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Jehovah's witnesses in Germany

The Witness

THE witness in Germany, prior to the advent of Hitler the Madman, was one of the most complete ever given to any land. There are approximately 15,000,000 families in Germany, and in the fourteen years from 1919 to 1933 they received an average of three books or booklets and more than five periodicals, besides a large distribution of free literature. 'To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required; and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.'

Excuses for Imprisoning Jehovah's witnesses

FOR attending a meeting of Bible study three of Jehovah's witnesses were imprisoned for short terms at Bad Harzburg, Germany. The court declared: "The National-Socialist State is not minded to misuse its organs to supervise the family life of individuals, still less to interfere with their religious beliefs; but when a group of men exert themselves to bring about the collapse of the state system and erect an international sovereignty in its place, that is not religious, but political activity." Thus the Nazi State in effect forbids anybody to pray with sincerity, 'Thy kingdom come; thy will be done,' and insists that present devilish governments like their own must continue for ever.

Jehovah's witnesses Still in the Fires

IT IS significant that at the same time that the German secret police seized 150 Roman Catholic priests for possessing and circulating Communist literature they also resumed their attacks upon Jehovah's witnesses, the innocents.



The Situation

at Magdeburg

A BELATED dispatch from Berlin indicates that the property of the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society at Magdeburg, Germany, is being liquidated under joint supervision of the American Chamber of Commerce and an officer of the German secret police. At hand a copy of "The Black Corps" ("Das Schwarze Korps"), official organ of Hitler's personal bodyguard among the storm troopers. The page contains seven illustrations, the evil

intent of which is to represent Jehovah's witnesses as a commercial group. One of the pictures shows the plant at Magdeburg closed, with signboards across the entrance which state that the property is for sale or for rent in whole or in part. Also, to bring intended ridicule upon the cause of Jehovah God, over one of the entrances there is a huge cartoon poster announcing a masquerade ball at The Crystal Palace. Does anyone who has any reverence for Jehovah God imagine that these bitter, malevolent persecutions of His people will go unpunished?

Constitution Destroyed

FORBIDDEN to hold meetings in Germany Jehovah's witnesses appealed to the Weimar Republican Constitution. The Nazi court at Hamburg thereupon officially declared that the Constitution is dead, having died the day the Nazis came into power. Jehovah's witnesses will be much interested in this official declaration that Germany legally ceased to exist when the Nazis gained control. Most certainly the present "government" is a new and peculiar beast, and manifests it in every way.

"Der Neue Tag"

—*The New Day*

COLOGNE, Germany, has a newspaper called *Der Neue Tag* ("The New Day"). It tells of two of Jehovah's witnesses charged with offering literature to the people and oral 'explanations' of the Bible. Terrible crime, isn't it? For this work, and because these witnesses believed at their trial, and still believe, that 'the whole world lieth in the Wicked One' and that all earthly governments are under the control of the one who offered those governments to the Savior, they were sentenced to nine months in prison, and warned that if after nine months they had not changed their minds toward God and His Word they would be sent up for another term.

Until the Final Victory

A TRAVELING man, one of Jehovah's witnesses, says:

"While in Germany I had opportunity to speak to several brethren who are in prison. I found that they are not discouraged, but continue to give testimony concerning Jehovah's purposes until the final victory."

Farcical Trials

LETTERS from Germany describe the Sondergericht or Volksgericht (emergency courts or people's courts) introduced by Hitler. The letters say, succinctly, "There is no trial, only conviction, and no appeal." What degradation! And this in the face of the new worship of the German blood by which the German people are encouraged to deify themselves in the silly belief that they are not like other men, but are gods.

Crime to Praise God

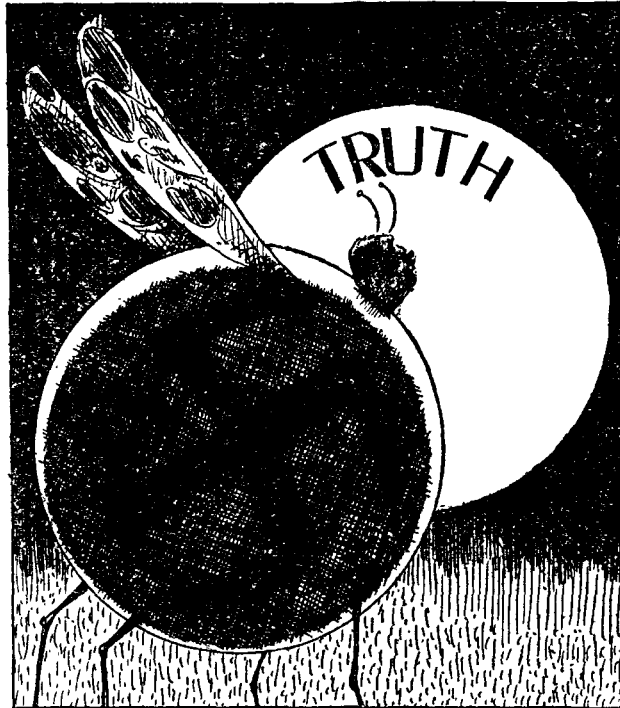
IT IS now a crime in Germany to praise God. In Berlin on January 16, 1936, twenty-one of Jehovah's witnesses were sent to prison for from three to four months for singing hymns in praise of the Most High God. It was charged that they did not forsake the assembling of themselves together, as commanded by God's Word, but continued to meet despite the demands of the Ratti-Hitler combination that they cease doing so.

Efforts to Destroy

the Word of God

GERMANY is witnessing a most extraordinary attempt to destroy the Word of God. Suddenly a new order was issued that the only Scriptures

that may be circulated in Germany must be printed in Gothic characters. A column account says at its conclusion: "The Bible societies are getting rid at heavy discounts of their old stocks of Bibles printed in Latin characters. The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, an American organization, seems to be one of the agencies most affected by the new order." "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; [Jehovah] shall have them in derision."—Psalm 2:4.



Nazi Bishop Weideman, of Bremen, will rewrite the Bible and make it nearer the Nazi heart's desire. (American clergy, take notice.) What condemned criminal would not like to rewrite the law that condemned him? But what can one expect of one whose only nourishment is the hogwash the Nazi party dishes up, his only exercise wallowing in the slime of a civilization returning to the Dark Ages, his highest ambition to "Heil Hitler" with a more degrading and crawling servility? There will be peace to the ashes of this whited sepulcher only because the dead know not anything.

Catholic Action Triumphant

Co-operation Between Nazis and Catholics

AS IN Italy Mussolini is determined that the state shall be first and the Roman Catholic church second, so with the Nazis in Germany. Yet there is an understanding between the two organizations. This was in evidence in Berlin, August 4 last, when red placards at every street corner warned Nazis and others that "outrages against the Roman Catholic church" must cease and that "the government and the party will put an end to the shameful practice".

"Merely Political Differences"

IGNORING the fact that 1,200 of Jehovah's witnesses in Germany are in prison because of their faith, German ambassador Dr. Hans Luther said, at Minneapolis, that it is impossible to keep church and state entirely separate, and that the differences between the Nazi government and the Roman Catholic church are merely political differences. He ought to know.

The German

"Who's Who"

AN ARTICLE in the New York Times shows that in the new German *Who's Who*, called *Fuehrerlexikon*, "many high German Catholic dignitaries are listed"; thus showing the general sympathetic understanding and support of Nazism by the Roman Hierarchy, despite all the newspaper propaganda to the contrary. Tender "religious susceptibilities" need protection, surely.

The Mask Gets Thinner and Thinner

HITLER's deal with the pope gets plainer and plainer, and the mask of pretense gets thinner and thinner. Only a few hours after Cardinal Bertram advised all Catholics to vote for Hitler in the March 29 elections, that gentleman seized the left bank of the Rhine.

"Nazis to Protect Church"

UNDER the title "Nazis to Protect Church" the New York Times contains a wireless dispatch from Frankfurt am Main which says: "The court at Cleves in the Rhineland today sentenced a man to two months' imprisonment for having insulted Catholics who were taking part in this year's Corpus Christi procession. In explaining the sentence the court emphasized that the present German State would not allow institutions and customs of the churches to be insulted."

Bishop of Berlin

Interview

COUNT VON PREYSING, Catholic bishop of Berlin, had an interview with Chancellor Hitler, and the next day an order was issued determining that church flags, i.e., the flag of the pope, may fly on every other day, but on national holidays only the swastika flag may fly. The partnership between the pope and Hitler is somewhat like that of two boys sleeping in an attic in New York state in the winter. Both are trying to get into the middle of the bed, and, though neither one entirely suc-



"Merely Political Differences"

ceeds, each has some share.

"Absent in America"

WHEN five nuns were to be tried in Germany for treason against the people, in shipping foreign currency out of the country, all five were reported as "absent in America". This, of course, was all fixed up beforehand between Hitler and the pope, all being Catholics together.

Hitler and Goebbels Stood

AT St. Hedwig's cathedral Hitler officially attended "requiem mass" for the soul of Marshal Pilsudski, and at the elevation of the little piece of bread both Hitler and Goebbels, reared Catholics, remained standing.

Protestantism Destroyed in the Land of Luther

Best Wishes to Vatican

A LITTLE dispatch tucked away in a Catholic paper tells a lot. In the headline it says, "Hitler Sends Best Wishes to Vatican"; which is all it needs to say. Hitler is a Catholic and governing Germany with an eye to its eventual complete submission to the pope. Whether or not he can "deliver the goods" is another matter. Many of his subordinates are not easily controlled.

Nazi Discrimination Against Protestants

DISCLOSING the real partnership between the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Nazis, all Protestant churches in Germany were required to fly the swastika flag on October 26, 1935, but the Catholic churches were not required to fly it. That speaks for itself. The pope, through his automaton, Hitler, has been placed in full control of Protestant Germany.

Nazi Robbery of Protestant Churches

ON November 29 the Nazis seized the funds of the Confessional Church and Confessional Synods, consisting of voluntary contributions of Protestants throughout the Hitler realm. Don't make anybody with a sore mouth laugh by asking if the Nazis would have done this to funds similarly raised by the Catholics.

Nazi Suppression of Protestant Schools

IN ONE day 125 Nazi police, all Roman Catholic or under Roman Catholic control, descended upon two Protestant seminaries in Berlin, expelled the professors and students and locked and sealed the buildings. Hereafter, the German people will take what "religious" instruction Hitler and the pope see fit to give them, or get none at all. Neither one of these gangsters is in a mood to be trifled with.

Protestantism Destroyed

ALBION ROSS, in a wireless dispatch to the New York Times, used the following language to describe the collapse of German Protestantism: "The supremacy decree enables Mr. Kerrl to appoint and recall bishops and pastors from their charges, control all church finances, issue church laws, erect and tear down church buildings, create and dissolve bishoprics and parishes, create and suppress Protestant organizations, appoint a church directorate to exercise his dictatorial powers and recall one that refuses." Protestantism in Germany has received its death blow and is completely in Roman hands.

Camouflage in Germany

IT SUITS the pope well to have it thought that he and Hitler are at swords' points. The camouflage is thus concealed that the two are working for the same end, the complete subjugation of Protestant Germany to Catholicism. The Nazis themselves report that in one place

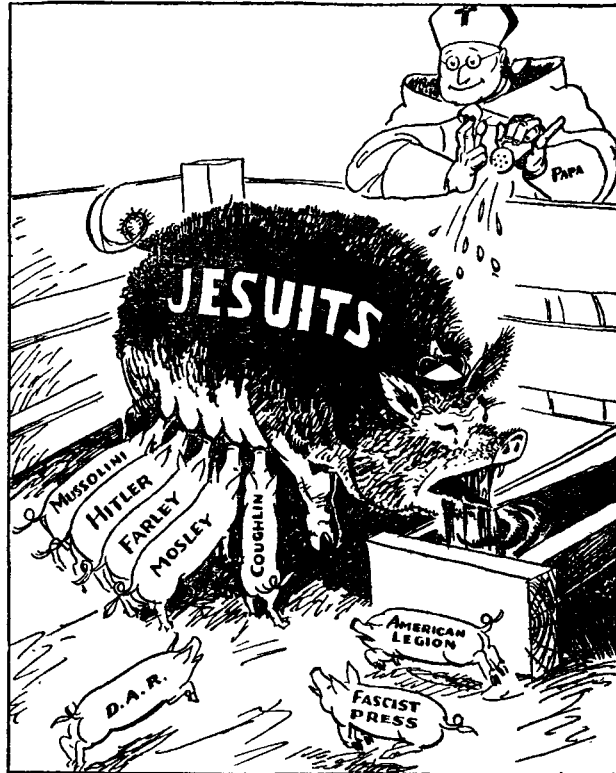
a Catholic burned an altar and left false clues to throw the blame on Hitler's storm troopers.

