In another, separated by two days from the one above quoted, it said under the caption "The Flag of Liberty":

It is a curious case that has arisen in Lynn, Mass., in which an eight-year-old boy has been expelled from a public school for his refusal to salute the American flag. His father taught him, in consonance with his own religious beliefs, that it is "sinful to pledge allegiance to an earthly kingdom". And the parent has been more successful than the school as teacher, which is not at all surprising. The case promises to become a *cause célèbre*, and may wind up in the Supreme Court before the last word is spoken.

There really are two quite distinct questions involved. One is theoretical, and raises the issue whether the school should attempt to coerce a pupil in order to "teach" patriotism. The other question is more practical, and centers about the future of a youth who is denied a public school education.

Undoubtedly it is a proper function of a state-supported school to inculcate a sane patriotism, and the rendering of homage to the national flag is surely a proper means to that end. But to attempt to coerce anyone is hardly a suitable method of teaching. It savors rather strongly of the Nazi tactics that Americans have been so quick to condemn. And obviously the eight-year-old in question is not going to be a better citizen tomorrow for being deprived of a public school education today.

The American flag is now a symbol of our national greatness, but long before our nation was strong and great, the Stars and Stripes were the symbols of liberty. That liberty included the right to complete freedom of religious and political belief. A good many of us are still old-fashioned enough to believe the flag still represents genuine liberty. If the word has not lost its meaning entirely, liberty ought still to include the right to think for one's self.

In ousting a child for his refusal to salute the flag, the school authorities of Lynn are dishonoring the flag they pretend to be glorifying, for they are denying the liberty of which our national emblem is a proud symbol.

Five Miles from Salem Witch Burnings

[The Nation, October 23, 1935]

AN EIGHT-YEAR-OLD boy in Lynn, Massachusetts, because his family belongs to a religious sect called Jehovah's witnesses which denies allegiance to any temporal power, has refused to participate in the flag salute ceremony which the school board imposes upon the pupils once a week. After a fortnight of hysterics the local authorities, at a loss as to how to cope with this particular crime, decided that expulsion from school was the only method of dealing with the situation. Under the regulations of our public school system, their next step will presumably have to be to arrest the boy or his parents for truancy. When city solicitor Patrick F. Shanahan was asked what effect the failure of the boy to take part in the flag salute had on the class, he said, "It didn't seem to have any serious effect. The children are very young and things went on as usual." This would seem to indicate that the eight-year-olds of Lynn are considerably smarter than their elders, and need be expected to commit thoroughly silly acts only when they grow up. When the American tradition of freedom of worship conflicts with the American tradition of compulsory education, it would seem to be the part of wisdom to say as little about the matter as possible. By making the situation a *cause célèbre*, instead of letting little Carleton Nichols remain quietly in his seat and fix his thoughts on Jehovah while the other children were rapidly enunciating, "I-pledge-allegiance-to-my-flag-and-to-the-republic-for-which-it-stands-etc.," the Lynn school board has got itself into a pretty dilemma, has attracted the attention of all sorts of professional protestants, and is in the process of denying to an American citizen the free public schooling to which the law entitles him.

Forced Patriotism

THE Seattle *Star* said editorially:

"The folks who think that patriotism can be forced, and that public ceremonies and the taking of oaths for this and that are true demonstrations of loyalty, are exceeding even that silliest of nutty performances. . . . We know, if we understand our history, that the greatest traitors have been those who took the longest and loudest oaths of loyalty. We have that classic example of the rascal who betrayed the Master with a kiss. . . . What this country needs is fewer loud-mouthed loyalty howlers and more of the silent, sincere doers."

"Salute, or Go to Jail!"

UNDER the heading "Salute, or Go to Jail!" the Birmingham (Ala.) *Age-Herald* says editorially:

"Massachusetts, the land where the Pilgrims came more than 300 years ago in a search for religious liberty, is being swept these days by a great wave of some kind of patriotism. Teachers are compelled to swear allegiance to the flag, and now several students are being punished, along with their parents, because they won't salute the flag. . . . From what source springs patriotism, one may ask? Is it patriotism to stand before a flag and raise your hand to your right eyebrow if your heart is not in the action? If love of country is to be inculcated, it would seem that the proper thing to do would be to have that government so wise and good and kind as to deserve respect. Many a parent has learned to his sorrow that you cannot demand a child's love. You can force obedience, but not respect. One somehow expects better things of Massachusetts than this spectacle of bringing a child into court for refusing a salute it did not feel because it recognized only a higher and more powerful government. . . . But Massachusetts has not always been tolerant of freedom of worship. The Massachusetts Bay Colony expelled Roger Williams and burned women as witches. The men who applied the torch at Salem probably number among their descendants the men who made this school law and who are now seeking to develop patriotism with threats of prison."

Making a Mockery of Patriotism

THE Raleigh (N. C.) *News and Observer*, under the heading "The Flag and Castor Oil", said editorially:

"To pass a law requiring that little children must formally salute the flag under penalty of ostracism from the public schools is to make a pompous mockery of the natural patriotism of American children. It is to put love of country into the category of such things good for children as castor oil and neck washing. It is to make the flag not a thing of the American child's natural reverence and adoration, not a symbol of enthusiasm, but a symbol of force. It is to make the flag not a banner to which the love of the child goes up, but a standard from which force may come down hard upon the child. In a perverse world, children are entitled to their share of perversity, and it is to dare that perversity to say to the child, You'll love this flag or get your breeches burned. And if children, being human, don't love that which they are ordered to love under penalty of punishment, then not the communists, but the pompous, foolish patrioteers, who would make the flag as ridiculous as themselves, will be to blame."

Compulsion Is Undemocratic

THE *Democrat and Chronicle*, Rochester, N. Y., said:

"The difference between a democratic and a republican form of government and a dictatorial régime, whether the dictation comes under the head of Fascism, Naziism or Communism, is that under the first type patriotism is spontaneous and voluntary, but under the second type it is compulsory. . . . Massachusetts requires by law that the pupils of every public school salute the flag every five days. This is taking the heart out of patriotism, removing its vital element of spontaneity. . . . Salutes and lip-service to dictator governments are necessary. The dictators know that allegiance must be compelled. Compulsion of this sort has never been necessary in this country, and it will be a sorry commentary on its ideals if they ever become accepted as necessary."

"Parrot Patriotism"

THE Dallas (Texas) *Dispatch*, commenting on the Lynn (Mass.) case, said:

"Flag pledges are invariably demanded by politicians, a great many of whom are engaged in the unpatriotic business of cheating, lying to and grafting from the American people. It may be observed that not one politician has, as yet, suggested that all politicians be forced to repeat a flag pledge once weekly. That would be carrying the thing too far. There is a notion, widely held by politicians, that patriotism is a word-of-mouth affair, and that if one but does lip-service to the flag, as politicians do lip-service to American ideals, all will be well. This is the custom in Fascist and Communist dictatorships, where force takes the place of reason and people are pawns in serfdom to the state."

"A Big School Board and a Little Boy"

THE St. Louis *Star-Times* says editorially:

"The Lynn, Massachusetts, school board has finally arisen in all its majesty and expelled an eight-year-old child from the public schools because the boy obeyed his father's religion-inspired order that he should not salute the American flag. Does Old Glory swing more proudly to the breeze now that this action has been taken, or does it droop a trifle? . . . the Lynn school board falls into error. It cannot distinguish between a voluntary and an enforced salute. It cannot see that compulsory saluting of the flag makes the flag less worthy of a voluntary salute. Let us establish the principle in the United States that American liberty includes the right to refuse to salute the flag, and practically everybody who believes in liberty will not only be willing to salute it, but will thrill with pride at doing so."

A Teacher with Brains

DANE S. DUNLOP, a teacher with brains, wrote the following from Kalamazoo, Michigan, published in the Chicago *Daily Tribune* of October 2, 1935:

"Today's *Tribune* reports that again Carleton Nichols, Jr., aged 8, refused to salute the American flag in morning exercises in a schoolroom in Boston. He was sent to the cloakroom until the exercises were finished, and his father was arrested. Evidently the school authorities need instruction in psychology, pedagogy, Americanism, religion, history and politics. The way they are acting would do credit to Hitler, Mussolini, a barroom bouncer, and the Emperor Diocletian. The modern Romans and Germans are so degenerate that no strong faction still resists the dictators, but in Diocletian's day he could make martyrs of the Christians but not conquer them. That is still the glory of Christianity among some of its adherents. I never heard of the sect, 'Jehovah's witnesses,' until this Nichols affair, and probably would not approve of their ideas when they depart from standard church ideas. But neither Christianity nor Americanism, which has discarded persecution as a cure for religious divergencies, finds any expression in the recent Boston oppression. Is it necessary for Roger Williams to rise from his grave to teach again his doctrine of religious toleration? I have given the salute to the flag in morning exercises in school, day after day. Usually I have pupils take turn in leading the school in giving the salute. While I never had a case of refusal because of religious views to give the flag salute, I am sure I would tell the child that America is such a fine country that it offers religious freedom to all citizens, and cause him to love America instead of looking upon his native land as his oppressor. The Boston course of action merely serves to furnish fuel for the class of disturbers who claim Americanism means merely rights for rich men instead of for every citizen. That child should be offered every opportunity to learn that his religious rights will be respected."

In Darkest Germany

IN Darkest Germany one of Jehovah's witnesses was acquitted at a trial. As soon as he reached the street he was seized by one of the Nazis and dragged off to a concentration camp. What do Americans think of a "government" where one private citizen can grab another and, without a shadow of law or justice, deprive him of his liberty? Some idea of the terrible mental condition of the German people may be found in that such a large hole was made by people collecting 'sacred earth' at a spot where Hitler had done some digging that the authorities were forced to fence in the hole thus made.

Brotsky and the Swastika

NEW YORK CITY'S magistrate Brodsky made America laugh when he said of the swastika:

"The prominent display of the Nazi flag carries with it some of the same sinister implication as a pirate ship sailing defiantly into the harbor of a nation, one of whose ships it has just scuttled, with the Black Flag of piracy flying aloft. In a large sense indeed it might seem as though whatever disturbances attended the sailing of the Bremen were provoked by the flaunting of this emblem to those who regard it as a defiant challenge to society. In the minds of these defendants the emblem of the Nazi régime stands for war on religious freedom—in brief, a throwback to primitive conditions."

Says Let the Nichols Lad Alone

W. MARTIN JONES, Jr., writing in the Rochester (N. Y.) *Times Union*, said:

"There has been much talk of late about some boy who refused to salute the flag. But a close scrutiny reveals that boy is made of the right kind of material after all. For he is loyal, but his loyalty is to his father, who has a special twist of mind on this subject in preference to the flag. . . . Reverence for the flag is like reverence for anything else. It is an operation of the mind and must come from within. It cannot be forced from without by means of laws and punishments. To attempt such methods can only drive respect away and erect hate instead of love."

The Flag Oath in Pennsylvania

A DISPATCH from Canonsburg, Pa., states that in the public schools there the pupils swear allegiance daily as follows: "I give my hands, my head and my heart to my God, my country and my flag: one God, one country, one flag." Not being able conscientiously to take this oath, Grace Estep and Murray Estep, Jehovah's witnesses, suddenly found their pictures and their story occupying front-page space recently in the Pittsburgh *Sun Telegraph*, Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette*, and many other Pennsylvania papers.

Swastika-ism Not Admired in Canada

SWASTIKA-ISM is not admired in Canada. The Toronto *Mail and Empire*, commenting on the Lynn case, said:

"It is questionable whether forcing children to salute a flag really inculcates patriotism. A simple way out of the difficulty would be for the state to admit that just as persons having conscientious objections to war are not required to fight, so persons having conscientious objections to saluting the flag should not be obliged to do so. It wouldn't hurt the flag."

The Associated Press Against the People

“A MAN in Jerusalem, whom they call Jesus, and who appears to be an ordinary carpenter that came down from Nazareth, is trying to start a new kind of organization here. Evidently he is trying to get worship for himself, even though he says he is not. This fellow is the head of a new CULT. He claims not to be interested in Roman politics, and he may be honest. You can depend on it, however, that the Jewish clergy will stand by Rome and take whatever action we direct against this man Jesus. The fellows that are following him are ordinary fishermen and men of like low order. Their leader Jesus is telling them something to the effect that soon a kingdom will take the place of the rule of Rome. It will be easy for us to turn the clergy against him and his crowd, because they know on which side their bread is buttered. This man teaches a peculiar kind of doctrine. He says ‘hate is murder’, and he teaches people to be good to each other. But my acquaintance with the Jewish clergy shows that they are the greatest hypocrites on earth, and I don’t know but that this man Jesus is one like them. Anyhow I am keeping my eye on him, and my secret service men are keeping in close touch with him. None of the big men amongst the Jews have any use for this man Jesus; therefore I don’t think we need to fear him. He delivered a sermon the other day that sets forth a peculiar and unusual doctrine, but it is not of public news and I will not transmit even the substance of it to you except to say this: He pronounced this unusual rule: ‘Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.’ His bunch seem to be very meek, and no doubt their object is to get hold of the earth, which properly belongs to us. You may not be surprised at anything that happens. I will keep you advised.”

All who today are familiar with the life and teaching of Christ Jesus when on earth would know that the above statement set forth in dispatch is garbled, and false, and made for the very purpose of deceiving the simple and to bolster up the big moguls who were then running the earth. Likewise today at Rome another like gang operates, and their agents throughout the earth send dispatches to Rome and all over the land which are garbled and far from the truth and made for the very purpose of deceiving the simple and trustful people, and to bolster up the ungodly crowd that think that they own the earth and are trying to run it.

The World’s Greatest News-gathering Agency

The Associated Press claims to be the world’s greatest news-gathering and distributing organization. It was founded and incorporated in 1900. Less than ten years ago, so it claims, over 1,000 important newspapers comprised this co-operative union. Of its membership it says:

“The membership of The Associated Press includes persons of every conceivable political, economic and religious advocacy. The one thing upon which they are united, so far as the Associated Press news service is concerned, is that it shall be wholly free from partisan activity, or even the expression of any opinion whatever. The service is intended to be limited to the reporting of news without bias. To this end the news service is intentionally and necessarily subjected to the criticism of its fifteen directors, . . . members and indeed the reading public. It is the theory of the organization that, in a self-governing country like ours, the citizens, if given the facts, must be able to form their own opinions respecting them.”

Why, in actual practice, does not The Associated Press live up to these high principles? And why, in fact, should it resort to the shameful garbling of news as revealed on pages 80-81* of this issue? Look at those pages, study them, see for yourself what was done, and say if you can harmonize it with the foregoing.

Judge Rutherford stated truthfully, “Jehovah’s witnesses are not a sect or cult,” and gave the reason for his statement, Scripturally, as shown in text of his address (see page 81), under subheading “FATE”. This was an essential part of the statement which The Associated Press *asked* him to make, yet in the opening sentence of its alleged “factual” report of Judge Rutherford’s address he is referred to as “prominent in the religious cult”; in the next sentence the offensive term “a member of the cult” is used again; and in the fifth paragraph the same falsehood appears as “Members of the cult”.

A Challenge to The Associated Press

If The Associated Press is really “without bias” and really without “religious advocacy” it has abundant power to get the clergy of the land together, to select from their midst their best

* On page 80, in the garbled story marked “FIRST MUTI-LATION”, *The Golden Age* has inserted in the left margin bold figures opposite each of the parts The Associated Press picked from the speech of Judge Rutherford. On page 81 corresponding figures appear with the true text of the speech. The connecting lines serve to show how the press association twisted the speech. (A ruler will aid you in following the lines.) Note also the essential parts of the speech that were suppressed.

pusillanimous when viewed in the light of the facts set forth at pages 80-81.

The rebuke which *The Golden Age* carried in its last issue was deserved by The Associated Press.

Why is it that this great newsgathering association is afraid to quote what Judge Rutherford said about the Roman Catholic Hierarchy? The Associated Press takes its stand, in effect, with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and against Jehovah's witnesses. The Associated Press shields the Hierarchy and studiously lends itself to hide from the people the truth about the iniquities and abominable practices and schemes of the Hierarchy. Is such a course in the public interest and for the public welfare?

Some Recent History

While faithfully performing his duty in the spring of 1933, Judge Rutherford made sound and reasonable statements exposing the hypocritical teachings, methods and schemes of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. At that time he was broadcasting regularly over more than 300 radio stations in the United States. Instantly the Hierarchy ordered and launched a campaign of coercion, boycott and intimidation of the most shameless sort, to try to force radio stations in all parts of the country to cancel their contracts with Jehovah's witnesses. Less than 30 stations yielded to that pressure.

The Associated Press must have known about this infamous procedure, for the front pages of Catholic papers everywhere in the country carried extensive details under bold headlines for weeks; yet The Associated Press was virtually if not altogether silent while this right of free speech was being ruthlessly taken from a minority.

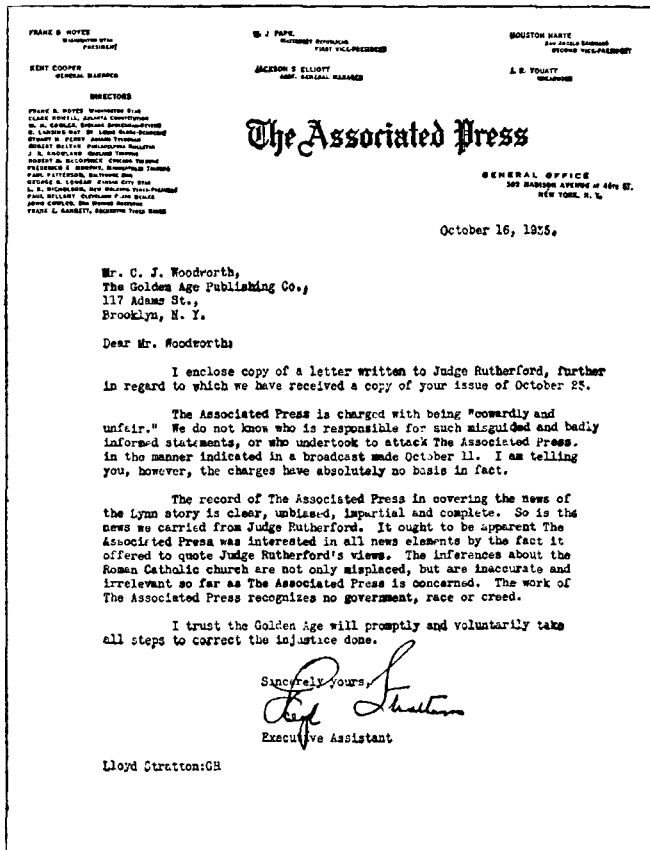
Others may do as they like, but Jehovah's witnesses and their friends will not yield to tyrannies of any sort. Within a few weeks 2,500,000 Americans, friends of Jehovah's witnesses, presented Congress with the largest petition that up to that time had ever come before that body. That petition was an appeal for the preservation of the right of free speech over the radio. It was a subject that should have appealed to The Associated Press, but neither at that time nor at the time of either of the two Congressional hearings held thereafter did that great newsgathering agency show any genuine interest. In other words, it quietly took the side of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

Largest Convention Held in Washington

In June, 1935, Jehovah's witnesses to the number of 20,000 assembled at the nation's capital city in what the Press of Washington called "the largest religious convention ever held" there, and what that city's officials admitted was the most orderly. On that occasion Judge Rutherford spoke on "Government", a record-breaking assembly in

and around the Washington Auditorium hearing that speech, which was simultaneously broadcast on a world-wide network consisting of the most unique and extensive combination of wire and wireless communication facilities, public-address appliances and sound equipment. From all parts of the United States as well as from thirty-eight foreign countries listeners' messages of appreciation of that speech were flashed to the speaker at Washington. According to communications experts, it was the most successful international broadcast ever made.

The Associated Press was as silent as the grave with reference to that news.



From the time of its birth, in 1900, until now The Associated Press has had for its president a Washingtonian, Frank B. Noyes of *The Evening Star*. On June 3, 1935, *The Star* had Judge Rutherford's address on "Government" all in type, two full pages of text matter, but at the last minute refused to print it, even as a paid advertisement, because he had referred to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as a foreign power seeking to grab control of the United States government. Let the people judge whether or not Frank Noyes and his associates are afraid of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

In the Lynn affair The Associated Press has followed its usual course as respects the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and Jehovah's witnesses. It has completely shielded the Hierarchy from the blazing light of truth, but it has not been afraid to identify the Nichols boy as a child of one of Jehovah's witnesses. Why?

The Associated Press claims that it was fair in its stories sent forth from Lynn. Its course is not so regarded among those who prefer to tell the truth. If it was afraid to quote Judge Rutherford's mention of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy it should have been *much more* afraid to mention Jehovah's witnesses. It was unwilling to risk offending the Hierarchy, yet it did not hesitate to link a gesture of friendship by a stranger to Jehovah's witnesses with Vanzetti, and thus lead the unthinking to the conclusion that the former were in some manner bound in with the latter.

Jehovah's witnesses Are Followers of Christ

Jehovah's witnesses have placed with the people more than two hundred million copies of Judge Rutherford's books explaining the Bible truths now due to be known and understood. The people have received those books at their own doorsteps. There is not a road too rough, nor a lane too long, nor a language or dialect too difficult, to stand in the way of the work of Jehovah's witnesses. This generation can never say it did not know what is coming and what everything indicates is just at hand, Armageddon.

People in all lands of earth who have read these books know that Jehovah's witnesses are not Communists, not Anarchists, not Socialists, not Townsendites, not Technocrats, not Douglassites, not Coughlinites, not Monarchists, and assuredly not Romanists. They are followers of Christ, who came to earth to bear witness to the

truth in obedience to the command of His Father, Jehovah; and they, too, will be heard. It is to the interest of every true American that they shall be heard.

When It Is a Little Different

Jehovah's witnesses could stand it very well, ordinarily, to have it distinctly understood that The Associated Press is the mouthpiece of the Devil's organization, his official spokesman, and that they need not expect and will not receive any assistance in their work of proclaiming the Kingdom of Jehovah God as the one and only hope of the world.

But conditions are a little different when they have been publicized all over the country, as they were in the Lynn case, and been put in an unfavorable light, and then are several times asked for a statement (as was done by The Associated Press on October 1, October 2, October 3, October 4, and October 6), and then when the statement was prepared, and given radio publicity, such a job was done by that press association as is shown in detail on pages 80-81.

Many Editors Disagree with AP Methods

This issue presents many editorials from America's leading newspapers, which editorials are the exact opposite in tone and spirit of the attitude which The Associated Press has maintained for years against Jehovah's witnesses and the Kingdom message which it is their duty and privilege to bear.

Thus the editor of the *Boston Traveler*, published where the fires against Jehovah's witnesses have recently been blazing so furiously, said in the issue of October 10:

What, please, can be done to the child; what kind of disciplinary measure? Stood in a corner? Kept after school? Slapped on the wrist? Expelled? Even our courts allow members of a religious group to "affirm" rather than "take oath", when giving testimony. And upon this testimony a life may depend, yet the courts have no cause to worry about the veracity of the witness. This youngster in Lynn who refuses to pledge allegiance to the flag consistently says he does so because his religion forbids it. Apparently he would refuse, whatever country he was in. So where the treason to the United States?

Nine days earlier the same capable and fearless editor said to his readers:

If the child, believing it to be sinful to salute the flag, had saluted it, it is likely that all trouble would have been avoided. And thus we see what can come of compulsory pledges of allegiance.

Some people with about the mentality of the ordinary priest or preacher entirely lose their heads when they get to thinking about such purely human inventions as the flags which fly over the various nations of earth. An instance is the following paragraph from the *National Geographic Magazine* of September, 1934, in an article on "Flags of the World":

"It has been said that flags were divinely ordained; that when Jehovah made His covenant with mankind that all flesh should never again be destroyed by a flood, He sealed the pledge by unfurling across the heavens the great banner of the ages—the rainbow itself."

In *The Golden Age*, issues Nos. 417, 418, 419, there is furnished proof that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the most wicked crowd in the world, is moving to subjugate all the peoples of the earth to variations of the Mussolini-Hitler forms of government, i.e., Roman Catholic Fascism. This central idea of Judge Rutherford's speech on "Saluting a Flag" was deliberately cut out by The Associated Press and was relegated to the waste basket as being not a "news element", but only "inferences" "inaccurate and irrelevant".

The Duty of Jehovah's witnesses

The Associated Press could start the fires of persecution burning against Jehovah's witnesses in every corner of the United States, and it could thus become the handmaid of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, but when it was given the opportunity, which it had five times requested, to read and to present to the public Judge Rutherford's address on "Saluting a Flag" it would do nothing whatever to quench the flames it had started or even to mitigate their severity. As a sample of one of the hundreds, or by this time thousands, of examples of unnecessary suffering brought upon Jehovah's witnesses by this cowardly knuckling to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, there is herewith presented a report received within the last few minutes which all true Americans are requested to read, and to hang their heads in shame that such conditions could prevail this side of the accursed government that operates on the other side of the Rhine.

A number of families of Jehovah's witnesses live in Nemaquin, a mining town located in Greene county, Pennsylvania. About the latter part of September the school board discovered that little Lillian Koroly, six years of age, and her brother Mike Koroly, Jr., eight

years old, were not taking part in the school's flag saluting exercises. The teacher asked Lillian why she did not salute the flag, and the little child replied, "Because the flag belongs to the Devil."

The teacher informed the parents concerning the matter, and the father of the children went to see the principal and explain why his children had taken this stand. He said he taught his children the scriptures concerning the true worship of Jehovah God and that they must take their individual stand in order to have life everlasting. He said the reason why his children were not saluting the flag was because Jehovah says, in Exodus 20:3-5, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God." Because of this scripture Mr. Koroly believed that Jehovah alone is worthy of full devotion and adoration.

In further proof of his stand he read from Deuteronomy 4:10, "And I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children." Again, in Deuteronomy 11:18-20, "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates."

A little later on it was discovered that Louis Wielkiewicz, about ten years of age, was also not saluting the flag. His teacher said, "I will give you ten chances to salute the flag," but the child continued to maintain his stand. The principal of the school sent Louis home and told him not to come back to school any more until he was willing to salute the flag. The boy's father took him to the principal and explained why Jehovah's witnesses and their children do not salute the flag. Mr. Wielkiewicz requested the principal to read from the book *Preservation*, pages 72-74, concerning Mordecai's refusing to bow down and worship Haman. The principal stated that this did not apply to flag saluting.

Mr. Wielkiewicz asked the principal if he could send the boy back to school with the understanding that the child would be left to his own free will in regard to saluting the flag. The principal refused to take the child back. As the result, little Mike Koroly, Jr., and Louis Wielkiewicz were expelled from school until the school board held a meeting.

The children's parents were present at the board meeting and Mr. Wielkiewicz asked permission to say a few words in support of the stand taken by the children. He read Exodus 20:3-5, and pages 42-45 of

The Kingdom, the Hope of the World, which shows that the three companions of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, did not bow down to the golden image which was set up. They did not say as some do today, "I can salute the flag with a mental reservation that I do not mean it." Such would be a compromise in order to obtain the favor of men. "Daniel's three companions refused to bow down because to do so would have been proof of unfaithfulness to God. For this they were cast into a furnace of fire; but God delivered them. At the present time many people who claim to be devoted to God, when the band plays, 'God Save the King,' or some similar national air, unhesitatingly stand up, like others, thereby giving approval to a form of adulation of men. That is an endorsement of Satan's organization. Such excuse themselves by saying, 'I can do this with a mental reservation that I do not mean it.' But such is a compromise in order to obtain the approval of men. Daniel's three companions refused to do that, and God approved them and delivered them." Mr. Wielkiewicz told the school board they were responsible to Jehovah God for the action taken against the children. The board replied stating they would take all the responsibility on their shoulders.

Young Louis was sent home on three different occasions, and Mike Koroly twice, because they would not salute the flag. Each was severely whipped, and Louis was whipped on several occasions, the last one being administered on October 7. On October 19 the boy was still bearing the black-and-blue marks on his thighs. The children have been expelled from school until they will consent to salute the flag.

Americans Resent Hitlerization

Americans resent Hitlerization. It is one thing for the Jesuits to promote a Ratti-Mussolini partnership in Italy or a Ratti-Hitler partnership in Germany, and quite another and a different thing to accomplish the same result in the United States; and the effeminate silence of *The Associated Press*, where they should boldly mention the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, does much to help the Jesuits gain their objective, yet there is bound to be a big awakening before long respecting this Vatican City monstrosity that presumes to try to put true Americans off the air in America itself.

The Boston *Herald*, though it asked for Judge Rutherford's address on "Saluting a Flag" and yet lacked the courage to publish one word of that address because it feared the boycott methods of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, nevertheless did have sufficient courage to publish the following letter from Marion M. Jaques, of Newton Centre, in its issue of October 14:

"It seems to be a popular political pastime to smother our teachers and pupils under oaths and pledges. Dr. Mather has many supporters because of his disapproval of the teacher's oath; it is time some one took up cudgels for the little Lynn pupil, now expelled from school for failure to 'pledge allegiance to the flag'.

"It is hypocrisy to teach children 'liberty and justice for all' and then expel from school an eight-year-old boy whose juvenile mind places 'liberty and justice' in divinity instead of 'one nation, indivisible'. It is possible the child is right. At any rate, he needs all the education our public schools can give him. A classroom is disrupted for days, teacher and principal consult, committees are called, a hearing is held, and finally a child is turned away from the very door through which he should pass daily to learn true citizenship; citizenship taught by an understanding teacher, one who could explain the difference between religious allegiance to his God and political allegiance to the flag of his republic. If he then can acknowledge only one as worthy of his devotion, he is still entitled to and should have an education under the state law which requires children under 16 to attend school.

"The pledge to the flag, by the way, was written in 1892 by one Francis Bellamy, a member of the staff of the *Youth's Companion*. Its use in the schools is neither nation-wide nor constitutionally obligatory. I do not recall having to repeat it when I registered to vote. (Beacon Hill should do something about this.) As a clubwoman I rise and add my voice to others when I am asked to do so, but I do not feel that my love for or allegiance to my native land is materially increased by the verbal repetition or the gymnastic gesture.

"The 'letter' is too much with us."

If You Are an American

If you are an American do you wish to have your news garbled as *The Associated Press* garbled Judge Rutherford's address, shown in the exhibit on pages 80-81 of this issue?

Take the time to examine those pages critically, and judge for yourself whether Jehovah's witnesses have had a fair deal.

The AP dispatch of October 6 (reproduced at page 80, and marked "FIRST MUTILATION") is the 500-word "story" prepared at the press association's headquarters and "sent from New York on the trunk circuits serving all members of *The Associated Press* in Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, etc. Members of *The Associated Press* are located in nearly all the principal cities of New England."

The "SECOND MUTILATION" (page 81, lower right corner) is just an example, showing

how each member newspaper of the press association finally presents such a "story" to the reading public. That "second mutilation" was the dispatch sent out on October 7 from Lynn by the Associated Press representative after he had regarbled the "story" received by him from his New York headquarters. That twice-garbled "story", published by the New Britain (Conn.) *Daily Herald* (reproduced in facsimile at page 81), is set out here for the reader's convenience:

Lynn, Mass., Oct. 7 (AP)—Attempts to make Carlton B. Nichols, Jr., 8, of Lynn, salute the flag received condemnation from two widely separated places.

In New York city yesterday Joseph F. Rutherford, prominent in the religious cult "Jehovah's Witnesses" to which Carlton and his family belong, branded the attempts to make the lad salute as "in line with Hitlerism."

In the Universalist church in Bridgewater, Mass., Edward Holton James, of Concord, nephew of William James, the psychologist, and Henry James, the author, said:

"Today we have a set of political busybodies who are trying to push down the throats of teachers and children a vulgarized, contaminated patriotism which sickens the heart of every genuine American."

Rutherford, a former Missouri circuit judge and president of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract society, said in an address:

"The Hitler government, a stench in the nostrils of all honest people, requires all persons of Germany to give a certain salute and to cry out: 'Heil Hitler,' and those who refuse to do so are severely punished.

"SHOT-GUN METHODS"

"True and honest men of America, in which class Jehovah's Witnesses are included, do not need shot-gun methods or prisons to compel them to do what is right.

"Real American citizens who love the bill of rights and the fundamental law of the land, who believe in freedom of thought and speech, and above all in the right of man to worship according to the dictates of his conscience, will condemn the lad for the stand he has taken. It is foolish to attempt to make good citizens by compelling them to act as hypocrites."

The boy has refused to salute, saying the flag is an emblem of the devil and saluting is against his religious beliefs.

James said "we ought so to use the flag as not to cause anyone to look upon it with dislike. No idea of coercion, compulsion or dictation ever should be associated with the American flag, which is a symbol of freedom. Take freedom away and it ceases to represent any moral principle."

James, who was active in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti, and the lad's father, were arrested last week for

"disturbing school" when they attended exercises at which Carlton refused to salute.

Roger N. Baldwin of the American Civil Liberties league said in New York the league had offered to defend young Nichols.

The foregoing AP dispatch of October 7 from Lynn was published also in the Providence (R. I.) *Evening Bulletin* on October 7. No other member newspaper of The Associated Press, so far as is known, paid any attention to either the AP garbled story sent from New York "to New England and elsewhere" on October 6 or the AP regarbled story sent out from Lynn on October 7. Typical is the attitude expressed by the publisher of the Waterbury (Conn.) *Republican*, W. J. Pape, who is also First Vice-President of The Associated Press. Writing October 23 to the operators of radio station WBBR at New York, he said: "We find that the interview with Judge Rutherford sent out by the A.P. on October 6 was not used in any of our editions. . . . and in the judgment of our news desk the Rutherford interview was not of sufficient interest to be carried."

Editors Will Be Next

Pape would not want his own children tortured or abused, but is willing that the children of Jehovah's witnesses should bear without relief what The Associated Press has brought upon them; but if the receivers of Dutch Schultz into their "fold" finish their job here Pape's children will come next—unless he is a Papist.

No doubt the screws will be put on all the editors quoted in this issue who have dared to take their stand on the side of freedom of worship and on the side of common sense.

No doubt there will now be a grand rush of politicians to protect the United States government from the terrible dangers it faces at the hands of an eight-year-old boy!

In this campaign of foolishness, if the future is to be judged by the past, the politicians will be ably assisted by the priests and preachers, whose usefulness to the people of the United States is far less than that of the one eight-year-old boy in Lynn who has tried, not in vain, to show what it means to have true courage and to take a real stand for Jehovah God.

It is just too bad that the Associated Press copy writers who mutilated Judge Rutherford's address on "Saluting a Flag" could not have a term in school in the same class with Carleton B. Nichols, Jr.

Cardinal O'Connell Unconvinced

ANYBODY who knows even the least little bit about American politics knows that Cardinal William O'Connell of Boston holds the State of Massachusetts in the palm of his hand.

Cardinal O'Connell is interested in education. All good Catholics are required to educate their children in parochial schools and to keep them out of "the sink holes of iniquity, the godless American public schools".

Cardinal O'Connell is interested in children. That is known, because every time the Child Labor Amendment comes up in Massachusetts the cardinal publicly takes his stand against the kids, the great power of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy's political machine is put in operation, and the boys in the State House do what they are told, like so many frightened sheep.

And this brings one to Mr. Shanahan, the gentleman who was so honest as to admit that there is no law under which Carleton B. Nichols could be compelled to salute the flag, which he conscientiously believed he ought not to do; but after Mr. Shanahan had had time to hear from Mr. O'Connell, how different everything looked to him!

It is not necessary to say anything about the Lynn school board, except that they are as completely under the thumb of Mr. Shanahan as he is under the thumb of William O'Connell, or as Mr. O'Connell is under the thumb of Ambrose Ratti, or as Ambrose Ratti is under the thumb of the Devil.

But that all may see the argument of Attorney Moyle, which it was decided in advance would not suit the Devil, would not suit Mr. Ratti, would not suit Mr. O'Connell, would not suit Mr. Shanahan, and would not suit the Lynn school board, it is given in full herewith.

The Boston *Post*, once the issues are squarely drawn, would hardly dare run the risk of losing its advertisers by championing the cause of Carleton B. Nichols, even though its initial write-up was so fair and honorable.

Elsewhere in this issue is disclosed what came to pass when Cardinal O'Connell had had a chance to have his say. Read Attorney Moyle's statement to the school board (in behalf of Carleton B. Nichols, Sr.) which now follows:

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF

THE LYNN PUBLIC SCHOOLS:

We have been summoned to appear before you to show cause why Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., should not salute the United States flag when called upon by the teachers of the school. We are glad to have the op-

portunity to present to you the reasons for the stand taken by us in the matter.

The United States flag is the symbol of national sovereignty and authority. It is spoken of in highly laudatory terms, and the very attributes of Deity ascribed to it. We cite the following from *The Encyclopedia Americana*, Volume 11, page 316:

"The flag, like the cross, is sacred. Many people employ the words or term 'Etiquette of the Flag.' This expression is too weak, too superficial, and smacks of drawing-room politeness. The rules and regulations relative to human attitude toward national standards use strong, expressive words, as, 'Service to the Flag,' 'Respect for the Flag,' 'Reverence for the Flag,' 'Devotion to the Flag,' 'Behavior Towards the Flag.'"

Also the following as to the meaning of colors in the flag:

"White signifies Purity and Innocence; Red, Hardiness and Valor; Blue signifies Vigilance, Perseverance and Justice."

Such adulatory and approbative terms put the flag and the government which it represents virtually on the plane of divinity. When the flag is spoken of as sacred and pure, and humans are told to have reverence and devotion to it, virtues are ascribed to it which belong only to Almighty God, the Creator.

The one who offers salute to the flag, described by those in authority in such acclamatory style, signifies his assent to the symbology. The salute then is an act of obeisance to this representation of government carrying the attributes of divinity. It is an act of worship; for worship means to reverence and to serve.

If an individual or the majority of the people desire to worship the flag, that is their privilege. But no majority has the right through any rule, ordinance, or statute to declare that others shall likewise offer reverence to a man-made creation.

Centuries ago Jesus said, "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." That principle has been recognized by this nation from its very birth. Government officials have required obedience to law, but have recognized that the law of Almighty God supersedes the law of the state or nation. On this point permit us to quote the words of Senator Walsh of this state to the United States Senate. The occasion was a resolution brought before the Senate making it unlawful to hoist any flag or pennant on the same staff above the flag of the United States on any battleship, cruiser or other naval vessel. The flag of the Roman Catholic church is flown above the national flag on naval ships at the time of holding church services. Senator Walsh opposed the resolution and stated in part as follows:

"I want to repeat, Mr. President, that I refuse to put even the flag of my country or the authority of my country above the emblem of God, and I for one refuse to depart from the time-honored custom of placing the emblem of God above every other emblem in the world. I will not haul down the pennant of God for any other emblem."

Many people will not agree with his statement that the Papal banner is the pennant of God, but will agree with the principle therein stated of the suprem-

acy of God over this and all nations. The United States Senate concurred in that opinion, rejecting the resolution by a vote of 68 to 10.

We think that the Committee will agree with us that obedience to the laws of God comes ahead of obedience to the laws of man, and that in case of conflict it is proper and necessary that the laws of man should be violated in order that the law of Almighty God may not be disobeyed. We feel that no educational body in Massachusetts, with its historical background of civic and religious liberty, would repudiate such position.

Be it known then to you, Members of the School Committee, that Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., will not offer salute to the flag as requested by you, for the reason that in so doing he would violate the law of Jehovah God, which is supreme and above every law.

The Most High God, Jehovah, has commanded His people not to bow down or serve any image of anything in heaven or on earth. (Exodus 20:4) The American flag represents the United States Government, and is a symbol of the alleged purity, innocence, justice, valor, vigilance and perseverance of that government. A salute to that flag is a bowing down, an obeisance, and an act of worship as fully as when the Israelites bowed before the golden calf.

Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., at the tender age of eight years has learned to reverence and obey Jehovah God, and will not disobey His commandments.

Many centuries ago three faithful Hebrews, Jehovah's witnesses of that time, were commanded by King Nebuchadnezzar to fall down and worship a golden image. These men firmly and positively declined to obey the king's command. For such offense they were cast into a fiery furnace. Their bold and unequivocal stand for freedom of worship has received the admiration and approval of all "Christendom", and their course of action has been held forth to the young as worthy of emulation by them.

A parallel case is now before this Committee. Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., has been ordered to salute the flag; to render honor, homage and reverence to it. In plain words, to worship it. He is threatened with punishment; expulsion from school if he refuses. He refuses to salute the flag because he will not disobey the law of God.

Whom should he obey: God, or the School Committee? Should he stultify his conscience, and disobey the Lord's command, as he sees it, just for the sake of peace in school, or educational advantage? The Committee is to judge on that.

Is it not a fact that in its effort to force this lad to salute the flag the school authority is endeavoring to make a hypocrite of him? You say: 'Salute the flag and all will be well.' He might take the easy course: salute the flag, and avoid a lot of unpleasantness. Then he would receive your commendation. For what? For the performance of an act of hypocrisy. Saluting the flag will not change his convictions. It will not increase

respect for the flag. It will not make him a better citizen. He would have under duress and compulsion performed an act which in his heart he believed to be wrong. He would have learned that acting one thing even though believing another sometimes saves trouble. And this educational body would be the one guilty of starting him off on the pathway of hypocrisy.

Instead of persecuting him for his convictions, his teachers and the school officials should encourage and uphold him.

We recognize the difficulty in which the School Committee is placed. We understand that the law prescribes the salute to the flag by teachers and pupils. Such law is undoubtedly an unconstitutional infringement on the right of liberty and freedom of worship. Teachers and school officials should have sufficient courage to refuse to enforce such regulations against pupils who conscientiously refuse to salute the flag. Suppose the legislature passed a law requiring teachers to present and teach the doctrines of some one certain religious organization. Such would be unconstitutional, and the teachers would be justified in refusing to enforce it. That should be their position in this case.

The patriotic susceptibilities of some people seem to have been shocked by Carleton's answer that the "flag belonged to the Devil". Perhaps the answer is blunt. Maybe more diplomatic language should have been used. Nevertheless, the answer is correct. The Divine Record relates how Satan offered Jesus rulership of the entire world in return for obedience to him. Jesus did not deny the ability of Satan to give him the rulership, but refused the offer. Later He said:

'I will no more speak much with you: for the prince (ruler) of this world cometh, and he hath nothing in me.'—John 14: 30.

The history of the nations, including the United States, proves that Satan, the Devil, is the invisible power which directs their acts. The flag of the nation then is his flag, and it would be a disobedient and dishonorable act for any true follower of Christ to salute it.

We firmly and conscientiously believe the Bible teachings that the nations of the world, including the United States, are like Babylon of old. They have been weighed in the balance, found wanting, and will soon be destroyed at the hands of Almighty God. The record tells of the determination of Jehovah to gather these nations and pour out upon them His fierce indignation. (Zephaniah 3:8) Upon the ruins thereof the Kingdom of Jehovah, for which we have all been taught to pray, will be built up. We have definitely taken our stand on the side of this new Kingdom; and regardless of the consequences, we will not bow down, worship, offer homage, or salute that which represents or symbolizes any other nation.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of October, 1935.

(Signed) CARLETON B. NICHOLS

Individually and as parent of
Carleton B. Nichols, Jr.

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Judge J. F. Rutherford,
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124 Columbia Heights,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Judge Rutherford:

We do not know which newspapers published The Associated Press story referred to in my letter of October 16, but I am glad to enclose a copy of the story as it was written and sent from New York.

As you know, The Associated Press is a news-gathering and distributing organization serving its member newspapers, who own it. The newspapers print so much of the news report as they desire.

I am sorry we cannot be of any assistance in referring you to a newspaper that published your broadcast, or explain the Boston Herald's handling of the copy. You see, we do not have an exchange or clip newspapers. I suggest one of the clipping agencies, whose business that is, might be of some aid.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Assistant

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FIRST MUTILATION

New York, Oct. 6 (AP) - Joseph F. Rutherford, prominent in the religious cult, "Jehovah's Witnesses", said today that attempts to compel Carlton B. Nichols, Jr., Lynn, Mass. school boy, to salute the American flag and sing "America" were "in line with Hitlerian."

The boy's father is a member of the cult, and the youth's refusal to salute the flag in school resulted in expulsion. Rutherford, former Missouri circuit judge, is President of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society.

"The Hitler government, a stench in the nostrils of all honest people, requires all persons of Germany to give a certain salute and to cry out: 'Hell, Hitler!', and those who refuse to do so are severely punished," Rutherford said in an address over a radio network.

"At the present time more than 1,200 of Jehovah's Witnesses are in prison in Germany because of the commission of the grave offense of declining to shout, 'Hell, Hitler!' They trust in Jehovah God and in Christ Jesus, and not in Man."

Members of the cult believe their destruction would follow disobedience to the scriptural admonition to "have no other gods before Me," Rutherford said.

"True and honest men of America, in which class Jehovah's witnesses are included, do not need shot-gun methods or prisons to compel them to do what is right."

"Real American citizens who love the principles of the bill of rights and the fundamental law of the land, who believe in freedom

of thought and freedom of speech, and above all in the right of man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, will commend the bold stand he has taken for Jehovah. It is foolish to attempt to make good citizens by compelling them to act as hypocrites."

Declaring that "for more than 150 years honest Americans have obeyed the law without being compelled to salute the flag,"

Rutherford charged that the flag-salute demand was part of a program sponsored by "one mighty religio-political organization."

He said a press account last year purported to forecast diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vatican.

A "liberty"-founded government would be "wholly inconsistent and unfair" in attempting to enforce an "oppressive" rule, he said

"The flag of the United States is not the flag of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. It is the emblem of the power that rules the nation and no one can truthfully say that God and Christ Jesus rule a government where crime is rampant."

"The Supreme Court of the United States in Church vs. United States, 147 U.S. authoritatively ruled that the American government is a Christian nation."

"If the nation is standing by that ruling of the Supreme Court then the nation must recognize the law of God as superior to the law of man, and where the two are in conflict the Christian must obey the law of God."

"The refusal to salute the flag and to stand mute as this boy did could injure no one. If one sincerely believes that God's commandment is against the saluting of flags, then to compel that person to salute a flag contrary to the word of God, and contrary to his conscience, works a great injury to that person."

"The State has no right by law or otherwise to work injury to the people."

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JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD
COUNSELOR
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October 22, 1935

To the Associated Press,
New York

Gentlemen:

Answering your letter of October 16, would it not have been more in keeping with honesty and fairness to the people for you to have sent out the speech as I gave it without deliberately garbling it thereby deceiving the people?

Respectfully,

J. F. Rutherford

DECEIVES the people

the facts, must be able to form their own opinions
Press statement with the speech delivered.

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Saluting a Flag

[Broadcast over chain stations, October 6, 1935, by Judge Rutherford]

RECENTLY much publicity has been given to the case of Carlton B. Nichols, Jr., a United States citizen, who declined to salute the American flag and sang "America." He is the son of one of Jehovah's witnesses. The Associated Press has requested me to express my view of the matter. This I do from the standpoint of a true follower of Christ Jesus. To many persons the saluting of the flag is merely a formality and has little or no significance. To those who sincerely consider it from the scriptural standpoint, it means much.

The flag represents a claim for the validity of laws. To attempt by law to compel a citizen or child of a citizen to salute any object, or to sing so-called "patriotic songs," is entirely unfair and wrong. Laws are made and enforced to prevent the commission of overt acts that result in injury to another, and are not made for the purpose of compelling a person to violate his conscience, and particularly when that conscience is directed in harmony with Jehovah God's Word.

The refusal to salute the flag, and to stand mute, as this boy did, could mean only one thing: namely, he has obeyed God's commandment to "stand mute." He has refused to salute the flag, then to commit the person to salute a flag contrary to the Word of God, and contrary to his conscience. It is a great injury to that person. The flag is not a great thing by law or otherwise. It is only an injury to the people.

For many centuries Satan the Devil has been the ruler of the nations of this world. God has suffered so much to put him in so that in order to put a test upon the human race to determine how many will serve God willingly and how many will serve the Devil. For that reason Jehovah God gives his commandment to those who will serve Him. (Isaiah 43:10) "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them."

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Law is Caesar's rule for the state or human law. All laws of the state or government that are not in conflict with God's law should be gladly obeyed by all who are devoted to Jehovah God. When the law of man is in conflict with the law of Jehovah, then the Christian cannot obey that law of man. The apostles of Christ Jesus showed this exact construction upon the words of Jesus. In answer to charges of violating the law of the province or state they said to the high court: "Whether it be right in the sight of God [for us] to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye."

We ought to obey God rather than men. (Acts 5:29) Jehovah's witnesses take this line of thought. They gladly obey every law of the kingdom that is not in conflict with God's law. But when the law of man is in direct conflict with God's law, they cannot and will not comply therewith.

It is written, at Romans 13:1 "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers," and many wrongly hold that "the higher powers" are the visible rulers of the nations of earth. This scripture is addressed to the followers of Christ Jesus, and to no others, and "the higher powers" are Jehovah God and Christ Jesus, and every true follower of Christ Jesus must obey God in preference to man.

The flag of the United States is not the flag of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. It is the emblem of the power that rules the nation, and no one can truthfully say that God and Christ Jesus rule a government where crime is rampant. Men have organized governments, and Satan the Devil overreaches men and rules them because of their refusal to obey God, and hence the nations of the world are under the control of Satan the Devil, as stated at 1 John 5:19: "We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the Evil one." (Weymouth) In proof of this, mark the words of Jesus. That the Devil is the invisible ruler of the world, note this from the Bible: Jesus took Jesus up on a high mountain, and, being the god of the world, he showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and offered to give them to Jesus upon condition that Jesus would all down and worship the Devil. Jesus refused to do so. (Matthew 4:10) "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

In another proof, Jesus, at John 12:31, stated that Satan is the prince or invisible ruler of this world. John 18:36, He said: "My kingdom is

not of this world." Jesus directed His followers to pray to God saying (Matthew 6:9-12): "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as in heaven." At 2 Corinthians 4:4 it is written that Satan is the god of this world and deceives and blinds the people to the truth.

Jehovah's witnesses are true followers of Christ Jesus and must obey His commandments. Let them the Lord says (John 15:19): "Because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." At John 8:23: "I am not of this world." At John 14:21: "He that hath my commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me." Concerning His followers it is written in the Scriptures (Philippians 3:20): "For our citizenship is in heaven, and we await thence a savior."

At 1 John 5:21: "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." At 1 Corinthians 10:14: "Wherefore, my beloved brethren, flee from idolatry." This commandment is based upon the commandment at Exodus 20:4, 5.

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Jehovah's witnesses are in a solemn covenant or agreement to obey God and Christ Jesus, and for them to break that covenant means their destruction, as it is written, in Romans 1:32, 33: "That obedient servants . . . are worthy of death." At Acts 3:23 they are told that every one who does not obey Christ shall be destroyed. When Jesus was about to be put to death the Roman governor pointed to Jesus and said to the Jews: "Behold your King," and the Jews answered: "We have no king but Caesar." (John 19:15) They were in a covenant to obey God. Their repudiation of that covenant resulted in their destruction. The question to all of Jehovah's witnesses that are true: Shall I obey every command of man and die, or shall I obey Jehovah God and live?

Jehovah's witnesses are not a sect or cult. They are true followers of Christ Jesus. The Bible is their only creed. God has given them a banner or flag, and that is His message of truth, as stated in Psalm 20:5: "Jehovah commands His witnesses to 'lift up a standard for the people'." (Isaiah 62:10), meaning that His witnesses must raise God's standard of truth and point to that as the only salvation of man. Every nation has a different standard, and therefore none of these are God's standard.

The Pilgrim fathers left the oppressive nations in Europe, and landed in New England, because

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of their sincere desire to be free to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. It now appears that in Massachusetts, the very cradle of American liberty, an oppressive rule is attempted to be enforced that takes away the liberty of the citizen to worship God as God has commanded that man shall worship. The government or state is wholly inconsistent and unfair in compelling citizens to salute the flag. No one is injured by a man conscientiously serving God as he is commanded by the Lord Jehovah's witnesses are thoroughly devoted to God and Christ Jesus, and they will obey the laws of God always, and will obey the laws of the state or nation that are not contrary to God's law. No citizen has a right to compel a man to violate God's law in which he conscientiously and lawfully trusts.

The Supreme Court of the United States, in Chick v. United States, 144 U.S. 407, affirmed that the United States is a Christian nation. It is the duty of the citizen to salute the flag of the United States, and where the two are in conflict the Christian must obey the law of God.

On the ships that ply the sea the Roman Catholic service is held. At that service the flag of the pope is displayed above the flag of the United States. The United States' name went on record, in February, 1920, as favoring the right of the flag of the pope to be thus displayed, and this appears in the Congressional Record No. 47, page 2831. In that instance the senator from Massachusetts took the position that the flag of the pope is the flag of God. I wholly disagree with him in that respect, but giving him credit for believing that the flag of the Catholic church is the flag of God his words are appreciable. He said: "For one reason to depart from the honored American custom of placing the emblem of God above every other emblem of the world I will not run down the pennant of God for any other emblem." The Senate, by a vote of 68 to 10, sustained the senator in that position. The United States government is therefore stopped from saying that the flag of the United States should be honored above Jehovah God.

The next important question before the peoples of earth now is: Whom do you choose to serve, Jehovah or Satan the Devil? The crisis is here because the end of the Devil's reign is at hand. Soon Christ Jesus will destroy all of the Devil's organizations visible and invisible, and

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try to attempt to make good citizens by compelling them to act as hypocrites.

For more than 150 years honest Americans have obeyed the law without being compelled to salute the flag. Why the burning zeal to now compel flag-saluting? The reason is this, and once again I warn the American people that the same power that caused Fascism and Hitlerism to seize governments in Europe is now trying to seize control of the American institutions, and the policy of compulsory flag saluting is but a part in that program to put fear into the minds of the people and compel submission to an arbitrary dictator. One might expect a political or a religious attack of the entire nation. That is not the case. It is not the Roman Catholic Church, but it is the Roman Catholic hierarchy, as shown in a Roman, in a . . .

that includes all who take their stand on the side of the Devil. Each person must choose for himself. There can be no compulsion on either side. As for Jehovah's witnesses, they will serve and obey Jehovah God.

It is a great pity for the people who attend the churches that their clergymen fail to teach them the truth of God's Word. For their neglect the clergymen are doubly responsible. Today the world and church organizations celebrate "loyalty day." Do they mean loyalty only to man? If entering loyal to God they do harm to no one. To compel the saluting of the flag, thereby saving in symbol, "We look to the flag for salvation," is doing no harm to man and reproaching the name of Jehovah God—Galatians 6:10.

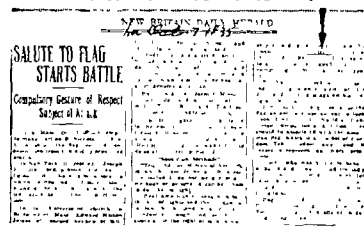
The Baltimore Evening Sun editorially expresses the true American sentiment in these words:

"For our part, we glory in Carlton's spirit. Any statute requiring that the flag be saluted by school children is an insult to the Stars and Stripes and ought to be rejected by all patriots. Is our national emblem a statue in flag, to be respected only by forced salutes? Since when has the Stars-and-Stripes Banner lost the respect of the people over whom it flies? At times we need it to make them proud to honor it. What a disaster, if it were to assume that a flag would not be saluted if people were not asked to refuse to salute it. It is an insult to the flag. It is supposed to float before its people as a reminder of their own free will and upheld not of its own strength but because they fear it, but bear it they love it. If it were to come when it must be compelled to pay it a formal and forced tribute to the time has come to haul it down and burn it in its place some red or black banner of desecration of love and fear."—Baltimore Evening Sun of September 28, 1935.

