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Praying for Prosperity

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DEPRESSION has been upon the world for five years, and now millions are confronted with starvation. In this time of dire extremity religious organizations, led by the Catholic St. Joseph's Guild of New Jersey, have issued an appeal to all denominations, Jews and Gentiles, to join in prayer on certain days in September next that "this nation may be restored again to a condition of prosperity, peace and happiness".

If it is the will of Almighty God that the people should offer such prayer, then all should do so. If this "Prayer Movement" is a fraudulent scheme to further deceive and entrap the people, and to bring them into greater difficulties, then all should know the truth concerning the same and deport themselves accordingly. The only certain way for men to ascertain the will of Almighty God is to go to His Word, the Bible, and there learn what is His expressed will. I appeal to the people to now calmly consider the facts and the Scriptures and then determine what course you will take.

At all times we must have in mind these indisputable truths, to wit: That there is but one Almighty God, "whose name alone is JEHOVAH," and in whose hand rests the destiny of all nations; that He has one great Executive Officer, Christ Jesus, who is also the Savior of mankind, and in His name prayers must be made; that there is one arch adversary of Jehovah

God, and man's worst enemy, whose name is Satan, the Devil, and whose purpose is to turn all men away from God and lead them into destruction. Fraud and deception are Satan's chief means of accomplishing his wicked purpose. Often he induces men to put forward a scheme which on the face of it appears to be

right but which in fact is a subtle snare in which to entrap the unsuspecting ones. All of Satan's representatives on earth, both the willing and the unwilling, are unrighteous, and God will not hear and answer the prayers of the unrighteous. (1 Peter 3:12) The prayers of such are not heeded by Jehovah, for the reason that the petitioners are evil; and for anyone to join with such in prayer would be worse than useless, because the same is an abomination in the sight of God. It is of vital importance to all of us just now to view this matter without passion or prejudice and to ascertain and follow the truth. In order to do this it

is important to consider some historical facts, because what has resulted in the past furnishes us a guide to determine what will be the result under similar conditions in the future.

Last Year's Unanswered Prayers

In March, 1933, St. Joseph's Guild was launched, and now leads in the aforementioned "Prayer Movement". Thereafter, on the 2d of April, 1933, the pope's "Holy Year" began with

The effect of this address upon the hearers was electrifying. Nobody is taunted, but nobody is warned; the time for that is past. This address is telling everybody who will listen that it is impossible to ignore and dishonor Jehovah God and Christ Jesus at one time and then expect at another time to receive His favor merely because it is desired, and because there are even "distinguished" ones who desire it.

It would seem that nobody can read this address without a higher appreciation than ever of the value of the wisdom that is from above. This priceless wisdom finds expression in the divine message addressed to the hypocritical mockers:

"Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; but ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof; I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: for that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of [JEHOVAH]."—Proverbs 1:24-29.

the announcement that prayers would be made to the end 'that a tide of religion would sweep the nations into peace and prosperity'. The "Holy Year" and its prayers have utterly failed, and depression and suffering continue upon the people. From Press dispatches appearing in Catholic newspapers from Rome, England and America I quote: "The extraordinary year [the 'Holy Year'] closes with a silence of the pope. . . . A silence which the father told his sons that he knew of nothing he could say to them." Why? "Holy Year" has been a dismal failure, and that fact all must concede. The pope admits that "Holy Year" prayers God has not heard or answered. The conditions are worse today than they were a year ago. There is no prosperity, and peace has not come.

Admitting the failure of the Catholic "Holy Year" and its prayers, now the St. Joseph Guild by "Resolution" calls upon "all who have confidence in God, the Almighty Father of all mankind, regardless of race, color or creed", to join in prayer for the return of prosperity. Seeing that the prayers of the united *Catholic* organizations who profess to believe on Christ have failed, then why now ask non-Catholics and non-Christians, and Jews, and those other organizations that deny Christ Jesus, to join in the "Prayer Movement"? Will the prayers of such add compelling force to wring from God's hand the desired selfish prosperity? The failure of the "Holy Year" prayers ought to fully convince the people that there is something wrong about these movements that attempt to bring prosperity, and this should cause the people to examine God's Word and ascertain therefrom what is wrong.

New Prayers Improper and Futile

The aforementioned Resolution calls for certain days of prayer to be had next September, but the Resolution does not mention Jehovah's name, nor the name of Jesus Christ. Evidently this is because the appeal is addressed to anti-Christians, both Jews and higher-critic Protestant clergy, otherwise called "modernists", and to others who deny Christ as the Redeemer. The language of the Resolution is: 'To beseech our common Father in heaven,' which language could not apply to the Almighty God, because He is not the common Father of all. Since the days of Adam's sin in Eden Jehovah God is not the "Father of all men". In His day Jesus said to the clergy of Israel: "Ye are of your father

the devil" (John 8:44), and today Jewish rabbis and modernists, and Protestant clergy, reject Jesus Christ and His kingdom, and hence they could not be sons of God. The Scriptures of God's Word declare that Jehovah, the Almighty God, is the Father only of those who believe on and honor Jesus Christ even as they honor God. (John 5:23) All men are born sinners. (Romans 5:12) The only way a man can be cleansed from sin and become the son of God is by faith in the shed blood of Christ Jesus, a full devotion to Him, and the acceptance and begetting of that man by Jehovah God. (Acts 4:12; 1 Peter 1:3,4; James 1:18) From the Bible I quote these words: "The blood of Jesus Christ, [God's] Son, cleanseth us from all sin." (1 John 1:7) In John 9:31 it is written: "Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." Only those who have been cleansed by full faith in the blood of Christ Jesus does God count as righteous and acknowledge as His sons, and it is only these whose prayers are heard and answered; as it is written (1 Peter 3:12): "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." (Acts 10:1-4) He who dishonors the Lord Jesus Christ dishonors Jehovah God, and God will not receive him or his prayers.—John 5:23.

God No Respector of Persons

From the "Prayer Movement" news release I quote these words: "The prayer movement has the endorsement of postmaster general . . . United States senators . . . congressmen . . . governors . . . and other distinguished men from many parts of the United States." What do these endorsements add, since the men mentioned do not worship Jehovah God and Christ Jesus as man's Redeemer and the world's rightful Ruler? The only prosperity the endorsement of such "distinguished men" will bring will be to those who receive the church basket collections. The endorsement of distinguished politicians and financiers of Satan's organization will tend to swing into line for the "Prayer Movement" the overawed and unsuspecting people, because those "distinguished men" are highly esteemed among them; but in God's sight such approval and endorsement is an abomination, as it is written (Luke 16:15): "That which is high-

ly esteemed by men is an abomination in the sight of God.'

The "Prayer Resolution" says: 'Unite in prayer, to beseech our common Father to inspire our leaders so that this nation may be restored again to prosperity.' That language is a recognition of the politicians, financiers and clergy as the leaders of this world, and as "the higher powers", and hence the claim that such men are God's instruments to lead the people, and which claim is contrary to the Scriptures. Jehovah says concerning Jesus Christ (Isaiah 55:4): "Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people." Prayer for the inspiration of worldly leaders is wholly in vain. God answers the prayers of those only who are guided by His Word and who recognize Jehovah and Christ Jesus as the "higher powers".—Romans 13:1.

"Ye Ask and Receive Not"

Are not these "distinguished men", who are designated by the Resolution as "leaders", a part of this world? and are not the clergy who have launched the "Prayer Movement" also a part of the world and friends of the world? You will all answer, Yes, of course. Will God hear their prayers for personal and material prosperity? The answer is found in James 4:3,4, the authoritative Word of God, to wit: "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Jehovah God will not answer the prayers of His enemies, and this is conclusive proof that the "Prayer Movement" fathered by St. Joseph's Guild will fail.

According to a poll of the clergy of the United States published by *The Literary Digest* the majority of the clergymen repudiate Christ Jesus and His blood as the means of saving mankind, and deny that Jesus is God's anointed King to rule and bless mankind.

Concerning Jesus Christ Jehovah says (Matthew 12:18, 21, *A.R.V.*, margin): "Behold, my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall [shew] judgment to the nations. . . . And in his name shall the nations hope." Could it be expected that Jehovah God would hear and answer the prayers of men who repudiate His Word and who deny His

anointed King, the Redeemer of mankind? Do the people now wish to be guided by selfish and imperfect men or do they want to trust in Jehovah God and Christ Jesus? By your course of action concerning the "Prayer Movement" you will answer that question. I insist that what I say is not an attack upon men, but I am merely laying the facts plainly before the people that they may receive the truth and then assume the responsibility of whatsoever course they take.

The Scriptures clearly show that with the beginning of the great World War in 1914 Satan's uninterrupted rule of the world ended and that there Christ Jesus was enthroned by Jehovah as the world's rightful ruler. (Matthew 24:3-8; Psalm 2:6) The Scriptures clearly point out exactly what would follow that date marking the end of the world, and concerning this it is written: "There shall be . . . upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea [the people] and the waves [commercial organizations] roaring [because of the depression or hard times]; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth [*R.V.*, world]." (Luke 21:25, 26) The "Prayer Resolution" completely ignores these scriptures concerning the end of Satan's world and the woes and troubles upon the people that would immediately follow. Who is the one that brings these woes upon the world? The "Prayer Resolution" ignores this point, but many of the clergy say that God has brought the woes upon the people; whereas the Scriptures definitely state that Satan the Devil is the one who brings these woes now upon humankind because he knows that it is only a short time until the final battle in which his organization will be destroyed.—Revelation 12:12.

God Not Responsible for Inflation

Jehovah God is in no wise responsible for the unhealthy so-called "prosperity" that immediately followed the World War, and during which many men grew rich, arrogant and oppressive. Jehovah is in no wise responsible for the hard times or depression now on the world, nor will He hear the prayers of those who ask such former prosperity to be restored.

A safe guide is to follow the course of faithful Christians, the apostles of Jesus' day. It was about the year A.D. 44 that the absence of rain brought a great famine upon the people of Palestine. The apostle Paul and other faithful Christians did not ask all creeds and denomina-

tions to unite in prayer for the restoration of prosperity; but, as the Scriptures state, those faithful Christians gathered food and distributed it amongst the poor, and did not try to increase the prosperity of the rich. (Acts 11:26-30; Romans 15:25, 26; 1 Corinthians 16:1-3) Mark the great contrast in the course of professed "Christians" of this day. The greater portion of the grain-producing area of the country is burned up, and the public press announces that because of the scarcity of wheat the money value of the wheat crop will be the greatest in many years. More than ten million people are facing starvation; and at the same time the "distinguished men" who rule the nation, and who endorse the "Prayer Movement", cause the price of bread to be raised and thus increase the burden of the poor. At the same time these "distinguished men" and clergymen ask the people to pray that prosperity may return, which prosperity only the rich enjoyed prior to 1929. Do you believe that the God of mercy and comfort will hear such selfish prayers and bring prosperity to those who have lived wantonly and ruled in arrogance while the poor have starved and their burdens have continued to increase? Those are the men who speak scornfully of the name of the Most High, and concerning them it is written, in Proverbs 1:32, 33: "For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil." Thoughtful people know that the so-called "Prayer Movement" is a mockery of God and a snare of the enemy to entrap those who follow blind leaders.

The U.S. a Part of "Christendom"

The United States is a part of "Christendom" and claims to be a Christian nation, and is therefore duty-bound to obey and to follow the laws of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus. The United States, with all other nations of "Christendom", has violated God's everlasting covenant concerning the sanctity of life by the unnecessary and wanton shedding of blood (Genesis 9:1-9); and God will not hear the prayers of such covenant-breakers, but, on the contrary, their fate is plainly stated, in Isaiah 24:3-5: "The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled; for the Lord hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth, and fadeth away; the world languisheth, and fadeth away; the

haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof, because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant." This punishment here described God will inflict on the world at Armageddon.

Furthermore, the Resolution calling for united prayer of all creeds, and which has the endorsement of "distinguished men", had its origin with the clergymen in New Jersey, where the name of Jehovah God has been grossly reproached by clergy and officials, and where officials of that state have brazenly said: "Who is Jehovah?" "Jehovah may run heaven, but we are running New Jersey." In that state recently hundreds of Jehovah's witnesses have been arrested, imprisoned, and woefully illtreated, merely because they were preaching the gospel of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus as commanded by the Lord. There Jehovah's witnesses have been diligently trying to inform the people of the end of Satan's reign, of the famine and pestilence and trouble that are coming upon the earth, and of God's kingdom of righteousness under Christ, which is the only hope of mankind. Like the Jewish clergy in the days of Jeremiah, even so the Catholic hierarchy of New Jersey and their allies there have said and now say to the people: Give no heed to these Jehovah witnesses; there will be no great trouble, you will not see famine, but you shall have peace and prosperity.' Now in these days of distress, woe and perplexity these same clergymen ask all the people to join with them and the "distinguished men" of the nation in prayer for material prosperity; but their prayers are certain to go unanswered, for the reason, as stated by Jehovah through His prophet in these words (Jeremiah 11:14): "Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble."

