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Appetizers

Then the Fight Began

When the boys of the 90th Division were in France, some were in a French barbershop teaching the barber to greet his American customers politely in their own language.

After drilling him over several times, they assured him that he was perfect in his lesson. The boys then stepped outside to hear their student recite his lesson.

About thirty minutes later the captain of the company came in and hung up his cap. The barber, standing by the chair with his towel in one hand, bowed politely and said to the captain:

"All right, you bone-headed cootie chaser, you are next."—*Labor*.

A Business Day

(As outlined by secretary over telephone)

A.M. "He hasn't come in yet."

"I expect him in any minute."

"He just sent word in he'd be a little late."

"He's been in, but he went out again."

"He's gone to lunch."

P.M. "I expect him in any minute."

"He hasn't come back yet. Can I take a message?"

"He's somewhere in the building. His hat is here."

"Yes, he was in, but he went out again."

"I don't know whether he'll be back or not."

"No, he's gone for the day."—*Punch Bowl*.

Not Much Difference

Stranger: "Boy, your corn looks yellow."

"Yes, that's the kind we planted."

"Don't look as if you'd get more'n half a crop."

"Don't expect to. The landlord gets the other half."

"Boy," said the stranger, after a pause, "there isn't much difference between you and a fool."

"No," replied the boy, "only the fence."—*Labor*.

Damp Dry

Patient Parent—What on earth is the matter now?

Young Hopeful (who has been bathing with his bigger brother)—Willie dropped the towel in the water and he's dried me wetter than I was before.—*Labor Herald*.

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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A Mighty Catholic in the "Pit" (In Three Parts—Part 3)

IN THE two preceding issues of *Consolation* the infamy of Martin T. Manton which resulted in his conviction and sentence to prison June 1939 for "selling justice", and his earlier conspiracy to keep eight innocent men in prison during the stormy years of 1918-19, was reviewed. Those who know Manton's career as revealed in his trial and conviction for accepting \$186,000 in bribes for six decisions were not surprised to learn how he conspired with other high Catholics to keep Judge Rutherford and seven other Christians in the Atlanta penitentiary for nine months by refusing them bail.

Manton gave no reason for refusing them bail. When the case finally came before himself, Ward and Rogers, justices of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, and the judgment was reversed by the prevailing opinion of Ward and Rogers, Manton *dissented*. Although not required to do so, he also submitted an opinion. The readers will be interested in this opinion, which is reproduced in detail in this issue, showing how more than twenty years ago the "commercial judge" was determined to do the will of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

Nor is this merely one past chapter in the misdeeds of a criminal. In passing it might be noted, and this without criticism of the officiating judge, that while Manton is now by continuance of his bail permitted to enjoy his Long Island home of luxurious comfort and spend the thousands he extorted from other Americans whom he blackmailed, when Manton himself was confronted by innocent Christians seeking bail he consigned them to the rigors of prison. But even this inequality of justice is not the important thing.

Manton a Mere Stooge

The significant fact for Americans, both Protestant and Catholic, to note is this: The

Hierarchy used Manton to keep these men **WRONGFULLY** in prison for nine months, and to this day they denounce Judge Rutherford as an "ex-convict", which he was **NOT**; yet their presses are now silent at the conviction of Manton, "**KNIGHT OF ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**," who reduced the appellate bench to a court of blackmail. With this amazing opportunity before them the Roman Catholic press might come forward with an editorial decrying the abuses of this honored member of the church, but they do not. The American people are thus left to the assumption that the Romanists do not approve the punishment of a Catholic, be he blackmailer, briber or thief. What say you, Hierarchy of Rome?

The Hierarchy claim infallibility in matters of jurisdiction, and, no doubt, had Manton been tried in their courts he would have been acquitted and made a **KNIGHT** of some other **THE-GREAT**. However, *Consolation* submits the only infallible rule of injunctions to judges, that found in God's Word of truth, the Bible, as evidence that the American Constitution, and *not* church authority, approximates the Lord's commands as touching judiciary conduct. Some of those who figured prominently in Manton's conviction, Attorney General Murphy, U. S. Prosecutor John T. Cahill, Prosecutor Thomas E. Dewey, and Chief of "G-Men", Edgar Hoover, even though they are not commended by the Catholic church, their course of action is approved by the **GREAT KING OF JUSTICE**; and this is shown by the scriptures which follow.

"Thou shalt not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. And thou shalt take no gift; for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous."—Exodus 23: 6-8.

"Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which [Jehovah] thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the

people with just judgment. Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live."—Deuteronomy 16: 18-20.

"Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men; in whose hands is mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes."—Psalm 26: 9, 10.

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; he shall dwell on high."—Isaiah 33: 15, 16.

"For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins: they afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate from their right."—Amos 5: 12.

The Canon Law of the Catholic Church assumes an authority much higher than the mere Word of God just quoted. The tradition of men, and not the Bible, is their authority for Canon 2341, which provides that anyone who sues a bishop or cardinal is automatically excommunicated. Canon 120 provides that the clergy may be tried only in ecclesiastical courts; no judgment can be rendered against the Canon Law (paragraph 461); jurors are bound to absolve the defendants in such cases, and are to affirm that the crime of the cleric is not proved. Penalties to the clergy must be benignant. (Canon 2219) The judge cannot increase the prescribed penalty. (Canon 2223) Suspended sentences are prescribed, even where penalties are designated. (Canon 2233) Jesus condemns the traditions of men contrary to the law of God, according to Matthew 15: 3; nor is it possible to find a more glaring example of following the tradition of men than by rendering partial judgments in favor of the persons of clerics or other men.

Even as the "Church" profited in Manton's ill-gotten wealth, so it must share in the ignominy of his disgrace. For an organization that approves a system of obtaining money under FALSE PRETENSES, such as that involved in "purgatory prayers", must of necessity share the condemnation of a son who models his court practices on the teachings of the Catholic Church of Rome.

Judge Manton's Religion

The high honors bestowed upon Manton by the Roman Catholic Church were never modified by a word of censure upon his villainous conduct. Nor is it to be expected of the church

which has spawned Catherine de Medici, "Bloody" Mary, Al Caponi, Franco "The Butcher", Hitler and Mussolini, to mention only a few of the most "illustrious". Far from condemning his conduct, one of the agents of the Hierarchy, a priest, was the first person to call on the "commercial judge" after he had been arrested. And one of Manton's last acts in office was to receive in his chambers "Reverend Father" William E. Cashin, of the nearby St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church, where Red Mass for the Judiciary is held annually. Is not the "Church" which thus approves him, as well as Manton himself, weighed in the balance and found wanting? When an INNOCENT man who had criticized the "Church" was WRONGFULLY condemned, O Hierarchy, your merciless and fiendish laughs were heard from pole to pole. Now, when the product of your teachings, the ideal of Papal training, has been sentenced as a FELON, what say you, Hierarchy of Rome?

Manton Makes a Pile

In his position as the tenth ranking judge of the United States (next to the nine on the Supreme Court) Manton made at one time over a million dollars. He should have been content with his salary of \$12,500 a year, as set out in the code of ethics of the American Bar Association, Canons 4, 24, 26 and 32. On this point President Franklin D. Roosevelt once said:

It is repugnant to our sense of the proper administration of justice that judges should be permitted to engage in business during their terms of office. This principle admits of no doubt and should be applied throughout the State.

Business was good at first, and Manton at one time considered himself worth over \$1,000,000. Then things began to slip, and on two consecutive days in July, 1938, complaints came in to the New York *World-Telegram* office that Manton was sitting in cases that involved lawyers or litigants from whom the judge or his associates had obtained financial benefits such as loans. This evidence came into the hands of District Attorney Thomas E. Dewey. He made an investigation, and found that six of the loans totaled \$439,481.44, which is considerable change for a Federal judge to take in on the side. In all, it is reported that Manton had twenty-five corporations on the string, among them the American Tobacco Co. and Warner Brothers.

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After Twenty-one Years

For twenty-one years the Roman Catholic press has raved approval of Manton's refusal to grant bail to Judge Rutherford and his companions, which refusal he twice executed by order, July 1 and July 12, 1918. As a consequence these men spent nine months in the Atlanta penitentiary. When admitted to bail by order of the Supreme Court of the United States they were released and acquitted. This incarceration which Manton forced upon these Christians pending their new trial and acquittal is the basis upon which the Roman Catholic Church has libelously called Judge Rutherford an "ex-convict" for twenty-one years. Even the flagrancy of this injustice is not the most important thing. But when an organization lauds a felon and persecutes a Christian and at the same time claims to be the representative of Christ the people should be told that their claims are false, and their lie is open for all men to see. What say you, Hierarchy of Rome?

In times past anybody who offended the Papal organization was branded "heretic", a term which in Catholic usage has meaning similar to the word "unpatriotic", namely, a critic of Romanism. Their fertility in coining false and inconsistent charges and hurling them at an opponent is amazing. For instance, most of the Protestant martyrs were burned for disputing the authority of the pope, and this was claimed to be punishment for attacking God's representative. But the lechery and bestiality of these same popes was never for a moment questioned, just as today the felony of Manton is tacitly approved.

In their efforts to dispose of Judge Rutherford their inconsistency has had no bounds. During the war he was accused of having "Hun" sympathies; at this day he is denounced as an anti-German Nazi; on occasion in Switzerland he was reported by agents of Rome to have been the trial judge in the famous conviction of the Communists Sacco and Vanzetti, and he narrowly escaped death from a rioting band of Communists; an article in the Hierarchy's Brooklyn *Tablet* says his speeches are "Communism in another dress"; in Madrid he was very nearly murdered by a mob who said he was a "Jesuit" (this rumor was undoubtedly circulated by a Jesuit); in Germany the cry was "Kill that Jew"; in Lisbon, "Shoot that anti-Communist." If you are a Catholic and accept without examination whatever is told you by a priest, which of

these stories do you believe? The Hierarchy's REAL charge against Judge Rutherford they DARE NOT MAKE: that he is a Christian and therefore, as a true follower of Jesus Christ, uncompromisingly opposed to their hypocrisy and wickedness.

For many years *Consolation* has been saving a page for the answer of the Hierarchy to these charges. This page is still blank, but the paper is becoming somewhat yellow from age. What says the gentle reader, shall we throw it away?

The Leopard's Whelp

When a Catholic is elevated to the distinguished position of "Knight of St. Gregory the Great" he must have overcome all weakness that might lead him to prefer principle to the interests of the Catholic Church. He must be a true whelp of the leopard, with all the spots and never a flaw. Such a man was found in Manton, but he must be tested.

The Hierarchy noted with gleeful approval that he twice refused bail to the eight Christians they were determined to destroy. But in the spring of 1919, and even before, seven hundred thousand letters were flooding Washington and the trial judge, Howe, had wired his recommendation for "commutation", hoping thus to cast off some of the ignominy of his prejudiced conduct of the trial; eminent lawyers and officials, such as Governor Selzer, of New York, Senator Hiram Johnson, and Senator Tom Watson, were offering their services free to correct this odious miscarriage of justice. The appeal was certain to come before Rogers, Ward and Manton because the Supreme Court of the United States had ordered bail. What would the leopard's whelp do now?

It was not until some time thereafter that Manton was created "Knight of St. Gregory the Great" by Papal decree. But he established his record for wicked prejudice in his DISSENTING opinion which affirmed judgment in a trial with 125 errors. The spawn of the LEOPARD never changes its spots! His vote was nullified by the prevailing opinion of Judges Rogers and Ward reversing the judgment, but MANTON had distinguished himself for the HIERARCHY. The record of this appeal and Manton's amazing opinion, which has on occasions since been produced as evidence to prejudice against Judge Rutherford, is set forth below.

Action of the Court of Appeals

When bail had finally been allowed, after

their imprisonment for nine months because Manton refused to grant bail (in great contrast to the manner in which Judge W. Calvin Chesnut, of Catholic Baltimore, continued Manton's own bail even after conviction), the case came before Judges Ward, Rogers and Manton. This appeal is described in detail in *Rutherford et al. v. U.S.*, Circuit Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, May 14, 1919. Federal Reporter, Vol. 258, Criminal Law 657, Trial No. 239. The decision of the lower court was reversed in the majority opinion by Justices Rogers and Ward. From that opinion the following is quoted:

In error to the District Court of the U.S. for the Eastern District of N. Y.

Joseph F. Rutherford and others were convicted of violating the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917, Tit. 1, g.g. 3, 4, and they bring error. Reversed and remanded for trial.