The Nichols had been taught by his parents to love and obey Jehovah. He has made a wise choice, and, during his life for Jehovah God and His kingdom of righteousness. All who not wish to do the same thing. The great multitude that serves God is revealed as saying: "Salvation [salvation] to our God, which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the [Christ]."—Revelation 7:9, 10.

Real American citizens who love the principles of the Bill of Rights and the fundamental law of the land, who believe in freedom of thought and freedom of speech, and above all, in the right of man to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, will commend the lad, Carlton B. Nichols, Jr., for the bold stand he has taken for Jehovah. It is fool-

SECOND MUTILATION · A SAMPLE
Each newspaper mutilates to suit its own wishes. How can an honest man explain this use of the word "condemn" instead of "commend"?



The Business of Telling the Truth

A GENERATION ago many Americans believed that the business of a newspaper is to tell the truth. With here and there an exception, few newspapers are now anything more than collections of advertisements which carry enough reading matter to hold their subscribers. The owner is usually a wealthy man or a wealthy group that wishes full control of a means for getting its views before the people.

Not an intelligent editor or news writer in Boston but knows full well that the law requiring school children to salute the flag or be expelled from school is un-American and foolish, and an entering wedge to Fascism or Nazism, entirely political and entirely absurd.

Whether it was political influence, or financial influence, or Roman Catholic influence, or all three together, that led to the publication of the following from the *Boston Post*, October 10, 1935, will not be known at once, but it can be set down as morally certain that the writer of the article is a Roman Catholic, without a particle of respect for the United States flag, the United States Constitution or the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts: he could not be a loyal subject of Ambrose Ratti, and sworn to do everything possible to put the pope's flag above the United States flag, and keep it there at all hazards, and be a true American.

Anyway, Roman Catholic or not Roman Catholic, professedly American or a hyphenated American, the one who wrote the following is entitled to the Biblical degree of D.L., hereby awarded. His story, as published in the *Post*, contains so many lies that its publication is followed by a letter from Attorney O. R. Moyle, addressed to the *Boston Post*, which all lovers of truth will greatly enjoy.

[*Boston Post*, October 10, 1935]

FLAG SALUTE STRIKE IS ORDERED HERE

Boston Pupils Told to Refuse Giving of Allegiance

The spreading flag salute strike of school pupils in Greater Boston is a direct result of orders issued from the Brooklyn, N. Y., headquarters of the Company of Jehovah's witnesses, to stage a demonstration against obeisance to the United States flag, it was learned yesterday, as the organizations of Judge Joseph J. Rutherford, author of the slogan, "Millions now living will never die," swung into action to oppose the expulsion of Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., from the Lynn schools.

NO STATE LAW

As Attorney-General Paul A. Dever declared there is no law on the statute books to provide a penalty for

a pupil who refuses to salute the U. S. flag, but that it is up to the school committee of the various cities and towns to take disciplinary action against those who refuse, a spokesman of Jehovah's witnesses revealed that orders for the flag salute strike came directly from Brooklyn.

Six school pupils in Saugus and one in Lynn have refused to salute the flag, and the children of the numerous membership of the Boston Company of Jehovah's witnesses, who meet on Huntington avenue, Back Bay, have been instructed to refuse the salute, it was learned.

Oracle of the Company of Jehovah's witnesses, and of the International Bible Students' League, Judge Joseph F. Rutherford, who is also head of the Watch Tower in Brooklyn, N. Y., has directed that all the resources of his organization be placed behind the fight against the compulsory flag salute, it was stated yesterday by Attorney O. R. Moyle, counsel for the Company of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Filed with the Lynn school committee in defence of the action of the Nichols boy in refusing the salute is a long brief prepared by Judge Rutherford. Judge Rutherford, in 1918, as head of the International Bible Students' League, and the Watch Tower Tract Society, was sentenced to 20 years in jail on a charge of conspiracy to violate the espionage act, and later was purged of the charge.

A flag salute test will be given all the school children of Saugus, this morning, according to an order issued last night by Superintendent of Schools, Vernon W. Evans. This action was taken when Fred A. Gott, seventh grade pupil at Central Junior High School, Saugus, and his sister, Shirley Gott, sixth grade student at Roby School, Saugus, refused to salute because they are members of Jehovah's witnesses.

There are six pupils in Saugus schools who refuse to make the salute. The others are: Costa Mitchell, 12; Constance Mitchell, 11; Philomen and Philip Mitchell, 9-year-old twins, all members of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Costa Mitchell.

Saugus has no School Board rule concerning saluting the flag, but will act today, following the "no salute" check-up, and take the names of those who decline to salute, for consideration at the Friday night meeting of the School Board.

In Lynn District Court, yesterday, Carleton B. Nichols, Sr., machinist, father of the boy who started all the "no salute" furor, was fined \$25 for disturbing a school in session. Edward H. James, nephew of William James, the philosopher, and Henry James, the novelist, was fined \$25 on the same charge.

October 14, 1935

Boston Post,
Boston, Mass.
Gentlemen:

In your issue of October 10 there is an article entitled "FLAG SALUTE STRIKE HERE IS ORDERED",

which contains many glaring misstatements. I am therefore presenting the facts to you in order that you may have an opportunity to make correction.

The article contained these headlines: "FLAG SALUTE STRIKE HERE IS ORDERED", "Boston Pupils Told to Refuse Giving of Allegiance." These headlines are absolutely untrue. No flag salute strike was ordered. No directions were given to Boston pupils, or any other pupils, to refuse allegiance.

The article further states: "The spreading flag salute strike of school pupils in Greater Boston is a direct result of orders issued from the Brooklyn, N. Y., headquarters of the Company of Jehovah's witnesses, to stage a demonstration against obeisance to the United States flag . . ."

The statement is absolutely false. No such orders have been issued.

The article further states: "Oracle of the Company of Jehovah's Witnesses, and of the International Bible Students' League, Judge Joseph F. Rutherford, who is also head of the Watch Tower in Brooklyn, N. Y., has directed that all the resources of his organization be placed behind the fight against the compulsory flag salute, it was stated yesterday by Attorney O. R. Moyle, counsel for the Company of Jehovah's Witnesses."

This statement is also false and untrue. I never made any such statement or anything remotely resembling it.

Your article further states: "Filed with the Lynn school committee in defence of the action of the Nichols boy in refusing the salute is a long brief prepared by Judge Rutherford."

This statement is also untrue. No brief prepared by Judge Rutherford was filed with the committee.

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The facts are as follows:

Carleton B. Nichols, Jr., aged eight, is a quiet, studious lad, who has learned to do some of his own thinking. His parents are sincere students of the Bible, and are zealous witnesses of Jehovah. They have carefully instructed their children to love and serve and worship Almighty God. They have taught their children the Bible truths concerning the establishment of the righteous kingdom of Jehovah on earth. At the opening of the school term Carleton decided in his own mind that it would be wrong to salute the United States flag because it is not the flag of God. He said nothing to his parents about the matter, and when the time for giving salute to the flag arrived, he remained quietly in his seat. He had received no instructions from his parents, or anyone, and made the decision entirely on his own initiative.

For thus following the dictates of his conscience and showing his loyalty to the Supreme Ruler of the uni-

(*In its issue of October 16, 1935, the Boston Post printed Moyle's letter, but omitted all that portion between the lines marked with asterisks, giving as a reason the Hitlerized remark, "You don't suppose anybody who refuses to salute the flag would get much consideration, do you?"—Ed.)

verse, he has been expelled from the Lynn public schools.

On Sunday, October 6, Judge J. F. Rutherford delivered a lecture over a chain of radio stations on the subject "Flag Salute." It was given in response to a request from The Associated Press for a statement from him on that issue. Copies were furnished to the press for publication. The newspapers have unanimously refused to print it. It appears that they would prefer to misrepresent, misstate and distort the issue, rather than let the people know the truth. A copy of this address was also filed with the Lynn public school committee for their information.

Jehovah's witnesses are not instructing anyone to refuse to salute the flag, or to give allegiance to the country. Their business is preaching the gospel, and they are not telling anyone what they should do or should not do. When one is penalized because of his loyalty to Almighty God, Jehovah's witnesses will assist that one in the protection of his rights. For that reason they will assist this Lynn school boy in prosecuting his right to attendance at the public schools.

I trust that you will print this letter in its entirety and thus in some measure correct the gross misstatements of your previous article.

Yours very truly,

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O. R. MOYLE.

Professor Pashby's Lather

REFERRING to Professor Pashby's lather at Lynn, Massachusetts, a writer in the *Ohio State Journal* who signed himself "Patriot" said:

"In this desperate frenzy of adult patriots to save the nation from the horrible menace embodied in an 8-year-old third-grader there is something so ridiculously out of all proportion that it stands in a class by itself."

In somewhat similar vein, an editorial in the *St. Louis Star-Times* says:

"Instead of making themselves ridiculous by kicking this little kid out of school, why doesn't the school board give him a special medal for filial obedience? His attitude toward the flag will then take care of itself."

Another Massachusetts School Incident

ALBERT MILLER, of Shelburne Falls, Mass., on being summoned to the office of the principal of the Arms Academy to answer to a charge of refusing to salute the flag, called attention to a statement in Psalm 94: 20 and asked the principal to read it. The principal did so. He read aloud, "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" Then he said, "Gee! I hope not."

Nevertheless Albert was expelled.

Lop-Sided News

(Broadcast October 11 from WBBR)

BY NOW almost every newspaper reader in the United States and Canada knows something of the boy at Lynn, Massachusetts, and the attempts of the school authorities to compel him to salute the flag. Thanks to The Associated Press, American newspaper readers know ONE side of the story.

What is wrong with The Associated Press, that on a matter of such great public interest and importance it spreads the news on only ONE side of the question?

Is anyone so foolish as to think that the city of Lynn, or the state of Massachusetts, or the United States of America, is in any jeopardy because an eight-year-old boy in the public school at Lynn refused to be coerced into doing something he conscientiously believed could not and should not be required of him in his laudable desire to gain an education?

What is wrong with The Associated Press, that it asks for and receives the other side of the story, and yet fails to publish that?

The Associated Press often claims that it publishes all the news worthy to be put in print. What holds it back from making good its boast?

With zeal for but ONE side of the news The Associated Press has thrown the weight of its influence against that eight-year-old boy, against his parents, and against the God of the Bible.

Is The Associated Press afraid to incur the displeasure of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy? The Hierarchy says that the people shall NOT SEE; just blindly follow the leader. So in Germany the Catholic Hierarchy sets up a NOT-SEE leader in the person of one Hitler.

Manifestly The Associated Press is AFRAID to publish LIVE NEWS, such as that set forth in the speech by Judge Rutherford Sunday October 6, on the flag salute, because the scheme of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy to Hitlerize the United States, and the world, if possible, is shown to the people in that speech.

But do the American people wish to be Hitlerized, or swastika-ized? They will be if The Associated Press has its way, because that institution is controlled by Big Business, and Big Business is in cahoots with the Roman Catholic Hierarchy for Nazifying the United States and therefore will not allow its black-robed sinister partner to be shown up in its true light. Because Judge Rutherford's speech contained the truth about the Roman Hierarchy's steps and plans in depriving the American people of their liber-

ties, The Associated Press is withholding fair and clear presentation to the people of BOTH sides of the question raised by the refusal of the Lynn boy to salute the flag.

Eventually the people will find out, anyway, that the Supreme Court has decided that this is a Christian nation, and that therefore the law of God should consistently be the supreme law of the land. Why not let the people know the truth now?

Eventually the people will find out, anyway, that the United States Senate has approved the flying of the flag of the pope above the Stars and Stripes, because of the supposition that the flag of the pope is the flag of God. Why not let the people know that truth now?

Eventually the people will find out, anyway, that the project is on foot for the United States to exchange ambassadors with the Vatican, and that Jesuit plans are well under way to seize the United States government and run it in the same way that Spain and Mexico and South America were run for centuries, and the way Italy and Germany are run now by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Why not tell them the truth now, letting the people know all that is to be known on the subject and let them decide for themselves what stand they choose to take?

Does The Associated Press think that it will come out of this unscathed? Is it in the mood to try swords with JEHOVAH, the true and living God? The Associated Press may do as it pleases, but if its business is to furnish news it would do well to do it, and not be content with merely ONE side of the news.

Every intelligent American should read Judge Rutherford's address "SALUTING A FLAG", published in *The Golden Age*, Number 420. School superintendents are asking for it. Read that statement. It is absolutely convincing and satisfying. Read it, and decide now whether you wish to be Hitlerized, swastika-ized, Nazified or Mus-solinified by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, The Associated Press, or anybody acting in their behalf. Watch your step, or you will be compelled soon to say the equivalent of "Heil Hitler" before you know what it is all about.

Would you be like Jesus, with courage to refuse to bow to the Devil when offered the whole world, when you knew it meant constant opposition and persecution even unto death? Or would it suit you better to be of those who, when Jesus stood before Pilate, cried, "We have no king but Caesar"? Here is a question for the American people: Is The Associated Press patriotic, loyal, faithful to American principles? Or is The Associated Press loyal and faithful to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the fathers of Nazism? Let every American decide for himself.

Warning

A five-minute talk

(Part 1)

by Judge Rutherford

JEHOVAH'S Great Prophet, Christ Jesus, uttered a prophecy which is recorded at the 24th chapter of Matthew. That prophecy gives information and warning of approaching disaster at the end of the world. Among other things Jesus said (Matthew 24:16): "Then let them which be in Judæa flee into the mountains."

A Judean is one devoted to the service and praise of God and whom God uses as His witness. Such witnesses of Jehovah are the ones whom the Lord now uses to sound this message of warning to others. There are millions of other persons of earth who are of good will toward God and who have a desire to see God's kingdom of righteousness rule the world; and these being in heart harmony with His kingdom, they are properly said to be in Judea. These latter ones are the ones who are warned to 'flee to the mountains'.

The word "mountain" is used symbolically in the Scriptures to represent God's organization. Jehovah's universal organization is pictured by a great mountain out of which is cut a stone without hands and which stone symbolically pictures God's anointed King, Christ Jesus. That Stone, according to the prophecy of the second chapter of Daniel, becomes a great mountain or kingdom which rules the world. The "mountains" mentioned in the prophecy of Jesus therefore mean God's kingdom of righteousness under Christ the King and Rightful Ruler of the world and which kingdom is the only hope for the peoples of earth.

The great prophecy of Jesus concerning the end of Satan's world began to have its fulfillment in 1914 with the coming of the World War. Then followed many woes and great distress upon the people even as Jesus had prophesied, and which distress and perplexity the people are now experiencing. The Scriptures show that Satan's world will be destroyed and a warning is given that some may take advantage of the information and flee to the place of refuge or safety which God has prepared for them.

When shall these "flee to the mountains"? Jesus answered (Matthew 24:15): "When ye, therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him under-

stand:)." The holy place is the sanctuary of Jehovah God. It is the royal house of Jehovah composed of Christ Jesus and the faithful members thereof, and is otherwise called the kingdom of God under Christ. To His faithful disciples Jesus said (Mark 4:11): "Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God." That mystery began to be made known to the followers of Christ Jesus after His ascension into heaven. "The mystery of the kingdom of God" means Christ Jesus and His faithful ones who prove their integrity and devotion to God even unto death, and hence constitute God's sanctuary or holy place. Concerning the holy place it is written (Psalm 24:3, 4): "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully." These faithful ones become kings and priests unto God and reign with Christ Jesus and rule the world.—Revelation 1:6; 20:4.

The kingdom of God must be and is wholly devoted to righteousness and hence to the vindication of Jehovah's name. It is the holy place of divine authority. Since the rebellion in Eden God has repeatedly caused His prophets to testify concerning the development and setting up of His righteous government to rule both in heaven and in earth. It is called the holy city or holy organization that comes down from God out of heaven to rule the earth. At the second coming of Christ Jesus Satan's world began to end, and it was at that time, to wit, in 1914, that Jehovah placed His King, Christ Jesus, in His official place in His organization, as it is written (Psalm 2:6): "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." The Devil, knowing that his time is now short before the final conflict, moves quickly to further deceive the people and to turn them away from God, and one of the things employed by him to accomplish that purpose is to set up a substitute for the kingdom of God and cause that substitute to be hailed as the hope for the peoples of the earth. It is written (Proverbs 15:9): 'The way of the wicked is an abomination unto God.' Whatever the wicked one sets up in the place or stead of the kingdom is a subterfuge and is an abomination unto God,

and works desolation to the people. The warning from Jesus to the people of good will is that when they learn that such a substitute for the kingdom of God has been set up, then it is the time for all who love righteousness to flee to the

organization of Jehovah God, which is pictured in the prophecy by "the mountains". The peoples of earth must now have this information, that they may avail themselves of God's provision for them.

[The foregoing talk, one of thirty-six, is published by arrangement with the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., who are distributors of these

pointed Bible talks in the form of phonograph records. Inquiries concerning these records should be addressed to the Society, not to *The Golden Age*.]

Jehovah's witnesses

"Release Unto Us Barabbas"

SAID John A. Diel, in a letter to one of the Lord's prisoners incarcerated in Union County jail, Elizabeth, N. J.:

"I was deeply horrified to hear over WBBR radio station yesterday of your arrest and other witnesses of Jehovah. This is an outrage, to say the least. Why is it necessary to have a license to spread the Word of God, or the gospel of Jehovah? I was held up, beaten and robbed on January 5, 1935. The hold-up man was caught and identified by me, but the judge gave him an honorable discharge, just because I had no witness; and to add insult to injury, the judge even abused me in court, saying it was an outrage. And to think I call myself a 100-percent American, and am a taxpayer, and a juror. The criminal above mentioned was even arrested before on a charge of playing policy numbers, and was sentenced to ten days in jail, but he paid the fine instead. Maybe he had a license for this kind of work. I know that you will get real justice, and your reward from Jehovah for spreading His gospel. I wish you future success and happiness in your grand undertaking."

"I Am Going, Too"

AT THE Washington convention, when the call went forth for all car drivers to report for service, a Texas mother writes, "I said to my little boy, 'They might let us go to New Jersey.' Knowing of what had taken place there he said, 'If they do, I am going, too.'" What a spirit! A comely young matron living in New Jersey was asked, "Have you been arrested yet?" Quick as a flash she replied with a smile, "No, but I hope to be, some day." What can you do with people like that? They have the fires burning in their hearts, and the fires cannot be extinguished. Let them burn to the glory of God, and light the way to a better day.

In Northern New Brunswick

IN NORTHERN New Brunswick, on the edge of Quebec, two of Jehovah's witnesses have been spreading the good news of the Kingdom. In a note they say: "Some folks left the R.C. church here and the priest ordered the people of his clan to burn the barns and cows and pigs, and forbade the stores to give them any food, with the consequence that they nearly starved to death. Then the Orange Lodge got busy and made things hum. Then the R.C.'s had to build new barns, new houses, replenish their stock, etc., to replace those that had been destroyed. In one little village the priest was trying to run the mill, but the manager told him to attend to his preaching and let him run the mill or he would discharge every R.C. in the place and put in Protestants. That is the only kind of argument the average priest can understand."

Scattering Sunshine in Oklahoma

"I FAILED to receive any radio programs for the June 2 lecture, so I took the May 22 issue of *The Golden Age* with me into the service for Jehovah and for Gideon, and showed the people the program on the back leaf: I also had a notice inserted in both local papers. One man replied, when I went to his door, 'Yes, I heard the judge Sunday, and I want that literature.' I came in from the service just in time to hear the lecture, and to invite a neighbor in to hear the lecture. Her left side is paralyzed, her husband is in the hospital, and she was almost in tears over her misfortunes, but by the time the point was reached where all who desire a righteous rule were to say 'Aye' her face was beaming with a smile and up went her well hand as she said 'Aye'. I wonder how any could help rejoicing who listened to that wonderful lecture."

The Interest Curse

ALFRID LAWSON, writing in a copyrighted article in *Direct Credits*, pays his respects to the interest swindle in a manner that will be appreciated by readers of *The Golden Age*. He asks:

"How did a little bunch of alien financiers get control of the American banks and money, take away more than 200,000 factories from American manufacturers, put out of business more than two million American storekeepers, take from American farmers more than three million farms, take from the American working people more than five million homes, take from the American people as a whole more than three hundred billion dollars' worth of property, sign the American people up for a bonded indebtedness of more than two hundred and fifty billion dollars and give absolutely nothing in return for it? Well, the answer to that question is easy to understand if you would like to know the truth about it. First, they told the people how easy it was for everybody to make a lot of money playing their game, the interest collecting swindle, and the people were foolish enough to believe that they could play the financiers' game and win. Second, they concocted a money and credits system that nobody could understand, and manipulated it in such a manner that they absorbed nine-tenths of the people's wealth. Third, they got control of every avenue of publicity so that they could educate the people as they want them educated and thus perpetuate the Interest Collecting Swindle, with the people's consent. Fourth, they put their agents in every organization, got control of them and set them to fighting against each other and made each think the other was responsible for their troubles. It was a deep, dark, dirty trick, but they won the game with ease."

"The people of America have been tied up for two hundred and fifty billions of dollars of bonded indebtedness and must pay interest on it to the extent of more than ten billion dollars interest annually. There is not enough money to pay ten billion dollars interest annually, so a large part of it must be added to the indebtedness, which is constantly growing larger and larger, and, of course, there must be further interest paid upon the interest that cannot be paid, thus constantly increasing the indebtedness. The larger the indebtedness grows, the more interest is to be collected; and the more interest not collected, the larger the indebtedness grows. Now who pays all the interest on all of the indebtedness? The people, of course. A lot of it is collected in taxes; so the more the indebtedness grows, the more taxes have to be collected to meet the increased interest, and so the people must pay more taxes. The reason the whole infernal swindle has not yet blown up is because the financiers have loaned the Federal Government huge sums of money that in turn was loaned to the different states and municipalities

for cleaning-up purposes, and in turn was paid to the working people as wages. But that only increases the indebtedness to larger proportions with more interest and more taxes to be paid."

Mr. Lawson envisages bayonets on the streets soon, in lieu of police.

Bankers Want the Veterans' Money

LINDSAY BROWN, writing in the *St. Paul Daily News*, explains about the so-called "soldiers' bonus". Calling attention to the fact that the \$3,000,000,000 adjusted service certificates, payable in 1945, are nothing more nor less than twenty-year endowment policies, he says:

"Approximately 80 percent of the veterans, badly in need of money in the last four or five years, borrowed the legal limit, 50 percent of the face value of their certificates, from the banks throughout the country. The interest on these loans is 4 percent. Practically none of these veterans are able to pay this interest; consequently, when the certificates mature in 1945 the interest will amount to more than half of the money then due on these particular certificates; specifically, more than \$1,000,000,000. That enormous sum of money is the prize around which this fight revolves. Stripped of deliberate misrepresentation the real issue is this: (1) If the certificates are paid now the veterans get most of that money. (2) If payment is delayed until 1945 the banks get most of it. That's all there is to it. The veterans object to losing this money because they believe they have been made the victims of a perfectly legal swindle."

Fisher's Opinion of Hot Money

PROF. IRVING FISHER, Yale University, America's most renowned economist, writing of the proposed "hot money", which deteriorates one percent per month, or some other percentage agreed upon, says, "I am convinced that the application of Gesell's principle of circulation of money will lead the nation out of the depression within two or three weeks." Prof. Fisher knows, and so does everybody else who has looked into the matter, that the "brain trust" at Washington is trying madly to find some way to save the huge interest rake-off, rather than to kill it, as hot money would automatically do. The hot money is perfectly practical, has worked wherever it has been tried in the past, and will work where tried in the future, but it is incompatible with the interest system, which automatically takes away half the earnings of the people and turns them over to people of whom it may only be said that they eat and sleep and breathe and breed, with no benefit resulting to anybody.

The New Deal Mail Service

J. SMITH, of Staten Island, N. Y., writes: "In *The Golden Age*, issue of July 3, I have read an article on page 618, 'Mails not delivered in Germany.' I see nothing surprising about this. Hitler, like Postmaster General Farley, thinks nothing about censoring the people's mail. In this country, with Farley's approval, the carriers go as far as threatening the people with revenge because you protest about the unsatisfactory mail service rendered by the Post Office department. When I protested about the mail service here on Staten Island the carrier refused to deliver any mail to me for a period of over three months, and registered letters I have now in my possession were also returned to the sender giving as the reason, 'Unknown,' yet the carrier knew me well enough, when he took the liberty of leaving the mail car stand in the road for fifteen minutes or more, while he went into my landlord's home to ask him about 'that man you have living in your house', and said of him, 'He will be fixed for trying to run the post office.' After much writing back and forth around the circuit, from Farley to Staten Island postmaster, and to New York mail inspectors, my mail service was finally restored; still the carrier refused to give me the proper service: he would not raise the flag on my mail box; he also threw parcels on the porch and left them there exposed to possible theft, and sometimes they lay there all afternoon before discovered. I have several letters I received from firms and individuals who had their mail returned by the post office. I just wonder if the pope is behind all this; if not, then I believe it is some of his confederates. I have suffered material financial losses, because, as my business (painter and decorator) depends entirely upon the mail I receive, I was forced to remain idle for a period of three months, and the money and time I spent for advertising in the newspapers, also for cards, circulars, etc., was a total loss, because I received no response, although I have good reason to believe that a number of responses were mailed to me and not delivered. Every word in this letter is the honest truth, and, like Judge Rutherford, I stand ready to prove it if necessary. If you care to use all or a part of it, you may do so, at my permission, which I give you. As I have had mail rifled, opened, etc., I would appreciate it if you will acknowledge receiving this letter."

Infantile and Boneheaded Brain Trust

W. P. SMITH, writing in the *Tacoma News-Tribune*, says the following are the prices he paid for food in his home city in 1934 and in 1935: pork chops 15c, 32c; pork steak 10c, 22c; sliced ham 18c, 40c; bacon 18c, 38-43c; spare ribs 8c, 22c; leaf lard 8c, 22c; round steak 14c, 28c; soup bone 7c, 15c; butter 18c, 38c; eggs 22c, 40c; cheese 12c, 22c; pie 20c, 35c. Then Mr. Smith unburdens his feelings and says: "I want to tell you what I think of this administration; it is the most infantile and boneheaded of any government that this country or any other country ever had. The idea of paying the farmer for not raising food and then raising the price over and over! Half of us were already too poor to buy when prices were reasonable."

From "Pushing to the Front"

THE following is copied from page 227 of the book entitled *Pushing to the Front*:

"Not a child did I injure," says the epitaph of an Egyptian ruler who lived in a pagan age more than forty centuries ago. "Not a widow did I oppress. Not a herdsman did I ill-treat. There were no beggars in my day; no one starved in my time. And when the years of famine came, I ploughed all the lands of the province to its northern and southern boundaries, feeding its inhabitants and providing their food. There was no starving person in it, and I made the widow to be as though she possessed a husband."

What ruler can say as much in our enlightened age?

International Brain Trust (?)

THE newest savior of the world, so it seems, is to be an international brain trust; at least that is the proposal made by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler at the London World Economic Conference. This mythical body would have the general charge of earth's affairs, including tariffs, settlement of war debts and similar causes of perplexity. The cure is worse than the disease.

NRA Dead in Post Offices Too

THE NRA, having been pronounced dead by General Johnson, and officially declared dead by the Supreme Court, and mourned as dead by President Roosevelt and by the Vatican has now been declared dead in the post offices. Postmasters must remove all NRA bulletin boards, send stuff worth salvaging to the State heads, and throw all the rest of the junk into the waste basket.

Attempts to Raise Needed Revenue

THE papers are filled with schemes to raise the needed revenue to keep things going. Increases in taxation are about the only remedies offered or possible. There is some attempt to get more out of the one-tenth of 1 percent of the families at the top of the scale who receive as much as the 42 percent at the bottom of the scale, but the big fellows are able to hire clever lawyers, and by means of gifts, trusts, incorporations and distributions of stock, and by establishment of various so-called 'educational, charitable and scientific foundations', they keep well clear of the tax collectors. Some of the states are taxing the net incomes of the big fellows, up to as much as 15 percent. California has such a law. In some states the legislators can think only of sales taxes, which are really taxes on wage earners of the middle class.

Cure for "Loitering"

A CURE for "loitering" has been discovered, this time in the state of Georgia. A Negro, Simon Minor, was given three years on a chain gang to cure him of this malady, and also to help build Georgia roads at a minimum cost. After eight months of cold potatoes, cold gravy, and the like, he escaped and came to Hempstead, L. I., N. Y., where he worked industriously for fifteen years, married and settled down. A fellow Negro betrayed him, and the other day three officers of the sovereign state of Georgia came at no small expense, broke up his home, deprived him of his job, and carted him off to Georgia to two years and four months more of cold potatoes, cold gravy and the like, so that he will not "loiter" any more. Now, if it were Samuel Insull! But why go into that?

Why Not Make It 100 Percent?

UP IN Michigan a case is reported where, in one county, there are more officers and employees on the premises of a certain poorhouse than there are inmates. Not wanting to butt in on Michigan's business, but the idea is meekly advanced that a good way to solve this problem would be to put the whole works, everybody in the place, on the pay roll at a uniform wage. This uniform wage could be a fifty-fifty split of the total sum now paid out in wages, or, preferably, that amount cut in half, so as not to overpay any of the underworked officials. Not sure if this suggestion will go with the officials, who, after all, are but poorhouse inmates.

Where the Increases Went

WHEN the United States went into the World War there were opportunities for graft never before equaled. From 1914 to 1917 the Goodyear Company increased the pay of common labor from 20 cents to 36 cents an hour and jumped the pay of the general manager from \$12,000 to \$75,000. The American Rolling Mills moved common labor up from 18½ cents to 24 cents an hour and boosted the pay of the company's president from \$16,000 to \$86,000. International Harvester increased the wages of common laborers from 20 cents to 28 cents an hour and moved the pay of the general manager from \$43,000 to \$117,500.

Garbage Collector Not Under Suspicion

A GRAND jury has been investigating officialdom in Miami and does not seem to have said anything against the garbage collector; so apparently he is all right. Nearly everybody else, however, has been labeled as so crooked that a corkscrew, by comparison, would look as straight as a needle. A state senator, a judge, the city commissioner, the director of public safety, a police captain, a detective, were listed as constituting a crime trust.

Hierarchy Has Few Friends in Austria

THOUGH the Roman Hierarchy is running Austria at the present, it has few friends there. Thousands have fled from the country, glad to get away on any pretext. In the effort to maintain its grip the government plans compulsory labor for one year, the intent of the arrangement being to limit the bearing of arms to supporters of the present system.

Counterfeiters Becoming More Clever

GOVERNMENT experts report capturing two plants, one in Massachusetts and one in Chicago, for stamping out fifty-cent pieces and quarters that almost defy detection. The counterfeiters use real silver. The dies are expertly made. In a single month in New York city 49,000 fake nickels were seized.

British Imprisonment for Debt

FOR nonpayment of taxes, fines, and alimony, 2,416 Britons were imprisoned in 1933. In most instances the nonpayment was the result of inability to pay. The Britishers are hoping to put an end to this injustice.

Condensations

New Deal Wire Tappers

IF WHAT is said of their wire-tapping activities be true, the politicians at Washington might properly call themselves the New Deal Wire Tappers Association. Nobody is trusted. Officials have electrical devices that enable them to hear all their subordinates say to others, and they themselves are wired up so that somebody still higher can hear all they have to say. Espionage is in full swing, according to Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen, authors of the Washington *Merry-Go-Round*. How those men learn so much is a mystery.

The Foe of Education

FOR twenty years Mexican boys have been accorded the privilege of attending the Texas-Mexican Institute for Boys, located at Kingsville, Tex., 120 miles from the Mexican border, but now, so the San Antonio *Express* explains, since the great foe of education got into control at Washington, the door formerly held wide open has in effect been tightly closed. What a petty way to take revenge; but nothing is too small or contemptible for these "saint"-makers to undertake.

Arrested for Breaking into a Convent

ELIZABETH NOONAN, former nun, locked out of a convent at White Plains, N. Y., is suing her former bishop, and the Roman Hierarchy in general, for \$300,000 because she was arrested for breaking a window to get back in. She claims breach of contract; probably that means they have all her property, and she wanted to get back in where it was, so that she would at least have a place to lay her head.

How Hitler Eats Asparagus

BECAUSE a student, Von Witzelben, asked whether Hitler eats asparagus with a knife and fork or with his fingers, he was expelled from Heidelberg University and five others were suspended for longer or shorter terms. Also the student union to which they all belonged was suspended for two years.

Costs Something to Run League

ALTHOUGH the League of Nations accomplishes nothing, and will accomplish nothing, yet it is costing something. The budget estimate for 1936 is £2,200,000; an increase of £180,000.

Mrs. Brady Heads the Girl Scouts

MRS. NICHOLAS BRADY, papal marchesa of the Order of Pope Pius XI, one of the wealthiest women in the United States, is head of the Girl Scouts. In one of her magazine articles Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt has stated that she would like to see all the unemployed girls of the country, between the ages of 16 and 25, in camps similar to the CCC, and in charge of organizations already experienced in such work, like the Girl Scouts. Here is a good way to make millions of young girls over into Roman Catholics. How wonderfully Gog and his army are on the job, and rounding things up for the final showdown!

Waterways to Aklavik

WATERWAYS, Alberta, is the end of the railroad. Three hundred miles north of Edmonton, it is as far as one can go by rail. After that, the journey to Aklavik, on the edge of the Arctic ocean, is a matter of sixteen days and nights by steamer on the Mackenzie river, a distance of 1,661 miles. The cost down the river is \$114 one way; round trip, \$170. The river is open for navigation only two months in the year. The trip can be made downstream by steamer and back by airplane for \$500. The plane comes back in about twelve hours.

Trying to Get Rid of Their Aluminum Stock

TRYING to get rid of their stock of aluminum utensils a furniture store in Melbourne offered a set of aluminum kitchen utensils to couples married by December 30, 1935. An appropriate accompanying gift would have been a nice, pleasant lot in a local cemetery.

Drove to the Right Shop

THE New York *Times* has an item about the vice president of the National Broadcasting Company conferring with the pope about American broadcasting. The vice president probably thinks that he drove to the right shop to find out what to do.

Blistering Heat in January

JANUARY 31 will be a day long to be remembered in Buenos Aires. At 4:40 in the afternoon of that day a blistering north wind was blowing and the temperature in the heart of the business district was 107° in the shade; the hottest day in 78 years.

The Knowledge and Vindication of God's Name

THE pre-eminent purpose of the divinely inspired Scriptures, the Bible, is to enable men to gain a knowledge of God and to assist them to an appreciation of the course of action which God approves. A proper understanding of the truth concerning God and His purposes is essential to the happiness of creatures, and nothing else will lead them in the way of happiness, peace and life.—John 17:3.

To acknowledge the fact that God is also requires the acknowledgment of His supremacy. Some refuse to admit belief in God because to do so would lay upon them a responsibility with reference to Him which they are unwilling to accept. David said, "The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts."—Psalm 10:4.

The wonders of nature give eloquent testimony that God is. "That which is known of God is manifest . . . the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity." (Romans 1:19, 20, *American Revised Version*) The grand sentences of the nineteenth Psalm express the same thought: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language; their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world."—Verses 1-4, *A.R.V.*

Contemplation of the glories of God's visible creation may well make man feel insignificant. Had God given no other revelation of himself than that which His works give to men, they would still show lack of appreciation if they failed to praise Him. The marvels of the universe call forth words such as we find in Psalm 104: "O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches. Let the glory of Jehovah endure for ever; let Jehovah rejoice in his works." (24, 31, *A.R.V.*) "The works of Jehovah are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein."—Psalm 111:2, *A.R.V.*

Creator Greater than His Works

Reading thus the book of nature, by the light of reason man may find therein abundant testimony in evidence of the fact that God is. The Creator is greater than all His works. Hear the

simple logic of Scripture on this point: "He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see? He that chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct, even he that teacheth man knowledge?"—Psalm 94:9, 10, *A.R.V.*

But it would appear that there are some for whom this reasoning is too simple, and, no doubt, too uncomfortably convincing to some who would rather forget that God is. Some consider themselves too wise to accept these simple and yet sublime truths, but in God's estimation they are far from wise. He calls them fools. "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." (Psalm 53:1) But, as is stated in Proverbs 24:7, "Wisdom is too high for a fool," regardless of how much he may know. He fails, perhaps for selfish reasons, to draw correct conclusions from the facts which come to his notice.

Such are called "brutish", according to Psalm 92:5, 6: ". . . O Jehovah! thy thoughts are very deep. A brutish man knoweth not; neither doth a fool understand this." (*A.R.V.*) This failure to understand and acknowledge things that are plainly manifest is not merely due to a lack of capacity. It frequently is the result of unwillingness to admit the truth. Such are 'willingly ignorant'. (2 Peter 3:5) It is for this reason that Jesus severely upbraided those who in His day refused to accept the truths that were then due to be known and acted upon.—Matthew 11:20.

While it is true that the works of God in nature speak plainly of "his everlasting power and divinity", there is a further revelation given man in the Bible. Having given them minds capable of appreciating Him and His works, it is reasonable to suppose that God would give His intelligent earthly creatures some revelation which would enable them to know Him more intimately than is possible by merely studying nature.

While nature testifies to God's eternal and everlasting power and divinity, it does not reveal the purposes of God concerning His creatures. There is, moreover, in the hearts of many a yearning for fellowship with God, a reaching forth to Him, or, as Paul calls it, "a feeling after God." These are not content merely to know that God is, but also seek for information as to what He is, and what He would have them to do. God's human creatures have need of something that will reveal the heart of God. Only such a knowledge and understanding satisfies the soul.

It must be a knowledge that leads to love and trust, and consequently to happiness and true liberty.

What Does Knowledge of God Imply

When reference is made to a knowledge of God the thought is not that a knowledge of His person, shape or substance is either possible or necessary. Such a knowledge would be beyond human comprehension. Jesus said, "Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form." (John 5: 37, *A.R.V.*) He also tells us that God is a spirit, and that they who would worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. —John 4: 24.

Human creatures may know God by appreciating what are God's attributes, and their knowledge of the Creator will increase to the extent that they learn to appreciate the operation of these attributes in His dealings with His creatures as recorded in the Bible and as confirmed by His dealings with men now in that He sends forth His message of truth for their instruction.

The Bible speaks of the hand of Jehovah, of His arm, of His feet, of His eyes, ears, nostrils, mouth, lips, etc. But these expressions are used in a figurative way, and nothing in the Bible warrants the idea that God has a human body, or one similar to it. "God is not a man" (Numbers 23: 19), and the charge that the Scriptural "conception of God is anthropomorphic" is false. Nothing could be more absurd or farther from the truth. "The ear" of the Lord speaks of His ability to hear or to know what goes on in His dominion; "the eye" tells of His ability to see or take cognizance of what takes place; "arm" speaks of His power (particularly as exercised through His Son), and "hand" illustrates a similar thought.

Any idea, therefore, that God is like a man (or "anthropomorphic", as the high-brows call it) is childish and unworthy of consideration. The way in which men may know God is by appreciating increasingly His creative works. However, the information obtained from nature is not sufficient in itself. There is need of a more direct and intimate revelation. This need is supplied in the Word of God, which speaks to the heart and the spirit and which 'satisfies the longing soul'. (Psalm 107: 9) It is by means of this Word that men may know God, as He could not be surely known by merely "studying nature".

In this precious Word God reveals how He has by progressive steps made himself known

and how He will ultimately vindicate His name before all nations. Additionally, this sacred record and guide reveals how He will bless all the families of the earth in His own good time and way. It teaches men knowledge, directing them in the proper way to worship God and instructing them concerning all things with which they have to do and of which they could have no certain knowledge without definite instruction.

Elementary Bible Truths

What, then, does the Bible reveal concerning God? First of all, in its opening chapters, it acquaints the truth-seeker with God as the great First Cause, the Creator, who by His word and power created all things in the heavens and in the earth. The account of creation is in its simple directness a wonderful testimony to its truthfulness. Not only does it portray creation in a reasonable way, but it reveals details concerning the creative epochs which could not have been certainly known except by inspiration.

The discoveries made by investigators of integrity during the last century or more confirm in a remarkable way the account of creation as given us in Genesis. No one, at the time the record was written, could have known these things except by being informed of them by divine inspiration. He who is able to create is also able to give man an account of His creative works.

In the first chapter of Genesis the Creator is designated God. In the second chapter the name of God is made known. This name "Jehovah" is translated "the LORD" in the *Common Version*, but properly rendered "Jehovah" in the *American Revised Version*, that being a reasonable English equivalent of the Hebrew YHWH. "Learned" men have quibbled over the vowel sounds that should be employed in the pronunciation of the name, thus doing what Jesus charged the scribes (clergy) with doing, 'straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.'

Apparently the name of Jehovah was for a time lost sight of by the descendants of Abraham, but when God sent Moses to deliver the Israelites from the bondage of Egypt the name was stressed. We learn from Exodus 3: 14 that the name literally means I AM THAT I AM, or I WILL BE THAT I WILL BE. It speaks of God's purposes toward His people. He is the Self-existing One, the Eternal Immortal One.

These words convey to us the thought of Jehovah's underived existence and unending glory,

His complete self-sufficiency and supremacy. In this He is different from all others, who were all brought into existence by Him. He only had no beginning, and is himself the great First Cause of all intelligent creatures.

Jehovah's Supremacy Questioned

While the name Jehovah is found in the opening chapters of Scripture in connection with the history of the race before the Exodus, as well as subsequently, yet it was at the time of Israel's deliverance that the name was particularly stressed, because the issue of supremacy was there raised as never before. The ruler of Egypt had presumed to oppress the people of God, in spite of the fact that God had in the time of Joseph saved all Egypt from starvation and made it a mighty nation. "The Pharaoh of the Exodus" arrogantly said, 'Who is Jehovah, that I should obey Him?' This challenge called for an unmistakable answer, and Jehovah gave that answer through His servants Moses and Aaron and by means of the ten plagues upon Egypt. True this was not the first time that Jehovah's supremacy had been questioned. It had been done before in the course of action the race followed, tacitly at least, if not as boldly and openly as was done by Pharaoh.

The first to question the supremacy of Jehovah was Lucifer, a heavenly creature, called "son of the morning" and designated "the anointed cherub that covereth" or "the protecting cherub". (Isaiah 14:12-17; Ezekiel 28:12-19) Lucifer had been appointed and anointed overseer of mankind and the earth. He craved the worship of those who were under his charge, and aspired to equality with Jehovah. His selfishness and ambition led him into a course of action which, in effect, said, 'God cannot place creatures upon earth who will be faithful to Him. I can offer inducements or bring about circumstances which will turn man away from God.' He therefore tempted Eve and, through her, Adam, with the result that they both disobeyed the command Jehovah had given them.

Lucifer there became the adversary or opponent of God, and hence was called "Satan". He became the slanderer or accuser of God and of those who do right; therefore he is designated the "Devil". He sought to bring about the destruction of all who do good, to devour them, hence the term "Dragon" is applied to him. He resorted to all manner of deceit to accomplish his objective, and is therefore referred to as the

"Serpent". His great invisible organization, as well as his visible representatives, have manifested the same characteristics even to the present time.—Revelation 12:9; 20:2; John 8:44.

Angels and men joined in Satan's rebellion. Satan became the prince of these fallen angels, as well as the invisible ruler of men who followed his example of disobedience. He is called "the prince of the devils" and "the god of this [wicked] world". (Matthew 12:24; 2 Corinthians 4:4) These creatures, under their wicked overlord, brought the name of Jehovah into disrepute and wrought all manner of evil and violence.

Vindication Purposed

Jehovah purposed to vindicate His word and name and to deliver all who did not willingly follow Satan or commit themselves to an unrighteous and wicked course of action. From time to time Jehovah brought His name prominently to the fore, as, for instance, in the Flood, through His faithful servants Melchizedek and Abraham, and particularly through Moses at the time when Jehovah delivered Israel from Egyptian oppression.

God favored the Israelites because of their forefather Abraham's faith. Was Jehovah then merely "the tribal God of the Hebrews"? Certainly not. But He chose to limit His direct dealings for a time to the natural children of Abraham, until 'the promised seed should come, which seed is Christ'. (Galatians 3:19) After Christ's ransom sacrifice had been offered, members of other nations were accepted as "children of Abraham" by faith. (Galatians 3:7) These together are "a people for his name".—Acts 15:14.

Up to the time of Christ God's dealings with the people of Israel were largely typical and illustrative of what He would do in "the ends of the ages", at 'the consummation of the ages', at which time He will again 'make himself a name', as He did at the time of the Exodus. (2 Samuel 7:23) While God's dealings with Israel were thus not primarily for the benefit of the Israelites themselves, and while, as a people, they did not benefit by these providences, there were found among them faithful and devoted men who maintained their integrity toward Jehovah and who will be rewarded in that they will have a better resurrection.—Heb. 11.

Long have the people of God waited for the

consummation and the promised vindication of the name of Jehovah of which the vindication at Egypt was only a picture. The name of Jehovah will be vindicated in all the earth, and all men will then know that Jehovah is God. To this grand climax the world is now hastening.

With the deliverance of the Israelites from Egypt Jehovah organized them into a nation and gave them His laws. When Moses received the law from Jehovah he was given a remarkable demonstration in which the name of Jehovah was proclaimed in the following significant words: 'Jehovah! Jehovah! A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth; keeping loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation!' (Exodus 34:6,7; see *A.R.V.*) The reason why God continued to favor Israel, in spite of their stiff-necked obstinacy, is that He keeps covenant and mercy to a thousand generations, though visiting the iniquities upon but three or four generations. (Deuteronomy 5:10; 7:9; Exodus 20:6) Thus are His fidelity and tender mercy magnified. Though He visits the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, He tempers His judgments with mercy for all those who, avoiding the errors of their parents, turn to Him again. (Ezekiel 18:14-18) "His compassions fail not."—Lamentations 3:22.

A House for Jehovah's Name

When Israel was established in Palestine a temple was built as a center of Jehovah's worship and to make His name known to all the nations round about. Jehovah had said that He would set His name there. (2 Samuel 7:13; 1 Kings 5:5; 8:18,19; 1 Chronicles 22:10; Ezra 6:12) The temple, however glorious, was only a symbol or picture of something greater to come. It represented the spiritual temple of Jehovah, upon which He would put His name for ever.

This spiritual temple is "the body" of Christ, and is composed of Jesus and all those who "follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth", the 144,000. (Acts 7:48; John 2:19,21; 1 Corinthians 3:16,17; 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Revelation 14:1; 21:3) The selection of the stones composing this spiritual temple began at Pentecost. (1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:20-22) Jesus

had prepared the loyal Israelites for a further appreciation of the name and purpose of Jehovah. He taught them that the time had come when the true worshipers would worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23); and in due time the Gentiles were "visited", so that from among them also temple stones might be taken.—Acts 15:14.

As far as the majority of those called Christians were concerned, the worship of God degenerated into formality and became in truth and in fact devil worship. They had a form of godliness without its power, a condition which today is more manifest than ever. Comparatively few have been true and faithful to Jehovah. The majority have accepted the heathen formula, 'adapted to Christian terms,' that God is not one, but three persons, a "trinity", which word and doctrine are nowhere found in the Bible.

This "mystery" was foisted upon the people when the Catholic church (so called) became a worldly political organization and as far as in her power compelled all to become subject to her imperious will, and persecuted those who sought to remain faithful to God's Word. And though efforts at reformation were made, little was accomplished until the time came to 'prepare the way before the Lord', who was about to come to His temple. (Malachi 3:1-3) It was then that Jehovah by Christ Jesus led earnest Christians to an appreciation of the fact that the end of the age was approaching and He restored to them the fundamental truths of His Word for their guidance and comfort.

Then the "messenger of the covenant", Christ Jesus, came suddenly to His temple, and began among the members of the temple class a refining work, gathering out those who were "lawless" and enabling the faithful to offer unto Jehovah an offering in righteousness. The faithful temple-class now proclaim the approaching vindication of Jehovah's name, when evil and wickedness will be for ever dethroned.

The signs of the times indicate that the day is at hand when God himself will demonstrate His power and vindicate His name. It is apparent that the time has come when Satan's world empire shall utterly fall and Jehovah's name shall be exalted in all the earth.—Psalm 46:10,11, *A.R.V.*

Jehovah is gathering the nations and assembling the kingdoms to pour upon them the expression of His displeasure, and the earth shall

pass through a fiery time of trouble, after which Jehovah will turn to the people a pure language, that the willing and obedient may all call upon the name of Jehovah to serve Him with one consent.—Revelation 16: 16; Zephaniah 3: 8, 9.

The Partnership Between Pope and Mussolini

THE partnership between the pope and Mussolini was well illustrated at Naples, Italy, September 19, when the usual bunk about the blood of St. Januarius was pulled off in the cathedral of Naples and the sanctuary of Pozzuoli. The blood of this "saint" is supposed to liquefy on September 19 (when the proper chemicals are applied, or the heat), and in both places the blood liquefied ten minutes after the priest got to work on the job. This sudden liquefaction was taken as proof that the Italian campaign in Africa will be a great success and the people in general will forget that Mussolini went into this campaign because he was in such a financial hole that he simply had to do something to keep the

people quiet about their real troubles. Of course it was "good" of the pope to frame up this blood circus at Naples and Pozzuoli so that it might appear to all that God and Jesus and Mary and Peter and the pope all want as many Ethiopians murdered as possible. Mussolini will not forget this favor; but if he should happen to, it is a dead certainty that the pope will not. Why should these priests pull off this stunt of liquefying blood and get nothing for it?

Wages in Southern Italy

MEN'S wages in southern Italy are 42c per day. Soldiers' pay is even less. The living allowance for a soldier's wife is 7c per day, with 4c for each additional child. That is but one step removed from starvation. Yet the people are loud in their acclaim at Mussolini's public appearances. Whether this enthusiasm is genuine is another question. In countries where the Fascist tools of the "murder club" rule it is considered well to be enthusiastic at least in public.

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An Open Letter to The Associated Press

Judge Rutherford points out the disadvantages of an organization claiming to tell the truth,
and studiously neglecting to do so

October 24, 1935.

Mr. Lloyd Stratton,
Executive Assistant,
Associated Press,
383 Madison Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Mr. A. R. Goux has called my attention to correspondence between himself, the New York *Times*, and your office. I have before me the letter of the New York *Times*, signed by Mr. Edwin L. James, addressed to Mr. Goux, bearing date of October 23, in which he quotes the following from Mr. Lloyd Stratton: "I am glad to reply to yours of October 21, by repeating that Judge Rutherford's speech was not made at the request of The Associated Press."

Your effort to evade the facts is manifest. By using the word "speech" you hope to be within the clear in denying that you requested me to express my views on flag saluting. By referring to my copy, which I furnished you and which I broadcast, you will see that I said this: "The Associated Press has requested me to express my view of the matter." You certainly would not attempt to deny the absolute truth of that statement.

Your office called my attention for the first time to the fact of the controversy at Lynn, Massachusetts, about the flag saluting. You requested me to furnish you a statement, asking me to dictate it over the telephone. This I declined to do. I then agreed to furnish you a written signed statement and you promised to have your reporter in my office the following morning at ten o'clock for the copy. You failed to keep that appointment. About seven o'clock that same evening you called my office and asked me again

for the copy and again promised to send your reporter. And this you failed to do.

As I was going away I sent the copy to the editor of *The Golden Age* and informed your office that your reporter could obtain a copy from him upon the condition that you would publish it exactly as made. I am informed that you received the copy the next morning but stated that you could not agree to publish it all as made and therefore the copy was returned to Mr. Woodworth of *The Golden Age*.

A short time after that you called me by telephone at the radio station on Staten Island. I then informed you that I was going to broadcast my statement concerning flag saluting, that this broadcast would be Sunday morning October 6, at ten o'clock, and that then you could have the statement as made. You inquired: "What stations will it be on?" My reply to that, this information would be furnished to you in ample time.

The next day, Friday, October 4, a messenger from the office of the Peoples Pulpit Association delivered to the executive offices of The Associated Press a list of the stations over which the broadcast would be made. I am also advised that the *Golden Age* editor sent a list to one of your news editors showing over what stations the broadcast would be put, and this was in response to request that Mr. Woodworth had received from your Brooklyn representative, E. A. Lozier.

On Sunday morning, October 6, about 8 o'clock you called my office and asked when you were going to get the copy of that speech. You were told by my secretary that it would be broadcast at 10 o'clock and you could have it immediately thereafter. You sent your messenger to 124 Columbia Heights between 10 and 11 o'clock on

that same day and received a full text of the speech, which copy you afterwards mutilated to suit your own wishes, misrepresenting me in fact, and making me appear to say what I did not say.

The above and foregoing facts you will not attempt to deny if you have any regard whatsoever for the truth. In view of these facts [and] your statement in the letter addressed to Mr. Edwin L. James of the *New York Times* it is patent on the face of it that you are trying to pass the buck and deny that you requested me to express my views and to deny that you had anything to do with my furnishing the copy. I have never said that I made the speech at your request, but I have said and repeat that The Associated Press requested me to express my view in the matter and I took occasion to broadcast because I knew by reason of my past experience with the press that The Associated Press would not publish the statement as I gave it.

It would have been just as easy for you to tell Mr. James of the *Times* the truth as it would have been to make the statement as you have made it. It seems to be in keeping with the practice of your office to garble the truth when the truth would serve to a better purpose.

Let me remind you again that I told your office over the telephone that I was not asking anybody to publish my views, to which you agreed. I said, however, that since my views were asked I have no hesitancy in expressing them.

I think the Press, and a lot of other would-be loyal citizens of America, have made a mountain out of a mole-hill by magnifying the fact that an eight-year-old boy declined to salute the American flag. I have been interrupted by your office numerous times about this matter and I am very tired of it, and in view of your repeated calls and interruptions and failure to carry out what you agreed to do, I am sending a copy of this letter to the president of The Associated Press at Washington, Mr. Frank Noyes.

It is a great pity that an institution such as yours claims to be would not be willing to tell the truth once in a while rather than willfully and deliberately misrepresent that which is furnished to you, and that at your request.

You knew that I stated positively in my statement that I am not a member of any cult, and that Jehovah's witnesses are not a cult, and yet you deliberately inserted in your report three

times the word "cult", as applied to me, and quoted Jehovah's witnesses to make it appear as ridiculous as you could.

I am writing you at such length because I am trying to find some language to express my absolute contempt for a bunch of hypocritical men who claim to tell the truth, and who delight to resort to lies to shield another crowd of men who are foreigners to America and who are inimical to American institutions and who make a lot of fuss about the flag in order to hide their crooked ways.

Let me say this once for all: I am not asking publicity by the press association, and if you don't want my views published as I give them, then please don't ask for them.

You might show a copy of this letter to Mr. Edwin James of the *Times*, that he may know that you have little or no regard for the truth and that you like to mislead even your fellow members of the press.