Satan's Trap

I do not say that St. Joseph's Guild has knowledge that its Resolution is Satan's scheme, but I do most emphatically charge that Satan is the father of the scheme and Satan has thus set a trap to ensnare the people and to turn them away from God; and the reason I so state is this: A part of the great question for determination now is, Can Satan cause all men to curse God and turn away from Him? Satan has challenged God to put men on earth who would

maintain their integrity toward Him, and now Satan would prefer to see all men destroyed rather than to see one serve Jehovah. Satan has induced his earthly agents to believe and teach the people that God is responsible for the woes and sufferings that have come upon them. Now he would induce the people, together with the clergy and other "distinguished men" of the nation, to pray to God to relieve them from their sufferings and bring them prosperity, and, further, to pray that their earthly 'leaders may be inspired to lead the people into prosperity'. Satan well knows that these prayers God will not hear or answer and that when people see that this so-called "Prayer Movement" is a complete failure, and that their prayers are not answered, and that their suffering increases, then the people will be greatly chagrined and disappointed. What, then, will be the tendency of those who have thus prayed and are disappointed? Satan expects them to say: "If God cannot help us, and will not do so, then we will have nothing to do with God," and that then they will turn away from Him and curse God. Thus the Devil will bring the people into his snare. Be it known unto you now that every one who follows this "Prayer Movement" scheme will be led into and ensnared by Satan's trap.

Proper Course

What, then, shall the people do? Quit following the instructions given them by selfish men, who make themselves the leaders of the people, and turn entirely to Jehovah God and to Christ Jesus, whom God has made Ruler and Leader of those who will receive His blessings. The Bible contains the full and complete information; and with the helps which the Lord has provided you can get this full and complete information for your guide.* Know this, that Satan's world has ended and is rapidly going to pieces and at Armageddon, which is near, Satan's world will be completely destroyed. The hope of the peoples of the world is Christ Jesus' kingdom, and there is no other hope.

Long ago Jehovah by His prophets said (Jeremiah 23:5; Isaiah 9:6,7): "Behold, the days come . . . that I will raise . . . a righteous Branch, and a King [Christ Jesus] shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." "And the government shall be upon his shoulder; and . . . of his government and peace there shall be no end." Peace

* See advertisement on back page.

and prosperity can come to the peoples of the earth only by and through God's kingdom under Christ, and this will not come by the efforts of clergymen and politicians or other "distinguished men" of the world. Such men will have nothing whatsoever to do with the Kingdom nor with the blessings it shall bring humankind.—Daniel 2:44.

Proper Prayers

It is written in the Scriptures that Jehovah God hears the prayers of those that call upon Him in spirit and in truth. (Psalm 145:18; John 4:23) The political rulers and other "distinguished men" do not call upon the Lord in spirit and according to His Word of truth. His Word, the Bible, is the truth and the only proper guide for man, and Christ Jesus is the great exponent of the truth. (Psalm 119:105; John 17:17; 18:37; 14:6) Jehovah will not hear the prayers of those who reject His Word and His Son, Christ Jesus. Because the blessings of peace and prosperity and happiness can and will come only by and through God's kingdom under Christ, Jesus instructed men how to pray. To them He said, at Matthew 6:9,10: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Is the call for "nation-wide prayer for prosperity" in line with these words of Christ Jesus? Most assuredly not. That Resolution not only is selfish and asks for the return of the things that were once enjoyed by the rich, who have long oppressed the poor, but completely ignores God's honor and His name, and the name and honor of Christ Jesus, does not ask that the will of God be done, completely repudiates the kingdom of God, and asks that the will of selfish men be done. There is a complete absence of any suggestion that the people should pray that the will of God be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Faithful and True Witnesses

For more than twenty years the faithful followers of Christ Jesus in this land have told the people that God's kingdom is near and that it is the hope of the world. They have been going about the land from house to house unselfishly and diligently trying to teach the people of and concerning God and His kingdom, and for doing this they have been hated and persecuted. Jesus said that this would be done to His faithful fol-

lowers because they honor His name. (John 15:18-23) The clergy and their political allies, instead of hailing the kingdom of Christ with gladness, and urging the people to look to that kingdom for their relief and blessings have conspired together to destroy Jehovah's witnesses and to keep the people in ignorance of the truth concerning the Kingdom. Exactly as Jehovah's prophet says in the 83d Psalm: 'The clergy and their allies have consulted together with one consent against the faithful followers of Christ Jesus.' This they have done in these "last days". 'They have taken counsel against God's people and consulted against His hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation.' In the execution of this cruel conspiracy against God and His kingdom under Christ the clergy and their allies, who now endorse the present-day "prayer movements", have committed many overt acts against the faithful followers of Christ Jesus. At much effort Jehovah's witnesses have printed the message of God's kingdom and have carried it to the people in book form. The clergy not only have opposed this message of God's kingdom, but have caused the people to gather together the books containing the Kingdom message and to burn them, and now these same men ask the people to join with them in prayer for their own selfish prosperity. Furthermore, they try to impress the people with the weight and importance of their "Prayer Movement" by telling them that many "distinguished" politicians endorse the movement. They are not deceiving God, and let no one who really loves God now be deceived. To aid you in avoiding such deception this speech is now made.

Armageddon Sure to Come

Jehovah God has put His stamp of disapproval upon the "Holy Year" and its prayers; and that is admitted. Next, the pontiff at Rome, according to a dispatch published in the *New York Daily Times* of February 2, 1934, asked the people to pray that Armageddon may be averted. That appeal of the pontiff is also certain to fail. Jehovah God has entered judgment against the world and its god, Satan. That judgment written is that Christ Jesus at Armageddon shall completely wreck and destroy the wicked and oppressive rule of this world. Concerning Armageddon Jesus says: 'It will be the greatest tribulation the world has ever known, and there will never be another,' because that

will mark the end of wickedness and the destruction of the wicked.—Matthew 24: 21, 22; Psalm 145: 20.

God has decreed that Armageddon shall come, which conflict He designates as "the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16: 14), and the combined prayers of creeds and organizations will not stop it. Jehovah says: "I have purposed it, I will also do it." (Isaiah 46: 11) The NRA and all like recovery schemes will certainly fail, and the prayers of the combined clergy in support of that and all other like schemes for prosperity will also fail. Such prayers will not be heard and answered by Almighty God, because He so states. Prayer uttered in accord with the St. Joseph's Guild appeal will completely fail to bring peace, prosperity and happiness to the people. The people of good will who desire righteousness will no longer permit themselves to be deceived by such abortive schemes. Those who love God will pray not only during three days in September, but they will be praying constantly every day to Jehovah, in the name of Christ Jesus, in this manner: 'Hallowed and vindicated be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven.' God knows of the things we have need of, and hence it is unnecessary and improper to ask for more than our daily bread, even as Jesus taught us to pray; and when the will of God is done on earth all oppression and depression will cease and there will then come to stay peace, prosperity and happiness, and these blessings will come only by and through the kingdom of God under Christ.

Take Your Stand Now

If you would have your prayers answered, take your stand wholly on the side of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus, His King, and then be guided by the Word which the Lord has spoken. To such, and to such only, Jesus says (John 15: 7): "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." The selfish ones of this world who ask for material prosperity and pursue a course contrary to God and His kingdom are not in Christ, nor does the Word of the Lord dwell in them; hence their prayers will not be answered.

The world's darkest hour is just ahead. Satan will continue to bring upon the people one woe after another until God hears the cries of the

poor. These cries will not be for prosperity, but that God will relieve them from oppressors. It is the rulers and "distinguished men" that have lived in ease, while those who produce the bread have gone hungry. Instead of the prayers of such wanton and selfish men being heard by Jehovah, He says to them (James 5:4): "Behold the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of

the Lord of [battle]." The God of battle will destroy such at Armageddon.

If you would find refuge in that time of great tribulation take your stand on the side of His kingdom, be taught by His Word of truth, and follow His way of righteousness, and ere long you are certain to emerge into the brilliant light of endless prosperity, peace and everlasting life, which you will receive at the gracious hand of Jehovah God by and through Christ Jesus. —Romans 6:23.

Among the Baal Worshipers

Prayers for Nation-wide Prosperity

ST. JOSEPH'S GUILD, a branch of the Catholic hierarchy, on Sunday, July 1, 1934, issued an appeal to the "distinguished" people to bring prosperity, from which the following is quoted:

"Resolved, that Saint Joseph's Guild shall make every effort to induce the men and women of the United States, individually and in groups or organizations of whatever denomination, to unite in humble prayer, beseeching our common Father in Heaven to guide our hearts and minds and to inspire our leaders, so that this nation may be restored again to a condition of prosperity, peace and happiness; and it is

"Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to the Governors and Legislatures of our States, and that it be disseminated through pulpit and press and every other available means of communication.

"The prayer movement has the endorsement of Postmaster General Farley; the late Secretary of the Treasury Woodin; U. S. Senators Kean and Barbour of New Jersey, and U. S. Senator Copeland of New York; Congressmen Eaton, Sutphin, Powers and Hartley of New Jersey; the late Governor Rolph of California; Governors Moore of New Jersey, Ross of Idaho, Herring of Iowa, and other distinguished men from many parts of the United States."

In this issue Judge Rutherford shows how utterly vain is the attempt to secure prosperity by the use of the names of influential and prosperous men. Actually the Roman hierarchy brings the names of "distinguished" persons into this appeal in the hope that, for yet a little while longer, it will aid them in their efforts to keep the people bamboozled, and the flow of their shekels into the collection boxes unimpeded.

Destruction of American School System

THE canons of the Roman Catholic church forbid attendance of Roman Catholic children in public schools, and would by implication forbid a devout Catholic to teach in a school in which Catholic doctrine may not be taught, yet in Chicago the superintendent of public schools is a Roman Catholic, 75 percent of the elementary teachers are Roman Catholics, and 55 percent of the high-school teachers are Roman Catholics. Because of this situation the non-Catholic teachers are often so harassed by Roman Catholic principals and teachers that they become disheartened and resign. The "pope" claims the absolute right to conduct all educational activities in the United States and declares that state control of education is a great evil.

Pentecost at San Quentin

THE Oakland *Post-Enquirer* tells us about the arrangements for the new Pentecost at San Quentin. It says: "Hanna to Confirm Quentin Convicts. San Quentin Prison, April 12. Archbishop Edward J. Hanna will confirm more than 170 San Quentin convicts into the Catholic faith here tomorrow, it was announced today by prison officials. Warden James B. Holohan, member of the state parole board, and invited guests are to witness the ceremony." For San Quentin it will be a kind of Pentecost.

We are not just sure why it seemed best that these men already in this way should be confirmed in it. We should like to see them turned from that course, not confirmed in it. But Hanna may have some motive in it that we do not see.

"Holy Year" Devotees Disappointed

AT STIRLING, New Jersey, a nation-wide movement has been started by St. Joseph's Guild to set aside a day in September to pray for prosperity. The Jews are to pray on the day originally set aside for them by Jehovah God; others are to pray on sabbaths of their own making; but all will pray in vain, for God will not hear their prayer. It all reminds one of the account in 1 Kings 18: 26-29: "And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped [up and down at] the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud; for he is a god: either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves, after their manner, with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when mid-day was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded." All the beads and images and holy water in creation will never bring an answer. "Christendom" is doomed.

Virgin Mary Created Before Eve (!)

THE following is a translation of an item in a publication put out by the Franciscan order, circulated in Poland to the extent of half a million copies. It speaks for itself:

"God breathed upon the flowers of the Garden of Eden, and pure white, beautiful as light and fragrant as the lily, stood the first woman, created from the most beautiful things of beauty and brightness that the Garden possessed. . . . But Adam stood wholly indifferent and insensible, because she was too fluttery, nebulous and cloudy and he would not know what to do with such a mate, therefore could not line up with her. God knew at once that to such a rough nature as Adam's the beautiful woman would be too fancy, and that, at the least, Adam was not worthy of her. So God took the virgin flower for himself and for Adam he created another woman, a more suitable mate, that looked much like Adam himself. From his bone, from his rib was Eve made. The virgin flower God preserved in the immaculate state and purity of her color for another purpose; then, later, he made her the mother of his son."

