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## The World's Champion Conspirators Against Honesty

**A**T THE moment, the conspiracy of Gog, the Devil's prime minister, is under full swing to get Judge Rutherford off the air from every radio station in the United States that can be bullied, bluffed, cajoled or forced into going back on its contracts, and disappointing its patrons, by that institution of the Devil, the Roman Catholic church, that is now about to perish.

We who have been out in the door-to-door witness work, and who are out in it regularly, know that the people are with Judge Rutherford. With rare exceptions, they are all listening to him, no matter what church they attend, and this is especially true in cities where his talks have been a regular radio feature. To millions of Catholics, as well as others, his "comfort of the scriptures" (Romans 15:4) is comfort indeed.

Visit their homes and you will know the reason why. Brutal, selfish and scheming priests rob them regularly of every comfort of life, stripping them down to bare floors, the coarsest foods, and on the walls a few religious gewgaws that cost the people fifty times what they are worth, and are neither truthful, artistic, convincing nor comforting. Poor things!

Into these comfortless homes from which the priests, by one wretched device after another, have taken every cent that can be wrung, to provide them with extravagant religious edifices, palatial homes, limousines, wines, travel, and huge additional sums for gambling on the stock market and investing in tax-free real estate, have come Judge Rutherford's radio addresses, borne on the wings of the wind, without money and without price, as a blessed boon from heaven. Not infrequently some good Catholic soul refers to him in such a way as to clearly reveal the fact that she regards him as a brother beloved in the Lord, whom in her spiritual weakness, and sickness, and poverty, he has

visited with the one message of peace and hope and truth that has ever come to her undistorted.

### *Enough to Make the Angels Weep*

It is enough to make the angels weep to think that men should take away from their fellow pilgrims through this vale of tears the one comfort that they have. Only the Devil, and those that have the spirit of the Devil, would be willing to do it. In selecting the priests of the Roman Catholic church to direct his dirty work in the earth, the Devil has chosen the fittest of all instruments.

Wherever they have had a free hand, as in Spain and Mexico, the priests of the Roman Catholic church have shown that they are the world's champions as liars and as conspirators against common honesty. There is no depth of littleness of soul to which they will not descend in order to further the interests of the most crooked, most devilish system that ever disgraced this planet, by which we mean the Devil's own masterpiece, his "church".

We know how the people feel. Does anybody suppose that more than 140,000,000 copies of Judge Rutherford's books could have been placed in the hands of the people without the people's being friendly to them? Why, over 80,000,000 of these were placed in the United States alone, and that is more than two books to every family in the United States; much more.

And now notice that the institution that has set about to force Judge Rutherford off the air has only 20,000,000 members in this country. In other words, fifteen percent of the people in this land have the unmitigated gall to say to the other eighty-five percent, 'You shall not have any truth, you shall not have any comfort; you shall have only the papal slop that was fed to Spain and Mexico until it made them so deathly

sick that they vomited it all up and now refuse to have it at all.'

Ecuador, a nominally Roman Catholic country, is so sick of the Roman Catholic religion that it is actually against the law for any Roman Catholic priest to enter the country. If they had been a blessing, or if, indeed, they had ever been anything but a curse to the country, do you suppose for a minute that such a law could have been passed?

When it comes to lying innuendo, and to veiled and open threats of loss of business or loss of employment, there is no institution ever formed by the Devil, and certainly none ever formed by man, that could do or would do the things that the Roman Catholic institution will do to gain her end. Lying is admittedly all right, but murder is all right, too. As Cardinal O'Connell admitted at the Eucharistic show in Dublin, 'anything at all is all right' for Roman Catholics in the United States, 'as long as they can get away with it.' Just now they are trying to get away with the job of putting Judge Rutherford off the air.

### ***The Mendacious, Hypocritical Catholic Press***

Nobody who knows anything about the machinations of the Roman Catholic system would need to be told that their church papers, edited by priests, are anything more than a tissue of lies from end to end. One would expect that. But it is incredible the depths of meanness and smallness to which the editors of such papers descend. The editorials of the twenty-one Catholic papers surveyed are all much alike. We give a sample taken from *The Catholic News* (New York) of August 5.

In reprinting this editorial we have put in *italics* the lies or unsupported distortions which run all through it, and have put in CAPITALS the two statements of fact around which this whole great network of lies is woven. Judge Rutherford tells the truth about hell and purgatory; that is objectionable to the spokesmen for the Catholic fifteen percent of the population (though not to many of the individual Catholics themselves), and so:

### **RUTHERFORD INSULTS AGAIN**

"Apparently the management of Station WMCA has forgotten the promise made to a representative of *The Catholic News* on July 11, that '*Judge*' Rutherford and the Watchtower Service of Brooklyn would not be permitted to *assail the Catholic Church* in their electrical transcriptions broadcast every Sunday over

that station. For some time Rutherford's *anti-Catholic radio campaigns in other cities, especially in the West*, have been denounced in the Catholic press, and many stations, as a result, have canceled their contracts with him. Here in New York his broadcasts over WMCA did not assume a *decidedly anti-Catholic tone* until a few months ago. Early in July the station began to receive *protests from Catholics* that the Rutherford talks *spoke insultingly of the Pope and Catholic institutions*. When a representative of *The Catholic News* personally presented the *grievances of Catholic New Yorkers* on July 11 the station's director said that in future WMCA would insist in knowing beforehand what each week's electrical transcription was to say, and he gave assurances that any that contained an *attack upon the Catholic Church or other religion* would not be broadcast. 'We will not tolerate over this public station,' said the manager, '*an insult to any religion, Protestant, Catholic or Jewish.*'

"*For a few Sundays this promise was kept.* But last Sunday morning's Rutherford broadcast over WMCA *was decidedly anti-Catholic*. Its title was 'SINNERS IN PURGATORY' and its whole tenor was to *ridicule the Catholic belief* in a middle state after death. Rutherford after quoting Cardinal Gibbons' reasonable explanation of prayers for the dead in 'The Faith of Our Fathers' proceeded *outrageously to distort the meaning* of what the late Cardinal wrote. The doctrine of purgatory, Rutherford said, was designed to induce people to contribute money to the clergy to pray for the dead. The doctrine, he said, was as false as Satan himself. He quoted, *in his peculiarly jumbled fashion*, many bits of Scripture to back up his assertion there was nothing in the Bible that authorizes prayers for the dead, but, of course, he omitted the one well-known to Catholics: '*It is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins.*' \*

"There was much more in last Sunday's Rutherford broadcast *insulting to Catholics*. Evidently WMCA's management *senses the offensiveness of what Rutherford has to say*, for before and after each broadcast the announcer solemnly declares that 'the opinions expressed are peculiarly Judge Rutherford's and should not be accepted as the editorial expression of

\* In II Machabees 12: 43-46 the whole text is

"And making a gathering, he sent twelve thousand drachms of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection. (For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead.) And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them. It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."

It will be apparent instantly to any honest person that the writer of this apocryphal book (which is really no part of the inspired Holy Scriptures, and therefore no part of the Bible itself) plainly teaches that the dead are asleep, awaiting a resurrection. He says nothing about a purgatory, and as a matter of fact the purgatory doctrine was not invented until the time of Gregory the Great, more than six hundred years after Christ's death.

Station WMCA.' That disclaimer does not absolve the station for responsibility for what Rutherford says. *He is and always has been assailing all religion* that is not fashioned on his own peculiar lines. The preceding Sunday, in a talk on 'IS HELL HOT?' he declared that 'the hell fire doctrine taught by the clergy is driving millions out of the churches.'

"Rutherford, as every one who listens to him soon discovers, *has strange religious notions*. He is entitled to expound these ideas to his heart's content, even over the radio, we will concede. But he has no right to *misrepresent and attack the teachings of Protestant, Catholic or Jewish bodies* in order to get over his philosophy, and no radio station with a sense of decency and fair play would permit him in such a manner to *insult multitudes of their listeners-in*. Speakers on religious topics are to be heard on all the reputable radio stations. But no one can truthfully say that Dr. Cadman, Dr. Fosdick, Dr. Poling, Dr. Reisner or any other eminent Protestant clergyman ever *assails the cherished beliefs of Catholics or Jews*, or that the speakers on the 'Catholic Hour' speak disparagingly of their Protestant brethren. It remains for a Rutherford to *violate the canons of gentlemanly conduct on the air*, and the station that permits him to do so is guilty of as grave an infraction as himself. In view of the fact that WMCA seems bent upon permitting Rutherford to *insult the Catholics of New York* every Sunday the Catholic people ought to make it their business to let the management of the station know how they feel toward WMCA."

### ***Twenty-five Lies and Two Truths***

The foregoing editorial contains twenty-five lies and two truths. Everything in *italics* has the full force and effect of a lie. It takes time and space to answer lies, and we are short of both; but by glancing over the article the lies can be at once located. Why bother to deny them or to answer them? What answer that will convince him can be made to a liar? Even while the answer is being made he frames yet other lies.

The two truths are that Judge Rutherford lectured on "Sinners in Purgatory" and "Is Hell Hot?" He had a perfect right to lecture on these subjects, and there are millions who wish to hear them discussed and are interested also to read what this Bible scholar has to say. If there are untold millions of the human family in either or both of these places, is it not important to know of their condition? And if the priests and other clergy have deceived the people on these subjects, as they have on everything else, do the people not have a right to look into the matter?

The real fact of the business is that the people are listening, and reading and thinking, and

that is something that the clergy are desperately determined must not occur. They will do all the thinking that is done, the same as they did in Mexico and Spain and Ecuador, and everybody else must keep silent.

If here and there a radio manager has some integrity and tries to see that Judge Rutherford's friends get a fair deal, the first thing he knows the pressure is exerted on him from a new angle. Advertisers over his station are warned that their goods will be boycotted unless they desist from broadcasting over the same stations as Judge Rutherford.

In St. Louis, W. L. Mittendorf, a faithful postal employee, as a result of pressure brought by D. J. Casey, business manager of *The Sunday Watchman*, Roman Catholic paper of that city, was told in so many words by the postmaster that he would either have to give up his connections with the Watch Tower organization or else lose his job in the postal service. He went on to say that Mr. Farley, the postmaster general, is a Roman Catholic, and that unless Mr. Mittendorf came to some agreement with *The Sunday Watchman* it would mean his job.

### ***That Is Just Plain Murder***

Now all that that means is that the Roman Catholic organization is an organization of murderers, within the plain teaching of Jesus himself, in Matthew 5: 21, 22; for nobody but a murderer would insist that a man must discontinue his service of Jehovah God or they would deprive his family of a livelihood. There is not another institution on this planet that would make a threat like that, or carry out a threat like that, than the Roman Catholic church. But *they* would do it and gloat over it.

The real reason why these liars and murderers are after Judge Rutherford is that he has for years pleaded with the big religionists to publicly debate over the radio whether they serve Jehovah God, as they claim, or whether, in fact, they are really part and parcel of the Devil's organization. Judge Rutherford has offered to defray half the expense.

In his letter to the Roman Catholic press, Judge Rutherford says some things that ought to strike home to any true Catholic, and will appeal to many of them. He says:

"Why should the people be denied the opportunity of learning what God's Word teaches, merely because those divine truths when uttered 'offend the sensibilities' of certain men who are not in harmony with

God? I agree that one man has no right to attack another man personally; but when any man brings forth a doctrine relating to God's dealing with the human race and asks the people to believe that doctrine, then it is the right and duty of others who do not agree to call attention to the fact that such doctrines promulgated do not proceed from God but proceed from God's enemy the Devil.

"I have nothing against Catholics as men or women. I only take issue with the doctrines which that organization teaches. If the Catholic clergy want to be fair, why don't they accept my proposition to publicly dis-

cuss these questions or doctrines and then let the people determine for themselves which is truth? The gag and bludgeon method can never make any of the people free, but, in the language of Jesus, 'the truth shall make you free.' (John 8:32) You claim to speak for millions of Catholics; but I tell you that you do not speak for them. There are millions of good people in the Catholic organization who do not believe what you say. Why not let them all have an opportunity to hear both sides of the question discussed and then let them speak for themselves? You are not their guardians except by self-appointment."

## And While We Are About It

### *Vatican Continues to Crack*

THE Vatican continues to crack. The Lapidary Hall, in which the pope has received thousands of visitors in the last few weeks, now shows a dozen cracks in the walls and has been closed. The hall flanks the section of the Vatican library, which collapsed two years ago.

