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Progress of Fascism [Catholic Action] in U.S.A.

THE following are some of the unconstitutional steps toward Fascism already taken in the United States:

Forced flag salute in schools and by police-protected "vigilantes".

Compulsory denominational religious serv-

ices in schools, army, navy, lawmaking bodies and for young "criminals" as court punishment.

Discriminatory prohibition of free speech in schools and other public places.

Use of private armies or corporation-paid "deputy sheriffs" to incite riot in strikes.

Organized war veterans used for raiding organized workers' headquarters.

Forced labor for unemployed at wages below subsistence level.

Discriminatory prohibition of free assembly in schools and other public places.

School teachers forced to take oath of allegiance every pay

day by boards of education who break the Constitution.

Prohibition of teaching certain scientific theories in schools, colleges and universities.

Illegal arrest and confinement for legal picketing.

Sentence to 20 years' imprisonment for publicly objecting that United States enter war for benefit of the profit takers.



THE SACRIFICE

Class and color discrimination against citizens of the United States.

Refusal to seat in lawmaking bodies legally elected representatives of the people.

Sentence to life imprisonment for working to organize voters to register objections to the

above items and other such things.

Sentence to death and execution for advocating the overthrow of the capitalist system which makes impossible the democratic ideal of government of the people, for the people and by the people.—Major B., in the Pittsburgh *Press*.

In The New Republic, October 30, 1935, Harold J. Laski, economist and educator, said:

I know of no country in the world where Hitler's success could be so easily repeated as in the United States.

The drift to Fascism is plainly shown in the Townsend plan.

New Proposal to Destroy State Governments

THE newest proposal to destroy state governments, now that the NRA has gone overboard, is to establish ten viceroyalties throughout the United States; in other words, break the United States up into ten units, all working under the one head at Washington. This is so palpably Fascist that it can come to nothing unless Congress has entirely lost its head.

Splitting the United States into ten federal districts it is proposed that New England would be one district, with Boston as its obvious capital: most of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania a second, with New York city as its capital; Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina, with Washington as its capital: South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and Alabama, with Atlanta as its capital; Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee, with Cincinnati as its capital; Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas, with New Orleans as its capital: Illinois. Michigan, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota, with Chicago as its capital; New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah, with Los Angeles as its capital; Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming, with Denver as its capital; and North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, with Portland, Oregon, as its capital. State lines would be largely ignored. The object is to destroy the states as such. The Jesuits have the United States divided into seven districts. A favorite method of dictators is to redistrict the land, so as to confuse and distract the people. A proposal to destroy the states was made the day the plan was announced.

Take a Look at the Devil

THIS country is fully developed industrially. The railroads are built, the cities are built, the highways are largely built, practically all major projects of development have been completed, and in addition to these recovery deterrents world markets are largely gone, for ever. What then, has private capitalism failed? Well. we have now passed to state capitalism, and the profit system is supported by state subsidy, which is the economic essence of Fascism, copied from Italy, a great "Christian" nation, now engaged in mass murder of and theft from a helpless people. Now then, if you like to look at pictures and want to see a true likeness of Satan the Devil, take a look at Mussolini; then if you wish to see different facial expressions of the same creature take a look at Hitler and a squint at Stalin. Finally, give the United States of America a sweeping once-over, and if you do not see the subtle influence of this invisible overlord working overtime in this country you are blind. I thank you.—J. Howe, in the Mason City (Iowa) Globe Gazette.

The Red Book for February, 1935, told the story of the employment by this administration, using the taxpayers' money, of one hundred outstanding journalists to sell the New Deal to this country. Everything was colored at headquarters at Washington to attain this end in the same way that the farmers of the country have been deceived by the horde of paid administration employees to sell the AAA plan to them. In other words, our own money is being used to destroy us. The menace which faces this country is Fascism, and the plans of the New Dealers, if realized, will make President Roosevelt the dictator in a land which for 150 years has been free from such influence.—E. N. Sanctuary, New York.

Dr. Harry Elmer Barnes, in an address in New York, indicating how he thinks Fascism will come in the United States, said:

We are likely to have a bullish pickup of business and stocks for the next two years, with another depression thereafter. Then discontent will arise, force will be used against the labor movement, civil liberties will practically disappear, and then Sinclair Lewis' "Minute Men" will be herding us into concentration camps. If anyone doubts this, let him look about him and see that certain characteristics of Fascism are already among us. The American Legion prides itself on being the leading opponent of civil liberties.

Governor George H. Earle, of Pennsylvania, in an address before the American Legion at Wilkes-Barre, repeated General Butler's charges that wealthy men in America are seeking Fascism, to divert attention from the fact that here is starvation in the midst of plenty, and millions on relief rolls in the richest country in the world. He said:

If we consider the number of people in this country at 100, and our wealth at \$100, we find that one person has \$59, one has \$9, 22 have approximately \$1.26 each, and 76 have only 7 cents each. When such a state of affairs exists, anything is possible.

The Government is considering a penal colony on the Rat islands, at the tip of the Aleutians, far east of the International Date Line, some 800 miles off Kamchatka. The climate is good for rats, averaging 39 degrees in winter and 54 in summer. The proposition is to dump on the islands all male prisoners who are sentenced to over five years, provide them with shelter and a minimum amount of foodstuffs, and go off and leave them. By comparison, Mussolini's penal islands would be resorts.

Interviewing the Secretary's Secretary

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT had just returned from his fishing trip, so we went to call on him. Police eyed us sternly in the reception room of the White House. Newspaper reporters swarmed out of a press conference. We asked for an interview with the president. We were told we could see his secretary, Mr. McIntyre. Finally we saw Mr. McIntyre's secretary. We told him about the terrible living conditions in the Black Belt of Alabama, about wages of \$1 to \$3 a week for 70 or more hours of work and

wages of 35 cents per 100 pounds for picking cotton; we told how the Share-Croppers' Union had called the strike of the cotton pickers to win \$1 per 100 pounds for picking cotton and \$1 a day for wage hands.

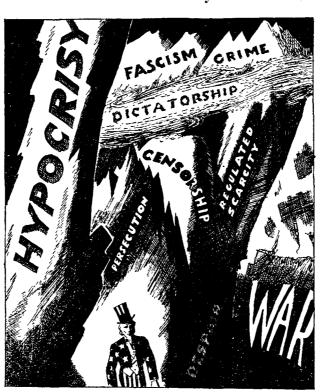
Then we told him about High Sheriff R. E. Woodruff of Lowndes County shooting four times at Willie Witcher, Negro strike leader in Calhoun, beating him over the head with a pistol, and throwing him into jail for twenty-seven days. That was on August 19. We explained how a lynch mob organized by Sheriff Woodruff had carried six strike

leaders out of their beds that night and beaten them almost to death in the swamps. We told how, a few days later, Smith Watkins, a Negro leader of the union, was caught by the mob, his stomach ripped open with knives, his body riddled with bullets and thrown into the swamps near Fort Deposit. Also we told him how Jim Press Meriwether, a Negro striker, had walked into his sister's home with a sack of flour and had been shot down by John Frank Bates of Fort Deposit, one of a gang of lynchers who had taken over the house; and how this lynch mob had carried the dying man to C. C. Ryles's plantation to question him as he lay in the hot sun for more than six hours, then hung him to a limb and riddled his body with about a hundred bullets. Mrs. Meriwether told how part of the same mob came to the place where she was staying, and how Vaughn Ryles and Ralph McGuire stripped her naked and whipped her with a rope until her legs were cut and bleeding, and how they hung her to the rafters until she was unconscious—later they drove her away from the place. We told him that on Labor Day a mob headed by Deputy Sheriff Ed Arant of Fort Deposit raided the home of Ed Bracy, county leader of the union, and shot him nine-

teen times in the neck and head as he tried to escape through the back door. We also told him about the three unidentified, bullet-riddled bodies of Negro strikers found in the swamps around Fort Deposit and Calhoun—and that no inquest was held to identify the bodies. All of this, we told him, had happened merely because the workers used their constitutional right to strike.

The official smile on the President's secretary's secretary's face faded as we proceeded with the story. We told him that Governor Graves had sent Kyle Young, former high

sheriff of Tallapoosa County and leader of the lynch mob against the share-croppers in Camp Hill in 1931, to investigate the strike with bloodhounds from Prison Camp No. 4, and that the investigation ended with the running down of strike leaders in the swamps.—Thomas Burke, in *The Nation*.



LOST

Garnishing the Tombs

READERS will recall the Battle of Anacostia, where President Hoover won lasting fame by ordering out the full power of the United States Army to chase some few hundreds of sick and poverty-stricken veterans out of the capital environs when they came on to Washington to demand the bonus admitted to be their

due. Subsequently, in 1935, another attempt was made to get their dues, and, to keep them quiet and get them out of the way, hundreds were loaded on the cars and sent to the Florida Keys in midsummer. When the big storm came along 442 of them were blown into eternity. Thirtysix were burned in one funeral pyre. The bodies of others, by presidential order, were buried in Arlington National Cemetery, euphemistically described as the "graveyard of the nation's hero warriors". The presidents of the United States are commanders in chief of the army and navy of the United States, and it must be admitted that both Herbert Hoover and Franklin Roosevelt won great military and financial victories over these sick and indigent warriors, but it all came out levely in the end, for they are buried in Arlington, even if they didn't get their bonus. The worms in Arlington are the most high-class worms in the United States.

The Arbitrator makes it warm for President Roosevelt by quoting his speeches of 1932, made before he was elected to take Hoover's place. One of these gems is the following, especially rich in view of the fact that Mr. Roosevelt in three years expended as much as previous presidents expended in the first 124 years of America's national existence. Here is what Mr. Roosevelt said of Mr. Hoover's administration: "I accuse the present administration of being the greatest spending administration in peacetime, in all our history—one which has piled bureau on bureau, commission on commission, and has failed to anticipate the dire needs of reduced earning power of the people." Twenty days later, and still before his election, Mr. Roosevelt, quoth The Arbitrator, went on to say: "I regard reduction in federal spending as one of the most important issues in this campaign. In my opinion it is the most direct and effective contribution that government can make to business."

"We propose to reduce the operating cost of your Federal Government by no less than twenty-five percent. We plan to consolidate departments, abolish useless commissions, and to houseclean to the point where the present extravagance is entirely eliminated. We plan to balance the budget year after year by keeping expenses within revenue. . . . No government finance can be sound unless its revenue is justly derived. . . . There must be no taxation on the necessities of life, hidden taxation, whereby

they become more expensive to the consumer."
—Franklin D. Roosevelt, in *Liberty Magazine*,
November 12, 1932.

Executive Suspension of Law

CONGRESS passed a public utility act forbidding the use of the mails to any utility holding company that failed to register by December 1. Not one of them registered, whereupon the postmaster general said he would not enforce the law. It is something new in American history for an official of the executive department to tell Congress that he will not obey the voice of the people. Meantime 2,000 cases are in the courts challenging the New Deal acts.

May 27, 1935, the NRA was declared unconstitutional. Six months later there were in Washington alone 473 employees of this defunct organization, none receiving less than \$4,000 a year, carrying on their now illegal work. All together there are still 2,760 NRA employees in and out of Washington, collectively pulling down \$7,003,220. Probably none of these anarchists would refuse to salute the flag.

Reverend Dr. Charles R. Brown, dean emeritus of the Yale Divinity School, in an address in New Britain, said regarding the president:

With a playboy in the White House, a mere opportunist, who caters to popular feeling and whose chief desire is to make himself agreeable, who openly disregards his promises, who acts as the wind blows and who does not know what to do—and does it—thoughtful people of the North, South, East and West are considering the importance of having a more desirable type to control the economic order.

Paul Block Thinks Roosevelt Slipping

I^N A radio address at San Francisco the nationally known publisher Paul Block said:

The day after the Supreme Court declared the NRA measure unconstitutional I had the privilege of lunching with President Roosevelt. His health could not have been better, but his statements outlining his plans were most disturbing, and, if known, would shock every staunch American. My investigations of the political trend has convinced me that the people are beginning to recognize the president's broken promises; his assault on the Constitution and his intimation that he would 'pack' the United States Supreme Court; I am also convinced that our citizens have now awakened to the fact that the New Deal Administration is not an American administration, not a Democratic administration, but a group of men who, perhaps innocently, but at least ignorantly, are trying to create one national State, with a regimentation not only of business and agriculture, but of the people themselves. And all this means Fascism mixed with Communism.