Your association poses before the American people as the friend of America and the publisher of all news that is fit to publish, and yet you studiously avoid publishing any statement such as that made on the floor of the United States Senate by such men as Senator Schall, of Minnesota, calling attention to a combined foreign element that is trying to seize control of the American Government. You can spend a lot of time and energy in holding up to ridicule an eight-year-old boy and inoffensive people and make a great hullabaloo about the flag, and yet you sit idly by and close your ears and mouth and remain silent when it comes to saying anything about a foreign power or a combination of foreigners that are attempting to gain control of America and Hitlerize it. The time must come surely when the duplicity of the public press will be properly exposed before the American people.

I quote from Senator Schall's speech made in the Senate these words: "Fully 99 percent of all the statements issued by these Government press agencies are falsehoods. They are designed to deceive the people and make them believe their government is trying to help them, when just the opposite is the purpose of this maladministration of our affairs. Every day a dozen or more of these untrue statements are handed to the press and radio, printed, and broadcast as truth. Not even under the Soviet rule in Russia are so many barefaced untruths given out as Government facts. Our government has resolved

itself into a propaganda bureau for disseminating falsehoods to its citizens."

The Associated Press is a part of this propaganda crowd, and the American people are beginning to learn that it does the bidding of a gang of selfish men who have no regard for the true principles of the American Government. If your association were 100-percent as patriotic as you claim to be you would be looking after American interests and not howling about an eight-year-old boy failing to salute the flag. It is about time that you are hiding your face with shame, if it is possible for you to have any shame. The time was when American newspapers sought to get the truth to the people. A few such editors are left, but there do not appear to be many of them amongst the Associated Press organization. This is a deplorable condition to be found in a country that for centuries has posed as the land of freedom.

When I see such a studied effort to dodge the truth as the quotation in your letter mentioned

here in the outset I am reminded of the words of Jesus when He spoke to the hypocritical Pharisees, the clergy of His day. He used these words: "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 8:44) Jesus spoke with absolute authority, and He is authority therefore for the statement that the Devil is the father of liars and those who delight to lie show that they proceed from the Devil.

Respectfully,



cc

Mr. Frank Noyes,
Washington, D.C.

Mr. A. R. Goux,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Further Expressions on Flag Saluting

Christians and the Flag

THE following is an interesting and instructive letter by Reverend Louis L. Perkins, St. Paul's Episcopal church, Kittanning, Pa., in the Kittanning *Leader-Times*, October 21, 1935:

Recently at a public school in Lynn, Massachusetts, a certain boy of 10 was dismissed from school and his parents were arrested because the boy refused on grounds of religious scruples to salute the flag of the United States according to a new State law of daily salute in all schools for all children of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The man of the street may laugh at such squabbles, and pour out still further contempt on the name of the Christian religion. But no serious-minded Christian can let such an incident go unchallenged. For such an incident bears on a very fundamental issue that has been more or less dormant between church and state ever since the Christian religion came into this world, 1900 years ago. The boy refused to salute the flag because he said to salute the flag was a pagan act and inconsistent with the earnest loyalty of a Christian man to Jesus Christ as our real Lord and Master. The flag stood for the country of the United States, and a salute to the flag was a pledge of allegiance inconsistent with a Christian's supreme pledge of loyalty to Christ—the parents said in backing up the action of their son.

Such an attitude is not a ridiculous one. For, think back over history for a few minutes to the days of the persecutions of the early Christians by the authorities of the Roman Empire. In those days the Roman authorities demanded a pledge of allegiance to the emperor as the supreme symbol of the state. This pledge, given by the sprinkling of some incense on a fire of coals before a statue of the emperor, was demanded of everybody. But the early Christians refused to do so. They said that a pledge to Caesar was inconsistent with and disloyal to their new-found allegiance to the Lord Christ. And these early Christians stuck to their principle in this matter through fire and death, till eventually under the emperor Constantine the status of the Christian religion as over against the state was duly recognized. The Christians won out and their point of view prevailed—the State granted to them a point of supreme loyalty to Christ first. The idea of the supremacy of the State over the Christian religion was defeated.

Down through the ages that principle between State and church, once established under the emperor Constantine, has come through a long and varied history. Sometimes there has been a tendency to reversion to the supremacy of the State over the church—as under Henry VIII in England in the sixteenth century, or as under Bismarck in Germany in the nineteenth century. And sometimes the tendency has swung the other way (which is wrong too), for the church to completely ignore man's ordinary civil obligations to the country

in which he may live. But, generally speaking, a just balance has been maintained, with the general assumption in mind that when it comes to a showdown the claims of God in the church really come first over the passing claims of man in the State.

But today and since the World War the swing has been back again toward the situation in early Roman days. Modern States have tended to ignore and submerge man's supreme allegiance to God. Where Fascism and Communism have raised their heads in Russia and Italy and Germany and other countries the idea of the worship of the State to the banishment of the claims of the church has arisen. Since the war in many countries Caesar has tried to take all power to himself and to utterly ignore the things of God!

In this turn of affairs our own country has not been immune. This school-salute-to-the-flag law in Massachusetts along with other extremist measures in the past few years are signs of the spread of the idea of the "totalitarian State" (just another word for our rendering unto Caesar everything, and to God only what is left over) to these United States of America. The protest therefore—ridiculous though it may seem—of that little boy and his parents in Lynn, Massachusetts, is to be sympathized with by all good Christian men and women who believe that our allegiance to God comes first in this life. And this protest ought to be sympathized with by all good Americans (whether Christians or not) who believe that our land is a country of freedom of conscience and liberal democracy for every citizen, and not a land of dictatorship and regimentation of anyone.

Shame on Massachusetts, the cradle of democracy, and the place where Pilgrims first came in 1620 for the sake of freedom of religion under oppression of the State—shame on Massachusetts for such an un-Christian and un-American incident!

Good People Tired

FOR many years the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has been stealthily moving to the point where it could seize the American government and rule it by a dictator under the secret control of the Jesuits. Italy, Austria and Germany are now ruled in this manner, and the Hierarchy has its ambassadors in almost all countries. The following news item from Rome published in the *New York Sun* and other papers will bear reproducing for the benefit of honest American people.

"Rome, March 8.—A definite agreement has been reached by President Roosevelt and the Vatican that diplomatic relations shall be established between the United States and the Holy See as soon as public opinion in America can be brought around to the idea, it was learned here today."

America has long stood for freedom, and its good and loyal people are tired of chicanery and

double-dealing on behalf of its public officials, all of which tends to destroy their liberties. They are likewise tired of the new deal, which many of them designate the "raw deal". The following poem reproduced from *The Northwestern Miller* well expresses the matter:

T I R E D

I'm tired, oh, so tired, of the whole New Deal,
Of the juggler's smile and the barker's spiel,
Of the mushy speech and the loud bassoon.
Tiredest of all of our leader's croon.

I'm tired of the tax on my ham and eggs;
I'm tired paying toll to political yeggs;
Tired of Jim Farley's stamps on my mail;
Tired of my shirt with the tax-shortened tail.

I'm tired of farmers goose-stepping to laws,
Of millions of itching job-holders' paws,
Of fireside talks on commandeered mikes,
Of passing more laws to stimulate strikes.

I'm tired of the daily increasing debt;
I'm tired of promises not to be met,
Of eating and sleeping by government plan;
I'm tired of forgetting the forgotten man.

I'm tired of every new brain trust thought,
Of the ship of state turned into a yacht;
I'm tired of beating the courts by stealth,
And terribly tired of sharing the wealth.

I'm tired of seeing Eleanor on page one,
Of each royal in-law and favorite son;
I'm tired of Sistie and Buzzie Dall;
Nobody knows how I'm tired of it all.

I'm tired and bored with the whole New Deal,
With its juggler's smile and its barker's spiel;
Oh, Lord, out of all the available men,
Please grant us a Cleveland or Coolidge again.

Time to Learn Something

"IT IS time for the Lynn school trustees to see a few things in proper perspective. It is not necessary for children of eight years to salute the flag. They should not be forced to do so, nor denied educational advantages for refusal—not in these United States. In Italy, Germany or Russia salutes may be important. Over here we are not regimented to that extent. Not yet. The obstinate children are placed in an impossible position by the school board demands. They are obliged to choose between the commands of their parents and the demands of the school. They are entitled to better treatment all around. They are entitled, among other things, for a chance to love the Stars and Stripes of their own free will and accord. They should not be encouraged to believe that the flag symbolizes force and fear. What if they finally yield and give the salute in order to escape punishment? Can such a gesture mean anything? Reverence for the flag is not taught by such methods."—Ann Arbor (Mich.) *Daily News*.

American Legion Tricked into Flag Insult?

THE youth drafted in 1917 or 1918 and sent to South Carolina or to France to peel potatoes was not necessarily a better American than a man too old to be drafted. If memory serves aright, only one Legionnaire in seven ever got as far as the trenches. To be thought of as specially patriotic suits many people because of what they gain in the way of a little "honor". The Roman Catholic Hierarchy caters to this vanity and had the use of the American Legion definitely in mind when it caused the selection of J. Ray Murphy, a Catholic, of Ida Grove, Iowa, as the Legion's national commander, and the "Reverend Father" Thomas D. Kennedy, also a Catholic, as national chaplain. In opposition to the American rule and the American custom that the government is the appointed servant and not the boss of the people, the Hierarchy is now engaged in a nationwide campaign to jam a form of Hitlerism down the necks of all Americans. In this campaign to subvert all that the American flag stands for the Hierarchy is trying to use, and is to some extent using, the American Legion. It so used the Legionnaires at Secaucus, N. J., in causing the expulsion from school of two little girls, Alma and Vivian Hering, ages eleven and six, because they preferred to let the flag occupy its proper place (which it occupied for more than 150 years without Roman Catholic assistance or intervention). How can the American Legion claim to be a patriotic organization and justify its participation in a shameless attempt to deprive two little girls of an education because they put God above the flag? Obviously these men have no proper appreciation of what the flag is supposed to represent. At the expulsion of the children from the Secaucus school, official representatives of the Legion threatened violence to those who honestly tried to intervene to safeguard American ideals of liberty and justice. It is perfectly transparent that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy intends to try to use the American Legion in the same way the Storm Troopers were used in Germany. And after the Hierarchy has accomplished its objective not a Legionnaire's head will be safe on his shoulders unless he is a Romanist. The record of the American Legion at its conventions is not such as to reassure Americans who did not peel potatoes in South Carolina or in France that their interests are secure in the Legion's hands. Why should

the Legion allow itself to be tricked into denial of American principles and line up with the gang that is working to destroy everything the American flag has represented to Americans for a century and a half? Is it eleven- and six-year-old God-fearing children that the American people need to fear, or the centuries-old sanctimonious frauds who have an unbroken record of torturing and murdering the brave and honest and Christlike in every land where they could gain power? With so much chicanery afoot, one wonders whether it is not a settled policy of the Ratti-Roosevelt administration to give the Legion its bonus a year from now, in good time to throw the whole weight of this extra-governmental organization to aid the purpose of the Roman Hierarchy to henceforth run America with a high hand, for the "pope", and to make Hitlerism or Fascism the order of the day. If this is not an insult to the American flag and all it stands for, what is?

A Non-Hitlerized Teacher

PHILIP A. JAKOB, superintendent of schools, Norwalk, Connecticut, confronted with the refusal of four school children to salute the flag, instead of expelling them from school, as was done by the muttonheads at Lynn, and instead of pounding them black and blue, as was done by the beast at Nemaquin, Pa., said sanely, "The Constitution of the United States is based upon freedom of religious worship. The youth, a fine student, is simply carrying out his religious convictions, to which we cannot object." This, the true American spirit, is the exact opposite of the spirit which animates those that, like Pashby of Lynn, were "educated" under Roman teachers.

Now in Massachusetts Supreme Court

THROUGH his father, Carleton B. Nichols, Sr., the Massachusetts Supreme Court has been petitioned for a writ of mandamus to compel Mayor J. Fred Manning, Lynn, and "each and every misguided member" of the Lynn school committee to reinstate the eight-year-old lad that these "wise" custodians of educational facilities undertook to deprive of an education. Before they get through with it the Jesuits are going to find that there are still some Americans in America and that not all of them have a ring in their nose or a bell under their coattail.

"A Tyrannical, Outrageous, Anti-American Law"

SAYS Gerald W. Johnson, in the Baltimore *Evening Sun*:

"In Massachusetts an eight-year-old boy has been expelled from school for refusing to obey a tyrannical, outrageous, anti-American law which compels school children to salute the flag at stated intervals. His father has brought suit to compel his reinstatement. Here is one whoop for the boy and his father. May they be successful in wiping this treasonable and disgraceful statute from the books. Treasonable? Of course it is. Not in the legal sense, to be sure, because 'treason against the United States shall consist only in levying war against them or in adhering to their enemies'. And 'enemies' in this case means armed enemies. But morally this statute gives aid and comfort to everyone who hates the United States and all it stands for. Morally it gives aid and comfort to all the enemies of the republic. For the basic idea on which the republic is founded is the idea that the people are the creators and the government is their creature. They have the right to alter or abolish it whenever in their judgment it seems to be interfering with their lives, their liberties or their pursuit of happiness. Under no circumstances are they obligated to bow down to it or to regard it as a superior being. Therefore, its flag, if it stands for anything, stands for the dignity of free men, stands for the right of the individual to live his own life in his own way. The flag has no other excuse for existence, and anything that negatives that excuse reduces the flag to nothing but a piece of cloth. In brief, anything that sets the flag above the citizen, so far from being an honor to it, implicitly accuses the flag of being a fraud and a cheat, and is therefore the deadliest insult that can be heaped upon it. . . ."

"Nuts"

ACCORDING to some authorities the flag pledge is objectionable because not properly worded; it should be said as follows:

"Hail, flag, full of grace; the Lord be with thee. Blessed art thou, and blessed is the republic for which thou standest. Glory be to America and to Roosevelt and to Farley, graft without end. So be it."

Further, this pledge should not be repeated just once a week. That is an insult to the flag. It should be repeated by school children and teachers (and politicians) before each lesson hour three times, and fifty times at the conclusion of the school work for the day.

In order to assist in these devotions, each devotee should be supplied with a beanery. A beanery is composed of fifty small beans, while between every five beans there is strung a nut,

(Some call it a nuttery, or "nutty" for short.) On each bean the flag oath should be repeated; and when a nut is reached the devotee should say fervently, "To hell with the pope." At one end of the beanery should be suspended a swastika, which should be kissed when the beanery has been properly "said" from beginning to end.

For those who like variety, the nuts may be accompanied with "Hail Coughlin".

Alden Davis, M.D.

ALDEN DAVIS, M.D., First National Bank Building, Charleroi, Pa., amuses one with his spelling of "ostracized", "assured," and "impudence", in the following letter to an intelligent young woman, 25 years of age, who did not see fit to salute the flag. Mr. Davis should read up on these words "assurance" and "impudence"; for a doctor may have both and not know how to spell either one. Anyway, here is what he said: "Dear Miss Estep: I have just read your lame excuse for action in school. If I were your father I would take you over my knee and give you a good spanking, until you were willing to apologize. You are a cheap advertizer, a fanatic more dangerous than a radical or a red. If I were on a commission to examine you I would send you to Dixmont, where you could tell your religion to people of your own mentality. You are not a good American citizen and should be ostracised by society for being a fanatic. Shame on you for creating such a disturbance in our public schools. Perhaps you should be pitied, but rest assured the school board will take care of your imputence, and then see what your God will do for you." The doctor's concluding statement puts the finger on the real point at issue, and shows exactly where he stands—with the Devil.

Very Enthusiastic About the Flag

VERY enthusiastic about the flag are the following concerns in New York city: American Flag Co., 73 Mercer street; American Flag Barber Shop, 1489 First avenue; and American Flag Hand Laundry, 3343 Broadway and 400 East 66th street; but a little reflection will show that they are not, for this, either better or worse Americans than their neighbors. Flag washing, flag waving, flag making and flag saluting mean nothing in themselves.

Destruction of American Government

THE destruction of the American Government by Roman Catholic Fascism or Jesuitism has proceeded far under Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The Jesuit offices, where plans for taking over the government of the United States are worked out in detail, are located at Woolworth Building, 233 Broadway, New York. In the Roman line-up the departments are called orders, companies, societies, sons, servants, fathers, congregations, institutes. In the American government line-up the departments go by the names of boards, corporations, administrations,

commissions, councils, authorities, committees, banks, divisions, co-operatives, foundations, advisers, projects, agreements, corps, works, co-ordinators, offices and acts.

It is difficult to popularize a tyranny, and, as everybody knows, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the most perfect example of tyranny the world has known.

The job of the Jesuits is to make it seem desirable, even necessary, that the government of the United States, as of all other lands, should be turned over to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

ROMAN GOVERNMENT LINE-UP

AA	CSSCC	OMCAP	SCJ
AR	CSSP	OMI	SDS
CCJ	CSSR	OP	SF
CFC	CSV	OPRAEM	SJ
CICM	FDP	OSA	SM
CJM	IC	OSB	SM
CM	MIC	OSBM	SMA
CMF	MM	OSC	SMM
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This issue of *The Golden Age* goes to many thousands of new and thoughtful readers. Older readers, in the interest of these newer ones, will indulge an omission of some regular features from this number, to permit reprinting, in small type, the article on "What Is Fascism?" which appeared in Numbers 417-419 inclusive.

The writer of the article, a university man of high standing, conceals his identity under a nom de plume, David Wilkie. The article takes down the screens and lets the honest reader see just how the Jesuits are planning world control by Fascism, and how they are succeeding.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT LINE-UP

AAA	FCA	ICC	RACC
ACA	FCC	IEC	RFC
ALB	FCT	JEB	SAB
AVA	FCUS	LAB	SAPFT
BAPC	FDIC	NCB	SBPW
BOB	FEHC	NEC	SEC
CAB	FERA	NIRA	SES
CCC	FESO	NIRB	SHD
CCC	FHA	NLRB	SLIC
CES	FHLBB	NMB	SLRB
CSB	FICB	NPB	TEC
CWA	FMC	NPPC	TFI
DAI	FPC	NRA	TLRB
ECW	FRB	NRB	TVA
EHC	FSHC	NRS	TVAC
EHFA	FSRC	PA	TWAB
EIB	FTC	PAB	USES
EXECC	FTZB	PLPC	USIS
FAC	GFA	PRA	WPA
FAC	HOLC	PWA	
FACA	IAB	PWAP	

"What Is Fascism?" *By David Wilkie, Great Britain*

THE Church of Rome is definitely not a "religious" body such as, for example, the Baptists, the Congregational church, the Unitarian church, or the Salvation Army. It is a religio-political organization, as much political as religious. The pope regards religious belief merely as a means to the realization of world dominion, an "empire" ruled over by the Roman Society of Priests, of which he is the head. Of course, he is bound to pretend to his followers that he is acting only as their spiritual chief.

The Jesuits have captured the Church of Rome; the pope, indeed, is their nominee. The Jesuit Order is the "political priesthood" (*per se*) of the Church of Rome. Both the general of the Jesuits and the pope are capitalists, or rather financiers, of world-wide influence. It is the Jesuits who are the real managers, the organizers, and the financiers of Fascism throughout the world. They work behind the scenes, of course, using other people as their tools (and many as their dupes) as they have always done.

AN ALL-TIME POLITICAL MACHINE

Think over this carefully. According to official Roman Catholic figures there are, roughly, 400 Jesuit priests in Great Britain and about 2,880 in the United States. Has any political party in the country a larger staff of full-time organizers than this? These Jesuits know the innermost secrets of almost every Foreign Office in Europe. Has any party in the country a better intelligence service? In this country, too, they have their agents and spies, i.e., Roman Catholics, in the press, the police, the army, the civil service, in society, and in all political parties. They have tremendous funds at their command. What's to stop the Jesuits from capturing political power in any country? They have the machine; all they need is a political "story" and a "party". Fascism supplies both the story and the party. Its "creed" (promptly cast overboard by every Fascist lead-

er the moment he comes to power) is simply a sales tale to put Fascism across a gullible public in order to establish, in the end, a Jesuit dictatorship. Every Fascist is merely a tool and a dupe of the Jesuits. The rank and file do not know this, but their leaders (who are "in the know") do.

Socialists have made the mistake of reasoning that a movement, in this case Fascism, which stands for "private ownership" must, necessarily, be "capitalist". Socialists have missed this fact: that "private ownership" existed before "capitalism" was heard of.

The Church of Rome's ideas about property are not the same as "Capitalism's". Fascism wouldn't be Roman Catholic if it were capitalist.

FASCISM AN INSTRUMENT OF ROME

Fascism is NOT an instrument of capitalism; it is an instrument of Rome. Its aim is not to "reinstat" capitalism, but to take advantage of the political and economic situation in its entirety to re-establish the political supremacy of the Vatican. This, to use Cardinal Bellarmine's words—the "pontifical supremacy", temporal as well as spiritual, remember—is the "fundamental article" of the Roman Catholic religion. The aim of Fascism is to establish, by force, the Romish rule, and to continue it by force, with book-burnings, suppression of the press and of freedom of speech, and with the torture and terrorist methods of the Inquisition up to date.

In the course of its history the Jesuit Order has been expelled from the following countries and places (by Roman Catholics as well as Protestants), not for religious reasons, but on political grounds: [see page 106]

It is worth recording that when Pope Clement suppressed the Jesuits on August 21, 1773 (they were "re-established" by Pius VII, in 1814), part of his words were: "We have re-

marked to our deep regret that our admonitions to them (the Jesuits) to serve God and not to mix themselves up with other matters, especially secular and political, and many other practical measures, have been almost powerless and of no effect...."

LET THE SCOFFERS SCOFF

If I regard the Jesuit Order as a menace (as I most certainly do), I can support my attitude, as the table [below] shows, by saying that this has been the experience of generations of governments and statesmen in every country in Europe. Let the scoffers scoff that off.

Take away from the Communist party the Catholic-born element in Glasgow, Dundee, Newcastle, Liverpool, Bristol, and Cardiff, and it is a well-known fact that the Communist party in Britain would cease to exist. Take away the Scoto-Irish element in Scotland, and the Anglo-Irish element in England, in London and Liverpool particularly, and there would be no "Communist Party of Great Britain". Every member of the House of Commons knows that the Catholic population of Britain is the spawning-ground for the Communist party.

The truth about Communism and Fascism is that there is ample evidence to show that the Roman Catholic church has been, and is, the spawning-ground of both of them. (This is exactly what was "arranged" in Germany: the Roman Catholic Rhineland was the hotbed of "Communism", and Roman Catholic Bavaria the homing-ground of "Nazism".) The Communist party in Britain, and in most countries, is one half captured by the Jesuits, and the fake, promoted, systematic conflict of these two anti-democratic forces, "Communism" and "Fascism", is a conspiracy to lead the public to accept "Fascism" as the alternative to "Communism".

Country or Place	Date of Expulsion	Country or Place	Date of Expulsion
England	1579	St. Petersburg	1816
England	1581	Canton of Soleure	1816
England	1586	Belgium	1818
Japan	1587	Brest ¹	October 1819
Hungary	1588	Russia ²	March 20 1820
Transylvania	1588	Spain	1820-1825
Bordeaux	1589	Rouen Cathedral ³	March 1825
The whole of France	1594	Belgium ⁴	September 1826
Holland	1596	Eight colleges in	
Touron	1597	France ⁵	June 16 1828
Berne	1597	Great Britain and	
England	1602	Ireland	April 13 1829
Denmark	1606	France	1831
Thorn	1606	Saxony ⁶	September 1831
Venice	1607	Portugal	May 24 1834
Kingdom of Amurs (Japan)		Spain	July 1835-44
Bohemia	1613	Rheims ⁷	December 1838
Moravia	1618	Lucerne ⁸	1845
Netherlands	1619	France	1845
China	1622	The whole of Switzer-	
India	1623	land	September 6 1847
Malta	1623	Bavaria	February 17 1848
Holland	1624	Sardinia ⁹	March 2 1848
Russia	1708	Naples	March 11 1848
Savoy	1723	Papal States	March 29 1848
Paraguay	1729	Linz	April 10 1848
Portugal	1733	Vienna	April 16 1848
Brazil	1759	Styria	May 8 1848
France	1759	Archduchy of	
Spain	1764	Austria	May 8 1848
Naples	1767	Austrian Empire	May 8 1848
Duchy of Parma	1767	Galicia	July 1848
Two Sicilies	1767	Sardinia	July 19 1848
Mexico	1768	Sicily	July 21 1848
Malta	1768	Spain	1854-1858
Suppressed by Pope Clement XIV	1768	Paraguay	June 28 1858
Russia	1773	Several Italian States	1859
France	1776	Sicily	June 1860
Naples	1804	Spain	1868
	1810	Italy	1873
	1816	Germany	1873
		France	1880

¹By the inhabitants. ²For ever. ³By the people. ⁴From all private and public schools. ⁵In Belgium. ⁶Namely, Aix, Billon, Dole, Forculquier, Mont-Morillon, St. Acheul, and St. Ann. ⁷Prohibited from entering. ⁸By the inhabitants. ⁹For ever. ¹⁰Expelled from all their establishments.

TAMMANY IS A SAMPLE

Any man who ignores the existence of the Jesuit order is unfit to govern. They are the Grand Masters of Devilry behind Tammany Hall (the U.S.A. Roman Catholic graft institution called after "St. Tammany"); the Zinoviev Letter; the murders of President Duca of Rumania, Barthou, King Alexander of Yugoslavia, President Obregon of Mexico, Sir Henry Wilson; the "Holy Vehme"; Eugene Chen (really a Mr. Bernard Achem, a R.C. from Trinidad); the Moplah risings in India; Ivar Kreuger; the Zimmermann Note; Senor Gil Robles; Skoropadsky's Ukrainian "Nationalist" movement; the "Protocols of Zion"; the German-Irish Society; Adolf Hitler; etc., etc., etc. The climax of their machinations during the last 100 years is, they have virtually recreated the "Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire" in the heart of Europe—Fascist Austria, Germany, Italy, Poland, and Hungary. And these countries, as "swords of the Vatican", are about to plunge Europe into war, to spread the power of the Jesuits over the rest of Europe by military force.

FASCISM IN AUSTRIA

To get the exemplar of the Vienna massacre one has to turn to the history of the Albigensians in France, or the massacre of the Huguenots, begun on St. Bartholomew's Day:

"The growing influence of Admiral de Coligny filled Catherine de Medici with terror. An attempt to have him assassinated miscarried, so she ordered, purely as a 'measure of public safety', the murder of all Protestant leaders in Paris. The provinces adopted the measure, and between August 24 and October 3 fifty thousand Protestants were put to death. For that Catherine received the congratulations of all the Roman Catholic States, and the pope celebrated the occasion by having a special medal struck and bonfires lighted."

The late Dr. Dollfuss, dictator of Austria and a "zealous" Roman Catholic, was leader of the Austrian "Christian Socialists (i.e., Roman Catholic) Party". His successor, Dr. Schusnigg, is the leader of the Austrian "Clerical Volunteers"; he is another very "zealous" Roman Catholic.

The massacre in Vienna was St. Bartholomew's Day over again, with Austrian Social Democrats taking the place of French Huguenots.

On one side were ranged the Social Democrats; and on the other, as Fascists in the army and in the Dollfuss front, the "Holy Roman Catholics", the minions of the pope. The result was the holocaust of St. Bartholomew's Day over again: "Rationalism" instead of "Protestantism"; the slaughter of men, women, and children; cruel and ruthless—worthy of the superstition-sotted, confession-poisoned, priest-drenched dupes of the Haroun of Rome.

THE DOLLFUSS MASSACRE

"The papal nuncio in Vienna and the Catholic bishops Gfollner and Waitz were pushing the Government (i.e., the Dollfuss régime) forward along the path of Fascism. Here was the right opportunity, they thought . . . to transform Austria into a Catholic authoritarian State," says Otto Bauer, the Austrian workers' leader, in his pamphlet *Austrian Democracy Under Fire*, page 22. It was, in fact, the bishop of Linz and Mgr. Sibylla, the papal nuncio, who urged Dollfuss to begin the massacre, said Otto Bauer (see *Sunday Times* February 18, 1934). The Roman Catholic "statesmen" in the pre-Dollfuss Government, Vaugoin, Bishop Seipel and Prince Starhemberg, paved the way for Dollfuss' "iron rule", just as the succession of Roman Catholic chancellors in Germany, Wirth, Marx, Bruening, and Papen, prepared the way for Hitler.

The *Universe*, Roman Catholic paper, April 6, stated: "The new Constitution (of Austria) now to be promulgated is based upon the conception of a Catholic Corporative State." The first article of the old Constitution laid it down that "Her laws originate from Almighty God". In plain English, Austria's laws will henceforth originate in the will of the pope, who is "God Almighty's" interpreter.

Everything Austrian in the future is to be worked in the interests of one man, Ambrose Ratti, a foreigner and a tyrant. That's what the Fascist "patriots" have done for Austria!

As is to be expected, therefore, it was reported in the Austrian *Reichpost*, March 23, 1934, that Bishop Innitzer had been made "leader" of the Youth Movement in Austria. And the Vienna correspondent of the *New Statesman and Nation* stated, July 14: "Workers' rights survive on paper, or rather as Catholic workers' rights in the *Einheitsgewerkschaftsbund*," i.e., Unity Association League.

Then came the murder of Dollfuss. And after Dollfuss, Dr. Schusnigg was appointed chancellor. Schusnigg is the leader of the "Ostmarkische Sturmscharen", the Clerical Volunteers! And Schusnigg has as his deputy Prince Starhemberg, another papist, who marched alongside Hitler at the time of Hitler's 1923 Munich 'putsch'. Starhemberg is also the "friend" of Mussolini. Observe this chain of pals: Hitler, Starhemberg, Mussolini.

Who rules in Austria? The capitalists? Bunkum. The capitalists, like the workers, have the thumb on them. Austria's laws "originate" from "Almighty God". "Almighty God" rules in Austria: "His Excellency," "His Eminence," the pope. As a London *Daily Telegraph* correspondent reported, Austria is now an "Autocratic Roman Catholic State".

FASCISM IN SPAIN

There are two Fascist parties in Spain. One is led by Gil Robles, and the other by Primo de Rivera, eldest son of the late monarchist-dictator of Spain.

There was a pen portrait of Gil Robles in an article in the *Daily Herald* (Britain) May 17, 1934, by Don Fernando de los Rios, late Spanish minister of education and foreign affairs:

"In the first speech of his electoral campaign last year, he (Gil Robles) spoke of the necessity of purging Spain of Jewish sympathizers and freemasons. At a recent mass meeting of his supporters at the Escorial, where they took an oath of allegiance, they had to repeat, hands lifted in the air, that 'the leader can do no wrong.' Just a political version, you see, of the 'Papal Infallibility' doctrine—'The pope can make no mistake.'"

In Spain the attachment of the Roman Catholic church to Fascism is open and unconcealed. It was reported in the Spanish press, April 1, 1934, that three Roman Catholic priests had been arrested for taking part at a Fascist meeting at Oviedo.

The Spanish Fascist movement is frankly one of "Catholic reaction" (to use Mr. Vernon Bartlett's expression, *News Chronicle*, March 13, 1934) against the recent Spanish reforms, which drove out the Jesuits, prohibited priests from interfering in politics, and gave Spain a democratic constitution.

The other Fascist party in Spain, led by Primo de Rivera, calls itself "Falange Española". That there is no breach between "Nazism" and "Fascism" is illustrated by the following from the Madrid correspondent of *The Times*:

"J.O.N.S., an incipient Nazi organization, has recently concluded an alliance with the Fascist group, Falange Española, whose leading spirit is the young Marqués Primo de Rivera."

Incidentally, Primo de Rivera's younger brother visited Sir Oswald Mosley's Fascist headquarters at Chelsea, London, some time ago.

The following is a report from the *News Chronicle* of June 4, 1934. The headlines, crossheads, and bold type appeared in the report:

FRUSTRATED BY PHONE ERROR

SECRET PLAN REVEALED

Nuncio Who Got Wrong Number

From our own Correspondent

MADRID, Sunday. A telephone comedy of errors that has resulted in a diplomatic upheaval between Spain and the Vatican has just been revealed.

A few days ago, shortly before the Spanish foreign minister, Señor Pita Romero, was due to leave for Rome to negotiate the concordat with the pope, Monsignor Tedeschini, the papal nuncio in Madrid, rang up a secretary at the Vatican in order to instruct him secretly on how to deal with Spain's foreign minister when he arrived.

By a curious coincidence the name of the Spanish attaché at the Rome embassy is almost identical with that of the secretary at the Vatican whom the nuncio was ringing up, and by an error at the Rome telephone exchange the papal nuncio at Madrid was connected with the attaché at the Spanish embassy.

ASTONISHED DIPLOMAT

All unaware that he was talking to the wrong man, the papal nuncio gave the Spanish attaché confidential instruction to extend to the Spanish foreign minister every hope of the early signature of the concordat, but to delay the actual signature.

The reason, he confidently explained to the astonished attaché, was that he felt sure that Señor Gil Robles, the Spanish Fascist and Catholic leader, would soon be in office and then the concordat could be arranged on terms more favorable to the [Roman] church.

The attaché hung up the receiver without revealing his identity and immediately rang up the Madrid foreign office and gave word for word the secret instructions he had just involuntarily received.

NUNCIO CONFRONTED

The acting foreign minister, Señor Rocha, then called on the nuncio, who blandly expressed his confidence that the concordat would soon be signed. Señor Rocha cut him short by showing him the full text of the secret instructions that the nuncio had just phoned to Rome.

Despite his great diplomatic experience it was some time before Monsignor Tedeschini found his breath.

He finally explained that he had acted under Señor Gil Robles' formal promise that he would soon be in power.

This diplomatic comedy is much commented upon here and the Labor papers are demanding the withdrawal of the Spanish envoy in view of the Vatican's duplicity.

This exposes the trickery the "Holy" Roman church is capable of; and it shows, too, quite unmistakably, what Fascism is in Spain.

[Continue:]

As a special correspondent of the *Christian Science Monitor* reported, July 24, 1934: "That Spain's problem is now definitely Vatican versus Labor is a conviction that is rapidly growing."

The rising in Asturias in October of last year was a fight between reformers and Jesuits for Oviedo city, the center of the Spanish armament industry. The Reformers were beaten, owing to the introduction against them of levies of Moors, and the treachery of certain Catalonian leaders. Since the Asturian rising the Spanish Fascists and the Roman Catholic-owned press have been loudly demanding a wholesale slaughter of the leading spirits of the rising. The Government, however, more wary than the fanatical Fascist-Clericals, has turned a deaf ear to these demands. The vigor of the Asturian defense, many of them miners, by the way, and the knowledge that what the Asturians stood for has many friends in Spain, and in Europe, has prevented the Government from committing further excesses which might inflame the Reformers, and tempt them to another rising which, if it did not succeed—and it *might* (there are not enough Moorish janissaries to cover the *whole* of Spain, and even if there were their employment on a national scale would in all probability defeat its object)—would at least do incalculable damage.

HONEST AND OVERZEALOUS REFORMERS

The Reformers made the mistake at the beginning of the revolution of being overzealous in the application of their democratic ideals. Without any apprenticeship in the new ideas, votes were granted to women, and the women, easily swayed in the confessional and still in fear of the priests, voted for the friends of the Clerics and against reform. Characteristically, no sooner did the reactionaries find themselves in legal control than they started to abuse their authority, to use all the forces of the state at their disposal to subdue and crush the opposition by force. It was this that caused the Asturian affair. Fortunately for the Reformers, stalemate has been reached, owing to the fact that they (i.e., the Reformers) have many sympathizers in the army and the police; otherwise there would have been no necessity to use Moors in Asturias. The reactionaries (Fascists) are straining every nerve to raise a dependable private army.

Spain, where the "Holy" Inquisition came into being (the appellation "Holy" reminds one of another "Holy", which has not yet received pontifical blessing, however, the anti-Jew, Nazi "Holy Vehme" in Germany), is, no doubt, a fertile soil for anti-Semitism. Gil Robles' cry of "Down with the Jews!" and the overt Jesuit alliance with Gil Robles definitely identifies the Jesuits in Spain with anti-Semitism. For centuries Roman Catholics have hounded Jews with the cry of "Christ Killers!" When, or where, did a Jew ever prosper in a Roman Catholic country? It was a pope who compelled Jews to wear the so-called "Medal of Infamy"; and the establishment of the Inquisition (established to hunt, burn, and torture Jews in Spain) was sanctioned and confirmed by papal decrees, and the Constitution of the Inquisition was drawn up by a Dominican priest, Dominicans were the "judges" of this awful secret tribunal, and Dominican novitiates in many cases acted as the torturers. (It is significant that, during the reign of the "Bloody Mary" in England, the Dominican house was at Smithfield, where the *autos-da-fé* were held.) Within living memory Jews were massacred in Limerick, (R.C.) Ireland, on the charge, the timeworn one, of holding a "Black Mass". One cannot conceive of such a thing's happening in Protestant England, or Scotland, or Wales. Indeed a "Black Mass" has no significance or meaning to anybody BUT a Roman Catholic. And in France, at the time of the Dreyfus affair, it was Papists and Jesuits, as is historically well known, who were ranged openly against Dreyfus. The defeat of the anti-Dreyfusites was followed immediately with legislation against Roman Catholicism—in which Jean Jaures, who was assassinated in 1914, took a leading part.

ANTI-SEMITIC PROPAGANDA

The Fascists in Spain will make the most of anti-Semitism. Whether it will help them any, or much, is a moot point. Anyway, it will take more than ingenuity to prove that there is anything like a "Jewish menace" in Spain, where, until the revolution, the Jesuits were the big landowners and business monopolists. The only "menace" there is in Spain (and it is obvious to anybody who looks for one) is the menace of a corrupt, absolutist "Church", supported by secret orders, who brought Spain to decay and its people to depths of illiteracy—as they reduced Poland, too, to impoverishment and, finally, servitude.*

One more quotation, from an article on Spain by a V. S. Prichett in *The Fortnightly Review*, July, 1935, a highly reputable British magazine: "The question is, What will Senor Gil Robles do? Before last October the answer was some kind of Fascism; now it is, Nothing this year. His strength is that he has the rich and powerful backing of the adaptable Jesuits . . . The Jesuits have already bought up many of the best provincial newspapers, and they are determined to redeem Spain from anti-Clericalism, Socialism, and indeed Liberal policy . . . for Spanish clericalism will put the clock back if it gets the chance."

FOR DIRTY WORK, CALL THE JESUITS

And again from a recent observer, a Leah Manning, an ex-M. P. for Islington, London, in her newly published book, *What I Saw in Spain*, calls Gil Robles' party "a Vatican party", and "a Jesuito-Fascist organization". Yes, in Spain the Jesuito-Fascist alliance is stark and obvious. It is indeed not an "alliance", for Gil Robles is a tool of the Jesuits, not an equal. And the same is true of every other Fascist boss in Europe (and candidate for the job), but in most cases the truth is hidden from public view by the Jesuits, the world's masters in the art of 'back stage' politics, as well as the world's champions in the art of 'gulling' the masses. To make the people of Italy believe, when it is expedient, that Mussolini is not a militarist, but a cooing dove, is surely child's play to a gang of experts who have been making almost whole nations believe, for generations, that a bit of paste is the body of the Son of God. If they (i.e., the Jesuits) have not a correct appraisal of the gullibility of mankind, after a 1,000 years' experience at the game, then who has? It is a historical truism. When you want dirty work done, call in the Jesuits. But (and since this is an article on Spain, the simile is becoming) the Jesuits, like the Moors who were invited to Spain, have the knack of pinching the prize which they have been called in only to safeguard. They got their postwar start in Italy, thanks to the—at least neutrality, of U.S.A., Britain, and France (and they got a start, too, in Poland), and now it won't be their fault if they don't soon own and control a half of the continent of Europe. But alas! and fortunately for others, it is ALSO a historical truism that the triumphs of the Jesuits are always short-lived.

There are only two persons in Germany "privileged" to call themselves "Leader". One is Hitler, and the other is Baldur von Shiraach, the leader of the Nazi Youth Movement. Both Hitler and Shiraach are Roman Catholics. Goebbels, Roman Catholic, the minister of propaganda, the prime molder of Germany's mind, was educated by the Jesuits. In 1923, when Hitler's revolt in Bavaria failed, Goering fled to Rome. Later, in 1931, Goering was sent to Rome as Hitler's envoy to the pope and Mussolini: "a mission," says the German author of *Why Nazi?* (a Nazi sympathizer), "which was highly important for the further progress of the National Socialist movement."

In *Mein Kampf* Hitler says: "After all, the only infallible touchstone for distinguishing right action from wrong is: visible success." This makes Al Capone a saint until he was pinched. This is the Jesuitical "code" of morality upon which Nazism, and Hitler's philosophy, is based. This somewhat prepares one for the following observation by one of Hitler's semi-admirers, *An Eyewitness in Germany*, page 78: "Adolf Hitler has with profound insight made use of the Roman propaganda's many centuries of experience, and National Socialism's whole organization betrays the Papal Hierarchy as its model."

* The first partitioning of Poland was made by Frederick of Prussia and Catherine of Russia, the two European monarchs who gave the Jesuits harborage in their domains on the request of Voltaire, after the papal suppression of the Order.

Hitler is a Roman Catholic, like every other European 'dictator'—the late Pilsudski, Mussolini, and Dollfuss. He acquired his anti-Semitism, so he says himself, from Lueger, a burgo-master of Vienna, a well-known anti-Semite preacher, and a "devout" Roman Catholic. In the story of the actual intrigues that made Hitler the chancellor of Germany there lies the truth about Nazism.

MADE CHANCELLOR BY PAPAL INTRIGUE

Hitler became chancellor of Germany, and later "constitutional" dictator, purely and wholly by papist intrigue. Hitler was not made chancellor by popular vote or voice. He was called to the chancellorship by Hindenburg after von Papen had persuaded Hindenburg to dismiss Schleicher. This is well known. What is to be noted is that von Papen, like Hitler, is a Roman Catholic.

It is amazing how this has been forgotten in the rush of events since. Nazism rules in Germany today, thanks to von Papen. Democracy has been trampled on, the Jews beaten, Karl Ernst, Strasser, and Schleicher murdered, thanks to von Papen, the Vatican's 'lay nuncio' at Berlin.

As a matter of fact, von Papen, so-called "Nationalist", and not Hitler, was Germany's first Nazi dictator! Von Papen was chancellor before Schleicher. He, too, was "invited" to the chancellorship by Paul Hindenburg, without either parliamentary or public support.

Yet this von Papen, whose party had won only 10 percent of the votes at the election, while he was chancellor in June, 1932, summarily "dismissed" and "forcibly removed" the Prussian cabinet led by the Labor ministers Braun and Severing, who had held office for ten years as heads of an efficient administration. Thus, a year before Hitler became chancellor, was the commencement of Nazism in Germany.

Bruening was connected with the Catholic trade union movement. To use Walton Newbold's words, he was "always cajoling the Social Democrats, more particularly their trade unions". Elsewhere Newbold refers to "the Catholics of the German Centrum and their allies, the Social Democrats". These quotations are from Newbold's book *Democracy, Debts, and Disarmament*. The papist chancellors Wirth, Marx, Bruening, and von Papen prepared Germany for Hitler; and the Social Democrats, stupidly enough, made themselves the "allies" of the Roman Catholic Centre Party whose vote later on made Hitler the "constitutional" dictator of Germany!

After being elevated to the chancellery, Hitler held a general election. He wanted to win two-thirds of the seats in the German Parliament in order to enable him to abolish it "constitutionally", to vote itself out of existence.

THE "ELECTION"

Hitler obtained permission from Hindenburg to dissolve Parliament and to hold the election, but on condition that whatever the result the composition of the government was not to be changed!

Can you beat that? Hitler was taking a chance to get supreme power, but he was not risking the loss of the power he already had!

No sooner had the "election" started than Goering got to work. He had newspapers suppressed for publishing a report that stock exchange prices had slumped. He prohibited the entire Social-Democrat (e.g., Labor) press from publishing a Social-Democrat manifesto!

At this stage Goebbels was appointed to the newly created post of minister of propaganda. This gave Hitler control of broadcasting and cinemas, and of the press, through a system of censorship which Goebbels introduced.

Then six days before the date fixed for the election the Reichstag went up in flames. Does any common-sense person doubt for a moment that it was set on fire by Goering? The effect of the fire was stupendous; and Goering, Goebbels, and Hitler made the most of it. The Communists were accused of setting the Reichstag on fire, and the Socialists with "complicity". Van der Lubbe was said to have confessed his crime and association with both Communists and Socialists.

On the strength of this imbecile's "confession" the official press agency announced throughout the length and breadth of Germany: "Through this confession the united Communist-Socialist front has become a palpable fact." In the course of investigation it was stated several weeks afterwards that the Socialists had been entirely cleared from the charge of conspiracy in the crime.

LABOR PRESS SQUELCHED

On the strength of the fire scare, the entire Labor press, consisting of more than two hundred daily newspapers, was suppressed until further notice. During the last few days of the election Nazi speakers stumped the country accusing the "Marxists" of being murderers and incendiaries. Murderers? It is only non-murderous Nazis who coin words, or names, like "The Night of the Long Knife". Hitler stood forth as the "bulwark" against those "Reds" who had dared to put a match to Germany's citadel of Democracy, the Reichstag.

Still Hitler doubted the result. He wanted, understand, not merely a majority, but a two-thirds majority, the majority necessary for the temporary elimination of Parliament. Again Goering came to the rescue. Under cover of suppressing the "Red" danger, Goering obtained from Hindenburg a presidential decree which enabled him to establish an iron rule, first over Prussia, and then gradually to the other German states. Germany was put under "martial" Nazi law. Large internment camps were formed, and Communists, Socialists, Liberals, true Nationalists, intellectuals, state officials, etc., anybody and everybody suspected of anti-Nazism who could influence public opinion by pen, speech, or position, were thrown into them. The Labor branches throughout the country were kept in a riot of disorder by a series of raids carried out by Nazis who were practically free from official interference.

In spite of all this force, suppression, quackery, jailing, and raiding, Hitler did not receive an absolute majority. Out of 647 seats, he obtained only 288. Compared with the previous elections of November 6, 1932, the Nazis had gained 38 seats, the Nationalists 1, the Roman Catholic Centre Party 4; the Socialists had lost 1 seat, and the Communists had lost 19. The Government Parties (e.g., Nationalists, 52, "Other Government Parties", 9, and Nazis, 288) held a total of 349 out of 647 seats. What Hitler had wanted was a two-thirds majority to enable him "constitutionally" to eliminate Parliament. He failed to get this two-thirds majority. What happened next?

The Reichstag met in the Kroll Opera House: Hitler introduced an "Empowering Bill" giving the Government complete and absolute power to rule without Parliamentary control. And the Roman Catholic Centre Party voted in favor of it! This gave Hitler his necessary "two-thirds" majority.

Hitler became chancellor, thanks to the papist von Papen; and he became the "constitutional" dictator of Germany, thanks to the papist Centre Party.

THE MURDERS OF JUNE 30

Hitler's next task was to remove from office in the party every sincere Nazi who could by his position or prestige influence policy, and who was not prepared to sell Germany, or betray it, to the general of the Jesuits. This was accomplished on June 30, when about 100 Brownshirt officers were massacred (by Blackshirts), and also a number of non-Nazi patriots were dealt with, such as General Duesterberg and General von Schleicher.

General Duesterberg, former deputy chief of the Steel Helmets, the German ex-Servicemen's Association, was arrested on the night of June 30. (It was the practice of the Inquisition to make its arrests at nighttime.) He was first taken to Dachau concentration camp, and then to Colombia-Haus, Berlin. He was released on August 2, and said after his release: "I have not been shot, but I am a living corpse" (see *Manchester Guardian*, August 30, 1934).

FACTS OF THE JUNE 30 AND THE AUSTRIAN DEBACLE

- (a) Nazi "disorders" broke out in Austria just a few days before the murders took place.
- (b) The murders happened a few days after Hitler's return from Venice, where he had been discussing Austria with Mussolini.
- (c) Among those murdered was Herr Rudolf Mai, former leader of the Nazi Storm Troopers (Brownshirts) in Upper Austria; also it was reported in the press that "many leading members of the Austrian Nazi Legion in Germany are said to be missing since the Hitler 'purge' started on Saturday".

Put two and two together now, and you have the truth about the "Second Revolution". The crime of Roehm, Heines, Ernst, Mai, etc., was that they believed in the Anschluss. They had preached it for years with Hitler: to them the "Third Reich" was the Anschluss.

If Roehm, Heines, Heydebreck, Ernest, and Mai, etc., had been living when the swastika went up in Vienna, they would have led the Brownshirts and the Austrian Nazi Legion in Germany into Austria. Mussolini's meant nothing to them. They believed in 'Germany First' and the Anschluss. Of course, this would have upset the whole "Black" (Popish) plot and the alliance of Germany and Italy.

LEADERS BUMPED OFF

This was one of Hitler's main planks: the union of Austria with Germany. But this did not suit Mussolini, a power in the "Black International"; so, at Venice, Hitler agreed to give up the Anschluss idea, and instead to help Mussolini to "preserve" the "independence" of Austria. In other words, they would share Austria between them; but no Anschluss, because power might change hands in Germany. Knowing that this would create trouble in the Brownshirt ranks when it became known, Hitler "bumped" the Brownshirt leaders off before they had time to organize resistance.

It is surely perfectly obvious that these Brownshirt leaders were not expecting trouble. Roehm made the Brownshirt army. He was its organizer No. 1. Heines was a Rossbach man, a leading Nazi terrorist. Men of this sort don't wait to be slaughtered. They had met trouble before; but then they knew that it was coming to them. They weren't killed for anything they had done, but for what it was expected they might do when they learned of Hitler's "treason".

To General Daluege was given the task of "cleaning up" the entire Nazi Brown Army after the June executions. He stated afterwards that "several thousand" leaders and men had been removed or subjected to disciplinary action. Then in the next breath we were told by Hitler that Captain Roehm had "no following". Then why were those "several thousand" cashiered or removed? The "purge" reached out over the whole of the Brownshirt organization. It altered its character completely. It left Popery in possession of "Nazism" and "on top" in Germany. Blackshirtism, Popish Fascism, rules Germany; Brownshirtism, or "true" Nazism, is finished.

The murder of General von Schleicher had nothing to do with the other murders. He was murdered, and his wife also, because dead men (and women) tell no tales. He knew the whole intrigue that made Hitler chancellor; he was regarded as the chief menace to the popish plot to rule Germany under the name of "Nazism". As stated by "Artego" in *The Referee* (Britain), July 8:

"In his conversations with Schleicher (when Roehm and Schleicher were conspiring to remove Bruening from the chancellorship) Roehm revealed to him certain secrets about the internal affairs of the National Socialist Party and about its leader. Altho' Schleicher did not speak about those things confided to him, he allowed others to see that he was in possession of knowledge about the Nazi party and about Hitler, the publication of which would have put Hitler in an unbearable position and ended his political career."

THE POPE BEHIND THE SCENES

Broadcasting to Britishers on July 3, a Mr. Crossman, an eyewitness of the scenes during the Hitler murders, said that whenever he had spoken to the German people, from Munich to Berlin, all, without exception, told him the same thing, i.e., that "the pope was behind the whole of the trouble".

To bear witness that the Nazi party was on the wane when the conspiracy which made Hitler chancellor took place, listen to the following accounts of eyewitnesses, a Russian social democrat, a biographer of Nazism, and a French Marxian Communist.

Kerensky, the famous Russian politician, and anti-Communist, says, page 321 of his book about Russia, *The Crucifixion of Liberty*:

I was in Germany myself in December 1932, during the chancellorship of General von Schleicher. The Nazi influence was then plainly on the decline. In order to beat them finally it was only necessary to push the new chancellor's experiment to its conclusion; in his internal policy he had the support of the central elements of every class in Germany . . . Instead of doing everything to support Schleicher, however, Hugenberg and von Papen turned to Hitler and almost pushed him into power.

The (anonymous) German author of *Why Nazi?* says, pages 23, 89:

The intrigue which overthrew General von Schleicher and installed Hitler in his stead had been contrived, not by him, but by other forces . . . His (Hitler's) movement had undoubtedly begun to decline and was showing signs of internal disunion. Baron von Papen, whose mediation had brought about the change of Govern-

ment, was (made) vice-chancellor . . . He publicly described the Hitler experiment as a *détour* leading eventually to the 'authoritative State' which was his ideal.

LOST TWO MILLION VOTES

Henri Ernst, the author of *Hitler over Europe*, says, pages 12, 13:

At the end of 1932 the (Nazi party) lost 2 million votes and the Strasser group announced its secession. In January 1933 Schleicher was on the point of hitting the Hitler movement on the head and putting it under his own command. . . . In the middle of January a secret meeting was held between Hitler and von Papen at Cologne . . . the news of the meeting got into the papers a few days later . . . At this meeting Hitler came to an agreement with von Papen. In this way the sudden fall of Schleicher and the sensational nomination of Hitler came about.

This, from three sources, is the story briefly of how Nazism got into power. Hitler was not made chancellor as the result of a popular demand. Germany was not in wreck and ruin. He was not carried to the highest administrative post in the Reich on a swell of popularity for Nazism.

In his Merttens lecture, 1934, "The Roots of Violence," Mr. S. K. Batcliffe said, with perfect truthfulness:

"The German people are profoundly anti-revolutionary. During the eight years marked at the end by her admission to the League of Nations, Germany had rebuilt her industries and her civic life, had overcome to a great extent the destructive influences in the national character, and by persistence in the policy of treaty fulfillment (afterwards so bitterly repudiated) had regained in great degree her international standing."

There wasn't an earthly chance of a Communist revolt. Nazism was a declining force. The German public had rejected the idea of violence. After thirteen years of turmoil, tolerance had triumphed, Germany was becoming Nationalist, progressive, and more thoroughly, and sensibly, democratic. Schleicher "was on the point of hitting the Nazi movement on the head".

GERMANY "SAVED" FOR THE JESUITS

The Jesuits saw Germany, and their vision of the "Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire", slipping from their claws. "Down with Democracy! Down with Tolerance! Up Murder! Up Dictatorship!" Papen and Hitler "saved" Germany for the Jesuits, just as Mussolini "saved" Italy for the "Holy Church".

"Fascism" (meaning "Nazism" too), wrote Ludendorff in his book *The Coming War*, "is a fighting instrument of the pope." "Fascism is the offspring of the Jesuits." "The ways of the Church of Rome and Fascism are identical." "The Papacy and Fascism are inseparably united: together they constitute what is called 'Rome'." "What astonishes me is that the fact should have been overlooked that national socialism of the Fascist type merely means collectivism of the Romish brand."

Thanks to the Jesuits, the old "Holy Roman (Catholic) Empire" has virtually been revived in Central Europe. Thanks to the Dominicans (the "Inquisitor-General" is always a Dominican), the "Universal Inquisition", known by the name of "Gestapo" in Germany and "Ovra" in Italy (i.e., the secret police), once more rules over Poland, Germany, Austria, Hungary, and the Italian Peninsula. But it won't be for long.

It may surprise some people to be told that what is now made out to be the "creed" of Fascism is the COMPLETE REVERSE of the creed which animated the Fascists who marched on Rome. Everybody who knows anything about Italian Fascism knows this. Signor Grandi, the Italian ambassador in London, knows it. It is a positive fact that the original Fascists, the pre-March on Rome Fascists, Mussolini's followers, were ultra-libertarians!