### *Blessing Cars in Hungary*

NOTICE where Cardinal Seredi, in Hungary, blessed all kinds of cars, including "big military cars", and cannot help but wonder just what goes with a blessing on a big military car. Is it the same kind of blessing that goes with Lewisite gas, or mustard gas, or is it of the flame-thrower type? Further light is wanted on this item.

### *Spanish Monasteries Pay Taxes*

NOT only are the Spanish monasteries deprived of the privilege of teaching, which has hitherto been one of their many lines of business, but the laws now provide that they must pay taxes on all their other business enterprises. As they are engaged in about every kind of business, this makes a very considerable addition to the government's revenue.

### *Ambrose Has Six Chefs*

EXPLAINING why Ambrose has six chefs, but not telling us how it is that the six of them manage to keep busy cooking for one man, a dispatch from Rome says: "Abhorrent as such things must be to Pius XI, he knows and supports the fact that as monarch, as king, as Christ's vicar on earth, he must bear with such attempts to make his simplicity appear opulent." His sorrow is like that of the Wall Street gang when they meet a beggar by the way.

### *Roman Catholic Floggings in the Philippines*

THE Philadelphia *Daily News* contains a quarter-page picture of the so-called Penitencia flogging in the Philippines. Attired only in trousers, with ropes fastened around their legs in such fashion that they can only hobble, the so-called "penitents" are lashed with whips imbedded with glass. After hours of beating the so-called "penitents" are allowed to wash off the blood and are given food. The Philippine Islands are under the protection of the United States Government.

### *The "Grievous Errors" of the Spanish*

THE pope made eight charges against the Spanish Republic. They are said to be serious enough that if Ambrose had the nerve to do it he would excommunicate the whole works, but, if he did that, collections would fall off to less than they now are, and they are now small enough. One of the eight 'sins' committed by the Spanish is that they have separated church and state. Perhaps they have been influenced by Spanish-speaking persons in other lands. Take Mexico, for example. Vera Cruz will permit but one priest to hold up 100,000 people. In Yucatan they permit nine priests to collect from 400,000. In Mexico city twenty-five priests have to get all the money that is obtained from 1,250,000 people. The papal delegate to Mexico was expelled as a pernicious foreigner. Ecuador has a law that no foreign clergyman may enter the country. Maybe the Spanish people have heard of these things. Or then again, maybe the things they have done are based upon their own experience and express their honest conviction of what is best for them as a people. Scolding them will change nothing.

### *Addressed the Wrong Department*

**A**N INDIGNANT subscriber, who some time ago sent in an item to the effect that there are on view in Rome 'a small roll of butter and a small cake of cheese made from the milk of the virgin', wants to know why no mention was made of this in the list of relics cited in "La Bottega del Papa".

If we never had any problems harder than this one, how simple life would be! This subscriber must have addressed the relic department of the magazine, whereas the dairy products department should have been addressed. And then, mind you, he wants to blame us for it.

### *The Holy Staircase*

**N**OTHING is said in the Scriptures about Christ's climbing a staircase in the palace of Pontius Pilate, or any other staircase anywhere; nobody even knows that the palace had a staircase; everything may have been on the level. Nevertheless it is rumored from Rome that the pope will climb the "Holy Staircase" at the Lateran Palace, which staircase, so the dispatch declares, is "believed to be the identical staircase which Christ climbed in the palace of Pontius Pilate at Jerusalem". That is, it is believed by those that believe it, but it is not believed by those that don't believe it; and, believe it or not, we don't believe it. Believe it?

### *How Was This Miracle Performed?*

**I**N ITS issue of June 22, 1933, *The Catholic Register*, of Kansas City, said feelingly:

"'The Holy Year,' the subject of his next talk, is to be the three-ring circus. This same speech, when broadcast on April 23 from a limited number of stations, caused a storm of protest wherever it was heard. It resulted in the Canadian government barring Rutherford from the air and in numerous broadcasting stations in this country dropping his speeches from their schedules."

It so happens that the telegram which Hector Charlesworth sent out to Canadian radio stations ordering Judge Rutherford's lectures off the air was sent, not on April 24, as one would judge from the foregoing "information", but on the previous January 16.

Now is that not interesting? According to *The Catholic Register*, the renowned Charlesworth, whose only claim to being a Catholic is that he married a Catholic wife, has the gift of prophecy. Foreseeing that, ninety-seven days

later, Judge Rutherford would let the gas out of the pope's "Holy Year" balloon, he was so moved that he straightway shut him off the air.

As a consequence of his being shut off the air in Canada, the people were so incensed at his "Holy Year" speech, which they were thus deprived of hearing, that they had Charlesworth wire ninety-seven days ahead of time that nothing like that which he had arranged should not be done should not be done some more!

This true Roman Catholic logic fits nicely into the arrangement by which, for a consideration, a priest will use his influence with "the grandmother of God" to pass that influence on to "the mother of God", who in turn will beg God himself to do the right thing by the poor sinner Christ came to save, but which sinner He is so mad at that He will keep him frying, baking and roasting in torment for hundreds of years—unless his relatives are forehanded and generous with the long green in his behalf, by buying masses and other things which the "church" has for sale.

### *Doctor Trexler on the Lutheran Church*

**R**EVEREND DOCTOR SAMUEL TREXLER, in an address opening the United Lutheran Synod of New York, at Buffalo, described the Lutheran church as follows, and it sounds as if he must have been out in the witness work:

"The greatest fault of the church is her worldliness. She adopts her patterns from the passing things about her. Thus the progress of the church is too parallel to the progress of the world. When the world is on the height the church is there too; when the world is in the valleys the church is there too. It would be well if the church were there to minister, but she is there more frequently as a beggar. Where is the spirit of the martyr, the crusader, the reformer, the pioneer? Everywhere man is today gripped with the spirit of fear, which is not the spirit of God. The church does not stand as a positive conviction like a rock among shifting sands. She does not express to the world power and love and a sound mind, but ranks rather as a galvanic battery whose force is run down."

Perhaps one reason why Reverend Trexler is depressed over the condition of the Lutheran church is that, so it seems from his report, some of the brethren have collected a fund for missionary purposes but have hung on to it and used it for themselves. On this point he said:

"It is fundamentally wrong to use funds gathered for others on ourselves. How can we expect God to prosper our work in the face of such malfeasance?"

## Margaret Sanger Gives Mental Aid to the Pope

MARGARET SANGER has made a study of the whole difficult subject of birth control, and writes on it intelligently and convincingly. In an article in *The Nation*, entitled "My Answer to the Pope on Birth Control", she says, in part:

The pope has no respect for the mental powers of the individual. He writes:

Wherefore, let the faithful also be on their guard against the overrated independence of private judgment and that false autonomy of human reason. For it is quite foreign to everyone bearing the name of Christian to trust his own mental powers with such pride as to agree only with those things which he can examine from their inner nature . . . a characteristic of all true followers of Christ, lettered and unlettered, is to suffer themselves to be guided and led in all things that touch upon faith or morals of the holy Church of God, through its supreme pastor, the Roman pontiff, who is himself guided by Jesus Christ our Lord.

That is what the pope says. Now let us see what Jesus says. Saint Matthew quotes Him thus: "Have ye not read that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" Saint Mark quotes the same statement. But did Jesus say that every wife had to bear children as fast as they would come? Did He ever advocate rearing large fam-

ilies as a duty toward God? Did He ever say anything against the limitation of offspring? Did He ever say anything that by any twist of argument can be interpreted to mean that He disapproved of contraception? If He did, why does not the pope cite chapter and verse?

Having answered, point by point, those parts of the pope's encyclical which refer to birth control, I want to add that his attitude in general seems to be conditioned by a disapproval of human enjoyment and an apparent relishing of the theory that suffering is good for our souls. He speaks of himself as "looking with paternal eye . . . as from a watch-tower." It is a tower set in splendor, surrounded by walls that shut out the world of broken homes, of sick and sorrow-laden mothers, poverty-stricken fathers, and pathetic, unwanted children. In that remote tower he sits comfortably, takes counsel from a pile of old books and from bachelor advisers, and then writes scolding sermons about the marriage problems of intelligent people. I wish he could come down into real life for a few weeks, walk the earth and mingle with the poor "ye have always with you." He would hear true stories from Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish women which I should think would be enough to shake sense into the head of any man.

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## Making the People Healthy

IT IS a great responsibility, this of making the people healthy. It takes a great mind to comprehend how filling the human blood stream with pus is really a good thing. In England and Wales only 88 children under five years of age died of smallpox in the 24 years ending December, 1928, but 232 died of vaccination. That shows the difficulties in the way.

Some of us can remember back to 1890, when the world was thrilled with the news that Doctor Robert Koch, of Germany, had discovered a cure for tuberculosis. He repudiated that cure, tuberculin, because the facts made it necessary, but the ones that made the serum made a new market for it by the grafting of it into cattle. *Grafting* is the right word.

When tuberculin is injected into cattle, the cattle are made sick, the milk becomes ropery and stringy and its flow is diminished, the calves born are defective; sometimes the cattle die. In 1932 tuberculin was injected into all Indian children in Montana; the consent of their parents was not asked.

The necessity for vaccination may be judged from the following quotations from *The Truth Teller*:

In the year 1926, Oklahoma reported 868 cases of smallpox without a single death. West Virginia had 387 cases, New York 305, North Dakota 276, all without a single death.

In 1927 Michigan reported 1,469 cases of smallpox, Idaho 759, Montana 575, New York 376, North Dakota 208, all without a single death.

In 1928, Nebraska reported 1,472 cases of smallpox, Arkansas 241, Connecticut 170, Wyoming 163, Minnesota 130, all without a single death.

In 1929, Wisconsin reported 758 cases of smallpox, Alabama 378, Minnesota 321, New York 291, Vermont 216, Arkansas 213, all without a single death.

During these same years many states reported but one death from smallpox, with many hundreds of cases, during a single year. Ohio reported 2,133, Texas 1,898, Washington 1,772, Georgia 957, Virginia 596, Mississippi 639, Nebraska 691, Idaho 611, Utah 586, and Montana 547.

Quite a large number of states reported over 1,000 cases of smallpox with but two deaths in a single year.

A few years ago the Russell Sage Foundation issued a nation-wide report showing the average distance from homes to doctors, and the public health statistics for the same year showed that the districts where the homes averaged the greatest distance from doctors were the healthiest districts in the nation.



**S**UN-BATHING is one of the forms of bathing most conducive to health and longevity; but it, as well as many other good things, can be done incorrectly and overdone and so the benefits be lost. Remember, the skin must become used to the rays of the sun gradually. It is best to expose the body but a few minutes at a time, at first two and one-half minutes to a side, making ten minutes in all the first day, then gradually building up to one-half hour, or to an hour in some cases. This is best done by increasing the exposure five minutes each day. Blondes can stand less exposure than brunettes; nervous types, less exposure than phlegmatic types of people. In all types the head and eyes and back of the neck should always be well protected from the rays of the sun, to prevent sunstroke. If you are dizzy during the sun bath it is a sign you need to shorten your exposure, or if your body feels fatigued after the bath it indicates the same. Follow the sun bath with a tepid sponge and a period of rest; then by a cool or cold shower *after* the rest.

The proper time for sun-bathing is in the early morning. It is then that we get more *light* and less *heat*, and it gives a more beneficial effect than an overexposure to the infra-red rays of the sun, which are in many cases too heating and stimulating. The earlier in the forenoon you take the sun bath, the greater will be the beneficial effect, because you get more of the ultra-violet rays, which are healing.

Do not take the sun bath too close to meal

time, especially not *after* a full meal, as the rays of the sun draw the blood away from the internal organs to the surface of the body and interfere with digestion. During the summer months, when we are getting more sun, we need to make our diet much lighter, consisting principally of fruit and vegetables and some dairy products. Limit starches and sweets and heavy proteins (meats, etc.) at this time; also fats and seasoning and condiments. The sun is germicidal and antiseptic in effect; it kills bacteria, overcomes toxemia, aids respiration and assimilation and elimination, strengthens vital functions, is energizing. The sun stimulates the natural agents that nourish the nervous system. It stimulates the growth and development of the red blood corpuscles.

