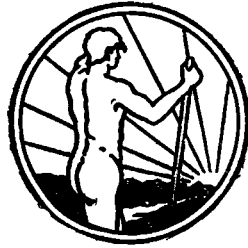


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The Horse Thieves of High Finance

OF ALL the terrible excoriations Big Business has received at the hands of the statesmen of our time, nothing has ever been published that equals that contained in Judge Rutherford's book *Vindication*. God is about to vindicate His word and His name and to establish in the earth a reign of absolute righteousness, which is the desire of every honest heart.

Before that reign in all its power and glory can become manifest to all men it is necessary that Jehovah's enemies lick the dust in Armageddon. In *Vindication*, Book Two (the work is in three volumes), 199 pages are set apart to the delineation of these enemies of the great and true and just and only God. The chapters discussed in those pages are Ezekiel chapters 25 to 32 inclusive.

The last of those pages are a discussion of chapter 32 of Ezekiel's prophecy. It is entitled "End of Oppression". It is an arraignment of the money power, and covers 38 pages. In those pages there are 75 paragraphs. We cannot quote them all, but we quote one, so that the reader may judge for himself of the cumulative effect of the other 74:

Commerce, or Big Business, dominates everything on the land. It is in the saddle, and dictates the terms to the people. Big Business owns practically all the banks and the money in them. It receives on deposit what little cash the common people have, and then uses that cash for its own selfish purposes. Big Business owns and controls the newspapers, the magazines, and other means of advertising itself to promote and carry on its propaganda schemes for exploiting the people and creating public opinion. Big Business owns and controls the armies and all of their equipment, including the air fleets. Big Business owns and controls the legislative and executive branches of the governments. It manipulates, elects and selects its own men to public office. It owns and controls the big lawyers, the judges, the courts, and the officers and servants that serve thereat. It owns and controls the big scientists, the engineers, the planners, architects and constructors of public works. Big Business

owns and controls the majority of the colleges and the universities, and even the public or common schools. It owns the radio and controls the music that goes on the air, and the musicians that play. Big Business owns and controls "organized Christianity", and in particular the clergy that serve the same, and also other religions that Satan operates amongst the people and causes them to practice. Big Business owns and controls the natural supply of raw material out of which the clothing for the people is made and the fuel and facilities by which the people are furnished heat and light. Big Business owns and controls the patent rights for all the important machinery used for commerce or trade and also which the people have occasion to use. Big Business owns the people and tells them what they may drink, what they may wear, where they may educate their children, and what they may study, and what they must hear and believe. All of this is Satan's organization, visible to human eyes.

When you have considered that paragraph for a few weeks you will wonder what there is left to say, and what the other 74 paragraphs could possibly contain. Well, in the paragraph just quoted Judge Rutherford is merely clearing his throat, to get down to business. It is, so to speak, merely a sip at the gallon of boiling-hot coffee next on the program.

At length he gets to going, and in the subhead "National Banking Act" are ten pages in which he proceeds to pay his respects to the horse thieves of high finance. Here again we are restricted as to space, but present just one more paragraph, to whet your appetite. He says:

The National Banking Act of the United States provided for the establishment of national banks in the following manner: In a city of more than six thousand population such a bank could be started with a capital of one million dollars. Government bonds were then selling for fifty cents on the dollar, and with five hundred thousand dollars in cash one million dollars of the United States government bonds could be bought. These bonds must be deposited with the government at Washington as security for currency furnished by the government to the bank organized. These bonds deposited with the government

belonged, of course, to the bank, and the government paid the bank an annual interest of six percent in gold coin on one million dollars of bonds, which had cost the bank only half a million, and which was therefore equivalent to twelve percent interest on the amount invested by the private interests. In consideration of this deposit of bonds the government then issued currency to the bank up to ninety percent of the par value of the bonds, or nine hundred thousand dollars, which currency must be signed by the president of the bank before it was used and was therefore in fact the money issued by the bank. This was a subterfuge to get around the Constitutional provision for issuing money. This nine hundred thousand dollars so issued in currency, the bank could loan at ten percent interest for thirty or sixty days, the interest payable in advance, of course, which amounted to twelve percent on the nine hundred thousand dollars. The bank, of course, received deposits from the people and was permitted to loan such deposited money for its own private use. The national bank, therefore, was really a gold mine. Rothschild Brothers were then the great money kings of Britain. Those money changers conspired with their allies in the United States in putting through the United States Congress the National Banking Act.

Simpson Confirms the Foregoing

John A. Simpson, one-time bank president, but now president of the National Farmers Union, Kankakee, Illinois, is one of the American statesmen who knows the truth of the statements above made, and has the courage to proclaim it. From one of his public addresses, given over the radio, we publish excerpts in confirmation which we are sure will be of interest to all our readers. Mr. Simpson said, in part:

A good many years ago I was president of the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma. One day, as president of that bank, I lent this government \$25,000. Figuratively speaking, I laid \$25,000 of the bank's money on the counter of the secretary of the treasury in Washington. He laid beside that \$25,000 for the bank this government's note bearing interest at a certain rate, payable quarterly, the note running a certain period of years. The note was a government bond with coupons attached. I left the bond with the secretary of the treasury and asked to have the Government furnish me \$25,000 of blank national bank notes. The Government very obligingly ran these blank notes in the sum of \$25,000 off their printing presses. They were not money until I signed John A. Simpson right over where the Government had printed on each blank note, "President of the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma." When I signed these notes there was just as much money in the vaults of the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma, as there was when I took \$25,000 out to lend the

Government. In other words, I had just as much money to lend out to merchants and farmers at Weatherford at high rates of interest, and at the same time Uncle Sam, every three months, sent the interest on his note that I had left with him in Washington. Men and women of the radio audience, when Uncle Sam has paid the last coupon on that bond I left with him, he will have taxed you folks listening in, together with other citizens of this country, more than \$25,000 and paid it to the First National Bank of Weatherford, Oklahoma, in order to have me sign and make money for the people of the United States to use.

Every time you look at a national bank note, if it is a \$10 bill, you can be sure that this government paid the bank that issued that note \$10 in interest to have the banker sign it to make money for the people to use. If it is a \$100 national bank note, this government taxed the people sufficient to pay the bank \$100 in interest for the people to have that bill to use as a medium of exchange. That is your national bank system. You have been told by these cruel, inhuman, criminal international bankers, through the press of the country, that this was a sound money system.

In England for a thousand years it was against the law to charge interest or usury for the use of money. Sometimes during that thousand years the law was so severe that the person found guilty of collecting interest forfeited his property and his children were not only disinherited, but disfranchised. The law at one time provided that a usurer would not be protected from mob violence. In the fourteenth century, under King Edward the Third, usury was a crime, punishable by death. There are English court decisions in which it is stated usurers are ranked with murderers; that taking of money by interest was no better than taking a man's life.

The Old-Style Horse Thief

There is an old saying that "nothing succeeds like success". I remember, 30 years ago, when I came to the state of Oklahoma as a homesteader on a quarter section of land, the business of horse stealing was such a success that those engaged in it were recognized and, to a large extent, respected. Back in those days in Oklahoma many times I have stood in the grocery store where I traded or in the bank where I did business and asked the merchant or banker, as the case might be, the name of some man just passing. He would tell me, and I would ask him, "What is his business?" Without any facial expression of saying something unusual he would say, "He is a horse thief." I found these horse thieves had made a success to the extent that they had a business standing with the banker, they could borrow money like other business men; they enjoyed social equality with other business men of the town; and they attended church, served as deacons, passed the basket, and were themselves most liberal contributors.

Under the principle that "nothing succeeds like success", these men who practiced collecting interest finally conceived the method by which they not only made their business respectable, but made it legal. With blood on their hands they went to legislative bodies and had bills passed that arbitrarily declared above a certain rate was usury and unlawful, while below that rate was interest and lawful. Such laws simply legalized robbery and murder. It legalized the destruction of governments. It legalized the pauperizing of untold millions. It legalized the planting of an economic cancer upon the breast of a nation. In this country that cancer has eaten deep into the prosperity of our people. It has eaten so deep that today recognized authorities estimate the total interest-bearing obligations of the people, the corporations and the various divisions of government to be even greater than the present value of all real and chattel property in the United States. That interest cancer today takes an annual toll from the people of this nation equal to one-third of the national annual income. It is only a matter of a few years, if we permit the monster interest to continue eating into the vitals of this nation, until it will take all the national annual income to pay the annual interest obligation.

The federal government, alone, owes today more than \$22,000,000,000. This is an increase of \$6,000,000,000 during the last four years. It has increased over a billion dollars since the fourth of March. There are now proposed further increases of nearly \$4,000,000,000, which means within a few months our national government's interest-bearing debt will have passed the high mark of the war period. It will mean this terrible interest cancer will be taking from the treasury of the United States, annually, more than one billion dollars.

The More Efficient Modern One

You people listening in at this moment, I want you to know that if the farmers of this nation had all been members of the Farmers' Union, this session of Congress would never have provided for further interest-bearing obligations on the part of the government.

Just a few days ago the secretary of the treasury advised that Uncle Sam wanted to borrow a billion dollars so that Uncle Sam might put some men to work building public improvements that become new national wealth. I say to you that it is a crime for this government to pay interest to bankers for that billion dollars to have them sign the money that this government prints. The Government prints the money and should sign it and save the taxpayers the burden of paying interest to bankers to have them sign it. Under present plans, as I have said, this government will soon have outstanding \$26,000,000,000 of interest-bearing bonds. Under the terms of these bonds, the Government will, in 25 years, pay \$52,000,000,000. If those in charge of our government had the courage to

sign their own money, it would just take \$26,000,000,000 of the taxpayers' money to pay the obligation.

It is a disgrace and a shame that the horse thieves of finance—the Millses, the Morgans, the Meyerses, the Mitchells, the Mellons—are still counted respectable and called into Washington by departments of government to get their advice on what is good for the 120,000,000 common people of this country. You 120,000,000 common people are the ones to blame that you permit a handful of ultrarich to rob you of a billion dollars a year of interest. You ex-service boys listening in, they take from your compensation and hand it to these pirates of finance in the form of interest.