"Wake Up the Mighty Men"

IN KEEPING with the general sentiment that the world has been made safe for democracy, and that war is henceforth rejected as illegal and indefensible as a method of settling differences between nations, the United States, in 1936, is buying 500 new combat planes that will be the latest and best to be had. They are mostly fast pursuit planes, intended to overtake the enemy and fill his cockpit with tracts and offers of so many masses for so much down and so

out all time.

American anti-aircraft guns fire 15pound high-explosive
shells every two sec-

much a month through-

onds, and so accurately that a target towed behind an airplane is torn to ribbons.

The announcement that the barren island of San Clemente, fifty miles off the coast of southern California, would be made the Malta of the Pacific and become a base for naval and aviation activities, was followed within two weeks by the entire United States fleet's being called out for maneuvers in the vicinity.

Uncle Sam is enlisting 1,100 more men for the Marine Corps,

11,000 more for the navy, and 46,250 more for the army, being the highest peacetime additions to the force in history. The Southern California Methodist conference has denounced war as a social sin, and preparation for war as a sin.

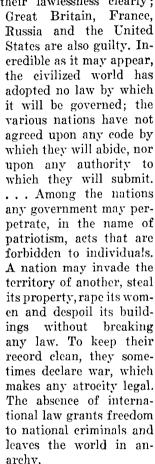
A friend writes in to inquire whether, when it came to spending ten million dollars, the people would rather have one battleship, or ten million dollars' worth of churches, or ten million dollars' worth of homes to be given rentfree to the poor. Now, how do you suppose he ever thought of such a hard question as that? The people that are in the business of making or running battleships would prefer a battleship; the people that are operating "purgatory"

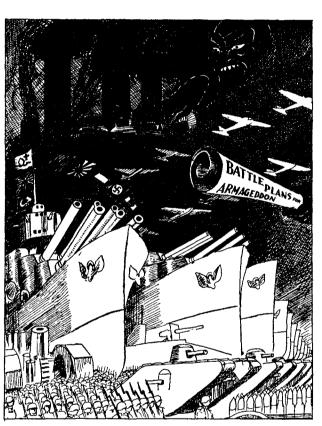
or "eternal torture" grafts would prefer "churches", and the common people, they can be—they can be—glad to get anything at all.

"International Anarchy"

UNDER the heading "International Anarchy" The Arbitrator says:

The seven dangers of the world believe in anarchy; they refuse to submit to law. Japan, Italy and Germany are demonstrating their lawlessness clearly;





'Knowing he hath but a short time'

In a radio address Senator Borah said:

War brings all peoples to the level of savagery, to the common ground of barbarism. Those who ride the air and employ the most devilish and destructive instruments of modern warfare for the killing of women and children are on the level with those whom they destroy, whatever the latter's place may be, according to the misleading standards of human advancement. There is nothing human, nothing civilized, nothing chivalrous, nothing heroic left in the old game of war. It is now, with modern equipment, simply mass murder.

Mark Twain's bitter war prayer reads as follows:

O Lord, our Father, our young patriots, idols of

our hearts, go forth to battle-be Thou near them! With them—in spirit—we also go forth from the sweet peace of our beloved firesides to smite the foe. Lord our God, help us to tear their soldiers to bloody shreds: help us to cover their smiling fields with the pale forms of their patriot dead; help us to drown the thunder of the guns with the wounded, writhing in pain; help us to lay waste to their humble homes with hurricane of fire; help us to wring the hearts of their unoffending widows with unavailing grief; help us to turn them out roofless with their little children to wander unfriended through wastes of their desolate lands in rags and hunger and thirst, sport of the sun-flame of summer and icy winds of winter, broken in spirit, worn with travail, imploring Thee for the refuge of the grave and denied it—for our sakes who adore Thee. Lord, blast their hopes, blight their lives, protract their bitter pilgrimage, make heavy their steps, water their way with tears, stain the white snow with the blood of their wounded feet! We ask of one who is the spirit of Love and who is the ever faithful refuge and friend of all that are sore beset and seek his aid with humble and contrite hearts. Grant our prayer, O Lord, and Thine shall be the praise and honor and glory now and ever. Amen.

This prayer should be tacked up in St. Peter's at Rome, to help along the next time the pope wants to whoop things up for Mussolini, and his own rake-off in Ethiopia.

CCC Military Training Camps

THE United States Government is getting ready for Armageddon. Some of the signs are the largest peacetime appropriations in history for the army and navy, the moving of gold, munitions and basic army supplies to forts in the interior, the rebuilding of the air fleet, and the admission that the CCC has really been training hundreds of thousands of young men for military ends.

For reasons unknown, the CCC is building a huge war cantonment at Camp Pike, Arkansas. It is conjectured that this is one of the items in Senator Nye's charges that the United States at present is spending more money in preparation for war than any other country in the world.

Fearing military discipline, and possibly military training, 214 young men in Fort Worth, Texas, and all in need of work, refused to enroll in the CCC, despite the fact that they would receive clothing, subsistence, shelter, medical care, educational advantages and \$30 to \$45 per month wages. A mother writes that conditions at Graham, Texas, in the CCC camp there, were such that a mother going there in

a car to visit her son was not allowed to get out of the car. This happened twice.

It is quite a job being responsible for a half million Americans in the CCC camps, but Americans will be surprised to learn that one of the chief jobs in that connection is to prevent them from discussing anything. Director Robert Fechner not only rejected educational pamphlets that would tell the youths something about unemployment and strikes, but has provided the instructors with directions how to thwart controversy, telling them that when "dangerous issues" arise the subjects are to be postponed, forgotten or forbidden. This was probably copied out of some book of instructions written by Adolf Hitler for guidance of the German Youth. The obvious result is that after a sufficient length of time in the CCC service, the half million youths will all be as alike as peas in a pod, and without the courage or capacity to express individual ideas on any subject.

"He Kept Us Out of the War"

IN August, 1914, William Jennings Bryan said that "money is the worst contraband, since it commands everything else", and definitely committed the United States to neutrality in the World War. June 8, 1915, he resigned. September 6, 1915, Robert Lansing, secretary of state in Bryan's place, proposed to Wilson, the man that "kept us out of the war", that America should loan money to the Allies. (America had already been loaning credit.) Two days later, without putting it in black and white, Wilson agreed to Lansing's proposals, and thus committed the United States to the World War 14 months before he was re-elected because he "kept us out of the war". The British Government tried its best to prevent the publication of these facts, but they have now come out. Wilson was a traitor to his country.

Why the Draft Was Instituted

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, reviewing America's entry into the World War, said:

The American people would not have supported the last war if they had had a chance to vote on it. I was on the inside of that war, and I can testify that between the war declaration on April 6 and the beginning of conscription at the end of the month only 38,000 persons volunteered. The War Department got scared and instituted the universal draft.

At the Crossroads

Dover S of the Federal Constitution should be thankful for a Supreme Court that is able to understand and define it and have the honesty and courage to uphold it. The Constitution is the only bar between executive and dictator, between a government of the people and a dictatorship. When a Congress can pass an act as vicious as the AAA proved to be, with no way left to challenge it, a dictator would be useful only to simplify proceedings. It seems that what was called a liberal construction in the

AAA decision would in that case make the Constitution of none effect. In their amendments to the Constitution, the people should spare no pains to safeguard the principles of justice, equality and individual liberty. It would be impossible under present conditions of special interest and graft to write and have ratified a document as impartial. Many laws on the statute books are there, no doubt, because their validity has never been challenged. Wisdom would dictate that laws passed by Congress be passed on by the Supreme Court before being placed on the law books. Had that been

done with New Deal legislation, billions of tax money would have been saved to the people, and a grain of prestige left to the Congress that passed them. The comical side of the New Deal is that Congress by their own fiat tried to make unconstitutional laws constitutional. Secretary Wallace started out trying to regulate the packers; the packers, it now seems, wind up with the full amount of money they collected from the people, to pay processing taxes with, in their pockets. The administration started in to regulate the banks. The banks, by next June, will invoice sixteen billion dollars or more of new bonds; with ten billions of gold, and the treasury only knows how many billions of currency

(of doubtful ownership) all in a jackpot. On with the game; the sky is the limit. This has all been accomplished by fighting the packers and the banks. What could have been done if they had all pulled together? Another comic was Secretary Wallace and a few other white-collar farmers trying to regulate production to the needs of consumers, when about 50 percent of the average yield depends on the weather and about 49 percent on the way the crop is tended. Of course, the secretary could not do much

about the way the hired man plowed corn, and less about the weather, but what he did about the other 1 percent was a plenty and is now history. I forgot to mention how magnanimous Congress was in delegating to the executive powers which it did not possess. Secretary Wallace says the AAA is not dead; maybe not, but it smells like it.—A. H. Kent, Iowa.



Make up your mind, Samuel.

What Has So Far Been Accomplished

NEIL CAROTHERS, professor of economics at Lehigh University, in a copyrighted article in the New York Herald Tribune, said:

There is not one thing in the present outlook to indicate that the market for private yachts is going to be depressed. If you will consider what this government has done for the silver speculators, the farmers, the labor unions, the stockholders in bond-burdened enterprises and other special groups, you will realize that it does not surrender to the mob but, on the contrary, to very substantial special interests quite apart from the mob. The worst that can be said of the present administration is that by vague promises to remove economic distress and social inequality it has encouraged the masses of the people to embrace any fool scheme presented to them. It has sowed the seed from which has sprung a whole crop of rabble-rousers, the most vehement, noisy, conspicuous and colorful in American history.

Government Finance

Pouring Billions into the Rathole

POURING billions into a rathole is not the remedy for the nation's and the world's distress. Lewis W. Douglas, former director of the Budget, said, in the Atlantic Monthly:

Billions have been spent and not even one unemployed person out of ten has been given a temporary job through the present government policy of spending. The total unemployed is now greater than in October, 1933, when the Public Works program began. The expenditure of approximately \$2,500,000,000 in the three years of this program has resulted in the employment of less than 700,000 annually. Instead of creating sorely needed confidence, recent Government policies seem deliberately calculated to destroy it. Business and industry are harassed by investigations, which all too frequently are persecutions rather than impartial inquiries.

Highest Debt in History

THE national debt, \$28,000,000,000, now the highest in history, and expected to be \$7,000,000,000 more by the end of President Roosevelt's administration, is bankrupting the country, according to Lewis W. Douglas, former director of the Budget. Referring to the anticipated collapse of the credit of the Government, Mr. Douglas says:

When this happens we will experience a bankrupt banking system, for it now holds approximately 60 percent of the Government debt, and a bankrupt Federal Reserve System, for it now holds almost \$2,500,000,000 of Government obligations. We will have a great mass of unemployed and no government credit on which they can subsist.

Uncle Sam's Office Force

Uncle Sam's office force grew from 563,487 in 1932 to 729,977 in July, 1935. The merit system has received a death blow; the spoils system is in full swing. Although Washington has the most tremendous government buildings ever constructed, the U.S. Government is still paying out annually \$2,086,545 for 2,110,779 square feet of rental space in the District of Columbia. The discredited NRA alone has eleven buildings. Removal of some of the alphabet to Baltimore is being considered.

Relief to Needy Politicians

TO October 31, Professor Tugwell's department at Washington had been allotted \$154,500,000. To that date he had expended but \$8,056,398, 48 percent of which went to office overhead at Washington.

Three-Fourths Not Yet on Pay Roll

A CCORDING to the *United States News* three-fourths of the voters are not yet on the Government pay roll, and they are good and mad about it, too. The one-fourth of voters booked as already on the roll are summarized by the *News* as follows:

| AAA payments | 3,430,000 |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| WPA and PWA | 2,975,000 |
| Veterans Aid | 860,000 |
| Regular employees | 796,297 |
| CCC | 539,000 |
| Military | 281,654 |
| Student Aid | 109,000 |
| Civil Pensions | 50,000 |
| Legislative and Judicial | 7,005 |
| | Bartistanierer |
| Total | 9,047,956 |

Savage Talk in South Carolina

THE Charleston News and Courier said: "Without the \$4,880,000,000 for distribution the national Democratic administration and party would be at this time in the disorder and panic of an anthill that had been stepped on. It has no 'policy'. The president's cabinet is composed of at least two factions that have no more in common than have Socialists and Democrats and Socialists and Fascists. Everybody knows this; the president must know it. There is, for the present, but one national 'Democratic' policy. It is to borrow money and spend it, borrow more and go on spending."