And, mind you, these are the people that are trying to crowd a person like Judge Rutherford

off the air. There is not a syllable of truth in any of their statements, nothing of the Bible, nothing of common sense. Mary was a virgin, like other respectable young women, but she was the child of Eli and his wife, both sinners (Luke 3: 23), and was a sinner herself, according to the Scriptures. She was a good woman; that was enough to fulfil God's purpose. All attempts to make her more than that are sheer folly, idolatry.

Catholic Press Blessed

DURING the "holy year" the outstanding effort of the Catholic Press in America was to do everything that lay in their power to force Judge Rutherford off the air. Several columns and sometimes a whole page in a single issue were devoted to this unmanly and un-American way of doing things. One of the chief offenders was the *Cleveland Universe Bulletin*. The shameless list of vile appellations, and vile descriptions of Judge Rutherford's work as Jehovah's witness, was published in our issue of February 14, 1933, 82 masterpieces of the "accuser of the brethren", the Devil. Under the circumstances it is a peculiar pleasure to us to note that the Catholic Press held its annual meeting for 1934 in the city of Cleveland, and that when it abjectly sent the pope a message of filial greetings and obedience he came back with a special blessing for them all, and especially for the Catholic *Universe Bulletin* and its readers. No doubt this means that they will soon get all that is coming to them in the way of punishment. The "pope's" blessings generally work out that way.

What He Got for Sainting Mother Thouret

BACK in the days of the apostle Paul, and the other bona fide apostles, all the Lord's true people were called saints, and nobody expected to call them anything else. Now it is different; it takes money and lots of elaborate ceremonies. The pope just made "Mother" Thouret a saint. As a reward he was given a keg of wine, two bowls of bread, a bunch of candles, two doves, two pigeons, a group of small birds, and three bird cages. He might just as well as not have had a box of toothpicks, a bag of marbles, and a half dozen Pittsburgh stogies, but nobody thought of it till too late. The pope, so it is said, permits himself a cigar once in a while, and it would seem that for doing a job like this somebody would give him at least one.

Saint Anthony of Padua

A DODGER distributed in New York advertises a Spanish motion picture show to be held on Seventh avenue. The dodger is in both Spanish and English and says, in part: "Every man, woman and child should see this great production and hear its marvellous music, to wonder at the faith of a man that commanded the fishes of the sea, restored a boy's severed foot; that made the beast bow in adoration to the Sacred Host; the power of a saint who healed the sick and restored the dead to life." Having thus set out that this person, born at Lisbon in A.D. 1195, could do about everything that Christ could do, it goes further and says of him that he was "St. Anthony, the man who saw God, and glorious and immaculate virgin Mary! St. Anthony, the man who held the Child Jesus in his arms! St. Anthony the Miracle Man of the Centuries". Anybody can see that if Saint Anthony, 1162 years after Christ ascended into heaven, could enter there and pick up in his arms the One who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth," there would be nothing to prevent his taking charge of the premises and running everything as he liked. And that is manifestly what the motion picture show is intended to teach.

The Spiritual Qualities of Artillery

IN AN address praising Italy's artillery the "pope" said that the profession of artilleryman demands not only special physical qualities, but also special spiritual and intellectual qualities. As he did not go into details, we expand this subject a little. Suppose, for instance, here is a bad man, an enemy of the Italians, and, like many of old, the man is possessed of a devil. Anybody who will think about it can see that when an artilleryman has planted a quart of shrapnel in this man's gastronomic apparatus the man is no longer possessed of the devil; it has been literally blown out of him. And thus, thou seest, how the spiritual qualities of the artilleryman are brought to light. The "pope" has been accused recently of having stock in an Italian poison-gas plant; so he and the artillerymen have something in common. Wonder if he has looked into this new scheme of treating shrapnel with acids, so that the patient surely dies in four hours after the pieces enter his breadbasket.

Another "Holy Name" Breakfast

THE Catholic hierarchy is fairly falling over itself in its effort to put it up to the American people that it has grabbed the country. About every week now we hear of some new division of the United States government or the New York city government mentioned in such a way as to indicate that it is in some way officially connected with the Roman church. The latest is the third annual communion breakfast of the Brooklyn and Queens Holy Name Society of the Department of Sanitation; more than 3,500 city employees, in the St. George Hotel, after they had all attended mass in a near-by church. If a street sweeper wants to stop cussing, that is his right; and if he wants to be a Catholic, that is his right; but the combination of the street sweeping department with the Catholic church does not just suit. In New York city's civic center, in the very heart of it, a Catholic church has been left standing in such a position that it greatly injures the architectural appearance of a city court building that cost millions of dollars. It is strategically left in a place where it can be readily made to appear to the ignorant and unthinking that it is a part of the city government, as, in fact, it dearly longs to be.

Trying to Make It Strong Enough

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON, National Recovery administrator, was merely trying to make it strong enough when he said to the National Catholic Alumni Federation: "The Franciscans and the Society of Jesus did more to make America than any other group of men from Columbus to this day." In his excitement the general forgot to tell his audience that eighty-five percent of the population of America have no interest in the Roman Catholic church, and no president of the American republic has ever been of that faith.

Don Bosco Barely Made the Grade

REPORTS say it took 5½ hours to canonize Don Bosco and thus make him a "saint" for good and all; looks as if he barely made the grade. The next day the "pope", wearing his three-story stovepipe hat and a little white apron, went back through the "holy door", the last man to go through it, as he was the first. It is said that 1,250,000 went through it while it was open. It is supposed to be opened again in 1950.

St. Jude Does the Handsome Thing

HERE is a magazine from Australia called *Filipinas*. It is boosting St. Jude. It seems that if you want a job or some money, or want to get into business, or what not, you take it up with St. Jude; and on account of the fact that he is a relative of the Lord, you can get almost anything you want if you pay the priest for it. Here are cases Numbers 10921 to 10936 inclusive. The numbering probably started at 10,000; that is the way the railroads used to do with freight cars. If you start with too small a number it doesn't look like anything. No names are given; the reason for that is readily apparent. It is hard enough to make up the stories themselves without having to manufacture the names and addresses. One man was out of work; he promised to do the right thing by Jude if he got a job. The result was that Jude came across with a job that pays £2 a week; not so much, but the times are hard and it is a lot better than nothing. Another man wanted to pass an examination. Don't know how Jude helped on this, but it seems that he helped. Another man wanted to get into business. He promised to divide with Jude, and Jude must have found out about it, for he sent him a flock of customers. Another man got his rent reduced and also got a roomer. All in all, it seemed that Jude stepped on the gas in good shape and used his pull to good advantage, so why shouldn't we boost him? If a saint does a batch of first-class, No. 1 stunts and we don't say anything about it in *The Golden Age* he might get sore and lie down on the job; and that would be just too bad—for the priest.

A Form of Confession

A FRIEND has handed us a printed form of confession, in use in a Polish Catholic church at Passaic, N. J. It is intended to help the sinner think of the sins he is supposed to have committed. Eleven different kinds of supposed sins are named, and it is interesting that seven of these are not mentioned in the Scriptures:

I have missed Mass on Sundays about 2 times a month.
I was disobedient to my parents about 10 times a week.
I was cursing about 5 times a week.
I was stealing money, about 10 dollars.
I was telling lies, about 12 times.
I had bad thoughts on an average of 3 times a week.
I did not listen to my teacher, about 3 times a week.
I did not say my morning and evening prayers, about 4 times.
I was throwing stones at cats about 2 times a month.
I was eating meat on Friday about 2 times.
I was angry about 7 times; and so forth.

Free Speech in St. Louis

THE St. Louis *Star-Times* comments editorially and favorably on the fact that the German ambassador could and did come to St. Louis to boost the Hitler régime. The editorial is entitled "Speech Is Free Here", and has a noble ring to it. One wonders, however, if the *Star-Times* knows that in that same city of St. Louis last fall the Catholic organizations of the city forced KMOX to discontinue broadcasting the addresses of Judge Rutherford, under threat that if it did not do so all its advertisers would be boycotted. The *Star-Times* ought to write another editorial and entitle it "Speech Is Not Free Here". We will gladly supply all the facts.

The Hair-snatching Party at St. Herbot

ON MAY 25, 1934, the natives of St. Herbot, France, snatched hairs from the tails of all their horned beasts and brought them to the statue of the "saint" for blessing. We hate to think what would have happened to those animals during the ensuing year if they had not had those hairs snatched from their tails, and still more do we hate to think what would have happened to the gent that taught them this hair-snatching stunt. Without that little wrinkle to fall back on, who knows but that by now he would have had to face the dread reality of the overalls and the alarm clock?

Chief Vachon's Untimely End

GERALD BARRY, of Canada, writes in that Chief of Police Vachon, of Three Rivers, Quebec, was killed in an automobile accident. In November, 1931, six of Jehovah's witnesses went to Three Rivers to give the witness there, but had hardly worked two hours before Chief of Police Vachon clapped them all in jail. Since then no work has been done in Three Rivers, and Barry wonders if this is not one more case where the divine displeasure has been shown; and he may be right. We do not know.

Must Be a Nice Place

ON JUNE 20, 1934, at Troy, New York, two girls were seriously injured, perhaps fatally, when they fell from a rope made of sheets wherewith they were attempting to escape from the House of the Good Shepherd. This "House of the Good Shepherd" must be a nice place, when two girls, 17 and 18 years of age, risk their lives in a desperate effort to escape from the fifth floor.

Prayers, Prayers, Prayers, Money, Money, Money

A SUBSCRIBER writes in and says that some old gentleman dressed in white skirts recently said that what the world needs is prayers, prayers, prayers and incidentally money, money, money. She says it makes her think of the colored lady in a church in the South. The pastor was showing lantern slides supposed to show how nice it would be to be in heaven. Some rascal slipped in a very naughty slide in place of the heaven scene. The colored lady was the heroine of it. The reason the pastor showed the heaven slide was to encourage people to pray, so they could get to heaven when they died. But when the dame saw her slide come on and recognized herself in it, she rose and went out like a rocket. As she passed the pastor she said, "Out of my way, Niggah, I does my own praying." The subscriber thinks she would rather do her own praying than to have the pope do it for her.

Two Reasons for Paying Money

REVEREND I. McHUGH, The Catholic Church, Hethe, Bicester, England, thinks of two reasons why people should send him money. The first is that in a certain year in the fifteenth century, on April 25, all the church bells in Genazzano, Italy, were rung without human hands, and the angels came through the clouds bearing a beautiful fresco for a new church; and the other is that the nun Walburga died in the year 779, and from the year 1042 a miraculous, tasteless, odorless, transparent, oily fluid exudes from her bones during four months of each year. That all sounds interesting, but just how the "Reverend" McHugh rings in on this thing, or on either of these things, in the year 1934, is the prize puzzle. However, "Reverend" McHugh takes pains to say that "all letters received will be cordially acknowledged"; and that is sump'n, ain't it?

Another Good "Religious" Investment

NOTING that some religious groups in Europe have invested in poison-gas plants and other armament ventures, we venture to draw their attention to the new kind of shrapnel, coated with acids in exploding, which causes death with terrible agony within four hours after wounding, thus making medical units largely unnecessary in future armies. Indications are that business in this line will be good.

Somebody Pleased over Hitler Triumph

SOMEBODY is so pleased over Hitler's triumph in Germany that at Magdeburg, when the new Nazi bishop of Saxony was installed, the bishop's door of the Cathedral of Saint Maurice and Saint Catherine was opened to him, the first time it had been opened in 410 years—since the days of Luther. German Evangelical pastors, fighting the complete Nazification of their churches, petitioned the pope, not exactly for admission to the Roman Catholic church, as first stated, but that he would organize all Christians in Germany against the Nazi pagans that have now obliterated all churches except the Nazi and Catholic ones.

Statue Bleeds in Italy

IT SEEMS, so goes the story, that a statue of Christ, in St. Joseph's church, Asti, Italy, bleeds. The news was sent halfway around the world, to Santa Cruz, California, and from there sent out as a United Press dispatch under date of April 7, 1934, and published in many American papers. A little reflection will show why it is more profitable to send out an item of this kind with a California date line than to send it out from Italy; and it makes a better advertisement. And, after all, what is any business unless well advertised?