Mussolini was almost an anarchist (he did, in fact, at one time organize the so-called "Red Week" in collaboration with the anarchist Malatesta) while he was leader of the Italian Fascists before he became premier! In the *Popolo d'Italia* (i.e., the official Fascist organ), April 7, 1920, after the Fascist party had been in existence for a year, Mussolini wrote:

"I start from the individual and aim at the State. If the rebellion against the legal hour was the supreme attempt of revolt against the coercion of the State, a sunbeam of hope would filter into the spirits of us who are desperate individualists. Down with the State in all its forms and incarnations! The bourgeois State as well as the socialist State—the State of yesterday, of to-day, and of to-morrow. For us, only one thing is left, the consoling religion of anarchy."

This is what Mussolini, then Fascist leader, was preaching about the State, and State "coercion", only two years before he became premier! Where does the "Corporate" State come in this? The truth about the Corporate State doctrine is, it was invented for Mussolini (probably by Jesuits) years after he became dictator, and it was created to justify his dictatorship, and to make the Italians fall in love with tyranny.

The demands of the Fascists were more extravagant than the demands of the Socialists in Italy. When bands of workmen started to seize the factories, Mussolini, the Fascist leader, applauded their actions. When a number of ex-soldiers, not Communists, started to seize the estates, Mussolini applauded their actions too.

The first occupation of the factories took place at Dalmine (Bergamo), on March 17, 1919. It started all the others. Two days later Mussolini wrote in *Popolo d'Italia*: "To the workmen of Dalmine we send our salute and the expression of our fervent and disinterested sympathy for the noble battle fought." On March 29 he motored to Dalmine with Cesare Rossi to congratulate the workmen.

Writing about the first occupation of lands, in the same paper, the official Fascist organ, remember, Mussolini wrote, March 25: "The peasants that rebel today in order to solve the land question must not meet with our hostility." On June 10, he wrote:

"Either the blissful landowners will be expropriated or we will muster the masses of combatants against these obstacles and will overthrow them. We will carry on a devilish propaganda."

MUSSOLINI'S "ABOUT FACE"

Black, and dirty, and foul as Mussolini's volte-face was, and so far has been proved to be, one has to read his program in order to realize the ENORMITY of his betrayal of his Fascists, and to appreciate how easy it is for a person once established as a dictator (with the Jesuit machine behind him) to do anything even when it is the complete opposite of what he has preached, or reverse of the faith, or objects, or desires of his followers. The following was Mussolini's program before he became dictator, i.e., the program of the Italian Fascist party, published in 1919:

- (1) National Assembly, intended as the Italian Section of the International Assembly of all Peoples, in order to proceed with the radical transformation of the political and economic basis of Society.
- (2) Proclamation of the Republic. Decentralization of administrative control. Administrative autonomy of regions and communes through their own legislative bodies. Popular sovereignty exercised by means of universal, equal, and direct popular vote of all citizens of both sexes, with right to the people of initiative, of referendum, and veto. Reorganization, ex novo, of the administrative bodies of the State. The function of the State to be limited to the civic and political direction of national life.
- (3) Abolition of the Senate and of every artificial and arbitrary limitation of popular sovereignty. Abolition of political police. Establishment of a municipal and national civic guard. Elective magistrates independent of executive power.
- (4) Abolition of all caste-titles, of princes, dukes, marquises, "commendatori," "cavalieri," etc. Only titles of honor, those of talent and honesty in work.
- (5) Abolition of compulsory conscription. General disarmament and veto of all nations forbidding the manufacture of armaments.
- (6) Freedom of thought and of conscience, of religion, of association, of press, of propaganda, of individual and collective agitation.
- (7) System of education with both cultural and vocational schools open to all.
- (8) Maximum care and perfection of the social hygiene system.
- (9) Abolition of stock companies. Suppression of every kind of speculation of banks and of the Stock Exchange. Creation of a national financial institution with regional schemes for the distribution of credit.
- (10) Census and reduction of personal wealth. Confiscation of unproductive revenues. Payment of the debt of the old State by the wealthy classes. Suppression of church revenues.
- (11) Eight hours' work on a legal basis.
- (12) Reorganization of production based on insurance principles and on direct participation of profits by the workers. All landed estates to be given over to the peasants. The management of transportation industries and of public services to be entrusted to syndicates comprised of technical experts and workers.
- (13) Abolition of secret diplomacy.
- (14) Open international policy dedicated to the solidarity and independence of peoples in the Confederation of States.

"FASCISTS" CHEATED IN A BIG WAY

It would be out of place here to discuss whether this program is good, bad, or indifferent. The point is, it was with this program that Mussolini got into power. The Fascists stood for (and the rank and file believed in it, you may be sure): no political police, no secret diplomacy, no compulsory conscription, freedom of speech, decentralization of executive magistracies, etc.1

You ought to appreciate now that Mussolini has cheated his "Fascists" in a big way. A man capable of doing what he has done is fit for any treachery, and any amount of it. It sticks out a mile that his régime is THE GREATEST SWINDLE IN HISTORY. I have given this matter some thought and some study and I am firmly convinced that from the START of Fascism (and maybe long before then) Mussolini was secretly in league with "Rome".

"Mussolini," says Ludendorff, "is nothing more than an ambitious tool in the hands of Romish ecclesiastics"; and I concur with Ludendorff. Ludendorff is Germany's Smuts. He is not an amateur in politics. He knows what he is talking about. The difference between Ludendorff (who has no axe to grind) and most other authorities on politics (who also lack his courage) is, he says what he thinks. The rest of them think it but don't say it, and so leave the masses in ignorance and confusion.

Mussolini gave the name of "Fascism" to the creed he promised. What I want to know is, and what you, dear reader, should want to know is: What name must we give to the creed he has fulfilled? It is not Conservatism, it is not Liberalism, it is not Socialism, it is not "Fascism". No! It is JESUITISM.

THE ORIGINAL FASCIST PROGRAM

Read the Fascist program again: (1) It is not anti-Masonic; you may look but in vain for any reference to Masonry in it. Many active Masons were in the ranks as Fascists during the March on Rome. The Freemasons in Italy were a patriotic although anti-Papal body. (2) It is not pro-Church of Rome: one of its clauses is, "Suppression of Church revenues." (3) It is not anti-liberal; if anything, it is ultra-liberal. It proclaims "popular sovereignty", "freedom of thought, of press, of propaganda," and so on. (4) It is not, strictly speaking, anti-Socialist. It demands nationalization of credit, the abolition of stock exchanges, expropriation of estates, etc. Lastly, (5) the spirit of the Fascists was "Italy First", i.e., with emphasis on the "Nation", not the "State", and with no reference at all to the "Church". So much for the theory. Now for the practice.

THE "REVISED" PROGRAM

(1) Before Mussolini was in power three years he launched an attack upon the Masons, including those in his party, sent many of them to jail, and suppressed Freemasonry by law. But he didn't suppress, and he hasn't suppressed, the Roman Catholic secret societies by law, the Italian equivalents of the Knights of Malta, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus, etc. (2) In 1929, from the Italian treasury Mussolini gave a gift of nineteen million pounds to the Vatican. This was a part of the "Lateran Treaty". (3) He murdered Amendola, the Liberal leader; treated liberalism as "subversion" (this is the very word used by a Fascist historian); and in *Gerrachia* magazine, 1925, Mussolini boasted that he had reduced democracy and liberalism to the state of "rotten corpses". (4) He smashed every outward vestige of propaganda in favor of the "Socialist" items in his program, irrespective of whether the agitation came from the Reds or from the Fascists. And he murdered Matteotti, the Socialist leader. Matteotti was an upright and a very popular figure. (5) Mussolini abolished the "Victor Emmanuel's Day" celebrations. On the 20th of September, 1870, the Italian troops took possession of Rome. The Italian nation celebrated the day as a festival of national reunion, and, of course, as the anniversary of victory over the Papacy and Austria. It was Italy's "First of July" and "Battle of the Boyne" combined. This is where Fascism shows itself in its true colors. The idea of Italian patriotism's "insulting" Roman popery was naturally disliked by Mussolini's masters; so the festival was cut out of the Fascist calendar. The Vatican, not Italy, came "First".

It is a mistake to imagine that only plumbers and dockers and "Reds" of various hues are lying in Mussolini's internment camps. During the War and later in 1925, General Benicvenga was secretary for Cadorna, commander-in-chief of the Italian army in the War. Mussolini interned Benicvenga in the island of Ustica, where the worst and most incorrigible criminals were lodged. It would have been more humane to have him shot, but to keep him living was perhaps the "better" method of sealing the lips and falsifying the hands of his friends.

THE EXPLANATION

Now let me ask of you, What explanation can you offer for this total perversion of the Fascist policy and this attack upon Liberals, Patriots, Socialists, and Freemasons? Surely this is a question of some importance. Well, then, ANSWER IT, you Tories, Liberals, and Socialists! This is the answer: There is only ONE political body in Europe, only ONE, not two, or three, or four, which is anti-Liberal, anti-Masonic, anti-Patriot, anti-Socialist, anti-Communist, and anti-Jew, and that body is the JESUIT Society. "Fascism" (i.e., original Fascism) doesn't rule in Italy today, any more than "Nazism" (or Brown-shirtism) rules Germany. The Jesuits rule Italy, and their "creed" is now the orthodox Fascist creed in every European country.

If Mussolini's post-War record is hardly flattering to Il Duce, his pre-War one is worse. The following are characteristic points of Mussolini pre-War biography:

(1) His five months' imprisonment, November 23, 1911, to March 12, 1912, for having incited the soldiers of the African war to desert.

(2) His expelling of Bissolati and Bonomi from the Socialist party he directed, because they had dared to congratulate the king for having escaped murder at the hands of an anarchist.

(3) His denouncement before the High Court of Milan, April 1, 1914, for "instigation of crime, and insult to the army".

(4) The organization of the so-called "Red Week" in collaboration with the anarchist Malatesta, etc.

The last myth about Mussolini that's worth exploding is the one about the March on Rome. Contrary to the belief of almost every Fascist, Mussolini did not lead the March. He was in Milan all the time, and when it was safe to go to Rome he went in a Pullman sleeping car!

THE MARCH ON ROME

The March on Rome was the work of the "Quadrumvirate", De Bono, De Vecchi, Bianchi, and Balbo. De Bono was in command of operations; Bianchi did liaison staff work; Balbo commanded the marchers; and De Vecchi, along with Grandi, did the negotiating with Salandra (the prime minister) and the king.

Mussolini watched events from Milan, a few hundred miles away from Rome.

It was De Vecchi and Grandi in Rome who telephoned Mussolini at Milan telling him of Salandra's first offer of "participation" in the government. It was they who won from Salandra and the king the invitation to Mussolini to form a government. "On receipt of the official invitation," says Ion S. Munro, "he (Mussolini) left at once for the capital."

How has this quadrumvirate fared? De Vecchi is still a minister. Bianchi is dead. De Bono was "removed" from his post as chief of police. Grandi was "sent abroad" to London. Balbo has been "exiled" to Tripoli.

"LA BOTTEGA DEL PAPA"

It is NOT true that Mussolini against his will was forced to "bargain" with the pope. This is often said to justify Mussolini's dealings with the Vatican. It is sheer, demonstrable nonsense. On the contrary, if Mussolini had put the pope in a boat and sent him to Tripoli, nobody in Italy would have bothered much. Before Mussolini's advent to power the Church of Rome's name in Italy was mud. Its prestige was low before the War; it was much worse after it. It was commonly called "*La bottega del papa*", i.e., the pope's shop, a reference to the "holy" relic racket.

What Mussolini did was, he pretended to quarrel with the pope, just as Hitler is pretending. Most people, including the then "Fascists", thought that this was fine. But the net result of every "quarrel" was a further concession to the Vatican. In fact, Mussolini re-instated Popery. He raised the "Church" from one of odium, which it richly deserved, to an institution of authority. And when he had completed the job, the pope called him a "man sent by divine providence to save Italy". As no pope yet has ever worried much about "patriotism", substitute the word "Church" for "Italy" and you will have the pope's real meaning. "Sent by divine providence to save the 'Church'." I am telling Jews and democrats who their enemy is. In the words of Gambetta I say, pointing to "Rome": "THERE IS YOUR ENEMY." If I were saying this to the Labor people in Spain, they would believe me. They know what "Rome" is, as the forefolds of Britain, Holland, Sweden,

Switzerland, etc., knew, i.e., from personal experience, but the average person now doesn't know a thing about it. And the moment one tries to speak to him about it, he thinks (or at least some of them do) that one is trying to turn him into what he calls a "hymn-singer".

MUSSOLINI AND FREEMASONRY

Anti-Freemasonry was not a plank of the early Fascist program. Many Masons took part in the March on Rome.

Freemasonry in Italy had old ties with Italian Nationalism dating back to Risorgimento days. They helped to make Italy a nation. And for this too, no doubt, they incurred the displeasure of the pope, because the papacy lost its dominions, the City of Rome, when Italy became a nation.

The Masons were neither for nor against Fascism. They were neutral. There were two Masonic bodies in Italy, known by the name of the buildings they occupied, the "Giustiniani Palace Masons" and the "Piazza del Gesu Masons", and actually the latter was, if anything, friendly towards Mussolini.

Why does the Church of Rome dislike the Freemasons? Not because they belong to a secret society. No. There are a number of Roman Catholic secret societies, The Knights of Malta, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Knights of Columbus, etc. The Roman Catholic church objects to Freemasonry because Masonic societies do not come under their priestly control, and because Masons deny the papal claims.

In August 1924, two years after Mussolini came to power, the attack on Freemasonry opened. During 1925 Mussolini was busy "purging" his party of Masons. They had been good enough to help Mussolini to power, but they were not the sort he wanted to help him to administer his "Fascist" state.

At the close of 1925 Freemasonry was suppressed by law. "It was a move," says Ion S. Munro, "which won him favor in the eyes of the Vatican."

The year 1929, i.e., seven years after Mussolini's elevation to the premiership, was perhaps the year when the Fascist terror reached its highest pitch. The "O.V.R.A.", or secret police, was called into existence in 1929. To quote a 100-percent sympathetic historian of Fascism, in 1929: "Over 1,000 prisoners were sentenced, many of them receiving punishments of over ten years' imprisonment." In September 1929, Cesare Rossi was decoyed on to Italian soil at Lake Garda, after he had managed to leave Italy. He was arrested and sentenced to thirty years. Who is this Cesare Rossi? At one time he was secretary of the Italian Fascist party, and Mussolini's closest companion! If Rossi was not prepared to "play ball" with the pope, and I suspect he wasn't, the least Mussolini could do (at his masters' bidding) was to shoot him or jail him. He jailed him plenty.

THE VATICAN'S "PROFITS"

What is there of significance about this year 1929? After seven years of Mussolini's rule one would have expected that the internal condition of the country would be quiet, stable, and nonrefractory. The Lateran Treaty was signed in June, 1929. This "Treaty" was the Vatican's "profits" from Fascism. It was JESUITISM putting the seal on its victory. The resistance to it was the last 'big fling' of the anti-Fascist forces in Italy. They lost, of course. But the next time they cross swords with Mussolini (and the general of the Jesuits) they shall win.

When Mussolini signed the Lateran Treaty, the words "toleration of other religions" were cut out of the Italian Constitution. In theory Fascist Italy (unlike pre-Fascist Italy) does not admit religious tolerance. In practice it has to, so as not to arouse the antipathy of especially Britain and U.S.A. He gave the gift of £19,000,000 to the Vatican, already referred to. (I suspect this was the return of the monies Mussolini had received from "Rome".) Above all, he re-established the pope's "temporal" sovereignty. Do you know that the Vatican was very much upset because it was not given a seat in the League of Nations? If you didn't know this before, then you know it now. By re-establishing the pope's "temporal" sovereignty Mussolini raised the Church of Rome to the diplomatic status of a "State".

Mussolini closed down the Y.M.C.A. He put the pope's picture back into every State school classroom. He cut out the words "toleration of other religions" from the Italian Constitution. He suppressed the Freemasons. Finally, Fascism re-established the pope's "temporal sovereignty".

There is no liberty of speech anywhere in Italy outside of the confessional box; and this just about sums up the truth, and tells all there is to know about Fascism in Italy.

THE BENEFICIARIES

Some time ago knighthoods ("commenda") were given to five leading foreign journalists in Rome, two of whom belong to British papers; an almost unheard-of thing in any other country. This gives one a good idea of what sort of "news" some readers must be getting from Italy. It is news of "ruptures" between Italy and Germany, "quarrels" of Mussolini and the pope, Roman Catholics "ill-treated" in Germany, Italy, and Austria, all to misinform and confuse the public.

FASCISM BREEDS POVERTY

Fascism has not been a godsend either to the workers or to the employers of Italy. In 1926 Italy had 78,000 unemployed; in 1933 the figure was 1,000,000. In the years 1930-32 Italy's foreign trade shrank by 48 percent. One of Italy's recent budgets showed a deficit of £66,000,000. The adverse trade balance was £50,000,000. There were more than 21,000 bankruptcies in Italy in 1932. In Great Britain, a more commercialized country, there were 4,645 bankruptcies in 1932, i.e., one-fifth of Italy's figure.

The official comparison of real wages, that is, money wages in terms of food-purchasing power, are thus given in *Whittaker's Almanack*, on the authority of the *Ministry of Labour Gazette*: Great Britain 100; Italy 45.

Mr. Hessel Titman, British journalist, who undertook a survey of conditions in Europe a year or two ago, says, and quite truly:

"Whether or not families forced to live on such a budget are 'starving', as one Italian working man assured me, there can be no question that the standard of living in Italy is one of the lowest, measured in material comfort, in all Europe." ("Slump: A Study of Stricken Europe.")

Who, then, has benefited from Fascism? The pope, [Achille] Ambrose Ratti. And—Mussolini, starting earlier than Rosenberg, has bled his country white financing parties abroad to serve his war plans. Listen to this, from a pamphlet written in the summer of 1930 by Lauro De Bosis, an Italian, and secretly distributed in Italy:

"For all the dissatisfied, Italy has a little money and a great deal of promises. In Albania, among Hitler's men, among the people of the Austrian Heimwehr, among the Macedonian Comitagi, and especially in Hungary, wherever there is an opportunity to agitate, to trouble peace, to put powder mines, there the dangerous shade of Mussolini can be discerned."

THE MUSSOLINI MYTH

It is not true that Mussolini "saved" Italy from Bolshevism. This is a myth (like the myth that Hitler "saved" Germany from Communism, or that Mosley is "saving" Britain from Moscow); and the people who spread it are prevaricators.

The danger of a Bolshevik revolution passed away with the failure of the occupation of the factories, and the victory of the Moderates (*Riformisti*) over the Extremists of the Socialist party on September 2, 1920. Mussolini himself said in his paper, November 30: "The Italian home situation improves every day." In the first days of 1921, a year before he became premier, and almost three years before he declared his dictatorship, Mussolini wrote: "In Italy one cannot speak any more of any Bolshevik danger whatsoever."

That's clear enough, isn't it? also the alleged economic paralysis caused by "Bolshevism" in the years 1919 and 1920, as the test of official figures reveals itself nonexistent:

	1918	1919	1920
Number of stock companies in Italy	3,463	4,520	5,541
Capital invested in the same (in millions)	7,257	13,014	17,784
Deposits in savings institutes and popular banks (in billions)	12	17	20
Revenue from income tax (in billions)	9.6	15.2	18.8
Number of persons transported by the railways (in millions)	65	102	110

One would probably get jailed in Italy today for printing a handbill showing a comparison of the so-called "Bolshevik Period" with that of the so-called "Napoleonic Year", viz., the year VIII of the Fascist Era; and conditions have worsened since this "peak" year.

Warning

A five-minute talk

(Part 2)

by Judge Rutherford

WHAT, then, is this abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel the prophet and also by Jesus? It is the League of Nations, which was brought into existence shortly following the World War and which is hailed by religionists as a substitute for God's kingdom on earth which shall rule the nations of the world. The League of Nations is backed by the international bankers, professional politicians, and religionists. Says the New York *American* of March 8, 1934: "The League of Nations, backed by millions, is reaching out in an effort to control public opinion, and doing this through the schools, churches and other professional organizations." From a published report by the Federation of Churches the following is quoted, to wit: "The supreme hope for the future is the League of Nations. The peace of the world and hope of humanity rests upon the proper functioning of the League of Nations." Catholics, Protestants and Jewish religionists all support the League. In February, 1934, the League of Nations Association published a statement in which these words are used, that "the League of Nations is the only light in the world". The Scriptures declare that the kingdom of God under Christ is the light of the world and the only hope of the world. The proof is conclusive, therefore, that the League of Nations is set up as a substitute for God's kingdom and hence stands now in the place or stead of the kingdom, where it ought not to stand. It is the product of Satan the Devil and is an abomination in the sight of God and works desolation to the people because its purpose is to turn humankind away from God.

Do you now see and recognize that the League of Nations is put forward as a substitute for God's kingdom under Christ? Do you desire to be on the side of God and His righteous government? If so, then, says Jesus: "Flee now to the mountains," that is, to the kingdom of God, by taking your stand wholly on the side of God and His kingdom. Jesus' warning is given only to those who are in favor of God's kingdom and who desire righteousness. Why should such persons now flee by taking their stand on the side of God and His kingdom? That question is an-

swered in these words by Jesus (Matthew 24:21): "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be." That tribulation is the battle of Armageddon, which battle will completely wreck Satan's world, and will be the end of all trouble on earth.

To those who desire to be on the side of Jehovah now He says (Zephaniah 2:2, 3): 'Before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you, seek meekness and righteousness: it may be that you shall be hid in that day.' Meekness means to learn the truth and thereby ascertain the will of God. Righteousness means to do what is right in the sight of God; and only those who learn the truth can know the way of righteousness. To aid you to gain this much needed knowledge Jehovah's witnesses are now coming to you with books explaining the Bible and which enable you to find in the Bible all these truths. It is of greatest importance to you that you now take your stand on the side of Jehovah and then study to show yourself approved unto God. This message of warning Jehovah's witnesses are commanded to deliver to the people; and, to be sure, Satan and his agents try to prevent the people from hearing this warning. Therefore the opposition to it.

In the Scriptures a "house" symbolically represents the church organizations, and the housetop pictures those in the high places in the organizations. Clothing represents that which identifies a person in the organization. There may be some honest preachers in the church organizations, and others holding high positions therein. To such Jesus gives the warning in these words (Matthew 24:17, 18): "Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house; neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes."

The "winter" time means the time of trouble at Armageddon, and Jesus warns those who want to be on God's side that they must not wait until Armageddon begins; hence He says (verse 20): "But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath day."

The hour of decision has arrived, and every person who hears this warning from the Lord's

Word, and who then remains in Satan's organization, will be destroyed at Armageddon. Those who flee to God's kingdom, which is the only place of safety, and who then prove their faithfulness and integrity to God, may be carried through the time of trouble and be the first ones

to receive the blessings of life and happiness on the earth. It is your privilege, therefore, to now take your stand on God's side because that is the right side. He has prepared His place of refuge, which is His kingdom, and He affords you an opportunity to flee thereto.

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Jehovah's witnesses

"Kingdom Blessings for the People"

THE Nagpur (India) *Daily News*, said editorially:

"This evening a lecture entitled 'Kingdom Blessings for the People' was given in the compound of the Nixon Tea Rooms, Residency Road. This lecture was originally broadcast by arrangement with the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, in America chiefly, the speaker being the Society's president, Judge J. F. Rutherford. The manner of rendering the lecture is of interest. Electrical recording of the speech has been made and, by means of transcription machines for amplifying, it can be reproduced and heard in any part of the earth. Thus it is possible to hear Judge Rutherford speak, without his personally being present. This lecture is one of many others now available for such renderings. The work of the above-mentioned Society at this time especially is to submit evidence as a testimony to the name of Jehovah God and that the Kingdom or Government which Christians have been taught to pray for will shortly be set up on earth, when obedience to the laws of Jehovah God will bring lasting peace, prosperity, life, health and happiness, to the people. As Jehovah's witnesses those engaged upon this work call upon people of good will to heed these truths contained in the Bible and to take their stand for Jehovah God. Jehovah's witnesses are not interested in proselytizing and getting membership for any religious society or church. The wickedness now prevalent, including corruption in commerce and politics, the hypocrisy in organized religion, especially in so-called 'Christendom', and other ills whereby Satan has caused God's name to be blasphemed and the people to suffer through exploitation and oppression will soon be stopped by and through the righteous kingdom that Jehovah God will set up. These Biblical lectures and treatises are also in print. Books and booklets circulated to the extent of more than 160,000,000, in sixty languages, treat fully with the matter under consideration. Jehovah's witnesses are not engaged in book-selling or commer-

cial work, but offer the literature asking for a small contribution in return toward the cost of printing and delivering more books that others might learn of Jehovah's gracious provision for mankind. The Society's representatives while here in Nagpur will be willing to give these lectures to any society or organization in Nagpur free of charge provided the use of a favorable site is offered for the purpose."

How He Saved His Job

ONE of Jehovah's witnesses in Australia, a government employee, compelled to sign an oath of allegiance, composed, signed and executed the following substitute, which was accepted by the government in lieu of its own form:

"I do solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm that I will at all times and in all matters be guided solely by the principles defined by the texts of Holy Scripture, which is the will of God, as stated at 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17. And I further declare and affirm that I will not knowingly or willingly participate in any revolutionary, riotous or seditious movement, secret or otherwise, against any person, or government, present or future. In harmony with the Lord's commandment at Matthew 5: 33-37, I cannot conscientiously subscribe to a declaration of allegiance to any earthly creature or constitution."

How He Lost His Job

AT Valdosta, Georgia, John Priester, faithful Negro employee of the city, and one of Jehovah's witnesses, was deprived of employment, and therefore of means of livelihood, because he did not see his way clear to sign the oath of allegiance to the constitution of the state of Georgia. It reminds one of the statement made about Daniel: "We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

Social and Health Paragraphs

Something for Mr. Howe to Think About

F J. CIRVES, Wisconsin, chides H. E. Howe, editor of *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, American Chemical Society, Mills Building, Washington, D.C., for defending aluminum as a metal fit to be used for the preparation of victuals, and then tells Mr. Howe something about his own magazine that ought to make him think. He says: "I read a treatise some time ago in the *Industrial and Engineering Chemistry* News Edition concerning tests made on metals for a large butter churn. For aluminum in the tabulated results the butter tasted metallic. The butter produced in such an aluminum churn is not fit for humans or animals. In fact, such will even kill vegetation, according to work done at the University of Wisconsin on aluminum acid soils. When case after case of wholesale aluminum poisonings occurs at banquets, church suppers, hospitals and picnic gatherings, and every one traceable to aluminumware, it surpasses all understanding why a good human cannot be reasonably convinced." (Mr. Cirves himself is a chemist and engineer of repute.)

Aluminum Company Does One Good Thing

THE Aluminum Company of America is alleged to have done one good thing. Ingot aluminum was selling at 23c per pound, but the aluminum trust, in order to meet copper competition, was making and selling transmission cable at 5½c per pound less than the ingot price. Then when the little fellows wanted to buy cables at the lower price, and melt the cables down so that they could work them up into household poisoning utensils, they found they could not buy at all unless they would guarantee that the cables would be used for cables and nothing else. It is believed by students that this saved many lives. Disheartened and disgusted, some of the cooking-utensil makers may have gone in for nonpoisonous materials and thus the number of wholesale poisonings and domestic tragedies often reported in these columns was reduced. Score one for the trust.

Opium Danger to White Children

THE *Times of India* calls attention to the fact that in India opium is so easily obtainable that parents employing native servants (and almost every white family in India has such servants) need to be constantly on the lookout that children are not injured for life by being given opium to keep them quiet.

Gambling Frenzy Seizes the Country

THE send-a-dime letter scheme (varied in places to send-a-dollar) had the entire country in its grip early in May. In Denver postal receipts jumped \$20,000 in twelve days as 40,000 people grabbed at the chance to invest 25c in postage and get back \$1,562.50. At Topeka 107,000 pieces of first-class mail were run through the canceling machine, which is a record for that city. At Nashville the stamp sales ran up from a normal \$200 for Saturday afternoon to over \$600 at the main office, and the substations sold out entirely.

American Freedom of Thought Is in Peril

DR. JOSEPH S. AMES, retiring president of Johns Hopkins University, in his last address to the students, delivered June 11, 1935, said:

"Drastic limitations have been placed upon this freedom [of thought] over whole countries of Europe, and in this country insidious attacks are being made upon it through the agency of State legislatures. The menace is real and pressing. Every man and woman in this hall is concerned vitally. Life will be worth living only if you are free; . . . each of you, no matter what your life will be, will have from now on a constant battle to save your own soul."

An Inquiry on Cost of Living

CORRESPONDENCE from Los Angeles indicates considerable interest there on a method of "How to Live Well on One Dollar a Week", from a book of that name, published in the vicinity. The book alleges that ¼ pound of whole wheat, ¼ pound of rye, ¼ pound of whole lentils, 3 bunches of carrots, 1 head of cabbage, 3 loaves of bread, 1 pound of margarine or peanut butter or ½ can of salad oil and 10c worth of soy beans or whole oats will do the trick. If anybody has tried this, be so good as to send reports.

Victim of Vaccination Assault

HARRY S. EMCH, victim of an atrocious vaccination assault by boneheads in uniform at Alexandria, Va., suffered for weeks with big sores on legs and feet, and was crippled in his work as a pioneer witness for Jehovah throughout the month of June. When last heard from he was still suffering from this unconstitutional attack upon his person, arranged for him by the AMA.

More Trade! More Trade!

AN English advertising circular, advertising the advent of a new biscuit named for the king, says: "Does it seem out of place to couple the name of his majesty with matters of business and of biscuits? We think not. Do we not recall with pride that the king and the royal family are in closest touch with the trade and commerce of the realm, and that their wisely chosen words, on many occasions, have been a solace and an inspiration! More trade! More trade! To the nation, and the individual, trade is the very lifeblood."

Says Judge Rutherford: "As the waters of the river [Nile] were turned into blood, bringing death, so in the past few years the people have been learning that commerce, instead of bringing them life and happiness, is a great system of oppression resulting in much suffering and death."—*Jehovah*, page 60.

The Deadly British "Z" Ray

AN EMINENT English scientist has placed in possession of the British government the Z ray, based upon the theory that light is a substance containing all the essential minerals. With this ray he stopped a motor car at one-fourth mile and forced airplanes to descend with helpless engines. He claims that with the ray hydrocyanic acid or prussic acid gas can be created in the atmosphere above a city, or that stratospheric conditions could be created in the city so that life would be impossible. He further claims that the same ray can be used to broadcast malignant bacteria of deadly diseases over wide areas and to wreak wholesale destruction upon the crops and food supplies of any nation. Further, he claims that he knows the secret of defense against the ray. This is taken from the London newspaper *People*.

Too Many Stores in England

IN THE ten years from 1924 to 1933 inclusive the stores in England increased 64 percent, until now there is one store for every 40 inhabitants. The reason for this is that the people want to live, and be independent. But there comes a time when there are more stores than can be supported, and as a consequence many struggle along a few years and are forced to give up the fight. Eighty-four percent of all the bankruptcies in England and Wales are in the retail store business.

The Contemptible Work of a Demon

IN THE London *Dental Gazette* is an account of a dental operation performed by F. St. J. Steadman, D.P.H., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., L.D.S., on a lady who visited a clairvoyant before the operation and was told the only hour the operation could be performed was 9:30 a.m. on a Monday, that the dentist would insist on having his way about the removal of the impacted tooth, and that she would die in the operation. All worked out exactly as forecast, except that the operation was a complete success and the woman recovered. It is apparent that in this case the demon was familiar with Dr. Steadman's memorandum book and knew the hour he would and did select. All else was meanness of the basest sort.

Fire-Walking in Britain

UNWILLING to learn anything from the Bible a flock of British scientists built a pit filled with seven tons of oak logs, one ton of firewood, one load of charcoal and ten gallons of kerosene, and after it had been burning for eight hours, and the surface heat was found to be 800 degrees Fahrenheit, they saw Kuda Bux, a young Hindu, walk the length of the pit, pausing five seconds at each step, and emerge unscathed. This happened at Carshalton, Kent, and was a case of demonism, pure and simple. Two British medical students who attempted to emulate the feat were severely burned after a few steps and had to jump to safety.

Six-Year Sentence for a Nine-Year Old

AT Oxford, England, a nine-year-old child helped himself to a baby carriage. He thought it would be a help to his mother, as she had none and could only carry her little one in her arms. He had never stolen anything before, but the law took the little chap away from his mother and sentenced him to six years, to the great sorrow of his father, mother and four little sisters. Does Britain have to ape Germany?

Huge Rains in Australia

HUGE rains, interspersed with hot sunshine, have caused grass in northern Australia to grow ten feet high. A dispatch in the *New York Times* says: "Householders are hiring aborigines at a dollar a day to pull up grass from their yards, where it is growing almost as high as the houses with jungle rankness."

Mexican Republic

Williams and Quintanilla

FREDERICK VINCENT WILLIAMS, president Serra General Assembly of the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, had a series of articles in the *Washington Post* claiming to give the Catholic viewpoint of the conflict between church and state in Mexico. The same writer has an article in *Liberty* magazine, issue of August 24, 1935, and if you want to see a Mexican's appraisal of the veracity of this man who was director of publicity for Franklin D. Roosevelt in California in 1932, just write to Dr. Luis Quintanilla, Mexican Embassy, Washington, D.C., and ask him how you can get a copy of his booklet entitled "The Other Side of the Mexican Church Question". In that booklet you will learn that Mr. Williams and the Roman Hierarchy have no objection to lying and faking photographs to arouse prejudice in the United States, not the least in the world; you will learn that espionage does not exist in the republic to the south, Mr. Williams to the contrary notwithstanding; that Mexican immigration laws expressly bar the admission of Communists into the country, despite Mr. Williams; that the Mexican flag is not red, as stated by that purveyor of fairy tales, but green, white and red; that the same Hierarchy that is now hypocritically pleading for freedom and liberty has officially condemned independence and excommunicated its leaders; that the Mexican government's policy is not that of a tyrannical minority against a defenseless majority, but is the fight of the great majority of the Mexican people, Catholics and non-Catholics, against an outfit that has entirely lost the confidence of the people. While the church was in control there was no education for the Mexican people as a whole; now there are 20,380 schools, 45,878 teachers and 1,987,844 pupils. You will find that the Roman Hierarchy has squandered many, many millions of dollars in the erection of the great cathedrals. The railings and balustrades of one cost \$1,500,000, and its construction was a mere item of \$2,000,000. In one place the robe of the virgin contains 397,920 pearls; another robe of the virgin is valued at \$300,000. The Roman Hierarchy has instigated Indians to kill Government officials and others. In one instance three priests, Vega, Pedraza and Angulo, led a mob against the innocent people on a railway train and killed all on board, 54 in all. They burned alive the wounded passengers, pouring kerosene on the cars and set-

ting fire to them in the name of Christ the King. Can you blame the Mexican people for wanting nothing to do with such vermin?

Rotogravures of Mexico

ROTOGRAVURES of Mexico show 72 of the cutest, brightest, best-dressed youngsters one could imagine. All are dressed in white, and make a pretty picture just outside a model school and nursery where they are cared for while their parents are at work. There is also a picture of a workingman's village, erected on what was a garbage dump; the new village would be a credit to any city. All the pictures show that the Mexicans love the sun, and get plenty of it. Dispatches indicate that Cardenas is more pliable than Calles and is helping the Roman Hierarchy to regain some of their lost ground. He says the women may vote. It was woman's vote that put Spain back into the clutches of the Roman Hierarchy and the aristocracy.

Kernel of the Mexican Situation

IN A statement explaining what has been going on in Mexico for the past four hundred years, ex-President Abelardo Rodriguez went to the kernel of the situation by explaining that up until the revolution of 1910 "those in authority, who were all ecclesiastics, were strenuously opposed to giving any education whatsoever to any of the sixteen million Mexican inhabitants, because they were afraid that the people would realize how they were being exploited by a small group of the privileged class".

Allied with the Forces of Ignorance

ANSWERING the charges of the radio priest of Detroit, Ignacio L. Batzia, consul for Mexico, in that city said in the *News*: "The organized Catholic Church in Mexico has for a long time allied itself with those economic and political forces that kept the peasants and the workers in ignorance and in general backwardness."

Might Antagonize All Spanish America

IN THE opinion of Reverend John F. O'Hara, president of the University of Notre Dame, and accounted an authority on Latin-American affairs, interference in Mexico's affairs by the United States Government might antagonize all Spanish America. He thinks the best thing America can do is to keep hands off.

Convincing Argument Against War

A 24-PAGE booklet entitled *War Resistance*, put out by the War Resisters' League, says: "It is safe to say that the United States would not have entered the war if every Congressman had known that he was to be among the 126,000 Americans to lose their lives because of his vote for war. If it is true—and what honest person can doubt it?—that the officials responsible for starting the World War would not have been willing to be shot the next day in order to have their countries enter the contest, that war was unnecessary, and if fifty diplomats could have prevented the World War rather than perish themselves, war is not inevitable. Few millionaires would sacrifice all their possessions in order to have their country enter a war." "Today the least prepared countries are the freest from the danger of war. Norway, Denmark and Sweden are less likely to become involved than France, Italy and Great Britain."

Caste System in the Army

REFERRING to the caste system in the United States Army, Walter Wilson, in *The New Republic*, says:

"In France privates could not escort AEF women on the streets without being molested by the military police. In some cases privates were forbidden to escort any woman on the street. The YMCA encouraged this caste system by maintaining separate and often luxurious clubrooms for officers in England and France. Sometimes separate canteens were provided—an officer must not debase himself by standing in line with a lot of privates to buy a package of cigarettes. French women were not permitted to attend enlisted men's dances given by the YMCA even though there was always a shortage of dancing partners. But they were invited and welcomed at officers' affairs. Enlisted men could not attend officers' dances, but officers were allowed to attend enlisted men's affairs, and often at such dances all the women present would be on the floor safe in the arms of men in Sam Browne belts."

Increase in Public Debt

AT THE end of the fiscal year 1916 the public debt of the United States was almost a billion dollars. Just think of it. Then Uncle Sam started in to play paymaster and Santa Claus to the whole world, and the public debt is now just a little less than 28 times as much. The argument as to whether he received in return one cent of benefit for each billion dollars expended is still in progress.

The Assassinated Senator

THE late Senator Huey Long, in a radio address, called President Roosevelt a liar and faker, which seems a bit informal, even in America, and then he went a step further and said that the president is now copying Long's own "share the wealth" speeches that he wrote when he was fourteen years old. There is still political freedom of speech here, anyway.

Long also declared that Louisiana would contest in the Supreme court the right of President Roosevelt to drain the state of \$24,000,000 in income taxes yearly and then allow one man, Ickes, to dictate what the state must do in order to get any benefits from the taxes thus collected. If the threat is carried out, the whole program of the spending of \$4,800,000,000 for public relief and public works may be upset. The assassin of Senator Long was a *Catholic, of course*.

Congressman Haines' Surprise

WHEN the public utility gangsters were flooding Congress with telegrams (and thousand-dollar bills, probably, too), in the effort to prevent passage of the holding company bill (a measure proposed by the president and which was really in the interests of the people), Congressman Haines of York county, Pa., was amused to receive in his batch a telegram from his friend Charles E. Small, who had been dead about two years. Haines was surprised and grieved that his friend had come to such a bad end as to finally land with the utility gang. Moreover, the name does not sound like a Roman Catholic name, and therefore there is some question as to how the message got through. Was it written on asbestos? It is up to Congressman Haines to set forth the details.

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

THIS nation is officially a Christian nation, and is therefore very strong for the Sermon on the Mount and the Golden Rule, yet when Miss Margot Lamb, a schoolgirl of 20 years of age, distributed peace literature on the Los Angeles Junior college campus, Municipal Judge Arthur Crum sent this young idealist to jail for 25 days. Miss Lamb acted as her own attorney, contending that as she was on school property she should have been disciplined by the school authorities and not been turned over to the strong-arm squad. Wonder why it is that California puts such men on the bench, and what is their objective.

"A Congressman Must Have Income"

THAT was quite an interesting letter that Congressman Edmonds wrote to the Bath Iron Works in which he said: "As you perhaps know, a Congressman must derive some of his income from other sources than being a member of the House of Representatives, and in this connection I would like to bring to your attention the fact that my secretary and myself have a company in Philadelphia", etc., etc. The Bath Iron Works builds battleships, and Mr. Edmonds wanted to let them know that he was in a position to supply materials.

Publishers Throw Bricks at NRA

THE National Publishers Association, Inc., quotes statistics furnished by the National Association of Manufacturers that in the eighteen months before the NIRA came into existence there were 1,258 disputes, 8,545,360 working days lost, and a total cost to employees, employers and the public of \$189,630,277, but that in the eighteen months after the NIRA came into existence there were 3,214 disputes, 32,220,144 working days lost, at a total cost of \$765,000,875.

The Holler About Utility Holding Companies

THE uproar in Washington about the utility holding companies was due to the fact that the annuity and endowment funds of the Catholic Church Extension Society have been invested during the past twenty years largely in public utility securities. In other words, it is directly to the financial interest of the Catholic "church" that the people should pay three times as much for its electric current as the current is worth.

Buffoonery in Connecticut

AT ITS closing session the Connecticut House of Representatives, instead of taking some action on the humane and important \$8,000,000 relief bill, disgraced itself by playing with tin horns, pig whistles, mice, a goose, a young bull, and finally by releasing two tear bombs, after which they sent for the governor and asked him to dismiss them.

In Appreciation of Finland

IN APPRECIATION of Finland, the only honest government in Europe, the United States will build a \$300,000 diplomatic establishment there.

Fascism in Estonia and Latvia

HOW rapidly Gog, Satan's prime minister, is swinging first one country and then another under the yoke of Fascism. Estonia, one of the little republics from which so much was expected, and for which so much was hoped, is back where it was, swallowed up in Fascism, which is every whit as bad as czarism. Freedom of press has been abolished. Latvia is also Fascist. In the latter country trials of political prisoners were behind closed doors.

Swiping Tombstones in Pittsburgh

THAT was bad, in Chicago, where it was discovered that undertakers were stealing coffins and selling them over again, meantime dumping their contents promiscuously into the ground in no fit shape to appear in heaven or anywhere else. Now a Pittsburgh monument maker complains that somebody has stolen five tombstones, a block and tackle, and other paraphernalia intended to help mankind out of this life; all of which seems to be a shame.

John Randolph, of Mississippi

JOHN RANDOLPH, of Mississippi, is a Negro. He has been in prison for fifteen years, an innocent man. A white man was guilty of the crime for which Randolph was sent up. Justice of the Peace R. B. Smith, of Mississippi, admits that he has known this for fourteen years but on account of Randolph's being a Negro he was indifferent. Randolph will now be released by the governor.

Will Steal No More Milk

IN Chicago a baby had been crying for two days because it had no milk, and the family could not get any from the relief organization. His 17-year-old uncle knew about it and stole a bottle of milk for the hungry youngster, but he was shot and killed in the act. Now if he had stolen a million dollars—but why talk about that?

The Edict of Prices: A.D. 301

IN THE year 301 (A.D.) Diocletian, by his Edict of Prices, fixed a uniform price for each commodity and for every form of labor or professional service throughout the empire, with the death penalty for violation. It is claimed that the business depression which followed this particular "brain trust" lasted 1,200 years.

Public Utilities

Westchester Lighting Company

HOW hopelessly impossible it is for the people to gain justice in their fights with the public utility companies is well brought out in the examinations being made into the affairs of the Westchester Lighting Company. A realty agent turned over a property for \$50,000; then he saw it sold for \$75,000, and a little later valued it at \$193,000 in his capacity as an appraiser for the company. On that basis, the company hopes, 8 percent or more will be paid forever and forever. A trusted official of the company went to buy a property for the company; he got it, in his own name, for \$70,000. On the way back to the office he raised the price to \$95,000 and shoved the \$25,000 down in his jeans, there to stay. An average of \$2,300 an acre was paid for land that was high at \$300 an acre. A state senator owned it; that explains it all. No wonder the country is swallowed up in crime.

Aspirant\$ for Succe\$\$

SOME years ago *The Golden Age* related how the Long Island Lighting Company charged young couples stupendous sums (\$25) as alleged insurance against their stealing meters while they were tenants (as if anybody would be fool enough). This \$25 stolen from tens of thousands of young couples was made of good use, so it appears; for here is a squib in the *New York World-Telegram* saying, "President and associates of Long Island Lighting Company made a profit of \$34,702,680.48 in less than a year through purchase and sale of upstate holding company for which the public supplied all the capital." It is understood that the president and officers of the company are very patriotic.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.

THE Power Trust admittedly used over \$1,000,000 to influence legislation in their behalf at Washington, and won out, too. In June came an avalanche of 127,000 telegrams, the signers frequently selected from directories and sometimes dead. When the investigation got hot Ursal E. Beach, the security department's head of the Associated Gas & Electric Company, ordered the subsidiaries in 26 states to get rid of all written evidence pertaining to their Holding Company Bill resistance. It is a disgrace to civilization that perverters of legislation in public interest should be permitted to live.

Why Jacksonville Is Happy

EXPLAINING why Jacksonville, Fla., is not unhappy over its municipal electric light and power plants, the commissioner of public utilities of that city says: "I find rates charged by private companies in Florida average 96.8 percent higher than ours. Through these lower rates our citizens have saved \$30,015,457.57." Out of the gross receipts of the plant \$6,871,410 was turned over to the general fund for reduction of taxes and \$7,898,403.41 was used to pay for the plant, which is now all paid for except \$1,602,500 still owing on bonds. Too bad, though, don't you think, that the utility gangs should be done out of all this easy money? Things aren't quite as "prosperous" for these and other oppressors of the people as they have been, and they are in for a complete defeat at Armageddon in the not far distant future.

Mayor Bangs of Huntington

MAYOR BANGS, of Huntington, Ind., was elected on the promise that every citizen in the community might be connected with the public electric light plant. He started making the connections, was sued by the Northern Indiana Power Company for damages, refused to pay the judgment of \$1,951 awarded against him, and went to jail, May 8, and was still there July 12. The citizens were holding huge torchlight processions nightly in protest, and the result will be that the mayor, who was at one time a college president, will run for governor of the state. The officers and stockholders of the Northern Indiana Power Company are doubtless "public-spirited" citizens of the first water, especially as long as they can get something out of the public.

Debt-Free, Tax-Free

ALMA, Nebr., population 1,058, has its own municipal light, power, water and ice plant, worth \$250,000, and all paid for out of the earnings of the plant. The plant has also paved the city, at a cost of \$228,655. It makes no charge for street lighting, for hydrant rental, for fire protection, for servicing the city auditorium, the city library or the city athletic field. For several years it has helped provide payment of the expenses of the city library, has donated bills in periods of depression, and has kept up the city park. Alma has had no tax levy for the past three years.

Aviation

Sikorsky Planes to Europe

IGOR SIKORSKY, in an address in New York, stated that twenty-four-hour airplane service between the United States and Europe is a thing of the very near future. The planes will have baths, dining salons, small dancing rooms, and facilities for showing motion pictures. They will carry 75 to 100 passengers and have twice the capacity of the same make of planes now opening a through route across the Pacific. Captain Mollison, who has flown the Atlantic three times, believes that in a few years regular crossings of the Atlantic will be made by plane in about ten hours.

Aviation in United States and in Europe

THE League of Nations has just published a report on aviation showing that in the United States in 1932 there was one member of staff for every 8,380 miles flown, while in Europe there was one for every 2,795 miles. Each American pilot averaged 850 hours in the air; Europeans, only 402. Each American machine flew 95,000 miles a year; European, 39,990 miles. The total distance flown in the United States was 50,301,000 miles; in Europe, 18,009,000. Planes in the United States, 580; Europe, 622.

Growth of Newark Airport

NEWARK is the busiest airport in the world, and ever getting busier: 20,557 passengers cleared from that field in 1930; 90,177 in 1931, and 123,329 in 1934. The three greatest airports in Europe are Croydon, Le Bourget and Tempelhof; the Newark airport does more business than all those three put together. The record eastbound flight for a commercial plane from Chicago to New York is 2 hours 57 minutes; westbound, 3 hours 52 minutes.

Air Mails to New Zealand in 1937

THOUGH all arrangements seem not perfected, yet it is expected that by 1937 there will be air mails every two weeks between Great Britain and New Zealand, via Bagdad, Singapore and Sydney. Zeppelins will be used between Singapore and Australia, and seaplanes between Australia and New Zealand.

2,297 Airports in the U.S.

THERE are now 2,297 airports in the United States, 664 of which are lighted for night use.

Glider Sails 300 Miles

A GLIDER is an airplane without any engine; sometimes called a sailplane. It was one of these that Wilbur and Orville Wright first sailed, to the amazement of all the world. Gliders have now been so perfected, and their operation is so well understood, that a German, Ludwig Hoffman, recently sailed one for about 300 miles. Winds came just right, and he handled the plane just right, to keep aloft all that distance. The previous record was 262 miles. Russian fliers recently made the following duration records: Single-seat glider, 38 hours 40 minutes; two-seat glider, 38 hours 10 minutes; three-seater, 11 hours 30 minutes; single-seater piloted by a woman, 15 hours 39 minutes; two-seater piloted by a woman, 12 hours 9 minutes; while a glider train made a nonstop distance record of over 940 miles.

Human Wings Used in Flying

WILLIAM PICUNE, 19-year-old New Jersey boy, has invented something new. Twice now he has leaped from airplanes, at the height of a mile above the earth, and landed safely. Heavy canvas is stretched between his arms and legs. On the way down he does the barrel roll and the loop the loop. For the last 2,000 feet he opens his parachute, brought along as a safeguard. He must be without any nerves.

Fast Time in New England

AIRPLANES fly from Newark to Boston in 1 hour 40 minutes. The new streamlined train, built by the Goodyear Company for the New Haven road, will do something to offset this. On its trial trip it made, in one place, 110.5 miles an hour. It will handle business between Boston and Providence.

Air Service Between Paris and Madrid

BY RAIL it takes 24 hours to go from Paris to Madrid, and there is a change of cars at the border, on account of Spanish railways' being of wider gauge. Now the entire trip is made by air liners in 4½ hours, including a halt of a half hour in Bordeaux.

Air Service to Philippines

AIR service to the Philippines was all set to begin in October. The fare from California is expected to be under \$1,000. The cruising speed will be 150 miles an hour. The route will be free from sleet and snow.

Labor Lucubrations

Inhuman Speeding Up of Workers

THE New York *Times*, reporting on the speeding up of workers in the automobile industry, mentions the deteriorating effect of this speeding up on older men; they get to a condition where they are less able to cope with it than the younger men. One witness who was away from the Chrysler plant for six years averred that on his return he found the operations so speeded up that it was next to impossible for men to get away from their tasks for a few minutes for hygienic purposes. There was only one utility man for 187 men, to relieve those who wished to step out of the line for a few minutes. The slavery of the Israelites in the days of Pharaoh was not worse than this; maybe not as bad. The "great men" of industry who have been feeding the people on stories of their greatness and their marvelous attainments are great only in oppressions. After years of depression they still have but one thought: to get more for themselves.

Insanity to Join a Labor Union (?)

AT Aliquippa, Pa., George Issoski, a steel worker, handed out union cards; the company found out about it, sent for the sheriff, and ordered him to lock the man up in an insane asylum, which, obediently, he did. Mrs. Issoski went to Harrisburg and saw then Governor Pinchot, and told him she had been threatened with cutting off her relief unless she signed a paper declaring her husband was insane. This she refused, because it was a lie. When Governor Pinchot had the case investigated he found the man had been committed without the taking of testimony and that the doctor had pronounced him sane. Not sure which scheme of the alphabet this new system comes under.

PWA Swindles in Philadelphia

IN Philadelphia a federal grand jury indicted twelve contractors for conspiring to chisel part of the wages out of their workmen employed on government jobs. In some instances, by so-called kick-back and other schemes, the contractors defrauded the workers of two-thirds of their proper wages. One device used on the Delaware River project was for the foreman, when he saw the government inspector coming, to instruct skilled workmen to hide their tools and get brooms and sweep, so that they would appear as handymen, which was their classification on the pay roll, instead of skilled laborers.

McCloud Lumber Company

ARTHUR BRISBANE writes what a wonderful company the McCloud Lumber Company is to work for, and how the workers get from 50c to \$1 an hour, and then explains that the men soon burn themselves out, being unable to stand the terrifically hard work more than five or six years. Brisbane urges the tens of millions who are unemployed, or just getting enough to live on, to spend several weeks every year among the redwoods of California. Thanks, awfully. One of the best ways for the unemployed to go is by airplane, as Brisbane did. Millionaires generally find it hard to put themselves in the place of the poor man, and Brisbane, possessor of many millions, appears to be no exception to this rule. However, he shows his good sense in his stand against the government's issuing bonds and paying interest on them when it could print the money.

One Way to Get a Good Job

CHICAGO has provided the world with something new. It has shown that one way for a Big Business man to get a good job for his brother is to hire somebody to bump off the man who stands in the way. Irving Weitzman, owner of a chain of bakeries, was charged with paying \$25,200 to have a man killed. The man who got the \$25,200 paid another man \$3,000 to do the job. Seems as if \$22,200 is a large commission for a job like that; still, at last accounts, the man who got the money was confessing everything, in an effort to escape the electric chair.

Restaurant Workers' Small Wages

NEW YORK restaurant workers are feeling the pinch of hard times. When deductions are made for meals some employees get almost nothing. One woman during an entire year got only \$34 in cash; many waitresses get but \$3 to \$5 a week in cash, and even highly skilled cooks work for as little as \$7 or \$8, the New York Department of Labor asserts.

Using the Church as a Strike-breaking Agency

THE Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation accuses the National Biscuit Company of locking out 6,000 employees after a four-day strike, and then seeking to replace their old workers, some of whom had been with them forty years, by appealing to Brooklyn pastors to send them new workers.

Natural Phenomena

Earthquakes Quite Predictable

MANY years ago *The Golden Age* published, from the pen of T. A. H. Clark, the basis for prediction of earthquakes which Clark and others used in Chile for many years. Briefly, when the moon and some other celestial body come into alignment with the earth, the combined gravitational pull is too much for any area of weak crust which happens to be in line. This theory is now being widely publicized, the credit for predicting the recent outbreak at Krakatoa being given to Reuben Greenspan, a teacher in Seaman's Institute, New York city. Greenspan has predicted numerous earthquakes recently, and their localities, and with marked success, but his method is not new.

Earth the Most Brilliant of the Planets

AT THE Lowell observatory, Flagstaff, Ariz., the astronomers who studied the 1935 eclipse of the moon formed the definite opinion that the earth, seen from a distance, is "the most gorgeous spectacle in creation". They were able to say definitely that from the moon the earth is seen to be a dark ball, surrounded by a narrow ring of brilliant red light, and outside of that a blue one, with probably the other colors of the rainbow in between. The information was gleaned from studies of the surface of the moon as the rays of light from the sun were bent around the earth's surface to light up the moon during the eclipse.

"As of Some One Gently Tapping"

OUT in the ocean somewhere north of San Diego Uncle Sam's boys have been hearing things. As Edgar Allen Poe would put it, they have heard "a rapping, as of some one gently tapping, tapping at the chamber door; only this and nothing more". The sounds are strongest between midnight and three a.m. The banshee, so far, has not been willing to come out and fight like a man, and the United States coast and geodetic survey is still hoping to catch him.