Hit It All Right on the Cow

THERE was great fear at Washington some months back that prices would not get high enough. The TVA (Tennessee Valley Authority) noticed this, and so, when they got around to buy a cow with the taxpayers' money, they tried to help out. No \$9 cow for them, nor a \$90 one, but they rushed out and bought one for \$900, which shows that their hearts were in the right place. Also, the TVA spent \$90,000 in nine months for rental of automobiles. Seems that the TVA makes a specialty of buying in multiples of 9.

One-Seventh Needed for National Government

ONE-SEVENTH of the national income is needed to maintain the national Government. The national income for 1935 was \$51,000,000,000, and to balance the budget would require \$7,150,000,000.

AAA Benefits Go to Landlords

AAA benefits, intended to help share croppers in the South, are largely diverted to the landlords. In Alabama, in 2,000 cases investigated, 40 percent turned over part of their payments immediately to landlords, and in a third of these cases the payment was actually forced by the landlord. Some large plantations allot to each laborer every two weeks two pecks of meal and four pounds of fat pork. He may live on that or starve, as he likes.

How the AAA Helped

HOW the AAA helped the farmers (of other countries) is shown by the following list of imports for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1935: Wheat, 14,051,424 bushels; corn, 20,426,064; oats, 15,614,175; rye, 11,230,000; flaxseed, 15,332,000; barley, 10,978,000; butter, 22,390,000 pounds; cottonseed meal, 101,155,000; and tallow, 190,138,000. These are only a few of the items.

Midianites Hard at It

J. PIERPONT MORGAN is quoted in the London Daily Herald as saying:

Unless taxes and Government expenditures are reduced, private fortunes will be wiped out in the United States within thirty years. Even now, anyone who makes any money in the United States is actually working eight months in the year for the Government—and who is going to be able to or will do that indefinitely?

300 Foreclosures a Week

THE Home Owners' Loan Corporation, which loaned \$3,000,000,000 of Government funds to 910,000 home owners, is now foreclosing mortgages at the rate of 300 per week, and expects to have 5,000 foreclosures to attach to its belt by the end of the year.

594,427 on WPA Projects

THE New York American seems to wonder why, with \$4,800,000,000 allotted for WPA relief projects, it resulted in only 594,427 being put to work on WPA projects up to October 17.

The National Debt

WHEN Mr. Roosevelt became president the national debt averaged \$161.50 for every man, woman and child in the United States, and now averages \$231.

Not Soaking the Rich, Just Dampening Them

THE First National Bank of Boston, in its monthly letter, said: "It was discovered that the so-called 'soak-the-rich' measure would produce only about \$270,000,000 in taxes. Large as this sum is, it is but 7 percent of the estimated deficit for the present fiscal year, and less than sufficient to pay Federal expenses for two weeks."

Uncle Sam's Problem

AT PRESENT Uncle Sam is taking in \$10,-000,000 a day and spending \$21,000,000 a day. This is all right as long as he can get somebody to loan him the missing \$11,000,000, but the problem he faces is to make the future look good enough that the needed \$127 a second will be forthcoming every time the bills come due.

Additions to National Debt

THE national debt June 30, 1931, was \$16,-801,000,000. The next year \$2,686,000,000 was added to this staggering total; the next year, \$3,052,000,000; and the next year, \$4,514,-000,000. The addition last year was \$1,648,-000,000, making the total debt June 30, 1935, amount to \$28,701,000,000.

Federal Appropriations

THE United States News states that the total Federal appropriations from 1789 to 1913 were \$24,521,845,000 for the 124 years. In the three years 1934, 1935 and 1936 the total of Federal appropriations was \$24,206,533,000, or 98.7 percent as much as for the entire 124-year period, forty times as long in duration.

Tennessee Valley Relief Project

THE Tennessee Valley relief project is surely doing some relieving. There are 12,530 persons on the pay roll, of whom 89 receive a grand total of \$466,000 a year. Some of the 89 receive as much as \$10,000 a year, none of them as little as \$5,000.

New Deal Bonehead Trust

CAID W. P. Elmore, of Texas:

D They shot cows all over this country because they said there was no feed to carry them through the winter, and then allowed the Babcore Development Co. to import 14,000 head from Old Mexico to Terry county, Texas, and these cattle were fed on feed raised here.

Jezebel in Politics

Boland, O'Connor, Coughlin, Sweeney

FOUR Catholic brethren amused the country recently. Representative O'Connor invited "Father" Coughlin to come to Washington, so he could kick him from one end of Pennsylvania avenue to the other. Then he backed down and apologized. Representative Sweeney thanked God for Coughlin. But Patrick Boland, of Scranton, Democratic whip of the house, every inch an orator, took up the battle and said, in part:

"Has not this silver-brick artist the understanding to see the inconsistency of his position as he stands before the altar with one hand on the Gospel and the other engaged in counting the speculative silver he has acquired. This man in his egotism evidences every characteristic of the cruel, selfish and prejudicial dictator. God keep America safe and bless the members of the Legislature who have the moral courage to resist the demands of such unprincipled, self-seeking demagogues who would betray America as Judas betrayed the Redeemer for thirty pieces of silver."

No Use to Send Lottery Literature

NUMEROUS subscribers have sent in literature showing how the Roman Catholic churches in various parts of the country are operating lotteries in defiance of United States and State laws on the subject. No attention will be paid to this literature in the office of The Golden Age. What good would it do? Out of 72 gamblers that participated in a lottery engineered by the bishop of Sherbrook, Quebec, 66 prize winners were citizens of the United States. But the lotteries are pulled off in the United States too, and in Massachusetts—where Pashby and other Catholics are in such a lather of "patriotism" on this compulsory flag-saluting business.

A Great Movement for Liberty (?)

THE Jesuits, chased out of seventy-eight countries for conniving against the liberties of the people, opened a school in Philadelphia, on December 4, 1935, for what is described as "a great movement against communism and for social justice under traditional American liberty". Is it merely a coincidence that "S. J." stands for "Society of Jesus" (Jesuits), and also for "Social Justice", the Jesuit school? On the same day, at the other end of the state, Jehovah's witnesses opened the first school for the instruction of their children in the Kingdom of God.

Embicles and Imbeciles

IX/HAT is an "embicle"? and are there any in the War Department? Somebody got hold of an envelope bearing the words "War Department, Federal Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin" and returned a copy of The Golden Age No. 420. The gentleman (or lady!) expressed the opinion that the editor of The Golden Age is an "embicle", in the following cryptic language: "If these people don't like our country, why don't they go to Germany or Russia with the rest of earth's embicles?" Just a minute! Just a minute! How does it happen that a Milwaukee "embicle" came into possession of an envelope purchased with the money of Uncle Sam and uses it to such a purpose as to try, all in vain, to convince an editor that he (the Brooklyn editor) is a Roman Catholic and does not know how to spell? The Milwaukee "embicle" did not sign his name; they never do.

Republican Politicians Get What They Deserve

WHEN the Roman Catholic Hierarchy succeeded in bluffing less than 30 out of 300 stations into ceasing to broadcast the Watch Tower programs, and when Judge Rutherford's friends to the number of 2,500,000 petitioned Congress to protect the rights of all the people to equal use of the radio under equal conditions, Congress ignored the petition, and now Republicans are finding that the "Democrats" control the radio and are able to get free all the time they want, while Republicans can hardly get the use of it at all.

The Wings of a Coal-Heaver

REFERRING to Mr. Farley's denunciation of slush funds at election time, and referring also to his control of the largest slush fund in history, the New York American says affectionately that Mr. Farley, ex-prize-fight commissioner, speaks "with assumed virtue which suits him like a snow-white shirt on a chimney sweep".

Coughlin May Choose Borah

AT Charleston, West Virginia, Coughlin of radio fame is alleged to have said he might prefer Borah to Roosevelt in the presidential campaign. One thing sure is that Coughlin will vote and direct his following as instructed from Vatican City.

Of Public Importance

Tremendous Dam Projects Under Wau

TREMENDOUS dam projects completed or under way in the United States are the \$385,000,000 Boulder Dam and the \$13,000,000 Parker dam farther down the Colorado, the great dams at Bonneville and Grand Coulee on the Columbia, the Fort Peck on the Missouri, the Caspar Alcova on the North Platte, the Conchas on the Canadian, the six big dams on the Tennessee, the Muskingum Valley dam in Ohio, and the Passamaquoddy project in Maine. At the latter project, which will cost \$36,000,000, the fall of the tides will be put to work on a huge scale.

Passamaauoddu Tidal Power Project

AFTER tinkering with the idea of tidal power for several generations, the United States Government has now undertaken the \$36,000,000 tidal power project at Passamaquoddy Bay, Maine, and work has already begun, with a view to making some use of the huge tides that flow in that region.

When the Ocean Rushes In

IT IS when the ocean rushes in, not when the bay waters rush out, that the power will be generated at Passamaquoddy. The dams check the inrush of the ocean waters until the ocean is five feet or more higher than the level inside; then the turbines are started and continue to operate while the ocean tide rises higher and higher, and until the five-foot level is reached on the downward ebb. Then the turbines are stopped, and the gates are opened and remain so until the common level has fallen as low as it will. The gates are then closed as the waters begin again to rise. Continuous power is obtained by pumping ocean water to the top of a high hill, into a large reservoir. Withdrawals from this reservoir can be made continuously at any rate desired. The plan looks entirely practical and can be used in any part of the earth where the tides run unusually high.

Housemaids for the Poor

NOTING the government's plan for giving 300,000 women employment caring for the sick, selecting and preparing food, cleaning house, making and remodeling garments, washing, ironing and caring for the children in homes of the poor where their services are needed, one

cannot but think how very much better every way it would have been if those now poor and obliged to receive assistance in this manner (where all parties involved are made to feel that they are serfs) had been paid wages sufficient that they could hire their own help in the good old-fashioned American way. Who wants the government to turn its flapjacks or sew buttons on its pants?

The Corpse of the NRA

THE corpse of the NRA is a live corpse, for the NRA still employs 2,760 persons at an annual salary expenditure of \$7,023,220. Of these worthies 473 draw annual salaries of \$4,000 or more each, which is considered pretty good pay for a dead man. Still better, or worse, there are eight of the NRA birds that have salaries of \$6,800 each. These men are needed because they will be useful in the next presidential campaign.

CCC Activities in Wisconsin

IN Wisconsin the CCC boys scattered wild rice over 800 acres of swamp lands, to provide future food for mallard, black teal ducks, wild geese and mud hens. The crop will grow this year to six feet and show high above the water. Wild celery has also been planted for canvasbacks, redheads and bluebills. Surely this is better use of time than practicing the arts of war.

Indians Treated as Humans

O^N January 8 the Government decided to grant Indian defendants the full benefit of formal charges, the power to summon witnesses, the privilege of bail, and the right of trial by jury. All this progress was made in less than 320 years, but during the 300-odd years Indian agents have been judges, jailers, prosecuting attorneys and policemen, all in one.

First Steps in Unemployment Insurance

U NCLE SAM is taking his first steps in unemployment insurance, in use for many years in other countries, and on a large scale. The fund is collected by a payroll tax on establishments with eight or more employees. It is estimated that about 26,000,000 persons will be covered by the tax.

U.S. Government Miscellany

Community Chest Racket

REFERRING to President Wilson's order that there should be a joint drive for funds to the amount of \$170,000,000, of which sum \$30,000,000 was to go to the Knights of Columbus, The Fellowship Forum, after explaining that the drive was oversubscribed and the Knights actually got \$40,000,000, goes on to say:

The joint drives were then given the alluring name of Community Chest. They were virtually a racket worked under Government pressure. Their spirit and objective have not materially changed. The infamy of the plan is to force patriots and Protestants to give to the sectarian institutions and propaganda of Rome. It is using all civil pressure and force of a deluded public opinion to fleece the public in the interest of sectarian activities in which millions of good and benevolent citizens have no confidence.