The "Terrible Silence"

THE Paris edition of the New York *Herald*, issue of January 2, 1934, commented on the "terrible silence" from what esteems itself to be the religious center of the world. It seems that the gentleman in charge had nothing to say. It is well; and here is hoping the lesson is permanent.

Crime in Catholic New York

IN LONDON last year the police had to deal with 21 murders; in New York city, with 431 cases. There is manifestly something radically wrong, and everybody who knows the religious group that dominates the latter city knows what it is.

At the End of the Holy Year

AT THE end of the "Holy Year", April 13, 1934, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington reported that there were 100,000 more American families on the relief rolls than when the "Holy Year" began, a year previously.

In the City Home for Dependents

IN THE City Home for Dependents, on Welfare island, New York city, Catherine Manigan, an inmate, sat in a chair for three days with broken ribs before being taken to the hospital; in one ward there were forty-five inmates and but two nightgowns; among the attendants for 2,000 inmates there was but one registered nurse; the attendants, chosen for their political ability, stole cream and butter from the blind and made up for it by bathing them in water that had been used over and over again; the attendants often went to bed and set inmates to do their work of seeing that none strayed out during the night—the inmates stayed up all night, while the attendants slept. Mary Schwartz, over 70 years of age, very feeble, and receiving no pay, was compelled to work from 4:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., making beds, bathing patients and mending stockings. An aged woman, dying, was tied to a chair with a sheet, to keep her quiet, instead of being sent to a hospital. Another woman received no care for an infected finger for ten days, when the infection had spread to her elbow. People who did not know the first thing about nursing unhesitatingly prescribed for inmates and thus often caused their deaths. When the doctors prescribed, the attendants could not understand the prescriptions, and did as they pleased. Bandages, improperly adjusted on inmates in the first place, were frequently unchanged for a week at a time. Inmates who could not pay, and had nothing that could be stolen, were simply out of luck.

Trying to Stop Begging in New York

A COMMITTEE of six magistrates and chairmen of various city committees has broadcast an appeal to New Yorkers not to give anything to street beggars, because it is harmful to the mendicant and to the community. The claim was made that there is a place, a bed and food for every person who is in need, and that such has been the case during all the past winter.

The Longest Telegram

THE longest telegram in history was sent to President Roosevelt from Birmingham, Alabama, on the occasion of his fifty-second birthday. It was 1,290 feet long, and weighed eight pounds two ounces. To it were signed the names of 41,000 people. It took 20 hours to send it.

Soothing the Last Hours at Welfare Island

MORE gems come to light respecting the comforts of Welfare island, New York city's "City Home for Dependents". There was one lady, Mrs. Mathilda Beecher, who had \$9,000; she was 80 years of age, expected soon to die, and sought to arrange for an elaborate funeral. The superintendent of the home, at last accounts in hiding, got Mrs. Beecher to turn the \$9,000 over to his wife. At length the lady died, and when the funeral came off she was buried in a dress that cost \$11, accompanied by \$5 worth of flowers. Looks as if the one who got the \$9,000 could have spared enough change to make it two bouquets instead of one. Another inmate, Stephen Mahon, eighty-seven years of age, was also induced to part with \$1,000 in cash and an estate of \$5,000. Patrick C. Kane, another inmate, was robbed of \$3,000 in cash. The gentleman who carried through these transactions missed his calling. If he had started out as a priest he could no doubt by this time have become a bishop or a cardinal.

Living in Bedlam

JOHAN F. O'RYAN, police commissioner of New York, declares that the young are now so ill-mannered that parents have given up having parties in their homes, on account of the actual property damage wrought. The bad manners include pushing, shoving, stealing and acts of vandalism, such as carving initials on expensive and freshly painted doors. He has no solution, but we have. The young people that are doing these things have been taught that all they have to do is to confess to the priest and repeat some lingo so many times and they will be forgiven here and hereafter. It is not true. What these young people need to know is that every act of disobedience will receive a just recompense of reward, and nobody will be exempt, not a person.

Potential Human Furnaces

NEW YORK city still has standing many tenements that were condemned before the twentieth century began. It is estimated that 30,000 families are rotting in the cellars of these disease-breeding pestholes. Of the 1,664 persons burned to death in New York tenements in the twentieth century, 1,422 were trapped in the old-law tenements. Of 67,000 tenement buildings in New York, it is estimated that 90 percent are fire traps. They shelter 2,000,000 persons.

Margaret Allison Writes to the Cardinal

MARGARET ALLISON, famous actress, Hollywood, a subscriber for both *The Watchtower* and *The Golden Age*, favors us with copy of the following interesting letter written by her to Cardinal O'Connell:

Hollywood, California

May 24, 1934

William Cardinal O'Connell
Archbishop of Boston:

"Hollywood Scandal of World, Says Cardinal"!

These are the headlines that greet me on the front page of *Hollywood Citizen News* of May 24.

How flattering! thought I; and what is the charge? Here it is, word for word:

Denouncing screen stars 'with their unutterable disregard of every decent convention of life, with their three or four or five or six or seven husbands, with beautiful clothes, and what might be called beautiful faces but are only masks', the cardinal asked:

"Can any decent woman look on that sort of life as not being a horrible thing to avoid, as a contagion? How can you go and sit through a performance of that kind, carried on by people with an openly scandalous reputation, and pour money into their laps by the million?"

Thunder over Mexico was not in it at the righteous indignation that arises in me at the hypocritical charge.

Now, as a decent woman (but let me remind you, Mr. Cardinal, the Word of God says, "If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us"), I propose to answer your charges and lift my pen, not in defense of individuals, but in defense of righteousness.

His servants ye are whom ye serve; so, claiming to be a representative of Christianity, let me point you to Matthew 21:23-32. A conversation ensues between Jesus and the chief priests of the temple, those who profess to know God and keep His commandments. Mark the closing verses to the narrative:

Jesus saith unto them (the chief priests), "Verily I say unto you that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterwards, that ye might believe him."

Truly, history is repeating itself.

Your accusations against the screen stars of Hollywood remind me of the hypocrites who brought forth the woman taken in adultery, saying, "This woman was taken in the very act."

Note, Mr. Cardinal, they forgot to bring along the man—the other sinner. I note you likewise in your charge leave the men out.

Now, the screen stars with their three or four or five or six or seven husbands, what would Jesus say

of them—Oh, you horrible things, keep away; you are contagious? I think not.

It is recorded how He met a woman at the well of Samaria. She had five husbands. The Perfect One said, "Give me to drink." Her frankness and intelligence are admirable as the conversation ensues between them. With what grace He said unto her, 'I am the Christ.'

Note, Mr. Cardinal, this is the only incident recorded where our Lord said these words and openly acknowledged who He was—to a woman with five husbands.

Surely, He looked not upon her as a horrible thing to avoid, but perhaps saw in her the idealist seeking a perfect man, that which she never met until she beheld Him.

What condescending grace! How we admire His understanding heart!

Solomon, the wise, said: "In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding." "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." "Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore get wisdom: but with all thy getting, get understanding." Now get it, please.

The next charge is—the beautiful clothes. Well, that is not so bad. You admit they are *beautiful* clothes. That is more than I can say of the clothes in a recent news reel I saw of the pope and his cardinals in Vatican City. (Mark well, I am not entering into personalities, but just stating facts.)

Frankly, I thought it the most repugnant dress parade I had ever seen. Men in women's skirts and lace aprons and epaulets and every contraption to belittle manhood!

It is truth when I say the words of St. Paul came to me as I beheld the sight: "Let no man beguile you from the simplicity which is in Christ."

Be careful, Mr. Cardinal, that the blood of the innocents is not found in the skirts of your garments, as the prophet Jeremiah says. These old prophets surely said some scathing things about the priests of Israel (and they claimed to be God's people!).

The words recorded in Hosea 6:6, I advise you to ponder over: "For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings." Think of this the next time you are burning incense!

As for the masks—how do you know what they wear? Might I ask, have you been to a show, or perhaps going Hollywood, or, by chance, just making 'waist' places glad?

Man will look at the outward appearance!

Now you ask me (as a decent woman), first, how I can look on that sort of life? My answer is—as Christ would.

Secondly, you ask: "How can you go and sit

through a performance of that kind, carried on by people of an openly scandalous reputation, and pour money into their laps by the million?" Oh, thou hypocrite! first take the beam out of your own eye, and then take the mote out of your sister's.

I could not pour millions into their laps, for I have not got them; but if I had, there is a greater chance of the stars' getting it than the racket you are in.

That is plain speech—such as you presented to the thousand members of Forresters at Swampscott, Massachusetts, May 24.

Perhaps you don't understand what is good for the goose is good for the gander. Get that, please.

I remind you of that performance recently recorded in all the leading newspapers of America: Making a saint of Mother Cabrini. The performance was to cost one million dollars! Cardinal Mundelein, leading actor, and the poor little Sisters of the Order Mother Cabrini so nobly supported had to dole up the million before "Mother" could be a saint! Alas! Dante's hell was paved with good intentions!

Say, Mr. Cardinal, decent women are not such fools out here in Hollywood to believe God's salvation is

bought with money. We are saved by grace; and that not of ourselves; it is the gift of God.

We are no more children tossed about with every doctrine by the sleight of man and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, as St. Paul warned us in Ephesians 4: 14.

Luke 16: 13 says: "Ye can not serve God and mammon." And to the Pharisees, the religious instructors of the people, our Lord continued: "Ye are they who justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." Get that, please.

You have judged and condemned the 'stars of Hollywood'.

Suppose, in the light of God's Word, you judge yourself, and see where you come off. Will you be a publican in spirit or a Pharisee? Lord, be merciful!

Come now, let us reason together. Great sinners often become great saints, and it doesn't take a million dollars to make the transition either.

From the wife of one husband,

MARGARET K. L. ALLISON.

A Protest to the Purgatorian Society

THE price list or time table of the Purgatorian Society, of 258 Pine St., Buffalo, N. Y., is very confusing. The idea is that you get so many days off from your just share in the "fires of purgatory" for saying such and such things. In certain instances the prayers must be made every day for a month, in others with holy water, in others while looking at the sacrament, in others in time of temptation, etc. That is all O.K., probably, though none of these things are mentioned in the Bible. But, setting these aside, there is a big divergence in the number of days one gets off for saying certain things. Now, for instance, here is a 9-worder: "Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things"; it brings 50 days. Yet another 9-worder, "Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us," brings 100 days. An 8-worder, "O Mary, our hope, be propitious to us," brings 200 days; but another 8-worder, "Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us," brings 300 days. The logic of this is not clear. Why not run "purgatory" on the level? If 8 words will help a fellow to be cool and comfortable for 300 days, why must another man who says 9 words get only 50 days because he says the wrong thing? Don't you see? The thing

is not just. And then we have still worse inconsistencies. Just for saying "Jesus! Mary!" and nothing else, mind you, not another thing, a man gets 300 days in the frigidaire department, while for saying twelve times as much, namely, "Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of Holy Church," the sayer gets but 100 days. He does twelve times as much work for one-third of the time in the frigidaire. In fact, a close examination of 22 of these ejaculations shows that the whole system is inconsistent. Thus 16 of the ejaculations that bring 300 days apiece in the frigidaire average only 10 words long, while to get 200 days in the cooler the average number of words required is $13\frac{1}{2}$, and to get an even hundred days one must produce an average of 17 words. The thing seems to run backwards, like an old Model T Ford that will climb some hills when the gas is low only by turning it around and running up backwards. To offset this, however, we have to admit that to get 50 days of good temperature the average number of words is only 8. Those interested in figures should look into this.

As interest in the Bible and its message increases the "regularly ordained" clergy are more and more manifesting their own abysmal ignorance of and unpardonable indifference toward its contents. Unable to agree among themselves as to the significance of even the most fundamental doctrines of the Word of God, they nevertheless conspire together to keep the people from studying it for themselves with the aid of such helps as are within their reach. It is to extend a helping hand to earnest seekers after the truth that Judge Rutherford and coworkers are promulgating the Bible message in simple and direct language. The following brief talk is seventh of a series of eighteen, all of which will appear in *The Golden Age*.