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### **Danger from Excessive Sun-Bathing**

*From Polish Golden Age*

**A**T THE Paris Medical Conference Dr. Mathieu De Fossey explained the results of his study and actual experimentation made on ten patients, that excessive sun-bathing is very dangerous. It is quite evident that excessive sun-bathing, nowadays so fashionable, is very harmful to the health. In the first instance, it acts on the liver, causing it to be overflowed with blood, thereby making room for subsequent ailments and later anaphylaxis. The doctor claimed later in his lecture that artificial silk allows the ultra-violet rays to penetrate.

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### **The Macfadden One-Cent Restaurants**

**A**T FIVE places in New York and Brooklyn, and one in Washington, the hungry may now secure good food, excellently cooked, at the Macfadden One-Cent Restaurants. All foods are cooked by the slow process in double boilers; all the flavor is retained; that is the right way to cook any food.

The dishes that may be had for 1c each are all kinds of soups, cracked wheat, steamed cornmeal, steamed Scotch oatmeal, steamed hominy grits, bread pudding, stewed prunes, stewed raisins, honey tea, raisin coffee, black coffee, milk for coffee, whole-wheat doughnut, 2 slices whole-wheat bread, 2 slices whole-wheat raisin bread.

In the two-cent category are creamed codfish on toast, rice pudding, cornmeal pudding, whole-wheat pudding, stewed apricots, stewed mission figs, stewed peaches, buttermilk, light cream for coffee, whole-wheat apple or prune pie, whole-wheat muffin with raisins, cole slaw.

In the three-cent list are meat cakes, fruit salad, ½ grape fruit, sliced peaches, crushed pineapple, sweet milk, whole-wheat crumb cake, whole-wheat coffee ring, whole-wheat ginger cake with whipped cream, lettuce and tomatoes, and tuna fish salad; also cream of asparagus soup.

The usual price for a full meal in these restaurants is 10c.

## The Tuberculin Cattle Testing Job

FROM all we can learn of its operation the tuberculin testing of cattle merely provides work for veterinaries. So far as benefiting the farmer or the taxpayer, the thing is a total loss. One farmer told us he lost his entire herd, and he felt sure there was no reason for it. Another told us that he lost his best cattle but was allowed to keep the poorest ones. Another followed his cattle to the butcher shop at Pittston and found that none of the cattle condemned as tuberculous were so at all.

A woman writes in from New Hampshire that against her protest, and without a warrant, six men entered her premises, where they shot tuberculin into a young bull, three heifers, one twelve-year-old milch cow and a two-month-old calf. These animals were used only for the food supply of the family and had belonged to the family for four animal generations.

The lady, who seems to be a true American, does not relish the way things are going in this country at present. She says in part:

The second time they came I had my barn doors padlocked. I did this on the advice of Mayor Charles E. Carroll, of Laconia, and the county solicitor, Theo. Jewett. They both said the "vets" would not dare to break in without a court order. Of course, we knew they had no court order, as I had never been haled into court on the case, and that meant a jury trial, which I had never had. In fact, I had never had any charge preferred against me, and the state officials are entirely lawless, including the assistant attorney general, Thornton Lorimer, who ordered them here the second time.

I have resisted the test in a lawful manner by refusing to give my consent to have my cattle injected with tuberculin. Needless to say, my confidence in government has been destroyed, inasmuch as public officials of the state of New Hampshire have violated the fundamental law of the land, namely, the constitution of the United States and the state constitution, when they came to my home without due process of law and forcibly injected my cattle with filth.

I was brought up to respect law, and by that I mean I was taught to believe that I had certain God-given, inalienable rights that must be respected by officials and other citizens as well as my duty to obey those laws. I was taught that nowhere in all the world was the individual's rights so respected and protected as in these United States.

Now I have this to say, that there has arisen in our midst a sinister thing, namely State Medicine, a thing more terrible than Roman Papacy ever was: Medical Popery! And if this fiendish thing is not put down, we shall be a nation of rotten flesh and gibbering idiots. Public health! What hypocrisy! It re-

minds me of the Spanish Inquisition, where the Roman church said in devilish glee, "No blood was shed!" Public health today includes putting filthy serums and vaccines, made from inoculating poor helpless animals with horrible diseases and torturing them uselessly, not to improve the health of humanity, God knows, but to enrich the human devils who attempt to force their horrible concoctions upon the helpless children of this and other countries, as well as upon our animals.

It is self-evident that sanitation and hygiene are responsible for better health as well as the higher standards of living enjoyed previously through the advance of material prosperity. It is also self-evident that the Medical Trust was alarmed at the loss of business to themselves as the health of the nation advanced and they must do something to keep alive disease and therefore keep alive their profession of "ministering to the sick"! But first there must be sick people. How could they be sure there would be sick people and business for themselves? By inoculating disease into the nucleus population, the children. Also anyone else they can ensnare. When a profession becomes commercialized, such as the healing of the sick, it becomes, not an act of mercy, but a grinning archdevil.

I read in one issue of *The Golden Age* an article about the necessity for search warrants in the seizure of liquor under the prohibition law. Now, if it was necessary then, certainly it was necessary for the state "vet" to go to the trouble of causing a charge to be preferred before he could have legally injected my cattle. You understand, I am not in business, and was bootlegging no milk.

One of the main reasons why prohibition was so unpopular was the fact of lawless procedure as well as the violation of the individual's personal rights to eat or drink to suit himself. As I understand it, the American Bar Association helped to arouse sentiment against it because of the lawlessness it engendered in the so-called "law enforcement" officers. . . .

We are alarmed because our home is not safe from these periodical raids and if we do not do something immediately the "vet" will return and further inject my cattle with tuberculin. Have I no rights at all? They inject them every six months. It is a deliberate attack on a private home. We are outraged. Why should we be forced to submit to this diseasing of our cattle? We depend on these animals for our food supply. Why should we have to have our food supply poisoned at the source? We have lived here twenty-five years. I was told by the State Attendance man if I did not like the laws of New Hampshire I could move out. I told him I had not heard of New Hampshire's seceding from the Union, and I was an American citizen, not just a citizen of New Hampshire, and if he did not like that he could go [South]. And as far as I know we are both still in New Hampshire and likely to meet in court any day.

**T**HERE is a sevening process running all through creation. For instance, scientists, with no idea of this, worked out (1) light, (2) heat, (3) sound, (4) motion, (5) weight or gravity, (6) chemical activity, and (7) electricity. Each one of these has seven degrees or rates of vibration. Six circular objects of the same size, with a seventh in the center, make a 'wheel within a wheel'.

There are seven prime colors: violet, indigo, blue, green, yellow, orange, and red; there are seven notes in the musical scale: do, re, mi, fa, sol, la, si. The invisible things of God are made understandable by the creative processes. Light corresponds to truth; darkness, to error.

Cold is no positive, but a negative of heat, its absence; as silence is of sound and darkness of light, and as the primeval dust is of attraction or cohesion. Then, by the same token, evil is no necessary law of creation, but is the absence of good, as death is of life, and when the Great Negation is snuffed out, all evils, all negatives, will be snuffed out with their father or originator and there will be a spotless universe.

Heat is a positive; cold, an absence of heat. Stick an iron rod into the fire. When hot plunge

one end into water; the heat will travel along the rod and you cannot hold it; cold, the negative, is dead; it does not travel. It will slowly communicate, but does not travel as heat travels.

Presumably life is vibration, the right kind of vibration. Sin, evil, is wrong vibration, declining vibration. Where Paul says "the motions of sin" we would say "the vibrations of sin". A motion, a shake, a vibration, are all the same. Isaiah says, in the thirtieth chapter, "In battles of shaking" (vibrations) will God contend with Satan. The wave offering was a vibratory movement.

The physical forces are all wave motions, frequencies. Thought is a vibration, and life too, I suppose. Death is deadness, stillness, silence, motionless. The whale, monster in the sea, is likened to Satan. Whalers have observed that the leader of the herd, scattered over five to ten miles square, seems to vibrate sailing, cruising directions to all in a few moments. Certainly Satan must have some similar process for directing his war on truth. God's invisible things are illustrated by the works of creation everywhere. Satan's first lie was a great *negation* of good.

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## **And That Is Not the Half of It**

**R**EVEREND DOCTOR GEORGE LANG paid his compliments to his fellow Presbyterians in the following address to the Presbyterian synod of Alabama:

In the midst of a society shot through with racketeering, and its "front" of hypocrisy and skepticism in politics, business and industry, we have remained silent with the silence of unfeeling moral indifference, with silences of doubt, and have had no outraged consciences because we have stubbornly refused to have our consciences exposed to the evils which abound about us. . . . Only the blind could fail to see that our civilization was a cheap superstructure sustained by no secure foundations in character, no high purposes, and dedicated to no high ends. . . . To look back on our witness in this decadent society is to see ourselves in sorry cowardice, ineffective, and without real influence. It is not to be wondered at that we stand today discredited in moral and spiritual leadership. We did unworthy deference to men who were, and are, inferiors both intellectually and morally. . . . We have cheapened our ministry, we have made it common; we have reduced it to the level of pose and

palaver; so that even in our human relations we are insincere and unreal . . . surely we will no longer apologize for our ministry of mind, or heart, or will, to a perverse generation whose most characteristic marks are superficiality, gaudiness, vulgarity, insincerity, bad manners, moronic thought, and "wise-cracking" platitudes. . . . How many of our elders or deacons read anything more penetrating than the familiar columnist of bright and snappy sayings? . . . It is particularly offensive that these "outstanding men" who sense little that is splendid in communication or appreciation are elected even to the offices of the church, where social promotion is easier than in any other group. . . . Look at what only you may see: the ruins of a civilization; its poverty and its heartless cruelty. . . . We have little to hope for from our laymen. . . . Their loftiest spiritual level is a cautious morality whose achievement is respectability; and their highest intellectual attainment is some outmoded conceit. In the debacle of their civilization they have shown neither imagination nor courage. They have lost their heads; they are afraid and cowardly. It is the institutions they have erected which need a moral house-cleaning; all of them, without exception.

# Selections from Japanese Readers

(Edited by the Japanese Ministry of Education)

## First Selection

### (a) CITIZEN'S AMBITION.

"What shall Japan contribute to the world? All Japanese must awaken to their duty to execute the Divine Punishment. By attacking or by punitive treatment, the powers of the world must be broken down in order to fulfil the Divine Mission of Japan. Some day, when, having swept away all rottenness and subjugated all arrogant and impolite countries of the world, Japan shall be the King of the world and lord over the whole universe."

From *New National Language Reader*. Vol. 6. Lesson 28. (Published by San Sin Tang)

## Second Selection

### (b) THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

"The King of all oceans, you Pacific Ocean! How proud is your beautiful water! Washing the shores of North and South America to the east, touching the sandy beaches of Asia and Australia to the west, reaching the continent around South Pole to the south and meeting the Arctic Ocean to the north, you measure ten thousand miles from north to south and eleven thousand miles from east to west and occupy an area covering one third of the earth's surface. Japan situates on the west. We must live up to this unsurpassable honor and possess an ambition as big as this Pacific Ocean. Going in and out the extensive shores, we must take with our own hands this heaven-sent treasure."

From *Reader for Higher Primary*, Lesson 32.

## Other Japanese Items

The Manchurian Refugees' Relief Association, Shanghai, China, declares that Japanese troops have an apparatus for pulling heads out a foot before decapitation; that they have an apparatus for automatically cutting victims into pieces; that they burn victims alive by binding them with cotton saturated with oil; that they have trained dogs to bite victims to death; that they bury victims alive, and that they bump two victims together until both are slain.

Photographs of the crude but efficient guillotines are unquestionably genuine. They resemble old-style hand-operated contrivances used in butcher shops for slicing purposes. In one of the pictures three headless bodies are shown; the heads themselves are on the other side of the guillotine and are also visible. The face of the executioner is the face of a devil. Two officers hold the victim and stretch his neck over the block while a third does the slicing.

At Fushun, Manchuria, because Chinese soldiers had marched through the place, when the Japanese came to it they gathered three thousand men, women and children on a hilltop, promising them food. They were requested to stand quiet while their pictures were taken. A machine gun was set up and they were mowed down to the last one. This story is vouched for by Edward Hunter, Far Eastern correspondent of International News Service.