Telephoning a Cyclone to Go Slower

It seems that the Government shipped some 1,400 World War veterans off to the Florida Keys, all on the quiet, because it feared the veterans would make trouble about their bonus. When the hurricane came up the commander of the three camps wired Washington for permission to evacuate the camps. The politicians at Washington thought it not necessary to hurry, and so waited until it was too late. Then they rushed a train to the Keys, which blew off the track, and the result was nearly a thousand lives lost. The commander at the three camps would have done just as well to get in communication with the hurricane itself and ask it to wait.

United States Supreme Court Ruling

THERE is, of course, a sphere within which the individual may assert the supremacy of his own will and rightfully dispute the authority of any human government, especially any free government existing under a written Constitution, to interfere with the exercise of that will."—Jacobson, Massachusetts, Vaccination Case.

Landlords Responsible for Acts of Tenants

In Chicago the United States Government filed a \$12,000 assessment against a building whose owner reported to the government that tenants were operating an illegal still in the building. It seems that the law holds landlords responsible in such cases; which does not seem fair.

Government Getting into Business

WHETHER it wants to or doesn't, the United States Government is rapidly getting into one business after another, through inability of failing enterprises to meet their payments to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The result is that, to keep the concerns going, the Corporation is now in control of three insurance companies, one real estate mortgage loan company, one railroad, scores of banks, four million bales of cotton, and a batch of miscellaneous enterprises, such as wineries, distilleries, machine shops, foundries and other businesses.

Why the Lives Were Lost on Florida Keys

THE final explanation as to why the hundreds of lives were lost on Florida Keys is that the Miami weather man knew of the coming hurricane but dared not send out the warning direct. He had to send word to Jacksonville, Jacksonville had to send word to New Orleans, and New Orleans had to send word to Washington. It happened to be a holiday, when all the Washingtonians were away from the offices and having a good time. And that is why the hundreds perished.

News Reel Supplements

In THE Cincinnati Times Star Edward Keagy mentions a news reel containing Italian and Ethiopian appeals to Americans to side in with their stand, each against the other. Keagy suggests a supplement to such news reels. He says:

A half hour's display of pictures showing Americans being split in twain, and American brains being blown out, and Americans pawing the ground, and crawling around on all fours in filth and muck would refresh the memories of those whose thoughts have gone wool-gathering.

What Fascism Does

It to the level of black magic; for Fascism wages war on enlightenment and progress. The irrational is exalted, the appeal to "brawn, instinct, tribal customs and blood". Il Duce, der Fuehrer: they become god-emperors, as did the Caesars of old Rome. For Fascism is the modern Caesarism: the organization of disintegration and decline and the stifling of progress. Fascism means the death of civilization.—Lewis Corey, in *The Nation*.

"Blood Money"

U NDER the heading "Blood Money" the London Daily Express said:

President Roosevelt says, "No more war for America," and no more financing war. Financing war last time, 1914-18, finally involved America in the great war. Roosevelt has declared against lending money or sending goods to either belligerent next time. Any American who goes into the war zone or trades there does so at his own risk and cost. The United States Government will make no effort to recover money lost in such speculation. Britain should follow U.S.A. in that. The British Government should stand absolutely neutral. If our financiers want to invest in war they need not expect the rest of us to help.

Civilization in 1934

THE World Committee for Relief says that 2,400,000 human creatures died of starvation and 1,200,000 humans committed suicide because of economic distress in 1934. At the same time 1,000,000 freight-car loads of grain, 267,000 freight-car loads of coffee, 560,000 hundredweight of sugar, 50,000 hundredweight of rice, and 50,000 hundredweight of meat were deliberately destroyed to keep up the market price level.—World Events.

Faster Air Mails

EUROPE is taking a leaf out of American air experience and putting on faster planes. The new planes will ply between London and Vienna in eight hours, and between London and Prague in seven hours. Meantime thirty new planes will be put on the air lines to South America, and Argentina air mail will be delivered five and one-half days after leaving New York or Chicago.

Strange Mix-up on Gold

IT IS a strange mix-up on gold. The United States Government sold gold to the Bank of Mexico and Guatemala, which, it seems, it had a right to do, yet one of its own citizens may not even keep any gold that belongs to him. How this can be harmonized is not explained.

Getting Rid of Jefferson

LEO BROPHY, writing ironically in the New York Times, of Thomas Jefferson's statement that a revolution every twenty years would be a good thing, thinks Thomas must be a Communist in disguise and should be sent back where he came from.

British Ambassador Rewrites U.S. State

ONE proof additional of the fact that the Anglo-American Empire, seventh world power, is all one is contained in the evidence that when William Jennings Bryan wrote a stinging protest against British interference with American ships back in the early days of the World War, Woodrow Wilson turned the note over to the British Ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, to rewrite it and tone it down to suit the British Government.

Changes in Military Styles

IT IS no longer popular in Washington for military officers to receive presents of round-trip tickets to San Francisco from dealers in second-hand or surplus army goods. For doing that, one colonel in the U.S. Army was demoted to the bottom of the list of colonels, and fined \$3,600, to be deducted from his pay for the next two years at the rate of \$150 per month. The gentleman demoted has been assistant secretary of war for fifteen years.

U.S. Military Disaffection Bill

THE United States Military Disaffection Bill, which passed the Senate by accident, and was reported out of committee in the House without a quorum, is described by Representative Maverick as gagging the press, threatening a censorship of books and magazines, violating every precedent of American liberty, and adopting the philosophy of Communism and Fascism. Under it troops could invade any home, search it and confiscate any suspected printed material.

What Fascism Is

SAID John Don Passos, author, and Laurence A. Milner, retired United States army captain and former major in the Oregon National Guard, in a letter to American war veterans:

You veterans don't need to be told what Fascism is. It's the kind of control, all the time, that you sometimes got in the army. It's being bossed around, and cussed, and kicked, and beaten by human swine. It's just the worst kind of military control which our profit makers are trying to fasten on the country right now.

Mints Afraid of Holdups

A PPARENTLY afraid of holdups, the treasury department is planning to turn every mint into a fort, equipped with machine guns, gas masks, gas guns and bombs.

How the SERA Works Out

A SUBSCRIBER in California tells how the SERA works out in his case. He is allowed but two eight-hour days and one six-hour day each month, a total of \$13.20 per month. He has to travel 54 miles round trip to Sacramento to get his work slip, then 60 miles each day to and from work (180 miles), then back to Sacramento to get his check. All told, he travels 288 miles to get \$13.20. The only way he can get by at all is to bum his way clear around the circle.

Some of the Leaders of World Fascism

UNDER the guide primarily of the Devil, and, through him, of the pope, some of the leaders of world Fascism are Benito Mussolini, of Italy, Adolf Hitler, of Germany, Casimir de la Rocque, of France, Plinio Salgado, of Brazil, Eoin O'Duffy, of Ireland, Corneliu Codreanu, of Rumania, Jose de Rivera, of Spain, Sir Oswald Mosley, of Britain, and Charles Coughlin, of the United States. President Roosevelt is an intimate friend of Mosley and Coughlin.

America Not Civilized

A NATION in which murder, kidnaping, robbery are commonplaces and justice is news cannot honestly presume to call itself civilized, however much it may plume itself on its material achievements. That is our situation today. It is a shameful admission to make, but an admission that America is compelled to make by the record."—New York Journal. (And how about the mistreatment of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey?)

Would Save Lots of Teetering

Representative Mass, of Minnesota, has introduced a proposed amendment to the Constitution requiring the Supreme Court to pass on the constitutionality of every act or resolution of Congress within sixty days of its signature by the president. At the moment it seems as if this would be a good rule.

Thousands of Violations of Law

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ICKES alleges that Six Companies, Inc., contractors for the Boulder Dam, kept duplicate sets of books, which, when examined, disclose thousands of cases of violations of the law limiting work on government projects to eight hours a day. Police of Plainfield, please take note.

A Word About the Townsend Plan

IF THE Townsend Plan were to go into effect, it is alleged, it would call for a payment to the persons 60 years of age of more than 40 percent of the entire income of the American people in 1934, and would raise the cost of living for most products to about 75 percent to 100 percent above normal prices.

Long, Schall, and Cutting

WITHIN a few months of one another Senator Huey Long, of Louisiana, was shot and killed, Senator Thomas D. Schall, of Minnesota, was run over and killed, and Senator Bronson Cutting, of New Mexico, was killed in an airplane disaster. These men were the outstanding critics of the New Deal in the Senate.

Crime Statistics for One Year

IN ONE year the United States has 12,000 murders, 3,000 kidnapings, 50,000 robberies, 5,000 cases of arson, 10,000 assaults, and 40,000 burglaries. The crime bill is \$12,000,000,000, three times as great as the cost of education.

1914 Was the Dead Line

IN AN address at Winter Park, Florida, Secretary of State Cordell Hull made the statement: "There is no doubt but that statesmanship became bankrupt some years ago, prior to 1914."

Taxes, Food and Clothing

THE national tax bill is \$9,000,000,000 a year, the national food bill \$7,600,000,000 a year, and the national clothing bill \$3,600,000,000 a year.

Riots Against Portuguese Jesuit Fascism

A DISPATCH from Paris states that there have been riots in Portugal "against the Jesuit-Fascist Salazar Government". At the town of Peniche the Jesuit-Fascist police attempted to arrest sixty fishermen, the town alarm bell was rung, and the whole population rushed into the streets to prevent the arrests.

Von Schirach Tells What His God Wants

BALDUR VON SCHIRACH, head of the Hitler Youth, had the assurance to say of his god, the Devil: "God has commanded—and this we feel to be the truth—'Band together, fight for Adolf Hitler and for the German fatherland; and if thou doest that, thou fulfillest my will."

THE seventh chapter of Revelation identifies the 144,000 commissioned ones who constitute the church of God, and then adds these words: 'After this I beheld a great multitude, of all nations, that stood before the throne, clothed with white robes, with palms in their hands, and they cried: Salvation unto our God and unto the Lamb.' The book of Revelation is written in sign or symbolic language. This great multitude standing before the throne clothed in white robes means that they have received the approval of God and of Christ and therefore have a standing in righteousness. They have taken their stand firmly on the side of God and His kingdom, and the waving of the palm branches means that they are hailing Christ as King, exactly as the multitude did when Jesus rode into Jerusalem. They say that salvation is of God through Christ Jesus; and thus they attribute all salvation to the Lord, and not to man or any man-made institutions. They are for God and His kingdom. Such are the people of good will toward God and Christ, and for that reason they are at peace with God.

Further describing this great multitude the scripture reads: "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Other scriptures show that from the end of the World War forward the true followers of Christ Jesus must give a wide testimony or witness to the truth, and that such witness work will be accomplished amidst persecution of the witnesses, and that at the end of the witness work the greatest tribulation of all time will come upon the world. It is during that time that the great multitude of people come out from worldly organizations, separate themselves unto the Lord, take their stand on His side, and faithfully serve Him. They are not made clean by reason of the tribulation, but are made clean by reason of their faith in the shed blood of Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God, and this is symbolically shown by the washing of their robes.

The throne of God pictures the divine seat of authority vested in Christ Jesus. The great multitude are before the throne, meaning that they have their faces and hearts set toward the king-

dom of God under Christ, and joyfully acknowledge that He is the only means of salvation. They become servants of the Lord and gladly serve as the Scriptures here state: "They serve him day and night," which means that they serve Him all the time, and serve the Devil none of the time. They serve the Lord by telling others of Him and His kingdom. They are not the anointed witnesses of Jehovah, yet they bear testimony to the name of God and maintain their integrity toward Him. At Revelation 22:17 the record is that Christ Jesus, the great spirit, and His bride, the body members of the church, say to the people who will hear, 'Come and learn the truth and receive salvation.' The great multitude hear the message of good news, take their stand with Jehovah's witnesses, and join in saying also, 'Come and learn the way to life.' Those of the great multitude were also pictured by Jonadab, who joined himself to Jehu, who pictured the Lord Jesus. During the past few years more than two hundred million books containing the good news of the Kingdom have been placed in the hands of the people, and millions of people have learned of Jehovah and His kingdom. Now we behold the great multitude coming from all nations and peoples of the earth taking their stand on the side of God and His kingdom and serving Him. Christ is the world's rightful Ruler, and henceforth He is the Lord and Leader of the great multitude and He shall feed them on His truth and lead them into everlasting life. They will not go to heaven, but they constitute the millions now living on earth that will not die. For them God made the earth, and by His grace they will dwell forever on the earth in peace and everlasting joy. Let all persons who desire life everlasting now hasten to learn of God and His kingdom under Christ. That much-needed information is contained in the books that Jehovah's witnesses now bring to you.