Snow in the Sahara

BY A sudden freak of nature after there had been weeks of summer weather a snow-storm of great intensity suddenly visited the northwestern part of the Sahara desert on May 22. Thousands of sheep, newly shorn, froze to death, and all crops were flattened by the icy winds.

Lunar Rainbow in Oklahoma

"ON THE night of the 18th of May, 1935, at which time the moon was full, my youngest son and two daughters and myself stood in our yard and beheld a phenomenon which none of us had ever seen before: a rainbow reflected in the northwest by the full bright moon in the southeast. The phenomenon remained visible about thirty minutes and was most beautiful." —M. R. H., Oklahoma.

Niagara Falls Slowly Wearing Away

NIAGARA FALLS is slowly wearing away, moving back towards Lake Erie at the rate of 3.7 feet a year. It is figured that at that rate by A.D. 23,053 Lake Erie will be reached and the Falls will be no more. Niagara river will then be a series of cascades, and all the Lake cities from Duluth and Chicago to Cleveland and Buffalo will be left high and dry miles from the water's edge.

Multiple Lightning Strokes

IT HAS been discovered that one-fifth of all lightning strokes are multiple strokes; i.e., they are of such a nature that they strike from five to ten times in the same place within the fraction of a second. It is the multiple-stroke lightning that does the greatest damage.

Visible for Hundreds of Miles

AN American tobacco salesman in Australia has erected an eighty-foot cross on the summit of a mountain near Melbourne. The cross, which is of marble, and is illuminated at night, is said to be visible for hundreds of miles. Its cost, with approaches, was \$50,000.

Winds of 125 Miles an Hour

IN A great storm in Leyte province, Philippine Islands, winds of 125 miles an hour were reported and 300 lives were lost. In Manila itself, 100 miles away from the storm center, a wind velocity of 57 miles an hour was experienced.

Baseball at Midnight

AT Fairbanks, Alaska, June 22, a baseball game was started at midnight. The sun was below the horizon for half an hour. Some went up in airplanes to witness the sun go down below the horizon and immediately reappear.

"I Kissed God"

A LITTLE Italian girl looked at me with a smile. "Those books you have are about God?" she queried. "Yes," I replied, "they tell you about God." "I kissed God, last Sunday," she confided. "He was on the floor." "On the floor?" I asked, puzzled. "Do you mean an image of the baby Jesus?" "No," she insisted, "it was God. He was on the floor in the church. We kissed him. I like God!"

Thus does Catholicism inculcate idolatry, whatever explanation it may seek to offer to others regarding the veneration of images. Evidently no effort had been made to tell this child, and others with her, the truth. On the contrary, she had been told that this image was God. To the average Catholic mind the images are "gods", "deities," "saints," and there is no difference between their bowing down to these idols and the worship which the heathen render to their "deities".—Contributed.

Archimandrite Reproves Ambrose

STIRRED by the fact that most wars have millions of Roman Catholics on both sides, slaughtering each other, and that, obviously, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is not now and never was for peace, the Greek Archimandrite, Reverend Dionisios Papadatos, of Charleston, S. C., wasted 5c on a letter to the pope saying, "I am at a loss to understand how thine holiness, who represents the Savior of peace and love, has not felt the imposing obligation to declare, in thine Christian followers the peace and love, and to prevent, with every sacrifice, the future butchering of Christians." The pope has no idea at all of doing anything of the kind or of even wanting to be a real Christian. If he had wanted peace in the earth he could have had it centuries ago and ever since.

Church and State in Illinois

THE Illinois State WPA has submitted to Washington a proposal to spend \$3,497,375 of Federal money on "community recreational, athletic, dramatic and educational programs. Church and synagogue premises are to be used for the proposed activities". Of this amount 50.6 percent would go to the Catholics, 37.19 percent to the Protestants, and 12.21 percent to the Jews. And if that is not a pretty clever denominational scheme for robbing the taxpayers, you name one.

Big Times in South America

THE United Press has a report of big excitement in South America. A big tri-motored Scadta airliner flew from Bogota to Medellin, Colombia, with a little piece of bread. The bread got through all right, but the excitement was so great over having it come by airplane that it took twenty-two archbishops to receive it. An archbishop is a person without any regular useful occupation.

Ratti, Farley, and Roosevelt

JOHN Y. GOOCH, of Texas, demands to know, of *The Golden Age*: "Sir: What I want to know is this: Since Texas, in 1928, went Republican against Alfred E. Smith, how is it that not only postmasters but nearly every other Roosevelt appointment of any consequence in Texas is a papist?" The answer is that Ratti, Farley and Roosevelt, and not Texans, are running Texas.

Why All the Secrecy?

WHEN Huey Long died, the first man to tell it to President Roosevelt was "Father" Coughlin. The president's secretary was in ignorance of the visit, and apparently knew nothing about it until the morning of the next day. Neither the president nor Mr. Coughlin would have anything to say about what was discussed, but that is not in the least necessary. It is all plain.

Coughlin Spills the Beans

MISTAKING an inquirer in Minnesota for a fellow Roman Catholic priest, "Father" Coughlin wrote to him: "If you will help secure members for the National Union for Social Justice [Roman Catholic Fascism] I will consider it not so much a personal favor to me but one of the finest things you can do for the propagation of the faith in America."

Probably Pushed by a Demon

AT Kirchberg, Austria, a Roman Catholic priest was praying in front of a statue of the virgin Mary when the statue fell on him, knocked him unconscious and crushed his right hand. The probable explanation is that a demon (or the evil spirits found in the overindulgence in "communion" wine) pushed the statue from its foundation.

—and Other Italian Items

Particular Where They Die

THE young men of South Tyrol, formerly part of Austria, but now a part of Italy, are particular where they die. Since Mussolini went on the rampage more than a thousand of these young men deserted and fled to Austria. Mussolini retaliated by arresting the entire families of the deserters. Such is Fascism. Meantime Austria, prohibited by treaty from having any air force, has a newly created flying corps. With the exception of Finland, not a promise of any European power is worth the paper it is written on.

"The Isle of Capri"

THE Isle of Capri is now a bird sanctuary, which is all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the slaughter of birds there was once so common that sometimes as many as 4,000 were sacrificed at a single mass. Turned loose in the "church" the little fellows beat their brains out against the closed windows. What there is about an exhibition like this that helps anybody is hard to see.

Ban on Motor Horns

IN Italy the ban on motor horns has proved to be a great success. One of the noisiest lands in the world has now become one of the quietest, and a most interesting fact is that accidents are less by almost 40 percent. Automobilists who still depend on the horn at cross-roads, instead of slowing down as required, are liable to fines running as high as \$8.00.

Italians Buying on a Large Scale

INQUIRIES by the New York *Times* disclose that Italy has been buying gasoline, oil, steel billets for making shells, copper, iron and steel scrap, cotton, trucks, machine tools and food-stuffs on a large scale in the United States, and paying cash. In many instances the goods have been routed to Italy through other countries, to conceal destination.

Mussolini and Tacchi-Venturi

ONE of the closest advisers of Benito Mussolini is the "Reverend Father" Tacchi-Venturi, Jesuit priest. This latter gentleman was he who brought about the concordat between Mussolini and the pope. The pope himself confesses to a Jesuit. They seem at present to have everything their own way in Italy.

Addis Ababa, Capital of Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, capital of Ethiopia, terminus of the Franco-Ethiopian railway, three days' journey by rail from the Red sea, has a well-appointed railway station, taxicabs in waiting, uniformed policemen at all the most important street crossings, telephones, telegraph, electric lights, several good hotels, three motion picture shows, and many good stores at which one can buy almost anything from a needle to an automobile. There are several good hospitals, roads are being built, education is progressing rapidly.

The Amazons of Ethiopia

THE Amazons of Ethiopia, far more to be dreaded than the men, have offered their services to Emperor Haile Selassie. They presented themselves armed with spears, daggers and rifles, all of which they well know how to use. Completely under the control of the clergy, they are fanatical and bloodthirsty beyond belief. Remembering what these female warriors did to the Italian wounded at the battle of Aduwa in 1896, they may well be dreaded by the ones who must foot the bill for Mussolini.

Mussolini Consults Demons

ACCORDING to the London *Daily Express* columnist William Hickey, it is a fact well known in government and diplomatic circles in Rome that Mussolini now makes no big speech, takes no important step, without consulting a spirit medium. Politicians all over the world are consulting soothsayers—demons.

Size of Ethiopia

ETHIOPIA is the size of Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama combined. Slavery has been abolished from all the interior provinces and is in progress of abolition in all parts of the realm. There are 300,000 Jews in Ethiopia.

Making It Hot for Ethiopians

WITH the expectation of making it hot for Ethiopians the Italian Army has prepared a chemical which, sprinkled on the ground, will burn through shoe leather. As multitudes of the Ethiopians go barefooted, this method of making converts is expected to be a great success. The chemical will be sprinkled by tanks.

The Rush to Fascism

Good Advice to Lynn School Board

"I HAVE a good deal of sympathy for that eight-year-old boy who wouldn't salute the flag. I was at a woman's club the other day where we were all expected to extend our arms stiffly and mutter over the set words of the flag salute. I doubt if patriotism can be induced in a person by a forced flag salute any more than penitence by a forced apology. The Lynn school board would do well to retreat as gracefully as they can and save their worries until the time when little Carleton does something more dangerous than refusing to salute the flag, such as making munitions, lending money which has to be protected with young lives, and a number of other things which have been done by pious, flag-saluting Americans."—Topeka (Kans.) *Daily Capital*.

At the Other Extreme

NOTING that in Salem, five miles from Lynn, there is a statue of bronze to one of the so-called "witches" there burned to death, a writer in the Boston *Traveler* says, bitingly: "Perhaps in another hundred years or so there will be down in Lynn a bronze statue of an eight-year-old schoolboy who was expelled from school because he dared to stand for the Christian religion as taught by his parents. 'Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet; lest we forget, lest we forget.'" It is not necessary to exalt the little fellow who took the stand that his training at home taught him to take. Anyone with proper mental balance should recognize that to "pledge allegiance" at stated intervals is absurd. A true pledge of allegiance stands for all time, and can be given but once, and should be given to God only.

Italian People Sore at Roman Church

THE Italian people seem to identify the pope as being in some measure responsible for backing Mussolini in the present war in Ethiopia. Not long ago a woman shot at the bishop of Cremona, and more recently somebody mixed hydrocyanic acid with the communion wine and the dean of the cathedral died with the chalice still in his hand, as soon as he had sipped the contents. He thus proved to his audience the absolute folly of the claim that there is anything miraculous about the contents of the cup he had "blessed".

Tenets of Roman Catholic Fascism

THE tenets of Roman Catholic Fascism are always different before they get in power from what they are afterwards. From the *Times of Brazil* there are here listed thirteen of the Roman Catholic Fascist planks. The initials which follow, H, C and M, refer to Hitler, Coughlin and Mussolini.

1. Offenders against the interests of the community, usurers, profiteers, etc., should be punished. H
2. Usury must be abandoned. C
3. Human rights must be preferred to financial rights. C
4. The struggle against international finance . . . has become the most important incident in the war for freedom and independence. H
5. I hope that you share my confidence in the overthrow of the power of international bankers. C
6. Stock exchanges and banks should be nationalized. H
7. Is it possible that when every fiber in my memory binds me to the working class I should want to betray those I am descended from? . . . I am fighting against the people who want to ensnare you by their false and faulty ideas. M
8. We support Capital, but not in order to strengthen international capitalism; only to enable Capital to ensure a fair life to Labor. M
9. Banks and financial institutions are the fortresses of robber barons. H
10. The treasury would have the right to issue non-interest-bearing bills to finance national works such as highways and public buildings. The collateral of the new money would be not gold but these same highways and buildings. H
11. We do not make violence a school. . . . We are violent whenever it is necessary. M
12. We demand the abolition of mortgage interest. H
13. The entire wealth of banking and stock exchange princes should be appropriated for the benefit of the community without compensation. H

Demonization of Hitler Is Complete

THE demonization of Hitler is complete, and he is morally sure to be a raving maniac in the near future. The Minneapolis *Star*, in the column of Cedric Adams, said in its issue of October 24:

"A visitor just back from Germany, where he spent some time with Hitler, tells me that most of the time the Herr looks like he's in a trance. He has a far-off stare, his eyes are glassy, and he drools heavily from each corner of his mouth. Periodically he goes into the doldrums, and the only thing that will bring him back is the staging of a mass meeting with thousands shouting 'Heil Hitler'."

The Italian-Ethiopian Travesty

HUBERT DETJEN, of Wisconsin, writes interestingly of the principal actors in the Italian-Ethiopian travesty:

"Mussolini, of Italy, is from the home seat of the Roman Hierarchy, the pope even claiming to be viceroy of Christ, and a fit subject to prove to all the world that so-called 'Christianity' is a fake. On the other side, the black-skinned man claims to be a direct lineage from King Solomon, son of David; yet Jehovah stated the kingdom would be taken from Solomon's lineage for disobedience, and the title assumed by Haile Selassie, 'King of Kings' and 'Lion of the tribe of Judah,' applies to no man on earth. So both actors in this fight are not true and faithful witnesses to the only and omnipotent Creator of heaven and earth, Jehovah God, but both parties in the controversy may be under direct guidance of Gog, the spirit creature set by Satan to destroy every vestige and remembrance of Jesus, the Christ, from among the children of men on earth today."

Roman Cult in Complete Accord with Mussolini

THERE is complete accord between the pope and Mussolini in the campaign of murder which is annihilating Ethiopia. Cardinal Schuster, of Milan, speaking to the Fascists in that city, declared that Italy's armies are opening

"the doors of Ethiopia to the Catholic faith and the civilization of Rome". He praised Fascism "as promising the national morality wished by the Catholic church" and rejoiced to see "on the fields of Ethiopia the standards of Italy carry to triumph the cross of Christ". Also, he did not overlook the opportunity to bestow "peace for the fallen who died in the accomplishment of their duty", which is the old gag, all over again, that those who die butchering their fellow men are sure of a place in heaven.

Roman Heresy in Complete Accord with Hitler

THERE is complete accord between the pope and Hitler (and has been all the time). The latest word from Berlin is that "Hitler will lead the party along the path of positive Christianity and not along the false path of anti-Christian doctrine". This is an official statement from Hanns Kerrl, head of the Reich church ministry, and followed a lengthy interview between Hitler and Count von Preysing, the Roman Catholic bishop of Berlin. What it means is that Hitler, having subjugated Germany, is now turning it over, lock, stock and barrel, to the Roman Catholic sect, the worst and meanest of all the sects.

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Teaching to Serve God, or Mammon?

By Lester Whitlock (Illinois)

THE American public school has been hailed with due respect, since its foundation, for the making of our nation. It is given credit for making such responsible leaders as Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, and other "great" men of America. By means of it the ignorance of the Dark Ages has been dispelled by present educational enlightenment. But such enlightenment has also brought us a ray of knowledge on the imperfection and possibly the injurious reaction of the source of our information.

In John 8:32 we read, "The truth will make us free"; but Satan is a liar, and the father of lies. (John 8:44) By this standard we may say, "Where source is known, credit is given."

The former "three R's" have made way for also a new list of subjects, the complete list now containing arithmetic, grammar, physiology, geography, history, and civics. Their merits (or demerits) will be discussed in the order given.

The fundamental principles of arithmetic, of course, are the processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. But after these have been learned, we enlarge on each. The teaching of interest, stocks and bonds, stock exchange, and profit and loss are examples.

Are the above-mentioned absolutely necessary to promote the career of the American boy or girl? Was not the interest system forbidden to the Jews by Jehovah? Is it necessary to instruct our boys and girls in a system that is denounced by the Most High?

But let us go on down the list. Stocks and bonds! We all admit their purpose is for making money or receiving a profit at the expense of some company or individual. Is this the system by which our boys and girls must make their way in life? Are these the ideals which the American school instills in their young minds? Does not the scripture teach that the love of money is the root of all evil?—1 Timothy 6:10.

Are we instructing the coming generation that they too may be swindled by "Merger, Morgan and Murder" on Bolivian bonds?

And thus it goes. Stock exchange, another means of ill-gotten gains; profit and loss, a means by which we hook the next man for hooking us the last time.

Are these the high ideals which our great American schools instill into the lives and minds of our children? But let us delve into more atrocious crimes.

Physiology, a study of the body in reference to health, should be the most important of all school subjects. Yet, if things are taught which are detrimental to health, then this subject also becomes detrimental.

We were impressed by a picture in the physiology textbook of a rural school. A little six-year-old girl sat innocently holding out her arm to a doctor, well up in years, who was about to inject "pure virgin serum" (decayed pus) into her arm. It read, "Vaccination will prevent diseases among school children."

Imagine, a little innocent child with a slender outstretched arm, facing a doctor, well along in years, holding a needle containing poison as dangerous as the virus of a rattler! Imagine, a group of innocent school children studying this picture lesson, facing a teacher who knows the fallacy of this fiendish practice! What must he tell them? In the name of common decency, what must he tell them? Will he have the courage to tell them the book is wrong, the doctor is wrong, the system is wrong, and thus preserve their innocent lives from the pus-shooter fiends? Can he face the school board with a clear eye of defiance if harassed because of his actions?

The writer of this article, being a teacher, met this test in a little rural school in southern Illinois. The results were inevitable, but the children were saved.

At a meeting of the Illinois Medical Association, one of their former presidents addressed them as follows: "Talk vaccination, advocate it, have it preached from the pulpit, for every person is a possible prospect for vaccination; yet if we wait for an epidemic to develop, only a small percent will require our treatment." Is the American school a salesroom for the medical profession?

Geography is the study of earth, its relationship toward man, how he gains a livelihood, and his relationship to others.

We are thrilled to read the Biblical account of the garden of Eden, earth's paradise, and contrast this with the present condition of the earth, which has degenerated during these some thousands of years.

A pupil in school asked what was necessary to cause the earth to bring forth its increase equal to its original state. The teacher, in detail, told of the possibilities of the earth if brought to perfection. But the boy, with a look of despair, sighed, "Will that ever come to pass? If so, when?" Did that teacher have the courage to answer a child's question and thus remove despair and in its stead place joy and confidence? He did. But, sad to say, the boy in his enthusiasm took the story home, it grew to a rumor, spread over the district, and the teacher was removed at the end of the term for teaching false religion in school. (Matthew 5:11, 12) Are the American schools for the purpose of suppressing the truth? Can they not make way for the present enlightenment?—2 Timothy 3:7; Proverbs 4:18.

History, the study of man's actions in the past, is one of the most interesting studies in the American school if properly used. Yet, strange to say, the truths of history must be as flexible as India rubber to fit the situation into which they are oftentimes pressed.

George Washington, our great American patriot, founded our present government and secured the location of the capital at Washington, D.C. Why didn't they mention that in order to get it thus located he log-rolled, or voted for every other fellow's measure, right or wrong, in order to secure the victory of his own?

Alexander Hamilton, known as America's great financier, is given credit for putting our government "on its feet"; yet why is his policy withheld that "if America is to be a successful nation it must legislate in favor of the wealthy class"? (Proverbs 22:16) Are we so ashamed of

the history of this great republic that we must conceal our rags beneath garments of silk? (Matthew 23:27) Will the American boy respect these and us any the more after he has learned the facts? Is the American school a school of deception?

Civics is the study of the workings of our local, state and national government and how we are benefited by them.

For years a desirable government has been the efforts of man. Yet, looking back down the ages, the strongest and most desirable government lasted only for a while, was corrupted, and fell. Nation after nation has risen up, and, like the story of the "great stone face", has cried, "Here it is! Here is his likeness!" But after a short time the people, seeing its undesirableness, say, "No, not yet," and still look forward to the coming of the ideal government.

In civics we study of corporations, private utilities, service commissions, laws, judges, etc. The corporations are praised for their worthiness, the private utilities for their services, the commissions for their benefits, and the judges for their performance of duty.

Should we tell the boys and girls that the corporations have their part in making the textbooks to suppress prejudice against them? Should we tell the boys and girls that the private utilities have their part in making the textbooks so that they may charge exorbitant electric, power, and transportation rates without arousing the ire of the people? Should we tell them the legislators and judges write their own "epitaph" in the textbooks so that they may hold sway among the next generation? (Proverbs 20:6) Do the American schools really resort to treachery in order to hold sway?

Reading, without doubt, stands paramount in the list of subjects in the American public schools. It is the gateway to wisdom and learning. It is through reading that we receive our knowledge and proof of our previous learning. Reading, above all other subjects, has the power of interesting the American boy and girl and getting closer to his inner self.

Many a boy or girl has been inspired to become more useful and successful in life through the gateway of reading. Even Abraham Lincoln is said to have received his greatest inspiration to become president through the reading of *The Life of George Washington*.

Yet, with all its importance, if reading should cause the American boy or girl to get the wrong

view of life and thus cause them to fall by the wayside either morally or spiritually, then it has become a vain thing.

The American home was founded upon the principle of "worshiping God according to the dictates of one's own conscience", and upon this principle the American school falls in line. Almost every American teacher is instructed either by the law or by the parents to teach no religion in school whatsoever, so that all may be free to worship God as they see fit and thus receive no teaching abominable to them.

The American school "reader", however, does not hold so true to this doctrine, and thus the teacher is faced with the gravest of all situations: placed upon the precipice of understanding, he alone is held responsible should the student fall into the abyss of falsity. Let us see, then, what the American school has to offer the young reader and on which the teacher is not allowed to lend a helping hand.

Elson Reader, Book 2, "How the Days Got Their Names": Here we find eight-year-old children being taught the names of pagan gods and their duties. Strange but true, it states in each case that —— is the god of ——, etc. Imagine the situation of the teacher whose mouth must be closed as the mouths of the lions with which Daniel abode for a night.

Does the American school teach a pagan religion? (Exodus 20:3)

Elson Reader, Book 7, "In Flanders' Fields"—McCrae:

"We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields."

Here we find dead men 'really talking'. Yet Ecclesiastes 9:10 says 'there is no knowledge nor wisdom in the grave, whither thou goest'. Also Psalm 6:5.

Does the American school teach disrespect for God's Word?

Elson Reader, Book 4, "Annabel Lee"—Poe:

"We loved with a love . . .
. . . that even the winged seraphs of heaven
Coveted her and me.
This was the reason that . . .
A wind came out of the cloud, by night,
Chilling . . . killing my Annabel Lee."

Here we find the angels in heaven so jealous of a couple that they committed murder.

Does the American school teach that the angels in heaven are a bunch of gangsters?

"Snowbound"—Whittier:

"How many a poor one's blessing went
With thee below that low green tent
Whose curtain never outward swings!"

The scripture teaches, 'All in their graves shall come forth.' Doesn't the American school believe in an earthly resurrection?

"Safe in thy immortality,
What change can reach the wealth I hold?"

Doesn't that sound like the American school teaches the immortality of the soul?

"And looking from some heavenly hill
Do those large eyes behold me still?"

'David hath not ascended unto heaven.—
Acts 2:34.

"All hearts confess the saints elect
Who, twain in faith, in love agree."

Does this coincide with Ephesians 4:5, which reads, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism"? (Read *What Is Truth?* by J. F. Rutherford, page 22.)

Young and Field Reader, Book 6:

"And the soul of 'Father Damien' ascended like a dove unto heaven, unto the one who gave it."

Strange, it seems, these "heavier than air" souls of Catholic priests always go up.

"Hamlet"—Shakespeare:

"To die, to sleep;
To sleep: perchance to dream: ay, there's the rub;—
For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,
When we have shuffled off this mortal coil, . . ."

We never would have suspected the American school if it hadn't put that one in print. Does the American school teach "eternal torment after death"?

Not only does the American school teach a false religion. Examine these outbursts!—

Elson Reader, Book 4; Patrick Henry:

"We shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active and the brave."

Surely Jehovah does not participate in Satan's schemes to gain dominion over many lands or to take sides in political skirmishes.

Could it then be possible that the American school would desecrate the name of Jehovah God?

"Evils of War"—Henry Clay:

"Pestilence and famine, no doubt for wise although inscrutable purposes, are inflictions of Providence, to which it is our duty, therefore, to bow with obedience, humble submission, and resignation."

Does not the scripture teach that God is the Author of every good and perfect gift, is all merciful, and just? Can we thus accuse God of such horrible crimes, Him who is a God of love? —2 Corinthians 13:11.

Is it possible that the American school would tell a lie on the Creator?—Romans 1:25.

If these be true, what spirit must the American boy possess when he is hailed thus?—

"Hats off! Along the street there comes
A blare of bugles, a ruffle of drums,
A flash of color beneath the sky;
Hats off! The flag is passing by."

Or thus?—

"There is the national flag. He must be cold indeed who can look upon its folds rippling in the breeze without pride of country. . . . And all together, bunting, stripes, and stars, waving in the sky make the flag of our country to be cherished by all our hearts and upheld by all of our hands."

Can it be possible we are preparing for another war by teaching our children as Germany did? Read this by Henry Ward Beecher (Elson Reader, Book 4):

"Let us resolve, come weal or woe, we will in life and in death, now and forever, stand by the Stars and Stripes. They have floated over our cradles; let it be our *prayer* and our *struggle* that they shall float over our graves."

We are inclined to believe that there are more flags on the battlefield than in the cemetery. Is the American school a recruiting station for a future war?

Elson Reader, Book 7, "In Flanders' Fields"—McCrae:

"If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields."

Doesn't that answer the question why we had to feed the flower of our country to mouths of cannon?

A noisy lullaby, we think.

"America's Answer"—R. W. Lillard:

"Fear not that ye have died for naught;
The torch ye threw to us we caught."

And hand in hand, side by side, they faced the

foe and made the world safe for "hypocrisy", did they not?

Imagine the chagrin of a bonus marcher's son when he reads the following (Elson Reader, Book 4, "Citizenship"—William P. Frye):

"What right has the republic to demand his life, his property, in its hour of peril, if when his hour of peril comes it fails him?"

Of such the scripture says: "Rob not the poor, because he is poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate; for the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them." (Proverbs 22:22, 23) Such was the case at Washington, D.C.

What, then, can we as teachers hold outward as a standard of truth to the boys and girls of America?

Must we continue to teach the basic principles of present (big) business, the heathen practices of medicine, the bestowing of honors on men, and the permanent degeneration of the earth?

Must we continue to teach the infallibility of the American Republic, the never-ceasing services of the large corporations, and the supremacy of our legislators and executives?

Must we continue to teach little children a pagan religion, that the dead are not dead; that the angels in heaven are fiends; that the earthly resurrection is a mistake?

Must we continue to represent Jehovah as a participant in bloody wars for selfish gains, Jehovah as a fiend who causes much suffering by means of plagues, famines and pestilences?

Must we continue to teach the fiendish doctrine of eternal torment?

In short, must we continue to desecrate the name of Jehovah God in order that our school curriculum may be carried out to the letter?

Let every teacher decide this question for himself.

But after teaching the ways of big business, the honor of man's name, the pus-shooters doctrine, the permanent degeneration of the earth; after teaching the infallibility of the American Republic, the never-ceasing services of the large corporations, and the supremacy of our legislators and executives; after teaching false doctrines and desecration of Jehovah's name, can we, who know "the Kingdom is the hope of the world", say at life's journey's end as the apostle Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

Flag "Education"

"The Spirit of '36"

SEEING that the politicians of their state are trying to make the United States flag and the United States Constitution as ridiculous as possible, on the day when the professors of Williams College took their oaths of allegiance as required by the new Nazi law in Massachusetts, students goose-stepped on the campus, clicked their heels, and gave salutes similar to those bestowed by the Nazis. One student, Francis B. Sayre, Jr., son of the assistant secretary of state, and grandson of President Wilson, and himself born in the White House, amused all mankind that will ever hear of it by carrying a large swastika flag down past long lines of cheering students. The students had a good time marching behind two youths with fife and drum representing the decadent "spirit of '36" that believes in hammering patriotism into the youth with a potato masher. To these depths of foolishness America has been led by the idiotic politicians that knew no better than to sacrifice everything for the sake of getting the Roman Catholic vote.

Patriotism by Force

REFERRING to the bigotry shown in the Lynn case, the Waterbury *Republican* said:

"Quite aside from religion and patriotism, one wonders by what mental process intelligent adults are able to justify such attitudes . . . Denying an eight-year-old boy a place in the public schools because he will not lift his hand to his forehead is so ridiculous that one wonders if such a thing could have happened . . . One notes a growing tendency to suppress individualism, to regiment not only business and industry, but human conduct and character. If the Massachusetts boy had saluted the flag, the authorities would have been satisfied, though the very act of lifting his hand had engendered a hatred for the thing it symbolized. He was expelled from school, then, not because he had less patriotism than his schoolmates, but because he refused to conform. When we honestly want to inspire patriotism and not satisfy some stubborn notion of discipline, we will do it by granting to the individual the greatest possible liberty of action and the unqualified right to do his own thinking.

Making Fools Out of the Bay-Staters

THE attempts of our fierce patriots to drill love of country into the hearts of youth are leading to ludicrous consequences. By means of compulsory oaths of allegiance, salutes to the flag, and high-sounding creeds, learned by rote

and repeated with hand uplifted, they intend by main force to make good Americans of the boys and girls who fill our schools. And in order that the school child may be constantly reminded of his patriotic duty, they obtain the enactment of laws providing that school busses must be painted red, white and blue. All hail to Massachusetts for setting her sister states such an example of real red-blooded, one-hundred-percent, honest-to-God patriotism. What noble thoughts of mother-land must well up within the little breasts of the children as they are trundled over the hills in busses painted as much like circus wagons as the arch-patriots of Massachusetts could make them.—The Glens Falls (N. Y.) *Times*.

New York Teachers Resent Being Hitlerized

THIS matter of being forcibly shoved into outward acts of so-called "loyalty" to this or that suits the Hitler-Mussolini-Ratti combination well, but is distasteful to the intelligent. When Professor Mather, able teacher of geology at Harvard, declared his unwillingness to being crowded into signing the Teacher's Oath law of Massachusetts, the New York *Times* learned that the Teachers College staff of Columbia University were almost unanimous in their opinion that Professor Mather's stand was right, and was the stand that all intelligent educators should take, even if (as was finally the case with Mather) fear does lead them the opposite way. Wonder if Thomas Dorgan, author of the Teachers' Oath bill, was educated in a parochial school, where, as is well known, the constitutions of both state and nation are held in contempt and derision.

America's Pattern of Fascism

CO-OPERATION between legionnaires and law enforcement officers has become an accepted part of America's pattern of emerging Fascism. Here in our own State, the Cradle of Liberty, we have the sorry spectacle of school boards at war with little children. And now that teachers have become State officials by taking the oath of office, they forget the rule of the spirit. The job must be retained, no matter what souls may be crushed. Let us put the blame for these silly loyalty laws right where it belongs—on the General Court. We voters can retire our servants to private life, however, when we choose.—Maud Grant Parks, in the Boston *Transcript*.

Romanism versus William Penn

CHARLES J. MARGIOTTI, Roman Catholic attorney general of the State of Pennsylvania, ruled that "religious scruples cannot be considered as justification for refusing to salute the flag"; and so Otto Meng, a citizen of that state who is well posted on its history, wrote the *Pittsburgh Press* as follows:

131 Kendall Avenue
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October 28, 1935

Editor, *Pittsburgh Press*,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEAR SIR:

The Margiotti Compulsory Flag Salute ruling is **contrary** to the best traditions of the State of Pennsylvania. It is also impractical, and unjust.

When William Penn appeared in the presence of King Charles II to receive the grant of land which is now Pennsylvania he declined to bow and to remove his hat. His worship and obeisance were reserved for Jehovah God, and Him alone. He also refused to have an oath administered even in a court of law. This attitude on his part might legally have been construed as high treason punishable by hanging, in which event the brightest chapter in the dark and bloody history of America's settlement would never have been written. Penn's noble example of faith in God and justice to the Indians would never have been given. The world would never have learned of the "disloyal" conscientious objector and pacifist who declined the offer of a regiment of soldiers to enforce his claim and who won the love of the Indian by a humane consideration of his rights. Pennsylvania would have been strangled in her infancy.

The ruling is impractical because it defeats its own purpose, as evidenced by a parallel experience, the dismal failure of a legal experiment known as the 18th Amendment. We now know, as the result of bitter experience, that men's appetites cannot be regulated or controlled by law. We have yet to learn that patriotic devotion cannot be induced by compulsion. The hates and hypocrisies of history have been fostered by force and threats of violence. Not so its loves, which grow only under the sunlight of the good example of those who are faithfully devoted to the service of Jehovah God.

The ruling is unjust because it works an injury upon a minority which is law-abiding, clean-living and industrious, whose only offense is that they innocently hold to the belief that Christ's kingdom was (in fulfillment of prophecy) established in 1914, that Christ is now smiting the nations with the rod of iron, that they will be completely destroyed in the impending Battle of Armageddon, following which Christ's authority will be undisputed and world-wide; that then, and not until then, can school children consist-

ently be asked to pledge allegiance to "one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all".

Respectfully,

OTTO MENG.

Margiotti Has the Bull by the Tail

REFUSAL to salute the flag at the behest of chauvinistic educators, as part of the compulsory school routine, is becoming too stubborn to yield to the stuff-and-nonsense dictums of absent-minded professors. If the disinclination to salute the flag spreads much farther it will become a major issue in the politics of public education. Minersville, Pa., is not the only place on the map noted for its reticence in parading its patriotism, and our public educators are slow to learn that they can no more force patriotism than the tyrant Gessler could force William Tell to kowtow to his uplifted cap, or King Nebuchadnezzar could bring Daniel to his knees in obeisance to his image. When such a ceremony takes on the appearance of petty tyranny and military despotism it would serve the interests of patriotism to discard it or ignore the few infractions. There are places where the salute can be demanded with perfect propriety, as in the army, but that place is hardly the public school. Insistence on its salute by local school boards will simply promote parochial schools, which the government seeks to discourage. Educators will do a great deal for patriotism if they will stick to their knitting and keep anti-American textbooks out of the curricula and set the good example of keeping their left hand out of the public coffers while saluting the flag with their right. The *Beacon* hopes that the flag-saluting issue will be kept out of sight in the local school district. Since writing this, Attorney General Margiotti has unwisely taken the bull by the tail instead of the horns, and, as thousands of our city's matadors can attest, when this happens there is trouble in the offing. —Altoona (Pa.) *Beacon*.

Should Join the Dominicans

THE minister's daughter at Lynn that started the flag row with her unwelcome and unnecessary assault upon the integrity of an eight-year-old boy, the minister's daughter at Canonsburg that participated in the torture of a frail child, and the minister himself that suspended the Sperling boy at Lakewood, N. J., should join the Dominican torturers.

The Attorney General of Pennsylvania

THE children of Pennsylvania are to be taught to love the flag, even if they have to be choked and beaten to encourage their "love". (This was done in at least two cases.) The attorney general of Pennsylvania, Charles J. Margiotti, has ruled, in the case of an admittedly excellent teacher who refused to worship the flag: "Whether such refusal be based upon conscientious or religious scruples, or upon any other reason, it should be followed by immediate dismissal." The attorney general is not charged with favoring the beating of pupils, but his "ruling" implies that coercion is all right, and that freedom of conscience and religion are to be wholly ignored. This logically leads to such misdirected efforts to foster "respect" for the flag. Obviously his ruling is contrary to the fundamental laws of the land. On the other hand, being a Roman Catholic, Margiotti would, no doubt, favor appointment of Roman Catholic teachers, who have no scruples about "saluting", because it means nothing to them to profess outwardly what they deny inwardly. In one case on record these Catholic instruments of a foreign power wore their black habits while teaching children in one of America's public schools. The very fact that this outfit is so strong for saluting flags should lead one to suspect that there is something rotten, and that it is not as far away as Denmark, either. The truth, plain and unvarnished, is the most dreaded enemy of the Romish ecclesiastical crowd, and since Jehovah's witnesses stand for the truth they are rightly considered to be the worst enemies of the Papal cult. Hence, the flag-salute test is a good way to weed them out everywhere.

God and Country

ONCE upon a time there was an apple-knocker by the name of William Tell. Probably there isn't a literate person in the United States that doesn't know about William's famous stunt of shooting the apple off his little boy's head. But it seems that some portions of the population have forgotten just what it was that inspired this feat of archery. To jog the memory a bit, let us recall that William had refused to obey an order to bow before the cap of the tyrannical Austrian governor of Switzerland, hung upon a post in the governor's absence. As punishment William was sentenced to shoot the apple off his son's head. So popular did the

archer become due to his action that he was shortly able to lead an uprising which threw off the yoke of foreign rule. Now the moral to this tale is that for many centuries compulsory kowtowing to symbols of authority has been very unpopular with freedom-loving peoples. The good folk of Massachusetts, and to a lesser extent those of Connecticut, seem to have forgotten this. As a consequence we have these absurd incidents involving various members of a religious sect known as Jehovah's witnesses who have run afoul of a law, inspired by misguided patriotic zeal, requiring all school pupils to salute the American flag every day. The surprising thing about this situation is not the refusal of Jehovah's witnesses, but that others not belonging to the sect have not likewise refused. Pick a thousand good, loyal, patriotic citizens, tell them they must salute the flag each time they see it, and promptly about 600 of them will rebel. That's simply typical American perversity. If there is anything which cannot be regimented, it's loyalty. Also, there is still some constitutional privilege concerning freedom of religion in the United States. Possibly from a strictly legalistic viewpoint the Massachusetts cases do not involve this right, but in principle they certainly do. So far as we know it is still "God and my country", and not the other way around.—Columbus (Ohio) *Daily Citizen*.

"Deadly Heresy"

BUT to require ordinary citizens to pay the same formal respect to the flag (as soldiers, sailors and public officials) is to assume that all citizens are servants of the Government. This is deadly heresy, because the truth is that the Government is the servant of the citizens. The other thought is a survival of the old monarchical idea, which prevailed when there were no citizens, but only subjects. The American Revolution was fought to defeat the monarchical idea; so those who would reintroduce it in this country are striving to undo the work of George Washington, are raising a counter-revolution after a century and a half. They ought to be branded for what they are—false Americans, whose hearts yearn back to the system which our forefathers overthrew, the spiritual, if not the lineal, descendants of the Tories of Revolutionary times. They are at heart enemies of the thing the republic stands for.—Gerald W. Johnson, in the Baltimore *Evening Sun*.

Other Educational Essays

Locating the "Fakes and Frauds"

A HUE and cry is being raised throughout the country because members of the religious sect known as Jehovah's witnesses refuse to salute the flag. Surely the excitement is far-fetched and artificial. Why bother? In the years that have passed Quakers would not take an oath, hence we have affirmations; nor would they remove their hats. Yet the world has gone on and the country has met no danger from them. If the 100-percenters would only have the principles of the flag in their hearts and in their minds and guide their actions by them, it would be vastly better. Lip-service and protestations coming from any source have no meaning, and usually the 100-percenters are fakes and frauds.—Clement H. Congdon, editor and publisher, Philadelphia (Pa.) *Sunday Transcript*.

Patriotism by Gesture

ANOTHER Massachusetts child has been barred from the public schools for refusal to salute the American flag. It is the ninth such case since recent enactment of a law requiring school children to take the oath of allegiance and salute the emblem. Undoubtedly intended to promote patriotism and respect for American authority, the Massachusetts law apparently succeeds only in making the State and our vaunted 'patriotism' seem a little ridiculous. The salute is intended, of course, to be merely an outward evidence of respect. But it is by no means necessary to a proper feeling of patriotism. When imposed upon the ordinary citizen by operation of law, it becomes meaningless in its original purpose, and quite obnoxious.—The Wheeling (W.Va.) *Intelligencer*.

Not All Boneheads in Minnesota

A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD girl at Monroe Junior high school, St. Paul, Minnesota, refused to salute the flag on religious grounds, and after a careful consideration of the basic and other laws on the subject the city corporation counsel, the superintendent of schools and the commissioner of education moved that she was within her rights and that the subject is closed. Too bad that Massachusetts could not import a few level-headed citizens from the Gopher State. It seems, in recent years, that America, the real America, has drifted west. Persecution of liberty-lovers are, thus far, mainly in Catholic Massachusetts and the East.

An Entirely Unfair School Superintendent

A DISPATCH from Rockford, Illinois, states that the superintendent of schools, William W. Ankenbrand, has ruled that teachers who are not comely need not apply to him for jobs. Rockford should get another superintendent of schools, and, above all, should avoid getting another with such an (to an American) uncomely name as Ankenbrand. If the teachers must be handsome they should at least be hired by men with handsome names.

St. Louis Kiddies to Get Their Money

ST. LOUIS kiddies put \$92,500 in the Savings Trust Company and the National Bridge Trust Company, both of which failed. The courts having refused to put the claims of the children in the preferred class, Dr. Henry J. Gerling, superintendent of schools, gave \$25,000 from his personal fortune, so that the faith of the children in the honesty of grown folks could be restored.

A Working Knowledge of 500 Languages

IN THE person of George E. Hay, 81 years of age, a retired proofreader, London claims as a citizen a man who has a working knowledge of about 500 languages. It goes to say that he has a marvelous memory. Even though retired, his recreation is the studying of foreign languages. His work as proofreader was principally in the correction of some thirty of the Asiatic languages.

Pollution of Human Blood Stream

ALFRED PULFORD, M.D., in *Truthteller* for June, expresses his opinion that the increase of insanity of 840 percent in less than 50 years is due to the pollution of the blood stream with serums, vaccines and toxoids, and believes that 25 percent of heart disease among school children, and the world-wide spread of sleeping sickness and infantile paralysis, are largely due to the same cause.

University of Virginia

THE University of Virginia, supported by taxes on blacks as well as whites, refused to receive into its classrooms Alice C. Jackson, daughter of a Negro druggist. Miss Jackson, a graduate of Smith College last year, desired to go further with her studies in the Romance languages.

Money Back in 49 Years?

A SUBSCRIBER sends in an enrollment blank which explains that applicants may enter government service at from 16 to 65 years; the blank is put out by a private concern in Denver which apparently gives instruction in forestry. On the blank, above the student's signature appear these words, "If I fail to pass or am not offered an appointment before the termination of my eligibility, my fee is to be returned to me." The man's son is 16 years of age. The father wants to know if the son will get his money back in 49 years. Not that you could notice it. The son will pass. Never fear. And when he "passes" the responsibility of the 'school' also passes. The catch is all in the little word "or". But if the unexpected should happen, and the boy should not "pass", it would still be 49 years before one could be sure whether or not he would be offered an appointment. By that time he might be alive and so might the proprietor of the 'school'; but they might not. In either event the collection would be difficult. If these schools do not teach people anything else, they should at least teach them to be careful not to fall for clever ads.

Deaf Mutes of 14 Nations

DEAF mutes of fourteen nations have been holding a convention in London under the auspices of the International Congress of Phonetic Sciences. They have a natural sign language that enables persons of various races and tongues to make themselves understood without the utterance of a sound. For example: The American Indians, the Australian aborigines and the deaf mutes indicate a house by placing the two hands, with the tips of the fingers together, in the form of a pointed arch; a snake is indicated by a sinuous forward movement of the hand; the command to go is by the hand raised sharply as if throwing something over the shoulder. One of the most touching scenes ever held in London was when 700 of these acted out prayers and hymns at a meeting held in St. Paul's cathedral without the uttering of a sound.

Bengali on a Linotype

BY REDUCING the number of characters from the original 600, and by doubling up, the Bengali language has now been reduced to the range of the linotype keyboard and, as a matter of fact, the first Bengali linotype machine has already been delivered in Calcutta.

What the Teachers Must Be

NEW YORK teachers must be habitually neat, clean, orderly, refined, good-mannered, tactful, courteous, co-operative, unselfish, industrious, reliable, honest, integrious, kind, cheerful, affectionate, sympathetic and skillful in teaching and adapting a thorough knowledge of subject matter to the needs of the pupils. They must habitually use correct English in writing, speaking and teaching, must maintain discipline, be loyal to the public school system, to the fellow teachers and supervisors and to organized Society; must have the spirit of service and enjoy good health, mental, moral, emotional and physical. They must be young, good-looking, not too fat or too thin, well dressed and agreeable, and, if a woman, unmarried. In the South they may not be Republicans, and in most communities must not be Socialists, Communists, Negroes, Jewish, Catholic or foreign-born. In some places college graduates are rejected, as lacking imagination, vision, courage and personality.

Site of New York's World's Fair

NEW YORK plans to have a world's fair in 1939 that will far surpass anything elsewhere ever attempted. The site, two miles long by one-third of a mile wide, is at the population center of Greater New York, adjacent to Kew Gardens and Flushing, and is at present unoccupied. It will require some filling. It will have an airport. It can be reached by ships at Flushing bay. The cost of getting there is but 5c. There are 11,000,000 people within the forty-mile zone.

Hungry School Children in Arizona

DR. S. D. RING, county school superintendent of Maricopa county, Arizona, is reported as saying that "many children who are attending school go to their classes daily without breakfasts and only have morsels found in garbage cans for their noonday meals. Teachers have witnessed the starving children taking food that other students had discarded, from garbage cans". Ethiopian papers (if there are any), please copy.

The European Jargon

OF THE 3,500 languages now in use in various parts of the earth, 120 are regularly broadcast from European radio stations.

Medical Education

Free Medical Broadcasting

THE American people are duly appreciative of the acts of the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System in allotting free time on the air to the American Medical Association. When the Citizens Medical Reference Bureau, Inc. (which is against compulsory medicine or surgery for children or adults), desired some time to present their views they found they could have no time allotted. They found also that, in the case of the Columbia Broadcasting System, their application had to be submitted to a board of six allopathic M.D.'s. Unable to get on the air, the Bureau registered the following protest:

"The allopathic school of medicine probably represents the opinion of the majority of the citizens, but it is none the less true that there is a considerable body of the citizens, including many doctors, who feel that one perhaps more important element in public health is the centering of the thought of the public on health rather than disease, on confidence rather than fear, on sanitary engineering rather than medication. It is also our feeling that entire freedom should be given both adults and children and parents of children in the selection of the brand of medicine or surgery they prefer to rely upon. There is also the obvious fact that more exaggerated claims have been made from time to time by commercial houses and commercially minded individuals as to the healing properties of certain substances, vaccines, antitoxins, etc., than unprejudiced analysis of the results achieved would support. Our feeling is that governmental agencies or semi-public agencies, such as the radio, should not be encouraged to adopt a salesmanship attitude of assuring the public that one particular system is the only one with healing efficacy and without danger if there is any considerable body of intelligent citizens holding to the contrary. At the very least, the opposition should be given their opportunity to present the facts on the other side intelligently, amicably, and fairly. In no sense do we question the serious and kindly intent of those men and women within or out of the medical profession who are earnestly devoting their time and labor to the relief of human suffering, nor do we differ from anyone as to his right to urge the wisdom of the means of healing recommended by him.

Curious Combination of Bone Diseases

A COMMERCIAL artist of Azusa, Calif., has two curious bone diseases threatening to kill him within two years. By the operation of one of these he has lost four inches in height in one year. By the operation of the other his hat size has increased in the same time from 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 8 $\frac{1}{4}$.

Dr. Kingsbury Scores the A.M.A.

DR. JOHN A. KINGSBURY, former commissioner of charities of New York city, in an address at Montreal, Quebec, made the following statements:

"I do not hesitate to say that the American Medical Association has resorted to every trick known to politicians and political organizations to prejudice the public and to sway legislators in an effort to stem the rising tide of public sentiment favoring health insurance. Like certain big business organizations that are seeking to defeat other aspects of the New Deal program, so-called 'organized medicine' has passed resolutions based on selfishness and prejudice. Like ordinary lobby groups, they have sent thousands of telegrams to the president and to Congress, seeking to exert pressure without reference to the merit of proposals under consideration. They have sought to use personal influence on those in high places, have spent tens of thousands of dollars on publicity campaigns of misinformation, have spread false rumors and resorted to scurvy attack of personalities."

A.M.A. Would Censor Radio

IN CONVENTION at Atlantic City the American Medical Association went on record as favoring radio censorship, with itself, of course, as the censor, of all matters affecting public health. In view of the fact that over half of the people of the country are on record as favoring other means of keeping well or of getting well than are of interest to the A.M.A., this is rich, to say the least. It smacks of the same spirit as shown by the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in seeking to censor religious programs. All of these would-be censors should be tied up in a bag together and the hose turned on them.

Honey for Wounds

DR. N. ZAISS, of Vienna, reports wonderful results in treating wounds with honey. The wound is completely filled with strips of gauze dipped in honey. The wound is said to be perfectly clean in 24 hours, any pollution at that time adhering to the dressing material, which is changed daily. After a slight transient smarting the honey is cooling and soothing, and is altogether antiseptic.

500 Adrenalin Revivals

IT IS claimed that by the use of adrenalin and one other means not named not less than 500 persons in New York and Chicago have been restored to life after death had occurred and there was otherwise no hope.

Serum "Education"

The Whooping Cough Vaccine Racket

SAYS Gordon White, M.D., in the *Medical Record*, New York, June 5, 1935:

"Recently some papers appeared in medical journals by not disinterested physicians extolling certain vaccines for the prevention of whooping cough. Following these publications a host of high-pressure salesmen came down to boost these products. These vaccines are, as yet, unapproved by the American Medical Association, or any health department or health authority. Their prophylactic value is still in the experimental stage. It will require many years of study and observation in institutions for children to prove their usefulness. In the end these vaccines may turn out to be either most valuable or entirely useless. In spite of the uncertainty of the prophylactic effect of these vaccines, and in order to make a few paltry dollars, a large number of physicians, especially of the younger set, have descended like locusts on innocent infants and children vaccinating every one of them that comes their way, leaving in their wake swollen arms, infections, high temperature and other discomforts. The use of vaccines or serums in children must have a definite, proved therapeutic or prophylactic indication. No foreign protein should be injected into children on a possible chance that it may do some good in the future. It is well for these enterprising doctors to stop, look and listen before this unsavory practice becomes the talk of the town."

Why the Typhoid Vaccine Was a Poor Seller

DR. JOHN DILL ROBERTSON, former commissioner of health of Chicago, in an address published in the *Illinois Medical Journal*, July, 1926, explained why the typhoid vaccine was a poor seller. He said:

"When the typhoid fever vaccine was first produced it was freely predicted that we would be able to conquer typhoid in our city through its use. Experiments showed that this vaccine, like that for diphtheria, toxin-antitoxin, was difficult to sell to the people. Sanitarians, with their pasteurization, their chlorination, their food coverings, their screenings, their elimination of toilets from backyards, the elimination of horses by the automobile, all together, did what it was hoped the typhoid immunizing agent would do."

Who Is to Blame for These Deaths?

AT Elizabeth City, N. C., the mother of 19-month-old Doris Hurdle caused her to be vaccinated with one of the diphtheria serums on Wednesday, July 10. This was done without the father's approval. The child was well when the poison was injected, but died at three o'clock Friday morning, July 12. Thereupon the mother committed suicide. Who is responsible?

Missoula Runs Out of Tick Serum

AN ITEM in the Sunday *Missoulian*, Missoula, Montana, explains that only 1,000 Missoulians were vaccinated against bites of wood ticks in 1935, as against 2,000, which is the usual number. The item explains that these vaccinations are given in the Missoula county health office. The population of Missoula county is 21,782. What happens to the 19,782 who are never vaccinated against bites of the wood tick (which number, in 1935, is 20,782) remains unexplained; but one can guess. And the guess is that they are just as well off without the serum as they would be with it. There are said to be 15,000 kinds of small bugs or beetles. Some claim that there are more. Would it be good sense to be vaccinated against bites of each kind of bug? If one were in the serum business, the answer might possibly be yes. And so it does not seem to matter seriously that in Missoula somebody let the wood tick serum get too much chilled and the health authorities could give only 1,000 shots of it, where they had planned to give twice as many. Anyway, as the story stands, the serum dispensers lost only half their business; but 90 percent of the people of the county never were customers, anyway. They have to get along just as they did before the serum was invented.

This Business of Government Doctors

THIS business of government doctors for everybody, if it ever comes, will be one of the worst evils imaginable. In Coventry, England, after six months of inefficient government doctoring, Miss Harriet Taylor, 10 Ena Road, had two halves of a cedar-wood pencil $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches long, and the black lead which the pencil had contained, cut out of her leg by another doctor, who knew his business. The so-called "panel" doctor refused to believe the pencil had penetrated her leg, refused to send her to a hospital, and medical "courtesy" makes it impossible for her to disclose his name. If that is not tyranny, name something that is.

Chaulmoogra Oil Working Well

CHAULMOOGRA oil, extracted from the seeds of a fruit resembling grapefruit, is found to work out well in the treatment of leprosy. Out of 750 lepers received at the Federal Hospital for Lepers, Caryville, La., 171 have been paroled as symptom-free. Leprosy is not rapidly contagious, but is contracted only by prolonged contact, such as living together.

Cruelty to Children

THE terrible years preceding Armageddon are showing ominously in human misconduct. In Great Britain, for now seven successive years, cases of violence against children have increased, until last year there were 4,814 cases in court. In more than one-fourth of the cases the father had been unemployed for a long period. One man who admitted he could make £4 a week preferred to exist on the dole and had his young wife and a six-month-old infant living in a hencoop in a back yard. To enter it one had to double up and crawl in.

The Schick Test

IN THE *Lancet*, of October 6, 1923, Dr. Peters, lecturer on infectious diseases, in the University of Bristol, wrote that one of his Fever Hospital nurses, not allowed in the diphtheria wards until six weeks after the last of two or three doses of toxin-antitoxin, developed diphtheria two months after completion of the immunizing dose, and two other nurses developed diphtheria while being immunized, and not in contact with any known case of the disease. In Vienna early in 1924, seven children were inoculated with toxin-antitoxin in a children's hospital, and promptly died of heart failure. Its use has now been forbidden in Austria. The slogan in New York city is, "Every baby under six immunized by June 1."

Immunity from Diphtheria

ANNIE RILEY HALE, in an open letter to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, reminds the first lady of the land that "according to figures furnished by the U. S. Public Health Bureau in November, 1924, the natural immunity from diphtheria for the whole population is five times greater than that even promised for the immunizing serum by the manufacturers and users of it. In the light of this fact, where is the excuse for even one death by the artificial immunization?"

A Brief "Case History"

J. O. SAMPSON, pioneer, writing from the home of his host in North Carolina, said: "Less than a week ago his little boy of 4 years 10 months took a cold and fever. The local doctor was called, giving a pill each call, which revived the child. Finally he administered antitoxin; then followed an operation in the hospital; the funeral was yesterday at 3 p.m."

British Ecclesiastical Warmongers

BRITISH ecclesiastical warmongers are getting what is coming to them in a book published in London, entitled *Arms and the Clergy*. In "sermons" preached in 1914-1917 some choice expressions were: "God could stop this war, but in mercy abstains from doing so." "I beseech you, my hearers, to continue this war in the Christian spirit." "God calls England to send every man it can into the battlefield." "Kill Germans, not for the sake of killing, but to save the world, to kill the good as well as the bad, to kill the young men as well as the old, to kill those who have shown kindness to our wounded as well as those fiends who crucified the Canadian sergeant. As I have said a thousand times, I look upon it as a war for purity." The book contains 100 pages of pro-war speeches by the ecclesiastical murderers, and makes a good companion volume to a similar production in America entitled *Preachers Present Arms*, reviewed in our issue of November 22, 1933 (No. 370).