OPINION OF WARD, CIRCUIT JUDGE

This is a writ of error to a judgment of conviction of the defendants, eight in number, indicted for violation of section 3 and 4, title 1, of the Espionage Act of June 15, 1917. . . . Seven of the defendants were sentenced to terms of twenty years [on each of four counts of the indictment, the sentence to commence and run concurrently, and "that they stand committed until the sentence is complied with", a total of eighty years each!] and the eighth to a term of ten years in the federal penitentiary of Atlanta.

Judge Ward recounted some of the prejudicial actions of the trial court, many examples of which appear in the record. An actual count discloses 125 different errors committed in the trial court.

He concluded his opinion with these words:

"The defendants in this case did not have the temperate and impartial trial to which they were entitled and for that reason the judgment was reversed."

Before taking up the dissenting opinion of Manton, which had no effect on the reversal of judgment, was unnecessary and quite evidently spiteful, it is interesting to note that even Howe, the trial judge, had already admitted his harshness and lack of judicial temperance in a letter set out below dated at Burlington, Vermont, March 3, 1919:

The Honorable Attorney General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Answering your telegram of the 1st inst., I wired you last evening as follows:

"Recommend immediate commutation for Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J.

Martin, Fred H. Robinson, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, Giovanni De Cecca, A. Hugh Macmillan. They were all defendants in same case in Eastern District of New York. My position is to be generous now that the war is over. They did much damage by preaching and publishing their religious doctrines."

The severe sentence of twenty years was imposed upon each of the defendants except De Cecca. His was ten years. My principal purpose was to make an example, as a warning to others, and I believed that the President would release them after the war was over. As I said in my telegram, they did much damage, and it may well be claimed that they ought not to be set at liberty so soon, but as they cannot do any more harm now, I am in favor of being as lenient as I was severe in imposing sentence. I believe most of them were sincere, if not all, and I am not in favor of keeping such persons in confinement after their opportunity for making trouble is past. Their case has not yet been heard in the Circuit Court of Appeals.

Respectfully,

[Signed] HARLAND B. HOWE,
United States District Judge.

Also referring to some of this harshness where even the department of justice "said prisoners had been victims of war-time passion or prejudice", a dispatch widely published throughout the nation on March 5, 1919, stated:

ASK CLEMENCY FOR EIGHT

Thousands of letters have been received by the department of justice asking executive clemency for J. F. Rutherford, head of the International Bible Students Association, and seven associates now serving sentences in the Atlanta federal prison on charges of disloyalty growing out of publication of the "FINISHED MYSTERY", a Bible handbook. These cases were appealed by the convicted men from the federal district court in Brooklyn, and are pending in the appellate court. Officials indicated that no action would be taken in their cases until the appellate court had rendered a decision.

Likewise a petition bearing 700,000 names had been presented at Washington. It will thus be seen that the rehearing of this case and the subsequent reversal of judgment hardly came as a voluntary desire on the part of the officials to amend an error of justice, as they had all previously refused to allow bail. It came as a result of much public agitation of the subject, and it was doubtless fear of this publicity that prompted the above-quoted letter and telegram of Harland B. Howe, who had originally tried the case.

The war was over. Nothing had been done by Rutherford and his fellow Christians to interrupt the war. They had only aided their brethren in filing application for exemption

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under the Selective Draft Act. All the foregoing facts were before Manton and without any reason he filed a dissenting opinion insisting that the defendants should be kept in prison for the whole term of 80 years because of the publication of *The Finished Mystery*, which book was written before the war began, and no part of it being written by Rutherford. A book written by President Wilson before the war contained much stronger language than *The Finished Mystery*. The salient part of Manton's Opinion follows:

MANTON, Circuit Judge. I dissent.

The offenses charged were committed between June 16, 1917, and May 6, 1918. The corporations, acting through their officers and employees, who were indicted, between June 30, 1917, and March, 1918, caused to be published 850,000 copies of a book called "The Finished Mystery". These copies were distributed in large numbers in the army camps of the United States, and many hundreds of thousands of copies were distributed throughout the United States and Canada. The book purported to be an interpretation of the Book of Revelations and the Book of Ezekiel. The book has taken the shape of a small bible or prayer book. The first half is devoted to many quotation, with interpretations, from the Scriptures. Then, in about the center of the book, are found writings, placed there in a very insinuating manner, of which the following extracts are a type:

"Standing opposite to those Satan has placed three great untruths, human immortality, the Anti-christ and a certain delusion which is best described by the word Patriotism, but which is in reality murder, the spirit of the very Devil. . . . Under the guise of Patriotism the civil governments of earth demand of peace-loving men the sacrifice of themselves and their loved ones and the butchery of their fellows, and hail it as a duty demanded by the laws of heaven." Page 247.

"If you say that this war is a last resort in a situation which every other method, patiently tried, has failed to meet, I must answer that this is not true—that other ways and means of action, tried by experience and justified by success, have been laid before the administration and willfully rejected.

"In its ultimate causes, this war is the natural product of our unchristian civilization. . . . There is not a question raised, an issue involved, a cause at

stake, which is worth the life of one blue-jacket on the sea or one khaki-coat in the trenches." Page 251.

At about this stage, the fertile mind of the reader would be very much interested, if sanctimonious at all. At this stage, he is supplied this food of poison for his patriotism and loyalty to his country. Under the mockery of religion or religious teaching, I can conceive of no worse thrust at America and at America's needs, at the time of the publication of this book, than that which was published in this book by the defendants. We in America all accord to men of all religious faiths the right to an honest and faithful belief in their creed and the practice of it accordingly, but that the defendants' efforts were intentional and for the desired purpose is apparent from a mere recital of some of the happenings during this period.

I see no error warranting a reversal of this conviction in the conduct of the trial judge, and in my opinion the judgment should be affirmed.

Manton's patriotic fervor as expressed in this opinion gives further light on the meaning of the word "patriotic" as used by distinguished Catholics. He found great dangers to the nation in the actions of true Christians. And he found no objection in his own case to selling his judicial decisions for lucre.

Here is a clear example of how eminent Catholics consider they should be immune to all restrictions as is decreed by Catholic canon law for their clerics. As no criticism has yet come from the Catholic press for Manton's treacherous conduct, it must be assumed that these self-constituted guards of "patriotism" must approve his action. Of course, the laws of a country do not apply to an honored Catholic who takes his orders from Rome.

Thus it appears that in 1919 Manton was already warped in the Jesuit school of bribery. A leopard never changes its spots. Thus stamping on honor, justice, and truth Manton acted as the ideal servant of the Hierarchy and has their tacit approval to this day. The spots will never change, but perhaps a striped uniform will shortly in Manton's case form an appropriate "mark of distinction".—Elton Groves.

It Could Have Been Worse

IN THE Windsor (Ont.) *Daily Star*, the writer of the "Now" column gleefully boasted of the fact that while some of Jehovah's witnesses visited Paincourt, telling of God's kingdom, certain persons filled the luggage carrier with "the most fragrant fertilizers known to Kent County farmers". He adds, "Paincourt

happens to be an almost wholly Roman Catholic community."

Oh well, that was pretty bad. But just think what could have happened if the editor of the "Now" column had been as small of stature as he is of intellect and he himself had been put in the carrier.

Latin America and West Indies

Another Devilish Invention

◆ Another devilish invention is that of an acid which, when mixed with salt water, forms a solution under the water that eats into any kind of metal. Drums of this acid, made in Germany, were brought to a point off Mexico by the German freighter *Edna*. There they were transferred to the Japanese fishing boat *Flying Cloud*, and landed at Ensenada, ninety miles from San Diego, in June, 1937. Though watched day and night, one of these drums was obtained three months after they landed. The acid drums are twice as large as gasoline drums, and are lined with rubber.

"Little Devil" in Mexico

◆ The Mexican Light and Power Company estimates that 25 percent of its power is stolen by using the so-called "little devil" to carry the electricity around the meter. In Scranton, Pennsylvania, some years ago a clever electrician tapped the electric wires in such a manner as to cause the family of a widow, living in the same apartment house, to pay for the current he and his family consumed. It's a wonderful world.

Panama No Spaghatt'

◆ Panama should shame itself. The Italian flagship called on a good-will tour, and the people of Panama rotten-egged the show, also freely distributing dead cats, antique vegetables and other tokens, until the officials in the automobile had to return to ship and change uniforms, before they could complete their calls.

Japanese Airport in Costa Rica

◆ The Japanese airport in Costa Rica, 250 miles, or about one hour's flight, from the Panama canal, is said to be ideal for the purposes. Bought and still operated as a cotton field, the prices paid for the field, and the location, make its use as a landing field in time of war almost certain.

Fickle Sea Gulls

◆ In 1937 sea gulls destroyed millions of locusts in Nicaragua, but when 1938 came around and the same pests destroyed the bean crop, Nicaragua's chief food, those gulls just would not show up. What is the reason? You explain it.

The Treasures of Silver Bank

◆ Thirty-five miles off the coast of San Domingo lie sixteen galleons which went down in a hurricane in 1632, loaded with \$70,000,000 of treasure, some \$3,500,000 of which has been salvaged. The wrecks, under 65 feet of water, are completely covered with coral formations. The waters thereabout are particularly dangerous, being exposed to hurricanes, and armies of man-eating sharks and barracudas, as well as treacherous undersea currents.

The Avalanches in St. Lucia

◆ The avalanches in the island of St. Lucia, in the Windward islands, and which avalanches resulted in the death of about a hundred persons, came so swiftly that few had time to escape from the path, and in some instances legs and arms were severed from bodies by the rush of the debris. The region is volcanic. The landslides were caused by continuous rains, causing mountains and hills to split wide open.

An Honor to Costa Rica

◆ The constitution of Costa Rica provides that the president may serve four years, and no more, and is not eligible for re-election. The present president, Leon Castro Cortes, urged by politicians to declare himself a candidate for re-election, declined to violate the constitution, and thereby showed, if he was sincere, that he is an honor to the country he now serves.

Government Lottery in Puerto Rico

◆ The United States mails cannot be legally used for sending lottery tickets or distributing lottery news, yet in Puerto Rico there is a government lottery which in five years collected nearly \$12,000,000 from the poor people of that land. Meantime 750,000 Puerto Ricans are without means of subsistence.

Torture Colony at Santiago

◆ A torture colony for monkeys was established at the island of Santiago, a tract of land 35 acres in extent lying a half mile from San Juan, Puerto Rico. A colony of 500 was brought from the jungles of India and will be used for vivisection purposes. Vivisection is bad for the animals used; worse for the ones who practice it.

Lawbreakers in Milwaukee



Because gambling is contrary to the state law of Wisconsin, the police of Milwaukee requested warrants for the arrest of certain racketeers operating under the name of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Catholic Order of Foresters, St. Paul's Catholic Church, Post 2963 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Germania Mutual Life Society, and Aurora Lodge 145 of I.O.O.F. The warrants were refused, although the city and district attorneys admit that they would be willing to proceed against common prostitutes or persons selling booze to minors. But they have not the nerve to proceed against racketeers who have an ambition to run the country.

What Do You Pay for Milk?

◆ G. H. Lowe, Neillsville, Wisconsin, writing in the *Milwaukee Journal*, explains that he delivered 2,163 pounds of milk (1,082 quarts) with 3.6 percent butterfat test for 1c a pound (2c a quart). Mr. Lowe could not understand why anybody in Milwaukee should be paying more than 5c a quart for milk for which the farmers were getting but 2c. If 5c would be a fair price in Milwaukee, why do they charge 14c in Scranton? It is gravely to be suspected that farmers in the east get but little more than they do in Wisconsin, and that the public are paying more than twice a fair price for the milk they consume.

2½ Tons of Cheese

◆ On the ground that there are about 50,000 tons of cheese in storage in American warehouses, Louis A. Hartly, Marshfield, Wisconsin, gave each school child a present of two pounds of good cheese; and as there were 2,683 of the little folks, it made an immediate market for more than 2½ tons.

The Sale of Sewage

◆ Milwaukee sells 50,000 tons of fertilizer a year, made from its sewage. The profits have run as high as \$850,000 a year, while the annual cost does not exceed \$1,250,000. This seems better sense than pouring the sewage all over the water supplies, or the beaches, as is commonly done elsewhere.

"Oh, 'Tis Love, and Love Alone"

◆ The value of love was shown in a Chicago experiment. Thirteen mentally retarded babies were put in the care of an equal number of feeble-minded young women, with the result that twelve of the children speedily became normal and seven were adopted and found good homes; and the explanation is that the young women loved them; and love is the greatest remedy in all the world. "God so loved the world" that He gave everybody a chance to meet His reasonable requirements and gain life. Those who respond to God's love become sane, normal and happy.