I want you to know that the Economic League is made up of such men as Mellon, Morgan, Mills, Meyers and Mitchell. They were the ones that suggested the economy program, passed at this session of Congress. They took two or three hundred million from you ex-service boys. You boys who worked for \$1.00 a day and bared your breasts to the bullets, bombs and shells. You faced poison gas and all the hellish instruments for destruction of life that the ingenuity of man could invent while the Mellons, the Morgans, the Millses, the Meyerses and the Mitchells were heaping millions upon millions. They commercialized your blood and the tears of your mothers. Their Economic League has, by law, robbed you of your compensation and added it to their already swollen, ill-gotten fortunes.

It is out of the unchristian interest system that such crimes come. This devilish interest system is responsible for our international troubles. The Mellons, the Morgans, the Meyerses and the Mitchells and their kind have lent to foreign nations more than \$17,000,000,000. These inhuman usurers have conspired with foreign governments to rob the taxpayers of this nation of the \$11,000,000,000 foreign countries still owe the Government. The obligations of foreign countries amount to about \$500 to the average family. These international bankers, in order to make it easier to collect the \$17,000,000,000 foreign countries owe them, are, through their conspiracy, endeavoring to have the \$500 they owe each family in this country canceled.

The unchristian interest system caused the Mellons, the Morgans, the Millses, the Meyerses, the Mitchells, to evade income taxes to the extent of nearly \$4,000,000,000. Al Capone, for evading income taxes to the extent of a few thousand dollars, sits in a felon's cell in Atlanta. These income tax evaders are the little handful of men that you 120,000,000 common people let run the affairs of this nation. You let them make the laws. You let an Andy Mellon administer those laws for twelve long years. I wonder if the most of you are not getting what is coming to you. I wonder how much greater the punishment must be to you before you will rise up in the spirit of real Americanism and overthrow these gangsters of finance.

CENTURIES ago James, a servant of Jehovah, foretold a condition that would exist between the laborer and his employer during "the last days" of Satan's evil world, and legislation recently put in force would seem to indicate that even the lawmakers of this country are beginning to realize that James knew whereof he spoke, and that the laborer has been, and is being, shamelessly defrauded at every turn.

Most of the public know that this is true, in a general way, but they are largely unacquainted with specific ways and means whereby this is accomplished, as open fraud is seldom practiced upon employees, by large corporations. Instead, the projected raids upon the pay envelopes of their employees are so glossed over, sugar-coated and mathematically complicated that the individual affected is ready to swear that he is actually the recipient of a favor.

A good look at some of the tricks and subterfuge used by many of the large corporations to reduce their employees to the state described in James 5:1-5 will, this writer believes, be of interest to many readers of *The Golden Age*. Doubtless many of them have been, at one time or another, the victims of such practice, but not from the hand of an employer who has developed the art of chicanery, subterfuge and whitewash to the high degree of perfection as has the outfit here concerned, The Power Trust.

The succeeding observations were made at first hand over a period of several years, and can be amply substantiated in fact by the individuals concerned; and though names and places are readily at hand, for obvious reasons they will not here be mentioned.

Using the Rules Against the Men

Every large corporation has published rules whereby their employees are supposed to be governed. A certain steam-electric generating plant has such a set of rules, and a copy is given to each new employee when beginning his term of service with the company. No deviation from these rules is tolerated on the part of the employee; but on the part of the employer—Ah! That's another matter, entirely!

Even as the wicked are judged in Luke 19:22, 'out of their own mouth,' so it will be in this article, as we proceed to enumerate their violation of their own rules, and disclose how these rules, originally designed for the employee's

benefit, are used to defraud them under existing conditions.

Most of us are acquainted with that, sometimes unconscionable, personage, the efficiency engineer. To him is usually entrusted the job of twisting every rule that might be of benefit to an employee, around in the opposite direction, and just what a job these gentlemen (?) of the hardened conscience can make of this will be shown in what follows. Now, let's have a good look at their handiwork!

Company Rule 2: "In consideration of the 15-minute overlap of watches (8-hour shifts) operating attendants will be given an extra day's time (8 hours) at the end of the month on the recommendation of the chief operator in each individual case. Whether or not he receives this bonus is determined by his attendance, punctuality, attention to duties and similar conditions."

Stealing 15 Minutes a Day

This means that each worker is merely required to be on the job 15 minutes before the time for him to START work, which allows the man relieved to explain any unusual conditions to his relief before going off duty, thus safeguarding the company's machinery. For this safeguard, the "bonus" is considered to be a remuneration.

As only efficiency engineers can do it, the possibilities offered by this rule for stealing 15 minutes' actual work from the forty-odd workers was immediately grasped. The process of accomplishing this was simple. His interpretation of this rule was duly posted for future guidance, and was substantially this: 'Employees must be AT WORK 15 minutes before the hour, in order for this extra day's pay to be GIVEN.' By way of clarification to the reader: This meant that an operator temporarily working on maintenance, fitting pipe, for instance, must be at work fitting pipe 15 minutes before his working day started.

Now oil up your mental arithmetic, gentle reader, and let's see just what the employer does GIVE, under, let us say, Smith's ruling. An operator works 28 days per month; 28 times $\frac{1}{4}$ hour equals 7 hours, extra, WORKED, under the new interpretation. A day's time equals 8 hours; 8 minus 7 equals 1, hour GIVEN. Tsk! Tsk! And they said a DAY'S TIME (8 hours) would be given! This could not be a deliberate mistake. Or is it?

Well, you say, that's one hour they are given, anyway. But hold, brother! Had you considered the joker contained in the last sentence of the above rule? Here's how that works out; and it can be attested by practically every man in the plant.

Bringing Home the Bacon

The time card shows perfect punctuality. Your attention to duty is high faultless. Your "similar conditions"—Ah! What eyes those so-called "efficiency engineers" have got! And what ears, too! The pay envelope is short that DAY'S PAY. You go into the office and tackle the big shot for an explanation, and here's what you get: "You made some sarcastic remarks about the management's being too cheap to replace some burned-out light bulbs." (What matter if 36 were out, by actual count, in one department?) Another protests that he has been robbed, and gets this one: "You remarked, outside the plant, that the First Aid cabinet was in a helluva shape." (There was not so much as a piece of adhesive tape to bandage a half-cut-off thumb.) And even this, though decent people will doubt it: "You were off three days to your mother's funeral." (The days off were without pay, but the all-important 15 minutes extra was not worked. See?) And so on, *ad infinitum, ad nauseam*.

For these terrible misdemeanors they steal not only the one hour they promise to GIVE, but seven others with it that you actually worked, so the poor workman has much the same devilish thing pulled on him as the man described in Matthew 12:45, where the one devil not only went back, but took seven other devils with it to plague the man. Truly, 'the last state of both these men is worse than the first'; but that's the devil of it.

Stealing the Cost of Repairs

And now we take up the next little gem, which is Rule 3: "Time and a half will be credited for time in excess of the regular scheduled hours, except such as may be due to failure of men to relieve each other on time, and for any time during the monthly three-day leave. Straight time only will be paid for work during vacations." Look this one over well before we proceed with the efficiency engineer's distortion of it, to the defrauding of the worker. Note that only three days' leave is allowed for one month. What matter if Jehovah God foresaw that man needed one

day's rest in every seven? The Power Trust says, No! What do you think we are?

The last sentence of Rule 3 is not in italics in the book, but it may as well have been, for our old friend the efficiency engineer just could not overlook the possibilities in that. After tremendous effort, which must have given him at least half the headache it later gave the employees, it was changed to substantially this: 'Straight time only will be paid for any kind of work, at any time of day or night.' Where is the steal in this? you say. We shall have to dig deep to find it, but it is there!

No Extra Pay for Extra Work

Following general practice everywhere, at the time, the working force was cut to a minimum with a vengeance. Consequently, there was but a definite number of men for a definite amount of work, and as long as things went right there was no increase in the amount of work per man. But when things went wrong, someone must work overtime to make any necessary repairs. When this overtime was worked, the company's solicitude for their health was invoked to compel them to take time off, without pay, for the overtime worked. See it now? You don't! Well, under the original intent of the rule, if they had to take time off instead of getting paid, they would rest the overtime worked, plus half the amount; which is considered necessary to regain strength expended under the circumstances. These men's work must be done by someone while they are off duty; obviously by someone aside from the remaining force, in order not to increase the amount of work per man the remaining force already have. No additional help is forthcoming, however, and the work of the remaining force is made so much the harder, as this extra work is absorbed by them. Result: The extra work is a free gift to the company. Neat, isn't it? Saves hiring and paying other needed men. What's that about the NRA? Say, listen! Jehovah God tells this bunch to give a man one day's rest in seven, and they ignore Him! Do you think they will honor the dictum of an earthly organization, when they do not honor that of Jehovah? All right, have it your own way, then!

Defrauding the Operators

On to the next fraud, which is Rule 5: "An operating man who is temporarily or irregularly working in the Maintenance Department

will continue to be paid on the Operating Department basis. If he works in the Maintenance Department for more than seven consecutive days he will be transferred to the maintenance payroll and will be paid thereafter on the Maintenance Department basis." You have probably noticed that Rule 4 is skipped; but don't let that fool you. There is fraud in it too, but it is of minor importance, as it merely says that they will pay overtime at the rate of time and a half for all time in excess of 219 hours per month. Certainly they don't! Now you are catching on!

Now, Rule 5 is the prize theft of all, and requires the skill of a Philadelphia lawyer, almost, to ferret out the fraud. Nevertheless, with minor misgivings, we go resolutely on with it, hoping that the fraud can be made clear with the aid of the less brilliant intellect at our disposal.