Soul By J. F. Rutherford

DOES every person possess an immortal soul? The only way to obtain a correct answer to that question is to read it in the Bible. What is contained in the Bible is the truth, because it is the Word of God. The correct answer to the question clears up many other confusing doctrines. The word *soul* means a living creature. Every living creature is a soul, and that includes men and animals. A man is a soul, but he does not possess a soul. The body and the breath of life which animates the brain and other organs together constitute a soul or creature. In Genesis 2:7 it is written: "God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." This scripture says nothing about God's giving man a soul.

An immortal soul would mean one which is not subject to death and does not die. When God created man He said to him: 'In the day that you sin you shall surely die.' God's law did not mean that merely the body would die, but that the man himself would cease to exist. In Ezekiel 18:4 it is written: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die"; and that alone is proof conclusive that the soul is not immortal. In Psalm 89:48 it is written: "What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?" There is not one text of the Bible that says that man has an immortal soul, but, on the contrary, all texts bearing upon the matter show that man is a mortal soul or creature.

The clergy teach that the soul is immortal. What is their authority for such teaching? Satan, the Devil, is the author of the false teaching that the soul is immortal. The Scriptures declare that Satan is the father of lies and always resorts to lying. He deceived Eve, the first woman, by telling a lie. It is written, in Genesis three, that Satan, that old serpent, said to Eve,

in contradiction of God's law, "Ye shall not surely die." Satan's purpose in telling that lie was to turn mankind away from God. Ever since then Satan has deceived men and caused religious teachers to tell the people that there is no death. Whenever you hear any company or organization of people teaching that there is no death you may know at once that Satan is the author of that teaching and that it is wholly false.

Satan himself is not immortal. God has sentenced Satan to death, and within a short time now God will destroy Satan, together with all other wicked ones. (Hebrews 2:14) When the man Jesus was on earth He was not immortal, because it was written of Him that He was dead for three days and on the third day God raised Him up out of death. The angels are not immortal, because it is written in the Scriptures that there are wicked angels and that all the wicked God will destroy. (Psalm 145:20) Man is made lower than angels. We know from observation that men die. Who, then, is immortal? The Scriptural answer is that God alone is immortal, without beginning and without end. (1 Timothy 6:16) When God raised Christ Jesus from the dead He gave to Jesus immortality, so that He cannot die again. (Revelation 1:18) No one will ever get immortality except those who are the true followers of Christ Jesus and who remain faithful unto death. To the Christians the Scripture says: 'Seek ye immortality.' (Romans 2:7) You know that a man does not seek what he already possesses. In addressing true Christians the Scriptures declare concerning the soul, that is, the man: "This mortal must put on immortality." (1 Corinthians 15:53) It would be entirely inconsistent for God to give every man an immortal soul and then require Christians to be faithful unto death in order to receive immortality as a reward.

The doctrine of the immortality of all souls is Satan's lie, and upon that falsehood is based almost all other false teachings. Satan's purpose of instilling that lie into the mind of men is to reproach the name of Jehovah God, turn

men away from God, and ensnare them in his trap and destroy them. If we rely upon the Word of God we will not go wrong. The truth is of vital importance to all now who desire to go in the right way.

[The foregoing lecture is one of a series of eighteen brief talks by Judge Rutherford now obtainable in the form of phonograph records. There are nine records in all, two talks on each disk. They may be run on any phonograph. This unusual set of instructive and helpful records is issued by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., the purpose being to enable those who are un-

able to hear Judge Rutherford's talks by radio to have these lectures in their own homes and to share them with friends, relatives and neighbors. The talks cover important and timely Bible truths. The demand for the records has been unusual, indicating a wide interest in these encouraging messages. Inquiries regarding these records should be addressed to the Society, and not to us.]

Jehovah's witnesses

The Soul Is a Worm

E. H. COMSTOCK, pioneer, says the preacher out in the town in Illinois where he is at present witnessing has it all straightened out now. He says that the soul is the "worm that dieth not". Comstock says that settles the soul business for him; it is a worm. It is astonishing how fast these pioneers pick up "knowledge", especially from the clergy. And doesn't it show, too, how dangerous it was for our parents to give us worm medicine when we were kids? But why go into that?

Two Badly Frightened Priests

TWO priests of Keokuk, Iowa, became badly frightened when Leroy Moore, seven years of age, went from door to door, giving those who desired Judge Rutherford's booklet *Intolerance* an opportunity to get it upon contributing a part of the cost of printing and delivering at the door. The two priests stirred up the police department, and incidentally the whole town, with the result that they finally locked up Leroy and 65 others, two of whom were ladies over 70 years of age. Newspaper accounts accomplished wonders at the thoroughness with which they set forth things that were not true, and concealed things that were. The object, of course, was to hide the two priests that were at the bottom of the whole ridiculous performance. At 9:30 that night the 66 witnesses, including Leroy and the two elderly women, were released, none of them having violated any law, and

everybody was glad that the two priests had been able to keep out of it. At one time it looked as if they would certainly be dragged in, and, of course, nobody wants to read the truth about the priests; so everybody was glad when it was all over, including the brave chief of police who manfully shoved Leroy behind the bars. The Catholics, Protestants and Jews have been having a fine time conducting lecture tours about the country explaining to the people in general that there is no such thing as intolerance in this country, and in due time they expect to get to Leroy and to the two old ladies and to tell them all about it and explain that it was all a joke anyway. And then the Millennium will have come to Keokuk.

Page Write-up in Worcester "Telegram"

THE Worcester (Mass.) *Telegram*, issue of April 29, 1934, contains over a full-page illustrated article outlining the lives of Jehovah's witnesses at the Sudbury (Massachusetts) 163-acre farm, where 24 of them (9 of whom are pioneers) make their home. The article is sympathetically and intelligently written by Frederick L. Rushton, of the *Sunday Telegram* staff, describes the property, personnel, times of the Gentiles, ousting of Satan from heaven, daily routine, devotions, meals, witness work, farm activities, and what it means to be consecrated. It is the best article of the kind we have seen, and is unique in that it does not contain anything to which any of Jehovah's witnesses could take exception.

The Biggest Calculating Machine

THE biggest calculating machine ever constructed is now being assembled at the University of Pennsylvania. It is 30 feet long, 10 feet wide, and 4 feet high, contains 75,000 parts, and weighs three tons. By means of gears, wheels and mechanical amplifying apparatus, it is able to solve in fifteen minutes a mathematical problem upon which five expert mathematicians of the United States Army worked for four months before finding the solution.

Doctor Wirt Cut off the Air

DR. WILLIAM A. WIRT, educator, of Gary, Indiana, after his denunciation of some of the purposes of the "brain trust" at Washington, was invited to Chicago to address the American Legion on the topic "Which Way, America?" At the last minute it was announced that the radio station WMAQ, which was to have broadcast the lecture, had "found it advisable" not to do so. The public in general was thus denied the privilege of hearing this courageous man say what he wanted to say.

A Reply to a Poet

THE man at the next desk is responsible for this, and it's not *half* bad:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th of June. It seems to us to bear a mournful tune. We're sorry that our notice pained you so, and that it seemed to be a heavy blow. But if you could have read some of the lines that come to us from rapt, poetic minds, you would, we think, excuse our humble jest, and still believe that it was for the best.

The World's Fair of 1934

THE World's Fair of 1934 is said to be bigger and better than ever. There are eighty-four miles of free exhibits, housed in eighty buildings, and spectacular features, some of them of gigantic proportions. Many of the best known articles of commerce are manufactured from the raw materials and finished on the grounds.

What You Do with Your Life

A GERMAN psychologist says that if you live to be 70 years of age you have spent 25 years working, 20 years sleeping, 7 years walking, 7 years in pleasure, 5 years shaving and dressing, 3 years waiting, 2 years eating, 1 year telephoning, 30 hours annually looking into mirrors, and 4 hours annually wiping the nose.

The Larger Universities

THE American universities having each more than 10,000 students are: Columbia, with 30,588; New York University; New York College; California; Ohio; Minnesota; Illinois; Pittsburgh; Boston; Michigan, with 11,256. The smallest college in the United States is at Bethany, Oklahoma, with 8 students and 14 teachers, and another one at Salina, Kansas, with 14 students and 22 teachers. Total students in 640 colleges, 971,584; an average of 1,500 each.

Home Craft Idea Spreading

THE Home Craft idea, which seems to have originated in the province of Quebec, Canada, has spread across the border to the adjoining state of New Hampshire. A growing demand has been noted for hand-made furniture, hand-made copper and brass articles, hand-woven fabrics and hand-made and hand-decorated pottery. It is conjectured that the home industries movement has some possibilities, especially in this terrible era of unemployment.

Tuskegee's Famous Negro Choir

ENGLAND is in for a treat. Tuskegee Institute's famous choir of 150 voices will tour the land, singing the "Negro spirituals" in all their original pathos and beauty. Founded in 1881, in the heart of the Black Belt of Alabama, Tuskegee has trained thousands of Negroes and been a powerful factor in the upward development of this able, kind-hearted, musical and humorous race.

Industrial Accidents in Ohio in 1933

IN OHIO, in 1933, 130,316 injuries to industrial workers were reported to the Industrial Commission. The reports show that 906 workers were killed; 6 were permanently disabled; 112 lost eyes; 22, arms; 7, hands; 19, legs; 6, feet; 800, whole fingers; 501, parts of fingers; and 81, toes. Does it not seem that these figures are tremendous and should be reduced?

A Plucky Girl Student

JANE ANNE SLAUGHTER, 14 years old, confined since last August in a Dallas hospital on account of a crushed vertebra, went right ahead with her studies in high school, by the correspondence method, and became the valedictorian of her class, at Hollis, Oklahoma, attaining a class average of 95.

Among the Utilities

Public Ownership in Winnipeg

AT WINNIPEG, Canada, under public ownership, the average cost of electric current is 0.879 of a cent per kilowatt hour, and average bill of the householder is \$3.05 for the 347 kilowatt hours that he uses. In the United States, in all communities under private ownership the average cost is 5.78 cents per kilowatt hour, and average monthly bill of the householder is \$2.81 for the 48.6 kilowatt hours he can afford to use. How does it make you feel to know that in Winnipeg the householder can use more than six times the current he can use in the United States and even then his monthly electric bill will be less in dollars and cents?

The Seven Vultures in a Row

IN JEFFERSON CITY, Missouri, two little electric companies wanted to boost their rates. An investigation was made, and disclosed that both companies were handing over a good share of their revenue to seven Wall Street concerns which provided them with "managerial and advisory services", "administrative affairs," "purchasing of equipment," "auditing," "engineering and construction services," "bookkeeping expenses," and general, all-around, unadulterated, common, low-down, disgraceful stealing. That is why we have these famous great executives. What else do they do?

Electric Bond and Share Company

THE secretary of the Electric Bond and Share Company fills 239 other jobs with the same company, the treasurer has 179 jobs, and the vice president has 112 jobs. Three thousand companies are in a chain of control whereby a controlling company is sometimes 11 companies removed from the actual operating company. In the utilities field 312 persons are affiliated with two or more systems, and 15 of these are in 100 or more each.

The Experience of Logansport

WITHIN the last few years Logansport, Indiana, not only has paid in full for its municipal light and power plant, paid for a new and beautiful city hall and two fire stations, and supplied free current to county institutions and civic welfare agencies, all out of its electric plant revenues, but has meanwhile given the people of Logansport the lowest light rate in the state.

The Skagit River Development

IN DIABLO canyon, 100 miles from Seattle, near the Canadian border, the city of Seattle has a dam 389 feet high, 1,180 feet long on the crest, and 140 feet thick at the base. The power tunnel leading from this dam is 19 feet 6 inches in inside diameter, and 2,000 feet long, through solid granite. The power house has the two largest turbine units in the world, each having a capacity of 95,000 horsepower. As a result of this municipal development the average rate for domestic service in Seattle is 2.8 cents, as against a rate for the whole United States in 1932 of 5.6 cents, which is just twice as much.

God's Kingdom the Hope of the World

CORDELL HULL, secretary of state, in an address at an Associated Press luncheon in New York, virtually admitted that God's kingdom is the only possible hope of the world when he said:

"Outrageous financial manipulation of the stock market and security flotations has stripped millions of people of their life savings and left Finance unworthy of public confidence. Vicious methods and practices, vile abuses, wild extravagance, far-reaching scandals and crimes and many other violations of all ethics and honesty have crept into the financial and economic affairs of the nation."

Reasons for Lower Telephone Rates

REASONS for lower telephone rates (try to get them) are that 80 percent of the telephones are now dial phones, so that everybody is his own operator; the telephone companies have dropped many employees and cut the wages; and they can now send several telephone conversations over a single wire, enabling them to multiply the amount of business done over a given wire without adding to the expense. All the savings effected have gone into dividends, with nothing to the telephone users.