Robert Wadlow, of Alton

◆ Robert Wadlow of Alton, Illinois, has the misfortune of having a pituitary gland that is overactive, with the result that he is now, at 20 years of age, 8 feet 8½ inches tall and weighs 465 pounds. His growth is expected to continue at a reduced rate for two or three years more. Last year he grew only 1½ inches. His shoes cost \$75. His chair seat is 10 inches higher than the seat of other chairs. Most homes have ceilings 8 feet above the floor. Wadlow cannot stand erect in such a room.

Common Sense in Michigan

◆ The Michigan Supreme Court ruled that a policeman who accepts membership in an illegal gang like the Black Legion is permanently disqualified from serving as a law-enforcement officer. That was common sense; and the same rule should be followed with regard to any policeman who puts his loyalty to a foreign power above his loyalty to the United States. Many Irish Catholic policemen would not arrest a bishop even if they knew he had committed every crime on the calendar.

Hermes Had a Thought

◆ Judge Joseph B. Hermes, of Chicago, the same gentleman who fined Mrs. Schlorchetka \$200 for refusal to worship the flag, has had a thought. Hooray! He had just sentenced a man to the house of correction to work out a fine of \$50 for stealing coal. The man had claimed he had neither fuel nor food in his home. After sentencing the man, Hermes had his thought. An examination of the man's home was made and his wife was found starved to death.

From Rangoon, Burma

SINCE July, 1938, we have had very unsettled conditions throughout Burma. First we had communal riots—the Buddhists with the Mohammedans—over a book which a Mohammedan published about ten years ago putting forth several points to prove the superiority of the Moslem religion over the Buddhism. This only now seems to have upset “the religious susceptibilities” of the Burmese; but that is an excuse. The real cause is political agitation.

After that the University students went on a strike and started picketing all the other schools. They were petty enough to smash a number of the street lights, with the result that many sections of Rangoon have been in pitch darkness. Little children are now induced by irresponsible leaders and “jobless politicians” to go on a hunger strike.

A number of cultivators have marched to Rangoon from far country places and are encamped at the slopes of the Shwe Dagon Pagoda (the largest Buddhist cathedral in Burma), which is become the center of Hooliganism and politics. The monks are taking active lead in civil disobedience and occasional violence, such as caning old women and assaulting isolated people. Hooliganism reigneth in the land!

Burma was given her own government about two years ago. There are many politicians who are anxious to get into office, and the disturbances are aimed at overthrowing the present ministry. They claim also that even if they have to be under some power, they had rather be under any other than Britain. In this, however, they show their ignorance of conditions obtaining in countries such as Germany, Italy or Japan. The people of Burma enjoy more freedom than any other people in the world, but they don't appreciate it. Instead the local press often publishes a lot of falsehoods or deliberate lies, just to excite the populace, mainly the ignorant ones. Britain has given them a free hand to try to manage the affairs of their country, but they are making a mess of things.

The employees of nearly all the leading corporations were forced to go on strike, some even being kept in custody in the pagoda grounds. Foreign influence has a good deal to do with these disturbances, undoubtedly.

What yet may happen we can't say. Day by day it appears clearly that the Devil is gathering the nations to Armageddon.

A road just constructed connects Burma with China. Goods and ammunition are being sent now to China via this route. It is remarkable that since the opening of this road all the aforesaid disturbances in Burma began. An attempt was made at causing a general strike, which so far has failed, and particularly the railway service has been regular. It is now proposed to link India with Burma by rail. That would be useful in time of war but also will help trade during peace. The cost of construction is estimated at a crore of rupees.—Contributed.

The World's Largest City

◆ This record is now held by Zamboanga, previously a small town at the southern extremity of the Philippines archipelago. The town has recently been given a charter by which it possesses a total area of 1,059 square miles. The record was previously held by Tokyo, with 833 square miles, followed by London, with just under 700. The next in order are Los Angeles, 443.5; Berlin, 348; and New York, 310. From the standpoint of population, however, Zamboanga is not even the largest city in the Philippines; for it boasts only 101,048 inhabitants.—James A. Williams, Lithuania.

Today's Pilgrims to Mecca

◆ Today's pilgrims to Mecca go in motorcars, many of them. They go on roads that are free from bandits. They lodge in villages where they are not overcharged. They are not overtaxed. When they arrive at Mecca they find a good water supply, camping facilities and police supervision. Few of them die by the roadside en route. Egypt's money and influence has done most of this.

Filling the Gap in the Bagdad Railway

◆ The gap of 290 miles in the Bagdad railway is now being filled, and before long it will be possible to board a train in London and not leave it until it reaches the port of Fao, 475 miles southeast of Bagdad on the Persian Gulf. The railway negotiates 55 tunnels in the Taurus mountains, one of them three miles in length.

Another South Sea Paradise



THERE recently appeared in *Consolation* an article dealing with the little-known island of Bali. Probably less known are the Tongan islands, sometimes called the Friendly islands, the queen of which recently celebrated her fiftieth jubilee.

Treacherous reefs surrounding the islands, and particularly the main one of the group, help to keep visitors away. This is possibly advantageous to the Tongans, for "civilized" visitors frequently spoil the world's natural beauty spots.

Tonga is the last of the Pacific kingdoms, and a happy and beautiful kingdom it is. Poverty and want are unknown. The air is wonderfully pure, the rain gentle and sweet, and, as in Bali, life is natural and free.

One hundred and fifty-nine islands, scattered over an area of two hundred and sixty-nine square miles, comprise the group. The inhabitants, pure Polynesians, numbered slightly over 31,000 a year ago. A further resemblance to Bali is seen in the physique of the Tongans. They have fine, brown bodies; the young men are stalwart, and the girls really beautiful. The climate of the islands is not as good as that of Bali; for Tonga suffers from severe humidity and hurricanes.

Not many of the so-called amenities of civilization are to be had on the islands. There is no electric light, and there are no newspapers. In these days of a prostituted press, the absence of the latter is perhaps a blessing. What appeals to the visitor most of all is the natural warm-heartedness of the Tongans themselves. Soon after one's arrival gifts in token of welcome and friendship are presented, and the dignity and courtesy of the people is immediately apparent.

A small steamer from New Zealand visits the main island about once a month, but the sea is generally so rough that letters have to be tied in oiled paper and attached to sticks, which are carried by native swimmers to the steamer. Inward mail is put into a sealed tin and thrown over the ship's side, to be picked up by the swimmers. This is the "Tin-Can Mail" well known to travelers in those parts.

Cocanut trees form the basis of the wealth of the inhabitants, providing copra for export as well as building material for the houses,

refreshment in the form of food and drink, and other household commodities. Tropical fruits and vegetables grow in abundance, and the only meat eaten is that provided by pigs and fowls. It is said that the Tongans sing as naturally as most other people speak. They play no instruments, but blend their voices in beautiful harmony.

A tortoise, presented to the chiefs of Tongatabu in 1777 is still alive in the grounds of the royal palace, and is reputed to be over 200 years old. It bears the title of Chief of the district of Malila and gets the respect due to such a rank!

Besides the queen, there is a privy council and parliament, the latter holding an annual meeting which lasts one month. All the members of the government are full-blooded Tongans, with the exception of the treasurer and the chief justice, who are Europeans. Every Tongan-born male subject receives eight and a quarter acres of land, fully planted with cocoanuts, on reaching the age of sixteen. Education is being developed on sound lines, agriculture and technical training being looked upon as more important than academic knowledge.

In these days, when the governments of "civilized" lands are 'reeling to and fro and staggering like drunken men', when millions upon millions of dollars are being spent every year on weapons of destruction and when fear rules in the hearts of the majority, it is refreshing to know that there are one or two places on this earth as yet so little affected by the blight of religion, politics and commerce.

Public Health Service of Tasmania

◆ Tasmania has ten health districts the doctors of which are paid by the States £800 a year, with housing allowance, a month's holiday and a month's research work on pay, and six months' leave every five years to study abroad. On top of this the doctor receives from the patients double the cost of his automobile mileage, with heavier charges for night work, Sundays and holidays. How the taxpayers can stand this load is a mystery.—*Sydney Labor Daily Condensation*.

[It seems as if the doctor racket runs a close second to the religious racket, from which it traces its descent. In fact, the terms *doctor* and *cure* are common to both.]



Two West African Pioneers

◆ To Jehovah, the great Theocrat, we give all praise for the privilege granted us to serve Him at this hour of great distress amongst the peoples of earth. In Jehovah's service, we are now ten months on tour in the Northern Provinces, where we have been able, by Jehovah's grace, to carry the message of God's Kingdom in printed form to the hungry and thirsty souls in the following places, to wit: Idah, Lokoja, Loco, Makurdi, Kafanchan, Bukuru, Jos, Bauchi, Potiskum, Maiduguri, Zaria, Sokoto, Kano, Kaduna, Minna, and Zungeru, the former capital of the Provinces.

By Jehovah's grace we succeeded in placing 100 bound books and 2,724 booklets for the period of four months, January to April, 1939, in which we rejoice greatly because this is a good report compared with our reports submitted to the Branch office, Lagos, in the previous campaigns.

At Lokoja we were arrested and charged with the offense of hawking in the Township without permit, and the next day we were tried by the Commissioner of Police, who propounded many questions to us; and having received satisfactory answers backed up with scriptures, he concluded with, "May God bless your work." At Sokoto we were again arrested and the same charge was repeated. On this occasion the trial was conducted by the District Officer, who, after we had given answers to his questions, received the booklets *Face the Facts*, *Protection*, and *Where Are the Dead?* in the Hausa language. There were arrests of similar kinds which are not worth mentioning, and we had pleasure in them all because the arrests afforded us full chance to deliver good testimony to the authorities of the Provinces, and thus we rejoice as partakers of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God. (2 Timothy 1:8)

Our zeal was tripled when unexpectedly we saw the WATCH TOWER representative, who drove his sound-car from Lagos to Zaria, a distance of over 617 miles, where he met us.

Leaving us for Lagos, he left many cartons of books and booklets for us, encouraging us to keep on moving.

The picture shows one of the methods we used in Minna township in advertising the King and His kingdom and which method curiously arrested the attention of the public to get the booklets *Face the Facts* and *Fascism or Freedom*. In this very method our speaking trumpet has been a great help to us in this part, because when it is sounded, all heads can be seen through the windows peeping, we approach them, and in this way we can place more books and booklets.

In one village where we called it was observed at the first sounding of our speaking trumpet that all the villagers were jumping into the bush and some were seen locking their doors, and when we asked them the reason for their running, they said they heard that war was coming. We then gathered the people and explained to them about God's kingdom, the only hope of the world, and also about the war, how it would be fought and those that would be saved. In the circumstances, they gladly obtained booklets in their (Hausa) language.—Thomas Ozurumbah and Benson N. Ogbonnah, pioneers.

Blessings in La Grange, Georgia

◆ I made a back-call on a party who had taken a booklet from me and who showed interest; I found the party had read the booklet through three times and gladly took more. At another home, which I visited with the phonograph, the lady of the house would not listen, because, she said, she had heard the phonograph a few weeks before. I smiled and told her we had a new record. She listened to "Miracles" and "Instruction" and was so impressed that she subscribed for *The Watchtower*.

I called at another home with the phonograph, and the man of the house told me that if I was calling as a Christian I could play the phonograph, but that he wanted nothing to do with Jehovah's witnesses. He seemed sincere, that he really thought Jehovah's witnesses were a bad group of people, so I went ahead and played the records "Miracles" and "Instruction". About half way through the first record he discovered I am one of Jehovah's witnesses, but remarked to his wife that he saw nothing wrong with the recorded message. After listening to the other side he told

me he saw where he had been wrong about his belief regarding Jehovah's people, that what he had heard was not true, and that he would not be against us any more.

Witnessing on another street, I found a man who had a goat-like disposition. He said he was going to call the police, and he did follow me down the street, going into the homes I had just left. It became so noticeable that I asked at one home who this man was. When the goat arrived at this home, and found I had closely inquired concerning him, he became very fearful and withdrew from sight.

I called at a home with the phonograph and the wife called her husband out of the garden to listen. At first he did not seem much interested, but listened, said he enjoyed the record and would subscribe for *The Watchtower*. I visited him later with a set of records, and he is now greatly interested in the truth and came to the study Sunday night.

I called on Mayor O'Neal and Chief of Police Matthews. Both were still somewhat embittered, but the most of the people receive us kindly in their homes and appreciate the message which we bring to them by means of the phonograph.—Odie De Berry, Georgia.