During the battle of the great day of God Almighty, will those of the great multitude die? Some of them may, but if they are faithful they will be awakened out of death and resurrected shortly thereafter. God has promised those who are of the great multitude, and who are now diligent in seeking meckness and righteousness, that they may be hid and protected and carried through Armageddon. It is therefore very important for all of those who are Jonadabs, or of the great multitude, that they now be diligent in studying the Scriptures and helps which God has provided for them and to also be diligent and active in telling others about God and His kingdom. Faithfulness will be required of the great multitude because only the faithful God approves.

[The unique series of Bible talks of which the foregoing is one has been reproduced for the phonograph, and the records may be used on the ordinary type of machine. They are being widely used for passing the Bible's message for today on to neighbors, friends and acquaintances. The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, of 117 Adams St., Brooklyn, N. Y., are the distributors, and inquiries should be addressed to them.]

Australasian Report to Judge Rutherford

EVERYTHING in connection with the broadcast in Australia shows the hand of Almighty God in accomplishing the impossible from a human point of view.

To speed up the postmaster general in giving a decision, a messenger was sent to interview him personally, and his reply was that the speech could not be broadcast without first seeing the script, and furthermore, if the script was departed from, it would be cut off. They promised to write to us embodying their decision, but, instead, they wrote to the Amalgamated Wireless (Australia) Ltd. (who handled the relay in Australia), stating that if we would give them an undertaking stating that the speech would not contain anything offensive, permission would be granted for the broadcast. As the truth is not offensive, but the greatest benefit to humanity, such an undertaking was not difficult to give.

The technical experts both in London and in Australia were dubious about any signals at all being heard in Australia between 6 and 7 a.m. So certain did they appear that they wanted a guarantee from us to pay the charges for the whole hour if the broadcast was a failure. This we gave to them, and at the last moment they made a similar request that we give them this guarantee through the A.W.A. Ltd., apparently desiring that A.W.A. would be held responsible in the event of default on our part.

Some of the office staff went to 2UE, the key station in Sydney, at 5:30 a.m. on Monday morning, February 24. From there they heard the testing going on, and the instructions being given by the British Post Office officials for the connecting of the cities in Britain, instructions

regarding the cue for opening and closing, and request for a report as to the reception in Australia. Then they crossed over to the Shrine Auditorium, when we were thrilled to hear the friends in session singing the song "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"—this while the testing was going in.

When the lecture came through it was marvelously clear, and the crushing blows dealt to the modern Philistines were thoroughly appreciated. Towards the end a little static was in evidence, but not sufficiently bad to make the speech unintelligible.

On returning to Strathfield, the Post Office called us, asking for our report on the speech, and it was then they told us that at 7 a.m., when the speech was completed, the circuit from London completely failed, and so sudden was the close-down that they could not get their report back to London concerning the quality of the reception.

Such an evidence of the direction of the Great and Supreme Jehovah God was thrilling to us, because we see in it the evidence of His complete control of the radio, which absolutely belongs to Him.

There was no reported interference with the broadcast at any of the stations. No doubt the government officials were so satisfied that it would be a failure that they did not bother to check up.

Regarding the Geelong trouble: We succeeded in winning the case there, and we do not think there will be any more trouble in connection with the transcription work in that city. We enclose herewith a quotation from the report of the matter in Geelong.

Amusing Case in Geelong, Australia

EXTRACT from report of a Jehovah's witness who attended the case:

The charge was made by the crown on the evidence of Constable Bishop, who said that he was offended at the loud noise made by the machine, as well as the nature of the matter broadcast. He stated that he was not a Roman Catholic but felt sure that many who were would likewise be offended. He claimed that what was broadcast was contrary to what he has believed since childhood. The ''harsh American accent'' was also offensive to him.

Mr. McDonald closely questioned the informant and in a very short time eliminated the point of "noise" on the grounds that it was no greater than that made by several other cars which are equipped with loudspeakers and which work in Geelong in exactly the same way as that used by the defendants. He asked Constable Bishop if he ever visited Eastern Beach, where a loud-speaker plays jazz music most of the day on Sunday in the hearing of hundreds of people. The witness admitted that he had never had cause to charge the operator of this machine with offensive behavior. Witness also admitted that he had never taken action against any of the other people who are heard frequently using loud-speakers. He admitted knowing of a church party which regularly holds outdoor services in principal streets of Geelong and that he has never charged this party with offensive behavior despite the fact that the beliefs expressed are contrary to what he has believed since childhood and that they make as much noise. He also admitted never having charged the Salvation Army workers with offensive behavior, even though the degree of noise created by them is greater than that created by the defendants.

Having completely satisfied the bench on that point, the cross-examination proceeded and the point of "harsh American accent" was analyzed. Asked just what he considered harsh, the witness was unable to intelligently express a definition, so, with the prompting of the bench, admitted that it was without any mellowness or musical appeal. The bench was asked by the lawyer if it was prepared to insult America by suggesting that a voice with an American accent could possibly be regarded as offensive, and the point was soon dismissed amid laughter.

The "nature of the matter broadcast" was next in turn for analysis, and it did not take the lawyer long to satisfy the bench that within the definition of the law no one could possibly be offended because others held and expressed different religious views. If the bench was prepared to admit that expression of religious beliefs, should they clash with the opinions of others, could be regarded as offensive, then it would be an easy matter to drag any preacher into court by simply standing outside a church and listening to the sermon, seeing that the beliefs expressed could be heard in a public place. He also pointed out very

strongly the points concerning the constitutional law of Britain and spoke of the freedom allowed by the law for expression of religious beliefs. He asked the bench to consider for a moment what happens in such places as Hyde Park, The Domain, Yarra Bank and other places where a demonstration of what freedom of speech means to the people of Australia, at the same time pointing out that the bench would be assuming a great responsibility if it were to determine that these people (meaning defendants) should be denied the opportunity of exercising their religious liberty and publicly stating their beliefs. He went on further to point out that the work done by these people was a good work and reminded the bench of the parable of the wedding, when the servants were sent out into the highways and byways to gather in others, and used this as an illustration to describe the nature of the work. Constable Bishop stated that in his opinion the matter broadcast was definitely offensive to him and others; to which the lawyer replied that he wasn't interested in his opinion, but wanted to establish what constituted an offense according to English law. The bench did not seem to have any difficulty in determining that no evidence had been brought forward to show that an offense had been committed within the definition of the word according to law.

After the cross-examination was finished the lawyer addressed the bench and brought out the following points with emphasis:

The "noise" made by the defendants was no greater than other "noises" made in the same way.

The machine was playing within the hearing of approximately 500 people and the crown had failed to produce one witness from this number (apart from a police constable) to support the contention that the broadcast was offensive. On the other hand, the defense could produce many witnesses to prove that the broadcast was of a helpful nature and brought them much comfort.

In Melbourne on Henley day the city police assisted a worker doing this same work, by providing a special parking area where the worker was assisted by the police to erect and play the machine to thousands of people and not one of these thousands had been known to take offense.

This work is done all over Australia among thousands of people daily and no complaints of offensive behavior have been known.

That Section 25 of the Police Act (under which the brethren were charged) applies to assemblies of people according to the Supreme Court definition recorded in 1918, and as no more than two or three people were in the street at the time, and these were walking up and down, the term "assembly" could not apply, hence the defendants should never have been charged under that section of the act.

At the time of speaking to the workers the constable did not make any complaint; at the most he asked them did they not consider it offensive to be broadcasting in that way. If the constable had really been offended, in his capacity of policeman he had every right to tell the workers to move on; instead of that he stayed with them talking for some time endeavoring to induce them to sell him a book; in substance, challenging them to make a test case. Further, that the constable told the workers that he did not know if anything would come of it, as he would put a note on the superior officer's desk. The lawyer held that if he (witness) was offended there would be no need to have a superior officer determine whether the matter could be brought into court, and that the evidence offered did not give a true representation of the mind of the witness on the day concerned.

After a discussion the bench announced that the

case would be dismissed, as no evidence had been brought to prove that an offense had been committed according to law, at the same time stating that the opinion was held that the constable did quite right in bringing the matter before the court.

Those are the main points of the case; I have mentioned them at length so as to have a permanent record. After the case the constable spoke to a little group of us in the street and asked us not to do the work in his street again, as only four people in the street are not strong Roman Catholics. We told him that Christ Jesus had said that this gospel must be preached to all people and that we could not deny anyone the opportunity of hearing the message. He assured the two brethren that he had no personal feeling against them, but simply wanted the matter decided in court.

A Catholic Gentleman of Fiji By Harold Rice

WE MET on the Navua river; he was traveling in a dugout canoe with a few men, while I was sitting on a rock, waiting for help to get across the river. His dugout was well loaded, so he crossed over and sent the canoe back for me and my gear. On crossing over he and I, with the district policeman, traveled on foot, while my luggage was left with his to continue up stream. Overnight I had camped under an overhanging rock, but, as I had my mosquito net with me, I was O.K. The first question my friend asked me was, had I breakfasted? I said yes; I had breakfasted the previous day at eight o'clock, but I was not worrying about a few blank mealtimes—it was midday by now—I was quite able to wait till I got to Namuamua. We have four miles to go, cutting across the angles made by the river, the usual Fijian bush track traveling single file, my friend in the lead, then myself, with the officer in the rear.

Of course, I gave them the truth, and whenever I was silent for more than three minutes I was asked to continue. My friend, who was the king of Namosi, naively admitted that he and his people could not be sure what religion was the right one, as the Europeans who had brought these religions to Fiji were divided themselves, and he was highly delighted at the suggestion that all the Devil's religions were wrong, and that while the law of Jesus Christ was to give to the poor, all these religions to the contrary made the poor poorer.

After dining at Namuamua at about half past three I shed some of my books, to be picked up on my return, and started off to Namosi. The Tui-Namosi (i.e., king) walked ahead, I next, while two boys followed with his gear. I carried my own, which is my habit. We passed through Ona Koro and kept going, as we were late.

Drizzling rain did not dampen our spirits overmuch, because there was such a lot to discuss in relation to God's purposes as recorded in the Bible. When it became dark one of the boys walked just ahead of me, giving me a hand whenever he thought that the way was awkward. He confided to me that the Turaga had told him to watch over me very carefully, not to let me slip on the stones, etc., in the dark. The boys wanted to carry my gear as well as their own, but I said no.

We arrived at Namosi two hours after dark. The Tui and his wife treated me like a son (they were elderly) and I, in fact, addressed her as Tinagu (i.e., my mother), which delighted both of them, none of their own children being home. After tea I gave them a lecture on the truth. We turned in. The Tui invited me to sleep with him on his bed, which was some bed, 8 by 10 feet, being a bamboo platform covered with native grass mats. The rest of the household slept on the floor. The Fijians and I myself prefer the floor, there being always plenty of mats, but the place of honor, the bed, is reserved for the stranger guest. Remark the contrast: one night under a rock; next night I shared the bed of a king.

Over the bed was a dress sword given to the Tui's father by Queen Victoria, which he wished to unwrap and show me, but I told him that I was waiting for the time when Isaiah 2:4 would be fulfilled and swords beaten into ploughshares. As it was I hated all instruments of war, and those who teach people to use them.

My host admitted the fact that he had left the Wesleyan church and had ordered all his people to turn Catholic just because he was annoyed with the Wesleyan minister some years previously. Throughout his district I had very good audiences. The people delighted in the truth, as do the simple, meek, teachable people everywhere. The real Fijian is nature's gentleman, where he has not been too much contaminated by so-called "Christian civilization and religion".