Priests Are on Inside of Intrigues

NAZI political workers are impressed with the fact that the Catholic clergy know all that is going on, having exact knowledge of orders issued to the secret police, almost as soon as they are issued. The partnership of Ratti and Hitler works well.

Banning the Name of Jehovah

THE Nazi governor of the province of Hanover, Germany, has ruled that the hymn "To Thee, Jehovah, I will sing" is objectionable. Jehovah's people rejoice that His name is at stake in Germany; they know the sure outcome.



Holy Water for Mamma and the Babies

German Justice a Travesty

"Ley de Fuga"

THE infamous Ley de Fuga (shooting prisoners under pretense that they tried to escape), once practiced throughout South American countries, has been inaugurated in Germany. Friedrich Husemann, 61-year-old mine workers' leader, before arrested by the Nazis, assured his wife and a committee of mine workers that on no account would he attempt to escape, yet he was shot by the Nazis; and his body was cremated, to destroy the evidence.

Courts of the Devil

CCOURTS of the Devil in Germany have now descended to the low level that any marriage, even if the husband and wife are happy in each other's love, may be broken up by the state if either party is politically opposed to the Nazi state.

Torture of Prisoners

THE Manchester *Guardian* tells of the torture of prisoners in Germany, to make them confess against their friends and relatives. Starvation is common, beatings are common, the taking of innocent hostages into custody is common, the chaining of prisoners is common, and deaths are frequent. When a prisoner is beaten to death the body is cremated, to destroy the evidence of the Nazi (Catholic Action) maltreatments. The *Guardian* tells of one instance which shows the work of these fiends. It says:

"A workman was chained in his cell so that his body was kept bent for three days, during which he got nothing to eat. On the fourth day he was chained with his back to the wall, his hands being behind his back. He was allowed just enough free play to kneel and bend forward. Then a bowl of food was placed before him. As he bent down to eat straight out of the bowl like a dog, the bowl was dashed against his face by a warder and the food was scattered."

Done to Death at Dachau

THE Manchester *Guardian* gives the names of 44 prisoners done to death at Dachau prison camp, Germany. Two of these were frozen to death in unheated cement cells. Some were murdered in such brutal fashion that it was impossible to let the relatives see the dead bodies. A favorite Nazi "joke" is to tell defenseless prisoners to prepare to die. Guards stand by with loaded rifles and, at command, fire so as to miss; but they occasionally do kill a few, so that the terror will be maintained.

Nazis Raid the Masons

THE Nazis have taken it upon themselves to close up free-masonry in Germany. While one of the oldest lodges in the country, The Three Globes, founded by Frederick the Great, was in session, secret police swooped down, seized all papers and documents, arrested the master mason and took the names and addresses of all persons present.



"Doesn't he play nice with the children, Adolf?"

Some of the Nazi Punishments

IN THE Nazi prisons all humane treatment of prisoners has been discarded. For writing letters of what happens in concentration camps there are fifty blows with a stick. For collecting data about concentration camps, or repeating such data, or mentioning the same to outside visitors, the penalty is death by hanging. One who refuses to work is shot on the spot or hanged later. One who sends out blood-stained clothing is punished with three days of close arrest. Anyone who writes more than two letters or postcards a month gets eight days of close arrest. One who omits the Hitler salute gets twenty-five blows followed by eight days of close arrest, followed by twenty-five more blows with the stick at its close. One who declares his innocence gets fifty blows.

A Land of Madmen

"Our Work Stands for All Time"

“OUR work stands for all time,” so said Hitler, and that despite the statement that Daniel made. For fear Adolph never knew about that statement it is here quoted as it appears at Daniel 2: 44: “And in the days of these kings [Hitler is a king in the sense of the text] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms [including Hitler’s], and it shall stand for ever.”

Cannot Stand Being Laughed At

NO PERSON who is ridiculous can stand being laughed at. For caricaturing Hitler a carnival was broken up at Heddenheim, Germany, and in Tokyo an official protest was made to the Japanese government because a paper cartooned him.

Making Hereditary Soldiers

THE process of making hereditary soldiers goes on apace in Germany, and is one of the rapidly developing curses of the world. Children of German government officials as well as children of all members of the regular German army are now compelled to join the Hitler Youth. Their "religion" from that moment is Hitlerism.

Spending Millions in Face of Poverty

THE German government is spending millions in the face of poverty. Savings banks, insurance companies, trade unions, co-operative associations, churches and businesses of all kinds are being literally compelled to invest their funds in so-called "rearmament notes". In other words, Germany is being bled white to prepare for another war to end war.

Women Denounced

as Property

ONE of the latest decrees of the German "government" is that "no German woman, whether young or old, and no German girl of today, has the right to consider herself a private person who can do with her body as she pleases". In other words, she exists for the purpose of perpetuating the Nazi state.

12,000,000 Children

in German Balilla

IT IS the intention of the present so-called "government" in Germany that by the end of 1936 every German boy and girl between the ages of 10 and 14 will be under the direct control of the military, with the definite aim of militarizing the entire nation.



The staff artist submitted the above picture with the title "Scenic Beauties in New Germany". Accompanying the picture was a letter in which he laments that he despaired of actually capturing the scene by brush or pen, and adds: "You ought to see the original." After scanning it carefully one is inclined to believe that he made an error in the title and that it should be "Panorama in a Madhouse". How else could you explain the presence of Reichsminister Goering, Der Sturmer-minister Streicher (Jew-baiter), the Reichs protestant church (upholding a pair of boots), Reichspropaganda minister Goebbels, and, in the center of the picture, Der Fuhrer himself in a familiar pose with Reichs-harlot-minister Madame Papacy, flanked by a little scene between Reichsjustice minister Thierack and Justice and ably supported by an all-star cast, including the Reichstorture ministers, the Reichs-Hitler-worship-minister, the Reichs-culture, the Reichs-crematory-for-mutilated-victims, and a few other little things. Liberty swings merrily, from the rafters, an aged Jew hears a talk on blood purity and the Reichs-womanhood heroically Heils Hitler ere she collapses. Any other item you can find is yours, and needs no word from us unless it be the Reichs-REAL-minister in the background—Gog. Hitler was a house-painter by trade. Find the brush.

At Nuremberg

AT A Hitler demonstration in Nuremberg, where it is claimed 50,000 lads and 20,000 workers were presented to him, one of the themes was "Flag to which we have all pledged our lives—flag that is our beginning and our end". One of the responses as to what would happen if there were not time to pray before death was this blasphemy, shouted by the whole crowd: "God will nevertheless understand us, for whoever consecrates his life to his nation will be honored by a blessed stand next to the Lord." How perfectly idiotic!

Nazism as a Religion

HANS KERRL, Nazi minister for church affairs, sees the Nazi philosophy as a religion. Indeed he says of it: "That was the message that our Savior brought 1,900 years ago when He preached that the kingdom of heaven is within us and that all a man needs to guide him he finds in his conscience." (Kerrl misunderstands this text entirely; Jesus was explaining that at His second advent, now a reality, He as King would be present among men, but would not be *seen*.) He goes on to say: "We recognized in 1923 (in the Munich beer hall putsch) the faith that removes mountains."

Hopes for World Dominance

IN AN address at a Nazi rally at Essen, so says the Berlin correspondent of the *London News Chronicle*, Dr. Ley, leader of the Labor Front, made the statement: "There are great battles ahead of us; but do not let us get worried, or let the crisis overwhelm you. Hitler has not only conquered Germany, but he will conquer the whole world." No doubt Gog and his forces have persuaded Ratti, Hitler and others that their plans for world domination have spiritual backing and that they cannot fail.

"Heil Hitler" Madness

THE latest form of "Heil Hitler" madness in Germany is that brides and bridegrooms when pledging their troth to each other, instead of saying "I do", now say "Jawohl! Heil Hitler!" if they are members of the so-called "German People's Church". If they have children, probably the first words the kids will be taught will be "Heil Hitler", and they will not be given their nursing bottles until after they make the Hitler salute.

"Security"

HITLER thinks he has everything sewed up tight in Germany. He said: "The Reich is no longer an object of foreign maneuvering, but is in security; in security, not by pacts, but by the real power of the nation and by the firm will of its leadership. It is not necessary for us to prove our security by any demonstrations. It is sufficient that we ourselves know it."

Inquisitors Will Have No Snoozers

THE German Inquisitors will have no snoozers. While Chancellor Hitler was delivering himself of a radio speech, his high functionaries were ordered to sit and listen. One high official of the financial administration, a man of over 60, and by now tired of all the Hitler bunk, nodded a little; the spies reported it, and he was ordered to resign within five days. Nice, eh? America will soon be just as bad. See page 438.

New Way to Say "Hooray"

NOBODY in Germany feels any more like giving an old-fashioned "Hurrah"; it would not be *Hitlerified* or *Heilified* sufficiently, and so all the troops hereafter will shout "Siegheil" when they wish to show that they have mentally placed Hitler or the German nation on a pedestal.

A Good and Poor Catholic

DR. EWART EDMUND TURNER, former pastor in Berlin, in an address in Minneapolis said that Hitler is "both a good and a poor Catholic. He was born a Catholic and was a choir boy in Austria. He grew up with great reverence for the Roman Catholic church as a successful organization".

His Knees Are Stiff!

CATHOLIC papers say that Hitler attended "church" at least once during 1935, but that he did not bend the knee. It is hard for dictators to bow the knee to anybody or anything. Hitler is a Catholic only for political advantages it may bring to the Nazi party.

Prayers to Der Fuehrer

PRAYERS to Hitler are now being offered in some places instead of prayers to God, in certain sections of Germany.

Agricultural Liberty (?)

AT Gera, Thuringia, Germany, a tenant farmer was sentenced to a month's imprisonment and a fine of \$90, and the landowner and his wife to two weeks' imprisonment and fines of \$40, for not delivering all their milk to the central authorities, according to the new agricultural regulations. Instead, they kept back some of the milk, made it into butter, and got a higher price for it than they were supposed to get. Other farmers have been sentenced to heavy fines for selling pigs above the permitted price.

Courts a Laughingstock

THE courts of Germany have become the laughingstock of mankind. Thus the Superior Court ruled that the practice of patronizing Jewish business firms violates the honor of every German; a court endorsed the action of a registrar who refused to issue the banns for a wedding between a man of German blood and a Jewess. Carried away with their devilish dictatorship, the people of Germany, as a whole, seem to have lost both reason and shame.

Against the Law

IT IS against the law in Germany to fail to give the Hitler salute when the Horst Wessel song is sung or played; it is also against the law to address a public official without saying "Heil Hitler"; it is also against the law to make unfavorable comments about the Nazi state or political party; it is against the law for a German girl to sit in public with a Jew; and it is against the law to sell real estate to a Jew.

No Sense of Humor

NAZIDOM has officially decided that it has no sense of humor. It has suppressed the paper *The Program*, official publication of those in the cabaret, vaudeville and circus business, because persons in those organizations have hitherto poked fun at prominent persons. This inability to see the humorous side of hypocrisy is a sure sign of insanity or imbecility, or both.

To Help Along the War Against Ethiopia

TO HELP along the war, German Catholics have been authorized to apply for a permit from the German government to loan \$8,000,000 to Mussolini for war purchases in Germany. The pope is thus willing to do what he can to break the everlasting covenant.