To understand it, a short explanation of the difference between Operating and Maintenance conditions and pay is necessary. Maintenance men work 9 hours a day; Saturday afternoons and Sundays off, as well as all holidays. According to rule, time and a half will be paid for work done at a time when Maintenance men are supposed to be off duty. Maintenance work is recognized, in the company's rules, to be much the harder work, therefore they work a less number of hours per month, namely 210, compared with the operator's 219 hours per month. During temporary shutdowns (at high-water periods, which are largely seasonal) operators are required to do maintenance work, but are NOT transferred to the Maintenance payroll no matter how long they do maintenance work. The rule, you will remember, says they WILL BE after seven consecutive days. Let's see just how badly an operator is defrauded when he works one month on maintenance work, without being transferred to that payroll:

Operator	8 hrs. per day	219 hrs. per mo.	3 days off	\$125
Maintenance	9 hrs. per day	210 hrs. per mo.	7 days off	\$125

Now suppose they were as good as their word and paid this operator for his month's work at the Maintenance rate. The result would be this:

Extra pay for 4 Saturday afternoons	4 x \$1.20 =	\$ 4.80
Extra pay for 4 Sundays	4 x 2.50 =	10.00
Extra pay for 1 holiday	1 x 2.50 =	2.50
Extra pay to help pay a big dividend		\$17.30

Gouging Dividends Out of the Men

The decided advantage of not transferring operators to the Maintenance payroll is very obvious when the above result is multiplied by

some 35, operators who work maintenance for an average of four months out of a year. In the year 1932, when honest employers everywhere were losing money, operators worked five months at one stretch, on maintenance, without any transfer's being made, and that same year this outfit pays the highest dividends in its history. Who paid those high dividends, then? Brother James prepared the answer centuries ago: 'whose wages are kept back by you, by fraud.'

The steam electric station here concerned is an auxiliary source of power to two hydroelectric plants, and the cost of keeping its operating force on the job the year around is figured in, and helps to make, the high rate per kilowatt hour to the consumer. In the year 1932, when the general disintegration of the Devil's organization became unmistakably apparent to the Power Division of his crowd, no other means could apparently be found to keep those precious dividends at the highest level in history than to lay off about one-third of the working force, and compel the remainder to absorb this work at no increase in pay. It required some very high-class salving of outraged feelings to put this one over on the workers, but it was put across, AND HOW!

Raids on the Men Deliberately Planned

These raids upon the old pay envelope were always tried out in the steam station, and if there were no serious hitches, they were later imposed on the other departments. The reason for this was that the efficiency engineer was holding his first big job there, and the world had yet to be 'set on fire' by him in his present capacity. Therefore he was anxious to show the big boys just what he could do, and the big boys knew it.

The station was shut down, with no definite information forthcoming as to how long this would last. From a force of some 35 men, 14 were removed from the payroll, ranging in rank from chief operator all the way down to janitor. An additional scare was then thrown into those remaining by forcing some to take one month off, without pay, and others from five to nine days off, also without pay. Those who were left were put on Maintenance work, paid on an Operating basis.

Now it was time for the salve from the efficiency engineer. The men were told that the company was losing money, and to make ends

meet it was necessary to get along on a skeleton force, and if the boys did not care to absorb the additional work, the plant MIGHT be closed up tight. This was the equivalent of saying 'Work one-third harder than you have been, or out you go'. This "reassuring" admonition was calculated very nicely, in *tempo*, to fit right in with a somewhat payless payday. One operator drew \$3.52 for two weeks' work. One Maintenance foreman drew 10 cents. Another drew merely a notice that \$9.62 was still due the company. All skilled labor drawing such pays, in the Power Industry? Yes, reader, and in the same year, don't forget, of the highest dividends in the company's history. You see there were deductions for rent, coal, insurance, medicine, stores supplies, and, oh yes! company stock! And what was the effect of a few such pays upon the recipients? Why, these skilled operators and mechanics were now ready to absorb any and all kinds of work: cleaning, scrubbing floors, handling ashes, anything, and that is precisely what they got; for the 55-year-old janitor was laid off, and the ash man with him.

Hypocritical One-sided "Efficiency"

As the boys dug into this extra work with a will, they were convinced by the efficiency engineer's line of chatter that they were doing the company a much needed favor, and were thereby making their jobs more secure. Alas, and also alack! This "efficient" person who so advised them never seemed to lend a hand with the dirty work, nor was his income diminished in the slightest degree, to any of the boys' knowledge.

After the boys had 'taken it on the chin' they wondered just why this man was apparently in so solid with the company, when he took no reduction in pay nor helped with the dirty and extra work in the company's "hour of distress". Now they wonder no more, for they know; and it's a sad, sad story. He was the tool of the big boys that was used to steal this extra work from them, thus enabling the company to pay the highest dividends of its history, in the year 1932. The only thing the boys wonder about now is whether Jeremiah 25:34 includes efficiency engineers who are without even a shred of conscience, along with "the principal of the flock", which they know takes care of the big boys.

Hypocrisy and insincerity are not alone confined to efficiency engineers, but are practiced by the higher-ups also, to the hurt of their em-

ployees. Sometimes they are caught 'red-handed', too, as the succeeding incidents will show. These incidents show no monetary fraud practiced upon the workmen by the officials concerned, but are glaring examples of hypocrisy and insincerity, and are related here, to your amusement, we hope.

Men Penalized for Honesty

Safety meetings were held each month, and all employees not otherwise engaged (let that spelling alone) were required to attend. It was the privilege and duty of any one of them knowing of an unsafe condition or practice to obtain the floor and tell his fellows about it, that it might be remedied if possible. Before certain things happened, the employees respected Safety meetings more than any other institution of the company. One courageous employee (fifteen years in service, now discharged) told of the company-operated ferry running with a drunken engineer, 30 passengers aboard, and only one life-preserver on the boat. Another told of three men who reported for work in a drunken condition (company's penalty, immediate dismissal), and upon the matter's being reported to the superintendent the reply was: "Oh, let them alone! The work has to be done."

Now these two items reflected terribly on the respective heads of these departments, and something had to be done about it. And so, what? In the official's own words, the employees were turning these meetings into "bolshhevik meetings", and it was speedily arranged that thereafter only foremen would be allowed to make Safety reports at these meetings.

The day came when this "outraged" head of the department inaugurated a competition among the various departments, to see which one could go through an entire year without having a serious accident. Accordingly, the boys were given a long-winded dissertation, by this official, on the evils of "horseplay" while on duty; adding that anyone caught indulging therein during this competition would be summarily dealt with. A company rule on this says, also, that it will not be tolerated. Came the elaborate poster for all to note the progress of the competition, having little aeroplanes marked with the name of each department and moving upward for each month that the respective department showed no accident to any employee. Hooray! The steam station was ahead, with a perfect record! The boys had strained mightily

to keep out of the clutches of Old Man Accident, and had made a splendid job of it. The competition was almost over and they would most surely win! But why go on with it?—the little aeroplane marked "Steam Station" crashed. He who would deal summarily with any "horseplay" on the part of employees seriously injured his ankle 'in line of duty' WRESTLING WITH THE STOCK CLERK. Horseplay? Tish, tish! And was it mentioned in Safety meeting, how this happened? What do *you* think?

'The Next Man to Get Hurt'

Now just in case that you may be forming the idea that the efficiency engineer at least would not be guilty of such a trick, we shall have to relate this one, which is amply vouched for by those present. He was now made chief of the works. The force was at a minimum, and the work was heavy and urgent. Several men were already off with minor injuries, and one poor workman had just inadvertently placed a hand into a coal feeder and had two fingers snipped off for his mental lapse. The rage of the "big shot" was something to behold, as visions of being forced to hire "enough" men to do the work confronted him. "The next man that gets hurt, through carelessness, gets fired," yelled the "big shot"; and quakingly his men dug yet harder into their tasks.

Now, three or four men have quite a time moving about a ton of iron that is all in one

piece, and the three or four who were doing just that when, let us call him, Smith came on the scene, were no Titans. They had taken up some plates in the floor of an elevated platform and neglected to replace them immediately. Could this "efficient" person see these men straining and tugging and not getting anything done for the money? "Gi'me that bar, there! Now come on, heave, you guys!" The bar slipped; "big shot" dived eight feet onto a concrete floor, on his head, and went out like a light. Put this down to his credit: that he was ashamed to show his face to that gang of men for some time. But don't fail to put this to his discredit, also: that he has failed, to this day, to keep his word and fire himself.

The very least these two men could have done to retain a measure of respect from the men under them would have been to apologize for being such a discredit to men who are trying to go by the company's own rules, and work carefully. But to date, this has not been done; nor will it be, we strongly suspect, until Jehovah God takes away the stony heart of man, and gives him a heart of flesh, and teaches him to keep rules and regulations that are just and right, as in Ezekiel 11: 19-21. Read it, ye Smiths, and ye so-called "big shots".

(We are not prophesying, but rise to remark that if, for rendering this vital public service, the foregoing writer loses his job, we opine that the man responsible will lose something more.—*Ed.*)

Events in Canada *By Our Canadian Correspondent*

BECAUSE of their zeal in distributing in Quebec city some 45,000 pamphlets telling the good news of Jehovah's incoming kingdom and of His purpose to destroy Satan's organization, thirty of Jehovah's witnesses were arrested and charged with "having a part in a seditious conspiracy". In due course they appeared for a preliminary hearing, which resulted in twenty-four being dismissed because of lack of evidence to identify them, while six were sent up for trial at the Spring Assizes. In giving his finding Judge Fitzpatrick said:

"It is not necessary that there be an open attack or that this attack be directed against the government before sedition may be proved. Those persons are guilty of sedition who disturb the peace, quiet,

order and repose of citizens, those who introduce a discordant note in what must be a harmonious society.

"In this city it must be remembered that Catholics and Protestants, French-speaking and English-speaking citizens, live side by side in perfect harmony. All are respectful of the laws and the institutions under which they live.

"Into that picture, however, are injected these pamphlets which are inimical to religion, in which priests and legislators are accused of being the tools of Satan and in which the coming of a kingdom of which no one had previously heard is heralded without any kind of justification.

"These pamphlets are for the most part the writings of a United States citizen, Judge Rutherford, and have been translated into French so that they might be made more easily understood by the majority of our population."