God's Glories in the Smoky Mountains

◆ How beautiful the earth is even in its unfinished condition and marred as it is by unsightly billboards, each advertising its own particular brand of death in the form of tobacco! Babylonish steeples rising in the sky are usually the first things one sees when entering picturesque little towns, as well as commercial signs pointing out the special wonders and beauties to be seen, *at a price!* All of these things remind a Jehovah's witness how completely Satan has commercialized his world; and even the wonders of nature bring in a steady stream of gold to his organization.

Much has been said and written about the great beauties and wonders of creation, which fill the Lord's people with awe and reverence and a greater love for their great Creator. Come with me now to western North Carolina, where the great Smoky mountains raise their mighty heads, rugged and lofty, tier upon tier, all clothed in verdant green. This is one of the most beautiful sights it is possible to imagine, and beggars description. No poetry or painting could express its loveliness.

As we drive into this section from Georgia the mountains lie ahead of us in a hazy blue,

outlined against the sky; and as we drive on the blue changes to emerald green, and we are in the Smokies! Here we begin to climb, and the road circles round and round, up, up, up; wonderful engineering, showing what even imperfect man can do when his thoughts are not on war. We are at the top of one of the crests and look down—a sheer drop of thousands of feet below—to cabins nestled in fertile valleys, with rivers and creeks winding in and out. Faintly we catch the tinkle of a cowbell, and the rushing of waters as they dash over natural dams of stone and rock. By the way, many of the farmers make their own electricity by means of water-wheels.

Looking at these great hills, one would never dream that farming could be carried on so efficiently; but there are very fertile farms even at the tops of these mountains. Sometimes the fields being cultivated are so steep and slanting that, looking from one hill to another, it seems as if the farmer and his animal must come tumbling down, and makes one feel that "thar ain't no law of gravity". I said "animal" advisedly, for these farmers use horses, mules, oxen with the old-fashioned yokes, Ferdinand the bull, and even the family milch cow!

Many of these farms are miles off the roads, and one must walk up the steep mountain-sides, cross rushing creeks over logs thrown from bank to bank, and, panting and winded, stumble to the cabin door to be greeted by the whole family; for, as you may imagine, it is a great event to have a stranger drop "up" to see them. Everything has to be "toted" to these places either by muleback or man power. The mountains are too steep for even a wagon. We visited one farm on a river bank which had no road on the side the farm was on, and the only means of getting across was by a swinging footbridge or by boat. The farmer had to wait until the river was low enough to ford, in the fall, before he could take any crops out or bring heavy supplies in.

These valleys and farm communities are called "coves", and take their names usually from the rivers and creeks on which they are situated. There are hundreds of these creeks and coves, and many of them are thickly inhabited. The mountainsides are covered with wonderful apple orchards; for this is a famous apple country.

We have seen several thunderstorms lately, and it is a wonderful sight to witness the lofty

heights outlined against the inky blackness of the clouds, with the lightning splitting the blackness, and the deep rumble of thunders. We try to picture what these mountains will be like when the might and power of Jehovah is manifested at Armageddon.

As we drive on evening falls, and dusky night begins to cover the landscape. We now see these great mountains silhouetted against the sky and are reminded of Jehovah's watch-care over His own, as expressed in Psalm 125:1, 2. Twinkling lights appear in little cabins scattered over the hills, and from the hedgerows comes the most delicate scent of honeysuckle, which literally covers the roadside, and blossoms all summer long.

Now darkness completely covers the earth, and, as if at a signal, thousands of fireflies appear and flit around us, turning on and off their phosphorescent light. I cannot begin to describe this last loveliness of the day, and can only say with the psalmist, "O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches."—Mrs. G. E. Fiske, Pioneer.

Kingdom Blessings in Saskatchewan

◆ On January 1, I began the "Watchtower Campaign", anxious to have a part in it, but with very little hope of finding anyone interested enough to take a subscription.

I called on a lady who had been witnessed to many times before by myself and other publishers. She always allowed us to play the record, but had never seemed to take any interest, and, in fact, would interrupt the record to talk about other things. I was very happily surprised, therefore, when she told me she had been waiting for a Jehovah's witness to call. Her husband had subscribed for *Consolation* about six months ago and she found it very interesting. She had put \$2.00 away for "Christmas" presents, but after reading the advertisement on the back of the *Consolation* magazine offering *The Watchtower* she decided she would like to obtain it.

She remarked to me that we did not believe in "Christmas". I explained to her and showed her, in Jeremiah 10, what the heathen do.

I had made arrangements for a back-call and called the following week. She asked numerous questions, one being "What is a Jonah?" She told us that when we had called before she had thought, "What right have they to come and try to change people to their re-

ligion?" Then she began thinking, "Only eight went through at the time of Noah, and when Jesus Christ was on the earth there were only a very few; so why wouldn't it be the same now?"

She went down in the basement and brought up the books and booklets she had obtained from witnesses before, mostly, she said, to get rid of the caller.

I have made arrangements for her to receive the *Informant*, and believe that very shortly she will become a "laborer" with us. —N. Shafer, Canada.

Town Clerk of Ephesus Example

◆ Sir Alexander Maxwell, Permanent Under-Secretary of the British Home Office, listened to deputations of clergymen demanding suppression of demonstrations and processions. He told them, "I wonder what would have happened if the town clerk of Ephesus had suppressed Paul and his companions, who were attacking the established church of the place and its industry [business]." He surmised that the clerk, prompted by the chief constable, took the stand that there should be no interference with the propagation of Paul's message.

New Market for Telescopes



In the town of Calway, California, a clergyman of the so-called "Church of God" chased the witness away from the porch. After he left another witness chanced to see the clergyman behind some bushes with a spy-glass in hand, evidently very curious to know what really is the "Cure", but not sufficiently courageous to come across with a copper cent to find out. The correspondent who sent in this item astutely remarks that all clergymen should now be furnished with telescopes.

"Up Behind the Door"

◆ At Kendal, England, a Catholic youth said to his Protestant uncle, when he saw *The Harp of God* and other of Judge Rutherford's books in the latter's bookcase, "I cannot read any of them, because they are up behind the door." This puzzled the uncle, and on inquiry he found that the lad referred to a list of books pinned up behind their church door, containing the names of various books which Catholics may not read, lest they learn something.

Belated Convention News

SIX witnesses, three of them ladies, drove from Oklahoma to the New York Convention. Arrived in Brooklyn, the ladies had not had time to get out of the car when three men came up in pompous manner and their spokesman wearing a Knights of Columbus button ordered them to remove from their car the banner advertising Judge Rutherford's public address. The Oklahoma men were not impressed. The Knights of Columbus spokesman swung at one of the Oklahoma citizens, when the smallest man among them all knocked two of the Brooklynites flat upon the pavement. Then another Oklahoma man, with his knee in the back of one of the Brooklyn parties, and his strong right arm pulling back on his collar, wiped his face on the sidewalk. He rose, tried it a second time, was treated to a second wiping on the sidewalk, and gave it up. A good time was had by all. Westerners are very informal.

At one unknown Convention point a hostile person picked up a brick, intending to heave it through the side of one of Jehovah's witnesses' sound-cars. A husky colored witness struck him so hard under the chin that he dropped the brick and took an involuntary rest on the flat of his back.

One individual, with less sense than recklessness, attacked a marcher, and broke the stick which bore aloft the sign "Religion is a snare and a racket" — "Serve God and Christ the King". The witness peacefully restrained him from doing further damage by causing him to recline upon the sidewalk, somewhat suddenly, and went on holding in his raised hand the sign, "Serve God and Christ the King." This happened near Madison Square Garden, New York.

In Brooklyn one husky witness received a glancing blow from some passing Fascistic fist. He returned it on the jaw; and while the troublemaker was gathering himself up from the pavement, two passers-by jumped into the line of march, and cried, "We are with you." They begged the privilege of carrying a sign, and received it. They gladly continued to the end of the march, leaving the witness two hands for distributing circulars, having no further need of them for defense.

At Denver a crowd of gangsters, sympathetic with one "Reverend Father" McMenamin (guess his "church"), grabbed some of the information march placards. An athletic witness recovered the placards and, when struck on the head for

doing it, laid out the assailant on the sidewalk. A crowd gathered, and it looked as if a fight was inevitable, when proffered assistance was unexpectedly received from one of the onlookers. A well-known prize-fighter called out to the witness, asking, "Do you need any help, Dick?" The fight was all off. The Lord has His own way of taking care of His people. It may be added that six well-known boxers, one from Texas, famous throughout the West, and one from the Pacific Coast fleet, famous in the seven seas, were at that convention and well prepared to defend American liberties in Western style. Sometimes those who look for trouble are surprised when they really find it.

At the Oklahoma convention the assistant chairman, Julius Johnson, was 7 feet 1 inch tall, while A. H. Macmillan, of Brooklyn, who came to preside at the meeting, is only 6 feet 1 inch.

At Portland, Oregon, numerous signs advertising the convention were destroyed, and immediately after the convention a witness who, by permission, was visiting the boats in Portland Harbor was violently assaulted by a Catholic seaman. The Catholic was arrested and fined, and will have to work out the fine.

Declarations

A witness from Montreal narrated how, at a meeting in the French section, officers of the law, obeying Cardinal Villeneuve, entered and seized all books, phonographs and records. The chairman said he did not mind so much the loss of all these, but sorrowed over the loss of his grip, containing all the hard-bought back-call slips. Suddenly a small piping voice of a child of seven spoke up, saying, "No, they're not gone. I dropped your case out of the back window, because I knew what was inside." Babes and sucklings! O thou great and good God of thy people!

A witness at the convention, visiting the World's Fair, was asked if he would like to say something over the radio to the American people. He responded by inviting his listeners to hear Judge Rutherford's address on "GOVERNMENT AND PEACE"; and as his host chanced to be an usher of the Temple of Religion, form your own mental picture of the embarrassing situation. Christianity has come to the hour of its triumph; and "Religion", to the hour of first its shame and then its doom.

(To be continued)

Northern Europe

Refugee Children from Germany

◆ Yesterday the ship that brought 800 Jewish children in from Germany docked right alongside of us. . . . It was the pitifullest sight I've ever seen in my life.

Any man that was halfway human could not have helped but have his blood boil to have seen the way those small children from four to twelve years old were beat up. There was not a one who did not have bruises.

Four died in two days' time while getting here. They had black eyes, blood dried in their hair . . . some with broken legs . . . at least two dozen with broken arms.

The ship that brought them was Dutch and did not have a doctor on board. They did not have enough splints to use or bandages for them and they had torn open packing cases for splints and sheets for bandages and then they only had enough for the worse cases.

This town is wild, but they are afraid to say anything about it or even publish it in the papers, as they say that they cannot depend on France or England any more for protection from a powerful nation.—An American seaman, writing from Rotterdam, December 4, 1938.

Why Sweden Is a Good Place to Live

◆ Members of the Swedish Congress get \$5 a day for every day they work, but may not work more than 200 days a year. No one can buy liquor without a liquor book, which they cannot get unless they paid their taxes for three years previous, and which they lose if they get drunk. Anybody that gets sick can go to a hospital and receive the best of care, including operations if necessary, at 50c a day for the first 30 days and 25c a day thereafter. For every tree cut down a tree must be planted. All schools are state controlled, and there are no tuition charges to attend any of them, anywhere. When a man is unemployed he receives his unemployment pay check at the same window where he once received his wages.

Hard on the Live Stock

◆ Travelers entering Sweden from Denmark are now required to wash their beards with disinfectant, have their shoes disinfected and their clothing dry-cleaned. This is done in an effort to control the hoof and mouth disease spreading north from Germany.

Irish First in Iceland

◆ Thor Thors, Icelandic commissioner to the New York World's Fair, in a carefully prepared statement for the *New York Times*, states that the Irish were living in Iceland before A.D. 795, and an account of their sojourn there is available to scholars in the writings of Diculi, an Irish monk living in France thirty years later. The Scandinavians first visited Iceland in 850, and in 900 Greenland was seen, and can still be seen from the western mountains of Iceland on a clear day. There were 50,000 persons living in Iceland in A.D. 930.

Room for One More

◆ A Dutchman was dining in the restaurant car of a German train. The waiter approached with the usual "Heil Hitler!" The Dutchman made no reply. The waiter was annoyed. "Every time I say 'Heil Hitler' to you," he snapped, "you must say 'Heil Hitler' to me."—"Hitler? He doesn't mean a thing to us in Holland," remarked the Dutchman.—"Maybe not," said the waiter, "but one day you'll get our Fuehrer in Holland, too."—"Perhaps so," smiled the Dutchman. "We already have your Kaiser."—Ludwig Lore, in *N. Y. Post*.