The Reichstag Arson Order

IN THE magazine *Liberty* Princess Radziwill asserted that the reason why Dollfuss was murdered, and Roehm and Mrs. von Schleicher were tortured and then done to death, was that the Nazis could recover the written order that Hitler gave to Roehm to burn the Reichstag. She asserts that the monarchists have the original order, and copies of it, and are only waiting their opportunity to get rid of Hitler and put a Hohenzollern in his place. Circular letters, dated three days before his death, were prepared and circulated in Germany in anticipation of the death of Chancellor Dollfuss, showing that the murder, in all its details, was a carefully laid Nazi plan.

Achievements of Nazism (Catholic Action)

THE achievements of Nazism (Catholic Action) are: workmen forced into Fascist organizations, their social insurance funds plundered, their mills and factories turned into barracks; the young dismissed wholesale and forced to work in labor camps, with continuous military drilling; the trusts made more dominant and arrogant than ever; the servitude of the peasants made more complete, so that they are now even deprived of the elementary right of free movement; women reduced to be only cooks and breeders; 4,200 honest opposers to Nazism slain and 317,000 arrested; 1,200 of Jehovah's witnesses imprisoned. God save His people.

Planning to Overthrow Czechoslovakia

CZECHOSLOVAKIA is much disturbed by the positive proof that the Ratti-Hitler combination which overthrew the German Republic and destroyed Protestantism throughout Germany has the same program far advanced for the same ends in their own land. Twenty-eight spies were caught selling state secrets to Germany. Germany's Roman Catholic minister of propaganda, Goebbels, is doing everything possible to inflame the German people against the Czechs.

British and German Officer Exchange

FOR the first time in many years the British and German armies are exchanging officers. The idea back of this is that, if a war should start, everybody would know as well how to kill as the next fellow. The munition peddlers have always encouraged this amity between armies of all nations.

Nuggets of News

IT WAS officially announced by the Reich ministry of justice that Hitler's will is the supreme law of the land in Germany. A polypus tumor was removed from Hitler's right vocal cord. A Frankfort restaurant keeper was imprisoned for permitting customers to criticize the State. All German barbers and restaurant keepers were warned that they will be arrested and their licenses withdrawn if they do not immediately report to the police any talk hostile to the government heard in their places of business. Dr. E. Schmucker, metropolitan of the Greek Orthodox church in Germany, put in a concentration camp, was kicked and forced to work in freezing weather clad only in trousers and shirt. A London lawyer, at the International Penal Congress, in Berlin, stirred all the delegates mightily when he said: "The idea of giving the judge the right to curtail the length of speeches and to refuse evidence to shorten the trial is entirely contrary to British ideas of justice. We feel that the proposal to shorten trials has been introduced here to obtain international sanction for that type of trial which takes place in this country."

Fascism (Catholic Action) Means Ruin

SAID David P. Berenberg, in the L. & S. Press Service: "Those, again, who look at Italy and Germany, and think that in those countries the middle class is winning back, under Fascism, its old place of power and respectability, do not understand Fascism. In the Fascist countries the capitalists used the middle class as a cat's-paw to aid them in breaking up the organizations of labor. Now that job is done, Italy is going to war with Abyssinia to keep the middle class from learning the truth—that Mussolini cannot restore their wealth and power. He hopes to keep them quiet by giving them 'glory' as did Napoleon with the French more than a hundred years ago. Hitler in Germany is arming for the same reason. Both the Italian and German armies can be used at home, should the middle class become restless, suspicious and rebellious."

All Germans Must Stand By

ALL Germans, in foreign lands, even those having double citizenship, must report to their consuls and be ready for service whenever called. Sounds like 1914.

Traces His Downfall to a Kiss

IT IS best to be careful what you kiss. *Wide World* published a photographic reproduction of Dr. George von Dehn, German envoy to the Irish Free State, prostrating himself before Monsignor Paschal Robinson, papal nuncio in Dublin, and kissing his episcopal ring, whatever that is. At the time he kissed he had been promoted to be minister to Rumania, and was saying good-bye. The photographers spoiled it all. They got the picture into Hitler's hands, and Hitler gave the kisser his walking papers, on the ground that his mode of farewell was unmanly. Now he is out of a job, all because of a kiss.

Oranienburg and Hubertshof

FUGITIVES who escaped from the Hitler prison camps of Oranienburg and Hubertshof tell of places of a thousand tortures, of men beaten with rubber cudgels, mercilessly overworked and nearly starved compelled to deny all this over the radio, and compelled to sing in chorus so that the cries of pain and horror in the camp can be muffled, of men compelled to crawl on all fours and to bark like dogs, and to do other things unprintable, at the hands of those who, for the moment, have the power in their hands. The Lord put it in a nutshell when He said: 'As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days of the Son of man.'

Spends \$4,000,000,000 for War

SAID Winston Churchill, at an address in England:

"When I know that Germany is spending much more than £800,000,000 in warlike preparations in the course of a single year, that she is ruining her finances and depriving the German people of pork, butter and other foodstuffs in order to turn the whole nation into the most prodigious and terrible fighting engine the world has ever seen, I cannot help asking, 'For what is this terrible preparation made? and what awful event hangs over the future of Europe?'"

Practically Told to Mind Their Own Business

THE thirteen nations that censured Germany for rearming were all practically told to mind their own business on the same day that Adolf Hitler received birthday gifts of military displays and fighting planes. With a great deal of truth the Germans called attention to the fact that France and other nations violated the Versailles treaty long before the Germans did.

Persecutions of Fleshly Israel

Robbing Jews

WHEN a Jew wishes to leave Germany he has to submit to being robbed of about 90 percent of his fortune. The way in which this is done is explained in the *Manchester Guardian* by L. G. Montefiore:

“A German Jew who wants to sell his business gets a bad price, first, because of the damage caused by the boycott. Secondly, the liquidation bank, by creating a sort of monopoly for buying Jewish concerns, forces the price down further, as behind the liquidation bank stands the National-Socialist State, and any resistance against it is treason. Thirdly, of the low price received, if it still exceeds 50,000 marks, 25 percent must be paid as emigration tax. Fourthly, the remainder is paid over in Sperrmarks, and can be realized abroad only at a rate of less than 30 percent. As the rate of the Sperrmark is largely determined by actions of the German government, there is the possibility of its being brought down still further. Jewish fortunes in Germany, created by the industrious work of generations, are almost entirely expropriated by the Nazi State, which does not bother if the Jewish family starves abroad. But foreigners who visit Germany are told that Jews in Germany are obviously quite happy, since they do not emigrate.”

Happenings

DISPATCHES from Germany mention 139 German citizens, many of them born in Germany, deprived of their citizenship. They thus become aliens, requiring even a permit to work, so that in effect they are sentenced to starvation. In a nation-wide window-dressing contest youths of Jewish birth are forbidden participation, but Gentile youths employed by Jewish concerns may participate, provided they dress the store windows of Gentiles. In the register of doctors there is such a use of punctuation as to show which are Jews and which have Jewish wives, so that they may be boycotted. In Nuremberg hatred of the Jews went to such length that fake ads appeared in the papers, such as “For sale, good Jewish wine, mixed with human blood”. Since the Nazis came into power 40,000 Jews have left Germany and it is illegal for Jewish speakers to urge Jews to remain in Germany.

The Impossible Courts

A JEWISH lawyer in Magdeburg sued a German lawyer for insulting him as a Jew. The Jew was thereupon sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for insulting an Aryan by suing him.

Gleanings

FRENCH and Spanish delegates to the International Penal Congress in Berlin, to their lasting credit be it said, expressed the opinion that all prisoners should be granted ameliorations in the execution of their penalties and the idea of vengeance must disappear from every form of justice, else there is a return to barbarism. The Nazi attorneys present defended German brutality in the prison camps and extolled the Hitler régime as genuine democracy. It is now impossible for any but Jews to watch a Jewish performance of any kind, except by special permit. Premises for Jewish performances must be obtained from Jews, wherever possible. Canvassing for Jewish newspapers and periodicals is forbidden. For the time the lowest type of humanity is directing affairs in Germany, regardless of the apparent “progress” of the German nation in some respects. A government built on blood will not last.

Unlawful to Pray for Jews

GEORGE ALTHAUS, Timmerlach, Germany, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for having said in a prayer in the church of which he was pastor, “God protect the poor, persecuted Jews.” The courts in Germany have become objects of the withering contempt of all decent people.

Jews May Not Teach Music

INCREDIBLY small and mean as it may seem, the German “government” has forbidden Jews to teach music, even privately. Another order compels them to vacate within three months low-rent municipal apartment houses specially built for them, under Von Hindenburg's régime.

Rules Regarding Jews

GERMAN Jews cannot be citizens, cannot vote, and have been removed from all positions as civil servants. No maidservant under 35 years of age who is a non-Jew may work in a Jewish household.

No More Jewish Doctors

THERE is now a “law” in Germany that there may be no more Jewish doctors, nor may they be doctors if Jewish hybrids, or married to Jews or Jewish hybrids.

Report of One of Jehovah's witnesses

M^{RS.} ———, of Teplitz-Schoenau, Czechoslovakia, reports that she has been well informed by brethren from Germany that the present conditions in Germany are very similar to those during the Dark Ages, when the Roman Catholic Inquisition was in power. The former outward enthusiasm of the people has cooled off greatly. Numerous rhymed sayings which are now circulating amongst the people in Germany about Hitler indicate that they are hoping for his speedy downfall.

The people in general are much embittered about the cruel persecution of the Jews. "We are very well informed concerning several cases [of such pogroms] that they were staged by the rulers themselves." At the order of the government their Jew-baiters and Jew-beaters had to leave their uniforms at home lest they be recognized as official agents. The next day after the mistreatments of the Jews the newspapers report that 'the common people expressed their sentiments against the Jews, who are to be blamed for all the ills of Germany, by a spontaneous anti-Semitic demonstration'. Some men who were ordered to take part in those atrocities returned home brokenhearted and wept bitter tears for the violence they had committed, and which they committed against their own conscience and sentiments under coercion by the government.

The people know very well that the newspaper reports are deliberate falsehoods, and therefore they are full of indignation. Every honest German knows from personal observation that the public press is full of lies and deceit in order to hoodwink the people. At present they give little attention and consideration to the reports of the newspapers. Germany has become for multitudes a country of great sadness, a veritable valley of the shadow of death.

The Czechoslovakian government is against the Nazis, and this is a favorable condition for the [Kingdom] publishers in that country. But now the "ravens" [the clergy in black garb] are trying to denounce them as *Nazis* in order to hinder the proclamation of the truth! Of course, those inveterate liars know very well that Jehovah's witnesses are not Nazis, but, on the contrary, hate that damnable rabble which persecutes God's people so cruelly.

Clever Scheme of Paying Jews

STUNG by the world's bitter comments regarding its outrageous treatment of the Jews, and yet determined to get all possible out of the circumstances, Germany invented a plan for recompensing those forced out that is unique and practical and from some points of view is fair. Heretofore the fugitive could take with him about 25 percent of his property; the rest was lost. Now he may turn his German fortune over to some German concern that has export connections and accept his pay in a mortgage at 4 percent. In the fourth year he receives 10 percent of the principal, and from then up to the thirteenth year equal annuities each year. By this method, though he gets nothing the first three years, the Jew, if nothing happens to Germany in the meantime, gets back about 65 percent of his property in thirteen years, and meantime has every reason in his new homeland to wish prosperity to Germany, and especially to the concern in which he has his mortgage interest. The efficiency expert that thought out that scheme was certainly a clever schemer.

A Nice Problem for the Inquisitors

RUDOLF SELZ, born in Germany, emigrated to England, became a British citizen, and fought against Germany in the World War. Twenty-five years after leaving Germany he returned and was arrested by the Nazi police. The British embassy will now have something to say and will surely say it. Selz was arrested on the charge that he is a Jew. "Racial pollution" is something Britain does not know anything about, nor does anybody else with any sense, and the Inquisitors are in for a bad hour.

"The Cause of the Black Death"

JAMES G. McDONALD, high commissioner for refugees from Germany, in resigning his post reminds the League of Nations that in the Middle Ages the Jews were massacred and expelled from the German States as the cause of the black death. He likens their present horrible condition in Germany to what then prevailed.