The more I travel, the more do I realize the fact that Jehovah God made all nations of one blood to dwell on the face of the earth—and the natural feeling in all races is to be courteous and kind to the stranger, but this natural feeling is atrophied, especially amongst the ruling elements, and international jealousies divide the peoples, while the white race has been taught to look down on the dark races and keep them in servile positions.

Many people say here, "Don't educate the Indians and Fijians too much, as they get cheeky and act as if they were as good as we." They cry out because these people send money home to India from here. Well, I ask, did not God put the gold and silver in the earth for the benefit of all? So, let it go, and thank Him for the privilege of using the things He has provided. Jehovah created the earth for the benefit of all. The ruling elements have stolen the heritage of the people, but soon God will restore His gifts to the people. Let us continue to pass on the water of life to the teachable, while warning the proud and arrogant.

Honor and glory be to Jehovah God and His King Christ Jesus, the champion of the poor and downtrodden. Let us advertise His government of righteousness while we have breath.

"Listen to the Mockingbird"

WHEN I was out witnessing one day last summer I called at a dilapidated old farmhouse and asked the woman who came to the door if she would like to hear a lecture by Judge Rutherford. She said she would. But the room was devoid of furniture; so I placed the portable on the floor near the center of the room, and

opened up the phonograph, and soon had the judge's speech going. Almost immediately a mockingbird came hopping in through the open door, and stood with his head cocked on one side, as if listening attentively. After a half minute or so I turned my head and the bird flew to the window sill, but remained there as if listening attentively. I asked if the bird was a pet, but was told it had never been in the house before.

—George B. Watson, pioneer.

William Raises 50c and Nether Regions

WILLIAM Brown, writing in from Michigan, says, softly and apologetically: "For some time back I have been planning to sign for The Golden Age. I intended to do so just as soon as I got rich, but although I have faithfully chased the golden calf, he, she or it has eluded me. Never, at any time during the chase, have I got close enough to grab it by the tail. So, after robbing the baby's bank, and securing loot to the amount of fifty cents. I enclose it herewith. I am compelled to buy according to my means. The only thing wrong about The Golden Age is that it is thirty years too late." William then makes some reflections on the Roman gunmen in and out of uniforms which some might possibly construe as a reflection on the Holy Roman harlot, and as The Golden Age doesn't want to get busted in the nose ahead of time, it will just quote one paragraph: "The Church is in possession of the Army, the Navy, the National Guard, the American Legion, the police force, Knights of several orders of assassins, vigilantes, silver shirts, black shirts, silk shirts and dirty shirts, including banksters, gangsters, lawyers and judges: however, it is all right with me because I expect to get a job helping to unload the Holy Pope's' baggage at the front door of the White House, and then be appointed official custodian of the booze room. No American child is safe in a community infested by Rome's officers of the law. Some of them claim that they would not beat their fellow men with log chains or slit a child's throat for less than a dollar, but the evidence shows to the contrary." All will be glad that Bill found the 50c, and, if they still have a sense of humor, will notice Isaiah 14:9 and wonder just how he got the automobile jack under the big axle in such slippery winter weather as prevailed at the time his communication was written.

A Witness of Jehovah

NUMBER 16 was the neatest house on the street. Its clean bright yellow shone among the dirty drab greys and browns. The witness of Jehovah answered the bell. Her broad, Slavic face, framed by smooth light brown hair, showed friendliness and strength. She ushered me into the front room of the simple home. Like its mistress, it breathed cleanliness, order and poverty.

I had come to call regarding her children's refusal to salute the flag at school. There was ample precedent to indicate that if the case were to come up in court it would be decided against the recalcitrants. This woman stood to lose her mother's pension. The children were likely to be dismissed from school for insubordination and, if they did not return penitent, the mother might face a jail sentence for their non-attendance. I explained the situation to her.

"If we must suffer for our obedience to the Word of God as we understand it, so be it. I would rather have my children die than have them lose their souls. I was born and raised a Catholic. My parents were Polish. Not until I joined the witnesses of Jehovah had I realized what the Word of God might mean in my everyday life. Now I have seen the light and I know that this wicked world will soon be called to judgment. If people would but read the Bible and follow God's Word to the least instruction there would be no wickedness."

She reached for one of the two Bibles which lay on the table, flanked by several leaflets of the cult. She opened at chapter 20 of the book of Exodus and pointed to a well-marked passage: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God." Haltingly she read the ancient words. Then she produced a Webster's dictionary from a drawer: "To salute means 'to honor, to bow to'. We love our country, but we love all mankind and, above all, God. The flag is an image, and my children are obeying God's command in refusing to salute a man-made image. I do not force my convictions upon my children. I teach them only the Word of God. They are free to decide for themselves. Why can't everyone leave us alone? We are not trying to force our truth on anyone. We just want to live according to the Word of God as we understand it. Is it Christian to persecute us for it?"

There was something noble about this woman and her simple faith. The spirit of the primitive Christians and of the evangelical Protestants of Bohemia who were exiled and persecuted for their faith seemed to have been revived in her. She was superbly herself with the sturdy simplicity of her peasant ancestry. There was here no sensationalism or ulterior motive.

"There are about a hundred of us at the meetings," she went on. "We read the Bible together and try to understand the will of God. Then we visit other people in the community and try to explain to them the beauty and greatness of the Bible."

Three beautiful, intelligent children wandered into the room one after the other. The eldest, aged thirteen, spoke with normal enthusiasm of "gym" and basketball.

I thought of the indignant school authorities, the expressed regrets that this mother was American-born and could not be deported. Lamely I argued that the children were too young to be induced to fight for causes, that if they learned a good deal and formed their own opinions they would be better fitted to make this world a more Christian one. It was unbearable to think of these innocents persecuted.

"No, lady, I am not asking them to fight for anything, or to advocate anything. All I am teaching them is to follow the Word of God. As the twig is bent, so the tree inclines. If they don't learn now to stand for what they believe, no matter what happens, how will they stand out against the wickedness of the world when they grow up? God will take care of us. If they want to take the bread and education from my children, we are ready to bear it. But whatever happens, we will not falter."

Somehow I felt deeply grateful that my arguments for opportunism had fallen on so deaf an ear. Grateful, and ashamed of myself and the society for which I was playing intermediary. Such literal interpretation of the Bible might be misguided. But whatever one's point of view as to that, it renews one's faith in the possibilities of men to see an ideal so tenaciously upheld, so overwhelmingly ruling a human life. Have we reached the place where there is no longer room for that in the American tradition?

-Marie Miller, in The Christian Century.

A Year in Prison for Murder

N THE Kenya farm of Mrs. Helen Selwyn, she suspected a native named Keyen of stealing some cowbells. In the effort to extort a confession she had him beaten with a piece of rubber tire until it was worn out, and then with a dirty strap. When he tried to rise she had the natives that did the beating hold him down. After he was beaten she had him bound to a post, with a chain around his neck and his hands tied together. When it became apparent that he needed medical attention her husband, then living, and a brother of the "Very Reverend" Edward Gordon Selwyn, dean of Winchester, refused to take the wounded man to the hospital, on the ground that he would not have any baboons carried in his car. Thereupon the injured man walked the seventeen miles, dying shortly afterward. Mr. Selwyn, in the meantime, also died suddenly. As the native was dving he repeatedly stated that he had no idea why he was beaten, being entirely innocent of any wrongdoing, so far as he knew. Mrs. Selwyn, who supervised the murder, was given a year in prison. The natives who were compelled to do the flogging under her direction were each given one month.

Terrible Atrocity in the Transvaal

AT Witpan, Lichtenberg, Transvaal, a native who had completed his term of service asked for his wages, as he was leaving. The wages were refused but the native was beaten with fist on head and body. The native started for town to lay his case before a magistrate; he was overtaken and beaten by the farmer, Nicolaas Carstens, with a sjambok, a huge whip made of rawhide. The farmer tied the native's hands, took him back to the farm, tied him with a riem, a strip of oxhide, around his neck and beat him till he nearly killed him. The native was a man of 60 years. While on the rampage Carstens beat other natives with the sjambok, including Maria, a woman native. When the woman was examined there was scarcely a part of her body not covered with weals. The acting surgeon said "he found her body was covered with bruises and weals too numerous to mention". The beast got off with a fine of \$75, which he paid. In Africa the missionaries are sent to the blacks, not to the whites.

Ten-Year-Old Nuga Liked Cake

DOR some strange reason ten-year-old Nuga, a colored lad, working for Oscar Jongbloed. farmer near Pietersburg, South Africa, was fond of cake, and took some to which he had no legal right. Oscar, being a white man, and he and his friends having taken nothing from the blacks except their lands and their liberties, was much offended. So he tied the ten-year-old with riems (oxhides), stretched him between two posts, and struck him thirty to forty times as hard as he could with oxwhips. He struck him so hard that the handle of the whip came off, whereupon he doubled the oxhide thongs and continued beating until he was tired. The tenyear-old cried until he could not cry any more, being too weak. This was in the morning. At sunset Nuga was still tied between the posts. He asked for water; it was refused. Food was also denied. For a few days Nuga lingered, ailing. His poor old colored father came and took him home and in three days he died. Nuga won't eat any more of the white man's cake.

Great War Preparations in Egypt

FOR the first time in history the great port of Alexandria, Egypt, is so full of vessels that no more can find room. Day and night war supplies are being unloaded, thousands of tents, thousands of rolls of barbed wire, guns and ammunition, airplanes, tanks, and whatever else is used in time of war. The British are making ready for anything the Italians may have to offer.

70,000 Italians in Egypt

IF AND when hostilities break out between Britain and Italy, it will be worth remembering that there are 70,000 Italians in Egypt. Probably under inspiration from John Bull, the report has come from Egypt that in event of war between Italy and England these would all be interned—quite an undertaking.

Italian Purchases in Kenya

I TALIAN purchases in Kenya show \$550,000 expended for food, cattle, clothing, road-building materials, trucks and gasoline, all shipped to Italian Somaliland, next-door neighbor to Ethiopia. Kenya itself borders on Ethiopia for 400 miles.

North America and South America

Newfoundland's Plight in 1935

THE London Daily Herald carried a dispatch from its correspondent in St. John's, Newfoundland, a year ago in which he said:

"This is a summary of some of the sights which have been seen daily in the streets of this city during the past winter, while the thermometer has registered from zero to ten degrees below. Men standing in queues outdoors or herded in the unheated basement of the dole distribution building, waiting for their dole orders, some clad in overalls without underclothing, many with feet wrapped in sacking and paper in worn-out shoes and east off rubbers. Dole recipients, almost too emaciated and weak to stand, shoveling snow in payment for their Government dole; others breaking rock in Government quarries in return for enough to prevent starvation."

The Parish of St. Etienne

IT IS hard to understand how a priest could get his parish into debt to the amount of \$700,000, unless he was flying high in the stock market and the market took a big sag, but, anyway, the parish of St. Etienne, Montreal, is in debt about that huge amount, and a woman who loaned \$6,237 of the sum wants her money back. The Superior Court of the Province of Quebec has ruled that the church property, including the church itself and 22 valuable building lots, be sold at sheriff's sale and the widow paid. This is the first time a Catholic church building has been sold at sheriff's sale in Quebec.

Wild Boy Found in El Salvador

A N Indian wild boy was found in El Salvador recently. Seven or eight years of age, he was without language, but had remarkable powers of observation and an astonishing memory. He is inquisitive, is learning rapidly, and is much stronger than other boys of his age. He was found in a cave, defended himself perfectly from dogs, by throwing stones and clubs with great accuracy, and was subdued only by force of numbers. He is not yet completely tamed.

Gomez Is Dead

GOMEZ, the dictator of Venezuela, is dead. While he lived he ran the country as he pleased; and as it has huge quantities of oil, that was not so difficult. When he died, his cousin, also named Gomez, thought to install himself in office, but was promptly bumped off, South American style.

The Nicaraguan Canal

THE Nicaraguan Canal, 173 miles long, would cost \$722,000,000 and would seem to be a good investment at this time. It is estimated that it would provide, directly and indirectly, far more than a million man-years of employment, and would open new markets and have a stabilizing effect on Central America.