More Powerful than the State

IT IS openly claimed in Washington, and might as well be freely admitted elsewhere, that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is more powerful and skilled than any state government with which it has to deal. Another correlated statement is that, on account of its vast international banking and other connections, it is more powerful than the national government of any one nation, and in a time of war would possess a power that is unthinkable.

Into the Hands of the Money Changers

REFERRING to the fact that the bill was shelved which would have placed the deposits in closed national banks within reach of the depositors, and at the same moment the Congress was asked for 1,322 million dollars for relief expenditures, which latter sum of money is to be created by issuing tax-free interest-bearing bonds, Robert H. Hemphill, financial authority for the New York *American* says:

"The proceeding is so illogical, so absurd and so outrageous that it is difficult to interpret and comment upon it in restrained language. Surely our brilliant publishers, industrialists and merchants cannot much longer ignore this crude, simple, transparent, but amazingly effective process by which their diminished earnings and their depreciated properties, the results of their genius and labor, are progressively passing into the hands of the money changers, who contribute so little to society."

Train Operation by Radio

NEAR Boise City, Oklahoma, on a stretch of the Santa Fe railroad a small rail motor car was driven seven miles by energy sent by radio. On the basis of this experiment apparatus capable of generating 1,000 horsepower will be built forthwith in Brooklyn, N. Y., and with this the inventor expects to operate a five-car train without material connection of any kind between the train and the power house. Looks as if the locomotive, even the electric one, were doomed.

New York State Ship Canal

UNDERTAKEN as a relief measure, New York state and the United States are about to expend \$27,000,000 in transforming the State Barge Canal into a ship canal open the year around, and able to handle coastwise shipping, as, for instance, between such ports as Chicago and Baltimore, without transshipments. It is claimed that by the expenditure of twice this amount boats of 20,000 tons, able to proceed to any part of the world, could be provided for.

Sleeping Berths on Airplanes

THE American Airways now operates a fleet of sleeping planes between Dallas and Los Angeles. There are twelve full-size berths, arranged as uppers and lowers, equipped with every convenience and comfort. Both upper and lower berths have window space. The planes will operate at 160 miles per hour.

A Wave Eighty-five Feet High

IN 1928 the Leviathan encountered a wave eighty-five feet high. In other words, it was necessary to climb eighty-five feet above the ship's water line in order to see the passing crests top the horizon. This is a record wave for the North Atlantic. The waves off Cape Horn are the greatest met with anywhere, for the reason that there are no land surfaces to interrupt them around the whole south polar region.

The World's Biggest Elevator

THE world's biggest elevator is also the world's biggest trough. It is located at Niederfinow, Germany. A ship runs into it and is locked in. Then the ship, trough and all, is hoisted 120 feet, and in twenty minutes from the time it starts to enter the trough it has left it. It takes the place of four locks formerly in the Hohenzollern ship canal across north Germany.

Deadly Automobiles in Britain

A BIG increase in automobile accidents and deaths worries Britain. The number of automobile fatalities in 1933 was 7,202 (about one-fourth that of the United States); persons injured, 216,328; accidents, 191,782. As an item of safety and beauty, all new telephone wires in Britain will be put under ground.

Directors' Salaries on Brazilian Railway

WHEN a Brazilian railway sorrowfully explained to its workers that it could not afford to pay more for their services, the workers embarrassed everybody by inquiring, if that were true, why the company had on its payroll a score or more of directors each with salary ranging from \$15,000 to \$40,000 a year.

Rockets in Use in Austria

ROCKETS are used in Austria to shoot mails over the mountains, doing in a few seconds a journey it takes a horseman two days to negotiate. Experimenters are hopeful of eventually shooting mails across the Atlantic.

One-Fourth the Pilgrims to Mecca

AN ODD effect of the depression is that in the year 1927 there were 26,000 Moslems who made the long journey by sea from India to Mecca, but in the year 1931 the number had fallen to little more than 7,000.

Government and Misgovernment

The Acquittal at Hesse-Darmstadt

REFERRING to the acquittal of 29 of Jehovah's witnesses at Hesse-Darmstadt, the Berlin *Vossische Zeitung* mentions that these faithful witnesses stated that they had continued to spread the truth in spite of prohibition because if they did discontinue to spread the Word of God they would be acting against the Bible; they denied that they are connected with the Jewish religion or with communism; from the one they are separated by their faith in the life and death of Christ, and from the other because they reject on principle the use of violence. The court held that Jehovah's witnesses regard all secular governments as the works of Satan, but stated that a repressive action against them is void by the Constitution of Weimar, and that no constituent state of Germany has a right to enact prohibitive decrees against the exercise of religious liberty. It is of interest that only a few weeks after this acquittal occurred Hitler's execution of those that had planned his overthrow. These very men that Hitler put to death are the ones that had most to do with the sufferings of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany. Hitler himself, on the day this is written, is doubly accused: first, of having betrayed and disorganized the Nazi storm troops that put him in power, and, second, of having illegally sent \$1,000,000 of German money to himself at Rome.

Jersey City's Mayor

JEHOVAH'S witnesses have suffered something of injustice in Jersey City, and therefore it is with considerable interest that we read of the mayor of that city, in the New York *Post*, that he "is divorcing Jersey City from the laws of the State and nation. He is on a par with the lynch-law deputy sheriffs of the deepest South. All Americans have a tremendous stake in the battle of Jersey City. If we tolerate violation of civil and human rights in one place, we pave the way for general disregard of these rights everywhere."

The Japanese as Administrators

A GENTLEMAN born in Asia, and who lived there most of his life, reports Manchuria on the road to prosperity, banditry wiped out, trains on time, and Korea turned into a land of plenty, with excellent roads everywhere, edu-

cation making excellent progress, and the Koreans so completely merged with the Japanese that they cannot be told from one another.

Now or Never in California

SAYS Upton Sinclair: "Los Angeles County going bankrupt! Half a million people to be fed by public charity. A drain of a million dollars a week on the treasury, and only the coming of Federal money to save the situation! The State of California going bankrupt! More than a million jobless. Fifty million dollars in the hole now, and tax warrants being issued. Another fifty million deficit promised by the end of the year. Uncle Sam going bankrupt! One-fourth of our people dependent on public relief, and two billion dollars a month ladled out to banks, insurance companies, railroads, farmers, veterans and unemployed! . . . The teachers' own figures this winter show more than two million children of elementary school age being denied education in the United States because the counties are bankrupt and cannot pay the teachers or heat the school buildings. Other millions of school children are on half time for the same reason. . . . It may be that shrewd and greedy newspaper proprietors will always be able to make the people believe anything they choose. It may be that great corporations which are systematically robbing the public will always be able to put up campaign funds and hire political bosses and organize a machine and carry every election. It may be that our republic is going the way of the republics of ancient Greece and Rome. It may be that our generation is going to see democracy perish in California, as we have seen it perish from Italy and Germany and Austria. Nobody can be sure, but this much we can say—that the test is coming right now. This crisis must be met, and if it is not met by the methods of democracy it will be met by those of Fascism. No people can go on suffering indefinitely as ours are suffering, and either they will find a way to end their present economic slavery by political means, or else their economic masters will be driven to take away from them the means of making a change. . . . Either the unemployed millions in our State must have access to the land and the factories and an opportunity to become self-supporting, or else our State is going into bankruptcy and collapse. This is too obvious to require any argument."

Another Weighty Petition

ON JANUARY 24, 1934, Jehovah's witnesses and their friends placed with Congress their protest and petition against radio censorship, 2,416,141 signatures to a petition which weighed in the aggregate 1,247 pounds, or at the rate of 1,937 signatures to the pound. On May 15, 1934, the second largest petition in history, that of the foes of the League court, was presented to the United States Senate. The latter contained 1,344,337 names and was said to have weighed two and one-half tons, or at the rate of 269 signatures to the pound. How they could each have weighed more than seven times the former is hard to understand, unless they were mounted separately, on cardboard.

Feet in the Trough at Washington

TAXPAYERS will be interested to know that fourteen concerns doing business with the Government boosted their prices on flat-top desks from \$19.70 to \$50.00, letter-size files from \$9.97 to \$26.74, and all other office paraphernalia to suit. Somebody must have tipped them off that now is the proper time for pigs to come to the trough; so in they go, feet and all. The puzzling thing is that when they boosted those prices on desks they did not make the new price \$119.70 each, with elaborate explanations over the radio, and in the newspapers, that this is the New Deal.

The 'Kick Back' Racket

AT WASHINGTON, D. C., when working on Federal building projects, some employees were compelled to pay the contractors \$2 every morning before they were allowed to go to work. A worker on the Chicago post office 'kicked back' \$472.50 in order to hold his job. In some places, where the worker is paid by check, he is required to cash his check at the company office, and the 'kick back' is collected when the check is cashed.

"Kick-back" on PWA Projects

IT IS charged that contractors in Boston are making fortunes by compelling workmen on PWA projects to 'kick back' part of their \$15 in order to hold their jobs. Some workmen have also been detected holding down two jobs with different employers, putting in 30 hours each week with each, and thus defeating the efforts of the government to employ as many as possible.

The Wreck of America

SAYS Jasper Spurlock, of Oklahoma, in *The Liberty Bell*:

Interest-bearing debts, two hundred and fifty billion dollars. Property value, 1930, Department of Commerce statement, one hundred sixty billion, shrunk now to one hundred billion dollars. Government cost, fourteen billions annually. Interest on debt, fifteen billion dollars annually. Cost of government and interest on debts, \$232 per capita; or per family of five, \$1,160 each year. Farm income shrunk from thirteen billions in 1920 to five billions in 1932. Ten million men willing to work, but no jobs. Home and savings of millions lost in this thirteen-year-old depression. Result—wreck and ruin of a nation of boasted free and intelligent people.

The Murdering of Tom Mooney

THE murdering of Tom Mooney by the Big Business crowd of San Francisco goes cheerfully on. His conviction obtained by the known use of perjured testimony, ten of the eleven surviving jurors who convicted him have stated that had the subsequently discovered evidence been before them they would not have convicted him, and the trial judge, Judge Griffin, has said that even if they had convicted him he would have set the conviction aside. At every entrance to California should be posted a huge sign, "Abandon hope of justice, all ye who enter here."

In Honor of the Nazi Régime

IN HONOR of the Nazi régime on May Day every business establishment in Berlin was closed tightly and everybody was notified that only a doctor's certificate of ill health or physical unfitness would excuse their absence from the march through the city and presence at the aerodrome. If you value your liberty, make use of it now. In Vienna even the schoolchildren were forced to parade. Propaganda against the Nazi state is punishable by death. German cities are allowed to bar country boys seeking work.

Increase in the Public Debt

THE next time you hear somebody saying that those boys down at Washington are not doing anything, remind him that in the five years from 1930 to 1935 the public debt has been increased from \$16,000,000,000 to \$35,000,000,000, and it takes a bunch of smart men to be able to borrow \$19,000,000,000.

How the NRA Is Expected to End

SAYS W. H. Coin Harvey, of Arkansas: "Such money as Mr. Roosevelt gets into circulation will, in a few months, all be taken up by the fifteen billion dollars annual interest due the money lenders. It is as safe to forecast harder times coming as it is to forecast the rising and setting of the sun. The NRA policy is so patently erroneous and absurd its toleration and consideration by the people can only be accounted for by their lack of knowledge and misinformation. It was born in Wall Street for either of two purposes, one to make the usury system work by the possible success of such a crude plan, or to throw the country into such a further terrible condition it would warrant the coming of a dictator, with the approval of the people. The coming of a dictatorship will be accompanied by a ruthless cruelty paralleling what occurred when Christ, His apostles and thousands of Christians were killed to suppress free speech. As the highwayman will protect himself in possession of his loot by killing those who try to take it from him, organized selfishness, incorporated, which has no soul, will tear up the Constitution and commit wholesale murder in defending themselves in the possession of the property they have stolen from the people by operation of laws they have had enacted."

