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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-

American Library Association  
Boy Scouts of America  
California Congress of Parents and Teachers  
Daughters of the American Revolution  
Southern California Council of Protestant Church Women  
General Federation of Women's Clubs  
International Federation of Catholic Alumnae  
Los Angeles Branch, American Association of University Women  
National Council of Jewish Women  
Los Angeles Section  
National Society of New England Women  
Young Men's Christian Association

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*)

**T**HIS 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.

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## 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*

**T**HE 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*

**T**HE 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*

**S**ENATOR 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*

**S**OMEBODY 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*

**T**HE 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*

**S**ANFORD 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*

**G**OING 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*

**A**CTING 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*

**E**PSOM 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*

**I**N 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*

**T**HE 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*

**T**HOUSANDS 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*

**F**OUR 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*

**F**OR 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*

**A**T 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*

**T**HE 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*

**A**T 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*

**A**N 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*

**W**HAT 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*

**P**EACE 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*

**A**FTER 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*

**T**HERE 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*

**R**EFERRING 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*

**T**HE "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*

**T**HE 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*

**A**T 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*

**T**HE 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*

**A**T 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*

**R**APPING 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 dominies 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*

**I**T 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*

**D**EEDS 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*

**I**T 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*

**A**S 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*

**A**T 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*

**T**HE 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"***

**D**R. 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***

**I**N 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***

**R**EVEREND 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***

**A**TLANTA, 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***

**D**OCTOR 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"***

**R**EVEREND 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***

**R**EVEREND 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*

**A**LL 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*

**S**NEERING 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*

**I**N 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***

**T**HE 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***

**C**OUGHLIN'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***

**A**T 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***

**I**T 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***

**T**HE *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**

**T**HE 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**

**W**EARLY 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**

**J**OSE 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**

**P**ANAMA 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**

**D**R. 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"**

**T**HE 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**

**J**UST 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***

**W**HENEVER 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***

**F**OR 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***

**T**HE 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***

**I**T 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***

**N**EWSPAPERS 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 (?)***

**A**NDREW 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***

**A**T 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

**C**ITIES 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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