"Don't Tell My Father"

FROM Germany comes the tale of a Jewish boy, Abramovitch, who stopped a runaway horse bearing down on Hitler. Asked what he could do to reward his benefactor, the youth is alleged to have replied: "Don't tell my father."

Educational Aspects

Inquisitors Kill Book Business

CONTROL of all publishing businesses by the Ratti-Hitler Inquisitors has killed the German book business. Nobody wants books from a country that is under the thumb of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. In 1930 the German publishers had a turnover of 1,320,000,000 marks; in 1934 this had fallen to 754,000,000 marks, a decline of 43 percent. Now the morons are wondering why the publishing business is in such a bad way in Germany and what to do about it. Newspaper ownership will henceforth be limited to Nazis. To question anything today in Germany, no matter how honestly the inquirer desires information, results in the questioner's landing in a concentration camp. How would you like to live in a country like that? That is a picture of what America will be when the Hierarchy gets full control. See page 438.

New Press Laws

NO Jew may now have any part in the newspaper business of Germany. No one can own a newspaper, hold any shares in one or sit on the board of directors of one unless he can prove pure Aryan descent for the past 135 years; if married he must prove the pure Aryan descent of his wife. In cities where several papers are published the government can stop all the others and allow the Nazi organ to continue.

A Composer's Big Joke on Rudolph Hess

RUDOLPH HESS, one of the leaders of the Nazi party in Germany, addressed 1,800 Hitler Youth, congratulating them on having had a share in the greatest liberty movement in German history, but when the speech was published it was found that by a substitution of four letters in one of those long German words, Hess was alleged to have congratulated them on "the mightiest robbery of liberty in German history", which is, in fact, what they have done.

Still Bitten with the Superman Bug

STILL bitten with the superman bug, that a German, because he is a German, is superior to any other man on earth, the Nazis have now selected 12,000 super-Nazis, called "Schutzstaffel", all about six feet high. These must be Nordic, Teutonic and Aryan and must select Nordic, Teutonic and Aryan mates to breed bigger and better Nazis and more complete and absolute fools, if that is possible, which is doubted.

Shooting Things Up at Thanksgiving

GERMANY celebrated Thanksgiving October 6 by bombing of a cardboard village. Just how "the thunder of heavy guns, the crackle of machine guns, the rumble of tanks, the roar of army planes and the dropping of bombs on a cardboard village" until it went up in smoke and flames could be a suitable expression of thanks to the Creator for His mercies is something that only a crazy man could understand.

Infinite Capacity for Being Ridiculous

THE military leaders of Germany seem to have an almost infinite capacity for making themselves ridiculous. This was seen at Christmas time near Berlin, where a military cycle squad circled a Christmas tree to the tune of machine-gun fire and distributed models of tanks among the little folks they anticipate will make the next batch of cannon fodder.

To Build Most Powerful Radio Station

CRITICISM of the Nazi régime is finally getting under Germany's hide and she is now building the world's most powerful radio station, at Zeesen, with the avowed intent of sending out her own side of the story to all the world in German, English, French, Portuguese and Spanish.

New Toys

NEW toys in Germany are a boys' bombing plane, which circles around a room, and, as it goes, drops torpedoes which explode as they hit the floor. There is also a toy tank which races up an incline, discharging fireworks as it goes. The whole nation is insane again, as in 1914.

Blackmailing as a Business

THE silly laws of Germany against Jews have made possible an entirely new enterprise in that country, that of scientific blackmail. Jews are threatened with denunciation for 'racial disgrace' or some other imaginary violation and have to pay handsomely to avoid trouble.

Passports of Jews Confiscated

IN Munich there was a general raiding of Jewish homes and the confiscation of passports, it having been discovered that Jewish merchants had been selling their wares abroad and keeping the proceeds there instead of bringing the cash back to Nazidom.

Satan's Victory at Lonhatan

(From the German *Golden Age*)

MICHAEL DE MONTAIGNE and Baron de Coupene had charge over a church property or estate named Lonhatan. It lay in a lonely but fertile valley, which well provided its two hundred inhabitants. Lonhatan shut itself off from the rest of the world, knew no difference in social standing or work, and the people were happy, lived a regular life and grew old. This peaceful corner made Satan angry, and one night he suggested to the stupidest man in Lonhatan to send his son away to be educated. He did so.

When the young man came back, educated as a lawyer, a goat was missing just at that time. Goats then disappeared quite often, but no one became excited about it. This time, however, the lawyer hollered so much about the goat's being stolen that he got his first lawsuit, parties were formed, there was mudslinging, and shortly the young advocate had a good income and was satisfied.

Since anger is bad for gall and bladder, a few of the inhabitants fell ill, and a young doctor happening to visit the lawyer found it profitable to take up his domicile in the community. He taught the people how much pain they could have, and from how many diseases they could die. Up to that time everything in Lonhatan had been treated with garlic, and with good results, but after the doctor arrived only bad-tasting and expensive medicines were used.

To make the medicines the doctor called for a druggist. From that time the mortality took such a jump that the cemetery was enlarged and a young clergyman was engaged.

Seeing that only four men of science were in Lonhatan, every family wanted one of their own to have the title of doctor. Alas! it was all over with equality in social standing and work. The "brains" were triumphant and duly honored. As soon as Satan saw that twelve graduated Bachelors of Science had come to live in the once peaceful valley, he saw that he could turn his attention to some other place; for in Lonhatan his business was in good hands.

Housewives Suffer

GERMAN housewives are registered at the grocery stores where they usually trade, and may not purchase elsewhere articles (such as butter) of which there is a shortage. If they grumble they are brought into court.

Nazism (Catholic Action) in Practice

I HAVE spent hours in the cities of Germany, hunting for a smile on a human face, and have been disappointed in my quest. I found women in the churches who had come to believe that God had forsaken them.

I found blacklisted workers and their families hiding in their hovels, who told me that they were starving to death and were utterly without hope.

The Nazi system is a return to savagery, and civilization in Germany is being uprooted and destroyed. Germany is ruled by a clique of criminal racketeers. In the purge of last year Hitler murdered, with his own hand, one of his best friends, the commander-in-chief of the Nazi militia, a man whose jealous personal enemies succeeded in temporarily obtaining the ear of der Fuehrer.

This man and his clique rule through a party of 2,000,000 members who are organized and drilled as an army. However, the racketeers are now freeing themselves from their own party and regimenting the whole German people into the totalitarian state. These two millions act as spies during the day, permeating every factory and street corner crowd. They do their drill during the evening hours and on Sundays.—Dr. Frank Bohn, in the *Cleveland (Ohio) News*.

Will Be Broke by Midsummer 1937

FRAZIER HUNT, in an uncensored NEA dispatch from Berlin, states that in Germany "three million persons formerly unemployed are now working on war preparations" but that "Germany will face a problem in eighteen months of frankly what to do when her ready money is gone. A hungry man will not care to buy a revolver instead of food".

Catholic Action

FASCISM (Catholic Action) is not such a boon to the middle classes of Germany, for the cost of living is rising and wages are falling, according to their own official statements. The only ones going ahead are the makers of war implements and poison gas. These, and the pope, were the ones that first financed Hitler.

Nazis Get the Postal Jobs

MORE than 12,000 men and women have been compelled to sacrifice their jobs to members of the Nazi party in Germany.

Terrible Breakdown in Morality

IN THE *Medical Record* Hendrik de Leeuw tells of the horrible conditions that have arisen in Germany under the Nazi régime. Some of the items for which De Leeuw vouches are that there are 45,000 homosexuals in Berlin; that in Berlin there are more abortions than births; that in Berlin there are almost as many midwives as doctors, and one of these midwives interviewed by De Leeuw and another doctor admitted that she performs on an average four abortions a day; that since his last visit to Germany prostitution has increased tenfold; that there have been more cases of rape by German Nazis on Jewish women than in any previous time during the history of Germany. De Leeuw marvels at the mental conditions that would permit the Nazis to "in the same breath shout for extermination of the Jew and in the other debauch and defile young Jewish women and girls, many of the latter being under age". He states that there are nine thousand registered and fourteen thousand clandestine prostitutes in Berlin, with the girls' fees ranging from one to three marks. This information was sent to *The Golden Age* by a New York physician who thinks that, under the circumstances, the Nazi boast that Germany has a superior civilization falls of its own weight.

Wife a Nazi Would Accept

ONE of the Nazis advertised in the *Deutscher Bauer* for a wife. At the outset he was willing to content himself with the following: "I want a brave, original German girl as a comrade for life. She must be of northern blood and character, rectangular in body and soul, of healthy natural feelings, with a sense of sacrifice, a thirst for freedom, a woman's pride, and a joy in singing. She must have a passionate devotion to her nation and a heart in love with nature, sun and bodily exercise. She must be a real woman, symmetrically straight, perfectly healthy, undeviatingly true and honest, a fearless, faithful girl, determined to find a newer, finer life. She must be ready for agricultural work and fitted for it and she must be ready to take her place by the side of a straight, healthy, nature-loving, sport-loving, rustic German man. Dolls of dancing and of fashion need not apply. Private fortune not indispensable." What such a woman would want with such a man is the unsolved problem.

Not Christ, but Hitler

HANS KERRL, Reich minister for Church Affairs, did not come out openly and say that the German people must ignore Christ and come out for Hitler as their Savior, but he might as well have said so. In his New Year greeting for 1936 there was no mention made of Christ, but he did lead up to his grand climax of idolatry of Hitler in his closing remark, that "it lies with the churches to find their way freely to the leader of the German nation".

Women Walk to Doom with Dignity

WHEN the so-called "German Government" resumed the practice of the French Revolution of beheading women, it was noteworthy that the two women first beheaded walked to the guillotine without murmuring a single word, while men usually have to be dragged to the axe. The account says, "The executioner and his assistants wore black tailcoats, top hats and white gloves."

Judge Rutherford Heard in Iceland

A LETTER from Reykjavik, Iceland, says: "We heard Judge Rutherford's lecture from Los Angeles all the way through from Radio Normandie, France. As soon as the lecture was over I went to two other places where I knew people were going to listen in. It was fairly good, loud at times, but some fading."

Also in Finland

CORRESPONDENCE from Finland, referring to the reception there of Judge Rutherford's lecture, "Separating the Nations," notes that the best reception was from Radio Lyon, of France, but that EAQ, Madrid, was also heard; all in all, "A great spurring to us and a mighty testimony to those who heard."

Heard Their Own Radiogram Broadcast

A NOTE from Leicester, England, says: "We arrived there (Birmingham) in time for the midnight broadcast. Only ten cities in Britain were having the second speech diffused, so those from surrounding areas closed in on these. Again we had a treat, and were delighted to receive the greetings of the brethren in Los Angeles. We actually heard our own Leicester telegraph message read out. Indeed, we felt we were at the convention, truly a world-wide one."

Church's Commission

A five-minute talk

by Judge Rutherford

GOD has called and selected His church for a specific purpose. He has commissioned His church to do certain things. A commission is a warrant of authority commanding the performance of certain duties. The Lord Jesus is the head or chief one of the church, and that commission applies primarily to Him. That commission is recorded at Isaiah 61:1,2, and, amongst other things, says: 'The spirit of Jehovah is upon me, because Jehovah hath anointed me to preach the good news unto the teachable.' This commission applies to all of those who are in Christ Jesus and faithfully following in His footsteps. Each one, in obedience to this commission, must give testimony of the truth or good news. Jesus declared the very purpose of His coming to earth was to bear witness to the truth, and which is in fulfillment of this commission.

That message of good news or gospel, in brief, is this: That Jehovah is the only true and almighty God; that Jesus Christ, His beloved Son, is the Redeemer of man and the world's rightful Ruler; that in God's due time Christ Jesus will take over all power and authority, destroy all wickedness, and rule the world in righteousness, and that all who obey the Lord shall live for ever in happiness, and all others shall be destroyed. In harmony with the commission the angels of heaven announced at the birth of Jesus these words from Jehovah: 'Behold, we bring you good news of great joy which shall be unto all people. . . . Glory in the highest unto God, and on earth peace amongst men of good will.' (Luke 2:9-14, *Rotherham*) That means that only those who have good will toward God are brought into the condition of peace with God.