Peru's New Highway

PERU has completed and opened for traffic a new highway, Lima to Oroya, 111 miles, which enables automobilists to reach all the principal roads in the interior, independent of the railroad. The road rises 14,000 feet through some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. It is 20 feet wide.

Fish Grow Rapidly in Puerto Rico

THOUSANDS of rainbow trout placed in the streams of Puerto Rico a year ago are now twelve to fourteen inches long, and still growing. A million trout eggs will be imported, and maybe, by this means, some of the starving Puerto Ricans may in a year or so have something to eat.

New Way to Get a Foe Out of Office

A SPECIAL dispatch to the New York Times discloses a new way to get a man out of office. One United States official cabled a faked resignation of a man of whom he was jealous. The scene of the fracas, Puerto Rico.

El Salvador Demands Decent Language

THE mayor of El Salvador has ordered the police to arrest anyone using loud, boisterous, profane or obscene language in public. Several have been picked up and fined. It is a good law.

Free Lunches in Ecuador

THE republic of Ecuador will have free lunches for school children throughout the country. Government employees will contribute a half day's salary per month. No priest may enter Ecuador.

Cuba Recognizes the Vatican

CUBA recognized the Vatican and received a Papal delegate on December 1. This is a first step toward recognition of the Vatican by the United States of America.

The Police of Panama City

PANAMA city is half in the little republic of Panama and half in the Canal Zone. The half in the republic is some place not to live and not to be caught with any money on your person, according to information reaching The Golden Age through channels known to be reliable. A speed limit of five miles per hour has been set up, and men have been heavily fined for moving no more than six. If arrested, the police invariably take all the prisoner's money and keep it permanently. In case, on release, the ex-prisoner demands his money he is reincarcerated for insulting the police and for contempt of court, and there is no redress. The informant says that one night he inadvertently flashed a roll of \$300 in front of a policeman. He got into his car and the policeman came up and informed him he was under arrest, refusing to state the grounds. He was ordered to drive at once to the police station, but, knowing the town, stepped on the gas and went over the boundary line into Uncle Sam's territory and to safety, incidentally giving the cop a bad scare. Jails are unspeakable.

Cotton in Brazil

TEN years ago Brazil exported 29,752 bales of cotton: last year, 584,000 bales. Cotton of cotton; last year, 584,000 bales. Cotton can be planted, cultivated, picked, ginned and transported, and all the taxes and overhead paid, at a cost of 3c per pound, and is now being raised in huge and ever increasing quantities on lands which once grew coffee. Lands next to railroads can be had in any quantity at \$25 an acre; and back from the railroads, can be had for almost nothing. The United States cannot compete with these costs, and is losing its foreign cotton trade.

Nationalization of Churches in Ecuador

LL churches and other buildings designed A for public religious use and built by public subscription on privately owned lands in the republic of Ecuador have become state property, and all foreign priests and ministers must cease their activities in that country within the next six months.

Jews Will Colonize Ecuador

THE Reich Federation of Non-Aryans have signed an agreement with Ecuador for 1,212,500 acres of free land, and Jews from all over Germany will be invited to participate in the intended colonization.

The Babassu Palm Tree of Brazil

NOTHING of the Babassu palm tree of Brazil is wasted. The trunk supplies posts for building, the bunch stalks make fertilizer, the leaves make hats, mats and fish traps, and partitions and roofs for dwellings. The sprouts are edible, and the nuts produce edible and soap oils, engine fuel, alcohol and acid. It is estimated that Brazil has 1,000,000,000 such trees, and that the marketable value of the nuts alone is five times the value of the annual coffee crop.

The Progressive Argentineans

THE progressive Argentineans are interesting their English-speaking cousins by the adoption of English words, now and then. At the international automobile races the word "performance" was definitely adopted and is now in general use all over Argentina. An ominous mark of progress in a wrong direction is that there are now eight Fascist parties in the country.

Arsenals Making Plowshares in Paraguay

EVERYBODY who loves his fellow men will be glad to learn that the Paraguayans, probably the world's most invincible fighters, are now making plowshares in their arsenals. The Bolivian-Paraguayan war seems definitely over, but the Bolivian-Argentinian border is still undetermined and troublesome.

Platinum Deposits of Colombia

THE platinum deposits of Colombia are the richest in the world, and happen to be in a region covered with densest jungles of the tropics. The metal, now so precious that it brings \$31 per ounce on the New York market, was once held in such light esteem that it sold for \$2 per pound.

Argentine Professional Men on Strike

BUENOS AIRES doctors threatened a general hospital strike because not paid enough, and all the lawyers in the Argentine province of Chubut went on strike because the district court of the province was so unfair.

Census of Brazil

ALCULATIONS made on the last official census of Brazil are that there are now 47,794,874 inhabitants, of whom 1,700,532 are in Rio de Janeiro and 1,151,249 are in Sao Paulo.

Northern Europe

Britain's Poison Gas Statesmen

THE American investigation of International Murderers, Incorporated, led to a similar investigation in Britain. The chairman took his place on the bench and summoned the first witness. That witness first drew attention to the fact that the chairman himself was the holder of 1,765 shares of stock in Britain's principal poison-gas factory, the Imperial Chemical Industries, and then listed statesman after statesman, lord after lord, and bish-hop after bishhop that had similar holdings in the same murderous outfit, whereupon the chairman said that the recital was very wearisome, and a woman that sat right beside him on the commission spoke up and said it was mighty interesting and important to know that the shareholders of International Murderers run through the entire body of the governing class, financiers, politicians, lords, ladies, generals, admirals, bishops, clergymen and the whole lousy bunch. That was not just the way she expressed it, but that was the idea back of her remark. "Lousy" is really too mild a term to express the condition of these plunderers.—Exodus 8:16-19.

Kelly Got Back His Farm

Martin Kelly, Lisolway, Castlerea, Irish Free State, was induced by his nephew to go and call on his priest. He went. The priest said they would pray together. The priest prayed in Latin, and at the end of each sentence told Martin to assign his farm to his nephew. After a lengthy prayer Martin assigned the farm. That night he thought it all over and concluded he had been fooled and robbed. He went and told his story to the judge and the judge decided that was true and annulled the assignment. Thieves are not always as slick as they think they are.

Withdrawal from Olympic Games

BY A vote of 18 to 1 the Baltimore City Council asked the American Olympic Committee to withdraw all United States entries for the 1936 games at Berlin. The vote should have been unanimous. Why visit a pesthouse?

Ten Dollars a Minute

THE charge for telephone service between England and Japan is \$10 a minute. There are several conversations every day, and the charge is not considered prohibitive.

Co-operation in Sweden

TOO many people were living on the spread between production and distribution. This made it impossible for the people to buy the goods they had produced, so consumers' cooperatives were organized and the middlemen swept away. The co-operatives by manufacturing electric lamps have broken the lamp monopoly and have reduced the price of lamps throughout Sweden.

Co-operative production of shoes and galoshes forced prices down to within the reach of the working people. Now the co-operatives produce the highest quality and a large percentage of the shoes in the country.

Great mills and elevators were purchased by the co-operatives to enable them to set their own prices on bread rather than depend on private traders. Co-operatives introduced the practice of measuring bread and selling it by weight in face of the ancient practice of selling "blownup" air-filled bread by size and guess.

Consumers' co-operatives pioneered in the introduction of beauty in business. The co-operative architectural bureau has played an important part in developing Swedish architecture. Hygienic, sanitary stores, displays under glass, artistic arrangement of fixtures and merchandise, have been developed by the co-operatives, which now include half the people in the country.—Mrs. Sonja Branting, daughter of the late premier of Sweden, as reported by the A. F. of L. Service.

Norwegian Vision of Armageddon

THE Indemisjonen society of Norway, ultraconservative and influential, surprised everybody recently by a manifesto in which, after condemning dictatorships of all kinds, Fascist and Communist, the statement was made: "Before us we see a silhouette of the last times against the horizon. The end of all things has come near."

American Financiers Should Dodge Norway

A MERICAN financiers should avoid Norway. The Oxford Group, which believes in a standard of absolute honesty, visited that country and in one month the Norwegian tax department received \$35,000 from persons who had been influenced to make corrections in their tax returns.

God's Vindication in Man's Salvation

"religion" that was popular in certain sections before the war, and of which a few tattered remnants still remain. These words, with such variations as "Jesus saves!" and "Come and be saved!" accompanied by lugubrious songs, were heard in "gospel" tents all over the United States, and to a somewhat less degree in other lands.

The important center around which this religion revolved was the "I'm". "I'm saved, Hallelujah!" The speakers, or shouters, with perhaps an occasional exception, little realized that they were about as far from salvation as they had ever been. The fact that they centered their thoughts upon themselves indicated that the very root of sin, selfishness, had been only strengthened by their supposed "salvation". The "Hallelujah" was little understood and appreciated less. The "God and me" had the emphasis on me.

In stating matters thus bluntly, it is not to be assumed that the aim of this article is to underrate or deprecate the inestimable boon of the "salvation which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him". (Hebrews 2:3) Truly, the knowledge of being a sharer in this "common salvation" brings joy and gladness. (Jude 3) Such joy and gladness, however, do not necessarily call for noisy demonstrations such as were common in the heyday of the revivalist business.

Revivalists made merchandise of the message of God's grace, and measured their success by the number rather than the sincerity of their converts, and by the size of the collection more than anything else. The few sincere participants in these efforts at "revival" were deceived, turned aside from a rational and truly Godfearing course by Satan's ever-new, never-new device of emphasizing the wrong thing, and obscuring and covering up the most important thing.

Jesus showed that this tendency to stress the wrong thing at the expense of the more important things was the specialty of the Pharisees. While neglecting the weightier things they were careful to "tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs".

Jesus Ridicules the Pharisees

This bit of ridicule from the lips of the Master is an example of how He ruthlessly dealt with the absurdities to which fallen human nature is prone to give attention. "Ye tithe mint and rue!" Doubtless a laugh went up from His hearers as Jesus in these words pictured the Pharisees laboriously counting the small seeds and laying aside one in ten "for the Lord". (Matthew 23:23) On the same occasion He provoked the mirth of His listeners by the sally, 'Ye strain at a gnat and swallow a camel.'—Matthew 23:24.

The meticulous Pharisees and their hangerson doubtless had their "religious susceptibilities" severely shocked by these "irreverent"
charges against their "holiness". (Matthew
15:12) But the common people heard Him with
pleasure, and Jesus was not offended by their
mirthful laughter when He drew the picture of
these "holy" men swallowing camels with the
greatest of ease, but choking when attempting
to swallow a small fly. Nor was the force of the
illustration lost upon them; for the Pharisees
saw their influence steadily waning.—John
12:19.

Modern Pharisees are not a whit different from their Jewish counterparts. From the long, pious and hypocritical prayers to the long eccleciastical clothing, long faces and long continued wickedness they are still the same pernicious lot; the greatest obstacle to all true progress and the worst menace to the well-being of sane and honest men.—Mark 12:38-40; Matthew 23:33.

It is this unholy tribe that has fostered the "me and God" type of religion, because it brought "results"! They were out to "sell God" to the people, and they "sold Him", to use an expression common with them. Catering to the selfish side of the people has met with measurable success in a pecuniary way in the past, but the time has come when it will no longer work. The people no longer fall for their line. They "don't respond as they used to do" or "hit the sawdust trail as they once did". The worm has turned. Adding to the words of God, the clergy, including the evangelists, have reaped what they have sown.—Proverbs 30: 5, 6.

The thought generally associated with "being saved" was that the individual escaped the cer-

tain prospect of "eternal hell-fire".* This expression is nowhere found in the Scriptures, and the thought associated with it is entirely and thoroughly wrong. True, the Scriptures use the word "hell", or, at least, modern versions employ that word in the translation of several Hebrew and Greek terms. These, however, have meanings quite different from the popular "hell-fire" idea. Almost invariably they refer to the condition of death, or destruction.

The "Hell-Fire" Artists

"Hell-fire" has been the main dish of the pharisaical outfit, both Protestant and Catholic. But the "revivers" misnamed "evangelists" were the real "hell-fire" artists. How the lukewarm church member and the cold backslider would "revive" when held for a sufficient length of time over "hell-fire"! True, some "hardened sinners" took longer to thaw out than others. Hence the "revival" was continued sometimes as long as a week or two. In some instances (where collections were good) work was continued even longer. Everyone in the community who could be persuaded, threatened, cajoled or browbeaten was well "revived", according to the standards of pharisaical Christianity, while others were saved "from lives of sin".