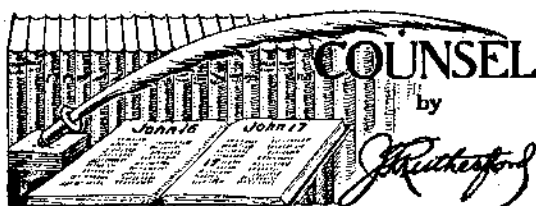
Women's Rights in Sweden

◆ From July 1, 1939, no Swedish woman who has been employed two years at the time of her marriage can be dismissed from her job owing to marriage, the birth of a child or confinement. She will be allowed twelve weeks' absence during confinement, and no signing away of her rights will be recognized by law.

It has always seemed rather unfair that when a woman takes on the responsibility of supporting a husband she should be dismissed from her work. It ain't right, nowheres.

Icelanders Co-operate

◆ Icelanders believe in co-operation, and practice it, too. The Federation of Iceland Co-operative Societies serves more than half of the 120,000 people of the country. The co-operatives handle 90 percent of all the meat exported from Iceland, 80 percent of all the wool, and 85 percent of all the skins. They operate the most modern dairies, bakeries and tanneries, and engage in a large way in the manufacture of soap, shoes and clothing.



Unpardonable

MUCH has been written about the so-called "unpardonable sin". The Scriptural meaning of the term follows. "The wages of sin is death." (Romans 6:23) All mankind today, being sinners by inheritance, are therefore dying, and other billions have already died. Those thereof that have not committed or do not commit the "unpardonable sin" are in line for an awakening from the dead unto a resurrection, because Jehovah God has provided for the salvation of humankind by the Redeemer, Christ Jesus. (John 5:28,29) Those that have committed the "unpardonable sin" will never have a resurrection. They have committed the "sin unto death", that is, the "second death", meaning destruction from which there is no return.—See 1 John 5:16,17; Revelation 20:14; 21:8.

Specific cases of the unpardonable sin are Adam, Judas Iscariot, and the scribes and Pharisees that conspired to have Jesus murdered. Jehovah God gave Adam a choice, of obedience and life or of lawlessness and death, with no promise of redemption and resurrection. Adam chose the latter course, and died, and must remain in that condition. Christ Jesus died, not for Adam, who was sentenced to destruction because of rebellion, but for Adam's offspring, that those thereof exercising faith and obedience might gain life. Judas, chosen as an apostle and a witness of Jesus' miracles and personally with Jesus for about three years, betrayed Him for filthy lucre. The unpardonableness of Judas' crime is proved by Jesus' words calling Judas "lost" and "the son of perdition". (John 17:12) To His apostles Jesus said concerning Judas: "Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?" (John 6:70) Judas therefore experiences the Devil's fate, eternal destruction.

The holy spirit is the invisible power of Jehovah God, whose name is Holy, and it operated and manifested itself through the words and deeds and miracles of Christ Jesus. The wicked Pharisees accused Him of serving the

Devil. To them Jesus said: "But if I cast out devils by the spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. . . . And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the holy [spirit], it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. . . . O generation of vipers! how can ye, being evil, speak good things?" (Matthew 12:22-34) Designating them as the offspring or seed of the Serpent, the Devil, Jesus said: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell [(Greek) *Gehenna*; destruction]?"—Matthew 23:33.

Now bringing the question down to our day: One who willfully rejects the Lord and His kingdom and persecutes those who advertise God's kingdom is certainly sinning against the light, because it is the spirit of God that causes the light to shine out that men may see the way to salvation. Such conduct, therefore, is sinning against the spirit of God. Jesus said: "He who speaks against the holy spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world nor in the world to come." Also the inspired apostle adds: "For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins." (Hebrews 10:26) This latter scripture announces a rule that applies to all, in harmony with the words Jesus addresses to the "goats" in the parable of the sheep and goats: "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire [destruction], prepared for the devil and his angels." "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment [(Greek) *kolasin*; cutting-off]." (Matthew 25:41,46) These words apply at the end of Satan's world, where we now are.

Without a question of doubt there are many among the clergy of "Christendom" that profess to be the servants of God and Christ and have the Bible and claim to teach it, and that see, from the evidence that the Lord has brought to their attention, that the Kingdom is now here, operating in the midst of God's enemies. And yet those churchmen, moved by Pharisaical selfishness, spurn the Kingdom and the Kingdom message that Jehovah's witnesses bear, and persecute those who bring the message to the people. They also use all their power and influence to prevent the people from hearing the truth of and concerning the Kingdom. Certainly they are not ignorant. Their opposing the kingdom of God is not be-

cause of ignorance, but they are doing so willfully. They are far better informed than the Pharisees of old, and of necessity the Lord's announced rule as against the Pharisees applies with equal strength to those modern-day clergymen. Concerning suchlike the Lord Jesus said: "But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matthew 23:13,15,33) Is there any further benefit to be received by such willful, deliberate opposers of the Kingdom from the ransom sacrifice of Jesus? The Scriptural answer is No. God caused His words concerning such willful sinners to be written at Hebrews 10:28,29.

Not only have such willful sinners indulged in religious teachings and practices contrary

to God's Word, by which they have led numerous persons into Satan's snare, but they have also willfully caused millions of others to be ensnared by the Devil by preventing them from hearing the truth. There is a great crowd of persons who willfully support the religious leaders and join with those leaders in the present-day opposition to the Kingdom of God under Christ, which Kingdom the spirit of God is now causing to be proclaimed by His witnesses on earth. If those supporters of the religious opposers should die in that condition, is there hope for them in the resurrection period? If they were to be awakened during the thousand-year reign of Christ, is there any reason why they would avail themselves of His ransom sacrifice and obey the divine law then? It does not appear that they would. God's Word does not hold out any hope of salvation to those religious leaders who willingly oppose His kingdom and His King and thus commit the unpardonable sin, nor does it hold out hope for the adherents of those religious systems who likewise willfully oppose the Kingdom. Read Luke 17:26-30.

Animal Husbandry

Mange—Warm Oil and Sulphur

◆ Two valuable dogs, suffering terribly from mange; hair off back and neck; skin raw and covered with lumps; dogs constantly scratching themselves and manifestly in abject misery. On recommendation by a dog-lover each dog was bathed with three quarts of warm crank case oil in which a handful of sulphur had been dissolved. Result: Both dogs are well and happy, and growing beautiful, glossy coats of hair, soft as a puppy's.

Bottle-reared Lion No Good

◆ Leo, bottle-fed lion of the Crafts, California, circus, was too gentle for the show business, and as it cost \$2 a day to feed him, and he would not work, the proprietors did not know what to do with him, but at last he was given a home for life in the animal haven of George Williamson, near Ripon. There he may roam to his heart's content.

Joy Among the Bloodthirsty

◆ There is great joy among the bloodthirsty, to know that in the year 1938, in the state of Wyoming, 3,959 beautiful and inoffensive elk

were killed by the proud owners of high-powered rifles. Other achievements of those who enjoy life themselves, but are distressed because four-footed creatures enjoy the same blessings, were 1,637 deer, 29 moose and 29 bear, and 5 mountain sheep.

Beavers as Dam Builders

◆ Beavers have been known to build dams 450 feet long. So skilled are they in felling trees, which they cut with their sharp front teeth, that the trunks fall just where they are wanted. The object in building the dams is so that the beavers may swim below the ice in winter, and so get at the food which, in summer, they cache where they will need it later.

A Free-wheeling Sheep

◆ At Murrayville, Illinois, a sheep had its hind legs crushed when a colt stepped on them, but the farmer who owns it got around the difficulty by making harness and a pair of wheels by which the sheep can get about its grazing business with almost as much ease as before it was hurt.

Crops and Soils

Reflections of a Cotton Grower

◆ I hate cotton because of what it does to the children: it keeps them out of school so they may pick cotton, and they grow up in ignorance. We should change the school year, in the cotton-growing sections. School should run from January 1 to July 31, and the vacation season from August 1 to December 31.

Much cotton is produced by share-croppers because it does not, and cannot, pay a living wage. Share-croppers generally till from twenty to thirty acres, quarter of which usually is planted to corn and three-quarters to cotton; the average production is slightly under 200 pounds an acre, so the average cropper raises between six and nine bales—or between three and four and a half bales for himself.

When, as now, cotton brings under \$45 a bale, his share is worth between \$150 (with seed) and \$225. That is for a whole family, which means six or seven people or more.

Nations that do not raise cotton seem to be better off than the cotton-producing ones.—Granville T. Chapman.

Protection Against Plenty

◆ America this year is being blessed—begrudgingly, cursed—with plenty. The wheat crop this year is estimated at 967,412,000 bushels, the largest since 1915, and with the exception of that year the largest on record. And there are bumper crops all along the line. Corn, oats, barley, rye, rice, hay, beans, potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets, hops, peaches, pears, grapes—all of them will exceed the average crop of the ten years from 1927 to 1936. Prices will be low enough, because of this plenty, so that more people can buy more of everything to eat. What disaster!

Sterilization of Soils

◆ There are now three methods of sterilizing soils, i.e., freeing them from weeds: one is by live steam, another by direct application of flame, and the third is by putting the soil to be sterilized into a large box and drilling several holes in the earth. Into these holes are put a few drops of tear gas. The whole is covered with a canvass, and in two days the soil is entirely free from weed contamination and can be used for any purpose such as greenhouses, lawns, golf courses, etc.

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How Much Poison Can You Carry?

◆ The secretary of agriculture decided that apples are O.K. if they carry not more than .02 grain of fluorine residue per pound of fruit. This doubles the possible fluorine content. The same wise and great man increased the tolerance for lead residue from .018 grain per pound of fruit to .025 grain. He forgot to tell everybody that the lead you eat with your apples stays with you. Eat one apple and you are carrying around .025 grain of lead; eat 100, and you are navigating around with 2.5 grains in you, and pretty soon you can be melted down and made into bullets or a lead casket for somebody.

The Power of Tomato Roots

◆ It has been demonstrated that "orphan" tomato roots generate sufficient power to send sap up to a height of 200 feet, or about twenty-five times as high as the average tomato plant grows. The entire theory of plant life has been recently changed by this discovery, and for the first time scientists understand that it is root force that enables trees to send their sap 350 feet up into the air. The power of a plant is now believed to lie in its roots and not in its leaves. This may be the right idea, but it is best not to be too dogmatic. Scientists also are human and prone to err.

Trees in the Shelter Belt

◆ The trees that are to keep the dust bowl from spreading are taking root, and a total of 6,870 miles of trees suitable to the belt have been planted. The ones that have thrived best are sumach, lilac, honeysuckle, chokecherry, and honey locust. Other trees that survived fairly well are the wild plum, American elm, cottonwood, hackberry, red cedar, Chinese elm, Kentucky coffee tree, and apricot.

Seedless Watermelons

◆ Michigan State College reports the development, after long research, of a seedless watermelon, and with the flavor unimpaired. The discovery is the work of a Chinese graduate of the institution.

Blossoming Can Be Delayed

◆ Blossoming of fruit trees and sprouting of potatoes can be delayed one week by spraying with potassium naphthalene nitrate.



Some Pagan Ceremonies

♦ **LENT.**—Today, as for centuries past, Lent is a "Feast" of the Roman Catholic Church. Forty days prior to "Easter" Romanists abstain from meat. Originally Lent was observed by the Babylonians, long before the birth of Christ, in honor of the Babylonian goddess whose name was Astarte, one of the titles of Beltis, the "queen of heaven". Lent is observed today, forty days of it, in the spring of the year by the Yezidis, or Pagan-Devil-worshippers of Koordistan, who have inherited it from their early masters, the Babylonians. The Pagan Mexicans, before the Church of Rome "converted" them to Popery, also held their forty days Lent.

HOLY WEEK.—This is the week prior to "Easter" and observed by Papists as something very special. There is no Scriptural authority for its observance. Every week is holy to true Christians. This Holy Week humbug business was swept away at the Reformation.

PALM SUNDAY.—The Papists on this day take sprigs of trees and hedges to their churches and the priest "blesses" them. Their possession "keeps away the Devil and remits sin". This is another superstitious abomination that has crept into the Church of Scotland.

GOOD FRIDAY.—This is also of Pagan origin, as it was on the Friday before "Easter", the day of the pagan goddess, Astarte (from which the word Easter is taken), that "buns" were made and used in the worship of the Chaldean goddess. Do Protestants ever ask themselves as to the origin of the Hot-Cross Bun? The Bun, or "Boun", was the "sacred bread" offered to the gods under the rites of Chaldean worship 1500 years before the Christian era. This "Boun" is referred to as a thing of idolatrous worship in Jeremiah 7:18. In the olden times the Bun was "offered" in pagan worship on the festival of Easter, or Astarte, but good Presbyterians and others today eat the Bun, and this on the date of a PAGAN festival!