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## Bletonism in West Australia By E. Davies (Australia)

I NOTICED an article in *The Golden Age* of December 9, 1931, regarding the divining rod. I have had a fair bit of experience watching those who use the rod, and I have not seen one use it who loved the Creator. Also, I have seen the rod work, and have seen people made fools of repeatedly. The diviners have stated water could be got at certain depths, and often double the distance has been bored and no water obtained, even after the stick or twig snapped from the invisible power or pressure on it.

If it were a God-given power it would not affect the health of the people. This practice of divining has the same influence over persons who continue the practice as seances have on people. They get sleepy and dreamy and lose the clear luster of the eye; they get a queer look instead.

We had a man call on us a while ago who divines for water for a living. He walked around our block for an hour or so and then said he would lie down for a while, as he always felt ill after doing that work. He was a man only in his forties, but looked over seventy years old.

Another thing. If electricity had to do with the stick, and the finding of water, who puts the knowledge in the brain to say at what depth the water will be found? Surely not God, for He has not been ruling the world. When His kingdom is established He will send the rain in its season, and men will not be walking about with little twigs speculating on the unseen.

Moreover, all that I have seen using the rod, if perchance they get water, take all the credit to their clever knowledge and superior powers. I think the demons are at the bottom of it.

## One-Sixth of the World's Surface

**T**HIS account of Soviet Russia, by Russell Wright, is that of a friendly critic, looking for a better day for mankind, and willing to give full credit for what has been accomplished by American engineers in transforming a nation of peasants into a self-contained industrial and agricultural economy. We note some of the points made in his interesting book.

Of the Russian population of 162,000,000, less than 3,000,000 are members of the Communist party, but these 3,000,000 are determined that all of Russia shall be educated in what is necessary to make a good citizen. In the days of the czar, in the year 1912, there were only 34,630 books published in all of Russia; in one year recently the output was 242,000,000; in the same year the output in America was 50,000,000. Russia wants to learn.

Every young man must serve in the Red Army, and before he may have permission to return home he must know how to read and write. People may get intoxicated if they wish, but only bottled liquors are sold, and the drinking must be done at home. No attention is paid to days of the week.

Drunkards, thieves and lazy persons are held up to public obloquy. On the walls of the factories they are cartooned by name, and in some factories they are required to receive their pay at special windows, where they are objects of ridicule. Electric power, at Dneprostroy, the world's largest hydroelectric station, is produced at one-eighth of 1c per kilowatt hour. Suppose you compare this with what you have to pay.

The traveler will find tipping uncommon, whereas in other countries of Europe there is an endeavor to clean his pockets of money. Soldiers often assist the workers on their off-day. The wages of workers range all the way from eighty rubles (\$40) per month for farm hands to four hundred rubles (\$200) for good mechanics.

The standard rent charged to workers is 10 percent of their wage. At the Verblud state farm, farm hands and mechanics are allowed free rent, light, heat, furniture and working clothing in addition to their wage; if they choose, they can get three meals of good food each day in the communal kitchen for seventy kopecks (35c). There is no unemployment. Everyone who wishes to eat is expected to work.

The seven-hour day is universal; there is one

full day of rest in every five; each worker has two weeks vacation per year, with full pay; if his work is liable to be injurious to the health, as in mining or chemical plants, the annual vacation is a full month. All over Russia there are rest homes, sanitariums, where workers can go when they need a rest.

In no case may a minor under fourteen be employed; minors between the ages of fourteen and sixteen may work not more than four hours per day. Women receive equal pay for equal work. Expectant mothers are given eight weeks' leave of absence, with full pay, both before and after confinement, with medical assistance; after they return to work they are allowed pay for the time spent in nursing their little ones in the nurseries attached to every factory. Marriages and divorces are \$1 each, and one is as simple as the other, generally speaking.

A worker who thinks he has been unjustly dismissed from his job has the right to appeal to the Supreme Court, the highest court of the nation. Prisoners are granted vacations, of three days, seven days, or one month, per year, depending on their record. They are paid wages, which are saved for them until the day of release; every prisoner is allowed to go anywhere in the prison he may wish.

Any stranger entering a Russian city will be entertained for one night in a Peasant's Home, of which there are 1,500 in Russia. Such homes, and all restaurants, factories and public buildings, contain lecture rooms where an intensive educational work is constantly under way.

In Russia there is unemployment relief, permanent disability relief, old age pensions, medical assistance, temporary assistance in case of sickness, and many other things space does not permit to mention. Mr. Wright has written an interesting book, and manifestly truthful.

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### Haircut for a Bushel of Corn

**A** BARBER at Marshallville, Ga., accepts a bushel of corn for a haircut. As a result he has plenty of customers. It is all a matter of cooperation.

### An Elephant's Revenge

**A**N INDIAN elephant, brutally treated by his mahout, waited until the mahout was asleep and then tickled him with a long straw sufficiently until he turned within reach of his trunk. He then seized him and stamped him to death.

## The Ethics of Taxpaying

**WE ASK** you, O gentle reader, to say who should be foremost in paying taxes in these United States? Should it be the one who has everything in the country in his possession, and thus has most to lose when the whole thing goes down kersmash? Or should he content himself with the thought that it is enough for him to own everything, and that it is the plain duty of the common people to be honest and patriotic and pay their taxes and let him alone in the full enjoyment of that which he has gotten?

Newspapers shriek that J. P. Morgan paid no income taxes for the last three years. They do not say that he hires the best lawyers and certified public accountants available; they don't need to; everybody knows that he does; and if you don't know what lawyers and accountants are for, and the kind of work they do for hire, then you are unsophisticated.

In a recent address in the United States Senate, Senator Norris said some things that give room for thought to those who now learn that J. P. Morgan and Captain Kidd have ceased paying income taxes:

... "if the government of the United States wanted to take over the railroads, they would have to see

only one man, just one, J. P. Morgan. That is true of almost every other operation.

"Morgan and his associates would be able to enter into the deal if they wanted to, and compel a sale if they wanted to.

"They can control in any of these corporations the raising or lowering of wages; they can change the conditions of labor; they can raise or lower the price of the output of any manufacturing establishment, simply because they control the money of the United States.

"The railroad officials are only their servants. The presidents and officers of these various manufacturing corporations are compelled, whether they like it or not, to obey the mandate that comes from Wall Street.

"J. P. Morgan, with the assistance and cooperation of a few of the interlocking corporations which reach all over the nation in their influence, controls every railroad of the United States. They control practically every public utility; they control all the large insurance companies.

"Why do they want to mix in the insurance business? In the real insuring of people they have no interest. They want the money. They want to be the depositories of the large funds, the enormous funds, the billions of dollars which are necessary in the operation of these great insurance companies."

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### Morgan, King of the Bolsheviks

**D**ENOUNCING J. P. Morgan as the king of all Bolsheviks, Senator M. M. Neely castigated the world's most powerful financial monarch as follows:

"While Morgan was escaping the payment of an income tax, more than 140,000 American farmers had the last acre of their land sold from under their feet in satisfaction of taxes they were too poor to pay. During the same period thousands of jobless working men had the roofs sold from over their heads to satisfy their taxes. But Morgan, the mightiest of millionaires, with his palatial English manor house, his mansions in New York and on Long Island, his shooting lodge in Scotland, his luxurious sea-going yacht that cost millions, his innumerable priceless treasures of art collected from all corners of the earth, with all of his luxury, power and pelf, was not moved by heart-breaking tragedies in the lives of the nation's distressed to contribute a farthing to the support of the Federal government, and thereby relieve the unfortunate of a part of their burdens."

### In the Next War

**A**N ENTHUSIASTIC veteran of the Spanish-American war, in a Decoration Day address at Coffeyville, Kansas, has worked out a new

program for the drafting of soldiers. The ones that have most at stake are the big financiers; so in the front ranks he would put such men as J. P. Morgan, Andrew Mellon, Henry Ford, John J. Raskob, William Woodin, William G. McAdoo and all the other members of the National Economy League. The troops would all go to the front, men and women, in the order of their fortunes. Those that have nothing, and therefore have nothing to lose, would not have to go at all. Seems like a good plan.

### Too Many Governments

**I**NCLUDING the national government, the state, county, city, township and school district governments, it is calculated that there are in the United States somewhere between a quarter million and a half million governments. It is now coming to be appreciated that these are too many to function efficiently, and the expense is too great to be borne. It will be interesting to many to know that New York city spends more on her police than the revenue of thirty-five states, and that the cities of Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis spend more for garbage removal than the entire expenses of the state of Nevada.

# What America Got Out of the World War

By Huey P. Long (La.) in a speech in the United States Senate

**I** WAS not in favor of the war with Germany. I am not in favor of it now.

They sent the soldiers with the brass bands playing and with the flags flying, promising them that when the camp fires had died down and they had returned home they were going to kill the fatted calf, that they were going to get the robe and put it on the back of the son returning home, and that the greatness of the land would be theirs eternally if ever they had the misfortune to suffer the slightest disability in the cause of serving democracy and humanity and America.

I did not go to that war, Mr. President. I was within the draft age. I could have gone, except for my dependents. I did not go because I did not want to go, even aside from that fact. That question was asked on the floor of the Senate. I did not go because I was not mad at anybody over there, for another reason. I did not go because it was not the first time in history that the sons of America had volunteered themselves as cannon fodder under the misguided apprehension that it was going to be a fight

for humanity, when they were used in that war and in the years following, and are used today and will be in the years to follow, for the purpose of centralizing the wealth of the United States and of the world in the hands of the few.

How well did we come out of it? We went into the war with 2 percent of the people owning 60 percent of the wealth. We came out of the war with 1 percent of the people owning 60 percent of the wealth. We came out of that war and into this war with 5 percent of the people owning 85 percent of the wealth. We have come out of that war with dictatorships flowering in Italy, with dictatorships flowering in Germany, with dictatorships flowering all over the countries that we crossed 4,000 miles to "make them safe for democracy". We have come out, Mr. President, not with having made them democracies, but, instead, to make America safe for dictatorship. They have crossed from the East to the West and made America safe for dictatorship, whereas we thought we had crossed from the West to the East to make Europe safe for democracy.

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## Kellogg Peace Pact in Manchuria

**E**VER hear about the Kellogg Peace Pact? It originated in America; it declares that war is a crime. Ever hear about the Nine-Power Treaty? It safeguards the situation in the Pacific, ensuring that nobody will resort to war, and that everybody will take good care of China. Ever hear about the Covenant of the League of Nations? Japan and China both became members of the League, and were therefore committed to peace.

Ever hear about America's firm position that it cannot ever recognize Manchukuo? Well, the recent dispatches from Asia say: "The Japanese column en route to the front in the central part of Jehol from Suichung forms a three-mile-long cavalcade of American-made trucks, which carry thousands of Japanese infantrymen. They have the deadliest of weapons and the very best of supplies."

Ever hear about the big orders for war supplies that the Vickers Armstrong Company, British concern, secured from both the Japanese and Chinese just a few weeks ago? The buyers for both countries met in the anteroom and

jewed the Vickers people down 40 percent on their prices. As soon as the order was landed, the British at first announced that all orders booked would be filled, but no more orders would be accepted. That is an embargo. Subsequently this embargo was lifted.

Uncle Sam, who did not get in on the big orders, in spite of all those nice new trucks, was mad and refused to go along on the embargo proposition. He feels that the decent thing to do would be to let the Japanese and Chinese buyers come over here and shop around and get all the war supplies they would need for several years and *then* he would be willing to show that his heart is in the right place by placing an embargo. But he wants the orders first.

And when Uncle Sam finally does pronounce an embargo, you can bet that the State Department will explain that the reason why it is done is that war is a crime, and the conditions of the Nine-Power Treaty make it essential that it should take this act of simple honesty and justice.

**B**UTTERMILK is one of the most healthful of foods; that is a known fact. The aluminum companies persist in trying to tell the people that aluminum is a good metal to take into the system; the more you take in, the better you feel. Their repeated protestations that there is nothing harmful about the use of aluminum cooking utensils reminds one of nothing so much as a young lady going down the street loudly vociferating that she is not immoral. She draws attention to herself, but it is not the kind of attention that does her any good. The more she says, the more the people suspect that she knows something she is not telling.