Those who voluntarily agree to do God's will and wholly devote themselves to the Lord He calls to a place in His organization and commissions them to follow Christ Jesus and be witnesses to Jehovah. To them He says: 'Ye are my witnesses and my servant; ye are my witnesses that I am God.' (Isaiah 43:9-12) In order to receive the approval of God these witnesses must faithfully perform the commission, which means that they must tell others who will hear the good news concerning Jehovah and His kingdom.

Such witnesses are true Christians because true followers of Christ Jesus. They are not commissioned to save souls, but to tell the truth, that others may learn the only way of salvation. Concerning these commissioned ones called to be members of the church of God He caused to be addressed in these words (1 Peter 2:9, *Diaglott*): "You are a chosen race, . . . a holy nation, a people for a purpose; that you may declare the perfections of him who called you from darkness into his wonderful light." All who become members of the real church must do faithfully what God has commanded them to do.

Those who receive this command from God, and who faithfully perform that commission, are ultimately changed in the resurrection from human to spirit creatures, and will for ever be associated with the Lord Jesus in heaven. (Revelation 20:4) The whole number thereof is limited to 144,000. No man or body of men selects them, because God alone selects and commissions His church. These are taken to heaven only upon condition that they prove entirely faithful in the performance of their God-given commission, and are the only ones of the human race that will ever be taken to heaven. There are millions of persons on earth who want to know God and Christ Jesus and serve in His kingdom, but who are not commissioned or anointed of the Lord, and they will never be taken to heaven. These are mentioned in the Scriptures as the "great multitude", and will be considered on another occasion.

Many persons are led to believe that they are members of the church and will go to heaven when they die because they have tried to obey the rules of some earthly organization called a "church". Jesus said, at Matthew 7:20,21: "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." "Fruits" representatively stand for the message that professed followers of Christ bring to others, and it is only those who take to the people the true message of God's kingdom that will be received by Him. It is only those who do the will of God by faithfully perform-

ing the commission given them that Christ will approve and receive as members of His kingdom. Concerning those who have assumed the name of Christ and preach selfish doctrines of men the Lord Jesus says they are lawless, and He commands them in these words: "Depart

from me, ye workers of lawlessness, for I never knew you." Jesus was faithful in performing His commission, and all His followers must likewise be faithful. He was persecuted, and for the same reason Jehovah's witnesses are now persecuted by the Devil and his agents.

[The foregoing is No. 41 in a series of "five-minute" talks by Judge Rutherford. These have met with much appreciation. This unique series of talks on vital Bible subjects has been reproduced for the phonograph, and the records may be used on the ordinary type of machine. They are being widely used for the home circle

and for passing the Bible's message for today on to neighbors, friends, acquaintances. The records are made by the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y. Inquiries concerning the records should be addressed to the Society, and not to *The Golden Age*.]

Convention Echoes

A South Dakotan Writes to Judge Rutherford

I HAD the pleasure of listening in on your world-wide radio broadcast yesterday (Sunday) afternoon and want to commend you for your fearlessness and intestinal fortitude in coming out and frankly accusing that monster, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, of bringing under control and subjecting not only the Protestant peoples of the world, but Jews and all other denominations, to a new Inquisition, the horrors of which will be more terrible than the last, as they have plenty of experience to draw upon. I have waited, and sometimes not patiently, since 1930 for a man of your caliber to tell the people of the United States what has been taking place since late 1927.

All peoples banded together and prevented Rome from putting a Catholic president in Washington, when they thought the *time* was right and at the same time causing the U.S. to intervene in Mexico, but going right back to sleep in 1928. Our president, I think, from several of his speeches in 1930 and 1931, was aware of what was taking place but was afraid of bloodshed if he told the people. After this setback the Catholic church didn't stop, but set out to accomplish and have accomplished gaining control of our money. How? By being the cause of the great financial crash, commencing in 1929, of our commodity, stock and bond markets, driving us to the very brink of hell in 1932. Now they are behind the inflation movement, through the same source, to complete the ruin. The pope and the consistory are past masters in the art of speculation. Who is behind the destruction of all kinds of foodstuffs, killing of hogs, plowing

up wheat and cotton, etc., to create a shortage and bring about this inflation? You know the answer. Our present administration has violated every natural and God-given law that ever existed. Our political offices are in the control of Catholics. In the state of South Dakota 85 percent of our public officers are Catholics.

I fully coincide with your views. More power to you in endeavoring to awake the American people, non-Catholic, before we are entirely ruined, if that is possible.

WM. K. DENHAM.

Heard in Two Places in Italy

A LETTER from Torino, Italy, says of Judge Rutherford's lecture on "Separating the Nations": "The lecture came in clearly and powerfully. We only wish we could have understood it all, but our hearts were full of joy, knowing that it was thundering in every corner of the earth. We were glad to hear Brother Rutherford's powerful voice right in our own home." A letter from Ser di Prerostino also says: "We were 18 present, hearing the lecture, a number of our own brethren and many friends and sympathizers in the truth. We were glad to hear Judge Rutherford's voice directly, and even though we were not able to understand it all, our hearts were thrilled with joy that such a message was thundered all over the world. Sometimes there was a slight fading, and at other times it came in thundering, reminding one of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'Hear, O heavens; and give ear, O earth.' We are anxiously waiting to read the lecture in the Italian language."

“In Prisons Oft”

(A letter to Judge Rutherford from three of Jehovah's witnesses in New Jersey)

GREETINGS in the name of Jehovah, our King Eternal!

You undoubtedly know of the arrest and imprisonment of thirteen of Jehovah's witnesses at Irvington campaign, February 16, ten brothers and three sisters, one of whom I was privileged to be. Since the experiences of the sisters were rather unique in this case, we thought you might be interested in hearing of them, and I have been asked by Srs. Schuster and Morgan to write you for the three of us.

We had all worked about two hours when taken in, though in separate groups and sections of the city, and arrived at the police station within a half hour of each other, and around noon. Our bags with literature were taken from us, and when the matron arrived we were searched and locked up in a small room. We knew some brothers were in, and afterwards heard some more being taken through the hall. We had all made requests to telephone, which were ignored. We heard them tune in WBBR at 3:45 p.m., and know they listened to the drama all the way through, though they closed the door so we couldn't hear it, only very faintly.

About six o'clock, I think it was, we were called and told to take our things and forward march, and, as we came out into the hall, saw the brothers, ten of them, coming into the hall also. Upstairs into a cold courtroom, and in a few minutes a tall, broad-shouldered, blond man entered and took the judge's seat. After reading the charges in each case, pronouncing us 'guilty', he ordered us held under cash bond for trial on Monday. In the case of the sisters he stated that if the money was not paid by eight o'clock we were to be sent to the Detention House in Newark, making the excuse that they had not the conveniences for keeping us at the jail in Irvington over night.

When we were returned downstairs we asked for something to eat, as we had had nothing since early morning. I explained to the officer that I could not eat anything cooked in aluminum, had not been well, and had been under the doctor's care for several months; so he brought some fruit and milk for me, and hot supper for the other two. At eight o'clock we were ordered to get our things on and were taken in a radio car to the Detention House in Newark and turned over to the superintendent, Mr. Burgess.

Our clothes were taken from us and we were

given uniforms to wear while there, but were allowed to keep our purses and personal things, though warned by the matron to 'carry them with us all the time, as the girls there would steal anything they could find'. We slept in a dormitory with others, almost all of whom were young girls of the hardest-boiled type. There was a separate dormitory for the colored girls, so Sr. Morgan had to go there.

There was a general recreation room where you could sit on a hard bench at a table and read when work was done. We ate in a dining room off tables with white enameled top, and the food, what there was of it, was good and was not cooked in aluminum, and everything was clean. However, fruit is an unknown quantity there, and only white bread is served. I was quite ill with a cold when I went there and they did not ask me to work, but the other two had to do some work.

Monday morning we were told to get ready for court, but instead of court it was the Hall of Records where we were taken, to be measured, weighed, fingerprinted and photographed. Before taking the photographs, they put on us a breastplate, not of righteousness, but that we might, like Jesus, be *numbered* with the sinners. Then we returned to the Detention House just in time to see some friends who had been there to try to see us and bring some fruit. I asked if we could see them, but not only was I refused the privilege, but we were all then and there upbraided for being what we were and for what we had been doing, according to their interpretation, by a Mr. Ryan, who was on duty at the time.

That afternoon I asked if we could have a Bible, and later received a brand-new Gideon, for which we were duly grateful to our heavenly Father. The time from then until we left to go to the trial on Wednesday we spent studying "to show ourselves approved unto God", that we might be equipped for the trial. As we had opportunity we witnessed to those around us, but the girls were very "hard-boiled" and it is a question as to whether we made any real impression on them. Two of the matrons seemed to be kindly disposed to us because of the Truth.

Wednesday morning we were called for the trial, which lasted until late that night, as you probably know. I was fined \$50; and the other two sisters, \$25 each. I was the only one of the three put on the stand. Before the cases were all

tried we sisters were sent downstairs to wait in the waiting room, not locked up; so we had the privilege of seeing some of the friends. After it was all over and nearly all of the friends had gone, the judge suddenly decided to let us sisters out in the custody of our attorney until Friday. Sr. Morgan lived near, Sr. Schuster was able to go with friends still there, but I had to take a bus after almost an hour's wait on the corner in the bitter cold. I was very glad to go home, and gave thanks to Jehovah that it had been so arranged.

Friday we went back to Irvington, waited all the afternoon for the judge or clerk of court, neither of whom showed up; so all efforts to take us out on bond pending appeals were balked. There was nothing for the attorney, Mr. Waks, to do but to turn us over to the police. The brothers had been held in jail all this time. We were taken downstairs and again locked up in the little room. I overheard the officer to say that the judge would be there at seven o'clock to sign the commitments and that they were going to get rid of the whole bunch of us that night. Finally they came and brought us some supper, hot, but served in aluminum, so I had to forego most of mine.

At three minutes to eight they called us to get our things and come on. We supposed we were to be taken to Newark jail, but when we got outside to the desk the officer on duty said he had a telephone message from the judge saying he couldn't get there that night and that we could go home and come back the next morning at eleven o'clock. An officer standing near warned us that if we were not back they would send for us on a bench warrant. Sr. Schuster had no way of getting to her home, so I took her home with me on the bus. When we arrived about nine-thirty I reported to Brother Rossier.

The next morning we returned to Irvington by eleven o'clock, only to be informed that the judge had changed his mind again, and had telephoned we were to be allowed to go home until ten o'clock Monday morning. Did our hearts leap for joy, as we had desired to go to the New York convention, and now the Lord's angels had opened the door! We knew we could have no part in the service that morning, but would be in time for the afternoon sessions and could go home with our people from there.

Needless to say we hastened on our way, that is, Sr. Schuster and I did, as Sr. Morgan couldn't

very well go that day. When we arrived in New York at the Mecca Temple we located Brother Moyle who just happened to be talking to Brother Rossier at the time and reported to them our experience and privilege in being allowed to attend the convention. Words fail us to express our appreciation for this great blessing which was to strengthen us for the coming trials.

Returning to Irvington on Monday morning we were allowed to go in and see the brothers who were still locked up, five of them, and to give them a little of the convention news. We learned that they too had had a blessing in being allowed to hear your lecture at three o'clock in the outer waiting room, in the company of eight or nine officers, and that they had also been able to send you a telegram, and we rejoiced with them.

We took up another siege of waiting in the waiting room. Sr. Cohen had come to bring some things to the brothers, and she waited with us. It was after one o'clock when we were told to get our things on, and then, before we knew it, the brothers were there, too, with their bundles and we were all hustled out into the patrol and with two policemen on the ends of the seats, on our way to, we supposed, the Newark county jail. However, one of the brothers remarked we were going in a funny direction, and then that they must be taking us in a roundabout way.