"Pope Leads 30,000 in Prayer"

A HEADLINE in the New York *Times* says, "Pope Leads 30,000 in Prayer for Peace." Concerning this "great" prayer the account says: "His Holiness' head bowed low and he remained a long time on his knees pleading in Latin prayer for world peace. At this point the throng of worshippers bowed their heads and joined him in silent appeal." The account does not say what scriptures were read at this time, but an appropriate one would have been Matthew 6:6-8, which reads as follows: "But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him."

Landlord Removed the Roof

IN Marinette, Wis., a landlord who was trying to force a widow and her eight children to move conceived the brilliant idea of removing the roof. The idea worked all right, but it rained, the woman's furniture was spoiled, she was humiliated in the sight of her neighbors, and she sued the landlord and received a judgment for \$600 damages.

Aluminum "Education"

Aluminum Trust 97.71 Percent Perfect

IT WOULD not be quite correct to state that the Aluminum Trust holds all the departments of public health in the United States in the hollow of its hand. Indications are that there is a slip somewhere; not a serious one, but sufficient to draw to their attention. For example, here is the usual stupid report to a stupid public health official. It goes ahead and gives all the details of two women being poisoned in a public restaurant, an A No. 1, first-class place, too. The food with which they were poisoned was all first-class food, and well cooked. The report occupies 421 words. In the course of the report the inspector said in parenthesis ten fatal words that gave the whole thing away. Those words were "(the pot or kettle being of the usual material, aluminum)". To be sure, those ten words of truth constitute but 2.29 percent of the total, and that still leaves the Aluminum Trust 97.71 percent master of the situation; yet, in a job where it is desired to kill every last man, woman and child in the United States by aluminum poisoning rather than have the truth come to the light, one wonders how it was that these ten words were overlooked. Of course, the head of the "health" department overlooked the ten words. He would have overlooked them if the whole 421 words had been devoted to an angry protest against aluminum poisoning, but in that case the poor inspector would have been fired forthwith, for the poisoning must go on. After this inspector has made enough reports he will learn that nobody is interested in learning that the poisonings were due to the food's being cooked and left to stand in aluminum containers, and will say nothing further on the subject. And then the Aluminum Trust will have scored a 100-percent record.

Navy Casting Out Aluminum

C. W. SCHMITS, of California, discloses that the navy is making progress. He says: "A civilian employee working in the United States navy yard at Mare Island, California, has informed me that the aluminum cooking utensils and other culinary implements heretofore made of that metal are being discarded from the ships' galleys and are being replaced with utensils of stainless steel. It is evident that unhealthy seamen make poor fighters and are an expensive upkeep. I wonder if the navy officials have been reading *The Golden Age*."

Aluminum Feet

A FLORIDA subscriber writes: "Repairing our home and painting our garage, husband hired a neighbor to do our work. He had been ailing eight months with sores on his legs and feet. One doctor pronounced it 'muck sores', another said 'athlete's foot'. His feet were running sores full of pus and would bleed. He had on an old pair of loose storm rubbers, his feet all bandaged. Had tried all kinds of medicines, salves and washes. I handed him a copy of *The Golden Age* and he read the articles on aluminum. His wife had just returned from the hospital after operations for tumors and ulcerated womb. They threw away all their aluminumware a year ago. Both at this time are feeling fine. He can wear his Sunday shoes. Feet healed up fine."

Out of the Depths

MRS. JOSEPHINE CARNEY, Ohio, says feelingly: "I owe a great debt of gratitude to *The Golden Age*. Five years ago I felt that if our boy did live he would be a complete invalid, between chronic asthma, hay fever, and an exceptionally poor stomach. I was in the depths of despair over his condition. Then one of Jehovah's witnesses happened to call and she left *The Golden Age*. I was so surprised, and extremely doubtful, regarding articles about aluminumware. However, my husband persuaded me to discontinue its use entirely for a while and see, and I assure you I did 'see'. Would not give a stray cat a drink out of aluminumware now. Our boy, with the aid of a mineral food tonic and good wholesome food, is now growing to be a fine, healthy youngster. I, too, stopped getting dizzy spells, immediately after discarding its use."

It Wasn't the Stewer!

"MY MOTHER cooked some navy beans in an aluminum stewer and left them in the stewer three hours. Mr. Anderson (my stepfather) ate some of them and in about an hour he was sick, and in 3½ hours had to have a doctor, who said it was food poisoning, but that the stewer did not cause it. Another doctor was called, and he said the same thing. Mr. Anderson came near dying. He turned blue and was unconscious, looking like a dead man. He was sick for three or four days. We know perfectly well it was the aluminum that caused it, because he did not eat anything else that day but beans and corn bread."—C. S., Oklahoma.

Governmental Gestures

Sinclair's 150-Word Statement

A BUENOS AIRES newspaper requested the United Press to send a 150-word statement by Upton Sinclair regarding the Ethiopian situation, which he supplied as follows:

"Under our social system the natural resources and means of production are in the hands of a small class, which controls the governments of all nations and makes each nation an agency for the promotion of class interest. Since all goods produced must be sold for profit, each nation competes with other nations for colonies and markets, and thus our social system leads automatically and inevitably to predatory wars. The desperation of Italy's move against Abyssinia is merely a measure of the imminence of the collapse of her political and industrial system under the pressure of unemployment and debts both public and private. When poverty becomes greater than the masses will endure without revolution, it is necessary for the rulers of the nation to undertake a raiding expedition, to seize new wealth, and at the same time provide excitement and arouse patriotic sentiment. For Mussolini it is war or downfall, and probably both."

"Normal Wear and Tear"

WALTER SEYMOUR, accountant for New York State legislative committee, was drawing off data for state use from the work sheets of the New York Power and Light Company. He told the company what information he was seeking; five days later the corners of the work sheets, which contained important memoranda, had been clipped off. When the company came to explain the mutilation in court they attributed the mutilation to "normal wear and tear". The utility people insist that they have not an honest man in their ranks, who can be trusted to manage a public utility plant in the interests of the public, and it appears that on this one point they have told the truth.

Governor Talmadge, Poet Laureate

GOVERNOR EUGENE TALMADGE, of Georgia, is not an enthusiastic advocate of prosperity gained by shooting cows or driving sheep over cliffs to raise the price of meat. After indicating this, at an address in New York, he blossomed out into poetry with the following original composition: "I thank my God the sun and moon are both stuck up so high that no presumptuous hand can stretch and pluck them from the sky. If they were not, I do believe that some reforming ass would recommend to take them down and light the world with gas."

Williamsburg Housing Project

ONE thousand men are now at work demolishing all the old out-of-date houses and other buildings in twelve city blocks in the Williamsburg district of Brooklyn. The twelve blocks, if strung out in a straight line, would extend two and a half miles. The cost of the site is \$4,000,000; the new buildings will cost \$8,000,000. The funds are being borrowed from the national government.

Digging for Water

SAYS C. A. Reed, Oregon: "Almost everybody here in Grant county, Oregon, is about half crazy about the Townsend Plan, but for my part I will have nothing to do with it, as I believe it is another scheme of the Devil to draw people away from Jehovah and His dear Son Christ Jesus. As far as I can see, they are digging for pure water, but instead they are getting blood, as the Egyptians did in Egypt."—Exodus 7:24.

End of Wisconsin Blue Laws

UNTIL recently it was unlawful in the state of Wisconsin for anyone on Sunday to be present at any public diversion, show or entertainment, or take part in any sport, game or play. No one might ride in an automobile for pleasure, or ride horseback except to and from "church".

Job-Slaughtering Machinery

IN THE last five years the big industrial corporations have installed so much labor-saving machinery, and it is so efficient, that only 80 percent of the workers employed in 1929 would now be required to operate industry on the peak basis of that year.

Taxes on Cigarettes

A MAN who smokes one package of cigarettes a day pays \$29 a year in taxes upon them, and if he lives in Arkansas he pays \$19 more a year. Other states are also taxing cigarette smokers heavily, and should.

Unicameral Legislation

THE unicameral (or one-house) legislature system works well in Queensland, Australia, where it was first tried, and is expected to work well in Nebraska, which state is being re-districted for that purpose.

Ransom

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

EXPLAINING His mission on earth Jesus said that He came "to give his life a ransom for many". What did He mean by those words? *Ransom* means an exact corresponding price given to purchase a thing of value. God gave Adam the right to live upon condition that he would be obedient to God's law. Adam's right to life was of great value to him; and since all men are the offspring of Adam, that right to life is of value to all men. Adam violated God's law and thereby lost the right to life, and died. All men have inherited the result of that death sentence; hence all men are born sinners, as is stated in Romans 5:12.

God's law is unchangeable; hence Adam and all his offspring must die and remain dead forever unless provision is made for another to pay the penalty imposed upon Adam. Only the life of a perfect man could pay that penalty, because it was the perfect Adam that was sentenced to death. All the offspring of Adam being imperfect, there was no man available to take Adam's place in death. God graciously provided the way by sending His beloved Son Jesus to earth, making Him a perfect man. Jesus was born pure, holy and without sin, and when He arrived at the age of manhood He exactly corresponded to the perfect man Adam.

It is written, in Hebrews 2:9, that 'Jesus was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death, that He by the grace of God might taste death for every man'. The death of the perfect man Jesus provided the ransom price; and dying in the place and stead of the sinner, He thereby purchased the right of life for all men. There is no possible way for any man to get everlasting life save that which God has provided through Christ Jesus. It is written, 'Life is the gift of God through Jesus Christ our Lord.' The reason is that by the ransom price the right of man to life has been purchased and God gives life to all men who comply with His requirements.

What are God's requirements? Faith in God and in Christ Jesus, evidenced by obedience to God's commandments. One seeking life propounded the question of how he might get life;

and the answer is given (Acts 16:31): "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Further the scripture addressed to those inquiring says (Romans 10:9,10): "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

When a person realizes that by nature he is a sinner and that Jesus by purchase holds his right to life, then, if he believes, he confesses to God and Christ Jesus that he is a sinner and that Jesus is his Redeemer. In this manner the person manifests faith in God and in Christ; and the scripture says, 'By faith is man justified.' Faith means to receive a knowledge of God's truth and then to confidently rely upon it and to act accordingly.

Jesus' words therefore mean that He gave His life a ransom or purchase price for as many as believe on Him. Knowledge of the truth is therefore of vital importance because no one can believe anything unless he first hears about it. The Scriptures say, at Romans 10:14: 'How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear unless some be sent to tell them?'

God has made provision for others to hear by sending His witnesses to bear to the people His message of truth concerning the sacrifice of Christ Jesus and the blessings to be administered to the people by and through His kingdom. Jehovah's witnesses are coming to you with this needed information, that you may learn God's provision to give you life everlasting. Take the books that they bring to you, and study these, together with your Bible, and find out God's provision to administer to man everlasting life.

Jehovah God is love; which means that God is entirely unselfish. It is written, in John 3:16: "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." That means that God unselfishly provided the ransom price for man, through Christ Jesus, and this He does that all who exercise faith in

God and in Christ and devote themselves to the Lord and obey Him shall live, and shall never die. For that reason Jesus made this statement

(John 8:51): "Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death." Serve God and Christ, and live.

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Jehovah's witnesses

Took *The Golden Age* Under Protest

By O. H. James (Washington)

I HAVE been a constant reader of *The Golden Age* almost from the first. One of the friends gave me a couple of copies one day here in town. I did not want them at the time, and told him so, but finally took them to get rid of him. I took them home and threw them down and did not look at them for several days. One day when I didn't have anything else to read I hunted them up and read them and sent in my subscription at once, and, thanks be to God, it is still coming.

Before that I had been a member of Satan's dead organization for about twenty years. I believed in eternal torment, Devil dreams and visions, palmistry, astrology, "divine" healing, talking with the dead, League of Nations, immortality of the soul, and was always afraid of seeing ghosts on very dark nights. I also believed in the unlucky thirteen, but fortunately I did eat at a table where there were thirteen seated at dinner before I thought to count noses, and not one of us died during the year either. I guess I had about a full quota of all the Devil's deceptions, excepting the trinity: that was too much of a gag for me to swallow. I never could understand it until I began to understand the light of the truth of God's Word. But now praise God for His great goodness and His wonderful light, for all my night has passed away. Judge Rutherford has made the whole subject clear and plain in very few words in *The Golden Age*; also a more lengthy explanation is given in the book *Reconciliation*.

I did not know that the Kingdom had been born. I hadn't heard that the King was present. The abomination of desolation was a mystery. Satan's organization was not in sight. Babies went straight to heaven at death, the preacher said so; likewise all good people who attended church and paid their dues regularly. All others were headed straight for hell. It was here that

I began reading *The Golden Age* and later *The Watchtower*, and that wonderful set of Judge Rutherford's books. Each and all are a goldmine of information to those seeking the truth.

This is my eighth year in the service of the King. I am standing firm on the solid rock. "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints."

Why Not?

SAYS T. R. Weeks (Washington): "As one of Jehovah's witnesses I have given samples of *The Golden Age* to truth-hungry people for about the past five years, realizing that I was giving them real help and consolation by doing so. I am sorry to say that it took five years of study and reading *The Golden Age* before it finally percolated that it was the best, up-to-the-minute magazine of vital news in circulation offered to the public today, and that it should be in every home, no exceptions. During the past three weeks I thought I could help them more by obtaining their subscriptions for a year or six months, and during the past three weeks, to my surprise, I have obtained about twenty-five *Golden Age* subscriptions. Mr. Editor, how about encouraging every *Golden Age* reader to get his relatives or neighbors to subscribe. Dollar a year, or if they really want to see what kind of magazine *The Golden Age* is, they could try it for six months, and from then on they could renew it once a year. As the trials and sufferings of the people increase through the world day by day it is of the most vital importance to all people to ascertain the cause and remedy, and what they may do to safeguard the interests of themselves and their families. *The Golden Age* is an eye opener for these truth-hungry ones, and all they have to do is to read a copy of one issue and they will realize it."

Broadcasting the Truth in Australia

RADIO stations at Albury, Goulburn, Grafton, Gunnedah, Lismore, New Castle, Sydney and Wagga Wagga, New South Wales; at Brisbane, Mackay, Maryborough, Rockhampton and Townsville, Queensland; at Launceston and Ulverstone, Tasmania; at Ballarat, Bendigo, Hamilton, Horsham, Melbourne, Sale and Swan Hill, Victoria, and at Kalgoorlie and Perth, West Australia, are broadcasting the truth, but there is yet one more broadcaster, what the *Malaya Tribune* describes as "a 24-ton auxiliary ketch". This boat, the *Lightbearer*, was recently at Singapore after a 5,000-mile cruise touching North Australia, Papua, Java and many smaller islands. After establishing a branch at Singapore, it was expecting to go on to Shanghai. The craft is handled by E. C. Ewins, a surveyor by profession, who lived for years in Fiji, and understands the handling of a boat in rough waters. The picture of the boat in the *Tribune* shows seven of Jehovah's witnesses. They are not long-haired and anemic fanatics, by any means, but men who have a job to perform and who go about their business in an unostentatious way. The *Tribune* story says, "An electric transmission set is installed on board capable of addressing 10,000 people." At one port of call, Port Moresby, with a total European population of but 350, about 300 bound books and 450 booklets were placed. The Torres Strait islands were visited without landing permits' having been first obtained. Though the natives, many of whom read English, were delighted with the music and lectures, and obtained about two hundred bound books, yet the Anglican missionary of the district, being grieved that they taught the people (Acts 4:2), was mean and small enough to report the landing to the magistrate, who happened to be away at the time. Quarantine and other regulations were innocently contravened in this instance. The Devil knew it, and his chosen sons, the clergy (John 8:44), are always on the job, to do whatever mischief is possible.

Transcription Machines in Hopyards

THE Kentish (England) *Midweek Express*, under the heading "What We Hear", says of "The Big Buzz" "that this was heard by many in Staplehurst and Marden on Sunday; that it was particularly prevalent in the hop gardens [where there were at the time 40,000 hop pickers

at work]; that it did not emanate from the pickers; that it was occasioned by a special visit of Christian workers known as 'Jehovah's witnesses'; that they came down fully equipped for the occasion; that they had seven cars in action; that five were fitted up with electrical machines; that their broadcast message radiated throughout the area; that the lectures were interspersed with musical interludes; that the 'hoppers' accorded them a hearty welcome."

A Jonadab in the Furniture Business

LEONARD H. STEGE, of North Dakota, writing of a Jonadab in his home city, says: "Mr. G——, a furniture man, said, 'When people ask what my religion is I reply, "Fixing furniture and selling it; but my Christianity is Christ, the Son of God."' He is reading the books written by Judge Rutherford; has ordered full sets and given them to his friends, free. When some have criticized their author he has replied that Judge Rutherford is too far advanced for the world, as he lives about ten years ahead of the present generation, but what he says will and must come true because it is God's Word."

Preacher with Backbone!

A PIONEER working in Tennessee reports having found a preacher with a backbone. He stayed over night with one who is a comeouter, having left the bondage of the Methodist denomination, so that he could serve God without having to preach for money. This man has become a farmer and preaches in a schoolhouse gratis. He is now reading the books by Judge Rutherford and designates himself as an honest truth seeker. The pioneer says, guardedly: "Wife in full sympathy with him; 'honest' part remains to be proved."

Radio Corporation and the New Deal

THE *Tulsa Tribune* seems to think somebody was helped by the New Deal. It says:

"The Radio Corporation of America reports that its net profit for 1934 was \$4,249,263, as against a loss of \$582,094 for the year 1933. This improvement of \$4,831,357 is accredited to the fact that RCA has succeeded in co-ordinating 'the three broad fields in which it operates—manufacturing, broadcasting and communications'. In other words, while the NRA was sending pants pressers to jail for unfair competition of cutting prices five cents, the RCA was getting more of a stranglehold on the heavens above us."

"Dairy" Department

Clergy Still for War

REVEREND ROSS K. CAMERON, pastor of Rogers Presbyterian church, Toronto, Canada, is reported by the Toronto *Daily Star* as saying that since the World War the clergy of Canada as a whole has not changed its attitude to war, and if the British Empire is threatened the Empire can count on the clergy in the future the same as they always have in the past. Everybody with a particle of sense knows that this is the absolute truth, that the preachers are the same bloodthirsty murderers now that they always were, and that all their professions of a desire to be Christians and to follow the Lord's teachings are the purest kind of absolute hypocrisy. Reverend Cameron's stand is echoed and even emphasized by his brother in the pulpit, Reverend Stuart Parker, D.D., pastor of St. Andrews Presbyterian church of the same city. Reverend Parker said: "No man is justified in saying that the Bible forbids a Christian to take up arms . . . the greatest danger to the character of the Christian man today is this continual preaching of peace at any price." How is that? Whoosh! Whoop! Hurrah! Three cheers and away they go. But not the "Reverends" Cameron and Parker. Not on your life, as long as the bottom stays in the collection box.

Visions of Plowhandles

VISIONS of plowhandles, overalls and hobnailed shoes disturb the slumbers of Reverend H. B. Seese, Grace United Brethren church, Pleasant Valley Boulevard and Thirteenth Street, Altoona, Pa., and so he rushes into print to let it be widely known that he is on the Devil's side, advertising, "Don't buy books from anyone who does not have testimonials from your pastors or priests." How very evident that the "Reverend" Seese sees it coming. The Altoona company is evidently O.K.

Bishop of Exeter, D.B.

THE bishop of Exeter, D.B., says democracy is a prey to the disease of corruption and that it is filled with conceit, that the move for shorter hours is a move of sloth, that mothers should have more children so that the war manpower can be kept up, and that the unemployed should be uniformed and drilled and in event of war be sent to the front. Here is a case where the Payette degree awarded seems to be entirely appropriate.—2 Thessalonians 2:12; Matthew 23:33; Hebrews 12:8.

Another Church-Army Card

HERE is a church-army postcard, or missionary card drawn by T. Noyes Lewis for the First Western Hospital, Fazakerley, Lancashire, England. It is about the chaplain; it tells the soldier not to gamble; to think about God so as to get something back from Him; and to go to church on Sunday. The design is a wounded soldier. On one side is a comrade leading him from the field of battle; on the other is Christ saying to him, "Hard Hit! Lean Hard." Above Christ's head are four military men who, presumably, have gone to that heaven where all British military men go at death; gadzooks and forsooth. It is to be hoped, if the wounded man's nerves go back on him, and he becomes delirious, that the attendants will not choke him with a towel around his neck, or pummel him in the stomach, or put him in an ice pack, as is the custom in the land of the free and the home of the brave, in military hospitals for the insane; for, if they do, the wounded man will probably be sorry that he did not have the good luck to go right through to heaven and dodge all the discomforts en route, the same as the other four in the picture.

Why Pick on the Porter?

IN AN address at Freeport, Long Island, the Reverend Karl Francis Moore, of St. Mark's Methodist Episcopal church of Rockville Centre, made the statement that "the minister is in the same position as a porter seeking tips in order that he may get along". The reason for picking on the porters does not appear at the moment. And besides, the porters are of some use in the world. Besides, while a porter is grateful if you slip him a quarter, a minister considers you a piker if you do not come across with at least \$5, though in these hard times he often has to be content with much less, but finds it hard.

Should Pay for Prayers C.O.D.

FARMERS of Sykkylven, Norway, are objecting to paying the pastor \$7.50 each a year for praying the sparrows away from their fields. They complain that though they have to give up the \$7.50 regularly every year, the sparrows continue to come. Obviously the pastor should do his praying on a C.O.D. basis, and only if there are no sparrows should he collect the sparrow tax of which the farmers complain.

The Replacement of Jesus (?)

THE NORDLAND, a periodical published by the German Glaubensbewegung (Faith Movement) had a special article for the German youth, from which the following lines are taken:

"Today much is spoken about the youth bearing the inheritance of the great war. To avoid a false conception it is necessary to know exactly just what is the inheritance of the dead in the great war. This inheritance is that the nation is the last word in potential value, a value before which everything else is secondary. Christ, of whom we are in ignorance as to which professed religion contains his true doctrines, has sunk down in the darkness of history. Now we recognize that his visage-marred death, for which the world butchered itself, is of no value to us. But on the other hand the death of those heroic fighters for a nation of Germans is a deed making the old-time ransom mystery superfluous. The death of these heroes fighting for a new empire was not less voluntary than the death of the Nazarene, and their death speaks volumes to us, because it represents a sacrificial death for the great nation of Germans. In face of this fact the cross as a symbol of a former most precious value must retreat before the emblem of the highest living value—the nation. The war monuments in German lands are altars of the next generation, and the unknown soldier of the great war is a fitting pathfinder of the next empire, who shall replace Jesus of Nazareth." (From the German *Golden Age*, June 1, 1935, page 7.)

Only One Evil

IN A radio message over WOR, Eduardo Vilasenor, consul general in New York, said: "I only know of one evil, which is hard to remedy, because it needs many years of difficult work. I mean the one that the Catholic campaign is consciously or unconsciously causing when it works so intensely to divide and even place against each other two great nations which nature has made neighbors and which common sense, if nothing else, should keep friends." The truth is that the acts of the Mexican government do not permit fair-minded observers to accuse the government of any persecution.

Germany like Jonah

AT LEICESTER, England, at a League of Nations meeting one of the speakers said, sadly, "We cannot keep Germany down any longer. She has become too strong." Come to think of it, that was what happened to Jonah, and after he landed on the dry land he was better off, and so was the fish that originally took him in.

Refugees from the Red Terror

AS IN the French Revolution, so in the Russian Revolution, no one can be sure of his safety, even for an hour. The OGPU, Russia's dreaded secret army police, were believed to be seeking the overthrow of Stalin. They had great power, but not enough. The Red Army was called in, the OGPU became at once not a haven of safety, but a place of death. Something like 200 were slain. Trials were secret, and death by shooting followed instantly upon conviction. At one time, in the dead of winter, there were hundreds of refugees hiding in the forests, exposed to hunger and cold. In some instances they started big forest fires as a protection against pursuing soldiers. The man who murdered Sergei Kiroff was put to death along with his wife, son, two daughters and 85-year-old mother. Probably the latter was glad to go, to get away from such a place and condition.

Fordlandia, on the Amazon

FORDLANDIA, on the Amazon, 900 miles from its mouth, now has over 4,000 workers busily engaged in clearing away the forests and planting the best variety of rubber trees. These trees, five years from now, it is expected, will be producing rubber in quantities sufficient to attract world attention. Wages are 60 cents a day and up, which is considered good for Brazil. The workers live in sanitary and neat homes. There are ten miles of railway, forty miles of highway and an airplane landing field, telephones, electric lights and power. The tract embraces 3,700,000 acres.

Protection of Guano Islands

THE Guano Islands, off the coast of Peru, and being one of that country's principal sources of income, are now forbidden to allow commercial and private planes to fly within a half mile, for fear of frightening the birds. The average production of guano for the past ten years was 135,000 tons a year.

French Lobster Company

THE French Lobster Company left employees stranded on a sun-scorched island in the Indian ocean, and four perished before attention was given to their plight. A woman survivor, whose baby died two months after its birth, was awarded \$2,000. The widows of the four workmen who perished received \$2,300 each.

Germany and Great Britain

Nazi Persecution of Jews

NAZI persecution of Jews continues. Hitler recently said, "We can justly compare Jews to tuberculosis germs." Julius Streicher, prominent Nazi, admits that his plans are to drive the Jews from every country, including Palestine. Any German may arrest any Jew, tie and fetter him, and the Jew may not sue him for illegal detention. Hotels and rooming houses near Berlin are putting up signs, "Jews not served here." Courts have ruled that it is "undesirable" for Jewish attorneys to appear as counsel. Trucks decorated with anti-Jewish signs parade the streets and highways. Although Jews are denied full citizenship rights, they are nevertheless compelled to serve in the German army. In some districts business men and persons on relief have been warned that they must not buy from Jews, otherwise they will be excluded from municipal orders and from relief. In a Nazi official statement by Streicher the Jews have been described as "a mixture of Nordics, Mongols and Negroes, carrying in their soul the bad qualities of all these races". Some employers have ordered all their employees to break off all business and social relations with Jews, on pain of dismissal.

What German Youth Are Taught

A REVELATION of what German youth are being taught, with the full protection of the German government, is disclosed in the following from an address by Ernst Hauck, headmaster of the boys' school at Neustadt:

"The field-gray soldier who throws his last hand grenade, the dying seaman, who, felled by a murderer's hand, pronounces Der Fuehrer's name as his last word, these are more for us divine figures, much more, than is the crucified Jew."

Can you wonder that God is about to destroy such blasphemers, as unfit to live?

Foreigners Need Not "Heil Hitler"

NOTICES are published in Cologne and Berlin to the effect that foreigners are not to be molested if they fail to give the Hitler salute. Just how foreigners are to be identified as such before they are attacked is not explained. The implication is that anyone else who fails to bow to this grotesque German "idol" may be molested with impunity. Foreigners need not feel any too confident that they will not be molested. In the proposed Hitlerization of the United States, however, nobody will be exempted or excused.

Golden Coach Headed for Junk Yard

UP UNTIL the opening of the last session of Parliament the king of England had always ridden in the golden coach reserved for such occasions. It made a big hit back in the days of wooden plows, monks, and such. Now it is a laughingstock, and so the king went by automobile, as any sensible person would do. The prince of Wales also went by automobile, and the account says, humorously, "Even the crown, which is usually sent from St. James' by coach was taken in a closed motor."

Sudden Weather Changes in England

ABOUT the middle of May a good portion of England was under snow, and on June 24 they had the hottest June night in 64 years. Four persons died of the heat in London, and at the beaches many remained in the water until after midnight. Sudden weather changes tend to promote alertness of mind and to make people progressive and independent. The 'superior intelligence' of many New Englanders is in part attributed to the cold winters and hot summers that keep them on the move mentally and otherwise.

Five Hundred Children Faint in March

THE Roman Catholic cult put on a big show in Manchester, England, one of the features of which was a parade by 15,000 children in white dresses. Five hundred of the little kids fainted and were picked up by ambulances. Just how this so-called Whitsuntide procession could be of any honor to God's name, or, in fact, anything more than a piece of arrant nonsense intended to help keep a lot of grafting priests away from picks and shovels, remains unexplained.

Britain Hopes to End Slums

THANKS to the repudiation of her debt to the United States, Britain has had a budget surplus for three years past, is completing new houses at the rate of 1,000 a day, and expects to see the last of the slums disappear within the next five years.

Some Improvement in Britain

THE improvement in Britain continues and was sufficiently pronounced on June 24 that on that date more persons were employed than at any previous time within fourteen years. The total unemployed on that date was 2,000,110.

Freedom at Port Moresby

PORT MORESBY, New Guinea, is in British territory and therefore the natives have liberty. That is to say, they have liberty to wear breechcloths. But shirts? Mercy no! In other words, and in all seriousness, it is actually against the law in New Guinea for a native to wear any clothing above the waist unless permission to do so has first been obtained from the "authorities". What is more, a native named Kauri did wear a shirt on November 21, 1934, and was fined 2/6d for the offense. He failed to pay, and, in the words of the "authorities", absconded. On April 29, 1935, the same young man came into the shopping area of Port Moresby, and again he committed the heinous offense of having on a shirt (maybe the same one, probably so, and maybe unwashed in the intervening five months). The police grabbed him, asked him to produce his permit to wear a shirt (which permit he had not obtained), and not being able to do so he was fined 10 shillings, which he could not pay, and was forced to go to prison for 30 days, with the first fine of 2/6d still hanging over him. The conscience of the British government is in the care of the Church of England. The missionaries lay great stress on clothes, and probably had got the information to this poor black man that the ability to wear a shirt is about the most important thing the Lord requires of anybody. Gog save the kink!! E Pluribus Aluminum! The police stole the boy's shirt, and at the expiration of his sentence sent him home without it.

General Feng Yuhsiang

GENERAL FENG YUHSIANG, so-called "Chinese Christian general", has probably been the means of putting as many of his fellow men out of this life as any of the other professionals in his line of business in the Flowery Kingdom. Seeing how much more efficient the Christians are at killing than are their heathen neighbors he naturally feels that if he can get to be a Christian his chances of filling up his cemetery are better than they otherwise would be. He feels the same way about his men, and not long ago baptized 10,000 of his troops with a fire hose. This was quite an improvement over the conditions when the Roman Catholic church was getting its start; for at one time, back in those days, it was the habit of some to drink the communion wine out of the skulls of their enemies.

Growing Bananas in Australia

WRITING in *The Queensland Producer* an Australian gentleman who had spent much time and money growing bananas, and then found there was almost no market for them, said: "One does not realize what this depression means till directly affected by it personally; then it is that one fully realizes the devilish nature of our whole system from A to Z. I heartily agree with you in your exposure of 'high finance'. This is surely the root cause. I remember Judge Rutherford a few years ago issuing a warning that the international bankers were getting their heads together, and direful results would likely occur later. It seems as if he was about correct. Could anything be worse than the present conditions of the more poverty, etc., with the more production? One man in the world today above all others is scathingly exposing the whole 'show', and it is a pity there are not more like him."

Filipinos and Japanese

THE Filipinos, to be free in ten years, are now generally considered the most fortunate people in Asia. In thirty-six years the population has doubled, the wage-level has trebled, and the standard of living is four times as high as that of any Asiatic neighbors. Schools have multiplied. Sanitation is excellent. The people are long-lived; they are at peace with the world. They will start as a nation without any arms. But see! A Japanese authority has said that Japan will content herself with selling goods in the Philippines "as long as they are courteous and peaceful, but if there is chaos in the independent Philippines then it will be the duty of a civilized (?) nation to step in and use force".

Effort to Meet Japanese Competition

IN THE effort to meet Japanese competition the British have created a Spindles Board. No new plants may be built in England unless acquired through this board with the surrender of an equivalent plant. The Japanese have the latest and best of everything, each worker looks after 30 automatic machines, hours are long, wages small, and mill managers and workers eat the same food and live under about the same conditions. Japanese competition at present is sweeping all before it.

The Hopes of the Martians

SAMUEL BOTTOMLEY, president of the American Society of Martians, has written an open letter to President Roosevelt setting forth how public confidence can be restored in one day and national prosperity within two weeks if the Government will only act upon its prerogative of creating unborrowed money for all national governmental purposes. His argument, in part, is as follows:

"The statement that every cash dollar is a thirty-five-times-borrowed dollar is verified by the fact that we have less than six billion dollars in paper and metal money (gold is not in use), while the total debts of our governments, our institutions and people approximate 210 billions of dollars. These figures show, therefore, that every cash dollar in the country is a thirty-five-times-borrowed dollar. To explain the monstrous bunco game in another way is to say that we owe the money-changers thirty-five times more than all the United States cash currency in the country. So, if the people of the United States were to attempt to pay all the money they owe the money-changers they would find that after gathering together every cash dollar in the country (which of course they could not because it already belongs to the money-changers), they would still be short \$205,000,000,000. If they then attempted to settle their debts by surrendering all their property to their creditors at its taxable rate value (estimated at 150 billion dollars) they would find themselves \$55,000,000,000 short of squaring their account. In simple yet startling words, the people of the United States are today in a financial hole approximately \$50,000,000,000 below the line of financial bankruptcy, and with no possible way of getting out of the hole without the nation's undergoing a monetary revolution. Our \$210,000,000,000 industrial deficit is ample proof of the statement."

Friendly Correction of the Tribune

THE Miami Beach *Tribune*, making an uphill fight for a better Miami, is alleged to have said of *The Golden Age*, "It is trying to do the same work we are trying to do—clean up the world." Almost right, fellow scribe, but not quite. *The Golden Age*, as you suspect, is unburdening itself about how rotten is everything in the Devil's organization, but it isn't trying to clean it up; only the Lord can do that, and His method, so the Scriptures say, is to "burn them up", "that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." When the tares get to burning in good shape *The Golden Age* is willing to help carry gasoline to aid the good work, but has no higher ambitions.

Cost of Crime

CRIME costs the United States \$12,000,000,000 a year. So stated Earle W. Evans, president of the American Bar Association at one of their meetings. America has a homicide rate fifty times greater than that of Great Britain. Criminal racketeers employ lawyers from whom they obtain legal advice in their organized lawbreaking, paying them large fees. Almost every effort of the nation to do away with organized crime has been obstructed by lawyers who make it their business to protect criminals in their activities. An effort is now being made to clean up the legal profession and to purge it of lawyers who will assist by giving advice to criminals even before the crime is committed. (This calls to mind indulgences sold by "holy church" in the Middle Ages, which forgave sins a sinner thought he might commit at some future date.) The "shyster" lawyer is ready to give his regular support to the habitual criminal and get him "protection" before, during and after the crime, if need be. Criminals can get professional advice so as to proceed in a defensible though none the less effective and criminal course of action in gaining their ends.

Daniels' Statement on Mexico

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, United States ambassador to Mexico, in a statement released on his return to America on a vacation, said:

"The Mexican Government insists there has been no persecution of Catholics and that all religions are treated alike in the republic. To my own knowledge there has been no complaint made to the United States embassy in Mexico City of any American being denied religious freedom. The Mexican people have a sovereign pride in their country and would resent any interference from an outside nation in any of its problems which they consider they should be allowed to settle by themselves."

Adolf Weiss on Relief

BRISBANE, in the New York *American*, tells of Adolf Weiss on relief:

"Mr. Weiss did \$54,000 worth of iron work for New York's Park Department, on contract most profitably, during the year past, and at the same time drew \$45 a week on relief. His son, Harry, was employed by the New York Park Department; his brother-in-law, also named Adolf Weiss, enjoyed a \$45-a-week relief job. His son-in-law, Samuel Pesin, has been making about \$400 a month profit renting acetylene torches to the Park Department at \$25.60 a day. He paid torch operators \$5, the code scale being \$11.20. His father-in-law, Adolf, owned the torches.

Big Business

Kreuger's Whale Comes Up for Air

IVAR KREUGER's whale, International Match Company, now bankrupt, has been in deep waters for years. It has now come up for air and is suing to collect \$2,019,066 income taxes for 1929, 1930 and 1931, which, so it seems, were just paid to the United States playfully at the time Mr. Kreuger was borrowing money by the barrel from New York's great financiers to keep his great, big deep-sea monster from drowning. An item of interest is that in 1930, when the company had a net loss of \$11,150,141, it reported a net income of \$10,994,071 and paid a tax on that amount of \$1,198,235.

Eastern Financiers Enjoy Vermont Scenery

EASTERN financiers enjoy Vermont scenery, and they also enjoy receiving interest from frugal people. Possibly these two reasons partially explain why Vermont was offered a \$10,000,000 loan from the Federal treasury if she would build a modern highway the length of the Green Mountains. Vermont turned the proposition down, because she does not like to go into debt, and so the financiers will miss the Vermont scenery and also the interest on the tax-free bonds that they might have had if Vermonters had been less hard-hearted.

A Windowless Office

HERSHEY, Pa., will have a windowless office building; now, if they will just make it lightless and heatless and put up over the door the sign, "Abandon hope, all ye who enter here," it looks as if the place would be all O.K. for what it seems designed to be. Just why an office worker should never rest his eyes by gazing out of a window is something only an "efficiency expert" could understand.

General Electric Prosperity

THE New Deal is accomplishing something for Big Business, as was designed. The General Electric Company made profits of \$10,854,682 in the year 1933, but in 1934 the profits were \$17,151,000; sales were up 21 percent, and the pay roll was up 70 percent.

Montgomery Ward Profits Up

IN THE year 1933 the net profits of Montgomery Ward & Company were \$2,227,957, but in 1934 they were \$9,161,053. The sales in 1934 were \$249,805,721, the largest in the company's history, except in 1929.

Wealthy Man with a Heart

HORICON, Wisconsin, had an implement maker, Willard A. Van Brunt, who made a success of his business. On his 88th birthday he sent 94 employees (some of whom had been with him over 60 years) \$3,000 each. The result was a boom in Horicon. Debts were paid, mortgages canceled, furniture was bought. It all shows how easy it will be under Christ's perfect government to make everybody happy. At the moment nothing would so much help as the wide distribution of what is called "hot money", i.e., money which deteriorates unless used promptly. This money, first suggested by Silvio Gesell, and advocated in America by Dr. Hugo Fack, has worked wonders wherever tried. The refusal to give the soldiers their bonus was a crime against civilization. What is needed in America is not more prosperity for those who have it all, but for the common people who have nothing.

Selling a Non-Existent Line

IT IS well known that salesmen of purgatory sell something that does not exist; the same is true of the ecclesiastical hell; there is no such place; nevertheless millions have paid considerable sums to be misinformed on both of these subjects. A subscriber, Mrs. R. O. Clark, writes in from Oregon that in her city there is an electric radio shop run by a preacher, and adds: "My husband and a friend went in under the inducement of an advertisement in the local paper to look at a radio advertised at \$12.50. They asked to see the radio advertised, and were shown others, but not that one. Finally my husband insisted on being shown the advertised radio; and the preacher then informed him that that was only a bait to get people to come to his shop."

Ford Motor Company

THE Ford Motor Company began with \$28,000 in cash actually paid in, and after paying immense dividends for 31 years had accumulated additional property calculated to be worth \$600,000,000. It is the duty of teachers to explain to boys that every boy may do the same, which, of course, is utterly foolish, when the boy leaves school and finds he cannot even get a job.

And what of the boy who honestly wonders whether Adolf of Swastikaville has secretly aped the 'flivver king' who also used the so-called "Protocols" in trying to down the world's champion gold-getters!

Tubercular Cattle for Meat?

“I AM sending in a few facts concerning this land of the free. A man from the government has been in and around Buena Vista testing the cattle for tuberculosis. If a party protested he was told it was compulsory, and in one case the government man got the sheriff. Now here is where the rub comes in. It is O.K. to rid the community of tubercular cattle, if they have tuberculosis, or, as far as that goes, any contagious disease, but the cattle that are condemned are shipped to a central location, in this case Denver, Colo. They are shipped there and sold alive or butchered for meat, which meat is to be canned and distributed to the people.

“Now, what I’m wondering is this: Is this meat fit for consumption, supposed to be tubercular, canned or otherwise? Those who had cattle condemned and which cattle were shipped didn’t get a receipt of any kind showing that the government got said cattle. The government man appraised the stock at \$35 per head, and stated that the owner would get \$20 or thereabouts, but how is the owner going to be sure of what he will get, not having a receipt showing that the government got the stock? One middle-aged couple gave up three head, which were their entire means of self-support. Is this right in a land that is supposed to be free?”—W. E. S——, Colorado.

Russian Thistles as Stock Feed

SUPPLYING further information on an item in issue No. 415, page 731: “Russian thistles are tumbleweeds (*Salsola pestifer*), grow annually from the seed and develop in hot, dry weather when most other vegetation is shriveling up and dying; hence the 400,000 tons in the drought area of Kansas in 1934. The Russian thistle is very easy to handle in any fields where the growing crop is cultivated, but in small grain fields, where the grain is a poor stand, or the weather unfavorable to its natural development, especially when drought is the unfavorable condition, Russian thistles literally take the field. Then in stubble fields of the Dakotas, Nebraska and Kansas a rank growth of Russian thistles is very common. The young plants are almost as soft as down. Cattle, hogs and horses go out of their way, when grass is plentiful, to eat these young plants. They are succulent and nutritious. Tame hay, cut where Russian thistles are present in this early stage, is rather im-

proved in palatability and nutritive value. The thorns begin to develop according to the season and the location of the growing plant. In cultivated land, where there is little competition, plants may be as large as a half-bushel measure and be handled barehanded with impunity. In sod they may be very small, and irritate through a thickness of cloth. Thousands of tons of Russian thistles were eaten green last year by livestock in the belt west of the Missouri. Other thousands of tons were stacked for winter feed. After blossoming stage is reached Russian thistles are very harsh, woody and covered all over with short, sharp thorns, but probably thousands of cattle are alive today in the middle west because of Russian thistles.”—F. B. Dwiggins, Nebraska.

Chasing Monkeys on Long Island

A SMALL army of monkeys escaped from a wild animal ranch in eastern Brooklyn, and, though many were captured, there were still 117 at liberty at the end of the second day. Meantime four had been electrocuted by coming in contact with third rails and high-tension wires. It is conceived possible that these monkeys are able to withstand the climate and survive and breed on Long Island.

Butter Stocks Running Low

IN THE middle of April butter stocks were so low, owing to last year’s big drought, that wholesalers were canvassing dairy farms for supplies. The poor are feeling the pinch of almost double prices for butter that is not as good as it used to be.

Land of the Kangaroo

AUSTRALIA is the only land where there are kangaroos; it is the only land where there are black swans; it is the only land where the honest lawyers club together to make good the losses which clients sustain through robbery of trust funds by dishonest lawyers.

Tremendous Migration of Jack Rabbits

AUTOMOBILE travelers in the Texas panhandle report a tremendous exodus of jack rabbits, mostly females, in a horde 300 yards wide and miles in length. It was headed toward the southeast, probably in search of water.

Proposed Bounty on Blondes

THE Atlantic City *Evening Union* is responsible for the following: "DOUBLE ZERO—A placard advertising a lecture entitled 'Armageddon! What Is the Way of Escape?' is on display in a window of the Boardwalk Arcade. Two blondes of the mental midget class on their way to the beach paused for a moment to analyze the message. 'What's Armageddon—a new racket?' queried the curious one. Her companion had the answer. 'It's a basket made out of the shells of those little porcupines,' she answered happily. 'We've got one at home.' The first speaker thought that was a funny thing to have to worry about escaping from, but she accepted the explanation for what it was worth. 'That dame must be thinking of an armadillo,' said a bystander. He added that there ought to be bounty on blondes instead of stray cats and dogs."

The Rush to Ruin

SAYS W. C. Robinson, of Tennessee: "In 1850 we had 4,000 centenarians out of 50,000,000. Now we have 2,840 out of 120,000,000. In 1850 there were sixty-seven insane out of every million. Now there are 2,500 out of every million. In three years the arrests for counterfeiting have tripled. In ten years crime has increased 400 percent; and in thirty-five years, 1,200 percent. In 1850 the proportion of prisoners to population was 1 to 3,000; in 1890, 1 to 800; and in 1932, 1 to 375. Divorce has increased 125 percent since 1890, while sex crimes have jumped 700 percent since 1900. The World War cost \$1,000,000 an hour, but the crime bill of the United States is now \$2,000,000 an hour. There were 20,000 suicides in 1931. Our annual death toll by homicide is now 12,000. Slayings have increased 100 percent since 1900."

Georgia Father Sells His Daughter

ONE often reads of the sale of Japanese and Chinese daughters by their fathers. Prices are as low as \$10, possibly sometimes even less. It is with shame that the admission is now made that this disgraceful practice has made its appearance in the Western world. A man in Ross-ville, Ga., sold his eleven-year-old daughter for \$125, to be the wife of a man 35 years of age, and lied in the bargain, giving her age as 14. The girl ran away to Atlanta and applied to the courts for protection.

The Chicago Heifer Exchange

A COPY of *The Calumet Index*, of Chicago, under the heading of "Weddings and Engagements", describes the wedding of Edythe Dekker and John Wood and then says feelingly: "Cows were exchanged before the pastor of the Bethany Reformed church, Dr. Harry J. Hager". This is all right, every way, you understand, but just why this happy Chicago couple should want to swap livestock with each other, and drag the pastor in on it, is not made clear. The proof-reader goes on to say of the effect of this on the bride that she had a "gown of white satin with a train and a veil of tulle enhanced by a blushing veil". Nobody has any business to say that one of the cows stepped on the tulle and made the veil blush, but maybe it did. It all seems like Alice in Wonderland.

A Twin 46 Hours Late

AT Bethlehem, Pa., a second daughter in the family arrived forty-six hours after the first, which is perhaps a record. Some years back twins came to a family, one of the twins born in one year and one in another, although the time between their births was not as long as in the Bethlehem case. The Bethlehem mother was 29 years of age; her babies weighed about six pounds each.

New Recipe for Getting Bald

IN *News Week* it is said of Joe Ruddy, water polo player, that he "has lost all his own hair—probably, he says, because of alum [potassium aluminum sulphate] once used in pools to purify the water". Persons desiring to accomplish this result can make rapid headway in that direction by using an ordinary aluminum wash-basin.

The Price of Relief

IN AN address in New York city Roger Babson, statistician, said, in part: "Every two workers are supporting one idle worker. In spite of the highest taxes in our history, the nation is going into the hole at the rate of \$281,000,000 per month, or \$66,000,000 per week, or \$6,500 per minute."

Baby Speaks 1,100 Words

A 20-month-old baby, Jackie Grub, Minneapolis, has a vocabulary of 1,100 words. The child's vocabulary is now equal to that of a 40-month-old child.

Obedience Brings Visions of the Son of God

BEFORE the dawn of the twentieth century, it is estimated, about twenty thousand millions of the children of Adam had been born, run their little span of a fraction of a century, breathed their last, and moldered into dust. They await the Life-giver, without whom all is lost.

Suppose you had been one of these. Suppose you could have had the choice of being of any race, living in any clime, and at any period in those fifty-nine centuries. What would have been your choice?

Would you have chosen to be one of the multitudes that gazed with awe upon the military achievements of Alexander the Great, or Caesar, or Napoleon, or any other man that filled the world with widows and orphans, and with blood and tears? Would you even have been willing to be any one of these imperial impersonations of force and murder? You know you would not.

It would have been a great inducement to live to see the dramas of which Joseph, and Moses, and Mordecai, and David, and Daniel and Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego were central figures, or to be one of these, but no one of these brought eternal life to any, and they, all alike, await the voice of Him who spake as never man spake, when they shall rise from their dwelling-places in the dust. Indeed, most or all of these long since moldered away completely, and the dust, of which they were composed has gone back into the great reservoir from which it came.

Would you prefer to have lived in the days of Washington or Jefferson or Lincoln, or to have been one of these? These too have gone, and though their sepulchers remain, and their memories are green, yet their one hope is in the One who shall speak and all that are in their graves shall come forth, because to Him is committed all power in heaven and in earth.

And so, if you had been one of those who lived in any of the centuries that have gone before (and you were now with the unnumbered multitudes who lived and died hoping for eternal life under perfect conditions), you would have wished to live in the days of the only One who ever did, or ever could, or ever will have it in His power to bestow that unspeakable gift. You would have wished to live in the days of the Son of Man.

And So You Were Like Nathanael

Nathanael Bartholomew was not a great man, as the world counts greatness, and never pre-

tended or desired to be. He was just a common, ordinary man who wanted to be right and do right, and he was hoping the great hope that had been instilled in him by his parents and other teachers that a great Savior would soon make His appearance and he and all such might thereafter and for ever be delivered out of the hands of all their enemies and serve Jehovah God without fear of death or any other evil, in holiness and righteousness, forever and forever. The apostle John always calls Nathanael by his proper name; all the other sacred writers called him Bartholomew (son of Ptolemy).

Nathanael was born at Cana, five miles north-east of Nazareth, on the road from Nazareth to those cities at the head of the sea of Galilee where Jesus lived (Capernaum) and where most of His mighty works were performed, there and at Chorazin and Bethsaida. Cana and Nazareth were some twenty-five or thirty miles distant from the three cities last named, which are all within a radius of five miles of each other.

The word "Bethsaida" means "fishing town". It was the happy fortune of that town that Jesus selected three of its residents, Peter, Andrew and Philip, to be His disciples. Jesus was at the convention of John the Baptist at Bethabara and was just about to accept an invitation to the wedding at Cana. A day would be required to make the journey. The day following would be the wedding, near His old home town of Nazareth, when the story opens as recorded in John 1:43-51:

"The day following, Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou

shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man."

Nathanael Was a Man of Prayer

Nathanael was a man of prayer. He was "found" by Philip, as Philip himself was "found" by Jesus. Both were sought after. Both were previously known. Probably both were followers of John the Baptist, and had been baptized of him, confessing their sins. Both, without a doubt, were friends of Andrew, Peter, James and John, who lived in Philip's own town, and probably by this time the whole convention knew that John the Baptist had pointed out Jesus as "the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world".

The record seems to show that this finding of both Philip and Nathanael was at Bethabara, in the valley of the Jordan, some thirty or more miles from their home, and an equal number of miles (nearly) from Cana and Nazareth. Here was one of John's favorite places for baptisms; thousands were in attendance. Twice at this convention John the Baptist had called attention to Jesus as the Lamb of God. It is not so easy to "find" people at a convention of thousands of earnest seekers after truth. This was demonstrated recently at Washington.

At any rate, even before Nathanael was "found" he was alone with God under a fig tree, and doubtless upon his knees, away from all prying eyes, asking God to direct his course. He did not assume to know it all. He knew he needed guidance. He was ready to be taught of God. He was ready to be led. He wanted only to be led in the right way, and he prayed that God would help him, that he might make no mistake in something so vital.

There are two ways that Jesus could have seen Nathanael. The most natural one would be that He had seen him with His natural eyes when Nathanael withdrew from the others to pray for guidance; the other would be that, by the ministrations of the angels, a miracle was performed, and an act of television was performed two thousand years ahead of time, by which Jesus saw him no matter where He himself chanced to be at the moment. At any rate the identification was complete, and according to the will of Jehovah God, who 'sets the members in the body as it pleases Him'.

No Miracles Yet Performed

No miracles had yet been performed by Jesus. John and Andrew stayed at His lodging place the day when Jesus was identified as the Lamb of God. The next day Peter was located, and the day following, Philip and Nathanael. It is probable that the very day that Philip and Nathanael were found, all five were on their way home. They may all have gone back to the head of the sea of Galilee, some forty-five or fifty miles, by way of Cana, and probably did. In any case it is likely that Nathanael went along with Jesus to the wedding which was to occur at his birthplace. Probably the people that were to be married were well known to Nathanael; they were certainly well known to Jesus, because Jesus' mother seemed to feel and to show considerable responsibility for the happy management of things pertaining to the marriage festivities.

At the conclusion of the marriage festivities, after the water had been turned into wine, and the ruler of the feast had praised the wine as excellent, the account says: "This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples [the four, including Nathanael, summoned within the past three days] believed on him. After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples."—John 2: 11, 12.

It was a happy party that went down from Cana to Capernaum; but one of the happiest of all, it is easy to understand, was Nathanael. One day he is praying that he may not go astray in following the one pointed out by John the Baptist as the Lamb of God; the next (or possibly the same day) Philip finds him and tells him that they have really found the Christ, he invites him to come and see that it is really true, and Jesus comforts his fluttering heart by telling him that He knows he is a lover of God, guileless and true, that He saw him under the fig tree, and that he shall have still greater evidence that He is all Nathanael supposed Him to be.

That very same day "Jesus would go forth into Galilee", and it is exceedingly probable that the whole group of five went along to the wedding. What an opportunity that would be for Nathanael and all the rest, to ask questions, but, above all, to listen to the One who spake as never man spake!

The Curious Promise

In Nathanael's mind there would be Jesus' curious promise, (Hereafter)* "ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man." How could that be fulfilled? When would it be fulfilled? Would there be more than one fulfillment? He would wait and see.

It is not necessary to alter the story by even one word to see the first fulfillment. It took place at Nathanael's birthplace, at the wedding at Cana of Galilee, where the first miracle was performed. Nathanael there had it clearly revealed to him that the angels of God acting as Jesus' messengers always have access to the face of the Father which is in heaven.

When Mary came to Jesus saying, "They have no wine," it may be that Nathanael took the matter to God in prayer, or he may have heard Jesus do so. In any event the angels of God "ascended"; they had access to the Father's face; heaven was opened to them; and the result followed that Jesus had predicted. They descended upon the Son of man with commission from the Most High God to turn the water into wine, and well they fulfilled their commission.

Subsequently, on the night of the betrayal, Nathanael heard Jesus say: "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions [120,000] of angels?"—Matthew 26: 53.

It is not claimed for Nathanael that he was a man of strong faith; rather, his faith was weak. But he had a good heart, and Jesus said, "These are they that have received the word into good and honest hearts." And because he had a good heart, and because he wanted to do right and be led in the right way, and asked to be led in that way, he got his heart's desires.

It All Hinged upon His Obedience

But it all hinged upon his obedience. He prayed for guidance. That prayer was answered by Philip's coming to him and telling him of the great 'find'. It sounded too good to be true. Nathanael had come from Cana, of which, it might almost be said, Nazareth was but a suburb. He knew the town did not amount to much. He knew it was mentioned in the Scriptures.

When he obeyed he got the blessing. First he had the unspeakable privilege of meeting the One who would die for him that he might live;

then he heard that One commend him for his guilelessness, and for his secret prayer for guidance before Philip found him. Then he (most probably, following the record as it runs) walked with Jesus a day's journey to Cana; then he saw with his own eyes a miniature fulfillment of Jesus' promise about 'the angels of God ascending and descending upon Him' with their gifts from heaven.

But it did not stop there. The next day he was with the disciples that trudged another day's march to Capernaum. Then he was with Jesus the rest of His earthly life. He (along with Peter, Thomas, James and John) was one of those who saw Jesus after His resurrection.—John 21: 2.

He did not leave any record except that of his obedience, recorded by John. What more could he leave? Is not that enough? Now he is for ever with the Lord. Does he now see heaven's portals open to the wishes of the Son of God, now at the temple for judgment work? What think you? Why, you see that yourself. Does he see the angels returning with their gifts, the gifts of an understanding of the prophecies, and the guidance of God's true remnant on earth further and further in the way that leads to the vindication of Jehovah's name, the Happy Day? You know he does. You know that he is himself a treasured part of the organization of the great Jehovah God, one of those privileged to inquire forever and forever in the temple. "And still new beauties shall he see, and still increasing light." And all because he was obedient.