On August 2, 1912, in the city of La Grange, Texas, a lady churned, using a new one-gallon

glass churn. When she had finished churning both she and her daughter drank of the buttermilk. About an hour later both started vomiting and feeling sick in the stomach. The mother was just able to call another daughter who lived next door. She sent for a doctor right away, but one was not sufficient, so another doctor was called in. Meantime the two women were desperately ill, one calling for a blanket, and the other for a wet towel, alternately. This happened in the afternoon and kept up all night. The new churn was the cause of it. The rod of the dasher had been painted with aluminum paint, which worked off during the churning process and was drunk with the buttermilk.

### Death in the Aluminum Bucket

**T**WENTY-TWO young people of New Orleans, placing implicit confidence in the widely published assertions of the Aluminum Trust, the American Medical Association, the Mellon Institute, and other like institutions, attended a picnic at Little Woods, where they all drank punch from an aluminum bucket.

According to the *Scientific American*, *The Literary Digest*, and other windbags that never learn anything about anything of real value to the people, they should have been able to drink this punch all right, and according to the Aluminum Trust the metal they swallowed should really have been a help to them all. But the fact of the business is that they were all made deathly sick.

And doesn't it seem just too bad that not only will the Government do absolutely nothing about these repeated poisonings, but when someone who knows the facts dares to publish them they actually want to stop the publication of them? At least they did under the administration of the late President Hoover.

### Pioneer's Breakfast Food

By Ada Ralph

**T**HE following method of cooking whole-wheat cereal, ground through a coffee grinder, might interest other "pioneers". It is quickly prepared, and a convenience for those who have little time to spend in cooking.

One heaping cup (coffee cup size) of crushed whole wheat, teaspoonful salt, two cups of boil-

ing water. After stirring a few minutes, leave it to finish cooking on low gas or flame for twenty minutes, or put in double boiler for same time or for thirty minutes. This makes a satisfying breakfast, carries one to supper time, and keeps one in good condition.

### Separation of Oil from Water

**A**LLANELLY (Wales) man has invented a device which it is claimed works perfectly, on a gravity principle, in separating oil from water. By the use of this device it is hoped to recover all oils now wasted in sewers and, best of all, to prevent the fouling of harbors and other waters by the waste from oil-burning vessels. This waste, in recent years, has resulted in the death of millions of birds. They becoming enmeshed in films of oil, their plumage becomes water-soaked, and they contract pneumonia and die.

### Jobless Turned Back by Tear Gas

**R**EPORTS are that when 1,100 unemployed started from Chicago to the capitol at Springfield, to bring their plight to the attention of legislators there, the 150 automobiles and trucks which carried them were stopped by a barrage of tear gas, and they were turned back to whence they came. We would be interested to know what United States law or what Illinois law gives the right to police officials or anybody else to turn back law-abiding men who are unemployed through no fault of their own and who wish to get their case before their legal representatives. Looks like a bad business.



### ***Australian Sheep Raiser Discouraged***

**I**N THE Western Australia Legislative Assembly, just before the last session ended, one of the members offered to give any member in the House 2,000 or 3,000 sheep for nothing if he would come and take them away.

### ***Farmers Charged with Conspiracy***

**F**ARMERS in Michigan who made total bids of \$6.18 on a foreclosure sale of livestock and other property have been charged with criminal syndicalism. The use of this law against farmers is something unforeseen.

### ***Old Age Pensions in Indiana***

**A**FTER a battle of twelve years, the liberals of Indiana have succeeded in obtaining a law which will pay pensions of \$15 per month to indigent persons seventy years of age who have resided fifteen years in the state.

### ***Churches Destroyed in Quake***

**I**T IS estimated that the church property loss in the earthquake in the Los Angeles district exceeds \$1,000,000. Photographs of some of the ruined churches show steeples missing, windows and roofs caved in, and little left standing intact except the walls.

### ***Salvaging Gold from the Egypt***

**I**N SALVAGING gold from the Egypt the divers had to go down about four hundred feet; the bullion room was six decks below the bridge and locked in an iron fortress. In the face of these and other tremendous difficulties they have so far recovered about \$4,000,000.

### ***Tasmania Without a Governor***

**T**ASMANIA was without a governor for the three years from 1930 to 1933, not seeing where the wherewithal to pay his salary of \$15,000 was to come from. Conditions having improved somewhat, the occupancy of the office has been resumed.

### ***Shrinkage in World Business***

**I**N THE first quarter of the year 1929 the value of the combined exports and imports of the 49 principal countries of the world were \$15,289,000,000. In the first quarter of 1933 they had shrunk to \$5,381,000,000. At that rate, in two more years there would be no trade at all. No wonder the world powers wanted an economic conference.

### ***A Self-polishing Shoe Leather***

**T**HE Mellon Institute of Industrial Research claims to have discovered a new method of impregnating leather with colors in such a way as to improve its wear and water-resisting properties. It is necessary only to rub a pair of shoes lightly to give them an ideal polish.

### ***A Machine Photographs Heart Beats***

**I**T IS no longer necessary for the physician to listen carefully through a stethoscope to determine if the beats of a heart are regular. By a new device the beats are recorded in a line drawn on cross-ruled paper which line reveals exactly the performance of the organ.

### ***Neon Bulbs for Highways***

**I**T IS anticipated that the new neon gas bulbs, which furnish four times the light with the same amount of current, and are said to multiply visibility by sixteen, will be the highway lamps of the future, both for general lighting and for automobile headlights.

### ***A Fire-resisting Cement***

**A** MANCHESTER (England) engineer, on the search for insulating materials, has stumbled across a new form of concrete which is fireproof and has the strength of metal and the pliability of wood. It can be sawed, machined, tapped and drilled.

### ***The Devil Bird***

**T**HE devil bird, so called, scientifically known as the deires pheasant, has two horns, somewhat like a goat's horns, projecting from its head in the place where horns generally grow, and in addition has two horn-like protuberances that hang down from either side of the beak, somewhat like an elephant's tusks. The appearance of the bird is forbidding, and it is easy to see why it has gained its popular name.

### ***Made a Business of Going to Jail***

**N**INE men in New York city had worked up a nice little business of going to jail in place of speakeasy proprietors found guilty under prohibition laws. Everything was going nicely until the prison keepers got to recognizing the same old familiar faces under different names. The matter was looked up, and now all the parties to the conspiracy are liable to get long terms in prison unless the big politicians use their influence quickly.

### ***Advantages of Electrical Hotbeds***

**B**Y THE use of electrical hotbeds lettuce breaks ground in three days, and cabbages are ready for transplanting in twenty-one days. Stronger roots are produced than with natural fertilizer and there is an almost complete prevention of fungus diseases.

### ***Petunias Keep Down the Bugs***

**T**HE curious discovery has been made that when petunias are planted in a vineyard, the vine hoppers die. The supposition is that it is the nicotine content of the petunia that causes the hoppers to die. The petunia is one of the few plants that will grow when grafted upon a tobacco plant.

### ***Telephones in the Bathrooms***

**A** TRAVEL folder contains the following outline of the unusually elaborate appointments of the Hotel Washington, Pennsylvania Avenue at 15th Street, Washington, D.C.: "400 bedrooms, each with tub and shower, overhead electric fan, circulating ice water, and additional phone in every bathroom."

### ***Dictatorship in Indiana***

**W**ITH full knowledge of what they were doing the legislature of Indiana have conferred dictatorial powers upon their governor, Paul V. McNutt. Mr. McNutt has abolished or will abolish 150 boards and commissions, replacing them with eight newly created State departments which will perform all their services.

### ***Where Poverty Increases Most Rapidly***

**I**N AN address before the International Chamber of Commerce at Vienna, Edward A. Filene, of Boston, said, in part: "Poverty has been increasing lately in every country, and it has been increasing most rapidly in those nations whose ability to produce wealth has most rapidly increased."

### ***New York Aiding 800,000***

**A**T THIS writing New York city is supporting 208,610 families, or a total of 800,000 people, more than one-tenth of the entire population. Of the foregoing number, 76,000 men are said to be at work on the parks and highways, and it can be truthfully added that the streets never seemed to look more untidy than they do now.

### ***Too Much Hot Soda Pop***

**T**OO much hot soda pop is not as good as just enough. Several small boys crawled through a hole into a warehouse in Amarillo. They drank their fill, but when they tried to get out they could not squeeze through the hole by which they had come. When the police found them they were crying.

### ***A Half Million Butterflies***

**A**T HAWKES BAY, South Africa, school children, in the effort to cut down the white butterfly pest, actually caught 500,949 butterflies. The prize-winner, Miss Noeline Parker, captured 60,918, and was more than 15,000 ahead of her nearest competitor. Ten of the youngsters together accounted for 304,071 of the insects.

### ***Artificial Fog Produced in Four Minutes***

**I**N EXPERIMENTS at Esquerdes, France, in four minutes an area a mile square was covered with an impenetrable mist so densely that nothing of the town could be seen from the air. Fourteen fog machines were used in the experiments, and the results were so satisfactory that similar machines will now be placed in all the industrial centers in the north of France.

### ***Wonderful Surgical Operation in Australia***

**A**T PERTH, Australia, by a singular accident a young butcher was wounded by a thin-bladed knife which pierced the pericardium and scratched the heart. Sepsis set in, and the young man was at the point of death. A skillful surgeon removed three ribs, and while he tenderly held the heart in his hand the cavity was carefully cleansed; the heart was then replaced; repairs were made, and the young man is getting well.

### ***Changes in Turkish Language***

**T**HE enforced abandonment of Turkish characters and adoption of Roman letters has had the curious effect in Turkey of bringing a new language into existence. A great educational change is under way. Words of Arabic or Persian form are being abandoned and words of humble Turkish origin put in their place. In public prayers the government has changed the name of Allah to Tanri. Nineteen clergymen revolted and were sentenced to from one to two years in prison. At one time it was expected they would be hanged.

### **200,000 Jews in Palestine**

WHILE the rest of the world is in the worst strife and confusion it has ever known, reports from Palestine are increasingly encouraging. Dr. Chaim Weizmann, former president of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, states that there are now more than 200,000 Jews there and that the country can absorb a much greater number. He urges upon all nations a general reconsideration of the Jewish claims and prospects.

### **How Machado Lived**

AT THE presidential palace in Havana President Machado had soldiers and police on every floor and machine-gunners and riflemen on the roof. At his estate outside the city he was surrounded by barbed-wire fences bristling with machine guns and light artillery. He traveled at high speed in an armored car, preceded and followed by other armored cars filled with soldiers.

### **"Do Not Know They Have Died"**

SIR OLIVER LODGE, broadcasting spiritism over the British Broadcasting Company's system (which clergy-controlled system remains closed to Judge Rutherford, the world's greatest Bible expositor), says that some of the dead "do not always know that they have died". That seems not unreasonable, especially in view of the plain Bible statement that "the dead know not any thing".—Ecclesiastes 9:5.

### **Sees with an Animal's Eyes**

TWENTY-TWO years ago the pupils of an animal's eyes were grafted upon the eyes of Frank Rentz, of Madison, born blind. The operation was a complete success. The young man, at age twenty-four, has just graduated from the Wisconsin University Law School, and has nearly full use of his eyes. It took about three years after the operation before sight was normal.

### **Tel Aviv the Beautiful**

TEL AVIV, 70,000 population, the new Jewish city of Palestine, located in the heart of the orange belt, has become one of the most beautiful cities anywhere to be found. More than 4,500,000 cases of oranges were shipped from Palestine's groves last year, and 6,000,000 cases will be shipped next year. Tel Aviv has become a most important manufacturing and trading center.

### **What Sir Ian Hamilton Expects**

ANTICIPATING that a new World War is at hand, Sir Ian Hamilton, whose prognostications have proved remarkably correct, says it would be over before the masses of infantry on either side could get in contact with each other. There would be one sudden rush to seize airdromes and oil depots on enemy soil, and the ones that lost out on that fight would lose out altogether.

### **What a War Now Would Be Like**

EIGHTEEN military experts agree that the next war will take the form of mass murder of the civilian population. Gases, fatal whatever part of the body they touch, will penetrate everywhere. Thermite bombs, developing a heat of 3,000 degrees, will burn their way through steel; water merely increases the incendiary effect. The raids will be by unmanned aeroplanes, wirelessly controlled by machines out of sight.