EASTER.—Its Chaldean name condemns it! The name is found today on Assyrian monu-

ments as "Ishtar". This means Astarte or Easter, which, as we have already pointed out, was one of the titles of Beltis, the "queen of heaven". (Even the "Beltane Queens" crowned these days take their title from "Ishtar" or "Astarte".) The word "Easter" is foreign to Scripture. True, it is found in Acts 12, verse 4, but it has no right to be there. The word in the original Greek is not a word that means the day on which Christ was raised from the dead. The word "Easter" is a mistranslation of the original. The Greek word is *Pascha*, meaning Passover. The word is used by Paul in 1 Corinthians 5:7, where he says, "Christ our passover [*pascha*] is sacrificed for us." Let the reader read Acts 12 from verse 1, and can he conceive Herod, an enemy of the Christian faith, honoring the observance of Easter, if Easter were then a Christian institution? Why should Herod, who was not a Christian, hold Peter till after the due celebration of what is claimed to be a Christian festival? The very suggestion is an insult to every intelligent person. And what about the Easter eggs? Where do they come in? What connection can an egg have with the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Again we find paganism to the forefront. An egg was one of the symbols of Astarte, or Easter, the Babylonian "queen of heaven". Here is the story of the Easter egg. 'An egg of wondrous size fell from heaven into the Euphrates river. Fishes rolled it to the bank; doves settled on it and hatched it, and out came the Syrian goddess Astarte, or Easter.' Hence the Easter egg of today, as pagan as Easter Day itself.

CHRISTMAS.—Here we have 'more paganism! No person knows the date of Christ's birth, and it is sheer presumption and irreverence for any person to tell us that Jesus Christ was born on the 25th of December. The Scriptures are silent on the date of Christ's birth, and they are silent for a purpose, that purpose being that we should not as Christians observe Christ's birth. Every intelligent student of history believes that Christ was not born in the depths of winter. It was not till 400 years after Christ's ascension to heaven that His birth was observed, and with the other "festivals" which we are considering, "Christmas" is purely of pagan origin. "Christmas" means "Christ's Mass", a Roman Catholic observance of Roman Catholic origin. But the name "Christmas" also means "Yuleday", and here we find its pagan origin. "Yule" is the Chaldee for "infant", or

"little child", and the 24th of December was observed as "Yule-day" or "Child's Day" by our pagan Anglo-Saxon ancestors long before the Christian era. Our ancestors also celebrated what we term Christmas Eve as "Mother Night", and this long before the time of Christ. Further, in Egypt, the "son of the queen of heaven" was said to have been born on the 25th of December. Christmas in its entirety is wholly pagan, and the sooner Protestants of all denominations come to appreciate the danger of celebrating these things of paganism, the better it will be for Protestantism.—Alexander Ratchliffe, Scotland.

Treat All Confidence Men Alike

◆ To place American citizens, who desire to enter the Purgatory game, on an equal footing with the Roman boys, I think it would be advisable to license all Purgatory Purgers and require everyone engaged in the business to exhibit a sign in front of his or her establishment, reading: "Licensed by the U.S. Government to pray souls out of Purgatory." It would also be well to provide a statute of limitations on the industry, and I suggest ten years. If a sojourner can't be moved out in that length of time, it should be declared a wild goose chase and given up as a bad job.

This measure when enacted would not interfere with the free exercise of religion. Passage of laws to guarantee bank deposits, stop fake stock sales, prohibit faro, roulette, loaded dice, three shell games, one-armed slot machine bandits, Shultz and Hines numbers, etc., only makes the Purgatory racket more profitable. Operators of the non-religious rackets have to pay part of the "take" over to the Government in income and various other forms of taxes. Why should not all "confidence" men be treated alike?—Frank C. Hughes, in the *San Diego Broom*.

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Religious Building at San Francisco

◆ There are not enough buildings everywhere to house all the religious rackets, and so the San Francisco World's Fair will have a special Tower of Religion to commemorate the present world peace in Ethiopia, Czechoslovakia, Spain and China; freedom of religion, as in Sydney, Australia, where the Hierarchy was afraid to have Judge Rutherford land because he would teach the people something about the Bible; freedom of the press, as witnessed in Seattle, where the newspapers refused to print what they admitted was the truth; freedom of speech, as in New Orleans, where policeman McNamara cut the wires leading Judge Rutherford's London speech to a Christian assembly, and told his men to shoot to kill, if anybody interfered; and freedom of assembly, broken up in the same city by the same man on the same occasion. It seems fitting.



The tattooed lady

The Statue in San Francisco Bay

◆ The statue of Saint Francis of Assisi, to be erected in San Francisco bay, will be five feet higher than the Statue of Liberty in New York bay. It will be built as a Federal Art Project of the WPA, which has allotted \$50,000 for the purpose. The city of San Francisco will collect \$22,000 from its taxpayers toward the cost of materials. Concerning the original design for this monstrosity, or tombstone-cutter's nightmare, as he called it, Westbrook Pegler said:

It is a figure with the conventionalized head of the 1910 model of family doctor, with a pointed beard, inclosed in an aviator's helmet and having, beneath the chin, a sort of bib or drool cloth. The hands are upraised in the standard posture of the guest of honor at a stickup and the figure then declines, round, rigid as a concrete pipe and innocent of fold or human line, to the waist, where it disappears into a barrel extending to the base.

Idolatry in New Orleans



The idolatry in New Orleans was fittingly introduced by McNamara's orders to shoot to kill Jehovah's witnesses if they dared receive a Bible lecture broadcast all over the world. Next step was to decorate the city lamp posts with 5-foot candles and set up the largest amplifying system ever known so that the whole city could listen to the Italian broadcasting gibberish from Vatican City. Then the general manager of the Hearst newspapers made a fervent plea against all forms of intolerance. Fine! Then Farley said, "In God we trust," but he really meant "God" and McNamara, mostly McNamara. Meantime Cardinal Mundelein sat on his throne. Don't overlook that. Suppose he had sat on a milk stool. Think how it would have balled everything up. It is important to know what he sat on. Now, for instance—but why go into that? Fifty thousand got soaked to the skin. Five hundred fainted. Somebody got a broken leg. Priests went to bat, 100 at a clip, each with a missal, chalice veil, burse, pall, wine and water cruets. Every priest must have his wine every morning. Archbishop Glennon spoke in favor of rugged individualism, by which he meant, of course, such acts as those of his co-religionist McNamara in offering to kill Jehovah's witnesses for exercising their rights. Bishop Morris said "the Catholic Church has become an asset to the Nation for morality" of the McNamara kind. Farley struck at state interference with religion, but he thought McNamara did the right thing, because Jehovah's witnesses are not religionists, but merely Christians, which is the exact opposite. Cicognani said, "God is here." You bet. For details see 2 Corinthians 4:4. Of the original audience of 65,000, about 15,000 adults skipped for shelter when it started to rain. Of the 50,000 that remained, 35,000 were school children that had to stay and take it; so the adults were split fifty-fifty on going and staying. A few adults fainted, and more than 500 little folks, worn out by the intolerable and insufferable ceremonies.

Good Place to Start

◆ In an address at the Catholic blowout in New Orleans Joseph V. Connolly, general manager of Hearst newspapers, asked for a world-wide movement in "defense of all those who suffer persecution". He did this just a few days after a fellow Catholic in the same city

had threatened to blow out the brains of Christians who desired to hear a Bible discourse broadcast from London. Connolly conveniently shuts his eyes to the fact that the greatest persecutors of Christians for a thousand years or more have come from the very institution he is so eager to perpetuate, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Another speaker at the same function, Bishop John B. Morris, of Little Rock, Arkansas, said, "We [Catholics, but not Jehovah's witnesses] are permitted in this country to serve God according to the dictates of our consciences."

Not All Priests Are Alike

◆ In the city of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, a Ukrainian man lay ill in the hospital and was reading some of Judge Rutherford's books. Another man near him, also Ukrainian, was dying of cancer. In sympathy the first patient asked the nurse to take the cancer patient some of the booklets to read, to pass the time and comfort him.

As the cancer patient was reading a priest came to call on these men, and on observing what the cancer patient was reading he became very indignant, and denounced these booklets and reproved the one who was reading them. The poor man answered that he could find nothing wrong in them, but thought they were for the purpose of teaching him something. After this the priest did not call further to see this man, and he became worried, thinking he had committed a great sin.

Later another priest came to the hospital and came to visit these men. They inquired if they had done wrong to read these booklets, and asked why the other priest had failed to visit them. This priest replied that so long as the books contained food for the soul it was all right to read them. It seems that even some of the priests are confused.—Mrs. J. Walters, Canada.

The Answer Is, No, Not a Thing

◆ I want you to know that I appreciate your publication very much. Is there any concerted effort made to stop the horrible propaganda in our moving pictures? This has no bearing on your fine efforts. You surely do your share against the insidious efforts of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. I usually keep away from the worst movies. The other day I went to see "Jesse James". It was a fright.—L. S. Walker, California.

Religion "Hits" Baseball



Baseball fans know that the New York Yankees are strong favorites to win the 1939 American League pennant. But it wasn't until a recent disclosure by Jimmy Powers, a prominent New York sports writer, that they found out the world champions now have the additional "distinct advantage" of the prayers of the nuns and priests of the missions scattered throughout the whole world. With the newly discovered patron saint of baseball, St. Antony, getting them out of their infrequent batting slumps, and with red, white, and blue candles being burned in front of Our Lady's altar each morning for them, what chance have the Red Sox or any other team to overhaul them! With the nuns becoming baseball-minded, seeing that now the Yank box scores are posted in monasteries and convents from coast to coast, the next step is to inaugurate "nun day" and thus give all the fair ladies seats in the grandstand. Further, Jimmy Powers points out that the next time you see a team's star hitter over in some corner murmuring to himself you can assume, if his batting percentages have fallen, he is saying something like this:

"St. Antony, St. Antony,
Come around.
Something's been lost,
And cannot be found."

I Ate Meat on Friday

◆ I was raised a Catholic and was taught in the convent that if I ate meat on Friday I would die. I believed that implicitly. One day I became very angry at my mother and decided that I wanted to die, and then she would be sorry. I ate a lot of meat on Friday; nothing happened, and I knew from that day, though I still continued to attend church, that the whole thing is a racket. Since then I came in contact with the truth, and am rejoicing in it.—Pennsylvania, Zone 6.

Who Owns Mobile?

◆ You ask who owns Mobile? I reply, the Catholic population owns fully two-thirds of it. When I was a little girl an old Catholic man said in the presence of my father that he would rejoice on the day when he saw the streets of Mobile flooded with Protestant blood. If that spirit existed then, certainly it is worse now; for that was more than fifty years ago.—Mrs. J. L. McDaniel, Mississippi.

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Lying About the Almighty

◆ The Catholic Lay Apostle Guild, Room 906, 154 Nassau street, New York, circulated a leaflet marked with the Imprimatur of Patrick Cardinal Hayes in which occur the following false statements:

Suppose you visit the President—and he refers you and the object of your visit to his secretary. You may not like this, but you have no recourse. So it is with confession of sins to a priest. We may prefer to go direct to God Himself; however, He has referred us to His representatives on earth, and whether we like it or not, we must go to them.

Maybe you already know that prayers may be offered to Jehovah God, the great Creator, direct, but you might like to have a few scriptures, His own word, on the subject, so here are just a few:

"Pray to thy Father which is in secret."—Matthew 6: 6.

"Let your requests be made known unto God."—Philippians 4: 6.

"Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you."—John 16: 23.

"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you."—James 4: 8.

The approach to God is in His appointed way, through 'the only name given under heaven or among men'. (Acts 4: 12) Prayers offered through priests, Marys, "saints" and other persons are not heard at all and are worse than wasted breath.

On the Very Day

◆ On the very day when the pope announced he had made J. Pierpont Morgan and Thomas W. Lamont Knights of St. Gregory the Great, the brokerage firm of Richard Whitney & Company (Whitney's brother is a member of the Morgan firm) was suspended from the New York Stock Exchange and promptly went into bankruptcy. Has all the earmarks of a Papal blessing.

The Paulist Fathers

◆ They (the Paulist Fathers) have not sought to make the Church American, but they have striven with might and main to make America Catholic.—Archbishop Edward J. Hanna, in a sermon in San Francisco.