"Bloody Sweat" Demonism in Italy

IN Cosenza, Italy, two young women this spring are alleged to have exuded blood profusely from their faces on Good Friday; one of these has had this experience eleven consecutive years, so it is claimed. While there have been frauds in Italy in such matters within very recent years, and such frauds have been mentioned in *The Golden Age*, yet it is quite possible that these two cases are not frauds, but are genuine manifestations of demonism, made public to hold poor creatures in bondage to a devilish ecclesiastical system, and to dishonor God by falsely making it appear that He is interested in seeing others sweat a bloody sweat, as Christ did at Gethsemane.

* Sinaitic and Vatican MSS. omit the word "Hereafter".

Bunk, Buncoed, and Buncombe

The Kellogg Peace Pact

WHY, yes, to be sure, there is the Kellogg Peace Pact, originated in the United States, that denounces war as immoral and declares against it as an instrument of national policy. Ethiopia, threatened by a powerful murderer already at its very door, happened to think of the Kellogg Pact, and drew it to Uncle Sam's attention. And Uncle Sam, with sublime hypocrisy, sent back a note that he could not believe that Italy would do such a thing. But on the very same day Mussolini stood on top of a cannon and said that Italy would not be turned aside, and on the very same day the United States ordered out of Ethiopia all the 125 American citizens who then were there. And thus endeth the Kellogg Peace Pact.

Ethiopia Would Prefer British Rule

IN AN address at London the Ethiopian minister to London, Dr. Azaj W. C. Martin, let fall the statement: "In any case, if worst comes to worst, I think my people would rather be under the just and considerate administration of Britain than Italy." And perhaps that is what may happen, temporarily. The Ethiopians are up against it. Of the emperor's fleet of twelve

planes only five can get off the ground at all, and if one should go up in the sight of Italy's air force the aviator in charge would be dead before he reached the ground. Ethiopia, humanly speaking, has no chance whatever. The trained lions which once sat on either side of the king, and which on occasion could be used to dispose of unwelcome guests, are now replaced by dogs.

Selassie's Priests Like All the Others

SELASSIE's priests are like all the others. They have been going about among the Ethiopians and assuring the young men who will be slain that those dying for their country will be sure of heaven. Talk is cheap, and a priest is paid to talk. No man would cheerfully urge an other man to die, while he himself stayed in the rear, except for good and sufficient compensation. It goes in Ethiopia, the same as in all other lands where this century-old fraud is perpetrated, that the priest is in the priest business because it is a relatively safe and exceedingly well paid job. As far as the common man is concerned, the priest cares nothing whatever what becomes of him, and would not even pray to get him out of a purgatory bake oven without being paid for it.

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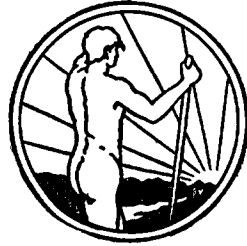
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Fascism (Catholic Action—the Inquisition) in Pennsylvania

School Children Clubbed, Choked, and Refused Toilet Privileges Between Beatings. Men and Women Teachers of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, Catholic and Protestant, Beat Mercilessly the Little Ones Who Dare Put Jehovah God Ahead of the Flag. Doctors Refuse to Examine Bruises and Welts. Principal Taunts Children Privately for Feeling Pain, and Publicly Because of Their Love for and Obedience to Jehovah God. Little Folks Face Blackboard Two-and-a-Half Hours at a Stretch, Threatened with Imprisonment in Religio-Political Institutions, and Their Nervous Systems Wrecked. An Exceptionally Competent Teacher, Main Support of a Family of Eight, Dismissed on the Edge of Winter Because She Dared Exercise Freedom of Worship. Hitlerizing of the United States by Open and Secret Connivance of Priests Now in Full Swing; Has Support of Professional Politicians, Flag Wavers, Grafters and Associated Press.

JEHOVAH GOD is the God of Peace. "Now the God of peace be with you all." (Romans 15:33) "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly." (Romans 16:20) "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you." (Philippians 4:9) "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly." —1 Thessalonians 5:23.

Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace. "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 [Roth.], The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."—Isaiah 9:6.

Satan the Devil is the opposite of all that Jehovah God and Jesus Christ His Son stand for and represent.* He it is that is "that crooked serpent" (Isaiah 27:1); he it is that sowed the tares among the wheat. (Matthew 13:25, 39) He it is that is the father of lies. (John 8:44) A murderer. (John 8:44) The ruler of the darkness of this world. (Ephesians 6:12) The spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience.

"WHAT PROTECTION?"*

"But constitutions can be changed, and non-Catholic sects may decline to such a point that the political proscription of them may become feasible and expedient. What protection would they then have against a Catholic State? The latter could logically tolerate only such religious activities as were confined to the members of the dissenting group. It could not permit them to carry on general propaganda nor accord their organization certain privileges that had formerly been extended to all religious corporations, for example, exemption from taxation."

[Taken from "THE STATE AND THE CHURCH" (page 38). Written and edited for The Department of Social Action of The National Catholic Welfare Council by John A. Ryan, D.D., LL.D., Professor of Moral Theology at the Catholic University of America, and Moorehouse F. X. Millar, S.J. Imprimatur Patrick J. Hayes, D.D., Archbishop, New York, 1922.]

(Ephesians 2:2) And he it is that offered Jesus all the governments of the world, and the glory of them, including their flags, if Jesus would fall down and worship him.—Matthew 4:8, 9.

The People of Jehovah

The people of Jehovah know that Satan will perish. Not only will Jesus "destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil" (Hebrews 2:14), but the Devil's works also, including the governments he offered to Jesus, will be destroyed. "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."—1 John 3:8.

The reason why the people of Jehovah have ranged themselves on the side of Jehovah and have thus exposed themselves to all the fiery darts of the wicked (Ephesians 6:16) is that Jehovah's side is the side of righteousness and truth, of love and justice, of nobility and generosity toward all.

The people of the Devil have ranged themselves on the side of the Devil, partly because they have been deceived by him into thinking

*See footnote on page 191.

that he is the true God, and partly because in their fallen condition they love strife and murder, force and hypocrisy, forms and ceremonies and entertainment.

No doubt, when Cain killed Abel, Satan and Gog and the nephilim (rebel angels) approved the murder and thought that Cain did just right.

When the earth was filled with violence in the days of Noah, these evil ones were glad to do all they could to help it along.

That they tried to destroy Isaac, the typical seed of promise, is certain.

That they sought the death of righteous Lot is also certain.

When Esau set out to kill Jacob, the Devil and the evil angels no doubt goaded him on.

Would anybody now say that it was other than the Devil and his associates, visible and invisible, that dragged Joseph away from his aged father and cast him into a dungeon in the land of Egypt?

Who is there that would now presume to justify the devilish persecutions of the Jews in Egypt, the Pharaohs even seeking the death of the babes as soon as they were born? The most that can be said for Pharaoh is that the newborn infants were put to death mercifully. Apparently they were not tortured in the manner set forth in the running subheads beneath the title of this article.

The Fires of Moloch

In the land of Canaan, prior to the days of Joshua, patriotic Canaanites burned their babies to death in the brazen arms of the god Moloch, and that all seemed quite right to the Devil and the Devil's associates in the invisible realm and in Canaan itself. But this torture of the children to death (see again the subhead of this article) was very displeasing to Jehovah God. "And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am [Jehovah]." (Leviticus 18: 21) Incidentally, if anybody wishes to know the real reason why all the nations were destroyed out of the land of Canaan, read the entire eighteenth chapter of Leviticus and see the things of which these children of the Devil were guilty, besides torturing their school children at the behest of the clergy of that day.

The whole book of Esther shows how the Devil, acting through a suitable Judas by the name of Haman, undertook the destruction of

the entire Jewish people—another attempt to destroy the line from which Jesus was born according to the flesh. Similar attempts at destroying the line were made as recorded in the book of Ruth and elsewhere.

The book of Job, from end to end, sets forth the Devil's methods of seeking to destroy the people of Jehovah, and their children, but at that time the Devil had not been able to think of anything as mean as was recently done at Canonsburg, Pa. Read once again the headlines at the beginning of this article.

Consider how the Devil sawed Isaiah asunder for telling the truth and worked upon his royal highness Zedekiah to sink Jeremiah in muck in a wellhole because he dared to proclaim the name and the message of Jehovah God.

In the Days of Daniel

What a record the book of Daniel provides of the attempts of the Devil and the Devil's politicians and clergy to destroy Daniel and his three companions, who had purposed that they would not defile themselves by eating of the king's meat, previously offered to idols. Since an idol is nothing in the world, some would say this was overconscientiousness on the part of these four men. But not so, for the name of Jehovah God was involved, and Daniel and his friends risked their lives when they went on the plain diet which they preferred, in lieu of the diet prescribed for them, which they refused.

The same spirit on the part of the Devil and his minions can be seen in the conspiracy against Daniel's three friends on the flat refusal of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego to bow down to the image in the plain of Dura, and in the subsequent futile effort to have them destroyed in the flames.

Yet once again see the vicious ungodly attempt to interfere with Daniel's freedom of worship and which had for its objective his death in the lions' den.

In the Days of Jesus

Consider how Herod sought the death of Jesus while He was still a babe. Mark the successful plot against the life of John the Baptist. See the triple temptation of the Devil against Jesus, any one of which, if complied with, would have resulted in His destruction, and one of these was this very matter of falling down before the Devil in an act of homage which can properly be given only to Jehovah God. See the repeated

attempts of the scribes and Pharisees, the hypocrites, to catch Jesus in His words, to get Him into trouble with the Roman government, to destroy His influence with the people, to entice Him away from the path of self-sacrifice, which latter enticement at the hands of Peter the Lord expressly denounced as the work of the Devil. (Mark 8: 32, 33) And, finally, see the work of Judas, after the Devil entered into him; and see even the attempt of the Devil, through his representatives, to prevent Jesus' resurrection by placing guards at His tomb.

Jesus warned His disciples that He sent them forth as sheep in the midst of wolves, that they would be brought before governors and kings for His sake, that they would be hated of all men, that some would be killed and crucified, some scourged in the synagogues (churches), some persecuted from city to city, some beaten, some betrayed, and some thrust into prison.

All this was exactly fulfilled. Those familiar with the Acts of the Apostles remember how they were threatened and commanded to speak no more in the name of Jesus; how they were beaten in the presence of the Sanhedrin; how their leaders were put to death and they were scattered abroad everywhere; how they suffered tribulation, distress, persecution, nakedness, peril, sword, hunger, thirst, had no certain dwelling place, were defamed and made as the filth of the world and the offscouring of all things. They were beaten with rawhide whips, beaten with rods, were stoned, shipwrecked, robbed, attacked by their own countrymen, attacked by the heathen, attacked in the wilderness, attacked by false brethren and by the bitter cold. And they were thrown into prison, they were robbed of all their earthly possessions, and were finally put to death, some of them by crucifixion—all the work of the Devil and the clergy.

The Ambassadors for Christ

Foreign ambassadors are exempt from saluting every flag except their own.* Jehovah's witnesses are ambassadors; their citizenship is in heaven. They are not expecting any mercy from the Devil or the clergy; they have had none, and

*Are not foreign ambassadors exempt from saluting the American flag? And if so, where is the consistency in demanding such procedure from ambassadors for Christ? Anyway, the best method for people to honor a flag is to live up to the principles upon which a nation is founded, and not by going through some hypocritical ceremony. On account of just such hypocritical practices as that, we have in the world today millions of religious and other hypocrites camouflaging their real heart sentiments. —A. Z. Becker, Pioneer.

will get less. Their rights proceed from Jehovah God, and not from man, and Jehovah God will see that they receive what protection He considers best for them to have for the prosecution of the work He has given them to do.

Among all the people in the United States there are no citizens more truly loyal than Jehovah's witnesses. Although they include representatives of every tongue and people, they include a surprising number of persons whose ancestors have been in this country 300 years and more and were making roads and building stone walls while the ancestors of the people who now wish to run the country were but slowly emerging from the pall of stygian darkness of priest-ridden Europe.

It is just as well now as any time to remind the Roman Catholic Hierarchy that of the thirty forms in which the flag of the United States has existed, five of them bore the motto "Don't tread on me", two of them bore the motto "An Appeal to God", one bore the motto "An Appeal to Heaven", two bore the words "Liberty or Death", four more bore the word "Liberty", and one bore the word "Hope".

Just at hand, in the Columbus (Ohio) *Citizen* of November 16, under the subhead "Courageous Souls", occurs the following:

"To salute a flag," Judge Rutherford said in a radio address about a month ago, "means, in effect, that the person saluting ascribes salvation to what that flag represents, whereas salvation is of Jehovah God." Judge Rutherford went on to say that at the present time more than 1200 of Jehovah's witnesses are in prison in Germany because they refused to shout "Heil Hitler!" From our own contacts with these people at two of their international gatherings held here we would say that they are definitely of the stuff of which martyrs are made.

Primitive Christians were the same as Jehovah's witnesses. They counted not their lives dear unto themselves. It was the law of the Roman realm that Caesar be considered a god. Caesar's title was Pontifex Maximus. The early Christians, because they were ambassadors for Christ, refused to shout "Ave Caesar" or "Salve Caesar" or "Hail Caesar", and were therefore butchered to make a Roman holiday.

The Masterpiece of the Devil

After the death of the Lord and the apostles the Devil executed his masterpiece of all time by gradually weakening the power of the Ro-

man emperors and removing their headquarters to Constantinople so that he could, and did, make the ambitious bishop of Rome his personal representative. He bestowed on this bishop, who assumed to be the successor of Peter, but was really the spiritual successor of Judas, the title of Pontifex Maximus. He did this because he fully believed that the best way to dishonor Jehovah God's name in the earth would be to have the service of Jehovah God appear in the eyes of the people as a shameless thing seeking the favor of earthly potentates, conniving to take their place in the minds of the people, teaching doctrines that outrage every sense

of justice and decency and parading around in satin slippers and robes fourteen feet long, the most perfect personification of hypocrisy that it would be possible for the mind of the Devil himself to conceive.

In this issue there is presented a full-page cartoon entitled "Catholic Action (the Inquisition) Four Centuries Ago". Examine it carefully and judge for yourself what the Roman Hierarchy is, what it does, and what it intends to do. It is the boast of the Devil that he never changes, and it is a fact that the Roman Hierarchy openly declares its purpose to destroy all Protestants as soon as it feels strong enough.

Protestant Press Bureau.

Tract No. 68

Priest Admits Truth.

THE Pauline Fathers, while conducting a mission in St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, in New Brunswick, N. J., in May, 1901, had as one of the features a question box. One Friday night the following question was found therein:

"Does the Roman Catholic Church regard Protestants as heretics, and does it not believe and teach that heretics should be punished, even unto death, if necessary?"

It was answered by Rev. Harney as follows:—"In a way I say Yes. Certainly the Church does consider Protestants as heretics, in a way. A formal heretic is one who knows he is perverting the truth of God and the Roman Catholic Church. No one, by sinning himself, should be allowed to lead others into sin.

"I do not doubt, if they were strong enough, that the Catholic people would hinder, even unto death, if necessary, the spread of heresy (such errors), through the people, and I say rightly so.

"As human society protects itself against the murderer and the man who proves to be a traitor to the Government, so the Church of God has a right to protect itself."

On the Sunday following this meeting, a reporter for the *New York Herald* interviewed the priest and in that interview Father Harney stated that his remarks on the Friday evening, as given above, were correct. He said they expressed his personal convictions, and were in accord with those of the Roman Catholic Church.—From the *Washington Fellowship Forum*, May, 1934.

Father D. J. Phelan, editor of the *St. Louis Western Watchman*, was received in special audience by the Pope in 1905 and 1913. Said this celibate in the *Watchman*: "We would like to rack and quarter Protestantism; we would like to impale it and hang it up for crows to build nests of; we would like to tear it with pincers and pierce it with red-hot

[P. T. O.]

A Brief History of the Dark Ages

In addition to the reading matter on the cartoon, be it noted that in the conduct of the Roman Catholic Inquisition violation of women was a cardinal privilege and practice of inquisitors, who, being above the law and answerable only to themselves, could commit such crimes

irons; we would like to fill it with molten lead and plunge it into hell fire a hundred fathoms deep."

"The only true Church" is quite as offensive in this Protestant country as it is abroad. Father H. Lester, S.J., wrote as follows in the Pope-blessed *Universe* of 9th March, 1923: "We have said before and we say it again — Protestantism isn't a religion, it is a disease. The Church has to deal with those affected with the disease as a physician deals with a case of smallpox, or a dentist with a decayed tooth."

Cardinal Bourne, the Pope's chief representative in the British Isles, took a solemn oath (printed in the *Daily Telegraph* of 1st December, 1911), in which he promised "to combat with every effort heretics and schismatics and those rebelling against our Lord the Pope and his successors."

Public men, ignorant of Rome's uncharitable speech and action, sometimes patronize Papal functions. The Church of Rome teaches plainly that the Protestant Churches are "from the father of lies and therefore displeasing to the God of truth." They little know the sort of thing they are helping on—a grossly intolerant and offensive foreign system—"the Italian Mission" (to use the *Church Times*' description).

Let us hope that a perusal of the Bureau's tracts will open the eyes of the offending public men and women (Rome vilifies the fair sex. See the Bureau's Tract No. 4) — and that in future they will have nothing whatever to do with what Charles Dickens (no bigot) rightly described as the "most horrible means of political and social degradation left in the world," and John Ruskin as "the most debasing and degrading of all creeds," while that great Roman Catholic authority, Cardinal Newman, simply stated the truth when he confessed that "the Catholic Church is encumbered with its connection with moribund nations." Let that suffice!

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with impunity. Even the king of Spain dismissed complaints on this matter sent him by whole towns and boroughs, because it would decrease the number of victims and cut into his percentage.

As in Europe the property of the condemned was seized to keep the Inquisition going and the king in pocket money, so in the United States, the wealth of the nation is being seized through colossal appropriations to build up an organization and keep it going.

Simple folks used to go to Rome to buy immunity from the fires of the Inquisition from the pope and were ignorant of the fact that the pope and the inquisitors had an understanding on such matters, and that the immunity wasn't worth the paper on which it was written. They realized it gradually as the fire began to rage around them.

It must be strikingly evident to any student of history that the Inquisition had more to do with settlement of America than all other factors put together. They came here in thousands to escape the clutches of the Hierarchy. Hence the expression, "Free America." And as no country can escape the ravages of these fiends, America is next. It is to be noted that Germany resisted the Inquisition but is now fully under its dominion.

King Philip, of foul memory, celebrated his escape from shipwreck, and his marriage to Isabella of France, in a general *auto-da-fe*, wherein 66 distinguished "heretics" were burned before his eyes. These human victims, chained to the stake, were the blazing torches which lighted the monarch to his nuptial couch.

Victor Hugo estimated the number of victims of the Inquisition at five millions, it is said, and certainly the number was much greater than that if we take into account, as we should, the wives and husbands, the parents and children, the brothers and sisters, and other relatives of those tortured and slaughtered by the priestly institution. To these millions should properly be added the other millions killed in the wars precipitated in the attempt to fasten the Inquisition upon the people of various countries as The Netherlands and Germany.

Wrath upon All "Desirable Banners"

No prophet is more often quoted by the Lord Jesus Christ than the prophet Isaiah. Notice the following plain statement that in the day of Jehovah, now here, His wrath is upon all, to men of the world, "desirable banners," all the flags of all the nations of the earth, and because it is important for men to know some of the other things upon which the wrath of Jehovah now rests, the entire passage of Isaiah 2:11-21 is here given as it appears in Rotherham's translation:

The lofty looks of mean men shall be humbled, and the haughtiness of great men shall be bowed down,—and [Jehovah] alone shall be exalted in that day. For a day of [Jehovah] of hosts shall be upon every one

who is high and lofty,—and upon every one who is lifted up and he shall be brought low; and upon all cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up,—and upon all the oaks of Bashan; and upon all the lofty mountains,—and upon all the uplifted hills; and upon every high tower,—and upon every fortress wall; and upon all the ships of Tarshish,—and upon all desirable banners. And the haughtiness of mean men shall be humbled, and the loftiness of great men shall be laid low,—and [Jehovah] alone shall be exalted in that day. And the idols shall wholly pass away; and they shall enter into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of clay,—because of the terribleness of [Jehovah] and for his majestic splendour, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day shall the son of earth cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold,—which had been made for him to worship, into the hole of the mice and to the bats; that he may enter into the clefts of the rocks, and into the fissures of the crags,—because of the terribleness of [Jehovah] and for his majestic splendour, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Does not the foregoing scripture warn all that—

The wrath of God is now upon the red banners of Russia, Morocco, and Zanzibar?

The wrath of God is upon the red and white banners of Japan, Turkey, Tunis, Peru, Denmark, Poland, Danzig, Monaco, and Switzerland;

The wrath of God is upon the red and blue banners of Haiti and Liechtenstein;

The wrath of God is upon the red and green banner of Portugal;

The wrath of God is upon the red and black banner of Albania;

The wrath of God is upon the red and yellow banner of Andorra;

The wrath of God is upon the red, white and black banner of Germany;

The wrath of God is upon the red, white and green banners of Italy, Hungary, Bulgaria, Mexico, and Persia;

The wrath of God is upon the red, white and blue banners of Great Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United States of America, Philippine Islands, Cuba, Panama, Liberia, France, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Chili, Czechoslovakia, China, Iceland, Luxemburg, Costa Rica, Norway, Siam, The Netherlands, Paraguay, and Yugoslavia;

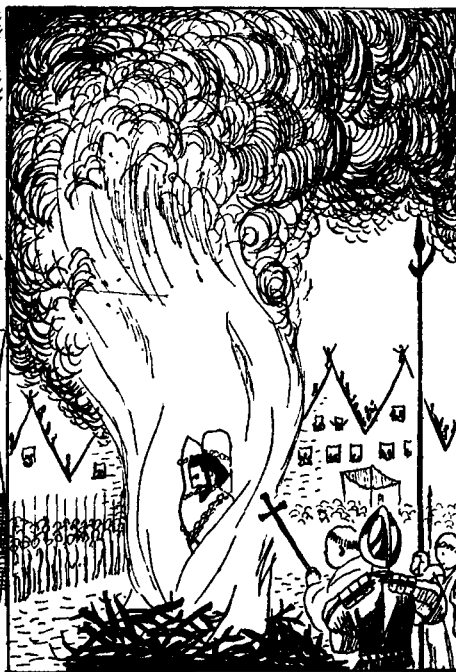
The wrath of God is upon the red, blue and yellow banners of Spain, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, and Rumania;

The wrath of God is upon the red, yellow and green banners of Bolivia, Ethiopia, and Lithuania;

Catholic Action (the Inquisition) Four Centuries Ago

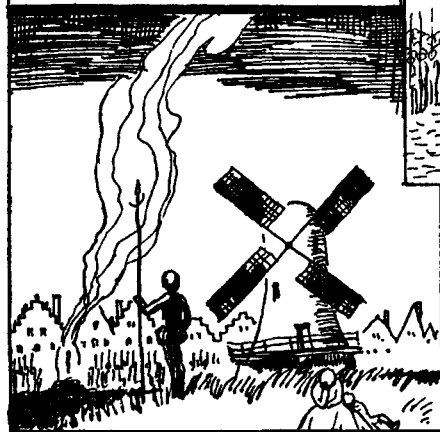


During the reign of Constantine the bishop of Rome (the pope) acknowledged himself to be the son and heir of the Christian-persecuting Roman emperors, by adopting the title Pontifex Maximus, A.D. 312-337.

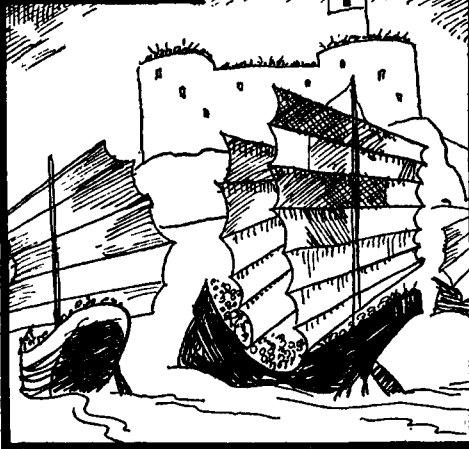


Among those that suffered martyrdoms of burning alive and beheadings because they denounced the mass, the trinity and the pope himself as antichrist were Peter Waldo, John Huss, Rogers, Tyndale, Jerome of Prague.

Important to note that their brethren were called after the name of their leader, such as . . . Hussites, Waldenses, etc.



Spanish monarchs carried the Inquisition into the low countries and, as stated in their records, burnt all who refused to recant Protestantism, and beheaded all who abjured it. Five million lost their lives, said Victor Hugo.



In 1540 the Jesuits began operations in Japan, using methods parallel to Hitler's, creating such turmoil and persecution that they were expelled. Lafcadio Hearn wrote of it: "They had brought to Japan nothing but evil: disorders, persecutions, revolts, political troubles and war."



1501. Even children were not immune from inquisition. Isabel Ortalano, age 10, Inesita Garcia, age 9, and Jos. Rodriguez, age 8, were burned alive.

Bartholomew's Day, August 22, 1572: Without warning the Hierarchy struck a blow at Protestantism in France. 100,000 souls were butchered "as an act of faith". It is accurately reported that the streets literally ran with blood.

THE INQUISITION

The mercy of the Inquisition was more to be dreaded than its condemnation, since the mere arrest of a "suspicious" person was enough to condemn him, his descendants and relatives for generations to an infamous life as social and political pariahs.

"Now in a hundred market-places in Europe the dignitaries of the church watched the blackened bodies of its' victims, 'for the most part poor and insignificant people, burn and sink pitifully.' —Wells' Outline of History.

ROMAN CATHOLIC "HOLY INQUISITION" FOUNDED A.D. 1231. TORTURE TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE APPROVED BY INNOCENT IV 1232. JUDGES WERE GENERALLY DOMINICANS.—Webster.

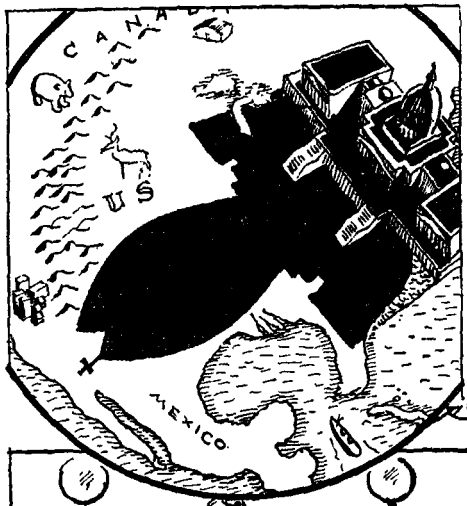
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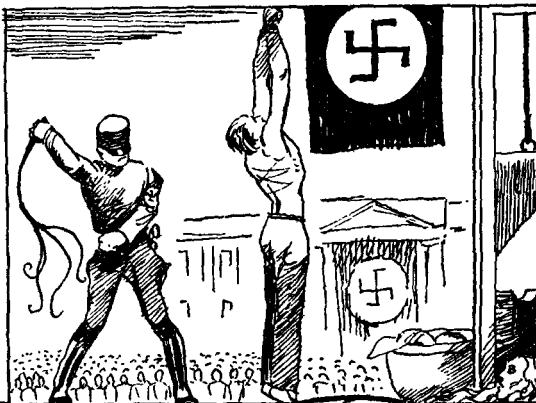
1481-1517. During a period of 56 years, fifteen to twenty thousand so-called "heretics" were burned alive by the Inquisition in Spain. 200,000 others suffered torture, exile and confiscation. When the supply of Jews and Protestants ran low, they turned on their own people.



Catholic Action (Fascism—the Inquisition) in A.D. 1935



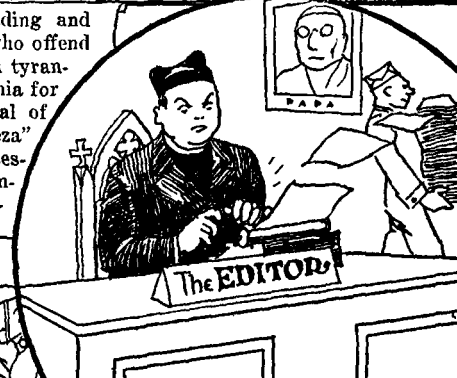
In Washington, D.C., methods used by the president and his aides are purely Hierarchy methods. To those men or organizations that threaten the prestige of the president they offer the threat of a Congressional investigation. Such an investigation would imply improper conduct of the investigated and would turn them over to an angry populace for political or commercial death by boycott; a kind of excommunication, as it were.



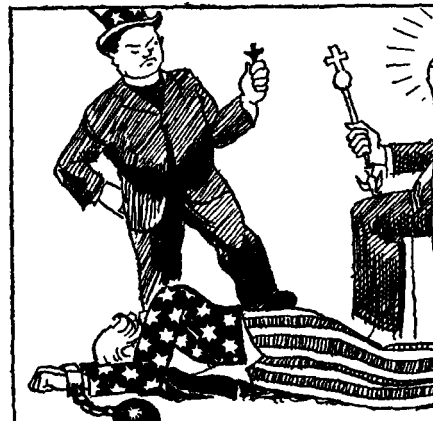
In Germany, flogging, beheading and torture are meted out to those who offend or question Hitler's inquisitorial tyranny. The Hitler government's mania for "pure Aryan blood" is a revival of what in Spain was called "Limpieza" when almost every person's ancestry was examined for the condemnatory trace of Jewish or Moorish blood.



As in the Inquisition's rule of action (the "heretic" was tried by torture and turned over to the secular arm for execution), so today Catholic priests and their henchmen, judging Jehovah's witnesses as guilty of a crime against the "holy faith", turn them over to cringing magistrates for punishments of fines and imprisonments.



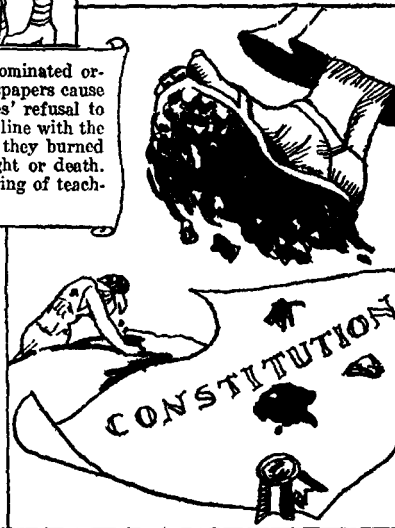
Roman Catholic newspapers hail Roosevelt as Pontifex Maximus of the pope's encyclical, otherwise known as NRA, AAA, etc. These alphabetical organizations are well calculated, by threat and coercion to force every person or organization to acknowledge the president as Supreme Pontiff without appeal and without liberty of censure.



Just as the king of Spain sold his subjects to the Inquisition to gain their wealth, so today we find Roosevelt selling the free citizens of the United States to a Papal program of absolutism and commercial and political chaos, in return for the support of that diabolical organization.

To create hatred and prejudice, the Catholic-dominated organizations, school boards, news agencies and newspapers cause the motive and importance of Jehovah's witnesses' refusal to salute a flag to be misunderstood. This policy is in line with the lying conduct of the popes and inquisitors when they burned in effigy those who escaped their clutches by flight or death. Whipping and expelling of children, and discharging of teachers, reflect the brutal character of the instigators.

In various state capitals, laws putting the clergy above public censure or questioning have been passed, or are awaiting passage. Just as the inquisitors were above the law, religious or state, and could commit any crime with impunity, no matter how dastardly, because they answered only to themselves for all they did.



The wrath of God is upon the red, yellow and black banner of Belgium;

The wrath of God is upon the red, black and green banner of Afghanistan;

The wrath of God is upon the red, white, black and blue banner of Manchukuo;

The wrath of God is upon the red, white, black and green banners of Transjordan and Iraq;

The wrath of God is upon the blue and white banners of Greece, San Marino, Finland, Argentina, Uruguay, Guatemala, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras;

The wrath of God is upon the blue and yellow banner of Sweden;

The wrath of God is upon the blue, black and white banner of Estonia;

The wrath of God is upon the blue, orange and white banner of South Africa;

The wrath of God is upon the green and white banner of Egypt;

The wrath of God is upon the orange, green and white banner of the Irish Free State;

The wrath of God is upon the green, black and white banner of Syria;

The wrath of God is upon the green, yellow and blue banner of Brazil;

The wrath of God is upon the brown and white banners of Austria and Latvia;

And finally, and most emphatically, that the wrath of God is upon the gold and white banner of Vatican City?

Hundreds of Other Flags

Besides the national flags or territorial flags mentioned there is the so-called "church" flag with a cross on it; there are boy scout flags; there are regimental flags for possibly every one of the thousands of regiments of soldiers all over the earth; there are fifty steamship lines plying out of New York harbor, each with its different flag; there are thousands of college flags, and municipal flags; there are numerous state flags, business flags and other flags galore; and if any one of these flags presumes to demand or is willing to accept the worship which belongs to God alone, then the wrath of God is upon that flag as well as upon the banners under which men go to war in their violation of the everlasting covenant.—Genesis 9: 1-6.

The salute of the Roman legionnaires consisted of stretching out the right hand, *palm upward*, toward their leader (*dux*, *duce* or *fuehrer*), Caesar Divus (deified Caesar), who

was also their pontifex maximus (high priest), and thereby doing homage to the representative of Satan, the god of this world, and of shouting "Ave Caesar!" or "Salve Caesar!" the same as "Heil Hitler!" is today obligatory in Germany or "Viva il Duce!" in Italy, accompanied by the old idolatrous salute of pagan Rome.

Now compare this with the "American Flag Code, adopted by the Flag Convention of June 14, 1923" as published by The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C., in their *Manual of the United States*, 1930, page 29:

"Pledge to the Flag." "The following is a pledge to the flag of the United States: 'I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.' The pledge is repeated facing the flag, with the right hand held over the heart. At the words 'to the flag', the right hand is extended, *palm upward*, toward the flag. This position is held until the last word is spoken. Persons in uniform should render the military salute."

When the gladiators of Pagan Rome, who were about to slavishly shed their lifeblood on the sand of the arena for the sadistic pleasure of their perverse ruling class, entered the Circus Maximus, they extended their right hand, *palm upward*, toward the royal box of the emperor and shouted: "Ave Caesar, morituri te salutant!" (Hail Caesar, the ones who are about to die salute thee!) Today that homage of Roman slaves, which has now been revived by Romanists in America, takes on a most ominous significance. Rome herself makes no effort to conceal her murderous plans.

In Preparation for the Inquisition

To re-establish the Inquisition in the United States, as is now being done, necessitates the full control of means by which the people may be reached with information or misinformation. The mob spirit is easily aroused. Though Jesus fed the hungry, healed lepers and paralytics, drove out demons, gave sight to the blind, opened deaf ears and raised the dead, Satan's publicity department aroused the mob to spit in the face of Jesus, crown Him with thorns, strip Him of His clothing, nail Him to a tree between two thieves, and mock Him in His death agonies. The mob spirit is never far below the surface.

The servant is not above his master. In the World War the newspapers of the United States fanned millions into temporary insanity by the

skillful construction and publication of falsehoods. The House of Morgan guaranteed to the French government that they would put the United States into the war on the side of the allies, and they did. Ask George Creel.

At the moment, the Devil, Gog, his prime minister, and his various mouthpieces, operating at the behest and under the direction of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, are determined that Fascism (Catholic Action) shall take the place of liberty in the United States. To that end it is necessary to seize the schools. This seizure is now under way. The following item is from the Newark (N. J.) *Evening News* of November 13, 1935, setting forth a portion of this plan for the Garden State.

Delegates to the Essex Division, Newark Federation of the Holy Name Society, meeting last night at St. Joseph's School Hall, indorsed a resolution sponsored by Rev. Dr. Ralph J. Glover, head of the Associated Catholic Charities, at the recent crime conference calling for religious instruction in all schools. The delegates authorized Thomas M. Kane, head of the legislative committee, to advocate at the next session of the Legislature legislation requiring all persons to salute the American flag. Officers were nominated to be elected next month.

Pennsylvania Children May Be Murdered

Residents of the Keystone State will be interested to know that politicians guided by the Devil make it possible for a teacher to murder a pupil and go scot-free. All the teacher has to do is to convince the court there was no malice in his act of murder. Now let Americans who wish to get a good look at what will happen in the United States when The Associated Press has succeeded in fully subordinating this country to the pope consider the following report of happenings in Canonsburg in the week of November 4, 1935. These sufferings were brought upon these innocent children by the willful and malicious arousing of the mob spirit in Canonsburg, Pa., by George A. Anderson, editor of the *Daily Notes* of that city.

Anna Prinos. (Teacher, Miss Ruth Aiken, Protestant, daughter of Presbyterian minister.) Anna was whipped with a stick about 3 by 24 inches by $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in thickness. Five or six strokes were administered at one time, and seven or eight later; in all, fourteen strokes were given. Whipping administered in presence of principal, another teacher and school janitor. Monday morning Principal Earl S. Davidson grabbed Anna by the throat with both of his hands and shook her repeating "When I make orders I want them obeyed", and as he repeated this statement he

tightened his grip. This grip was such that next day deep marks and bruises were seen on her neck. She tried to shake him off and prevent his choking her entirely, but he overpowered her. After this, Anna was sent out of the room into the hall and she started to cry because of the severe treatment she had received at the hands of Davidson. Just then her own teacher, Miss Aiken, came along and inquired what he had done to her, and on being informed of the circumstances, said to Anna, "Pull yourself together; we don't think you are sincere," and with a pat on the back, passed on down the hall. Later Anna was ordered to go down to the basement, to the boiler room; and knowing what it was for, and due to the nervous strain she had been under during the administration of the choking in the classroom, she asked that she might first go to the toilet. This request was refused, and she had to take the beating first! Miss Aiken herself did the beating. Each time Anna jerked she was informed she would get that much more. The girl is 13 years old but is as big as most 15-year-olds. The bruises and marks of welts raised on Anna looked like raw liver, and next day she could scarcely sit, because of the pain. She had to be taken to a doctor. Four Canonsburg doctors were approached to make the examination, but all, being in the clique with the Canonsburg school board, refused, and she had to be brought to Pittsburgh for the examination. She reported for school Wednesday and Thursday, and Thursday was told to stay at home "until called for".

Pauline Prinos. (Teacher, Miss Marcella Reagan, Catholic.) Pauline is 12 years old. She too was whipped, with the same stick used on Anna, and the whipping was administered in the boiler room of the school basement. Five strokes given first time, and, three days later, eight more by Principal Davidson, Miss Reagan having administered the first beating. Davidson is a former president of Kiwanis. He was so brave he held little Pauline's hands behind her back so she couldn't wince, while he struck her with the stick. Following this severe beating he made her sit in the corner from 11:00 until 12 o'clock, and several times asked if she would salute or did she want to go to Morganza. Later he told her to go home and not come back "until called for".

Ruth George, nearly 13 years of age. (Teacher, Miss Viola Laskowski, Catholic.) Monday the teacher told Ruth to stand in the corner until the salute exercises were over. Teacher then asked her if she would salute the flag, and upon being informed she could not change her mind, the teacher said Ruth would in later years regret the stand she had taken. Miss Lesknowski told Ruth that her mind was made up, too, and for her to go to the basement. Principal Davidson walked down with them. He offered a good deal of advice about saluting the flag, gave his own viewpoint, and then told Ruth that if she goes out and sells these books, now that she isn't saluting the flag, the people will not buy them. He compared Judge

Rutherford to the monkey getting the chestnuts off the stove, and these children as workers were the cats getting burned, and told her that when they get into Morganza Judge Rutherford will come along and pat them on the back and say "Poor people" and then forget all about them. (This latter statement was made before the entire class after she had returned from the basement.) During the beating operation, when Ruth cried he mockingly said, "I thought Jehovah's witnesses didn't feel any pain," and then he told her teacher to continue the beating. Had to be taken to the doctor on the fourth day, and doctor thought the bruises "pretty bad".

Timothy George, 11 years old. (Teacher, Miss Elizabeth Rush, D.A.R.*) Principal Davidson and janitor were present while Miss Rush beat Timothy in the boiler room of school basement. He too was told that Jehovah's witnesses were not supposed to feel any pain. When Timmey started to cry and back up the principal asked if he had to hold him. So Timmey stood his ground and suffered nine more strokes. The beating wasn't all on the spanking place, one severe bruise being across the boy's leg, about four inches below the hip, and this mark he carried on him for a week following the beating! Child is very nervous as the result of treatment and the threats of taking him from his parents and placing him in Morganza; so much so that he screams out in his sleep, and after eating cannot retain food for any length of time. Tuesday he was not able to attend school, but Wednesday morning his parents sent him again. When the principal found him there on Wednesday he said, "Timothy, go home until you are called for; how many times do I have to tell you?" While getting his books ready to leave, principal said, "Hurry up, before I give you another paddling." The Pittsburgh doctor examined him on Friday and said after five days there was 2½ inches of damage, a bad bruise, still on the boy's leg.

Further Reports on the Tortures

A further report on the little Greek child just named says he is "a dear little fellow" and

"is in such a state of nervousness he can neither eat nor sleep properly. As soon as he eats he throws up his meal, and in the night he screams out in terror,

*D.A.R. DIDIES FOR CANONSBURG KIDS

Now that our patrioteers have beaten up the kids in the primary grades, when are they going to start on the kindergartners? And when that is done, I suppose our patrioteers will start a move for the compulsory use of the star-spangled diaper.—Morrison Sharp, in the *Boston Herald*.

(This is not stretching it so much as might be imagined. In Chicago, which is now thoroughly Romanized, and where the Catholic teachers in the public schools make it so hot for Protestant teachers that they have to get out, a child was dismissed from the kindergarten October 31 because she refused to salute the flag. LISTEN! You can hear the carpenters at work on the scaffolds and the knife-makers hammering out the guillotine blades.)

thinking he is getting another beating in the school basement behind the hot water boiler!! The children are all very nervous about the thought hanging over them of being taken off to a house of correction and further ill-treated. One of the little girls who was whipped so severely had blisters on her back that looked just like raw liver, and before these were gone her mother sent her back to school and another whipping was administered".

Further reports of the terrible sufferings brought upon these particular children of Jehovah's witnesses as a result of the activities of The Associated Press, Attorney General Margiotti,* and the Canonsburg *Daily Notes*, are as follows; and those who remember their school days will know that the humiliations here described caused real suffering to them as well as to Jehovah's witnesses and to the One who took the little ones in His arms and blessed them and said, "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Timothy George. As soon as he entered the room and did not salute the flag the teacher told him to stand in the corner facing toward the blackboard. He stood there two and one-half hours, and in the afternoon he had to stay in one-half hour after school and did not come home until late. The teacher threatened him and said she would paddle him if he did not salute. He said, "If you kill me, I won't salute." One day they had a test but she did not give him credit, but gave him a zero on his lessons. The principal had him in the hall for two hours, which was the principal's punishment in addition to that which the teacher gave him. He has to stand for two and one-half hours for every day he refuses to salute the flag.

Ruth George. The teacher kept her after school one-half hour in the afternoon and evening. She got zero for her work. She was forced to write "I pledge allegiance to the flag" ten times on paper and on the board. The teacher, Miss Lesknowski, Roman Catholic, never calls this pupil by her name, but calls her "disgraced child" and "anarchist". She threatened to paddle her but did not do so. She was taken into the presence of pupils of three rooms to answer questions that the principal asked concerning the flag which are not really for a child to answer. The teacher told the other children not to associate with her. This pupil has a bank account at the school, but after this incident the teacher would not let her bank any more, so Ruth decided to take her money out. In order to do so, the children must have a pink slip signed by the teacher; but the teacher would not sign the slip so that she could get her money out, and the principal would not sign it either. The principal, Mr. Davidson, made the statement that if he had his way, he would thrash the children until they did salute the flag.

*Ill with acute indigestion at Harrisburg November 22, and probably a poor insurance risk.

Anna Prinos was forced to write "I pledge allegiance to the flag" ten times. She is being passed up in her lessons although she did not receive any zeros; she was merely passed up when it was her turn to read or spell or recite. They also threatened to whip her.

Pauline Prinos was taken to the front of the room facing the other children and forced to salute the flag five times. They passed her up the same as the others in her studies. The first day that she refused to salute the flag, she misspelled one word and the teacher paddled her for it. Her teacher, instead of calling her by name, calls her "disgraced child".

The Inquisition All Over Again

As was their duty, the law-abiding parents of these children sought redress in the courts, only to learn of the Pennsylvania "law" that their children can be murdered by teachers and there is no redress. At the same time, Jehovah's witnesses visited every home in Canonsburg to give the people an opportunity to read the address by Judge Rutherford on the subject "SALUTING A FLAG", which address appeared in *Golden Age* No. 420. The Associated Press five times asked for the information contained in that address, but gave it to the public in garbled form. Their action was that of women, not men, and not very good women at that.

The presiding judge, Brownson, of Washington county, Pa., decided that the children remain with their parents, and recommended that they attend school and at flag-saluting time be segregated from other children; but McVay, the school-board superintendent, held the recommendation of the court in contempt and refused to allow the children to return.

Immediately a threat was made that these children, unusually intelligent, unusually conscientious, and always hitherto obedient, should be incarcerated in state penal institutions on charges of incorrigibility because they could not be forced to worship the American flag.

Similar acts of terrorism were perpetrated against little ones of Jehovah's witnesses at New Salem, Pa., Royal, Pa., Nemaquin, Pa., Gates school, German township, Pa., Minersville, Pa., and many other places, under Attorney General Margiotti's jurisdiction.

At New Salem, Pa., two little children were expelled from school; the teacher of these children was a Roman Catholic; the next day the father of the children was discharged from his job. This is the normal course of inquisition, as administered by the Roman Hierarchy wherever

they can control rulers and sources of public "information". The Nemaquin children were whipped until they were black-and-blue. One of these little fellows, a dear little boy named Lewis Wiekiewicz, who will not be ten years old until next February, was put on the stand, and testified as follows:

Q. You went to school and refused to salute the flag? Why? A. It says in the Bible not to salute a flag.

Q. What does it say in the Bible? A. It says not to bow down to anything.

Q. Do you think it is just the same, to raise your hand or bow down? A. Yes.

Q. Did your father ever tell you not to salute the flag? A. No.

Q. After your principal told you to go home, at that time what did your father tell you about saluting the flag? Did he say you should or should not salute the flag? Did he ever tell you that you ought to salute the flag? A. He said, if I wanted to, to go ahead and do it, if I wanted to. He teaches it is wrong.

Q. Did your father ever tell you not to go to school? A. No.

Q. Did he ever tell you to go to school? A. Yes; he wanted me to learn.

Q. When your principal told you to go back home, did he say anything to you about going to school? Did he (referring to father) say in any way that you felt he wanted you to go to school? A. I did go, and they sent me back home because I would not salute the flag. I wanted to go myself.

Q. You did not go because if you went you would be just sent home because you would not salute the flag? A. Yes.

Another Brutal Attack on the Kids

It is wholly unreasonable to expect just or honorable treatment at the hands of the Roman Hierarchy or of anybody that is under their control, directly or indirectly, as is the school board at Canonsburg, Pa.

Do you remember how, when you were a child, you dearly loved the good teacher who, in the early days of life, helped you to determine to do what is right, though the heavens fall? Such a teacher, refined, intelligent, and comely withal, was Grace Estep, of the Canonsburg school, but she is there no longer. The tools of the Hierarchy, in this instance particularly McVay and editor Anderson, were out to take her life as a teacher, and took it. Grace Estep was almost the sole support of a family of eight: the father has no work, and one son, younger than Grace, draws small wages. Her family has lived in

Canonsburg, Pa., for fifty years. Her father went through the same schools in which Grace taught, and when the Rome-controlled school board removed her from her position because she failed to salute the flag, they took the living away from the family and to all intents and purposes are murderers.—1 John 3:15; Proverbs 22:22, 23.

It is necessary for school teachers to use their brains, but school boards, like other boards, are long and narrow, and wooden.

The National Education Association, Washington, D.C., in the October (1935) *News Bulletin*, published by the department of classroom teachers, resolved to unqualifiedly oppose all legislation requiring loyalty oaths of teachers, students or any other special groups, and manifestly did it because they can see that the present trend is to drive the United States into the most devilish form of government ever existent upon the earth, the form represented by the Ratti-Mussolini government in Italy, or the Ratti-Hitler government of Germany.

Canonsburg Appeals (Indirectly) to the Pope

The middle of October, when the Canonsburg *Daily Notes* had started mob hysteria against Miss Estep, Dr. H. S. Pease, the president of the school board, which school board subsequently flatly refused to be governed by the court advice, to educate the expelled children pending settlement of legal questions involved, appealed to Attorney General Charles A. Margiotti for a ruling in the case. Margiotti, being a papist, and therefore not a good American, showed his Roman Catholic proclivities and sympathies. (See *Golden Age* No. 423, pages 136, 137, and the interesting comments there on the refusals of William Penn, William Tell, and the prophet Daniel, respectively, to kowtow to King Charles II, the tyrant Gessler, and old King Nebuchadnezzar.)

When the *Daily Notes* began its campaign to destroy Miss Estep as a teacher the young lady's first communication to the editor of that sheet was as follows, and speaks for itself:

The account given in last night's *Daily Notes* of my refusal to salute was not presented in a very just manner. I should like this chance of explaining the situation to those of you who have always been my loyal friends.

The paper states that I am reported to have refused to require the flag salute. That absolutely is not true, as I was never asked to require the salute. The

truth of the matter is, it never occurred to me. No flag salute is required in high school, and none is required in college (except, perhaps, spasmodically). Being unused for six years to having the salute brought to my attention, it never entered my mind to have it when I began teaching. During the years I've taught the principal has been in my room at various times while I was having opening exercises, and never noticed that I didn't have flag salute. As soon as it was brought to my attention, I began having it daily. Does that sound like refusal? And I have broken no state law; for the code does not require this. Section 629 requires simply—in regard to flags—that one should be displayed upon or near each public school building, and also that a flag be displayed within each building.

I, personally, do refuse to salute the flag. We are told in the Bible to give honor, or allegiance, to no man and to nothing man-made. All glory and honor are Jehovah God's, and a Christian would be committing a sin in worshipping the flag, just as the three who were cast into the fiery furnace would have been committing a sin had they worshiped the golden image which Nebuchadnezzar set up.

I am not a radical nor a "red", as you who have known me all my life certainly know. I appeal to the parents of the girls and boys who have been in my room: has there ever been a time when your children have learned anything radical or unpatriotic in my room? You know there has not been. And they have been taught as much about the principles of our country and about our great men as have the children in any other room. I am probably a great deal truer to the principles for which that flag stands than are many of those who are so determined to have me "bow down and worship" the emblem which they "have set up". Do not misunderstand—I would never show any disrespect to the flag nor to the fine principles it represents. But as a Christian, and also one of "Jehovah's witnesses", I cannot give honor to anything man-made.

As a Christian, I am also opposed to militarism—to the taking of human life. The same flag, flying so peacefully over our school has—together with the much-saluted emblems of other nations, and in direct disobedience to the commandment "Thou shalt not kill"—flown over masses of men gone mad with the lust for blood. We cannot salute the flag of love and peace without saluting as well the flag of horror and hate and destruction, for they are one and the same.

"Reverence" for the flag does not necessarily produce high ideals and honest, unselfish patriotism. In fact, 'most everyone who gives the salute and repeats the pledge does so mechanically, giving little or no thought to the significance of it. And many of those who are the worst enemies of the country's welfare make much ado of saluting the flag and are vociferous in their championship of it. Why not? "They think

they shall be heard for their much speaking." I appreciate that ours is the greatest nation in the earth, but the liberties guaranteed its citizens are being trampled on by some who use the flag hysteria to forward mass action for the furtherment of their own selfish ends. They seem to forget, they and these heads of high patriotic organizations, that we have a Constitution which guarantees religious freedom.

It seems that a person may be a liar, a swindler, or a racketeer; he may be thoroughly unprincipled, thoroughly immoral, and still be accepted as a good American. But let it be discovered that he is a Christian, and he is branded immediately as an undesirable citizen. Yet it was on the principles of Christianity that this nation was founded.

If there are any parents of pupils who have been in my room who feel that their children have been demoralized by having had me as their teacher, I wish they would say so.

In fairness to me I expect the paper to carry this letter.

GRACE A. ESTEP.

Eagerness to Destroy the Estep Family

The eagerness of the Canonsburg *Daily Notes* to destroy Grace Estep as a teacher may be judged from the fact that four of its silly editorials on the subject run a total of fifty inches. There is no use to reprint these "editorials", but they are unmanly and ignoble to the last degree. They resulted as hoped and intended. The one in the *Daily Notes* of November 4, 1935, is particularly exasperating to a man. It says, in part (George A. Anderson is the editor):

Now that the Estep case has been settled insofar as the school board is concerned, and the teacher who refused to take part in the customary salute of the flag has been dismissed, to take effect next week, it is hoped that the unpleasant affair will be allowed to die and that the general operation of the schools of the borough will not be seriously affected. The teacher has the right to be heard, if she cares to appear before the board. It is not known what her decision will be on this phase. It is believed that if she is acting independently and because of her personal convictions, she will drop the matter. If, however, she is being prompted by some central personage connected with the cult calling itself "Jehovah's witnesses", the organization might capitalize on the local situation by forcing the case into court. There have been instances similar to the local one in various parts of the state and the country. Others, however, involve students only. There is a possibility that there is a concerted movement under way to bring the cult into the limelight and nothing would be more inviting to them than a court trial with all the fanfare and eloquence that

usually attends such procedure. Any controversy involving interpretation of the Bible is bound to attract attention and if the radio broadcaster at the head of the cult can succeed in getting a public airing, he stands to gain a nation-wide publicity of incalculable, although somewhat questionable, value.

A Cowardly Squawk

Anderson's above cowardly squawk speaks for itself. Here is a man cowardly enough to get a woman out of a job, and then has the gall to hope that she will "drop the matter". That is like a gangster that binds and gags his victim and warns him not to make any outcry. Nevertheless, the editor of the *Daily Notes* probably learned something on Sunday, November 3, when Jehovah's witnesses covered his city with *Golden Age* No. 420 and the same issue which contained the foregoing editorial also contained the following letter:

I am hoping you will have the what-it-takes to give this the same space as occupied by your Thursday's front-page editorial. I was in my fifth year of attending, strictly, quietly, and well, to my business of teaching the second grade, when you began shouting an alarm to your public and pointing in horror to my classroom. And now, when attracted by your shouting and pointing, the Pittsburgh daily papers send their camera men and reporters to try and find out for their public what it is all about, you begin crying out that I and my friends are seeking publicity. The smallness of such contemptible vindictiveness as your kind has displayed should shame men of any moral stature. And what a pity it is that some people who have so much to say haven't the nerve to write above their own signatures, but must hide their cowardly venom behind the screen which someone else affords—a transparent screen, however.

You may think that the ultimate has befallen me when you shall have assisted in accomplishing my dismissal—and I have indeed cherished my teaching privilege above most things in life—but I claim a share in the comforting assurance of the last verse of the fifty-fourth chapter of Isaiah. Read it, and think it over.*

Also a lifelong treasure will the memory be of my association with the children whom I have had the pleasure of teaching. They have proved that they will remember me lovingly and gratefully in later life.

These are the things that you and your kind can neither give nor take away.