### **Self-Help in Cedar Rapids, Iowa**

LAST year 1,100 families of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, took advantage of the opportunity to raise their own produce on plots of vacant ground in various parts of the city, donated for gardening purposes. This year, the plan having worked exceedingly well, the county overseer of the poor will pay for plowing the same lands, will furnish the seeds for planting, and the Unemployment Relief Committee has hired an expert gardener to assist these ambitious, independent Americans to make the best of their situation.

### **Seventh World Power in Action**

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR OSBURN, D.S.O., writing in the *London News Chronicle* about the repeated bombing of Arab and Indian villages, says:

"On such occasions the men of the village are often absent, so it is non-combatants who are usually the chief victims. When our troops enter a bombed village the pariah dogs are already at work eating the corpses of the babies and the old women that have been killed. Many suffering from ghastly wounds, especially some of the young children, are found still alive, covered with flies and crying for water. As all uninjured adults have fled, these mutilated women and children must perforce lie unattended. Our so-called 'police work' in Asia tends to become more and more ruthless."

### *England Ready for a Dictator*

SIX years of work have completed plans for placing Britain under a complete dictatorship in case of war. The entire British nation would be mobilized in a few hours, every enemy alien arrested and interned, and every person in the country put under the authority of the prime minister. No rations would be given to conscientious objectors, who would thus be starved to death. Wireless sets would be confiscated.

### *Effects of Japan's Peaceful War*

JAPAN is at peace with China and the Japanese minister is still in good standing at the Chinese court. Up to the middle of April there were 7,000 wounded soldiers in hospitals in Peiping, and 3,000 were reported as too seriously wounded to be brought there. Four thousand had been slain. At the same time that this situation prevailed in North China, Communists in southern and central China were responsible for the slaying of 20,000 troops.

### *Items from China*

IN RECENT years the number of "Christians" in China has been reduced by 50,000 or more. Since the Japs conquered Jehol they have gone in strong for the growth of opium; they realize that the Chinese can be subjugated by drugs, as the Hindus have been in India. The Hwang Ho, having silted up again, seems ready to cut another path to the sea, as is its custom. Thousands of persons have starved to death, and cannibalism is rampant in Shensi province. Bands of wolves invade the villages at night and often carry off some of the inhabitants.

### *Freedom of Speech in England*

JUSTICE HUMPHREYS, at the Old Bailey, London, took occasion to make a statement on freedom of speech in England that will be read with interest:

"It is quite clear that in this country there is a most complete freedom of expression of opinion on any subject, whether by spoken word or written document. People in this country are at liberty to discuss any subject under the sun as openly as possible and in any way they choose. A person has liberty to say that the constitution of the country or the religion of the country should be changed, that there ought to be no religion at all, that there ought to be no king, that we ought to have a republic or any other form of government."

### *The Secret Police of Russia*

IN AN address in San Francisco Mr. Austen Lewis is reported as having said:

"The Communist party owns Russia. Its members travel first-class on the trains, they have the exclusive use of automobiles, they have special tickets with regard to meals, they have special provisions with regard to living quarters, and they are in process of forming an aristocratic group. Secret police, who see you and shoot you without any trial, shoot hundreds of people in the course of a year without any trial. There isn't any romance about that."

### *Giraffe-necked Padaungs*

NEW YORK'S circus-goers have been gaping for weeks at the giraffe-necked Padaungs, ladies from upper Burmah whose necks have been stretched until they are over a foot long. When they are three years old their mothers fasten three brass rings around their necks, and one more at every birthday until they have twenty or more. The rings are never removed. Who but the Devil would ever think of originating such a custom?

### *Crabbing the Fishing Business*

ARTISTS do not enjoy having their acts crabbed; nor do fishermen any the more. An artist's act is crabbed when someone in the audience attracts more attention than the actor himself. But in Australia the fishing business has been crabbed by real crabs. Millions of giant crabs have appeared off the Victorian coast, and are clearing the sea-bed of all other natural life. These crabs are pear-shaped, of a light strawberry color, and measure two to five feet across with their claws extended. The worst of it is that they are inedible.

### *Deprived of Pants*

THE Dayton *Journal* shows a two-column picture of a World War veteran deprived of his pants by the Government. A married man, with family, but out of work, he has been getting his meals at the Soldiers' Home in Dayton. The Government had loaned him a suit of clothes, but orders from the Veterans' Bureau came that, in compliance with the provisions of the national economy act, any not entitled to residence at the home must turn in all clothing issued by the Government. As a consequence, Veteran Long went home without pants, coat or vest. A friendly civilian took him home in his car.

*Which Was the Worse?*

**W**E ARE a little puzzled as to which was the worse parent, the California woman who slapped her crying infant so hard that she caused its death by a cerebral hemorrhage, or the New York state preacher who whipped his three-year-old daughter to death because she refused to say her prayers. Somehow, it seems as if these two should have been married to each other, with the Devil, with his collar on backwards, performing the marriage ceremony.

*Wallkill Prison Without Walls*

**B**ESIDES its regular grim prisons New York has one institution, the Wallkill prison, which is without walls and where the prisoners are allowed a large degree of liberty. It is an institution to which individuals are transferred from the other prisons when they indicate by their behavior that their rehabilitation will probably be easily accomplished. Twenty-nine other states have similar institutions, and Canada and England have had them for many years.

*Percy Rockefeller as a Director*

**P**ERCY ROCKEFELLER, nephew of John D., Sr., is one of several directors being sued by trustees of the bankrupt International Match Corporation because he let Ivar Kreuger loot the company. On the witness stand he testified that he never investigated the financial standing of the company, never saw the match concessions which Kreuger claimed to have but did not have, never verified any statement Kreuger made, and never voted against any proposal that emanated from him. Oh Percy, Percy! Mercy!

*Betting on Church Attendance*

**A** COUNTRY minister near Melbourne, Australia, noticed that in fair weather he managed to take in about \$25 per week, but in case of rain many people remained at home and business was not so good. He now pays \$1.25 per week to an insurance company to insure him against rain on Sunday morning. If it rains he gets \$25 from the insurance company; if it doesn't rain he gets \$25 from the congregation. If it rains after eleven o'clock, he gets \$25 from both the insurance company and the congregation. Probably he makes a business of praying, not for the "early" rain, which gives him \$25, but for the "latter" rain, which gives him \$50.

*Hebrew Christians Active in Palestine*

**H**EBREW Christians are at present said to be very active in Palestine. These subscribe to the tenets of Zionism but believe the movement of the Jewish people to form a national home in Palestine can never become fully successful until they recognize Jesus as the Messiah. They are establishing twelve agricultural settlements in proximity to other Jewish populations and hope to find some listening ears among their neighbors.

*Mars Probably Not Inhabited*

**S**IX months of careful study of Mars with the 100-inch telescope at Mount Wilson observatory, California, led two scientists to say that the amount of free oxygen in the Mars atmosphere is less for a given area than 1 percent of that on the earth. Moreover, even in summer, the temperature never rises above 79 degrees Fahrenheit, and may go far below zero. These two items suggest that the planet is not inhabited.

*Huge Salaries of Life Insurance Presidents*

**W**HEN the bank moratorium was on, many people found that the insurance companies are merely banks, and now a few of the more cautious and inquisitive are discovering that they have shortcomings in common. Thus, it is said that in 1932 the average of salaries of life insurance presidents was \$50,000, and the highest paid five presidents averaged to receive \$136,000 each. These life insurance presidents all believe in running things economically, except on the little matter of their own personal salaries.

*World Idiotic Conference*

**R**EFERRING to what he designated as the World Idiotic Conference at London, George Bernard Shaw pinned this bouquet on the banking fraternity:

"One reason international conferences don't succeed is because bankers are allowed to have a hand in them. International bankers are profiting by the world's insolvency and it's natural they don't want it to get solvent again. It's futile to allow these few tremendously wealthy men who know nothing of statesmanship to attempt to cure the world's ills. Their very profession immediately disqualifies them from holding the confidence of peoples. Take this conference out of the hands of the bankers and maybe the world will get a better deal."

### ***The Kidnaping Industry***

THE kidnaping industry has become so widespread and so important that the Federal government has now opened a kidnaping department. Their advice is that if a kidnaping occurs in your family, get the news as quickly as possible to the nearest office of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice and by all means keep the news away from everybody else and do not molest the premises where the kidnaping occurred. Let Uncle Sam act.

### ***Canning Human Blood in Russia***

DOCTOR ALAN HIRSCH, returning to New York from a visit to Russia, reports that in that country human blood is now preserved for use in transfusion. The blood used is that obtained immediately following death by accident of healthy persons. Can't help but wonder if there is any connection between the mysterious disappearances of those not congenial to the Soviet state and this sudden supply of fresh blood obtained from the accidental death of healthy persons.

### ***1,500 New Priests***

THE *Official Catholic Directory* reports 1,500 new priests in this country, with a total increase of 32,012 for the denomination. That gives one new priest for each 20 new members, or, say, one for about every four families. One would almost think that the objective sought is to have a priest in every family and to turn every house into a "church". All the property, however, would remain in the name of the bishop. In sections of Mexico they get along with one priest to every 100,000 people, and even then find that they have more than they need.

### ***Quary Nuts Turn a Negro White***

SUFFERING from asthma, a coal-black Haitian Negro, Ysmeond Dauphin, cured himself by roasting and eating one quary nut a day for six days, without result. On the seventh day he ate two of the nuts and became desperately ill and temporarily blind. When he recovered his health, his sight returned, but his Negro color was gone. The color of his eyes and also of his hair has changed and his skin is now a pinkish white. At last accounts he was on exhibition in the United States. The facts are fully established and the man is now readily taken for a white man. The nuts which he ate are found to contain a cyanidic acid.

### ***Wonders of the Polarograph***

UPON the mere pressing of an electric switch the polarograph, the invention of a college professor in Prague, will in four or five minutes automatically register on paper the kind and amount of chemical substances present in any compound put into the machine for analysis. There are but three of these machines in America, all in the care of universities. It is hard to measure the great advantages which this system possesses in time and accuracy over older methods.

### ***Pitcairners Know a Thing or Two***

THE people of Pitcairn island, in the South Pacific, number 193. They are the descendants of a crew that mutinied away back in 1790. Not daring to return to England they settled down in their island home, taking native Tahitian women as their wives. The island is self-supporting. Cocoanuts are plentiful. Visitors are not allowed to remain, and while they are there they are not permitted to drink alcohol or to wear shorts unless they wear something else with them.

### ***British Broadcasting Company Narrowness***

THE narrowness of the British Broadcasting Company, which is clergy-controlled, is shown by the fact that they exclude from the air Judge Rutherford (who has three times had the honor of the greatest broadcasting hook-up in history) and on July 14 allowed a nameless monk to broadcast an Anglo-Catholic mass from the race track for dogs at Oxford. By the way, was that merely an accident that this broadcasting was done from a place that was specially intended for the activity of dogs?

### ***Traffic Delayed at Rivington Street***

TRAFFIC was delayed for several minutes the other day at Rivington Street station of the Second Avenue elevated, in Manhattan, because gunmen selected it as their spot to commit a murder. Four men tossed a victim out of a car and then fired four bullets into his body at such close range that his face bore several powder burns. They then drove leisurely off. Several hundred persons were inconvenienced. It really seems as if somebody ought to chide our murderers here in Catholic New York; they are so impolite. Still, scolding is a dreadful habit, and they might not like it. And, further, we don't like to be called disturbers.

***Demons Read a Woman's Mind***

**U**NDER the misleading title "Everyday Religion" the press contains a story of a minister who hypnotized a woman who had accidentally burned a bundle of her dead husband's letters. While under hypnotic control, i.e., under the control of a demon, she dictated the contents of all the letters, and much other information regarding her private affairs, and the minister's secretary took it all down in black and white, and wrote it out for her. This had nothing whatever to do with the subject of religion, unless the activities of demons, devils, is to be considered religious work.

***Six Families Rule Japan***

**S**IX families control practically all the basic industries of Japan, banks, mining, insurance, shipbuilding, paper, steel, rayon, chemicals, sugar, steamers, railways, water, sulphur, glass, lumber, electricity, etc. These six families control the Mitsui, Mitsubishi and Sumitomo companies, which in turn control 79 subsidiary companies. The modern industrial development of Japan was launched by the state in 1862. Now there are 60,000 factories, employing 4,700,000 workers, and their products are being pushed into every corner of Asia, Africa and the islands of Oceania.