Someone asked one of the officers where we were going, and they said, "Caldwell!" It was a blow, for we had heard some things about Caldwell, at the Detention House; but we gathered our smiles and left it with the Lord, knowing He was well able to take care of us. We were anxious as to whether Sr. Cohen would find it out before she left, but the Lord saw to that too. When we arrived I asked the warden what our sentences were, and learned that mine was twenty days and the other sisters ten days.

We were put in the women's building, had to give up all we took in with us, were stripped of our clothes, given showers, and then the prison garb from skin out. We asked for and were allowed to keep our sweaters after they made sure they were clean! Everything was washed or fumigated to make sure no disease was being brought in. We were booked and given to understand that if we did not work we would not eat, that we could write and receive only two letters per week. No one could see us without a pass, and then two persons only on different days.

Afterward we learned we had to be there fourteen days before we could see anyone.

We were advised by the head matron that if anyone asked us why we were there we were to say we didn't know, we suppose we had done something wrong, we didn't know just what; but we refused to do as advised, telling her we must be honest and tell the truth, that we were arrested for preaching the gospel of God's kingdom. She said, 'Well, of course, that is up to you, but it would make it easier for you if you followed my advice.'

We were domiciled on the quarantine tier, where they have to stay for a week, then if everything is O.K. they are transferred downstairs, given a nicer uniform, white apron, etc. The next morning some girls who had been there since the previous Thursday were changed before their week was up, evidently to leave us alone. The next morning the head matron came to see us and tell us she was going to leave us there for the full time of our stay, so we could be alone. She let us have our Bibles and promised me the *Riches* book I had with me after she had a chance to look it over.

The cells and corridor were not unattractive, but the beds were awful, worse than boards, and the food was not much. However, everything was very clean, and we cannot say they were entirely unkind to us. We gave the head matron a witness Tuesday morning and she seemed to agree with all we told her, but asked if it was true that Judge Rutherford lived in a palace in California, etc. Wednesday we were called downstairs to be fingerprinted again, and the man doing the job vented his spleen on Sr. Morgan, as he couldn't hold in any longer, I guess.

Mr. Waks came at 1:30 to have us sign some papers, and later we again were called to the office to see the doctor, who questioned us in regard to the time we were to be in there, instead of our health, and when he learned I had twenty days and the other sisters only ten, he was curious as to why? I told him I was, too. We understood that he would take a blood test, but he didn't do anything, and I suppose he was there only to get his fee recorded.

Thursday morning we were called and told to get ready to go out, and found that a police-woman, who they say can shoot surer and faster than any cop on the force, brought up a new prisoner and was to take us back to Newark, where we waited for two hours for them to bring

the brothers down, as they were working on the coal pile. Arrangements were then completed for our release on bond until March 30. I have given you only the high lights, as I know your time is limited, and you need your strength for other things, but even at that I am afraid the narrative has been rather lengthy, and I ask your forgiveness.

In conclusion, we wish to say that the experience has been a great strength to us, showing us the favor of Jehovah in permitting this opportunity of proving our faithfulness, and, by His grace, our hands will not be slacked. and when March 30 comes, if it be His will we will go back to finish our sentence, and if not, then we will know the victory will still be His, and we shall continue to praise His name.

Assuring you of our love and prayers that you may be given the strength to continue 'pressing the battle to the gate', and to the vindication of Jehovah's name, we are

"For Jehovah and for Gideon,"

ELIZABETH L. WHEELER

CLARA SCHUSTER (Paterson company)

AMANDA MORGAN (Newark Colored)

P.S. Our Caldwell home was the State Penitentiary, and, as far as we were able to find out, all matrons were Roman Catholic, and probably the men in charge were also.

Made Use of the Town Crier in Trinidad

JEHOVAH'S witnesses at Trinidad, British West Indies, made use of the usual methods of calling attention to the coming broadcast of Judge Rutherford's lecture on "Separating the Nations", but put on one feature that was once widely used by generations gone, and will seem new to most of the witnesses elsewhere. For \$1.50 they hired the Town Crier and sent him through the streets calling out loudly how the lecture could be heard. This is the best thing next to a sound car.

The Judge's Lecture Heard in Syria

FROM Tripoli, Syria, comes the information that a group of Jehovah's witnesses met there on the evening of February 23 and heard (from 10:00 to 11:00 p.m.) Judge Rutherford's lecture delivered that same day at Los Angeles, at noon, Pacific Time. The translation says: "All present rejoiced and gave thanks to Jehovah for this wonderful provision of hearing the most important message that has been delivered in modern times, 'Separating the Nations.'"

Obeisance to the Pope in Griffin, Ga.

THE chief officials of Griffin, Georgia, are not at all satisfied with the American bill of rights. They do not believe in freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and freedom of worship. They believe in framing mischief by a law against the righteous. They think it smart to prostitute the courts for their evil purposes. They would turn the wheels of progress back to the Dark Ages and install themselves as the tycoons and popes of an American city.

On January 28, 1936, the board of commissioners of Griffin passed an ordinance regulating the distribution of printed matter. Under this ordinance no person can distribute New Year cards to the homes of his friends without permission of the city manager. If you pass out a few Bibles to homes in the city, you can be declared a nuisance and sentenced to prison. The city manager is boss. He can determine what is to be distributed to the people of the city. What kind of people live in a town that will let one man decide what can be given to them in their homes?

On Sunday, March 15, a group of Jehovah's witnesses went to Griffin to worship God through preaching the gospel by printed page from door to door. That is the way Jesus and the disciples worshiped Jehovah, so presumably no good Christian would now object to anyone's following the practice. The acting chief of police, the city manager and the chairman of commissioners very evidently do not consider themselves to be Christians, for they became greatly enraged when notified that Jehovah's witnesses had come to town to preach the gospel. 'Gather them in and lock them up,' were the orders given to the police, and the great crusade against truth and righteousness in Griffin began.

The officers labored diligently. They arrested and thrust into jail eighty-two of these Christian people. They made no discrimination as to age, sex, race or color. Little Shirley Rogers, age 4, who must have been a terrible menace to the town, was brought in with the others. Another little girl, age 12, was also locked behind the bars. Two men were arrested for driving a car through the town. Others were arrested because they were Jehovah's witnesses, and therefore had no business being in Griffin.

After the police and city manager had done all they could to make the city like an *equus asinus*, the finishing touches were turned over to Judge W. H. Beck of the Criminal Court. Beck carried on nobly. A drunk and disorderly

person who set a mattress afire was fined \$5. But preaching the gospel is more serious. Thirteen of the prisoners were fined \$15 each, or fifteen days in jail. De Torquemada could have made good use of Judge Beck in his day. After thirteen convictions were entered, a sudden change in proceedings was made. The authorities discovered they had hold of something they didn't want, and the rest of the cases were dismissed without trial.

Thus has Griffin embarked on a course of religious persecution and oppression. Thus has it brought shame and dishonor to itself in the midst of a nation which has been declared by its highest court to be a Christian nation. How similar the actions of these officials to those of the Catholic judges, Catholic police, Catholic priests and their allies in New Jersey. Do their orders come from the same source?

Liberty-loving people of Griffin would better wake up and investigate before they find they have moved back into the times of the Inquisition. Atlanta and Thomaston, Ga., have temporarily fallen into the same Jesuit trap.

The Bleating of Goats at Detroit

GREAT excitement among the goats at Detroit. Following Judge Rutherford's lecture on "Separating the Nations" the Detroit *Free Press* had an item from some unhappy masticator of tin cans saying: "Detroit Council of Catholic Organizations will name a committee to confer with representatives of Protestant churches about broadcasts of Judge Rutherford. The council, as reported in *The Michigan Catholic*, diocesan newspaper, charged that the judge through a local outlet over station WJR had abused all churches and had compared clergy to goats."

How Judge Rutherford Was Heard in Japan

IN JAPAN it is against the law to own or use a shortwave radio set at all. It was quite remarkable that Judge Rutherford's address at Los Angeles was received clearly on an old-style radio set at ———, Japan. Time of reception was during the hour ending at 6:56 Monday morning. ———, speaking for the company there, writes: "The voice came in very clear. It was surely thrilling! We, Jehovah's witnesses in Japan, heartily joined in 'Aye' with you all, dear fellow workers in Jehovah's service all over the world."

Report from Palestine

THE German pioneer Georg Ritter, now in Jerusalem, Palestine, who, with exception of several months of sickness, has for two years been engaged in the pioneer work in Palestine, reports that he has covered Jaffa, Tel-Aviv and vicinity, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and other places.

He has found that the entire Jewish people there begins to awake, in spite of the numerous political and religious leaders who led them astray. Least prejudiced amongst the Jewish population are the many thousands of Jewish refugees from Germany, and it was easy to make many friends among them. But what seems necessary to help them is some literature written especially for Jews, which would make it so much easier for them to understand the truth.

The Moslems are almost unapproachable; besides, most of them are analphabets. It was easy for political agitators to incite this ignorant people against the Jewish colonists and make them idolize Hitler and to expect their salvation from Hitlerism. The only literature they care to read is "books from Hitler"—if they can read at all. They hate the Jews and the English and are friends of the Germans. They rebuke this German pioneer for his association with Jews, and the Jews rebuke him for his association with Arabs. Both parties think it is treason.

The worst are the "Christian" Arabs. They are spiritually and economically serfs of the fifty different religious sects, especially of the Roman Catholic, Greek Catholic, and Protestant organizations. Most of those Arabs sharply refuse to accept the truth literature, apparently fearing they might lose the material benefits of their affiliation with "Christendom".

Other people mistake him for a missionary; and the missionaries in Palestine are hated and despised as parasites. Ritter reports:

"A few days ago I testified to the various consulates. The Austrian and the Abyssinian consuls took books. The Abyssinian is a very nice fellow; he was very much interested and took nine books and six booklets in English. At present I am working in Bethlehem. The people here are very unapproachable. All that they are interested in is to sell to the tourists all kinds of trumpery stuff. The whole swindle reminds me of that trade with the idols of Diana in Ephesus, mentioned in Acts 19. How much I wish a greater testimony could be given here. Maybe later

the radio could also be used. Soon a radio station will start operation in Jerusalem. A pioneer has a harder life in Palestine than in Europe. There the people willingly contribute for the literature they receive; but here most people wish to receive literature entirely free, which, of course, I cannot do at length, since living expenses are steadily increasing."

New Jersey Courts of Peculiarity

IN Jersey City Bishop Francis Borszewski, pastor of the Roman Catholic Church of St. Stephen the Martyr, struck Mrs. Celia Gartowski in the eye because she called on him with a complaint about his organist, who happened to be Mrs. Gartowski's husband.

Mrs. Gartowski sued the bishop for the decoration.

The case came up for trial before Judge Saturnewicz, and he found the bishop guilty of striking Mrs. Gartowski.

But this judge was peculiarly kind and considerate. The bishop was not punished. All he received was a suspended sentence and a gentle reproof.

That was very peculiar, wasn't it?

In Irvington, New Jersey, Clara Schneider was found "guilty" by Judge Thomas J. Holleran of preaching the gospel of God's kingdom to two Irvington residents at their homes. She received a fine of \$100, and her sentence was not suspended.

Now, wasn't that peculiar?

And when you compare that peculiar decision with Judge Saturnewicz's peculiar judgment, what conclusion can you reach?

The answer: That Romanists are out to stand by one another and kill off all real protesters. That, however, is not so peculiar.

"Like Father, Like Son"

STRIVING for absolute accuracy, the South African branch of the Watch Tower explains that the John Smith Moffat who boxed the ears of the poor natives at Mufulira so savagely that he burst or injured the eardrums of sixty of them in one year is the son of the Reverend Malcolm Moffat who sat on the Alison-Russell Commission, Northern Rhodesia. See *The Golden Age* No. 425. For the distribution of that issue in South Africa a small slip was printed making the necessary correction.

The Progressive A&P

TALK about the gall of the short weight artists of Canada: when Congress was investigating the A&P, a man masquerading under the name of an investigating company, who was actually in the pay of the A&P, applied to the committee for the job of investigating the A&P and other chain stores. He did not get the job. It was brought out at the hearings that on fresh meats A&P get $\frac{1}{2}$ percent which no others get, because they buy in larger quantities. In the case of Babbitt's goods, if three different wholesalers buy each year 7,500 cases they receive a quantity allowance of \$3,375, but if the A&P buys the same number of cases of goods, the quantity allowance is \$18,000, or over five times as much. And so the Devil's policy of making the rich richer and the poor poorer goes merrily on—down the toboggan that will end with Armageddon.