Sometime the people may reclaim their schools from the rule of jingoism and return to the business of educating children.

GRACE A. ESTEP.

*Miss Estep is now happily employed elsewhere, teaching the children of Jehovah's witnesses.

Associated Press Caught in Another Lie

The New Britain (Conn.) *Daily Herald* of November 7, 1935, contains a dispatch from Canonsburg, Pa., November 7, marked "A.P.", containing the following paragraph: "If you weren't so dumb," she told the board members, "you would do a little investigating and become members yourself." Miss Estep denies that she ever made any such statement, and inasmuch as her whole concluding statement was made in written form to guard against Anderson's lies, and inasmuch as it was published in full in the Washington (Pa.) *Daily Reporter* of November 8, it is reproduced herewith; and The Associated Press can explain this also, if it will, in connection with the other lies about Jehovah's witnesses, which it has told and is telling throughout America.* Let every honest American read Miss Estep's statement and see that she did not make the statement she is alleged to have made.

I have come to the hearing tonight, not because I expect any measure of consideration or justice from any of you, but because I greatly resent having my course of action laid out for me by our local newspaper.

There can be no honest complaint concerning my efficiency. And I have not refused my pupils the right to salute the flag. They carry on the entire exercise quietly and efficiently themselves. That I did not participate would never have been noticed, especially in view of the fact that pupils are taught from first grade on to take a highly personal interest in many classroom activities, and to carry them through wholly independent of the teacher. If the words they are taught to repeat mean anything to them, the benefit derived from their saying them will be the same regardless of who does or does not take part. If the words thus repeated mean nothing to them, then they are a useless mummery and the participation of the teacher would add no value.

I agree that the school authorities should see to it that they safeguard our schools against radical and alien powers and influences. But under neither of these can I be listed. In fact, our organization has done more than any other group in America to check the growth and rule of a foreign power in this country. You have treated me as an undesirable citizen, yet there can be no doubt in your minds that I am a good American citizen—my ancestors have been in this

****The Busy Writers of Lies***

"Alas! for them who ordain iniquitous decrees,—and busy writers who make a business of writing mischief: turning aside from judgment the poor, and robbing of justice the oppressed of my people, so their widows become their spoil, and of the fatherless they make prey. What then will ye do for the day of visitation, and for the devastation which from afar shall come? Unto whom will ye flee for help? And where will ye leave your glory?"—Isaiah 10: 1-3, *Rotherham*.

country much longer, probably, than most of yours. I have lived in this town for 19 years and received all of my education here except for two years spent in college. I am not a loud-mouthed, hypocritical patriot with an axe to grind, but I am a loyal, law-abiding citizen and you've never had reason to think otherwise. This being the case, there is no logical reason for your acting as you have except prejudice.

This entire rabid situation has been based on narrow unreasoning prejudice. I want you to know that I know you are not acting in accordance with any state law. The disposition which you make of such cases as arise is entirely based upon your wishes in the matter. You have attempted by misconstruing relevant factors to make it appear that you have no choice in the matter. But that is ludicrous, coming on top of the issue which you have seen fit to make of the whole thing since it first came to your attention.

The personal aspect, so far as at least one of you is concerned, has been the dominating factor from the very first, deny it as you might. This animosity has been a driving force allowing you [McVay] to feel no measure of shame.

For the rest of you, you have worked under the eager guidance of organized patriots. They have a very strange idea about what goes to make up good citizenship. Such flag-waving hysteria is always accompanied by threats of violence and acts of cruel coercion. Instances of where pupils have been beaten for refusal to participate in an oath which is against their religious convictions are examples of this. In other instances mass violence and punishments which would do credit to the Dark Ages have been advocated. They all display a very un-American-like spirit, yet of such stuff are these organizations and their exponents composed. And if you should be able by bulldozing and browbeating to compel a person to salute the flag, just exactly what do you think you have accomplished? How much love of country and respect of flag do you think you have instilled in them by your coercion? And how many degrees do you think you have raised yourselves in the esteem and respect of anyone else who has knowledge of your actions? Loyalty and devotion cannot be compelled. And realizing this, the whole argument in favor of compulsion by corporal punishment, ridicule, or dismissal falls to the ground. Can you expect to be recognized as exponents of liberty or justice while engaging in such persecution? For your own good you should not allow unreasoning hatred to outweigh common sense.

We have been taught to pray, 'Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is done in heaven.' That time will come shortly, and when it does there will be no place in the scheme of things for those who would deal in persecution of others. Remember the words of Jesus, and search your own consciences while remembering them: "As ye have done it unto one of the least of these . . . ye have done it unto me."

GRACE ESTEP.

Baptism

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

IF A MAN believes on the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior, is it necessary for him to then be baptized in water? Yes; and when you understand the purpose of baptism you will readily agree. When Jesus reached the age of thirty years He met John at the river Jordan and requested John to baptize Him in the water. John at first declined, because he did not understand the purpose. Jesus replied to him: 'Thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness'; and then John baptized Him. The baptism of Jesus in the water was an outward testimony that He had agreed to do the will of God. Jesus said: 'Lo, I come to do thy will, O God.' 'My meat is to do the will of him that sent me.' (Psalm 40:7, 8; John 4:34) When Jesus came up out of the water, the Scriptures say, 'a voice from heaven was heard saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.' Thus God expressed His approval of the act of obedience on the part of Jesus.

Believing on the Lord Jesus Christ does not mean merely a mental conclusion that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of the world. It means much more than that. It means that the person agrees to be governed by the will of God and not by the will of another. Belief, therefore, includes the act of consecrating oneself to God, which means an agreement to do the will of God, thus exercising faith. In that manner the person is justified, and, being justified, he has access into the favor of God. (Romans 5:1) In order to continue to receive the favor of God he must continue to do the will of God. He having agreed to do God's will, the proper thing for him then is to declare, confess and witness that he has so agreed; and this he does by submitting himself to be immersed in water. The real baptism is the consecration or agreement to do God's will, and the water baptism is the outward confession in the presence of witnesses. Baptism is therefore a proper step for every person who has given himself to God through Christ Jesus.

Jesus sent His disciples forth with the commission to teach the people and to baptize them.

(Matthew 28:19, 20) It is the duty of every one who is a witness for Jehovah to teach his fellow creatures the truth, which includes the privilege of baptism, and which baptism is administered in the name of Jehovah and Christ Jesus and of the holy spirit.

Does that mean that every person who is baptized in water is baptized into Christ's death? No; because only those are baptized into Christ's death who are accepted by Jehovah as a part of the sacrifice, begotten of the spirit of God, and called to be members of the royal organization of Jehovah. Concerning such it is written, in 2 Timothy 2: 'If we be dead with Him, we shall live with Him; if we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him.'

There are many persons who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ but who are not called to a place in the kingdom of God, yet love God, and desire to serve Him. All such who have agreed to do the will of God give evidence of such agreement by performing the symbol of water baptism. Then having agreed to do the will of God such persons must study His Word and thereby grow in knowledge and an understanding of His will. In this manner one takes his stand on the side of God and Christ and continues to maintain his integrity toward Jehovah.

Who may administer baptism to another? Are the services of a clergyman required? The services of a clergyman are not required. Any man who has consecrated himself to do the will of God may act as administrator in baptizing another. Is it necessary for that administrator to use any form of words at the time of baptizing another? No; it is not necessary for him to use any words whatsoever. It is proper before administering water baptism to say to those who are about to be baptized words to this effect: "You have confessed that you were born sinners, have exercised faith in God and in Christ, and at your request I will baptize you by the authority of God and Christ Jesus exercised in the spirit of the Lord." Should those who claim to be Jonadabs be baptized in water? Yes, if

they have consecrated themselves to do the will of God. By that means they declare that they

have taken their stand on the side of God and His kingdom.

[The foregoing is No. 36 in a series of "five-minute" talks by Judge Rutherford. These have met with much appreciation. This unique series of talks on vital Bible subjects has been reproduced for the phonograph, and the records may be used on the ordinary type of machine. They are being widely used

for the home circle and for passing the Bible's message for today to neighbors, friends, acquaintances. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries concerning them should not be addressed to *The Golden Age*, but to the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.]

Jehovah's witnesses in the Fiery Furnace

Thank You!

EVERY reader of *The Golden Age* (in the United States and elsewhere) may share in the work of serving other readers by sending to this office whatever magazine and newspaper comment is seen in his locality concerning Jehovah's witnesses as well as other matters that will be of particular interest to *Golden Age* readers. It doesn't matter whether such comment is favorable or unfavorable. Perhaps you have read something and the first thought is to send it to *The Golden Age*. Then follows another thought: 'Oh, I guess not; somebody else will send it in.' So you pass up the opportunity, and perhaps nobody sends in that particular item. However, when you send in clippings, remember the necessity of giving the name and date of the paper or magazine from which each was taken. If you are inclined to save the labor of writing that information, a good method is to send the complete page on which the interesting material appears. Generally the name, place and date of publication are shown on each page of a periodical. Clippings on all matters of interest are appreciated, and *The Golden Age* takes this opportunity to thank those who have served by sending on clippings of all kinds. It would take too much time to acknowledge these individually, but they are appreciated none the less. However, do not ask that clippings be returned to you. If you want them back, better not send them at all.

Canonsburg May Learn Something

JUDGE HOWARD W. HUGHES, Washington county, Pa., on November 22 ordered the Canonsburg school board to show cause why the children of Jehovah's witnesses, who refuse to pledge allegiance to anything or anyone but God, should not return to school. Hearings were set for December 14. Canonsburg may learn something.

Unfairness at Canonsburg

IT IS difficult for the *Observer* to feel that the board of education of Canonsburg has handled the "salute the flag" cases, which have been reported in the news columns of this paper, with that judgment and fairness which should characterize such a public body.

How many of us who are past middle age ever saluted the flag? Is our love for country and the flag itself any the less because we were taught the spiritual significance of our love for our country and that the flag is merely the symbol of our devotion?

It seems strange, too, that any one in these enlightened days should be forced against honest religious convictions to do some act, the refusal of which is neither criminal nor immoral and not necessarily unpatriotic.

If there is one commonwealth which was founded on religious liberty it is Pennsylvania.

William Penn, the founder, suffered humiliation and worse for refusing to even take off his hat to the king.

One of the biographers of William Penn has well stated that the founder of this commonwealth was a lover of humanity. He desired above all else that some spot might be chosen where, under favorable conditions, purity and virtue might flourish till they appeared in bold contrast with the immoralities of the age, where freedom of religious belief and practice might be enjoyed and where truth and Christian charity might triumph over all that was narrow and persecuting.—Washington (Pa.) *Observer*.

Not All Hypocrites in Canonsburg

AS IT comes into my mind, I trust you will grant me the privilege of giving a school teacher of Canonsburg (with whom I have no acquaintance) due credit for her courage in a hypocritical world. She is at least privileged, under the laws of the Constitution of the U. S.

to worship God according to the dictates of her own conscience.

A safe road to travel at all times, and especially at this time, is along about the middle of two extremes.

A victory as ironized by an illustrious poet is not a complete victory (although famous) until all men, and all nations, have benefited thereby.

Loyalty to flag and country is all good and well; and who would be a traitor? but the continual waving of that flag is not conducive to righteousness. Many people today, especially among politicians, would salute anything that had any easy money in it, but when you find a person today turning down a salary for a standard of living, you may rest assured that you have found one more of a type that is almost as extinct as the dodo. H. G. Wells, the foremost writer and thinker of the day, sums it up this way in *Collier's* for May 18, 1935:

"The primary mental fact in the individual mind in the world today is reaction and resistance. This is most evident in the matter of war. We know that the next war is going to be a fundamentally different thing from the wars of the past. It is going to be a horror of mechanism, gas and pestilence that may go far to dissolve any thing like a civilized order altogether; and it is moreover as plain as daylight that it needs only the fiat of five or six great governments willing to fuse their foreign offices, for war to cease from the world for ever. But we do so love our waving flags, our competitive patriotism, the brave uniforms, and the band, that we cannot nerve ourselves for that strange new calm of a boundless world at peace. Even another world war may be needed before we bow to the plain logic of the situation."

When the next war is over, which is undoubtedly close at hand, the remaining people of the earth will be willing and ready for one God, one banner, having finally learned the lesson through thousands of years of bloody warfare, and almost annihilation.—C. Alton Horne, in the Canonsburg (Pa.) *Daily Notes*. (Tally one for Anderson.)

Good Catholics Would Salute

GOOD Catholics would salute the American flag any time. Of course they would. And so, and so, one reads about two of these gentlemen, in the Asbury Park *Evening Press*, and it is too good to keep:

"We doubt that Al Capone or the late 'Dutch' Shultz would have registered any qualms about saluting the flag. In fact, there are thousands of embryo gangsters in the schools now who would be among the first to salute the flag."

A Courageous Young Minister

BACKED up by the able and enlightened policy of both Washington (Pa.) city papers, O. J. Rishel, new pastor of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Washington, Pa., had this to say to his congregation about the outrages at Canonsburg, nine miles farther north:

"I understand this teacher had conducted her classes for five years without any complaints. She had been faithful to her trust.

"But some persons finally were small enough to start things and the school board of Canonsburg demonstrated their caliber and incidentally brought everlasting disgrace on their community by their action in dismissing her and suspending pupils.

"I personally salute the flag, but I don't think saluting the flag has much to do with making a good, patriotic citizen.

"I think the board took a despotic and miserably intolerant attitude that is unworthy of any true American."

League Against War and Fascism

THE American League Against War and Fascism, meeting in Pittsburgh, protested to Attorney General Margiotti of Pennsylvania, the state superintendent of public instruction, and the board of education of Canonsburg that the salute to the flag should not be required of those who have conscientious scruples. They also asked an end of Fascist propaganda in the United States, a boycott of Germany and German goods, condemnation of Italy's campaign of murder, and an investigation of the "white crusaders" bombing the homes of innocent colored workers in Washington county, Pennsylvania. Here is real work for Margiotti, and not with children, either.

Margiotti to the Contrary Notwithstanding

ACCORDING to the Constitution of the State of Pennsylvania, "All men have a natural and indefensible right to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of their consciences; no human authority can in any case whatever control or interfere with the rights of conscience." A school teacher who has pledged allegiance and devotion to Almighty God, "who does excellent work and is loved by her pupils," is an asset to any school board. It seems to me the Canonsburg school directors have committed an unjust overt act against a Christian young woman.—Mrs. F. S. Muffley, in the *Pittsburg Press*.

The Battle for Freedom

THE United States and England are the only two nations which really have a free press—free as we know that term in America.

There is also a constant struggle to preserve the right of free speech which is just as essential in a democracy such as ours as a free press.

Three hundred years ago John Milton, in his immortal work "Areopagitica", made a plea before Parliament for intellectual freedom which we enjoy as we do the freedom of the press and freedom of speech.

But as important as all of them is religious freedom, which is also guaranteed under the Constitution. Religious freedom takes precedence, in fact, to the freedom of the press and of speech in the Bill of Rights, the first article of which reads as follows:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; abridging the freedom of speech or of the press or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Even during war times a citizen who has conscientious scruples about going to war is exempt from service.

Yet we find in this day and generation a school board dismissing a teacher who refuses to salute the flag because of her religious convictions.

The countries of Europe, Germany, Italy and Russia, for example, are today regimenting their youth to conform to the ideas of a dictatorship. And there are those in this country who are trying to regiment individuals by compelling them to make certain physical tests to demonstrate their patriotism as well as to regiment industry, agriculture, business and even our educational system.

It is a system which, if carried out to its final and ultimate end, will mean the destruction of our individual liberty and the breaking down of our democratic form of government.—The Washington (Pa.) *Reporter*.

A Letter to Judge Rutherford

EUGENE H. CONKLIN, secretary of the Dayton company of Jehovah's witnesses, in a note to Judge Rutherford conveying the unanimous appreciation of the company on his address

"Saluting a Flag", said, in part: "While the address was not received in Dayton over the radio, we have had the privilege of reading it in *The Golden Age*, and praise our God for this thrilling message expressing Jehovah's will as recorded in His Word. We stand shoulder to shoulder with you in lifting high Jehovah's banner or flag, His message of truth. We appreciate that we are the most favored of all people on this earth, and thank Jehovah God for being so gracious as to give us some part in the witness work and to have the privilege with fellow publishers of obeying His command to 'lift up a standard for the people'."

Headlines Speak for Themselves

THE Topeka *Daily Capital*, under a three-column scarehead "Kansas News of General Interest", has a seven-inch story with a heading two columns wide and three lines deep reading as follows: "Scipio Priest Pictures Happy Germany Under Hitler Rule; Defends Jewish Persecution." It is not necessary to repeat the story; the headlines tell it well enough, and show plainly that the supposed tiffs between Hitler and the pope are all nonsense. Hitler is a Catholic and is the tool the pope has used to seize Protestant Germany in the death-grip of Fascism. The time for camouflage is now about over, and shortly the papers will be full of praise for Hitler as they are beginning to be for Mussolini. It is all part of a grand scheme to drag America prostrate at the chariot wheels of Vatican City.

Silliness and Injustice at Lakewood

REFERRING to the expulsion of a 13-year-old boy by the "Reverend" (you might know it) that runs the Lakewood (N. J.) school, A. B. Danner, in the Philadelphia *Public Ledger*, said, in part:

Personally, I think this punishment was not only utterly silly, but downright unjust. It is one of the most important principles of American freedom that the State shall not in any way interfere with our freedom of religious belief. Inasmuch as the schools are administered by the State, they should naturally refrain from any such interference. The punishment is silly because the mere act of saluting the flag does not inspire any patriotic feeling unless it is done willingly and wholeheartedly, and to be punished for something which is not wrong is apt to make the receiver of the punishment bitter against what he considers his persecutors; so more harm is done than good.

Fascism (Catholic Action) America's New "Religion"

The Finicky 1,000% Patriots

DID you read the news story of the 5 children out in Pennsylvania who face a term in a reform school? They didn't steal a cent nor destroy property. Neither did they assault anyone or do any of the many misdeeds for which children are sent to a reformatory. But they refused to salute the American flag! And for this they may be sent to an institution which will leave its imprint and stain on them for life.

Now the poor kids don't know hardly what it is all about. They happen to be from homes whose parents are members of a certain religious sect which believes in making obeisance only to God. And so, naturally, those parents instructed the children not to salute the flag. And so some of these 100-percent or maybe 1000-percent patriots are threatening to sentence the youngsters to a reformatory.

How these busybodies in patriotism can find things through which to show silliness! Punishing, so drastically, mere children for the matter of a salute about which they have no understanding. Will these children be more patriotic by sending them to such a school? Is the saluting of the flag such an act of patriotism? Is this shallow action of saluting a guarantee of our loyalty?

During the war we found many who stood very proudly on the street corner to salute the flag and then went and knifed the country in the back through profiteering. There are many "big fellows" who claim 1000-percent patriotism in wrapping the selfsame flag about them and in their economic and political policies are virtual traitors to their country. Now we are not condoning the lack of respect to the flag. But what particular difference does it make if a certain small religious sect feels that way? A trifling matter, but it does afford some of these ultra-patriots a chance to "shine" a bit.

We hope that American loyalty is more than saluting a flag. If these finicky birds want to search out disloyalty, let them go into the four hundred and elite who are undermining the moral structure of the land. Let them check up on the exporters who are trading with warring nations and who may cause America to be drawn into another war. Oh, there are so many real acts of real disloyalty that could keep them so busy that they would not even find time to bother with a few kids who failed to salute a flag.—Willmar (Minn.) *Daily Tribune*.

Mobilizing Nazi Sentiment

CASE after case of pupils failing to salute Old Glory are coming to public notice. Usually these cases wind up by throwing the offending pupil out of school. Now it seems to us that a pupil who refuses to salute the flag needs a lot more education in patriotism than the saluters, and that the practical effect of this drastic penalty is comparable to biting off the nose to spite one's face. But, then, wisdom is justified of her children, even as the Great Teacher taught two thousand years ago.

Locally, the Reserve Officers of our army establishment have gone on record as favoring the compulsory flag salute in the common schools. This confirms our warning that the enforcing of the flag salute has its military complications. Such enforcement now carries a distinctly military flavor. As we come to see the matter more clearly, the flag salute is an elementary military gesture, made compulsory at this particular juncture by chauvinistic educators as a step towards Nazism against which the heart of the true patriot recoils in horror.

Patriotism cannot be forced by hothouse methods. It is questionable whether saluting the flag is any indication of genuine patriotism which in America must root in democracy, for we find a child while saluting the flag would snicker at the suggestion that he oughtn't to take advantage of his comrade. Mock patriotism is worse than frank disinclination to salute. A child that has had the benefit of home training may see the hollowness of the performance—and have his intelligence insulted by unfeeling school sergeants.

Patriotism on parade occupies in many hearts the same low level as display prayers, and but little inspiration accompanies the saluting of the flag in company with rascals. And usually—if punishment is the main thing, as it appears to be—the non-saluter is punished adequately through ostracization by his fellows.

Through blundering (and we wonder whether the religious issue has not been injected by the school authorities against the non-saluters) the matter has been catapulted into state-wide prominence by the guardians of military patriotism that is far out of proportion to its deserts.—Altoona (Pa.) *Beacon*.

(The fact of the business is that this time the Devil has stuck his fingers into the tar and is having a mighty hard time getting loose.)

The Heresy of Heresies

Forces of Intolerance Gathering

CONFIDENT of their strength, forces are gathering to push still further the intolerance against which Jefferson warned the people of his day. A victory for intolerance is but the signal for a fresh assault. The assault is upon one of our principles of which we should be proudest, essential freedom within the framework of public good. The flag salute controversy follows naturally. An armed soldier, to tell you when to take off your hat, will follow just as naturally. This is the antithesis of that 'habit of freedom' which Jefferson extolled. It is the coercion of a people by fanatics.—Dr. Isaiah Bowman, president of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.

Patriotism by Compulsion

ROBERT MAYNARD HUTCHINS, president of the University of Chicago, says patriots are not made by compulsion. Perhaps that is too broad a statement for a generalization. It is quite possible that a Communist patriot, a Fascist patriot, a Nazi patriot can be made by the processes of suppression and compulsion.

We are quite sure, however, that an American patriot cannot be made that way, which probably is what Dr. Hutchins had in mind. We are forced to that conclusion because that method of patriot-making is foreign to all that America and its constitution and flag stand for. What that is has been expressed by numerous phrases, freedom of conscience, academic freedom, free speech, freedom of the press, freedom of religion. But it all sums up to the same thing, the liberty of the individual to his own private opinions, the liberty to form them by examining all the evidence available, the liberty to express them freely, even to the extent of criticism of those who occupy positions of political authority over him. That is the very cornerstone of our democratic republic.

Persecuting little children because they have been brought up in a cult with conscientious scruples against doing obeisance to a symbol of earthly authority, insulting teachers by questioning their good citizenship, harrying college students because in their youthful enthusiasm they may feel they have found something better than the existing order, these are not the way to promote the ideals of government of the people, by the people and for the people. What they do is only to ape the methods of those systems of

European government which we would avoid.

Dr. Hutchins traces the source of these persecutions to "the hysteria of those who want to do something but don't know what". That hysteria is born of a fear of something foreign to our own traditions, but it takes the form of flattering the foreigner by imitation.

However different their economic objectives may be, there is something strikingly similar about the political governments of Russia, Italy and Germany. The emphasis on military force, the suppression of free speech, the suppression of a free press, meddling with religion, the blood purge, are common to all of them. They are hateful to the American sense of civil liberty. They are no less hateful when the spirit which is back of them appears in our own land under the guise of protecting our own institutions from foreign influence.—*Omaha World-Herald*.

What Are They Trying to Hide?

THEY have actually been expelling little children from our public schools because these little ones have declined to salute the flag. Why did they do it? Because they felt we must have a ritual of patriotism?

Where, pray, on God's green earth should you put a child who declined to salute the flag unless it be in an American public school?

These people are trying to take charge of teaching patriotism in our colleges and universities. It seems that college professors have run amuck, that they are trying to start revolution in this country. The patriots of Massachusetts have taken us in hand.

We are obliged to take an oath to obey the laws of the state. No similar oath is required of newspaper reporters and editors, although they are engaged in education the extent of which greatly exceeds the feeble efforts of our colleges and universities. No similar oath is required of ministers, priests, physicians or of the children's fathers and mothers.

But the professors, the college professors, must take an oath. I still have enough of the blood of those old people (old New Englanders) in my veins to have a profound distrust of people when they develop new interests in ceremonies and symbols. I begin to wonder what it is they are trying to hide behind their rituals.—Dr. Tyler Dennett, president of Williams College, in an address in Cleveland, Ohio, reported in *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Monumental Foolishness

Rites and Rights

IF YOUR eight-year-old son refused to tip his hat to his mother, would you expel him from your home?

That sounds like a ridiculous question. Of course you wouldn't. You would patiently teach him respect for motherhood, so that he would appreciate the meaning of the symbol of that respect.

Yet in Massachusetts, children have been expelled from school because they will not salute the flag.

"Where, pray, on God's green earth should you put a child who declined to salute the flag, unless it be in an American public school?" said Dr. Tyler Dennett, president of Williams College, in an address the other night before the New England Society of Cleveland and the Western Reserve.

Dr. Dennett vigorously denounced the "cult of so-called patriots" who have been trying to take charge of teaching patriotism in our schools and colleges and universities.

His speech is of special interest to Ohio just now, because, down in Jackson, there is a demand for the removal of a school teacher because a fourteen-year-old girl made a pacifistic speech in which she declared that peace would come only when men refused to take up arms, even in defense of their own country.

We submit that this attempt to deny free speech to the pupil or her teacher is far more subversive than anything that was said in the speech under question.

The present trend towards gag legislation in state legislatures, the abridgment of civil liberties, the growing demand for goose-stepping, the repression of free speech and press—all these masquerade under the name of patriotism, a weird patriotism which substitutes symbols and mummery and abacadabra for educated appreciation and love for one's country. It is the elevation of rites over rights.—*Cleveland News*.

The Eight-Year-Old Fool-Killer

THE sort of professional patriotism that insists on people's flag-waving and rising in their seats at public meetings at great inconvenience, needed a fool-killer to come along and show how childish and ridiculous it is. And now one has arrived.

He is a little chap of eight years at Lynn, Massachusetts, whose parents belong to a sect

known as Jehovah's witnesses. The Lynn school authorities insist on their pupils' saluting the flag once a week. The Jehovah's witnesses don't believe in flag-saluting. Instead of excusing the little chap in the spirit of tolerance shown in Canadian school systems, the Lynn school board went into hysterics for a couple of weeks and then formally moved the expulsion of the eight-year-old from school. In so doing they break the law which insists on every child's attending school. To be logical and just, the school board members should now prosecute themselves for causing truancy.

When the city solicitor was asked by the board what effect the failure of the child to salute the flag had on his classmates, he replied: "It didn't seem to have any serious effect. The children are young and things went on as usual."

Apparently the eight-year-olds in Lynn, Massachusetts, have more common sense than the members of the school board.—Edmonton (Alberta) *Bulletin*.

Oath Law Repeal Sought

REPEAL of the Massachusetts teachers' oath law is asked in a resolution adopted by the Smith College chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

And repealed it should be, but can it be? We doubt it. However, it is well to stand up and be counted. The *Traveler* stands up, too, and is counted as for repeal of the law.

Let us warn you before you, too, stand up and are counted, that you run the risk of being dubbed red, radical and rebellious. Professional patriots, who get public office or sell newspapers by flag-waving, call everybody red who does not exhibit the externals of loyalty. However rotten a group is at the core, so long as it waves flags and calls opponents dirty reds, they, the patrioteers, anoint themselves and damn everybody else.

The professors and others who advocate repeal of the oath law must know that the flag-waving side of this debate wins most votes. So do the politicians. However, the law should be repealed, and it is good that we have men and women with the spunk to say so.—*Boston Traveler*.

(The editor of the *Boston Traveler* is a real editor. From the first he fought the silly Teachers' Oath Law, foresaw its evil effects, protested them when they arose at Lynn, and is now urging repeal of the monumental foolishness.)

The Cult of Cults

Making a Mockery of True Patriotism

IN THE Bismarck (N. D.) *Tribune* the editor goes after the spasm of flag legislation as follows:

For such a law makes a mockery of sincere patriotism. Someone should oppose it on the ground that it cheapens the sentiment which has caused thousands to lay down their lives for their country. It is a mockery of the spirit which brought the nation into being.

One suspects that such laws emanate in the minds of the 100-percenters, those sterling patriots who made flaming speeches during the late war—but stayed very comfortably at home; the men who stood on the curb as the troops marched away and adjured the “dough-boys” to “remember that we are behind you”, then went off to profiteer as much as possible.

True patriotism is hardly ever worn on the sleeve. It is something of which to be proud, but not a sentiment to be called up by rote every Tuesday. It is a thing which lights the inner being and spurs people to decent daily living in ordinary times and to deeds of valor in emergencies.

And it can hardly be called into being by weekly repetition of an oath in the schools, for familiarity breeds contempt and there is the danger of making a mockery of patriotism.

For that reason, someone should oppose such a law on purely patriotic grounds, just as true patriotism is repelled by the thought of compelling a Communist or other non-patriot to kiss the flag. The national emblem deserves better treatment than that.

The legislature of Massachusetts is liable to have the same experience as that which frequently comes to the woman who insists that her husband tell her every morning that he loves her.

Instilling Patriotism, New Style

“THOSE who come to my office and do not respect the American flag and speak in terms of a foreign nation must stand and sing ‘America’ before I will talk with them.”—Governor Martin of Washington.

SECRETARY: A gentleman from Moses Lake to see you, sir.

GOVERNOR: Come in, come in.

VISITOR: Hello, gov’ner. Say, I was a-wonder-in’—

Gov.: Did you see that flag standing beside the door? . . . Well, did you?

Vis.: Er, yessir.

Gov.: Well, why didn’t you salute it when you came in?

Vis.: Why, er, I . . . that is—

Gov.: Un-American, eh? Well turn around there and salute it.

Vis.: Yessir . . . yessir. (He salutes.)

Gov.: Now go ahead.

Vis.: Why, ya see, it’s about my farm. I can’t seem to get no loan. Now there’s a Japanese fellow over in the next township, and he—

Gov.: Aha-a-a-a! What’s Japan got to do with it? If you don’t like this country, why don’t you go back to Japan?

Vis.: Lissen, gov’ner, my granddad came out here in—

Gov.: Don’t try to welch, you alien sympathizer, you! Start singing “America”, and quick about it!

Vis.: Honest, gov’ner, I fought in the—

Gov.: Come on, come on. Sing “America” or get out.

Vis.: Gov’ner, lissen, I can’t sing—

Gov.: So, you refuse, eh? Just what I thought. Too good to sing “America”, are you?

Vis.: Wait a minute, gov’ner. I’d be glad to sing “America”, only we never had no singin’ teacher out ta Moses Lake, an’—

Gov.: Stop! I’ll have no alibis. Either you sing “America” or get out!

(After a prolonged hesitation, the visitor begins singing “My country, ’tis of thee”, in a husky monotone.)

Vis.: (Continuing feebly) . . . Lan’ where my fathers died, lan’ of—

Gov.: (Exploding) Oh, good heavens, that’s enough! I see that your patriotism can still be restored if we’re patient with you. Now go ahead with what you wanted to tell me.

(Visitor, unspeakably relieved, proceeds with his story.)

—Des Moines *Sunday Register*.

Common Sense in Minnesota

THE spectacle of young children being thrown out of schools in the east because they refused to go through the formality of pledging allegiance to the flag somehow gripes one’s sensibilities. The child who salutes a flag under duress is not showing respect for it; he is simply indulging in a great hypocrisy at the insistence of his elders. Whatever his motives, religious or otherwise, the pledge of allegiance is worse than meaningless, since it lacks the vital element of sincerity. To expel a child from school because he will not tender the flag a hypocritical salute, as school authorities in Massachusetts recently did, is hardly the best means of encouraging respect for it.—*Minneapolis Tribune*.

The Roman Cult Blesses Murder

IT HAS become axiomatic that the church follows the flag, even though the flag be drenched with the blood of innocent victims of war madness slaughtered in the name of civilization on their native heaths.

Consider the Catholic church in Italy. The other day Cardinal Schuster of Milan, one of its great princes, wished "peace and protection" for the armies of Italy which are murdering Ethiopians with air bombs and poison, and blessed them for "opening the doors of Ethiopia to the Catholic faith and the civilization of Rome".

"We must co-operate with God in this national and Catholic mission, above all at this moment when on the fields of Ethiopia the standards of Italy carry to triumph the cross of Christ to break the chains of slavery and open the paths for the missionaries' gospel," he added.

At almost the same time a Jesuit publication, *Civilita Cattolica*, came out boldly for a mandate over Ethiopia.

It is at least instructive to find the Catholic church through some of its leading representatives and spokesmen identifying the rape of Ethiopia with the interests of that church. In this, of course, it is running true to form. It entered enthusiastically into the looting of the New World and waxed wealthy off the ill-gotten gain of Spanish and Portuguese adventurers and slavers. Even the immortal Bishop Las Casas, who pleaded in vain in the sixteenth century against the murderous exploitation of the American Indians, suggested as an alternative the importation of Negro slaves from Africa!

And just as the Catholic church has either approved or seldom disapproved this international robbery, exploitation and murder, so have the Protestant churches. Little, if anything, is heard from the missionaries in Africa today, or at any other time, about the ruthless exploitation that has decimated the population of that tragic continent in the past fifty years. Even now in the French, Belgian, British and Portuguese colonies where gold is being ground out of the black bodies of men, women and children with a ruthless cruelty unparalleled in modern times, no word of protest comes from the church supposedly spreading the gospel of Christ.

To return to Cardinal Schuster, we can reply that the doors of Ethiopia have never been closed to the Catholic faith. The missionaries of that church have been freely admitted, although

the majority of Ethiopians have been Christians longer than have the Italians.

As for the "civilization of Rome", it has been characterized during the past 2,000 years by every act contradictory to the preachments of Jesus. Murder, robbery, civil war, rapine, treachery and boundless cruelty pockmark its history from Augustus Caesar to Mussolini. Alongside the murderous achievements of this monster, the paltry bush wars and mild chattel slavery of Ethiopia pale into insignificance.

It is singular that neither Cardinal Schuster nor any other prince of the Catholic church made any audible complaint when Mussolini's black-shirted thugs were murdering workingmen, destroying their unions and co-operatives, assassinating their spokesmen and representatives and committing other acts of unspeakable hooliganism and vandalism.

The church protested only when Mussolini was threatening to interfere with its income. And since Il Duce and the pope signed their concordat, all has been well along the Tiber, no matter how many liberals and free spirits were beaten, murdered and herded into prison camps.

In large part, the spiritual weakness of the Christian church today is ascribable to its constant compromise with the evils it is supposed to combat. It has become less outspoken in its championship of right than many atheists. It blessed and defended slavery. It wages no war against color discrimination and segregation. It remains mum on colonial exploitation save in the vaguest terms. Its official attitude on race prejudice and its by-products is ever indistinguishable from that of the ruling class of the section in which it is located.

We of a minority group have a perfect right to ask what reason there is for the Christian church's existence if it is not to vigorously attack those things for which Jesus Christ died. —Pittsburgh (Pa.) *Courier*.

Who Told This One?

"I," SAID 'Reverend' Francis D. McCabe, "I told this one" (at Indianapolis, November 11):

"That child who, under the command of a foreign-born father a few weeks ago, in one of our eastern cities refused to salute the flag of our glorious country should never be permitted to receive public instruction at the expense of loyal citizens, until he shows the respect due to the flag of his adopted country."

The Origin of "Christmas"

JEHOVAH'S ways are true and righteous always. He has no pleasure in falsehood or wickedness.

Satan is the enemy of God, and therefore the enemy of man. He seeks by every possible means to obscure or suppress the truth. A favorite method of confusing the truth-seeker is Satan's practice of counterfeiting the truth. He speaks to establish a theory or practice which outwardly appears to be very much like the real thing, but which upon examination is found to dishonor God and to bring sorrow and suffering to man.

Satan has succeeded in bringing about many observances which are commonly accepted as true and right. Anyone who dares to call such observance or formalities into question is immediately branded with some opprobrious name and is marked for hatred and persecution.

The time, however, has come for the people to be freed from Satan's oppressive and deceitful schemes, and a great multitude are awaking to the fact that they have been led astray and caused to follow formalities which have no real power to bring blessings to them.

Satan is strong for formalities of every kind, formalities which may be observed by anyone without making any inquiries into their real worth. Whether a person is honest or dishonest, righteous or unrighteous, good or wicked, makes no difference to Satan, as long as he observes the formalities, which are a means Satan employs to keep better-minded people in bondage while his wicked agents have all the freedom they want to follow their unrighteous course.

Satan comes as an angel of light whenever he cannot gain his ends by outright disregard for righteous laws. He will use religion as a cloak and his agents do the same thing. They profess to be very "religious" and thus influence the minds of good people who do not want to condemn others as long as there is some appearance of righteousness about them.

However, the most important thing to remember is that Jesus' most scathing condemnation was leveled against the formally religious. He did not spare them, and those who follow in Jesus' footsteps should be just as uncompromising, exposing all that is used to deceive and mislead the people.

Many people have come to a realization of the fact that "Christmas" as it is observed by Christians, imitation Christians, non-Christians and

anti-Christians is a hollow mockery, but few realize to what extent this observance dishonors Jehovah God and is used of the Devil to keep the people in a state of bewilderment.

The Truth Makes Free

Jesus said, "If ye continue in [obedience to] my word, then are ye my disciples *indeed*; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8: 31, 32) There are many who profess to be Jesus' disciples who ignore this forceful statement of Jesus. To such are addressed His words, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it; for it was founded upon a rock. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."—Luke 6: 46-49.

It is well to note that Jesus said nothing about observing the date of His birth with a feast of any kind. He did definitely command His disciples to observe a memorial of His death.—Luke 22: 19; 1 Corinthians 11: 24.

Satan is the father of lies and deception. "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: 44.

"Christmas" is by no means a blessing. True, some, perhaps many, get a measure of selfish satisfaction out of it, and others may even observe the day with a considerable measure of unselfishness, or at least attempt to do so. But the idea of an "exchange" of gifts is so prominent that unselfish doing of good finds little opportunity to express itself, and those who are unselfish in their giving are nevertheless suspected of having some ulterior motive, in many cases.

On the other hand, the observance of the holiday (not by any means a holy day) puts a strain upon the nerves and a drain upon the purse which many are unable to meet properly, and often more important things are neglected to "make a fair shew in the flesh".—Galatians 6: 12.

To many people the day is a real burden, and the expression, "I shall be glad when it is all over," has a very familiar sound. The relief that is experienced when one has definitely decided to break away from this bondage must be experienced to be appreciated. Of course, one will be misunderstood and also misrepresented, but if the motive is right, that will make very little difference.

Generally Recognized Objections

The frenzy of spending that accompanies "Christmas", together with its rushing about and anxiety to get things done in time, leaves many a giver flat, as well as flattening his purse.

Often people spend so much at this season of the year that they fail to pay their debts. How often useless and worthless presents are given which nevertheless are high-priced. But the recipient feels that he must smile and pretend to like the gift and make considerable to-do about it, and the result is the fostering of hypocrisy instead of godly sincerity.

Nor is everybody made happy at "Christmas", by any means. Children cannot help comparing gifts; and the more fortunate among them are not above making ostentatious display of their gifts, to the saddening of other little hearts.

Then there is the practice of telling the children lies about "Santa Claus". These lies are excused on the ground that it is doing no harm. No lie, however, is of the truth. (1 John 2: 21) Nor is the Santa Claus deception a harmless one. Children who learn that there is no real Santa Claus are likely to conclude that there is no real Jesus either, the association of the two names furnishing some grounds for such a conclusion to childish minds.

Consider also the tendency to overeat (and overdrink) at this season of the year. Both are intemperate, and therefore condemned in the Word of God. There is much debauchery indulged in by the ungodly and even by some who profess to be Christians. Boisterous drunkenness and wantonness are condemned in Scripture, and are certainly a poor way to celebrate the birth of the Righteous One of God.—Romans 13: 13.

True, the poor, or some of them, are remembered at "Christmas", but they are forgotten the rest of the year. The overfeeding of the poor one day a year does not make up for the neglect the remaining 364 days.

Jesus said, "Ye have the poor always with you." This statement is not intended to mean that there must of necessity be poor people, and therefore it isn't of much use to try to help them. Some appear to take that meaning out of Jesus' words, thinking that the added statement "when ye will ye may do them good" also indicated that they might be neglected for the most part.

And why should the spirit of generosity be limited to one day in the year? Why think of God's great goodness merely once in the course of twelve months? The immoderate indulgence and the reckless spending, the senseless giving and the thoughtless receiving at Christmas-time are all a part of Satan's method of stampeding people en masse into a course of action which really dishonors God. It is a substitution of "the spirit of Christmas" for the spirit of Christ.—Romans 8: 9.

The Birth of Jesus

Beautiful indeed is the story of the birth of Christ, and far-reaching the great blessing which it brings to men. The song of the angels, upon the midnight clear, of "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, to men of goodwill," resounds ever in the hearts of those who love God. And the associated memories which have been instilled along with the account of Jesus' birth are also precious. They reveal, step by step, the grace and goodness of God. First, after many centuries of waiting, came the announcement to Mary the virgin of the fact that she was to be the mother of Messiah, the great King of Jehovah God, who was to "bless all the families of the earth".

Passing by the rich and great, the angel gave his message of coming joy to a humble maiden of Nazareth, poor and devout, who loved and served the great Jehovah.

The account has deeply impressed itself upon the minds of men, who have sought to find in Mary herself that which would merit this great honor. Doubtless the humble maiden was approved of God, but no earthly goodness could make one of the imperfect human family "worthy" of such grace. This fact Mary fully appreciated, and she thought less of herself in this connection than of the fact that here was an occasion where she was to be used in the accomplishment of the divine purpose, and therefore she rejoiced, regarding not the possible reproach that might fall upon her because of the fact that

she had no husband, although she was espoused, in the custom of those times, to Joseph the carpenter.

Unmindful of all else except the one great fact that she was being used of God for His own divine purpose of salvation and vindication, Mary left everything in the hands of God her Savior. She did not deduce her own virtues as the reason why God was pleased to select her for this most glorious favor. Rather she said, "For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden." Though of low estate Mary was a true handmaiden of the Lord, and because of her full and unquestioning devotion and submission to Jehovah He found in her "an instrument ready".

The story moves on in beautiful simplicity, all the more impressive and convincing in its lack of ostentation. The rich and great were not present, nor were any gifts brought to the new-born King. Humble shepherds were selected to be the witnesses of His nativity.

But Satan, with malevolent intent, laid his plans to thwart the benign purposes of Jehovah. Drawing together unwitting and willing aids to carry out his plot, he worked upon the minds of certain magicians, and led them to conclude that a certain "star" they had seen indicated that a king was born somewhere, and they decided to curry favor by bringing him costly gifts. Some have thought the story of the "wise" men and their visit to Bethlehem (about two years after the birth of the Lord Jesus) to be one of the most strikingly beautiful of the incidents connected with the birth of Jesus. On the contrary, it was the most tragic, for it was the direct cause of the murder of all the innocent babes of that town. The "star" improperly called "the star of Bethlehem" led the magi straight to the worst enemy the new-born King could possibly have. Obviously a little reflection will show that it was Satan who engineered the whole matter.

Satan's Methods

The visit of the magi with its ostentation contrasts sharply with the beauty of the events that had preceded it. The humble birthplace of the Lord, the singing of the heavenly hosts, the announcement to the unassuming shepherds, all show that no earthly display could add to the glory and the importance of the event. Human inventions could only obscure the significance as well as the true holiness of all that the occasion revealed.

Is it not like Satan to burden men with a multitude of vain observances and notions? Trees, lights, tinsel, sweets, special foods, pictures, statues, festoons, holly, evergreens, jollity, yule logs, etc., etc., confuse and bewilder the mind. To many "Christmas" means no more than that, the outward show, the display, the pretense, the insincere giving and equally insincere receiving. The hurry, the worry, the hustle, the bustle, the rush and the crush are all foreign to the event which the day is supposed to commemorate.

Jesus Not Born in December

But does Christmas really commemorate the birth of Jesus? It does not! And why? Because Jesus was not born in December, and there is obviously no sense in celebrating a birthday at any other time than on its anniversary.

"Christmas" really means "Christ-mass", or "the mass of Christ". It is a Roman Catholic term and gives us a clue to where the idea of "celebrating" "Christmas" really originated.

That Jesus was not born on December 25 is now well known and generally admitted. The fact that the shepherds were in the fields, watching the sheep, the night Jesus was born, shows that it was not midwinter, which even in Palestine would be too cold to keep the flocks in the fields.

Jesus was born about October 1. Scriptural evidence shows that He was 33½ years old at the time of His death, about the end of March; hence He must have been 33 years old six months before that, about the end of September or beginning of October.

How, then, did it happen that Christmas is observed in supposed commemoration of the date of Jesus' birth about three months later? It was all decided by the Roman pope Gregory in the fourth century. December 25 had long been celebrated by various nations as the "feast of the sun" or as the birthday of one of their gods; so it was a simple matter to just change the name, and still let the people have what they wanted, a time of revelry and drunkenness. The Devil's feast was given a "Christian" name.

The Devil's Feast?

When God in Eden foretold that there would in due time be born a child who would bruise the serpent's head (Genesis 3:15) it undoubtedly made a deep impression on Satan's mind. He saw in this statement a prediction of his own

undoing. "The seed of the woman" from that time on became the object of Satan's wrath, and it is evident that he would be on the lookout for this "seed" or son of the woman in order that he might destroy the son before the son could destroy him. While he did not know who that seed would be, he would take no chances, and would destroy anyone who seemed likely to become Jehovah's instrument or servant.

On the other hand, he would advance anyone who willingly took a stand against Jehovah and try to get the people to follow such a one. Satan further foisted upon the people all kinds of misleading ideas, in order to obscure the real purpose of Jehovah. If he could not entirely blot out the remembrance of the promise that the seed of the woman would destroy the serpent (representing himself) he would try to mislead the people as to who and what the seed really was.

Nimrod and Semiramis

On the lookout for a suitable tool, Satan, not long after the flood, used Nimrod, whom he made "a mighty hunter before Jehovah". Some have thought that this title indicates that Nimrod had Jehovah's approval; but that could not be true. Jehovah did not approve the hunting of animals, though He permitted men to use certain animals for food. The wanton shedding of blood was prohibited by God's everlasting covenant with mankind.—Genesis 10:9; 9:1-17.

It has apparently been Satan's policy to have men make use of the name of God while following a course directly contrary to His commands. Thus he has brought reproach upon God's name.

While the Bible does not mention Nimrod's mother, fairly authentic evidence shows that she was a wicked and ambitious woman who let nothing stand in her way to the attainment of power for herself and her son. Nimrod, who married his own mother, became the first king of Babylon. He was probably a leader in the effort to build the tower of Babel, contrary to God's definite instructions.—Genesis 10:8-12; 11:1-9.

Nimrod became exceedingly powerful, extending his kingdom in all directions. This much the Scriptures tell us. The remainder of the story is not so easily traced, but sufficient evidence remains in the mythology of various countries to enable students to piece together the fragments and see in dim outline what happened.

The story is here given in brief. The clues are set forth at length in a book, called *The Two Babylons*, by Alexander Hislop. This book so thoroughly shows that the Catholic organization is the work of the Devil that it cannot be obtained in this country, where the Hierarchy has far too much power. It may, however, be had from the publishers, Partridge, London.

Nimrod was slain, whether by the beasts which he hunted or by an enemy is not made clear. Semiramis, under the influence of Satan, then announced that her son and husband had been raised from the dead as a god, an invisible spirit. In this way she not only exalted her son in the minds of the people, but also herself, as his mother.

She advanced the idea that she was really the "woman" mentioned in the divine prophecy and that Nimrod was "the seed" who would destroy the serpent.

This "mother and son" idea or doctrine runs through all the false religions of earth, and is no doubt a part of Satan's scheme to get people to lose sight of the real "seed of the woman" which is Christ.

An evergreen tree growing out of a dead stump was used as a symbol of Nimrod's death and supposed resurrection. Semiramis claimed that this new tree grew up in one night, and by various other frauds increased her influence over the people. She called Nimrod the "father of the gods", that is, the greatest of all "mighty ones", and she herself was given the title "queen of heaven".

"The Branch"

In the Bible Jesus is called "The Branch". (Zechariah 3:8; 6:12; see the book *Preparation*) Similarly, Nimrod was, by Satan's manipulation, called "The Branch". The evergreen tree which was said to represent him is the one in which the present-day Christmas tree has its origin. The "Nimrod tree" was supposed to be laden with gifts every year on the date of the so-called resurrection of Nimrod. Semiramis and others claimed that Nimrod was the great giver of gifts, and a great feast in commemoration of Nimrod was held at the time that is now observed as Christmas.

As time went on the story of Nimrod and Semiramis was told in different ways, and different names were given to the "mother and son" in various parts of the earth. In Egypt

they became known as Isis and Osiris; in Assyria they were called Rhea and Ninus; in Greece they had Ceres and Dionysus, or Bacchus; in India are found Isi and Iswara; in Asia they are known as Cybele and Deoious; in Pagan Rome, as Fortuna and the boy Jupiter. Even in far-away China the idea of "mother and son" is found in Shing Moo with a child in her arms. Nimrod also appears in some countries as Belus; in others, as Zoroaster and as Adonis. Away up north, in Sweden and Norway, before they heard of Jesus and Mary they had the mother-and-son combination. Numerous other names are used to designate these counterfeit "mother-and-son" goddesses and gods. But they all served the purpose of blinding the nations and keeping them in darkness.

In connection with the worship of these religions there were feasts and holidays upon which there were practiced all kinds of wicked rites. In addition there was drunkenness and debauchery.

The chief feast occurred in the latter part of December or early in January and was celebrated especially in view of the fact that the sun from then on would increase in strength. The sun was worshiped by many as the "father of the gods". He was called "Sol". The old Roman feast of the birth of Sol was observed on the 25th of December.

Making Christians Out of the Heathens

When the Roman Catholic church sent out its missionaries to make Christians out of the heathen, it was not an easy matter. In various ways, sometimes by fighting them, they succeeded in making the change at least in name. Often the trick was turned by "converting the leader of a tribe" and then baptizing the whole bunch by having them pass a given point at which a priest waved over them a branch which was dipped in water. One little difficulty was that these newly-made converts were not willing to give up their feast, and especially the "sun-feast" they had so heartily enjoyed by plenty of drinking and carousing. "Mother church," however, was equal to the situation. Simply call the beast by another name, and all was well. The feast of the sun had become the mass of Christ, "Christ Mass," Christmas.

The name was changed, but the feast was not. They still brought in the tree in the same old way. Still the festoons were hung about the

house to keep out "evil spirits". The burning of the yule log was still thought to keep away bad luck. The Devil "laughed up his sleeve".

Santa Claus

And where, in all this, does Santa Claus, or St. Nick, come in? He is supposed to have been a "saint" who lived in the fourth century. He was a generous old codger, throwing bags of gold right and left. He is also the patron-saint of thieves and robbers! No wonder that St. Nick is confused with Old Nick, who is, of course, the Devil himself, and who gets plenty of satisfaction out of the popularity of his "saint" with so-called "Christian" people. In Europe the feast of "St. Nicholas" is observed on December 6, but in the United States he seems obligingly to have deferred the celebration until December 25, to add to the confusion, and to throw additional reproach upon the name of God and upon His dear Son.

The Dutch, who settled New York, called St. Nicholas "Sinte Klaas", and that seems to be the source of the popular "Santa Claus". However, the Dutch or European St. Nicholas is always dressed as a bishop in ecclesiastical garments, just as the present-day bishops and cardinals are shown in the funny pictures which appear in the papers from time to time. Both the St. Nicholas and Christ Mass ideas are, of course, thoroughly Roman Catholic, and therefore entirely heathen, for the Catholics themselves admit that these practices were adopted from heathen religious worship. Cardinal Newman called them "the very instruments and appendages of demon worship", and such they were and still are.

In the Roman Catholic churches at Christmas-time images depicting the babe Jesus are displayed and kissed by the "worshippers". The result is that many Catholics pray to the babe Jesus, seemingly unaware that this is praying to something or someone who does not exist. The real Jesus, with all power in heaven and in earth, is obscured in their minds by the worship of "mother and son", who are the most prominent characters in their theology, along with the figures of the crucified Jesus. Precious as the memory of the Savior's birth, life and death may be to the Christian, they are all in the past, and He is now the Lord of Glory, Jehovah's anointed and exalted King, who has come to establish His Kingdom to the vindication of Jehovah's great name.

In the Chariot of Jehovah God

A Six-Year-Old's Testimony

THE Lynn (Mass.) *Item*, November 14, 1935, discussing the shameless persecution of the children of Jehovah's witnesses, begun in Lynn, and carried all over the country by The Associated Press, has the following paragraph which ought to make every true American rub his eyes, *while he still has them*:

On Oct. 31, it was discovered that Vivian Hering, six years old, of Secaucus, N. J., was muttering something under her breath while her classmates saluted the flag. On investigation it was found that Vivian had been reciting not the pledge of allegiance but the

Footnote (for page 163):

*As proof that the Roman Hierarchy is not on the side of the God of Peace,† but is on the side of the god of war, that is, the Devil, note the following dispatch as published in the *New York Times* for October 29, 1935:

Cardinal Praises Invasion of Ethiopia As Opening Door to 'Civilization of Rome'

MILAN, Italy, Oct. 28 (AP).—Cardinal Schuster of Milan today wished "peace and protection" for Italy's armies, which are opening "the doors of Ethiopia to the Catholic faith and the civilization of Rome".

The cardinal spoke to Fascists of Milan, gathered at the cathedral for a mass for the dead in the Fascist march on Rome.

He praised the "good-will" of the nation under fascism, which he described as promising the national morality wished by the Catholic church.

"Let peace to men of good-will be the fruit of your daily

fifth verse of the Twentieth Psalm: "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners. The Lord fulfil all thy petitions."

A Little Lad in Los Angeles

A LITTLE lad in Los Angeles failed to join in the national anthem. The teacher asked for an explanation. The lad replied, "I know a better song." Asked to sing it, he sang "Give Praise to Jehovah"; and the teacher was woman enough and teacher enough to say at its end that it was the finest song she ever heard. Now read Psalm 8: 2.

spiritual solemnity," said the cardinal. "We must co-operate with God in this national and Catholic mission, above all at this moment when on the fields of Ethiopia the standards of Italy carry to triumph the cross of Christ to break the chains of slavery and open the paths for the missionaries' gospel."

The cardinal declared the prizes of men of good faith would be "peace for the fallen who died in the accomplishment of their duty and peace and protection of the valorous armies which in intrepid obedience to the commands of their fatherland at the price of their blood open the doors of Ethiopia to the Catholic faith and the civilization of Rome".

†Lovers of Jehovah God and of His Word do not forget that while He is indeed the God of Peace He is also, and most emphatically, the Lord God of Sabaoth, who, at the right time, rises up to destroy Satan and all his hosts. But as that is yet future, this article carries, throughout, the true picture of the Devil assaulting the people of Jehovah God from the days of Abel to that of little Timmey George in the basement of the Canonsburg (Pa.) schoolhouse, at the hands of Elizabeth Rush, D.A.R.

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