***Uncle Sam Trims M. P. Salaries***

**A**S OUR readers know, Uncle Sam is now virtually owner of the Missouri Pacific, on the general Chamber of Commerce principle that if a business is profitable it should be conducted by one of their number, and for private gain, but if it is a money-loser then it is all right to turn it over to the Government to be run. The idea is that that helps establish in the minds of the people the conviction that the government is no good; this is something Big Business is very anxious to have taught. Well, Uncle Sam came into possession of the Missouri Pacific to get the house of Morgan out of a hole. He found the president of the company getting a salary of \$85,416 a year; that seemed too much for the president of that kind of road. Washington wanted the salary cut to \$25,000 a year, but the judge who had the receivership in hand contented himself with reducing it to \$40,000. Even that seems a pretty good salary to pay by a road that is in the hands of a receiver. The salary of the first vice-president was also reduced from \$40,000 to \$19,000 per year.

***Egypt Revolting Against Missionaries***

**A**T A MISSIONARY school at Port Said, Egypt, the Swedish headmistress severely beat an Arab girl for alleged misbehavior. She ran to the police and told them she had been beaten because she refused to be baptized into the Christian faith; this may or may not have been true, but in any event the result has been to set all Egypt aflame with resentment against the missionaries, whether Catholic or Protestant. The leading newspapers have taken it up and are waging a great fight against what they term Christian intolerance, favoritism and the like.

***Ramie as a Substitute for Linen***

**R**AMIE, sometimes known as China grass, widely cultivated in various parts of the world, is now subjected to a chemical process which removes the gums and other impurities which have hitherto made the resulting fiber not all that could be desired. The result of the new process is that America will in a few years have its own linen industry, and the linens will be made of ramie. The plant is not attacked by insects, does not require fertilizing, will grow anywhere cotton will grow, and yields 1,500 pounds per acre, as against 150 pounds of cotton. The pulp of ramie produces the strongest paper known, while its fiber makes a finer linen than flax. At present the United States imports \$62,000,000 worth of linen annually, mostly from Ireland and Belgium, but some from Russia.

***Machinery and the American Farmer***

**T**HE American farm is run by machinery. In the depression this results in an overhead cost which makes it impossible for the American farmer to compete with the European peasant. He is unwilling to retrograde to the plane of living of the peasant, and he would not know how to work like a peasant, even if he tried. Some idea of his plight may be gathered from a comparison of the average prewar prices of commodities with those prevalent this last winter: From 1909 to 1914 cotton averaged 12.4 cents a pound; in February of this year it was 5.5 cents a pound. Corn was 64.2 cents; this year, 19.4 cents. Wheat was 88.4 cents; this year, 32.3 cents. Beef was 5.20 cents a pound; this year, 3.31 cents. Hogs were 7.24 cents a pound; this year, 2.94 cents. Butter was 25.5 cents a pound; this year, 18.4 cents. Lambs were 5.90 cents a pound; this year, 4.19 cents.

### **Big Fellows Love to Pay Taxes**

**H**OW the big fellows do love to pay taxes to the governments that have done so much for them! Sometimes they are momentarily shy about it. Sometimes they pay too quickly, and then their lawyers make it plain that when they paid in the first place they were only joking. The Astors want back \$16,000,000, the Arbuckles are after \$10,000,000 which they paid but wish they hadn't; the Vanderbilts are wanted at the tax window with \$800,000 that they forgot to pay, and the Harrimans are overly modest about contributing \$5,000,000 for our national support. All these items of the social very elect appeared in the newspapers in a single day.

### **World's Oldest Man Is Dead**

**L**I CHING-YUN, at one time believed to have been born 256 years ago, but more recently calculated as 197 years of age, passed away in May, 1933. He was well known over much of China where for a hundred years he gathered herbs. Subsequently he was engaged in selling herbs gathered by others. The oldest men in his neighborhood asserted their grandfathers knew him as boys and he was then a grown man. Quite probably he was the world's oldest man. But a million years from now there will be millions that will then be a million years old or more; for most certainly millions now living will never see death.

### **"One Day Nearer Hell"**

**A** TRACT bearing the above title, put out by the Gospel [?] Missionary Union, purported to give "a few of many well authenticated instances where sudden destruction was meted out to the perverse and stubborn sinner"; and, as we have no confidence whatever in the truthfulness of any such stories, we read it with some interest. One of the stories was as follows:

At Catskill, a group of men sat in a blacksmith shop during a violent thunder storm. There came an awful crash of thunder and some of the men trembled, but one of them said, "I do not see what you are afraid of. I am not afraid to go outside of the shop and defy the Almighty. I am not afraid of lightning." He laid down a wager, and went out and shook his fist at the heavens, saying, "Strike if you dare!" and instantly he fell under a fiery bolt.

No dates were given, and no places or states were given except in this one instance, but here was a clue. We followed it up. The *United*

*States Official Postal Guide* shows there is but one Catskill in the United States. The *International Gazetteer* shows that there is but one in the world. The Encyclopedia tells all about it. But we have a better way of finding out. It is in the territory of the little company of Jehovah's witnesses of which Frank Powell is the director, and Frank will tell us the truth.

And so we wrote to Frank and asked him to spare no effort to get the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Would he please, at his convenience, "ascertain whether the incident said to have occurred at Catskill ever occurred; frankly, we do not believe it did, and think that a careful inquiry will show that somebody is lying."

And Frank came back with the statement, "We made several inquiries regarding the incident which is said to have occurred in Catskill, and not one knew or ever heard of such a thing." And all this is as we would have expected. And, mind you, of the five stories in the tract this is the only one susceptible of investigation.

### **As to Whipping of African Natives**

**A** SUBSCRIBER writes: "In *Golden Age* 352, of March 15, 1933, you state that in Northern Rhodesia natives are subjected to whippings with rhinoceros-hide whips. In that territory, to my knowledge, such treatment would be brooked least of all, at least as little as in the other South-African protectorates, where the native, and not the white man, gets preference in most things. The difference in the status of the native south of the Zambesi and that north of it is very marked to any observer the moment one crosses this river. It is not a general practice in Southern Rhodesia to whip natives with rhinoceros-hide whips. If individuals here and there are guilty of such practice, it is not due to any governmental sanction or policy."

Our error seems to have been in mentioning Northern instead of Southern Rhodesia as the scene of native whippings. It is certainly a comfort to know that these whippings do not constitute a governmental policy. We are sure that this must be of considerable consolation to the native being whipped. And, frankly, we very much question the statement that the native gets the preference in *most* things. The native may get the preference, but the white man gets the goods. We are glad to change our item to the extent of substituting *Southern* for *Northern* Rhodesia; otherwise it remains substantially as it was.



### ***Horrid Work of the Demons***

**M**OST of our readers are aware of the fact that the demons have power to extrude cells from the body of a spirit medium and that their so-called "materializations" are accomplished by the tricks they perform with these disgusting protruding ribbons of human flesh.

In a lawsuit, in Britain, where a woman was charged with having conducted a fraudulent seance, a spiritist editor, a Mr. Oaten, is reported in the *London News Chronicle* as having given the following testimony in defense of the medium, Mrs. Duncan. It helps one to understand why "manifestations" are in darkened rooms and subdued atmosphere, and shows how infinitely mean the Devil is:

Mr. Oaten told of a case where a woman wanted to meet her dead husband. Mrs. Duncan was in a cabinet and her husband (?) came out a distance of four feet and placed his hand on the woman's shoulder. She screamed, and Mrs. Duncan was instantly shocked and bled from the mouth and nose.

Montagu Rush, of Newport, Fife, said that on one occasion the psycho-plasm came from Mrs. Duncan's mouth in the form of a snake six feet long. It had terrific force and eventually it twined itself round his neck, and almost lifted him from his chair.

### ***The New Declaration of Independence***

**T**HE new Declaration of Independence, adopted by the new Continental Congress at Washington, D.C., on May 7, went after the big financiers as follows:

"They have drawn billions in profit, rent, and interest; and they have slashed our wages and the prices of our farm products. They have used the marvels of the machine age, not to lift the burden of toil from our shoulders, but to speed us up beyond human endurance, and to throw us jobless upon the streets. They have taken the products of our labor, and not paid us enough to buy back the goods we have produced. They have wasted our natural, technical, and human resources, and led us into ever more tragic periods of industrial chaos. They have mortgaged our farms, and then sold them from under us. They have lived in mansions and evicted us from our homes. They have led us to trust in their banks, and then have stolen our savings. They have invaded our civil liberties, and thrown our leaders into jail. They have intrenched themselves in power by controlling the schools, the press, and the government. They have spent billions on bombs and battleships while we have gone cold and hungry. They have forced us to bleed and die in defense of their loans and markets abroad, and to kill our fellow workers in other countries. They

have done these things as part and parcel of a profit system which places the few in control of gigantic monopolies, and puts profit above human life. Since the first Declaration of Independence the American people have discovered and created the means for unheard-of wealth. Wide rivers have been tamed to provide electric power, huge mountains have been tunneled to give ore for the creation of new and marvelous machines, and the prairies have been made to yield rich crops. Man's power to produce wealth has been increased a hundredfold, until now a life of security and abundance is possible for all. But today the nation starves in the midst of plenty. The gigantic machines stand idle, the crops lie in warehouses or rot in the fields. The system is collapsing before our very eyes."

### ***Choice Paragraphs from The Arbitrator***

**"T**HE Senate Finance Committee began hearings on February 13 to learn from fifty leaders who created the depression how they would end the trouble they deny causing."

"The adulterous union of corporations and machines has produced the idle rich and bastard robots. Machines on the loose are a menace to society, but properly married they are economical housewives. Separate the machines from corporations, wed them to the government legitimately, teach them productive birth control, and instead of breeding technological unemployment the machine will be pregnant with blessings, enabling the work of the world to be completed in a few hours a day."

"The banks have made such large profits that their \$100 shares have sold as high as \$4,200. To conceal this increase they then split the shares so that their dividends would not appear so enormous. The Chemical National Bank of New York boasted that for eighty years it had paid dividends of 100 percent a year on its capital. The holdings of the president of the First National Bank increased \$31,000,000 in three days in 1929, each original \$100 invested paying nearly \$2,000 a year in dividends.

"Bankers of the highest standing furnish dummy directors to assist irregular operations of corporations; they juggle their statements to deceive the public and the bank examiner; though permitted by special laws to loan at 20 percent or over, 2,743 banks were caught practicing usury. While the banks make inordinate profits they pay small interest rates to depositors. They have foreclosed over 100,000 farm mortgages."

### ***No More Cows off the Key***

THE Detroit Creamery Company has installed radio receiving sets in their cow barns. It is said to definitely improve the morale of the attendants and to have a quieting effect on the cows. To Anxious Reader we may reply that this probably means that there will be no more soprano cows. We understand that alto goes best over the radio, and we feel sure the cows will take the hint and lay off the soprano mooing. And what's more, if they do moo in alto it is going to be good alto, all in key and all in time; if not, why go to all the trouble to give them lessons by radio?

### ***The Way the Bankers Help the Country***

THE way the bankers help the country is simple. They take the savings of the people and use them to buy up something the people have to have; it matters not what it is. The price paid is several times what the thing is worth; the banker first generously rewards himself, after which the people are let in on the bargain.

Not infrequently the banker finally gets all the assets of the business and the people get stock certificates which they can use instead of wall paper. But one thing they do get and never part with is the certainty of paying more forevermore for the necessity, whatever it is that the bankers started out to get.

### ***"Observe Sunday"***

THE Canadian government is dating its letters with a stamp-canceling device bearing the slogan "Observe Sunday". Don't know just what they want, but they surely do observe it over here, anyway. On Sunday, in the United States, there are more persons at the ball games than on any other day; there are more persons at the beaches, more people playing golf, more people out driving automobiles, and more people reading comic sheets, than on any other day in the week. What do the Canadians want, anyway? Americans may not be observing Sunday as the Canadians do, nor as they wish us to do, but nobody can deny that we are observing it.