Catholic Cadets at West Point

◆ Of the 1,960 cadets in training at West Point 413 are Roman Catholics. This is 21 percent, and is about the proportion of Catholics to the whole population of the country; a little more, but not greatly different.

Thirteen Bottles of Liquor

◆ *La Presse*, Montreal, contains a picture of thirteen dignitaries of the Church of Rome, each with a bottle of liquor in front of him. One of the thirteen, "Thon Fernand Rinfret, secrétaire d'Etat," has the discolored proboscis and closed eyes that indicate he had already had one bottle and was well stewed. The occasion of the hilarity of the thirteen gentlemen was "Aux fêtes Jubilaires de Saint-Jean-Baptiste". So far, so good. But the editor of *La Presse* is a clever wag; for, without saying why he did it, next to this four-column cut was a four-column story entitled "Lettre Pastorale Collective. De Son Eminence le Cardinal Archevêque de Québec et de Leurs Excellences les Archevêques et Evêques de la province civile de Québec: Sur la Tempérance". The pastoral letter is a stirring appeal to the people of Quebec against intemperance. In the statistics it shows that in the fifteen years from 1922 to 1937 the bill of the province of Quebec for liquor was \$700,000,000.

French Canadians and Fascism

◆ You appear to be surprised when I say the sympathies of the French-Canadian would be with Italy in the event of a war between that country and England. I would ask you to remember that the great majority of French-Canadians are Roman Catholics and that the pope is in Rome . . .

The French-Canadians don't want to go to war . . . If war happens—and the possibility it may seem more probable every day—and Italy is on one side and England on the other, the sympathy of the French-Canadians in Quebec will be on the side of Italy.

We French-Canadians are not Latins, but Normans, but we have become Latinized over a long period of years. The French-Canadians are Fascists by blood but not by name.

Now, the French-Canadians have always been under dictators. When they came over to this country they were under the power of Louis XIII. Then came Cardinal Richelieu—a dictator and a cardinal at the same time, which made him an absolute dictator with full authority over the Communists of that time.

And then came the seigniors, and finally the parish priests.



Take the padlock law, which has the backing of the clergy. Do the English in the province of Quebec or in Montreal city want it? No. Do the French-Canadians want it?

Yes.—Mayor Houde, of Montreal, Canada, in an address to the Y.M.C.A. of that city.

Rosenberg Denies Persecution



Alfred Rosenberg, Nazi ideological leader, in an address in Berlin, said the Roman Church enjoys more freedom in Germany than in many other states and that it is as Bismarck expressed it:

When these gentlemen cannot rule they begin crying immediately about persecution.

"America Is So Pious"

◆ The London *Catholic Herald* quotes the new pope as saying, "America is so Catholic, so pious" (like Frank Hague, Raskob, Martin T. Manton, *et al. ad infinitum*), and then the wag who sent the clipping on from London added "O yeah". He had probably been reading this magazine and learned something of just how pious America is. However, the half was never told; so if he wants to learn all, he must keep on reading.

Bingo Religious Swindle

◆ The reason why Bingo is such a favorite with the religious swindlers is that the takings are so good. At almost any other gambling game the customer has a chance of making something, but in Bingo the crooks that run the outfit always carry away a big profit.

I Wonder

◆ I wonder, if Jehovah's people took a tabulation of the number of ex-Catholics, if the quantity numbered might encourage those prisoners who, because of false fear, are reluctant to leave their [religious] "prison houses" and fearful of searching in another direction.—Fern Baker, California.

Religious Business Looking Up

◆ The *Altoona Register* (boiler-plate issue of the American Hierarchy) boasts that the archbishop of Munich, Cardinal Faulhaber, has in his seminary at Freising more candidates for the Roman Catholic priesthood than ever before.

But—

◆ A Catholic priest from Clovis, California, told one of the neighbors that he had two hundred church members, but only three families attend church.—D. Davidian, California.

(To be continued)

CONSOLATION

All Things Considered

◆ The Supreme Court has now decided that the lower courts were correct when they said that school boards had the right to expel pupils who refused to salute the national flag when state laws required such a salute.

So here, I think, we have a situation worthy of Gilbert and Sullivan's attention:

The law says that I, as a small boy, must go to school. If I refuse to go to school the law sends officers after me, and after trial for truancy I can be forcibly committed to a school for truants.

There is no legal or social doubt about this. Education is compulsory throughout our land, and boys and girls must go to school whether they like it or not. If they try to stay away from school, and their parents connive with them in their truancy, the parents can be punished for contributing to the delinquency of their offspring.

The theory behind this is that an uneducated person is a liability to the state. We cannot afford to have people grow up without having been to school. This theory has been so widely accepted that the rare objector to it is considered quite definitely crazy.

Now, however, there arises a situation that the founders of compulsory education certainly never considered. Children appear who, because of an unpremeditated tangle of laws, are not only not required to attend school but are forbidden to do so. In my boyhood, anyone who wanted to go fishing instead of spending the day on a hardwood bench, doing readin', writin' 'n' 'rithmetie, had to have a note from his mother. Today, all he has to do is join Jehovah's witnesses or some other sect which considers saluting a flag

as akin to idol worship, and he won't be allowed in a school.

The thing is so mixed up that not even a decision of the Supreme Court can quite clarify it.

It is all very well to say that laws must be obeyed, and if the law, as it does in New York and elsewhere, says that school children must

salute the flag, then salute it they must. But what about the preservation of religious liberty? It may be argued that to require a member of Jehovah's witnesses to salute the flag is just as much an abrogation of religious freedom as to require a Roman Catholic to eat meat on Friday.

It would be simpler if these objectors to flag saluting had any objections to the social and political system that the flag symbolizes. Unfortunately, they have not. They are perfectly good Americans, just as patriotic as anybody, and, in a pinch, probably more dependable than most.

Their hostility is limited to a ritual that, for reasons understood only by themselves, they consider at variance with their creed.

In their efforts to find a punishment to fit the crime, the courts have got themselves into a worse muddle than the one from which they tried to emerge.

It should be said that this is one of the unsolved problems of democracy. It is easy to say that democracy guarantees liberty of conscience. Many of those who first peopled this continent came here in search of that very liberty. But has that liberty no limits? How far can conscience go before the state overrules it?

In the last war we did not have many conscientious objectors, but even the few we did have constituted a problem that we handled



Courage, men (?); we'll save America yet

in a way not altogether pleasant to remember. As a matter of fact, we didn't handle it at all in accordance with democratic theory. We handled it precisely as any totalitarian state would handle it. That is to say, when it came to the question of military service, we didn't merely limit the rights of conscience; we abolished them.

In the period since, war has been subjected to more detailed criticism than it was ever subjected to before. As a result, there is probably a much larger number of potential conscientious objectors than there were in 1917. Should there be another war, the problem of individual dissent would almost certainly be an acute one.

That, perhaps, is one of the reasons why one may be optimistic about the future. No ruler in the world, not even Hitler or Mussolini, can be quite sure how many of his people would prefer martyrdom to military service, or, having made a choice of arms, would stick to it.—Howard Vincent O'Brien, in the *Chicago Daily News*. Copyright, 1939, by The Chicago Daily News, Inc.

Hearst Still Shriveling



A Chicago dispatch shows that in one week William Randolph Hearst recently discharged 138 employees of his two Chicago papers. The American people are sick of his particular brand of patriotism, and may well be.

Sleeps with Eyes Wide Open

◆ As a result of an attack of measles Mary Ellen Rardon, a beautiful little two-year-old child in Chicago, has slept for more than two months with her eyes wide open. She has the appearance of being wide awake, but is sound asleep.

How Did It Happen?

◆ How did it happen that of the 12,000 persons arrested in Chicago in 1937 for gambling, 2 of them were fined? Illinois has a state law against gambling and the other 11,998 are no doubt equally guilty.

Best Kind of Celebration

◆ At Waukegan, Illinois, the president of the National Office Supply Company celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary with the company by sending each of the 120 employees a \$100 bill.

Radium Poisoning

◆ Twenty-four women received their death-blow working for the Radium Watch Dial Company in Illinois. Nine are already dead, and fifteen more are about to die. The most that any of these unfortunate women can receive for work that has ruined their lives is an equal share of the proceeds of a \$10,000 bond that the Watch Dial Company left with the Illinois Industrial Commission when it moved to New York.

Attaboy, Curtis!

◆ At Abraham Lincoln center, Chicago, Illinois, the "Reverend" Curtis W. Reese paid a fine of \$200 for his son, Curtis, Jr., so that the boy might not have to attend church every Sunday for a year. Tally one for the old man's common sense and paternal love, even though the judge on the bench was not exercising decent judicial discretion.

State in a Muddle

◆ Illinois is in a financial muddle, the total uncollected taxes from 1928 to 1937 running to nearly \$420,000,000, while a total of some 850,000 persons are on relief. Even the politicians now admit that they do not know what to do to bring the state back to normal industry and frugality in expenditures.

Robbed in the Cathedral

◆ Mrs. Elizabeth Foelders was robbed of six dollars while she knelt in prayer in the Holy Name Cathedral of Chicago to give thanks because she got a job. How much better it would have been if she had followed the Lord's instructions to do her praying in her own apartment! And how much safer!

A Dispatch from Chicago

◆ A dispatch from Chicago showed in two sentences the condition of things in this world when it said:

Extremely favorable wheat crop conditions prevail in North America. The shadow of the approaching harvest had a depressing effect on the market last week.

Dare Not Let the Truth Be Shown

◆ On the pretext that it would provoke hatred and bitterness toward Germany if a film showing Hitler's concentration camps were exhibited in Chicago, the police of that city forbade the showing of the moving picture entitled "Concentration Camp".

South Atlantic States

What a Contrast!



What a great difference in a few hundred miles. In New York tractors are seen everywhere. On arriving in Beaufort, S.C., it is quite common to see a steer or a bull trotting along pulling a wagon. Most of the plowing is done with oxen and bulls. This being a group of islands, many strange sights greet the eye. "Whoopa," a colored boy yells, and if you investigate he is probably selling raw shrimp at 10c a quart. Strange fishing craft, both sail and motor, are to be seen. As those too high to go under the bridge come near, men turn a windlass; round and round they walk, and a drawbridge opens. Most people from elsewhere get quite fidgety as they wait in line. Why go to Europe?—L. C. Ross.

Hitlerian and Hierarchical Idiots

◆ It is the idiots that are constantly stirring up mob fury; but it is of prime importance that the idiots shall be protected, for if an idiot can be gagged, so can anybody. Human ingenuity has never been able to devise a system of guaranteeing freedom to the wise and honest except by guaranteeing freedom to all; and freedom for the wise is so supremely important that it is worth the price of making the silly free too.—Gerald W. Johnson, in Baltimore *Evening Sun*.

Tackled the Wrong Farmer

◆ At Glenville, West Virginia, a bull tackled William Powell, a 66-year-old farmer, knocked him down, and started to gore him to death. Powell did not see dying by that route, so he grabbed one horn and locked his legs around the bull's neck. With his loose hand he reached in his pocket, took out his knife and opened the big blade with his teeth. Then he severed the bull's windpipe, and the next day he and his family had fresh meat.

Poltergeist in Virginia

◆ A nine-year-old girl in St. Charles, Virginia, invited spirits to give her a big shake, and for thirty-five nights in a row she was shaken so that she was sore all over. Unconvinced investigators claim that the child brought about the peculiar movements by ability to make muscular contractions not generally found.

Degenerate Descendants

◆ Jan Sibellius, Finnish composer, and Arturo Toscanini, conductor of an orchestra of international fame, regard Marian Anderson, Negro contralto, of Philadelphia, as one of the world's greatest singers. But because she was born with a skin slightly different in color (though probably finer in texture) than that of the D. A. R. that collection of supposed descendants of Revolutionists refused to let her sing in their auditorium in Washington, and the Washington school board, equally mean and foolish, refused permission for her to sing in a school auditorium. The Secretary of the Interior finally gave permission for Miss Anderson to sing from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, a fitting place. Mrs. Roosevelt resigned from the D. A. R., with all real Americans cheering her from the benches. Then rebel Americans with more sense than the defunct D. A. R. issued a call for the organization of a new group that would have the same initials but, it is hoped, a different mentality. In America, of all places, mere descent from this or that hero of the past means nothing.

Virginia

◆ The Catholic Information Society takes notice of the modern trend in religion, according to an advertisement in the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*:

A St. Christopher medal in a car can do a lot of good. Indirectly it can stop skids, blow-outs, or any other calamity, if one has faith in the prayers of a saint and appreciation of the fact that God can do anything He wants to.—*American Mercury*.