Morgan Does Not Always Win

WHEN the house of Morgan guaranteed the French government in 1917 that if they would stay in the fight they would put the United States into the World War on the side of the Allies, they kept their promise by buying up the newspapers that control what is, for rhetorical purposes, called public opinion. But the house does not always win. A while back it loaned about \$48,000,000 to the Van Sweringen brothers, then controlling railway properties alleged to be worth \$3,000,000,000. When the big bill came due it was not paid, the properties were put up at auction, the Van Sweringens bought control again for \$3,000,000, which is six and one-fourth percent of what they borrowed, and the house of Morgan will whistle for the remaining \$45,000,000 as cheerfully as possible under the circumstances.

Wholesale House on Wheels

PURCHASES from wholesale houses are made from samples. Drummers carry what they can, and some of them have as many as twenty trunks, but Marshall Field & Company, Chicago's greatest wholesale house, have a still bigger layout. They now have a shining ten-car merchandise train traveling up and down the Mississippi valley. When it comes to town every merchant in town goes to see what is latest and best in his line, and business comes in as a matter of course.

Athearn Trimmed the Chamber of Commerce

CLARENCE R. ATHEARN, considered one of the most valuable members of the United States Chamber of Commerce research staff, resigned his position with the Chamber, asserting that the Chamber had itself circulated more Red literature in America than the Reds themselves, and that it forms a dignified front for putting across subversive legislation to thwart freedom of speech, freedom of press and freedom of teaching in the schools.

The Vanishing Train Dispatchers

TRAIN dispatchers are slowly vanishing. In 1920 there were 5,976 dispatchers, drawing \$18,271,603 in compensation. In 1934 the number had been reduced to 3,275, with the compensation amounting to \$10,262,815. In fourteen years the compensation of the men was increased \$6.41 a month and their work almost doubled.

Telegraph Companies in Hot Water

THE air mails have cut into their business so much that the telegraph companies are in distress. At their request, the Federal Communications Commission has ruled that nobody may send free more than \$50 worth of messages a year; and certainly nobody should object to that reasonable rule.

Where Telephones Are Most Numerous

IN Washington there are 35.31 telephones per 100 inhabitants; in San Francisco, an even 35 per 100 inhabitants; in Stockholm, Sweden, which comes next, there are 31.95 telephones per 100 inhabitants. In the United States as a whole there are 13 telephones to every 100 inhabitants.

Long Island Railroad Company

THE Long Island Railroad Company, owned by Pennsylvania Railroad Company, asked that its rent of space in the Pennsylvania station be raised \$300,000 a year, so it could make an effort to raise its commutation rates. Some system, eh?

Talking from Fourteen Miles Up

FOURTEEN miles up in the air over South Dakota Captains Anderson and Stevens talked to a reporter in a newspaper office in London, explaining that when their balloon ripped they patched the rip, seventeen feet long, with cement.

The Kingdom of Usam

IN THE ancient kingdom of Usam the domestic virtues were highly prized. Men were expected to love their wives. Children were expected to honor their parents.

Certain persons in the kingdom of Usam were most particularly determined that men should love their wives, that children should honor their parents. They went down to the capital of their nation and in the holy name of love to wives and honor to parents they demanded a law.

This law provided that whenever they came within six feet of each other a husband must kiss his wife. Also it provided that whenever it came within six feet of its parents a child must fall on its knees, elevate its hands and cry "Hail! honored parent".

The law seemed amiable and it was enacted. Thereafter the sound of smacking lips filled all the land. Husbands were kissing their wives as the law required. And from all directions arose the voice of youth. "Hail! parent," it was crying from bended knee.

There came in the course of a little time a cloud over the sky of all Usam. The smacking went on as before; the kneeling and the "Hail! parent" ceased not.

But it was observed that tens of thousands of husbands, as they kissed their wives with their lips slapped them in the face with their hands. It was observed, too, that the good wives slapped back with equal zeal. And now and then it was a fist, and not an open hand, that dealt the blow.

Also, parents began to appear with ghastly bumps the size of hens' eggs on their heads. Dutiful youth, kneeling as the law required and crying "Hail! parent" as it knelt, had come to casting snowballs and stones at the object of their obeisance as they paid their devotion as the law required.

So there was the whole nation of Usam—husbands kissing their wives as if they loved them and slapping them in the face as if they hated them, and children kneeling to their parents as if they revered them and smashing them with snowballs as if they despised them. Appalled, the parliament of Usam met in special session to consider what to do. An eminent psychologist was called to psychoanalyze the plight. He heard the story and answered on the spot. "Oh, you dumbbells of Usam," he said, "know you not that you cannot make men or even children love by law?"

"Know you not," he went on, "that only in

freedom can love exist, that when law comes in at the window love goes out at the door?"

So the parliament of Usam quickly repealed the law compelling men to kiss their wives, requiring children to pay obeisance to their parents.

Thereupon, men kissed their wives less, children knelt to their parents no more, but now men loved their wives more and children had reverence for their parents no less.

But even after that there were members of the parliament of Usam who thought it would be a fine thing to insure love of country in Usam by compelling every citizen to salute the flag on sight on pain of a broken head.—Dayton (Ohio) *Daily News*.

Civil Contempt in New Jersey

THREE and one-half miles out of Plainfield, N. J., the Crempa family tried to prevent one of the big electric power companies from stretching wires across their place. Crempa was adjudged in contempt and deputies were sent to bring him, but warned not to use weapons. Eight armed men swept down upon the Crempa home, shot and killed Mrs. Crempa, the mother of several small children, and wounded her husband, a war veteran, a taxpayer. The men who did this were reprimanded, mildly, soothingly, and acquitted.

Burning Oat Fields in Kansas

FARMERS in Hutchinson, Kansas, were required to burn sixteen acres of oats, estimated to bear 35 bushels per acre. They planted the field for pasture purposes, intending after pasturage to plow the crop under, but rains came on and the crop matured, whereupon, government agents demanded that the fields be set afire. The farmers who had the fields offered to let neighbors pasture their cattle in the oats, but that was not satisfactory to the Government.

Off-Again On-Again Gone-Again Coughlin

UNDER the title "Father Coughlin Changes Again", the *Milwaukee Journal* calls attention to the fact that Coughlin "has announced a third political conversion on the New Deal", and meekly inquires: "How long will Father Coughlin be 'off' the Roosevelt administration this time? Will he be 'on' it again before the election next year? It is anybody's guess."

When the Walls of Jericho Fell

WHEN the walls of Jericho fell, sometime in the month of April, 1475 B.C., and the city was burned with fire, just as the Scriptures set forth in Joshua 6:24, there was in the city wheat, barley, lentils, dates, olives and even pieces of dough which the Canaanite housewives were preparing to feed to their families, when the trumpets of the Israelites sounded and the walls fell. The foodstuffs were carbonized by the heat of the fire and have been preserved in the ruins through 3,410 years. They were recently discovered. No metals were found, and the reason therefor is set forth in the passage mentioned, which reads: "And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of Jehovah."

Seal of Gedaliah Found

IN 2 Kings 25: 22 mention is made of Gedaliah, the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom Nebuchadnezzar appointed as governor after the capture of Jerusalem in the year 607 B.C. The seal of this man Gedaliah has just been found at Lachish, Palestine. It is inscribed, "To Gedaliah who rules the house," and is in Hebrew. A month earlier, potsherds, bearing Hebrew inscriptions, written in ink, were found which contained the name of Jehovah several times: also the Biblical names of Jeremiah, Mat-taniah, Gemariah and Jaazaniah, spelled exactly as in the most reliable manuscripts of the Bible. The potsherds found were all addressed, so it is believed, to Gedaliah. The opening salutation, in each instance, was, "May Jehovah let my master hear good news, peace."

Fragments of Ivory Couches

FRAGMENTS of ivory couches, mentioned by the prophet Amos (6:4), have been found in the ruins of Samaria. Most of them had once been decorated with gold and inset of colored glass and lapis lazuli. These couches are believed to also include traveling litters, upon which the rich, denounced by Amos, were borne on men's shoulders. Amos' reference to the ivory couches, however, appears to picture a banquet in which the rich luxuriated without concerning themselves about the affliction of the people generally. One of the silliest of human follies is the coveting of riches. Where are now the rich men of Amos' day?

An Experiment on Social Science Students

GEORGE D. CARRINGTON, of Rhode Island, writing of the rapid spread of various forms of socialism, says:

I know a college professor who, during the last presidential campaign, placed on the blackboard before his class in social science the main planks of the republican, democratic, socialist and communist platforms. He did not tell them that those were the party platforms. He numbered them "No. 1", "No. 2", "No. 3," and "No. 4". Then he called for a discussion and debate of the principles set forth. After that he had them vote their choice. Platform "No. 4" received the greatest number of votes of the students; that was communism. "No. 3," socialism, received the next highest; "No. 2," the democratic platform, came in for a bad third; and poor "No. 1", the republican, was nearly left out altogether. When the students were then told how they had actually voted, when names of parties had been thrown aside, they were much surprised, and some were astonished. There are at this moment more people living under some imperfect form of socialism than there are living under other systems.

Need for Real Editors

"THERE is more need today for free and fearless publications than ever before in the history of the world. You have no doubt observed that the first move of any dictator, or any tyrant, is to muzzle the press. People can be held in subjection only when they are ignorant of the truth. Given the facts, they can be depended upon to judge wisely."—Governor George H. Earle, of Pennsylvania.

New York's Lightning Dressmakers

TWO London buyers in New York claim that Paris is too slow; that before Paris stores can get supplies of new styles they are copied in New York and in the stores here, and as a result Paris has ceased to be the style center of the world. They acknowledge American women the best dressed in day clothes and sport garments, but maintain that London is at the head for evening wear.

Railroads Waking Up

THE railroads are waking up, and need to, to keep out of the junk yard. The coach fare from Chicago to California has been cut to the very low price of \$34.50; breakfasts are served for 25c, luncheon for 30c, and dinner for 35c. The Union Pacific has put on an air-conditioned de luxe coach for the exclusive use of women and children.

Health and Miscellaneous

New York State Chiropractors Celebrating

THE New York State Chiropractors are celebrating the fact that they have been practicing their healing art for forty years. They are licensed to practice in forty-one states. The American Medical Association crowd are so deeply immersed in New York state that they have succeeded in preventing the licensing of chiropractics in the Empire State. Twenty-one chiropractors were arrested recently near Binghamton—an act of petty persecution which will be plentifully rewarded some day. Has the American Medical Association fallen so low that it has to resort to the methods of the Hierarchy and the racketeer to squelch competition?

Miracles of Surgery at Cardiff

SOME of the miracles of eye surgery at Cardiff, Wales: H. H. Watson, Swallow, England, all but blind for 27 years, now sees through two corneas, one from the eye of a blind friend, one from the eye of a woman he has never met. A woman, blind for thirty years, has had her sight restored. A girl of seventeen who was blind in one eye and was losing the sight of the other has regained her vision in both eyes. Many other cases of similar import are described in London *Tit-Bits*. Team work among three surgeons is assigned as the chief reason for the remarkable results obtained.

Cancer Killed 17,000 in New York

DURING 1934, in New York state alone, 17,000 persons died of cancer, the highest death rate from cancer ever recorded. This is to be expected as long as aluminum continues in the kitchens of homes and restaurants. Perhaps the undertakers are pleased, the doctors, too, and the aluminum trust; but those who love their fellow men will continue to long for the time when the kingdom of God will put an end to the slow poisoning of thousands upon thousands of unsuspecting victims of commercial greed.

For Running Fits or Worms

CRUSH dry egg shells and mix with dog's food until there are no signs of fits or worms. This will not remove tapeworm. For tapeworm try slippery elm bark cut in small pieces and mixed with the dog's food.—Mrs. J. Howard.

Why Go to Alaska?