## **Only a Poor Pussy Cat**

IT WAS only a poor pussy cat. All it wanted was a chance to live for a few days and enjoy some of the mercies God has spread so bountifully all about us. Without a doubt it liked to lap up a saucer of milk, poured for it by a benefactor. Without a doubt it rubbed against somebody's legs, to show its utter and absolute friendliness. And if it had half a chance it leaped from the floor into somebody's lap, and when that somebody scratched back of its ears, ever so gently, and stroked its glossy fur, it closed its eyes and was off in dreamland in a minute, enjoying the only heaven a cat can ever know.

But what is this that we see in the *American Journal of Physiology* for August, 1931? It tells about what some medical men did to this poor pussy. Of course, pussy had a vagus; and so have you. The vagus is your pneumogastric nerve; it operates your lungs and stomach. It furnishes power for voice, heart, liver and spleen. If anything happens to it you are in a bad way, and if anything happens to pussy's vagus, pussy is in a bad way, too. And here is what happened:

"The branches of the right (or left) vagus were cut as they left the vagal trunk, from above the recurrent laryngeal to below the bifurcation of the trunk

on the esophagus (gullet). The trunk itself was isolated along this extent. The other vagus was cut in the neck. The upper thoracic sympathetic chains were removed. The free end of the trimmed vagus was brought out of the chest through the second interspace for stimulation."

How would you like to have somebody cut one of the greatest and most important systems of nerves in your body and pull the loose end of it out between your ribs so as to further torment you by irritating the loose end thus exposed to view?

Poor pussy could no longer cry out. The nerve she would have used to do so was cut, and that made it impossible. Well! And what could she do, at the end of her poor life, to provide compensation to anybody for what she suffered? Only this. Read it, and if you can see anything to it except torture for the fun of torturing, then you are brilliant indeed.

"2.20 Animal pseudoaffective, struggling, and lashing bushy tail. Hind paws wet with sweat. Heart rate, 228. Respiration, 240. Rectal temperature, 39.2°C. Blood pressure, 120 mm.Hg."

With that, poor pussy died, and somebody, sometime, will have to answer for it, for God will certainly require it at the hands of all vivisectors.

## Obedience to the Lord Brings Strength

**I**F YOU were asked to name the ten strongest, most manly men that have ever lived, you would be almost certain to put Daniel in the list. You might put him as one of the first five. Before Jesus' day God himself put him as one of five, Noah, Job, Moses and Samuel being the other four. Not even Abraham, Joseph, David or Isaiah seems to have had such an honored place.—Ezekiel 14:14, 20; Jeremiah 15:1.

If you got to thinking on the subject you would not go far, probably, before you would find yourself humming the old tune, or perhaps saying half aloud to yourself:

“Dare to be a Daniel;  
Dare to stand alone;  
Dare to have a purpose firm  
And dare to make it known.”

And yet, physically Daniel did not have the strength of a woman or of a growing boy or girl; for he was a eunuch. Only one in four survives this terrible operation which strikes the tree of manhood at its roots.

It was the barbarous custom of the east thus to treat captives, and as Daniel and his companions were under the care of the prince of the eunuchs (Daniel 1:7) it is certain that he was one himself. Isaiah prophesied of a day when the descendants of the Jewish kings should be “eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon”. (Isaiah 39:7) Daniel was one of these.

It is well known that the operation performed upon Daniel and his companions has the tendency to repress courage, gentleness, shame and remorse, and is liable to bring on malice, melancholy and suicide. These facts tend to throw into even greater light the astonishing courage and gentleness of Daniel and his companions, and reveal clearly that the source of their strength was nothing within themselves but was strength supplied to them by Jehovah God.—Habakkuk 3:19; Psalm 71:15, 16.

### *Strength Made Perfect in Weakness*

If all men that would serve the Lord could get to the place where they would entirely forget themselves, they would be much more usable than when a measure of self-interest, self-importance or self-aggrandizement is mixed with it; but the Lord does not desert those whose hearts are right, even if they do have to fight a lifelong battle with these handicaps. This is all nicely set out for us in the experiences of the apostle Paul:

And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.—2 Corinthians 12:7-10.

The prophets recognized the same principle. Thus in the passage from Habakkuk, above cited, the prophet says: “[Jehovah] God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.”

The passage from the Psalm, also cited, is to the same effect: “My mouth shall shew forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day. . . . I will go in the strength of the Lord God.”

When one has the facts, there are certain passages in Daniel's prophecy that are very touching: “And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days: afterward I rose up, and did the king's business.” (Daniel 8:27) Still more significant is this one:

Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands: and he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. Then there came again and touched me one like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not; peace be unto thee; be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.—Daniel 10:8, 10, 11, 16-19.

### *Three Years on a Vegetable Diet*

Daniel and his companions were in training as courtiers of the king. They had been care-

fully selected for their pleasing personal appearance, natural intelligence, skill in learning science and the languages, and their general adaptability as counselors.

To strengthen them, in the period when they were recovering from their operation, and were in training for a place at the council board, a daily allowance of meat and wine was made for each, which meat and wine, in accordance with the custom of the times, had first been offered to idols; for the king was a heathen.

At the first test, and at every subsequent test, Daniel showed his obedience to Jehovah God, and his determination to do what he conceived to be God's will, no matter what might result; and so we read:

But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.—Daniel 1:8.

Jehovah God knew that this question would come up. He knew that Daniel had been carefully reared in the Jewish faith, knew his conscientiousness, his reverence for God, and so arranged that his first battle should be a victory. The key to the situation rested in the prince of the eunuchs. "Now God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with" this man.

The prince explained to Daniel that he feared to disobey the king; if he should comply with Daniel's request, and omit the meat and wine from the diet of himself and his companions, and the thing should be discovered, and it would be apparent that these four men were making less progress than their fellows, it would cost him his life.

Daniel proposed that the matter be tried out ten days; they would go on a vegetable diet for that time, and would drink water instead of wine. At the end of that time they would accept his decision. He consented, and the Lord blessed the arrangement. At the end of ten days they had made noticeable progress, had put on flesh and were every way improved. That settled it, and they went on the vegetable diet for the whole three years.

### *The God of Heaven Stops a Massacre*

When the young courtiers were brought before the king and examined, at the end of the three years, it was found that Daniel and his companions were ten times as bright and ten

times as well posted as any other wise men in the realm. The next test followed speedily.

The king had a dream that troubled him, but he forgot the dream itself. He had all the older courtiers called in, and demanded that they recall his dream and give the explanation or he would have them all put to death as frauds. They could not comply with his request; so he gave orders that all should be slain, including Daniel and his companions.

When they came to Daniel he pleaded for a day's delay in the execution of the sentence of death, laid the matter before his three companions, and together they besought the God of heaven for the help without which they must perish. The help came that night, when the whole vision was made clear to Daniel, a vision which spans all history from that day to now.

Daniel's first thought was of the great One who had answered their prayers, and had become their rescuer, their wisdom and their might:

Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding. He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.—Daniel 2:20-23.

Promptly Daniel was brought in before the king, and the God that he acknowledged in the night seasons he acknowledged in open court. His statement of the dream and its interpretation was so overwhelmingly convincing that Nebuchadnezzar fell on his face before him, worshiped him, and commanded that an oblation and incense should be offered to him.

Daniel was made a great man; great gifts were given to him; he was made ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors of the wise men who but for him would have been put to death. His three companions at prayer were placed in responsible positions also.

### *Delivered from the Midst of the Flames*

It was not long after the elevation of Daniel to a high place in the realm, and the exaltation of Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego under him,

that these three men came in for an experience that showed they were of the same mind as Daniel. He was probably away on a journey at the time.

Nebuchadnezzar had set up on the plain of Dura a huge image of gold and summoned to the dedication representatives of the eight departments of his government: princes, governors, captains, judges, treasurers, counselors, sheriffs, and rulers.

These were told that when the orchestra should strike up, conveying the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and other musical instruments of the time, they must all fall down and worship this golden image or be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

The three Hebrews above named were present, as was their duty, but refrained from falling down and worshiping the image, as was also their duty not to do. They were accused before the king. He summoned them and graciously offered to give them a second chance. This indicates that he considered them valuable men.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego gave the king an answer that will abide for all time:

O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.—Daniel 3:16-18.

Nebuchadnezzar's fury knew no bounds. It is supposed that he ordered seven times the usual quantity of crude naphtha thrown into the furnace, to make sure that the fire would be the worst ever known. It was; it slew the men that threw these eunuchs into the flames.

But they themselves, Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego, were injured not at all. Nebuchadnezzar was made to know that their deliverer was and is the Son of God. He called them forth from the flames, promoted them, and decreed that any person that should speak anything amiss against their God should be cut in pieces and his house be made a dunghill.

### *Warning a King of Impending Insanity*

It seems as if it would be a task that would burden the stoutest heart to have to go to any person and tell him he was about to go insane, and it seems as if this job would be still harder

if the one to be notified were an autocratic ruler, accustomed to consigning to instant death any who might offend him.

We have plenty of evidence that Nebuchadnezzar was a dangerous man. The prince of the eunuchs feared for his life if he failed to give him charges the diet that had been prescribed for him. Because they could not tell him his dream, and therefore he felt certain could not tell him the explanation of it, Nebuchadnezzar would have slain every one of his wise men; and he did order the death of those who refused to worship the golden image which he had set up.

Very likely Daniel knew all of these and many similar circumstances; it is certain that he knew the first two, and he could hardly have failed to be apprised of the experiences of his three friends. And now he was suddenly called in to explain a dream the significance of which no one else in the realm could or would explain.

When the dream was told to Daniel he saw at once that the purport of it was that the king would be insane for seven years, and it is not therefore to be wondered at that he was dumb with astonishment for about an hour, and that his thoughts troubled him. The king saw the situation, perhaps sensed what was coming, and told Daniel not to let the dream or its interpretation trouble him.

Thereupon, in language that is famous for its kindness and its gentleness, but yet withal is plain, Daniel said to him, 'My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine enemies. . . . They shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.'

All this came to pass upon Nebuchadnezzar, and after seven years his reason returned, he was reestablished in his kingdom, and his lords and counselors sought him out and aided him as aforetime in the administration of his far-flung empire. The last we see of him on the pages of history is his own account of his experiences, and his conclusion:

Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.—Daniel 4:37.

### ***Warning Another King of His Doom***

Hard as it would be to tell an absolute monarch he was about to go insane, it would be harder still to tell one that he had brought his kingdom to ruin and that it was about to be taken from him, but Daniel had that task assigned to him and fulfilled it perfectly.

While dishonoring the vessels of the house of Jehovah God, Belshazzar saw a hand write upon the wall the words that spelled his doom. Others were unable to explain their significance, but the queen heard of the incident, knew of Daniel, and the high place he had held with Nebuchadnezzar, and urged that he send for him.

Daniel came in, told Belshazzar what had happened to his father, and reminded him that he had not humbled his heart, though he knew all this. He then explained to him that the words which he had seen, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin," meant that he had been weighed in the balances and found wanting, and that his kingdom was divided and would be given to the Medes and Persians. The prophecy was fulfilled that very night, for even then Darius and his army were marching into the city of Babylon through the dry bed of the Euphrates, and Belshazzar was slain before the morning light.

This incident restored Daniel to prominence and high favor in the kingdom. While Belshazzar yet lived Daniel was made the third ruler in the realm, and with the accession of Darius he was made the first of the three presidents that ruled the 120 provinces, and because of his excellent spirit the king thought to set him over the whole empire.

What followed is familiar ground to every lover of God's Word, but linger again in the garden of the Lord and see the same old Haman story (Esther 3:1-15) reenacted to its conclusion in the life of this physically weak man that the angels of God, fresh from the courts of heaven, called "greatly beloved" because he walked with God and God was his strength and his life.

### ***The Conspiracy Against His Life***

Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him.

Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the

presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Then answered they, and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day.

Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him; and his sleep went from him.

Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel; and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?

Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was

the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God.

And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

It seems that the Haman crowd never learn anything, and they do not know anything now. Daniel was wise, really wise, and he was strong too, because he was strong in the Lord. And

that is the only kind of strength that amounts to anything; for it is the only kind that endures. Everything looks good to the Haman crowd until they come to the last act, and then nothing could look worse. When Daniel headed for the lions' den he went in peace; the others went in terror. He may have had a lion for a pillow, and the angels safeguarded him while he slept. He came out to new honors, and to find that all his enemies had come to an untimely end. He had all the best of it, and Jehovah's people always do have the best of it; for in the last act they get justice, and sometimes get it before.

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