From the standpoint of the Word of God, however, the proselytes were generally "twofold more children of Gehenna" than the "revivalists" themselves, which, however one views the matter, is a truly remarkable if not desirable accomplishment.—Matthew 23:15.

With artistic skill the "reviver" would picture for the gaping, popeyed audience all the blackness and darkness of sin, all the terror and torment of hell, and all the glory and brightness of heaven. To "hell" the sinner would certainly go if not saved; to heaven he was certainly entitled if saved in the approved manner. The "triune" argument, however unscriptural, was a difficult one to resist.

So far only the "protestant" side of the salvation business has been considered. But do not think that the Romish soul-doctors were one whit behind their "protestant" brethren. In fact, the "protestant" version of the matter lacked much of the efficiency of the Roman system. The work of the former was carried on only by fits

and starts, but the Romish priests had the business systematized with diabolical thoroughness. It was a steady job with them, carried on in summer and winter, in sickness and health, in town and in country, in want and in wealth.

Rich and poor, great and small, the clever and the simple, all were brought in under the all-inclusive and thoroughly organized "salvation" business of the Papal organization. No such rough-and-ready methods as were used by the "revivers" would do. No mere deliverance of the living from a final and settled fate. That was clumsy work, and left only small hope of "repeat orders".

The Romish Version

Consider the subtilty of the more proficient "salvation" vendors. Theirs was a sure-fire, all-time success. For they did not rashly send their rather reluctant prospects to a place which would forever preclude them from becoming paying customers. Not the Catholic "church". This cult is too smart, too "broad-minded", too inclusive and too "universal" for anything so shortsighted. Only for the most hopeless "heretic" is the never-ending fate of "hell-fire" reserved by the Hierarchy.

The idea is this: A purgatory has been *lov-ingly* provided, according to this system, and furnished with torments of all descriptions; terrible, exquisite, revolting torments, to 'purify the soul', after death. And, of course, "mother church" can help those who are confined there. In fact, anybody and everybody can help to help the 'purgatorian' residents, otherwise known to Catholics as "the holy souls".

See here the difference between the "mother church" and the other cults. The latter say, when a sinner dies, "All hope is gone." But "mother church" says, wisely (and how!), "All danger is gone." Once in "purgatory", there is only one way out, and that is to go to heaven. One cannot go to "hell" from "purgatory" (though it is as bad as hell while one is there). The third crown in the pope's tiara vouches for that.

Getting Out of "Purgatory"

Only the priests can get one out of "purgatory"; and that seems only right, since they invented the idea. They should have full charge, subject only to the superior authority of their father (John 8:44), who, however, lets them have pretty much their own way.

^{*} The term 'hell-fire' found in Matthew 5: 22 is 'Gehenna fire' in the Greek, and refers to a valley outside of Jerusalem where garbage was burned. See Isaiah 66: 24 and note the word 'carcases'.

How, then, is it said that "everybody can help"? By doing as the priest says, of course. That should be clear, very clear, to everybody. Now, to help friends, relatives, and others out of "purgatory", and incidentally shorten his own stay there, the papist Catholic can do any one of a number of things. There is the "saying" of prayers. He gets a prayer book to "say" the prayers. It seems that prayers read out of a book are the only ones that really do very much good. That's what the priests say. [A "prayer book" is 25c and up.]

Then, for further benefits, the "purgatory" enthusiast gets a rosary and gets it "blessed" by the priest. Any priest will be glad to "bless" a rosary—for a consideration. On the rosary the prayers are repeated, over and over and over, until they become thoroughly mechanical. (For some reason the prayer wheel has not yet been adopted by the Hierarchy. It would be a great convenience, especially as it could be run by electricity and the "prayers" wafted heavenward, or somewhere, at a great rate.)

Then, for special favors, one gets a statue of Mary or Anthony or any one of a thousand "saints". (It does not particularly matter that these statues in most cases look no more like the ones they are supposed to represent than they look like the one who prays to them, or at them, or over them, or what have you. Then one can get scapulars, medals, crucifixes, shrines, votive lights, candles, etc., etc., all of which help the "salvation" business.

But, believe it or not (and you doubtless won't), nothing helps so much as the "saying" of "mass". Benefits derived from all other "devotions" combined do not compare with the benefits derived from "mass". That's what the priest says, and he *should* know, though he doesn't. Only ——, only ——. Well, only remember that no one but a priest can say mass.

And if you do not attend mass, says the priest, all your other "devotions" amount to nothing. And does one pay for mass? Oh no, No, NO, NO! Certainly not! One gives the priest a stipend for special masses. A stipend is anywhere from \$5 up. High money, high mass; low money, low mass; no money, no mass.

That, very briefly, is the tenor of the "salvation" business in the Catholic Hierarchy's scheme. Many details had to be omitted in the telling. Indeed, says the priest, no one can tell it properly except the priest. While there are

supposed to be many 'helpers', "saints," of all descriptions, that "stand between" God and the subjects of the Hierarchy, the main one is the priest, the Hierarchy itself being composed of the priestly class.

Salvation Is of Jehovah

But "the salvation of the righteous is of Jehovah". (Psalm 37:39, A.R.V.) Their hearts "rejoice in his salvation". (Psalm 35:9) "It shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be [saved]."—Joel 2:32, A.R.V.; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13.

Salvation is to be ascribed only unto God, who sits upon the throne of the universe, and unto the Lamb. (Revelation 7:10) Graciously Jehovah associates with His own great name that of His chosen instrument, the meek and lowly "Lamb of God", the True and Faithful Witness, the Lord Jesus Christ. "There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."—Acts 4:12.

But why? It is because all men were brought under condemnation as an indirect result of the sin and judgment of Adam. Before any of the human family were born into the world Adam was under the sentence of death and dying, and as a result none of them received from him perfect life or the right to life. All are born in sin and shapen in iniquity.—Romans 5:12,17-19; Psalm 51:5; Job 14:4.

All human creatures are condemned, disapproved, because imperfect. Being born in sin, all must ultimately die. God, however, made provision through His beloved Son Christ Jesus "that they may have life, and may have it abundantly". (John 10:10, A.R.V.) Repentance, faith and obedience are necessary for the sinner to receive the gift of God, which is eternal life. (Romans 6:23) Repent, and believe the good tidings,' was the exhortation of Jesus when He preached the message of the kingdom of God. Repentance means to change one's mind respecting sin, and conversion implies the further step of changing one's course of action. The repentant one must exercise faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Savior. Belief necessarily implies a course of action in harmony with that belief. One does not truly believe unless his actions, to the full extent of his ability, demonstrate sincere faith.—Mark 1:15; James

All men were born under condemnation, and

the only way to be saved, that is, to get from under that condemnation, is to believe on Him whom God has sent to be the Savior of men. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him." (John 3:36) God's wrath, displeasure, disapproval or condemnation rests upon all transgressors. He has, however, provided redemption for those who repent and, believing, change their course of action to conformity with Jehovah's holy will.—Acts 17:30.

Wise unto Salvation

One cannot have God's blessing or approval while ignoring His appointed way for salvation from death through Christ. Relying upon the teachings of men will lead, not to everlasting life, but to death. (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25) Following one's own inclination is likewise disastrous. (Proverbs 3:5,6) Acknowledging God in all one's ways will lead one to diligently search the Scriptures, obey them, and give Jehovah God the honor due Him.

It will not do to shout "I'm saved", and to say "I believe on the Lord Jesus Christ", and at the same time fail to "study to shew thyself approved unto God" by learning to know "the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus".—2 Timothy 3:15.

A reasonable and consistent course of action is required of those who, having repented, line up on God's side. This course of action must be in harmony with God's will as expressed in His Word. (Psalm 119:105) Also, one must confess with his mouth the Lord Jesus, "for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."—Romans 10:9,10.

Whether one is of the class pictured by Jehu or of the group represented by Jonadab, it is his privilege to witness to the truth which Jehovah has graciously bestowed upon him. Both the 144,000 and the great multitude mentioned in Revelation proclaim and sing forth the praises of Jehovah and His King.

Salvation is brought by Jehovah's anointed King. The last reference to salvation in the Hebrew portion of the Scriptures is found in Zechariah 9:9, where the prophet foretells the coming of Zion's King, "just, and having salvation."

When Joseph was informed that his espoused

wife, the virgin Mary, was to be the mother of the coming King, the angel said to him, "Thou shalt call his name JESUS; for he shall save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) The father of John the Baptist rejoiced in the promised Savior, and sang, "[God] hath raised up an horn of salvation for us." John came to "give knowledge of salvation unto his people".—Luke 1:69.77.

The time is at hand when "all flesh shall see the salvation of God". (Luke 3:6) In no other name is there salvation. (Acts 4:12) He is for salvation to the ends of the earth. (Isaiah 49:6; Acts 13:47) He is the "author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."—Hebrews 5:9.

Salvation and Vindication

The salvation and deliverance of the righteous by Jehovah's chosen servant Christ Jesus will be to the vindication of God's holy name; and that is the thing of first importance. "Jehovah preserveth [saves] all them that love him; but all the wicked will he destroy." (Psalm 145:20) The salvation of the righteous and destruction of the wicked will demonstrate that Jehovah is God.—Psalm 83:18.

The "wicked shall not be". (Psalm 37:10; Proverbs 10:25) There will not be, as in the fantastic dreams of the Dark Ages, some chamber of horrors in a far corner of God's grand universe, in which the wicked will be eternally preserved and tormented, blaspheming the holy name of Jehovah to all eternity. The wicked shall be "punished with everlasting destruction" and shall be no more remembered. —2 Thessalonians 1:9; Psalm 37:10.

The final and everlasting scene will be the righteous "heaven and earth" in which all things and all creatures will be in perfect harmony with Jehovah and with one another. (Isaiah 65:17-19) Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess (devotion) to Jehovah God in the name of His King Christ Jesus.—Isaiah 45:23; Philippians 2:10.

"And there shall be no curse any more: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face: and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be night no more; and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."—Revelation 22: 3-5. A.R.V.

Busting into Print

"Little Flowers"

IT IS hard to say whether there is a definite connection, but ever since the pope canonized the Little Flower there have been all kinds of pictures in the paper of Catholic bishops and priests trying to look like flowers, in clothes of all kinds of colors and shapes, with pretty lace 'n' everything. Still, when a man weighing two hundred pounds or more tries to look like a little flower, the effect is not particularly convincing, especially when size 15 brogans "peep" out from beneath the skirts.

Scenes in Life of Saint Anthony

A SUBSCRIBER in San Jose, Costa Rica, has been good enough to send The Golden Age the Life of St. Anthony of Padua, printed in Germany, done in colors, and bearing the imprimatur of the principal Limburg cheese (Ordinariatus episcopalis Limburgensis). There are twelve scenes, each explained in five languages, one of which is English. The legends read (sic): "Reproaches the tyrant Ezzolino with his sins"; "Heals a burnt Child"; "Heals a Cripple"; "Protects Fishermen"; "Horse adoring this Hl. Sacrament"; "Speaks with the Child Jesus"; "Gives

graces to his devotees"; "Recovers a lost ring"; "Preaching to the fishes"; "Liberates his father from death"; "The foreigners understand him, each one in his language"; "St. Anthony dies 1231." The outfit that peddles this stuff to the ignorant Latin Americans is busily engaged in throwing into prison anybody who explains the Word of God to the people.

The Miraculous "Father" Killian

IN AN effort to glorify the Roman Catholic Hierarchy the newspapermen make such fools of themselves as to make their newspapers a laughingstock. Here is a dispatch from Trumbull, Connecticut. It tells how "Father" Killian was running a card party in the hall connected with St. Theresa's Roman Catholic church. The building took fire. It was "Father" Killian that shouted for volunteers. It was "Father" Killian that led 150 persons to the rear; it was "Father" Killian that with the aid of others battered down an unused door; and it was "Father" Killian that tried to form a human chain to help the people get down 20 feet to the ground below. And it was "Father" Killian that got his name in the paper.

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