WHY people should have to be induced to go into the cold interior of Alaska to find farms and homes, when vast areas in the United States are held by speculators out of any use at all—when virtually all the farm land in the country is operated at an extremely low efficiency—when the Government is sending spies around to make the farmers plow under more crops—and when under scientific management one or two states could supply the entire nation in agricultural products—the whole idea of the Alaska colony not only looks cockeyed, but is awfully behind the times.

Modern science dooms all Alaska homesteading, Government-sponsored back-yard farming for subsistence, and even the old-fashioned one-family farms. Future farming will be done in large units, by the best of machinery and as a part of the nation's chemical industry.—Upton Sinclair's *National Epic News*.

Could Not Get Judge Rutherford to Do It

THE difference between Judge Rutherford and Roman Catholic Bishop McAuliffe, of Hartford, Connecticut, is that Judge Rutherford is a man. And that is quite a difference, when one comes to think of it. Judge Rutherford does not wear lace petticoats nor act like one of these indeterminate things that do. If Bishop McAuliffe, of Hartford, talked over the radio until he was blue in the face, do you suppose Judge Rutherford would try to get him off the air? Not on your life. Judge Rutherford is a man. But when Judge Rutherford lectured over a world-wide broadcast, telling all people the vital truths about the Roman Catholic Hierarchy that they must now know, it was too much for McAuliffe, and he and five other priests and a Roman Catholic attorney all called up station WELI and scared the latter into putting the Watch Tower programs off the air. There is not another class of men on God's green earth small enough or mean enough or contemptible enough to do such a thing. Thank God, the judge is still a man, and these other things—oh, what's the use? Who knows what anybody is who wears lace petticoats above size 15 brogans? The petticoat fraternity in New Orleans is just as small and just as contemptible as in Hartford. The same things were done as in Connecticut. The 'girls' in lingerie cannot stand the truth.

Obedience Retains the Heavenly Favor

“If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.”—John 14: 23.

THE greatest blessing that can come to any creature is to have the great and ever-blessed Jehovah God deign to acknowledge his humble heart. If the heart is not humble He will not do so. If it does not remain humble He will not continue to show His favor. Obedience and humility travel hand in hand; if one is present, so is the other. To be obedient one must be humble (1 Peter 5: 5, 6); to be humble one must make an earnest effort to obey God's will.

The same chapter that tells us of the birth of the New Nation says: “Thus saith [Jehovah], The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith [Jehovah]: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.”—Isaiah 66: 1, 2.

The plain inference is that the great Jehovah God deigns to acknowledge the heart of the poor and contrite of spirit, as also is implied in the assurance that “[Jehovah] is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit”.—Psalm 34: 18.

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” (Psalm 51: 17) “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.”—Isaiah 57: 15.

It is not in heaven that Jehovah God revives the spirit of the humble and the contrite; it is here and now. There will be no need to revive the spirit of the humble and contrite ones when they are themselves possessors of life in all its fullness.

“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am [Jehovah] thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour.” (Isaiah 43: 2, 3) One thinks instinctively of the form of the fourth that was

with Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego in the fiery furnace. He was like the Son of God.

Paul Before the Council

Saul of Tarsus was as honestly desirous to do the will of God when he was on the way to Damascus, “breathing out threatenings and slaughter,” as he was years later when he stood before the same council at Jerusalem that had brought about the death of Jesus, whom he had in the meantime accepted as his Lord and Master. All he needed was instruction; but he was at all times obedient to what he believed to be the will of God, and it was because of that obedience that he received the help from on high that in his case was necessary to make him a comfort to the brethren, and not a curse. The account of his tragic meeting with the council follows:

And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? Then said Paul [his eyes not having recovered from the blinding vision on the road to Damascus], I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multitude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great cry: and the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against God. And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring him into the castle. And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome. —Acts 23: 1-11.

Jesus Stood by Him

In the way that he handled himself in the foregoing emergency Paul showed his legal training, yet was absolutely loyal and faithful to his own Lord and Master, his own High Priest, of whom he wrote such wonderful things in Hebrews, chapters 3 to 8 inclusive. It was not the time or place to tell those riotous scribes and Pharisees that their high priest was no longer God's high priest. They thought so; let them continue to think so, for the present; they would not have accepted his opinion anyway.

It was also perfectly proper for him to make a separation of those who believed the Word of God and those who did not, and to own a measure of companionship with the former. It resulted as he expected, and as the Lord arranged. Quite likely it was one of God's holy angels that caused him to say, "Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee." It was the truth, and an opportune time to tell it.

Anyway, the Lord knew that Paul counted not his life dear to himself; knew that he had given a splendid witness for Him, recorded in the 22d chapter of Acts, and knew He could use him for a yet further witness at Rome, the center of the civilization of that time. And He stood by him, much the same as a worth-while host would stand by his guest in a time of peril.

Through His angel, on a later occasion, in a time of shipwreck, the Lord also stood by Paul, saying: "Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cæsar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee."—Acts 27: 23, 24.

An Ironclad Agreement to Murder

Paul's situation at Jerusalem was critical even after he had, for the moment, been rescued from the group that desired to have his life. His experiences for the next few days make an interesting and exciting story:

And when it was day, certain of the Jews banded [themselves] together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. [Sounds like Jersey justice, doesn't it?] And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul. Now, therefore, ye, with the council, signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would inquire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him. And when Paul's

sister's son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the centurions unto him, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain; for he hath a certain thing to tell him. So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee. Then the chief captain took him by the hand, and went with him aside privately, and asked him, What is that thou hast to tell me? And he said, The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down Paul to morrow into the council, as though they would inquire somewhat of him more perfectly. But do not thou yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee. So the chief captain then let the young man depart, and charged him, See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me. And he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go to Cæsarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; and provide them beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor.—Acts 23: 12-24.

The murderers were foiled. And how easy it was for the angels of God to upset all the Devil's plans, when they had back of them all power in heaven and in earth. It all looked so simple in the first place. The murderers had made a perfect trap, so they thought. They would not eat nor drink till they had rid the earth of the one they most hated. It must have been fun for the angels to watch them, first one and then another, taking their first drink of water, and finally their first meal.

The angels took no chances. More than forty men were in the conspiracy to kill Paul. But more than ten times that many acted as his escort to a place of safety, and helped him forward on his journey to Rome, too. The cavalcade that set out from Jerusalem for Cæsarea had at least 472 men in the party, with a beast of burden for each. They started at nine o'clock at night; the next morning they were far on their 60-mile journey, and no doubt stopped and had a good breakfast which they were bound to share with their distinguished prisoner.

It Makes One Think of 1918

Paul's exciting experiences getting away from Jerusalem and getting to Cæsarea make one think of the thrilling experiences of Jehovah's

witnesses in the spring of 1918. There is not a reasonable doubt that the little company that was shipped off to Atlanta prison would have been slain had they remained at liberty. Public feeling had been whipped into a frenzy.

Some were certain the Germans would come and capture America. The night sentence was passed on Judge Rutherford and his comrades the lights in the Statue of Liberty were darkened for the first time since the statue was erected. The papers said Jehovah's witnesses were in touch with Germany by radio. There was not a syllable of truth in the accusation, but people who wish to kill somebody do not wish truth; what they wish is untruth.

When the time came for transfer from Brooklyn to Atlanta the witnesses were guests of the United States Government, taken in a Government van to the railway station, watched by Government guards, one for each man, and safely landed where their enemies could not reach them. Is not this just like the Lord?

Paul was obedient to the truth as fast as it was disclosed to him. He had no other ambition than to be absolutely true to God. As a consequence God showed His smile of favor to this honest and unselfish man. In time of trouble He was there with the limitless forces of His organization to see that Paul's opportunities for witnessing were enlarged.

All this has been true of Jehovah's witnesses in 1918 and since. Being called before kings and rulers is often their privilege. Prison sentences are frequent. God's true people suffer with their comrades in Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, Japan, Germany, Russia, Austria, Quebec, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida, Ohio and California, and they suffer especially when their little ones suffer, but, oh, how the Lord makes up for it all!

One of the "Kingdom Schools"

One could wish that every reader of *The Golden Age* could see the beautiful environment in which 12 of the little ones that were expelled from Pennsylvania schools are receiving instruction from a thoroughly competent teacher at Andreas, Pennsylvania. The youngsters are in a big stone house. The two best rooms in the house are transformed into a schoolroom, where perfect order is maintained. There is a big flag on the wall, but the pupils do not worship it; they worship God. Asked the question, What is

the most important thing any person ever learns? back came the answer, "To love God with all the heart, mind, soul and strength." Asked what is the next most important thing any creature ever learns? back came the answer, "To go out in the service work," "To love one's neighbor as one's self," which answers at the same time from two little folks express the same thought.

These little folks are out in the midst of an ideal country. Their parents drive 20 miles to get them and bring them home Friday night, and then take them back to school early Monday morning. Where they now are they are not abused; their teacher is one of Jehovah's witnesses; their parents are happy; the children are happy; they are on God's side, and they know it; they took their stand for God in a time and place where it required moral stamina. They were expelled, but expelled into greater happiness than they ever before experienced. That is the way Jehovah God does with those who have experienced the great joy of God's favor, His smile.

Obedience retains the heavenly favor; let it be hoped that these little ones, now so happy in the Lord, so conscious that their course has the divine approval, may retain their happiness forever. To see their bright faces was an inspiration.

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

DUTCH SCHULTZ, gangster, murderer of nobody knows how many other gangsters and other men, was received into the fellowship of the Roman Catholic sect just before he passed out, and interred in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, at Valhalla, N. Y. After he died it was found he was interested in other women besides his wife, and this will somewhat complicate efforts to collect "purgatory" graft. If Dutch Schultz ever gets to heaven, purgatory or no purgatory, nobody else will be safe there unless dressed in a bullet-proof vest.

Playing Both Ends Against the Middle

A FAVORITE act of politicians is to keep a thing alive by playing both ends against the middle. A priest in St. Xavier church, Cincinnati, a Jesuit from St. Louis, lectured at length on what Communism and Catholicism have in common. That is all to keep the issue alive.

The Style Show

Fall Styles at Cleveland

THE fall style show at Cleveland was quite a success, but not financially, because the harried merchants were not so enthusiastic about paying for the Catholic fandango as was expected. For one thing, the prices were too high. Still the show itself was good. The archbishop of New York, Pat Hayes, was "resplendent in vestments of scarlet and gold". "On the stage all was white and gold, scarlet and purple," but there was nothing green for Pat. Under a canopy of gold cloth, on a white altar, was the cardinal's golden miter and his gold and red missal. On a white side altar, under a veil and burse, was the pope's chalice, but the cardinal's golden crozier leaned against the big altar. "To the left of the altar almost 150 archbishops and bishops, archabbots and abbots, constituted a solid block of gleaming purple." The archjanitors and archhodcarriers were not in on this, but helped to pay for it. "Directly in front were 400 monsignori in their purple mantellattas and black birettas." Oh but they did look nice! All the girls are just burning up with jealousy. "Behind them sat priests of every order, Franciscans in brown cassocks and cowls, Domini-

cans, Passionists, Trinitarians in cream-colored garb," and that's all for now, Mabel.

Did He Bless the Kitchen Utensils?

WHEN La Maisonette Russe night club was opened in Hotel St. Regis, New York city, the "Reverend" Vasily Kurdiumoff, Greek Catholic priest, spent a half hour "blessing" the musicians, the waiters and others who will work there. "Reverend" Kurdiumoff wore a "blue brocade riza", so it seems; and if you don't know what a riza is, well, then, you are ignorant, and have lots of company. The word doesn't appear in the dictionary, but it must be something nice or it wouldn't be brocaded. All the girls are wearing them now, and blue is the going color. The account goes on to say that the helpers, one by one, were sprinkled with "holy water" and that "Spiridon Ignatovich, who will act as principal chef and who formerly worked in the Czar's summer palace in the Crimea, received the 'blessing' dressed in his white chef's uniform". Now just a question or two. Were the kitchen utensils "blessed"? Are they of aluminum? If so, readers of *The Golden Age* will watch the papers anxiously.

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