Military Training Causes Hysteria

◆ After military training at the New Hanover high school, Wilmington, N. C., more than a hundred students were treated for swooning and nervous hysteria. Five boys and 60 girls were made so ill from the combined heat and drill that they had to be sent home for the day.

Phosphates in North Carolina

◆ In the midst of disappointments about soil erosion, it comes as good news that a large deposit of phosphate rock has been discovered ten miles east of Clinton, North Carolina; and that means smiling fields for many.



British Comment

By J. Hemery (London)

War Conditions

● The feeling of ease from a great fear of war which followed the Munich settlement last September soon passed away. Since then there has been a realization that peace in Europe and in Britain is impossible while Hitler and Mussolini are in control of Germany and Italy. The British premier got a heavy blow when he realized that Hitler had humbugged him—as many well understood was the case. After that came a swift change in Britain's policy towards the dangers which threatened the existence of Britain as a free country, and the disruption of what is called the British Empire. If war came it was plain that Britain would get severely wounded before it could defend itself, and there was a great cry for defensive preparation. A state of war really began to obtain. Money was freely spent. Then began a more active set of moves in the political game: pacts and agreements with European countries were sought and entered into. This meant preparation for offensive war, to go to the aid of those with whom pacts were made. More money; more preparation for war, and less of the idea of the self-defense of Britain. Hitler and his men then began the cry that Britain and France were trying to encircle Germany, and the cry has evidently been effective in Germany, setting the peoples of Germany in anger against Britain, and agitating for a war spirit, nation against nation. As all the world knows, Britain has been trying to get a pact with the mighty Russia, and a majority of the people of Britain see in that combination the only way of keeping Hitler and his war leaders from throwing Europe into the misery of a destructive general war and such as would make the last horror mild in comparison both in its sufferings and in its consequences. War preparation goes on apace. Britain is now spending at the rate of £2,000,000 a day in extra expenditure, or, including its ordinary costs, is spending at the rate of £4,000,000 a day, to compare with the £7,000,000 a day, the peak expenditure during the Great War.

The pact desired with Russia and which has

been under mutual consideration for three months did not mature. Russia wanted to make certain of its own interests, and there are many persons in the high places of politics in Britain who are adverse to any such arrangement with Russia, and who did what they could to prevent a military agreement—it is hinted that some in the very highest places do not want a British-Russian pact. Also it is certain that aversion to such agreement is so positive a feature of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy as to make it as certain that the Hierarchy was a controlling factor in the delay. Perhaps its influence is strongest of all.

That there are many Roman Catholics in Government offices in Whitehall is common knowledge, and some are in important places in the Foreign Office. These, it is said, do not disguise their opinion that Britain should not make an alliance with Russia. *Cavalcdde* recently said, "Weight carried by Roman Catholic opinion in the Foreign Office was proved during the Spanish civil war: members of the Cabinet found themselves up a department brick wall of Catholic sympathy, and there is no doubt that during the present world trouble diplomats have at least partly interpreted policy from a religious standpoint." Hence the ten-year non-aggression pact between Hitler and Stalin came as a great shock.

Then there is a war of words, with the purpose of getting the democracies (Britain chiefly) into a "state of nerves". Dr. Joseph Goebbels, loudspeaker for Hitler, gets himself reported in the British newspapers, though his efforts do not create the "nervous state" intended. No doubt he is an annoyance, but his measure is taken, and his words are passed by with yesterday's news. But no one knows where next Hitler will throw his weight, with the result that a constant watchfulness is maintained, which may be illustrated by the fact that the anti-aircraft guns to protect London are manned and in readiness every minute of the twenty-four hours of the day. It cannot be said that the people of Britain are in any way fearful, but they readily submit to conditions which in time past could and would be agreed to only under actual war.

Recruiting for the forces is considered satisfactory, and at present there are no indications of further conscription: the 200,000 young men of the age of 20 years are registered. There is as yet no outcry among the "patriots" about conscientious objectors,

though it is certain there would be were conscription more generally made law.

Big Business

● In the meantime Big Business is getting as much as it can out of the situation. The Government has announced its purpose to control profits in armaments and Government contracts; but apparently there are loopholes through which much profit can slip without coming under the Government's control. These huge sums of money which are being spent by the various governments mean much trading; and some are going to get what they can out of the trade. Moral and patriotic considerations are not supposed to enter into business transactions: what is legal is right. A note was made recently about a very large quantity of Japanese salmon which British merchants were contracting for. When the matter was raised in Parliament the responsible minister said the Government was not involved in the purchase—it would not do any such thing as buy Japanese salmon for food storage. But, it is said, the transaction has been completed. Moreover, another lot of \$250,000 value is purchased and landed in Liverpool. The whole amount of over £2,000,000 will give the Japs so much British currency to enable them to carry on their "incident" with China, and to heap indignities on British subjects in the East, as well as to compete with the trade of Britain. It is said that the democracies of Britain and the Empire, the Dutch and America are supplying almost all the war necessities of Japan. Russia is the only nation that stands outside this trade; but Russian trade is under the control of its government, and Big Business has no chance there. It is said that the Japs label or print their tins so as to make them look like Canadian packing. This is artful of the Japs, but it suits the British importer very well; for what does he care if the purchasers are deceived, thinking they are buying Canadian packed fish.

Roman Catholic Militiamen

● The Roman Catholic *Universe* "understands that all Catholic seminary students in Britain of military age have registered for service". Of course, and, naturally, it adds, "and that Bishop Matthew, nominated by the cardinal archbishop, is now negotiating on behalf of the Hierarchy with the war office to decide the details of the students' service." Cardinal Hinsley has emphatically dissociated Catholics

from pacifists and conscientious objectors. Liberty such as is represented by these words is not allowed in the Roman Catholic system; but the Hierarchy will see that its students, obligated to it by vows, will be placed in such positions as will make for the increase of its interests.

The Bomb Outrages

● The dastardly acts of the Irish Republican army which have caused much destruction to property and some loss of life in England have at last compelled the Roman Catholic Hierarchy in England to declare its abhorrence of the wicked and wanton acts. Most of the perpetrators are members of the Catholic church, and faithful attenders at mass. For a time it appeared as if the Hierarchy intended to keep silent; but the association with the church was so openly known it had perforce to do something to save its face. After much destruction of property in England, openly avowed as the work of the Irish Republican army, the Government of Eire decreed the organization to be illegal in Ireland, and the Hierarchy in England told its priests to tell the worshipers that the church must not be considered as associated with the aims of these ruthless men. It might have done more to stop the outrages than appears to have been done. Many of the makers and planters of bombs and incendiary "toys" have been caught and sentenced to long terms of imprisonment; but there is an army yet at large, thought by some to be in the pay of Germany, but which they deny.

"Upon the Earth Distress of Nations"

● That the time and the events of which Jesus spoke are now come upon the earth is a thing well known to and understood by those who are "taught of the Lord", is part of their common knowledge, and is shared by those who are associated with the faithful disciples of Jesus, the Jonadab brethren, the "other sheep" of whom Jesus spoke. By His favor they readily read the "signs of the times" which God has given for their guidance. The signs are such as can be read in some measure by all who have some knowledge of the words of Jesus: they are God's warning to all who make profession of being Christians. But religionists are like the Jews of Jesus' day: they deride the message of the truth as the Jews derided Jesus, and they despise the messengers, the witnesses, as the Jews despised the

disciples of Jesus. They are the modern scribes and Pharisees. Jesus agreed that those scribes and Pharisees had some wisdom; they could, he said, read the day's weather signs, written in the heavens, plain to all who took notice. But there were other signs, signs of the times, which ought to have been observed, could be read as readily, but to which they gave no heed. These were the signs which accompanied His presence, and which told plainly that the prophecies had begun to be fulfilled. Those leaders of the people made a great show of their religious fidelity to the sacred writings, but, said Jesus, they only proved that they were the sons of their fathers who killed the prophets of God. They were as blind as their fathers and as stupid as they in their refusal to heed the words of warning and instruction which their God sent to them. The scribes and Pharisees who rejected the signs of the ministry of Jesus were blinded to plain facts, made blind by reason of the fact that they had dug themselves into a position which brought them honor among men. The honor and the service of God were sought and served only in lip-service and vain show.

The saying, "History repeats itself," is common, but there is a particular fulfillment in the repetition of the circumstances of the presence of Jesus at the first advent and those of His 'second coming'. The leaders and teachers of the "churches", wrongly and falsely so called, have agreed to accept and to teach things concerning the purposes of God which are absolutely contrary to the words of Jesus. Jesus very clearly and definitely told that He would come a second time: so plainly is this stated that no professed Christian has an alternative but must accept the fact of a second coming. But the churches have determined for themselves a coming very different in character and purpose, and foreign to anything that Jesus said of it, and His words are made void by them. In the early days of churches the Devil, the great enemy, began sowing his tares, and setting false teachers in the communities, and part of his sowing was to get the belief set that the second coming of the Lord would not be till the church had taught all the world the doctrines of Christ and had got the whole world into some sort of willing subjection under the direction of his representatives, the leaders of the churches. As the false church of Rome grew in power and influence this false teaching got fixed, and has completely dominated all the churches.

The so-called "Protestant" churches are Roman Catholic in this teaching as they are in the "orthodox" dogmas they hold.

By this idea, set, and persistently kept to the fore, the churches have made a place for themselves in the earth, and have claimed that they and their rule are the kingdom of heaven on earth. They have deceived the peoples who trust them and have given them support and obedience, and by this the leaders of the churches are counted amongst the world's wise and great men. The Roman Catholic church, under the control of its Hierarchy, through its hold on the minds and bodies of men, is become the greatest force in the earth.

All this was clearly before the eyes of the Lord Jesus when He spoke of His return. All His words relative thereto, and also those of the apostles who taught the church the mind of the Lord through the holy spirit, disclose that at His return there would be great profession of allegiance but such a lack of faith and reality that He would say to the many, "I never knew you" (Matthew 7:23); and He said, "When the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8) At the present time Rome holds itself aloof from all other religious organizations. It has its set policy to pursue. It expects to ride the storms which threaten the disruption of the world. Its doctrines and dogmas are set and no criticisms are allowed to its members. Other sections of the religious "world" are in uncertainty, and much doubt. But none gives heed to the signs of the times; the most important to them is the witness which Jehovah God is giving through His witnesses to the fact that the Lord Jesus is now set on Jehovah's holy hill of Zion, and that the time of which He spoke and the corresponding events in the earth are here present.

The great outward sign for all to read is marked by Jesus' word, "upon the earth distress of nations," and 'men's hearts failing them for the things coming on the earth'. (Luke 21:25, 26) There are great multitudes of persons who pay no attention to what the clergy and the parsons say, but the 250 millions (and more) of the writings of Judge Rutherford, carried throughout the earth by Jehovah's witnesses, and the millions who have heard his voice by radio have had a witness given that they might read the signs of the times, take warning thereby, and save themselves from those things which must inevitably fall upon the false professors and the heedless.

On the Briny Deep

Last Deeds of a Tiger



Bound for a European zoo a tiger broke out of his cage on a liner from the Netherlands East Indies. He smelled food in the kitchen, went there, and clawed a Chinese cook to death. Crew and passengers started shooting at him, and he dived from the prow of the ship into the briny deep and disappeared from view.

New Fleet in the Making

◆ Uncle Sam has a new merchant marine fleet in the making, and that the new vessels have some possible use other than for merchandise is suggested by the fact that the Government contributed \$10,000,000 to help build them. American shipyards are busier now than at any other time since the World War, at which time Uncle Sam built immense numbers of ships with the distinct understanding that they would never be of the least use as merchant vessels.

Sardines, Epsom Salts and Bibles

◆ Two years ago, when a ship called at the loneliest spot on earth, Tristan da Cunha island, 1,400 miles west of Cape Town and 1,320 miles south of Saint Helena, the 150 residents sent word to the captain of the ship that they still had plenty of sardines, Epsom salts and Bibles, but would welcome anything else he had to spare. The islands are being visited in 1939, and the inhabitants will be treated to a banquet aboard the Carinthia, and supplied with food and clothing.

Ship Deliberately Sunk

◆ For humanitarian reasons it was necessary to sink the London freighter Silverash at her Brooklyn pier January 24, 1939. The ship caught fire, and as it had 6,000 drums of cyanide in the hold, and a terrific explosion, followed by the spread of poison gas, was imminent, holes were burned in her sides with acetylene torches and she slowly sank to the bottom. The fire had burned twelve hours and was beyond control.

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