Canada's One-Man Censorship

CANADA'S one-man censor now claims that prior to his assuming office the Royal Canadian mounted police had collected printed evidence which he, the censor, considered "scurrilous attacks on the various Christian religions" and it was because of this that, at the very first meeting of the censorship committee, he had decided that Judge Rutherford should not be permitted on the air. Now if some Canadian who knows the truth, and will tell it, will explain how the Canadian mounted police came to be engaged in that job, and who engaged them for it, and to whom they reported, and why the censor was delegated to work in conjunction with them, we shall have a real story that will be of public interest. Will the censor be so good as to name the particular Royal Canadian mounted police who searched the homes, and also tell where the homes are located, so that honest and truthful men may investigate the statements which otherwise they would under no circumstances believe?

Standing by the Belligerents

TO HELP along the war in South America, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Denmark, Holland, Norway, and Sweden sold all kinds of war materials to both Bolivia and Paraguay, and these nations (both members of the League of Nations, and both signers of the Pan-American anti-war pact) can now go on murdering each other for a long time, as they have plenty of killing material on hand. The United States sent millions of dollars' worth of military supplies into Bolivia; probably into Paraguay too. Spain sent rifles into Paraguay; Czechoslovakia, into Bolivia. All that the Armament Conference needs is time (and a few decades will do it) and the representatives of the armament companies assembled in conference at Geneva will get this world into just the condition desired by the one that Jesus referred to as "the prince of this world", more generally worshiped as "the god of this world" under the steeples that dot the landscape of all the countries named. It is hard to get rooms in the best hotel in La Paz, Bolivia; business is so good. Christians from every country of the Armament Conference are there trying to get orders for their goods.

Indians Ate Recruiting Officers

THAT is not a bad custom inaugurated by the Bolivian Indians. When the recruiting officers came to them, instructing them that they had been drafted into the army that is fighting in the Chaco, they settled all the conscientious scruples of the recruiting officers by making a meal of them. Seems as if it might be a good thing if these Indians would send out missionaries to heathen lands like England, France, Germany, Italy, United States, etc., and explain the method by which they get tough recruiting officers tender enough that they will go down easily. Seems, also, as if something should be included about what to do with the gilt braid and the brass buttons. Manifestly those things are not intended for interior decorations.

In Guysboro, Nova Scotia

IN GUYSBORO, Nova Scotia, a girl was kept in jail from October to May without trial and then the grand jury brought in no bill. There was no evidence against her to support the charge.

Relieving Cedar County, Nebraska

CEDAR county, Nebraska, shipped out 20,000,000 eggs in 1930. The government officials wanted to help these people out, in the hard times, so they sent into the county 65 cases of eggs for distribution, 2½ dozen eggs for every man, woman and child on the relief rolls. The county usually produces about 175,000 hogs annually, so to help on that item they sent into the county 7,000 pounds of pork, which is 10 pounds for every man, woman and child on the relief rolls. Similar relief has been extended to South Dakota. Into the lignite coal belt relief coal came from Illinois, and into the cattle-raising belt came dressed mutton from Chicago. Of course, the haulage of these items gives work to the railroads, but the people of Cedar county don't want eggs and hogs, and the people of South Dakota don't want coal and mutton. Seems like quite a job, dividing things properly, doesn't it?

Rent Collectors Know When to Return

THE Hapsburgs got their start as rent collectors in Switzerland about eight hundred years ago. They were chased out of Austria when the Austrian republic was formed. With the seizure of the republic by the "pope" and the imprisonment of the men who had done a vast amount of valuable work in the interests of the common people, the Hapsburgs have begun to come back. The first to return was an archduke. The account says that when he landed in Vienna his first act was to go to the cathedral and pray, his next to go to the chapel of the Teutonic Knights and pray some more, whence he walked to a church and prayed some more. Now, is that not what you would expect? If a man expects to get favors from the Devil, the natural thing for him to do is to acknowledge the Devil in a handsome manner, publicly.

In South River, Ontario

IN SOUTH RIVER, Ontario, last winter, Mrs. John Taylor, a mother of six children, after a diet consisting for months mostly of dry bread, gave birth to her seventh child. No physician was present. The bed was of planks, covered with straw in lieu of a mattress. The infant died at birth, and after a brief period the mother died also. The infant was buried in a soap box. Until the mother died, its little frozen body was stored in the woodshed. There was no funeral; just a burial.

International Anthem at Toronto

AT THE eighteenth annual Kiwanis jamboree at Toronto the first feature on the program was a double-humpbacked hymn the first verse of which was the British piece of "God Save the King" and the second verse was the American piece "My Country, 'Tis of Thee". The conclusion was the following: "Two empires by the sea, two nations, great and free, one anthem raise. One race of ancient fame, one tongue, one faith, we claim, one God, whose glorious name we love and praise." If you asked the man who composed that "gem" what is the one anthem these two nations raise, he could not tell you; if you asked him what is their one faith, he could not tell you some more, and if you asked him what "God" it is whose glorious name the two nations love and praise, he could not tell you that, though he might think he could. A lot of supposed hymns and anthems, when they are analyzed, are the superfine quintessence of condensed and evaporated bunk. Instead of honoring God, they merely tickle the tongues and the ears of the easily tickled.

Thirteen Women in One Cell

UPON the seizure of the Austrian government by the Roman Catholic hierarchy thousands of Socialist men and women were thrown into prison. In one instance 13 women were confined in a single cell, says the *London News Chronicle*. This parallels the case at Plainfield, where 29 of Jehovah's witnesses were confined in three cells, making it necessary for several to stand throughout the night. The Republic of Austria is officially dead. The new state is known as the Federal State of Austria. Everything that savors of democracy is done away with. The Council of Culture will consist chiefly of priests and representatives of the Catholic church.

When Bulgaria Went Fascist

WHEN Bulgaria went Fascist, in May, two soldiers called for Nicholas Zacharieff. Both he and his wife thought he was headed for prison, but it appeared that he had been named a minister in the new cabinet. Bulgaria, it is claimed, is now the only source of wholesale manufacture of narcotics in Europe, the production of heroin being several times the amount officially estimated as necessary for the world's medical needs.

Tail of the Papal Kite

Fifty-one One-eyed Clergymen

WHEN the government, in a temporary fit of economy, withdrew \$100,000,000 mainly from Spanish-American war veterans, the soldiers tried to get their pensions restored. Thereupon fifty-one New York clergymen referred to the Legion lobby as "a sinister and deadly cancer upon the body of our American life". That was done to tickle the ears of the wealthy men that sustain their "churches". But it did not tickle the ex-soldiers, who solemnly called it "a deliberate lie". The Philadelphia *Record* rises to inquire: "Why do they regard it as vicious when men who risked their lives in war ask for pension benefits—and why do they refrain from commenting on a lobby that nicks American utility customers to the tune of \$500,000,000 annually?" The answer seems to be that these fifty-one clergymen are one-eyed. Tackling the utilities crowd might cut down revenues a lot. And another thing, in recent years there have been nice gifts of utilities stocks to clergymen.

Salvation Army Men Dissatisfied

FIFTY-TWO workers in the Salvation Army Industrial Home, Louisville, addressed an open letter to President Roosevelt complaining that their wages are but \$1.25 per week; that they are housed in dormitories, bed to bed, with no privacy even in illness; that the Army has accumulated wealth in the United States in the past twenty-five years to the amount of \$60,000,000; that the officials who do no productive work receive salaries up to \$5,000 a year plus all their expenses; that the clothing begged from door to door is not given away, but is placed in stores and sold; that representations which all must make, that their institutions are in dire poverty and threatened with bankruptcy, are false; that goods are obtained under false pretense; and that funds intended for the benefit of the poor can be, have been and are diverted to private ends.

Fosdick on the Unknown Soldier

REVEREND HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, in his address on the Unknown Soldier, said: "I stimulated raiding parties to their murderous tasks. Do you see why I want to make it personal? I lied to the Unknown Soldier about a possible good consequence of the war. . . . The support I gave to war is a deep condemnation upon my soul."

Grateful for Stygian Darkness

RECENTLY a "doctor of divinity" of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., came all the way to New York to say, "The only man who could understand the Trinity was Jesus Christ; we must be grateful that we cannot understand the Trinity." We merely add that Jesus Christ never mentioned the Trinity; indeed, it is not in the Bible at all, in any manner. Why should any man be grateful for the privilege of believing something that is entirely unscriptural and that neither he nor any other person can understand?

Casting Out Devils in Britain

A BRITISH clergyman says the clergy are learning how to cast out devils. This would be a little more convincing if the same paper did not say that Britain has invented a new shell that will travel 15,000 yards and enable British ships to destroy enemy ships equipped with ordinary shells without putting themselves in reach of damage. Also, Britain has a new military organization, entitled the Woman's Reserve, every member of which can drive an ambulance or fly a plane.

Canon Being Criticized

A CANON of the Church of England is being criticized for saying of pacifists, "I say those people ought to be shot at sight." Why criticize the poor man for living up to the teachings of his father? Don't these critics know that it was the canons of Palestine that brought about the death of Christ, and that His death and resurrection is man's only hope of life?

Income of British Clergy

NOT all the income of the Church of England clergy comes from the tithes extracted from the farmers, nor from the slums of London, nor from the whisky distilleries. Some of it, until recently, came from investments in the armament firm of Vickers, Limited, but that investment was given up after news about it leaked out.

Urges a Use for Preachers

A MEMPHIS clergyman thinks he has found a use for preachers. His idea is that theological seminaries should establish departments in horseshoe pitching. When one comes to think of it, that is not a bad idea; it gives exercise and might eventually lead into some kind of honest work.

Public Welfare in Alabama

SAYS Annie A. Griggs, of Alabama: "While a company of witnesses were out witnessing in the rural section of this (Jefferson) county, the first call was at a shack without glass in the windows, almost without a roof. The man told the witness that a preacher had visited them saying he represented the public welfare and they were going to build a church in their midst, and if they did not attend church and Sunday school they would be cut off the welfare and allowed to starve. I called at the next house, just one little room; the lady and daughter were sitting out in the yard. After letting her know the purpose of the call she related the same story, saying she and all her children had made an agreement among themselves to starve if such was the case. They were destitute. She asked if I would give her something that her children could read to her. I gave her a booklet, and as we rode away she waved at us as far as she could see us."

Frightened Too Late

THE Ohio Council of Churches has stated: "We are reliably informed that an organized attempt will be made to defeat those members of the legislature who voted against the appropriation for parochial schools and to elect others who will support said appropriation. This is not only an issue of the separation of church and state, but it involves our entire public school system. The present legislature failed to provide for the financing of public schools for 1935. There are some who are determined to make the appropriation to parochial schools even if that should kill the appropriation for public schools. Our whole school system and the principle of the separation of church and state are at stake." The Ohio Council of Churches is too late. The best thing they can do is to lay in a stock of beads and images and throw their Bibles away. They refused to listen when listening would avail.

Demons Always Seek God's Dishonor

THE defense of an Akron (Ohio) man, that he threw his tiny son into a blazing furnace at the command of God, is interesting, not because it shows that the man was insane, but because it plainly reveals the evil motives of the demon or demons that were using his mind at the time the act was committed.

Clergyman Knocked Him Out

READERS of *The Golden Age* who have the idea that clergymen never do anything will be interested to know that at Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, a retired clergyman who runs a boys' club invited a boy to visit the club; the boy did so, and when he thoughtlessly picked up a football the clergyman hit him so hard on the head with an air pistol that they had to take him to the hospital. The boy in this case was only eleven years old, but it is thought that, in time, the clergyman will be able to hit larger boys and get away with it equally well. It is hard, after resting an entire lifetime, to get used to muscular exercise.

Would Tentatively Stand for Peace

WE UNDERSTAND that the Federal Council of Churches will tentatively consider the following proposition between now and Armistice Week, November 4-11, that is, "The State should not create the dilemma of loyalty to country or to Christ. Should such a dilemma arise, we follow Christ." It is just as well that this position is taken only tentatively, for all history proves that in case of a war they would come tumbling over one another to breathe out threatenings and slaughter as of yore. In time of peace they are for peace, and in time of war they are for war, like other politicians.

"Whose God Is Their Belly"

THE *Putnam County Record*, Granville, Illinois, contains an advertisement wherein the local "reverend" warns the public against Judge Rutherford's books that explain the Bible, and immediately next to it advertises a bakery sale of the Ladies Aid Society of the church. Must have been something like this that caused Paul to write of some, "whose God is their belly." Some men who never had a thought in their lives are supremely happy at all times when their bellies are stuffed with all they will hold.

Richland Center Ministerial Association

THE Richland Center (Wisconsin) Ministerial Association had a 5-inch double-column advertisement in the *Republican Observer* urging all the people to be one by church attendance during Lent, and then forgot to tell the people that there is no mention of Lent in the Bible. The clergy are like that. They had a good big cross at the top of the advertisement; the reason for putting it there is self-evident.