Spread in the Price of Steak

That there is too much spread between what the producer gets and what the consumer pays is made very clear in the following Canadian Press dispatch:

Professor W. J. Carlyle, manager of the Prince of Wales ranch near High River, Alta., came to the Royal Winter Fair today with a heated word or two about the price of sirloin steak on train diners.

He paid \$1.50 for a steak on the diner of the train in which he traveled east, he said, and "we couldn't get more than two cents a pound for the beef from which that steak was carved.

"The head waiter told me they had to pay 42 cents per pound for sirloin, and he showed me his bill. That spread is too much."

Feverish Preparations for War

A news dispatch from Ottawa appearing in the *Free Press Prairie Farmer* says:

War clouds hanging over Europe are displaying a silver lining for Canada, but the grim implications of the millions of dollars' worth of nickel now pouring out of our export ports, destined for armament manufacturers of Germany, Netherlands and France, are not escaping the attention of the Canadian government.

There is no word here of governmental action to curb this export trade, although it is realized that Canadian nickel is going directly into the production of the weapons with which Europe is arming herself.

Press dispatches Wednesday quote the figures on nickel exports for the first six months of the fiscal year and it is learned at the bureau of statistics that exports in October will be still higher. Private advices received by the cabinet are to the effect that Canadian nickel producers in the past few weeks have received large additional orders.

Europe is arming with furious speed, and one of the essential means to arm is coming from Canadian mines. Cabinet ministers and senior government officials here decline to comment on this new development. It is explained that so far the purchases of nickel have been carried on by private companies without known governmental assistance.

Canada Willing to Disarm

Concerning Canada's army the Montreal *Star* states:

Canada's representative at Geneva has notified the World Disarmament Conference that this dominion is willing to accept 20,801 as the maximum peace-time strength of her military establishment. We may congratulate ourselves at least upon being precise. A careless nation might have plumped for the round figure 20,000, and a greedy one might have made it

21,000. But no! Canada requires and will insist upon the right to twenty thousand, eight hundred and one defenders.

Who is the one? In certain republics, of course, the one would be the private and the twenty thousand odd would be the generals, admirals and all. But this situation does not obtain here.

We have our own theory about him. These figures are put forward at a disarmament conference. Canada is only following the Geneva technique if she employs a bargaining figure. The one doubtless represents the hypothetical man whom we will proceed hypothetically to disarm. Canada, in fact, may yet break up the conference in disorder by making one of the first unconditional offers to reduce forces. We may then claim a flat 20,800.

Stratford Ex-Service Men Return Their Medals

STRATFORD, Ontario, is a furniture center. Most of the furniture factory employees are ex-service men, veterans of the World War. They went on strike for better wages, and straightway the government sent down a detachment of soldiers with machine guns and tanks to overawe them. As there had been no violence, nor threat of any, the workers refused to negotiate till the machine guns and tanks were withdrawn.

After their negotiations with their employers had been completed, the ex-service men felt that they still had a score to settle with the governments that have treated everybody so badly, and so twenty-one of them, members of the Canadian Legion, got together their medals and sent them to the finance ministers of Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria, United States of America, Japan, Portugal, Belgium, Greece, Serbia, and India. Along with the medals they sent the following message, in English, German and French:

"Fifteen years ago we laid down our arms, victorious over the forces of greed, nationalism, armament and war. Our victory was rewarded with these victory medals. Today nationalism flourishes, greed is rampant, armaments menace our homes; and war impends. The fruits of our victory have vanished. There remain to us who fought nothing but our memories, our medals and the war debts.

"The memories we shall ever cherish. The victory emblems, now empty emblems in defeat, we surrender, one to each combatant nation, to be melted down into metal and swallowed with all other rewards of armed conflict in payment of the war costs of the world."

Seeking the Vindication of Jehovah's Name

THE clergy of all denominations have been used by the Devil to dishonor the name of Jehovah God; Judge Rutherford's life is devoted to the vindication of that name. It is of supreme importance to the people that they discern the issue involved and that they take their stand on one side or the other. If Jehovah be God, follow Him; if the Devil, the god of the Dark Ages, be God, follow him. The question is up for determination.

It was in his address "Jehovah's witnesses: Why Persecuted?" broadcast over the United States on Sunday, May 1, 1932, and published in *The Golden Age* of May 25, 1932, page 520, that Judge Rutherford made his original challenge to the clergy of the Devil, in the following language:

"I therefore invite the organization known as the Federation of Churches of Christ in America, together with all Catholic and Protestant organizations, to confer together and to jointly agree upon and select one man to be their spokesman in a nation-wide debate by radio. Let them pay one half of the expense. Jehovah's witnesses will supply the money for the other half. Jehovah's witnesses will select a man to be their spokesman in this debate. Give the people a fair opportunity to hear and to determine for themselves what is the truth. I charge that the clergymen are hindering the people from learning the truth, and I therefore name the following issues for debate, to wit:

RESOLVED, (1) That the clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, do not represent Jehovah God and Christ, but that they do represent and serve Satan the Devil;

(2) That the clergymen do not teach the people the truth as contained in the Bible concerning Jehovah God and His kingdom, and that therefore they and their church organizations are a detriment to the best interests of the people;

(3) That the Scriptures clearly teach that within the present generation Jehovah God will completely destroy Satan's organization, including present governments on earth, and that only those people who seek meekness and righteousness by taking their stand on the side of God and His kingdom may hope to be saved in that trouble, and that those who do serve and obey the law of God's kingdom will be granted everlasting life on earth in peace and prosperity.

(4) That those who are opposed to the message which Jehovah's witnesses are now carrying to the people by radio and in printed form are fighting against God and will receive a just recompense at the hands of the Lord for so doing."

The Pope Also Given a Chance

A year later, Judge Rutherford having in the

meantime given his address "Effect of Holy Year on Peace and Prosperity", and the Roman Catholic church having thereafter, and because of that address, made strenuous attempts to have him cut off the air, wherever that could be done, he extended a special invitation to the pope for a public discussion and consideration of the following proposition:

"*Resolved*, That the Holy Scriptures prove beyond doubt that the head of the papal church system and its many priests who act officially under its direction do not act by the authority of Jehovah God and Christ Jesus and do not represent God and Christ on earth, but said Catholic institution is a part of this world and operates under the supervision of the god of this world, that is to say, Satan, the Devil, and that thereby the people are deceived and kept in ignorance of the truth, which truth is now vital for them to know."

This challenge, which is merely an application of the original challenge to one organization, appeared in *The Golden Age* of May 24, 1933, page 536. Judge Rutherford has no other challenges outstanding than these to the Federation of Churches and the pope.

Not Challenging Clergy in the Bread Lines

There are estimated to be about 200,000 clergymen in America, any one of whom, individually, would no doubt welcome the opportunity to get a free advertisement that he is to debate with Judge Rutherford over the radio. There are now thousands of these clergymen in the bread lines. They would be glad to do anything at all to get more comfortable quarters even for a night. No challenge was ever made to these men; it is presumptuous for any of them to suppose that they were ever addressed.

How could a debate between Judge Rutherford and any man who is either in the bread lines or near the bread lines be in any way an honor to the name of Jehovah God, and how could it in any way determine the great question raised?

At the moment, men who claim that they are entitled to debate with Judge Rutherford by reason of his challenge are blustering about and making many broad statements, and it is due the public and these upstarts that we set forth the facts. The challenge made by Judge Rutherford is his challenge to the combined clergy, and according to all rules of debate that challenge must be either accepted or rejected.

Terms of Challenge Perfectly Plain

The terms of Judge Rutherford's challenge as set forth above are perfectly plain, and readily comprehended by anybody who understands English, yet the only ones who have made any pretense of giving consideration to this challenge are those of the "Church of Christ", in which organization there are no clergymen whatsoever. These letters Judge Rutherford has ignored for the reason that not one of them complies with the terms of his challenge, for at least the following reasons:

(1) No one in that organization even claims to be a clergyman;

(2) Not one of these men has received the backing or endorsement of the Federation of Churches and the Roman Catholic organization;

(3) Not one of them has made any pretense of offering to pay half the radio expense, which would be at least \$50,000.

It will be noted that the challenge is to the Federation of Churches of America, together with all the Catholic and Protestant organizations, and that the clergymen, both Catholic and Protestant, do not represent Jehovah God and Christ, but that they do represent the Devil.

This challenge does not include men outside the clergy, because it would be useless to have a debate with every one who wants to advertise himself. Judge Rutherford is not trying to advertise himself, nor will he lend himself to advertise some nondescript.

His position is that "organized Christianity", so called, made up of the Roman Catholic hierarchy and the Protestant clergymen, are serving this world, the Devil's organization, and are not serving Jehovah God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and whenever this combined element will select one man to represent them in debate and agree to comply with the terms of the challenge, it will be more than gladly accepted.

Parkersburg's Pompous Precocity

Among other letters received (in an extremely round-about way) was one addressed to Mrs. Herzog by a person using the letterhead "The Church of Christ, Parkersburg, W. Va." in which appears this statement: "Judge Rutherford does not seem to want to debate with anybody on a reasonable proposition or on fair terms. . . . We have set him down as a coward." This from an unknown entity to a man whose addresses go forth from 350 radio stations every week, to a man whose books have a circulation of over

150,000,000, to a man who calmly faced sixty men, armed to kill him, and gave them his address "Religious Intolerance: Why", published in full in our issue of August 16, 1933, one of the boldest, bravest and best addresses ever given. Anyone who knows Judge Rutherford would not believe for a minute that he is a coward; but for a man who claims to be representing the Lord to resort to the language of the street to bolster up himself proves such a man hardly competent to discuss God's Word with anybody.

The real purpose of the proposed debate by Judge Rutherford is to get before the people the fact that "organized Christianity" as a body, and which is represented by its clergymen, does not serve Jehovah God, and its clergymen are therefore not qualified teachers of the Bible. He has no personal desire to engage in a controversy with any individual. This is a matter in which the people of America are interested, and they are not interested in Elder Corbett or Deacon Davis or what they may have to say about the matter. It would not carry any weight after they would say it. If the "organized religionists" claim to be representing God, then they ought to be able to select one man who would be outstanding and represent the whole crowd.

Jehovah's witnesses, going from door to door with the message of God's kingdom, should be very particular to refer all persons interested in these challenges to the challenges themselves. If they would do this they would save themselves and the would-be debaters and ourselves much trouble. Not one of the would-be debaters has yet met even one of the conditions laid down by Judge Rutherford; and unless all the conditions are met, then the debate will not be held. The challenge has been repeated in *The Golden Age* several times; no one has dared to accept it as laid down; and for anyone to try to stage a comeback by saying he has accepted the challenge, when he knows he has not done so, is to commit a peculiarly clergy-like act.

Los Angeles' Efficient Utility System

THE total of all tax moneys ever invested in the Los Angeles power system was \$5,784,482. All but \$847,494 of that amount has been repaid. In the meantime a surplus of \$40,304,000 has been accumulated, and rate reductions have saved the consumers more than \$60,000,000.

"Back to the Church"—Under the Guidance of Columbia's Palsied Hand

IT SHOULD not be thought that we are speaking of your Uncle Samuel. His hand is a good distance from being palsied. It shakes a little, to be sure, but that comes from drinking too much coffee. In six months he cut down the unemployed from 15,000,000 to 10,000,000, and that is not the job of a tottering paralytic. The one we are speaking about is the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc. Its chief counsel has the shivers.

He received the announcement set forth in *Golden Age* No. 371, issue of December 6, 1933, pages 144, 145, which please see. With the announcement, which, it will be remembered, puts on every radio station owner the responsibility of deciding whether free speech in America must be surrendered to the 'pope', there went Judge Rutherford's lecture, "Religious Intolerance: Why," which he gave in front of machine guns at Plainfield, N. J., July 30, 1933, and which appears in full in our issue of August 16. This lecture it was proposed should be rebroadcast by electrical transcription on December 31, 1933 (and it was so broadcast by more than 125 stations).

One of the leading radio station owners, when the question was put squarely before him, had the manhood to say: "We see nothing wrong with the copy of the speech sent, by Judge Rutherford, 'Why Religious Intolerance Is Practiced Now in This Country.' In fact, we are more than glad to have such speech to go forth from our station. We have had plenty of trouble with the Catholics in the past, trying to get this station off the air."

But no such manliness was revealed by the chief counsel of the Columbia Broadcasting System. He was shocked that in his introduction A. K. Wagner referred to the Catholic clergy of Plainfield as "the servants of Satan", that he mentioned that city as a place "where a farce trial was had by a highly prejudiced judge", and that at that trial that unrighteous judge had "wrongfully compelled" innocent men and women to answer questions. He could not conceive that "without any lawful right or excuse" such persons were thrown into jail, nor dared he face the charge that for centuries "the Catholic hierarchy has operated the most cruel, wicked and defamatory organization that has ever been on earth", and "when they want someone killed" make provision to absolve the killers of all blame. He was alarmed when Wagner

mentioned that "the judge of the court who had conducted the farce trial" "and who had defamed the name of Jehovah by his public declarations" had been in Judge Rutherford's audience when the judge had given this "Intolerance" lecture. All this over the introduction.

Next the chief counsel turned white around the gills because in his address proper Judge Rutherford calmly stated in the presence of sixty police officers of Plainfield that "even the chief of police of this city has asked the owner of this theater to cancel his contract" and mentioned this as a "sinister influence". He turned white some more when the judge himself mentioned that more than fifty good citizens, known to be harmless, had been arrested "without warrant or cause" and then were brought before a "so-called court" and "summarily convicted in the absence of law or evidence" in a "farce trial".

The white became yellow around the edges when the judge mentioned Constantine's adoption of "Christianity" "manifestly for a selfish purpose" and when he touched on "the fires of torture" by which the people of Italy, Spain, France, Mexico and other places "were compelled to support the Papal religious system or Catholic hierarchy".

The yellow spread toward the center when the judge in his address called down "shame upon those public officers who have been ready and willing to class Jehovah's witnesses as selfish peddlers and hawkers in order that they might serve their own selfish ends; shame upon the lawyers who practice upon the bench and before the bar, who because of fear of losing some personal advantage have side-stepped the issue and failed and refused to decide squarely the question as to whether or not men can be prevented from preaching the gospel of God's kingdom by the enactment and enforcement of municipal ordinances leveled against hawkers and peddlers".

And, finally, the chief counsel nearly passed out when Judge Rutherford denounced the 'pope's' "Holy Year" as "a presumptuous sin before Almighty God" and said (referring to the proposition that the clergy of the Papal hierarchy represent the Devil and not Jehovah God): "I challenge the pope of the Catholic hierarchy to appoint any man he will on earth, to represent him and his organization, and that we debate this question by radio before the American people, each side to pay one-half the cost."

The chief counsel gives us a pain. If he were a magistrate and a man would come running into court with his clothing torn and his eye blacked and said he had been pitched upon by a priest and robbed, instead of investigating to see if it were true he would immediately have the man locked up as a suspicious character. Or if a maiden came to him in distress stating that a priest had dishonored her and betrayed her he would take her to one side and bid her hush her complaint, as it is 'a thing not to be mentioned'. It is men like this that have ruined the world. Give us men like Judge Rutherford instead.

Judge Rutherford confidently expected that a few would be offended when this speech was widely broadcast, but he confidently anticipated that every honest person, even though tempo-

rarily offended, would happily acknowledge the truth when he learned and considered all the facts.

The truth on each of these points, which the speaker is abundantly able to corroborate with much proof, is set forth in the speech as a whole and in books now available to the public in more than sixty languages. The marked statements are not mere references to "shortcomings" or unintentional blunders committed by unauthorized members of the Roman Catholic church, but the proof shows that these statements accurately portray deliberate and studied action of men who occupy positions of leadership in the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The people are entitled to know that these things are going on at a time when a nation-wide effort is being made to get everybody "back to the church".

Summit, New Jersey, Rebuked by Supreme Court

IN ANOTHER part of the world a government under Roman Catholic influence has entered upon a great sterilization program involving hundreds of thousands of persons, but the cabled dispatches say: "No member of the Catholic Church need submit to sterilization if relatives or the church pay his living expenses under internment, and the church is free to open 'internment institutes'." This is a thoughtful arrangement for the convenience of priests and other Catholics who do not wish to be sterilized. We commend it to the consideration of such persons, already sterilized mentally, as may wish to submit to the remaining formalities, and thus aid the world to become, in time, Roman Catholic in every sense of the word.

Summit, New Jersey, some time ago embarked upon a somewhat similar course. Being a Roman Catholic town, and having a Roman Catholic chief of police, the brilliant idea was evolved that by placing in his hands the right to grant or withhold approval of the distribution of literature from door to door an arrangement could be worked out that would make Summit a closed preserve for the political arrangement centered at Vatican City. An ordinance was framed with that end in view. The ordinance was particularly intended to discriminate against Jehovah's witnesses, as the facsimiles of warrant and complaint published in our issue of June 7, 1933, plainly show. In those docu-

ments, signed by Patrick J. Kelly, the Watchtower International Broadcast and Judge Rutherford's books are specified by name, these terms being *printed* in the documents themselves.

When the Summit council framed that legislation they evidently forgot to consult Thomas Jefferson, noted American, framer of the Constitution, who said, to the delectation of all true Americans, but not to any papist: "Our legislatures are not sufficiently apprised of the rightful limits of their power; that their true office is to declare and enforce only our natural rights and duties, and to take none of them from us. The idea is quite unfounded that on entering into society we give up any natural right."

Aware of their natural rights to preach the gospel from door to door in Summit, and knowing they could not be legally restrained from distributing literature referring to the Watchtower broadcasts, Jehovah's witnesses proceeded with their rights and some were arrested.

In due time these matters came up before the Supreme Court of New Jersey, when Jehovah's witnesses were upheld and the Summit ordinance was rebuked in the following language, which suggests that the Roman Catholic sterilization process is not having the unbounded success in the "Holy Year" hoped for:

"By the terms of the ordinance, the permit is to issue only upon the written approval of the chief of

police, who is given absolute discretion in granting or withholding his approval without any determining factors other than his own impulses. The reservation in an ordinance of discretionary powers to a public officer to give to one and withhold from another the privilege of violating the ordinance is condemned by our cases. No legislative authority is cited for such a provision. It is unreasonable that a chief of police, with no rule of determination except his own wishes, should determine who is and who is not to distribute advertisements. Furthermore, the provision that charitable and civic organizations of the City of Summit shall be granted the permit without charge, while like organizations from outside the city are charged a fee at the rate of \$10 per day per person, is not a reasonable exercise of the ordinance power."

Let Them Return to Whence They Came

THE Puritans in New England, the Orangemen in New York, the Quakers in Pennsylvania, and the Huguenots in Charleston came to this country to get away from the Roman Catholic church and all the abominations that go with it, including its parochial schools.

It was the above-mentioned people that made this country an asylum for the oppressed of all nations. They threw the doors wide open, and in came the oppressed Roman Catholics by the million, and their priests and parochial schools along with them, and now they want to run the country.

The statement was recently made that of 212 postmasters of large cities, appointed by the Roman Catholic postmaster general, 200 are Roman Catholics, like himself. How did he come to let in 12 Protestants?

Robbed of their liberties in Roman Catholic lands the Roman Catholics have come to America and are bent on robbing Americans of their liberties and of their own as well. If they do not like American schools and other American institutions founded by the people that founded the country, let them get out and go back to the land whence they came.

This is said in all good spirit and in all earnestness. Why try to make worshipers of the 'pope' feel at home in a land which was never theirs and which, despite all kowtowing in high places, shall never be such?

In Ohio and other states the priests are making a desperate fight to get their hands on public funds wherewith to run their private schools. There should be an amendment to the Federal

Constitution absolutely forbidding the use of public taxes to finance private schools.