New Use for Electric Eye

NEW uses for the electric eye are being constantly discovered. It is now employed to save growing fruit. Fruit moths begin to fly and lay eggs twenty minutes before sunset, except on cloudy days, when they begin earlier, depending on the density of the clouds. The electric eye automatically lights up the light traps at the right time, the moths fly in, and are slain.

Unshrinkable Wool (?)

A DISPATCH from England says that a method has been developed at Torridon, Leeds, England, by the Wool Industries Research Association, which renders wool unshrinkable, takes the tickle out of it, and adds luster. All this seems too good to be true. The discovery was made accidentally while working out discoveries made in an entirely different industry.

35,000 Tons of Dust on St. Paul

IN A SINGLE day in May, it is calculated, a dust storm deposited 35,000 tons of North Dakota top soil on the city of St. Paul; conservative estimates were that it averaged one-sixteenth of an inch thick, and in places it was drifted several inches deep.

Is It Hot Enough for You?

DOWN in Antarctica, in temperatures 32 degrees below zero, and colder, Rear Admiral Byrd and his men are living and working buried deep down under the snow. The hangar for their airplanes is a pit dug eleven feet into a snowbank and covered with a tarpaulin.

The Nightingale and the Prima Donna

A NIGHTINGALE trills at the rate of sixty pairs of notes a second. The average human throat is good for about seven times a second. The trills of the mocking bird and canary reveal a technical skill that no operatic star could remotely approach.

Photographs His Victims as He Shoots

THE Bushman revolver-camera enables a policeman to shoot at a fleeing automobile, but whether the car gets away or not, the policeman has a picture of the car, its license number, etc. The gun holds 30 feet of film, capable of 720 exposures at one loading.

San Jose Sinks Four Feet

A LONG the line of the San Andreas Fault, which extends two-thirds of the length of the state of California, there is always some uneasiness of the earth's crust, or uneasiness of the people for fear there will be. San Jose, located in this belt, it is now established, has sunk four feet in the last fourteen years, with many people nervous for fear an earthquake impends.

Two Perfect Speed Traps

APPROACHING the problem from two different directions, two perfect speed traps have been produced. One uses the electric eye on two beams of light; the other uses two thin insulated wires across the road several feet apart. Electricity does the rest, and in either case the number of miles per hour which the car is making is automatically revealed.

The Petroleum Derivatives

THE petroleum derivatives are now so numerous that it takes a book of 1,200 pages to summarize them. Synthetic rubber which is expected to compete with the natural, and soap which will lather instantly in very hard water, are among the recent discoveries of which much is expected.

The Hogan Radio Pen

THE Hogan radio pen, a new, and said to be quite simple, invention, designed as an attachment for the radio receiver, will receive and transmit writing, printing or drawings by radio. At its first public demonstration drawings and illustrations were transmitted a distance of five miles.

A New High-Speed Camera

A NEW high-speed camera, in which a disk studded with lenses revolves rapidly in front of a narrow slit of light, enables the taking of 80,000 pictures a second. The pictures are of microscopic dimensions, with as many as 110 of them in a single frame.

Bone Conduction of Sound

“ELECTRIC vibrators, fastened to the forehead or other parts of the cranium, now enable totally deaf persons to receive oral instruction, music or other sounds from the teacher, with whose loud-speaker they are connected by wire.”

Housekeeping and Hygiene

Official Human Vivisection in Colorado

COLORADO has officially gone in for human vivisection. Two men, under sentence for life, will submit themselves to serum inoculations conducted with a hope of finding a cure for tuberculosis. Freedom is the reward whether the patient lives or dies. Six persons offered to commit suicide in any way desired by the University of California, and run the risk of being revived by a solution injected into their veins to prevent clotting of the blood and to stimulate heart action. For the present the offers have not been accepted.

Bananas and Skimmed Milk

AT JOHNS HOPKINS hospital, Baltimore, a diet of four to six bananas and four glasses of skimmed milk per day has caused some to lose as much as 50 pounds in a few months. The off-diet periods are of two weeks each, the same as the diet periods. In the off-diet periods meats, fish, eggs and vegetables are allowed, but not fats or starches. It is claimed that this arrangement prevents the patient from feeling hungry and he is able to continue with his regular activities.

Slums an Expensive Luxury

ACAREFUL financial survey of the slum district of Cleveland, Ohio, shows that the cost to the city, in excess expenditures for fire and police protection, is more than double that of other districts of equal population. The complete rebuilding of the district would, in a few years, pay for itself in reduced city expenditures and in improved health of the inhabitants. In New York city (Manhattan) 58 percent of the crime is traced to slum areas.

Teasing Insane Patients in Wisconsin

TWO witnesses, whose sworn testimony was not disputed, testified that in a Wisconsin insane asylum patients were teased and tormented until they became violent and were then beaten by guards who got a kick out of it.

Men Less Able to Withstand Disease

CAREFUL study of 300 cases at the Mayo clinic establishes that men, though less often ill than women, are far less able to withstand disease. Virtually every community has more widows than widowers.

X-Ray Examination Restores Sight

FOLLOWING an accident, an electrical engineer in Wellingborough, England, went blind. Thereafter he submitted to an X-ray examination and, some time after that examination, was surprised to awaken from a deep sleep and find he could see as well as ever. His explanation is that the heat of the X-ray melted the congealed blood which had paralyzed his optic nerves.

Maternity by Artificial Impregnation

THE New York Times reports thirteen "synthetic" babies, two of them born to unmarried mothers who never saw the fathers, and the others to previously childless married couples, all brought into the world in New York city within the past two years. It is claimed that the overcoming of childlessness by artificial impregnation has long been used by physicians, but this will be news to many laymen.

Headache Cure Causes Death

PYRAMIDON, widely used along with veronal and luminal to relieve headaches and cause sleep is now known to be the cause of a fatal disease which poisons the bone marrow, reduces the white blood cells to one-third their normal number, and causes a great variety of other disorders starting suddenly with fever, sore throat and ulcers on tonsils, tongue, gums and elsewhere, spreading rapidly.

Ripe Peas for Coffee

CARL A. BAUMANN, of Saskatchewan, says you can grow your own coffee, and will hardly be able to tell it from the kind grown in Brazil, except that it has no caffeine in it. He says to take field peas or garden peas, let them get thoroughly ripe, brown them "good and brown" without burning them, and grind them as for coffee, using a little more for each person than with the South American brands.

Britain's Tribute to Tea

LORD MOYNIHAN says that the treatment of rheumatism costs England nearly £20,000,000 yearly, is responsible for 80 percent of the deaths from heart disease in patients under 20 years of age and for nearly 40 percent of the total death rate from diseases of the heart, which are the principal cause of death in England today.

How to Test an Aluminum Cooking Utensil By Dr. C. T. Betts (Ohio)

(Reprinted from our issue of June 24, 1931)

REGARDING aluminum cooking utensils: The proof whether or not the kind you have is fit for cooking purposes can easily be ascertained by using them in making several experiments. This can be done by yourself, to find out whether or not they are fit to use. I would suggest the following experiments for you to make in this connection. Boil some ordinary drinking water in your aluminum kettle for half an hour; place in a clean glass jar. Let set until cool, and note whether or not you can see the white feathery poison in the bottom of your glass jar when the water is cold. This will take only an hour's time, and you should get a result that will be astonishing. The next experiment I would suggest is to color some hen's eggs with dyes of different colors, making each dyeing process in your aluminum kettle. Note especially whether or not your eggs color according to the color they should be when dyed. If you do not get the eggs in the exact color, according to the instructions on the package, a chemical action has taken place with your dye-stuffs which would also take place with various foods cooked in that container.

The next experiment would be to bring some water to the boiling point, and add a little cooking soda to the water, then using a very tarnished spoon or knife, immerse one-half of the spoon or knife in the water. If this portion which has been allowed to remain in the water becomes bright and shiny, while the part outside remains discolored, you have evidence of the activity of the aluminum of this dish upon the food which would be cooked therein.

Make a jelly from any good fruit acid that will jell. Make the jell in the ordinary manner, and note if the product, when cold, is a nice, livery jell. If you find it soft and stringy instead, you will have evidence of a product thoroughly contaminated, saturated with aluminum hydroxid.

A check could be made especially on this with an enamel or porcelain dish. If the results are the same in both your aluminum and the enamel, then the aluminum dish is O.K. to use; if not, the dish should not be used.

Another experiment I believe would interest you, but which will take a little more time, is to make hard soap in an aluminum dish. If the soap becomes hard after being cooked in your aluminum dish, after making it in the ordinary way, your dish is O.K.; otherwise it is not fit to use. The next experiment would take the least time and trouble and would be very definite in its results. Mix the ingredients for the making of a mayonnaise dressing, using apple cider vinegar for the acid ingredient. Boil the ingredients the usual time and note the color of the product, whether it is the proper color, yellow, or has changed to a dark brownish color. If it is a bright yellow, your utensil is all right; if it is a dark color, it is not fit to use. All food specialists who give their radio talks in America are very particular in advising their hearers not to make any salads, especially shrimp or other sea food salads, in aluminum dishes. To test your dish, make one of these salads in it and let it stand till next morning. Eat salad. If you are alive the next night, your dish is all right. If dead, we advise throwing the dish away.*

Fatality from Vaccination

WILLIAM TUCKER, employee of the Spicer Manufacturing Company, Toledo, Ohio, was vaccinated March 6, 1930, while at his work, and died in 23 days as a result. His widow has been awarded a verdict and judgment against his employers, and it is calculated that Ohio employers hereafter will be less enthusiastic than heretofore about seeing that their employees are vaccinated.

"Cancer: Its Prevention"

IN *Cancer: Its Prevention*, a little 46-page book by H. W. Keens, M.Inst.B.Th., London, published by The C. W. Daniel Company, 46 Bernard St., W.C.1, London, England, for 1 shilling net, the author, a medical man who cured himself of cancer, helps his readers to

understand that the prevention of malignancies lies with nature, not with science. He attributes the origin of cancer to the replacing of natural manure by chemical manure, the denaturization of foods by chemical treatment and preservation, and the use of aluminum for the prepara-

tion and storage of foods. Mr. Keens made countless experiments by preparing decoctions of herbs, roots, barks, berries and domestic vegetation and inorganic mineral salts in iron, tinned steel, earthenware, enamel, glass, china and aluminum containers, and always found the results different when aluminum ware was employed. In 1890 the death rate from cancer in Britain was 701 per annum per million people living. Aluminum was first used for cooking utensils, storage and receptacles for food in 1892; by 1900 the death rate from cancer had risen to 1,000 per annum per million people living. "If water in which a small pinch of common salt or soda has been dissolved is boiled in an aluminum vessel and allowed to stand for one hour in a glass container, the aluminum precipitate can be noticed by a floating, feathery deposit and milky condition. The white of an egg stirred in an aluminum pan with a spoon of the same metal causes coagulation and rapid discoloration. A jelly prepared in an aluminum mold will not set firm as when made in other molds, but will remain in a soft, stringy condition. Animals will not readily take food or drink from aluminum containers. . . . I find

that when a diet of vegetables, meat and water, all prepared in aluminum ware, is taken regularly a state of morbidity is set up and that small tumors form in the body." Mr. Keens gives a wealth of information as to how one can develop in his own person a cancer or a well-defined case of diabetes through the careful use of aluminum cooking utensils, but we have hardly room to reproduce it. If interested you might send and get his little book; your relatives will find it among your effects after you have gone.*

* This matter of the slow poisoning of millions in their own kitchens is so important that we devote much space to it in the next two issues.

Making It Unanimous

HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK recently attracted much attention by his admission to the Unknown Soldier that he had lied to him, and his declaration that before he would take part in another war he would go to the lions. He recently added: "The nation today conscripts our bodies, our sons. In the next war it will conscript our daughters and all our property." Makes it unanimous; doesn't it?

PRAYING FOR PROSPERITY

YOU have probably read the leading article, which was the lecture given by Judge Rutherford over a chain of eastern radio stations. It is a matter of great importance to every person. The nation is threatened with famine. Who is to blame? What shall we do? Clergy and "distinguished men" say, 'PRAY FOR PROSPERITY.' What will you do? What will your neighbors do? Why not get a few extra copies of this issue and offer them to your neighbors, so that they too may have the truth on this subject and know what to do?

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