Persecution of anybody is wrong. Why persecute Roman Catholics who do not desire American institutions, American laws, American schools or even American rulers, but are content only with papal institutions, papal laws, and papal catspaws in place of rulers? Let them go back to whence they came.

The first settlers came 3,000 miles to get away from them, and it is unfortunate that they left any maps showing which way they came; but, now that maps are available, let those that were educated in the parochial schools, if able to interpret the maps, pick out some place as remote as possible from America and go as quickly and as far as they are able.

Military Symbolisms in Austria

HENCEFORTH a crucifix must hang in the barracks of every unit of the Austrian army, and a representation of the virgin Mary must be printed or embroidered on every flag. Carrying out the idea suggested we are wondering where Jesus and the apostles would fit into this scheme. Jesus was betrayed and slain; will His name be used on the cenotaph? Peter cut off somebody's ear with a sword; will the weapons be named after him? The apostle John had a vision of horses; will the cavalry be named for him? Judas had the treasury; will this be the name of the paymaster's department? *Ghost* and *gas* spring from the same root word; will this provide the name for the poison-gas department? Will the airplanes be named after the angels? And where will the Devil come in on this thing, all built to his honor and to the defamation of the name of Jehovah God? The chaplain provides the answer.

Kissing Their Way Down the Pope

MARIA BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS, who is supposed to have seen a vision of the virgin Mary at Lourdes, France, in 1858, was formally proclaimed a saint December 8, 1933. The account says that at the ceremony the cardinals kissed the pope's hand, the patriarchs, archbishops and bishops kissed the cross on his stole (or scarf), while the abbots and penitents kissed his foot. It seems as if, wherever one goes in these days, the middle classes get the worst of it.

Demons Entrap a London Ex-Elder

AT OUR Lord's first advent the demons (fallen angels) acknowledged Him, saying, "Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him."—Mark 1: 24-26.

Throughout our Lord's ministry these evil spirits were in evidence in the two men of the Gergesenes, the dumb man, the blind and dumb man, the daughter of the Syrophœnician, the lunatic child, Mary Magdalene, and the demoniac of Gadara, out of whom they went into a herd of swine. Every casual reader of the Scriptures is familiar with the repeated instances in which these demons were cast out by the Lord and the apostles.

Judge Rutherford has always consistently taught that those who, when they know the truth, do not go on to serve it with good and honest hearts, may be expected to become engulfed sooner or later in some form of demonism. Such an experience has happened to a man once an "elective elder" of the London (England) congregation, now resident in Gloucester.

Like all that are caught in the trap, this man is probably entirely unaware of what has happened to him. He imagines that he is receiving spirit messages from Charles Taze Russell, first president of the International Bible Students Association; as a matter of fact he is taking messages from a fallen angel that for centuries has been getting his principal enjoyment in making fools out of humans.

The first address that this man received from this source was supposed to be on "Redemption". It was merely bait, but, short as it is, contains proof that it was demon-inspired. It says, "By his love; by his precepts and example; that is how we are redeemed by the blood of Christ." The statement is false; we were redeemed, purchased from Justice, by the sacrificed life of Christ Jesus, given as a substitute for Adam's life. Demons always try to sidestep the doctrine of the ransom.

Characteristic Demonistic Expressions

Twice in four pages this man has been led to refer to what he has been pleased to call "revelations of God's glory". Those "revelations" in both places use the expression "tier upon tier,

realm upon realm". A still later leaflet from him uses the same expression again. This expression, nowhere found in Scripture, is a characteristic expression of the demons. Just what their purpose is in wishing to convey the impression that in the spirit world everything is on shelves just so far apart is a matter of guesswork. Probably the object is merely to dishonor God by making everything appear unreasonable.

Here is another quotation: "(Turning, and addressing himself to some of the undeveloped spirits, near by) 'O ye afflicted, He will come for thee one day; thou also He will bring.' (Turning again to the friends) And thus did Jesus preach to the spirits in prison." This explanation is entirely contrary to Pastor Russell's, that Jesus preached to the spirits by His obedience unto death and by His resurrection from the grave. He taught them by example.

Another quotation says, "Know ye not that spirits do His bidding even in the hells?" The Scriptures do not show that the demons or other spirits ever were in any hell. He continues, "This same Brother Russell, but now in spirit, is amongst us all once again." Let us hope he never gets any farther than Gloucester.

The demon that has confused this man uses poor English, which Charles T. Russell did not do. Once he says "thou" where it should have been "you", and once "he" where it should have been "him". Twice "you" occurs where it should have been "ye", and twice "he" is used as a pronoun in such a way that it cannot be definitely known who is meant. Five times "thee" is used instead of "you", and five more times "thy" is used where "your" would be the correct pronoun. Flirting with the witch of Endor, and other witches since, has made the demons careless in the use of pronouns; sixteen errors in four pages of manuscript are too many, even for an unclean and fallen spirit.

"Kisses for Sale"

THE Dunton Presbyterian church, Greater New York, put out a dodger having the caption "Kisses for Sale" and containing the picture of a beautiful woman. Not sure just what this means, but if it means what it says, then business at the church fair ought to be good. The Lord and the apostles do not seem to have hit on this easy way of making the church a paying concern.

100,000 Children Released from Industry

THE National Child Labor Committee estimates that the industrial codes have released 100,000 children under 16 years from industry, and another 30,000 boys and girls under 18 have been removed from especially hazardous work. There are still hundreds of thousands of children engaged in industrialized agriculture, industrial home work and street trades not protected by any code.

The Truth Gradually Sinking In

THAT the truth is gradually sinking in is shown by the following extract from a worldly man in the *Cleveland News*. He gave his name and address; we looked it up and found he is not a subscriber for either *The Watchtower* or *The Golden Age*, but he has so much knowledge of the truth that he could say:

"Sooner or later we will have to face the facts that Mr. Roosevelt is not the Messiah and that the NRA is not the gospel of salvation. But that Messiah will come when the time is ripe. 'Things growing are not ripe until their season.' God said, 'I will overturn, overturn, overturn it; and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.' When our Great Man comes, there will be no more overturning, except the overturning of evildoers and enemies of society."

The Watchtower Programs

THE editor of the *Carroll County* (Ill.) *Mirror-Democrat* says:

"The men who put forth the Watchtower program all declare that there is about to be a great change on this earth, that Christ came in 1914 and is ruling to a certain extent at present time, but is getting ready to overthrow Satan and make a pleasure garden out of the earth for a thousand years. But they claim that worse times than we are now having must come first, as the battle of Armageddon must be fought and it will be the greatest battle of all times. The Watchtower people say it is the Millennium, and that many of the people who are living today will never die but will live with Christ upon the earth for a thousand years. . . . During the thousand years there will be . . . no trouble or crime of any kind, no dying. Everybody will live in harmony. They claim the Bible is just about fulfilled, that the Devil will soon be out of a job, and that Jehovah God will rule right here on earth, and many will never die."

Poor Man!

WE DO not know who it was who said it, but the report has been circulated about man that "when he is little the big girls kiss him; when he is big the little ones kiss him. If he is poor, he is a bad manager; if he is rich, he is dishonest. If he needs credit, he can't get it; if he is prosperous, everyone wants to do him a favor. If he is in politics, it is for graft; if he is out of politics, he is no good to his country. If he doesn't give to charity, he is a stingy cuss; if he does, it is for show. If he is actively religious, he is a hypocrite; if he takes no interest in religion, he is a hardened sinner. If he gives affection, he is a soft specimen; if he cares for no one, he is cold-blooded. If he dies young, there was a future before him; if he lives to an old age, he missed his calling. If you save money, you're a grouch; if you spend it, you're a loafer; if you get it, you're a grafter; if you don't get it, you're a bum".

On Squaring of Mixed Numbers

By Wm. M. Ocheson (Ontario)

IN A RECENT issue of *The Golden Age* you published an article showing the freakishness of the figure nine. I think I can show you another just as freakish, namely, the squaring of numbers having a $\frac{1}{2}$ fraction attached. For example:

$$\begin{aligned} 2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} &= 5/2 \times 5/2 = 6\frac{1}{4} \\ 3\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2} &= 7/2 \times 7/2 = 12\frac{1}{4} \\ 19\frac{1}{2} \times 19\frac{1}{2} &= 39/2 \times 39/2 = 380\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

There is nothing new or unusual about this, but look:

Instead of multiplying $19\frac{1}{2} \times 19\frac{1}{2}$ as follows

$$\begin{array}{r} 39 \times 39 \\ \hline 2 \times 2 \\ \hline \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{r} 39 \\ 39 \\ \hline 351 \\ 117 \\ \hline 4)1521 \\ \hline 380\frac{1}{4} \end{array}$$

just draw a line on your two $\frac{1}{2}$ fractions and add 1 to upper 19 and say 19 times 20 = 380, plus $\frac{1}{4}$ = $380\frac{1}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned} 2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2} &= 2 \times 3 = 6, \text{ plus } \frac{1}{4} = 6\frac{1}{4} \\ 5\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2} &= 5 \times 6 = 30, \text{ plus } \frac{1}{4} = 30\frac{1}{4} \\ 17\frac{1}{2} \times 17\frac{1}{2} &= 17 \times 18 = 306, \text{ plus } \frac{1}{4} = 306\frac{1}{4} \\ 9\frac{1}{2} \times 9\frac{1}{2} &= 9 \times 10 = 90, \text{ plus } \frac{1}{4} = 90\frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$$

This is always correct and is very rapid, if you know the double multiplication table.

Giant Tuna Fish Caught off Ambrose Light

FRANCIS H. LOW, fishing off Ambrose light (New York), hooked a 705-pound tuna fish 9 feet 3½ inches in length. The fish struggled for five hours before it finally died and sank to the bottom. It was cut up and distributed among the poor in the neighborhood of Cedarhurst.

Too Much of a Funeral Notice

THE Aurora (Mo.) Monitor says that a darky was ushered into the employment bureau of the Du Pont Powder Works and plied with the usual questions put to all new hands taken on at the works.

The darky stood his examination pretty well, but he was beginning to feel just a little bit uneasy, when one of the men suddenly asked: "Whom would you like to be notified in case of a serious accident?"

The applicant paused and scratched his head a bit at this unexpected blow on his morale; but after a little he thought of two persons who might like to know of his misfortune. Their names were written down.

"Now," said one of the examiners, "where would you like your remains shipped?"

"Where would I like mah remains shipped? Boss, I's gwine to take 'em away from here right now. White folks, you don't have to bother 'bout dem remains; I's gwine to ship 'em to old Alabam' on boa'd de nex' train!"

How to Elevate the English Language

EDWIN R. POTTER, of Costa Rica, says: "My two years in Costa Rica have given me ample time to study the effect of Latin words. Spanish children use much higher sounding words than most American children, not because the Spaniards are brighter and more intellectual than others, but because their language has been handed down to them directly from Latin. Many of the words from the mouths of children at play here in Costa Rica would not be understood by adults in New York city. For example, a Spanish child of five or six years of age, wishing to pass by, would say, "*Con permiso*," which means, "With permission." A very common word used on the streets is *capricho*, which means caprice or fancy, great desire. Now, can you imagine children five and six years of age in New York city using caprice as a common, everyday word?

"The newspapers are full of words which I

believe can be found only in college text books in the United States. I shall enumerate a few that I found today.

analgesico	its English equivalent	analgesic
derogatorio	" "	derogatory
fantasma	" "	phantom

"Here is a list of words I found in a school book for children. How many of these do you know?"

actualidad	its English equivalent	actuality
acostumbrar	" "	to accustom
antipatia	" "	antipathy
antipatico	" "	repugnant
aristocratica	" "	aristocratic
capricho	" "	caprice
comodidad	" "	accommodation
conspiracion	" "	conspiracy
desequilibrio	" "	equilibrium
codicia	" "	covetousness
creciente	" "	increasing
exigencia	" "	exigency
hospitalario	" "	hospitable
emergencia	" "	emergency
habilidoso	" "	accomplished
extra-		
ordinario	" "	extraordinary
imbecil	" "	imbecile
pernicio-		
samente	" "	perniciously
puleritud	" "	pulchritude

"If the schools would teach Latin derivative words and the newspapers give them the preference, it would be a great help to those who wish to study a foreign language, and, at the same time, it would elevate the English language."

Pioneering in South Dakota

JEHOVAH'S witnesses are taking the message of the Kingdom into every nook and cranny of the world, and bravely meeting every condition that confronts them in their efforts to do so. A little item in this connection that will be of interest to many of our readers appears below. It is from *The Pioneer-Review*, Philip, South Dakota:

"A lady traveling on horseback was in our neighborhood for several days selling Judge Rutherford's literature. Her customary lodging was in a haystack or some empty building, but when she asked permission to sleep in Mr. Bodkin's barn she was invited in and given supper, bed and breakfast. They purchased some of her literature in the morning. This fulfills the scripture, 'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.'—Matthew 25:40."

Government and Misgovernment

Racket on 1,500 Italian Bakeries

A NEW racket has been discovered affecting 1,500 Italian bakeries. Greater New York was districted off by the racketeers, and collections of \$3 to \$12 per week made as regularly as the weeks rolled around. The racket was found extending to fruit dealers, fish peddlers, ice dealers, small barber shops, and bootblacks. Resistance means attack or assassination.

The Experiment with Prohibition

IN AN article bristling with statistics the New York *American* says of the prohibition experiment: "The president's proclamation ended a fourteen-year experiment which cost \$127,000,000 for enforcement, killed 99 dry agents, wounded 561, killed 175 civilians at the hands of agents, and in the last six years sent 144,000 persons to prison for 71,000 years."

Lawlessness at Lawton

FARM strike pickets, unable to appreciate the "lawful" means by which they are being deprived of a decent living, took the law into their own hands at Lawton, Iowa, in an effort to enforce the farm holiday strike, and, blocking the progress of a train at that point, opened eight cars containing livestock en route to market and permitted sheep and cattle to roam about the streets of the town.

Governor Rolph Is Well Paid

FOR upholding lynching in California, and thus encouraging it everywhere, Governor Rolph is well paid. As chief executive he gets \$10,000 per year, but allowances raise the sum to \$36,000, for which no accounting need be made. The travel allowance is \$10,750; the secret service fund, \$5,000; the care of the mansion, \$8,750; printing, \$1,500. Mooney is still in prison, and still innocent.

Thanksgiving of the Money Power

THE Ottawa *Evening Citizen*, commenting caustically on the desire of the money power that harvests should be scant, suggests the following as an appropriate expression of thanks to Baal:

"Wherein it has pleased his Satanic Majesty, the Devil, mindful of the interests of the true worshipers of money power, to destroy much of Canada's bountiful harvest, it has been decided to dedicate one special day of thanksgiving to the Prince of Darkness."

Boom in Spanish Cooper Shops

INCREASED humidity in the United States is responsible for a rush of business in Spanish cooperages. The Spanish are accounted unusually good coopers and have a large supply of well seasoned wood suitable to hold the stuff that will go into the barrels American brewers expect to fill. Oddly enough, Spain was the only country in the world prepared to accept and fill orders for beer kegs in the quantities and quality desired.

Shirt-Selling Scheme Blows Up

PHILADELPHIA had a great man by the name of Art J. Smith. Supposed to have 1,500,000 men behind him, this leader of the "Khaki Shirts of America" was on the point, so he said, of marching to Washington and seizing the government, but, sad to say, the police got wind of it and grabbed him and his total army of 27 men and the whole thing blew up. In the excitement, Smith himself escaped; the men were instructed to buy all their shirts from him. Now he has to go somewhere else and start all over again.

First Ones to Be Relieved

THE salaries of emergency relief directors in Washington, D. C., and Baltimore were immediately increased when these two places received federal emergency funds. Also, there was a similar wave of enthusiasm when \$1,200,000 of federal emergency relief was allotted to California. The director there had been getting \$500 per month, with a state car and expenses, but as soon as the good news got out to the coast that the government was going to do something for the poor, his salary was jumped to \$750 per month.

Debts Owning to Broadcasting Companies

AMONG the debts that the Democratic national committee did not have the means to pay, at least not to pay in hard cash, are \$107,571.71 owing to the National Broadcasting Company and \$47,650.50 owing to the Columbia Broadcasting System. Observers at Washington are of the opinion that in lieu of cash these big broadcasting companies would be quite willing to take over a monopoly of broadcasting, and are in a fair way to get it. What is the use of having an influential debtor if you can't get him to do something for you?

England May Have a National Police

ENGLAND is considering what steps may be necessary to have a single police force that will cover the whole of Great Britain. It would seem that such a step would be in line with what the Scriptures show to be Satan's purposes to have the whole world in subjection at the outbreak of Armageddon.

£200 per Minute Preparing for War

IN A LEAFLET distributed by one of the British peace societies Admiral Drury Lowe points out that, "having ratified the Peace Pact, we are most solemnly pledged not to seek settlement of any dispute except by pacific means; yet we are spending today £200 per minute on preparation for war."

England's Flying Battleship

ENGLAND has a new flying battleship, the "Perth", which carries a gun large enough to fire 24-ounce shells at the rate of 100 a minute, with a range of approximately one mile. It is expected that if a single one of these shells hits another plane, it is good-bye to that plane and everything in it. The results of the war to end war get worse and worse.

"The American News" in 900 Words

THE AMERICAN NEWS is a new newspaper, published in New York city, from October to June, which is written in a controlled vocabulary of 900 words. The object of the paper is to give the news of the world in such form that any foreigners can quickly learn to read and understand what is going on in the world.

The International Refugees

SINCE the World War there have been and are several million refugees from Russia, Asia Minor and Armenia who are stateless. These persons travel from country to country on international passports of the League of Nations, of which, in effect, they are citizens.

The League of Nations Palace

THE League of Nations palace is almost finished, and so is the League itself. Italian papers are urging that Italy follow the example of Japan, Germany and the United States, and separate from an institution that has made a vast amount of noise in the world and accomplished next to nothing.

Horrors of Stepney

IN STEPNEY, one of London's boroughs, overcrowding is so great that the living and the dead have to be in the same room, and the living and the dying in the same bed. Rats abound and disease is rampant. To make the conditions livable 14,000 new houses are required in this section alone. At present, in England as a whole, 517,221 are living at over 3 persons per room, and 2,977,565 are living at over 1½ persons per room.

Netherlands Notes

THE trade of the Netherlands is picking up; that with Russia in 1933 being more than three times what it was in 1932. An important bridge has been built connecting North Holland and South Holland, thus doing away with the long delays which, for more than a thousand years, have been common in icy weather. The Dutch have recently been testing their air defenses within three miles of the German frontier. Switzerland and Belgium are strengthening their defenses along the German border.

Gas Masks for Danish Civilians

BRITISH papers are frankly horrified at the discovery that gas masks are now on sale to Danish civilians, and ask what the world has come to when those of one of the most peaceable and level-headed peoples of the world are so apprehensive of being poisoned with clouds of death-dealing gases that they take a step of this kind. It is noted that no gas masks are being provided for children, and the thought is advanced that in the next war they must perish.

France's Enormous Military Force

HENRI BARBUSSE, French novelist and peace advocate, in an address at Washington, D.C., declared that the French are now building an enormous military force which is, in itself, a promise of war. Two French chemists, experimenting in the manufacture of synthetic perfumes, have recently discovered a gas so deadly that, they say, they will disclose their discovery to their own government only in case their country is attacked. The gas attacks either dry or moist flesh, penetrates any sort of clothing, and produces lightning-like disintegration of body cells. France has just loaned one billion francs to Manchukuo, thus showing that it is in substantial accord with Japanese policies in the Far East.

Farm Strike Not in Vain

THE Milwaukee *Journal* opines that the milk strike was futile as well as costly, and counsels farmers to reject the strike as a weapon, and any leadership that counsels further striking, and also states that there is no such thing as a peaceful holiday. That crack about a peaceful holiday seems to state the truth. There is not much likelihood of a peaceful holiday for farmers, unemployed and the people generally until the Prince of Peace disposes of the trouble-makers (we do not mean the farmers and workers).

The *Midwest Free Press*, quoting from "Progressive" says, not without force, "The action of the farmers was not futile. Any protest against injustice and wrong is never without beneficial results." It should be remembered, however, that "protestants", that is, real ones, are never popular with the oppressors.

The Embattled Farmers

AT THEIR second national conference in Chicago farmers adopted resolutions condemning the farm policies of the United States government and sent out an appeal to all farmers to fight the trusts, bankers and big monopolies. They expressed the conviction that Roosevelt was brought forward by Wall Street; that the new deal was designed to help financial interests at the expense of the working masses, and that the AAA and refinancing program are intended to crowd out the small farmer. One gets the impression from these statements that the farmers are not quite satisfied.

On the other hand, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace told the Association of Land Grant Colleges that the government may use compulsory measures to enforce the acreage reduction program.

The A. A. A. A.

IT APPEARS that Agricultural Adjustment Act Administrator needs more wisdom and insight than human creatures have thus far been endowed with. Not only the supply of farm products, but the prices and trade practices incident to marketing them, must be regulated, and before he got started various groups of interested parties began to send in codes which had to do with food industries. They came in by the hundred, including codes for bee-breed-

ing, and for the manufacture of such items as dog food, licorice, Hawaiian poi, stogies, and fish industries. The idea is to please everybody all around. However, the most important objective was to limit supply, either by destroying foodstuffs or by raising less than the farms will produce. The gentleman to whom the unenviable task is assigned might take a pointer from the first A. A. A. of whom we have any record. We have in mind Joseph, who handled this job for Pharaoh, and who made it his first concern to see that everybody had enough to eat and that there was something saved up for an un-rainy day. But, then, Joseph lived in a "less enlightened age".

Soothing the Farmers in Ohio

(From a Letter)

I WAS much amused at E. S. the other evening. He was telling how the farmers in Preble county are up in arms. Some of the farmers had signed agreement with the government to cut down or reduce the wheat crop. Now their checks are coming through from the government in settlement of the agreement. But instead of sending the checks direct to the farmers they are being sent to the county treasurer at Eaton and the farmers are told to go to the courthouse for them. When the farmers arrive for their checks they are told that they are behind with their taxes and these government checks must apply to their delinquent taxes, and the county treasurer refuses to turn the checks over to the farmers. Are the farmers mad?

Raising Things

THE effort to raise farm prices continues, the object being to raise the farmer's purchasing power so as to raise the distribution of things the farmer buys, which in turn will raise the income of business men (and may even raise the wages of workers, though this is doubtful) and thus raise things in general from the depression which continues in spite of the fact that there is an abundance of everything. Meanwhile farmers have been raising a rumpus because the raising of farm products has not enabled them to raise a sufficient income to raise their families as they deserve to be raised and could be raised if profiteers had not raised everything on which they could lay their hands beyond the reach of those who need those things.

Raising Prices of Farm Products

IT IS hard to understand why there is so much to-do about raising prices of farm products. We read recently of a Gonzales (Tex.) farmer who shipped a cow to market by truck, and after freight, commission and weighing were deducted, he received 35c in stamps. This means that if he had shipped a thousand cows to market he would have received 350 dollars. It is easy to see that all a farmer has to do is to ship enough cows to market and he will have no end of money! (Somebody just suggested that it probably cost the farmer something to produce the cow in the first place. We hadn't thought of that. But, then, it seems that no one else has given it much thought either.)

Phenix Dairy of Houston, Texas

M. C. OLDHAM founded the Phenix Dairy, Houston, and saw it grow from a one-man one-wagon concern to be the owner of hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of equipment and plant and the employer of more than 250 men. Mr. Oldham has just given his employees a half interest in the plant and made arrangements such that they can purchase the other half at just about the actual cost of the assets. If America had a few more men like Mr. Oldham and a few less like Insull the country would not be in its present condition.

What Happened in Yakima?

WE DO not know just what happened in Yakima, but the United Farmers League tells the world that their secretary, C. M. Boskaljon, somehow got into jail and the sheriff obligingly turned him out at night to be welcomed by a mob of masked chamber of commerce vigilantes. He was stripped and flogged and his head was shaved in the form of a swastika. In view of these interesting clues we are not surprised that the Farmers United Front Conference in Yakima was smashed.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation

OF THE \$3,234,000,000 loaned to the needy by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, more than one half, or \$1,656,103,000 went to banks and trust companies. Loans were authorized to 6,340 such institutions. The Government, by purchase of stock, and otherwise, is now in position to know the inner workings of most of the banks in the country.

Subsistence Farms

DR. M. L. WILSON is working out a project involving the removal of some agricultural lands from production for the market and trying to get industrial workers to use them for growing thereon food sufficient for their own necessities. Hence the term "Subsistence Farms". Small farmers, not without cause, consider this a measure that threatens their welfare. It would seem that any proper measures to "help the farmer" would exempt the smaller farms from any reduction in the amount of their acreage.

Widow Was Willing to Pay

A VINITA (Okla.) widow, a tobacco grower, raised her crop and took it to the warehouse, where she was told that after costs of storing and shipping the tobacco she owed the dealer 34 cents. The woman is alleged to have said: "I don't understand your way of figuring, but I am an honest woman and will pay you. I don't have the money now, but if I die and go to heaven I will send it to you. If I die and don't go to heaven, I will hand it to you."

Governor Langer's Unusual Powers

WHETHER or not a governor's powers include determination as to what farm products shall or shall not be shipped out of the state, William S. Langer, governor of North Dakota, has declared various embargoes and ordered their enforcement by sheriffs, offering them the aid of National Guardsmen to make the embargoes effective. His object is to raise farm prices.

Plenty of Room

THERE is still plenty of room in the United States for those who like the wide-open spaces. Almost 200,000 square miles are at present open to homestead, and three times that area has not even been surveyed as yet, and which brings the total area of available land to something like 800,000 square miles, or more than half a billion acres.

One Mushroom for Forty People

ACCORDING to the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer*, a mushroom was found in the Delta section, near Mt. Vernon, Wash., which weighed 40½ pounds and measured 58½ inches in circumference. It stood 16½ inches high. Commercially it was worth about twenty dollars.

Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill and Allied Items

THE Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill* proposes to take away from the poor the right of self-diagnosis, which has always been theirs, and the right of self-medication, which, except in the case of infectious and contagious diseases, has never been questioned, and to turn it over to the Medical Trust.

Hitherto an anxious mother of limited means could obtain from the crossroads or corner drug store a medicine which she believed beneficial in the relief of whooping cough, but if the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill goes into effect she will not be able to do it without first obtaining a prescription from a doctor; and she may not have the means to consult one.

It is well known that the so-called "patent medicines" are merely the favorite prescriptions of certain physicians for the accomplishment of certain ends, and it is also well known that more than half of all the prescriptions written by practicing physicians call for such patent or proprietary medicines, but the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill proposes to bring all these remedies within the grip of the racket commonly known as the Medical Trust, and to make them unobtainable except upon prescription, at much greater cost.

The courts have wisely ruled that "every human of adult years and sound mind has a right to determine what shall be done with his own body", and the Public Health Service of the United States government is on record that "within certain limits, mature, otherwise sane persons have the right to select and take their own medicines"; but when the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill goes into effect they would have those rights no longer.

One of the federal judges has observed: "It is generally known and the evidence shows that with very few exceptions there is no known cure, using that word strictly, for any disease. Nature, supplemented and aided by proper medicines, careful nursing and proper diet does the work of curing." The truth of this observation is apparent to all. Distorting this truth, the Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill would make it illegal to mention the name of a disease upon a label unless in letters of the same size and prominence there also appears a statement that the drug is not a cure for such disease. The intent of that rule is to make the would-be purchaser mentally dependent upon some physi-

cian, and upon an illegible Latin prescription.

Just how it benefits a patent medicine to have it taken back into the sandwich department and poured into another bottle is a mystery that only the American Medical Association can solve; but it must be admitted that it does help the medical fraternity, whose facility in glorifying and enriching themselves at public expense is known and read of all men.

The Tugwell Medical Slavery Bill gives a list of the afflictions of mankind, which includes albuminuria, appendicitis, arteriosclerosis, blood poison, bone diseases, cancer, carbuncles, cholecystitis, diabetes, diphtheria, dropsy, erysipelas, gallstones, heart diseases, high blood pressure, mastoiditis, measles, meningitis, mumps, nephritis, otitis media, paralysis, pneumonia, poliomyelitis, prostate gland disorders, pyelitis, scarlet fever, sexual impotence, sinus infections, smallpox, tuberculosis, tumors, typhoid, uremia, venereal diseases and whooping cough. If in the corner store the bottle so much as mentions one of these, then there is trouble ahead for the maker and dispenser, under this new proposed Food and Drug Act.

The above list is only a starter; it may be added to from time to time by the secretary, and he may from time to time impose such regulations regarding processing and packing as will give the American Medical Association the stranglehold upon the American's windpipe.

Meantime some are calling attention to the fact that in Chicago 700 physicians are receiving help from charitable organizations and many are actually in the bread line as a reason why they should reach out and take everything as do leading citizens in other walks of life.

Puncturing Perfect Ear Drums

A GENTLEMAN in California writes us of the experience of his daughter: "Here is what she witnessed over and over again when she was with a children's specialist. One of his favorite stunts was to puncture infants' ear drums, on the off chance of finding a little pus and the near chance of a fat fee for services rendered. In only about 3 percent or 4 percent of the cases was there any pus, but the percentage of collections ran satisfactorily. This doctor would put the optical instrument into a perfectly normal ear and then get the distracted mother to look through it and see for herself how 'imperative' the operation was."

* The proposed new Food and Drug Act.

The Nation Dying Mentally

THE people of the United States are dying mentally. Between 1880 and 1931 the number of insane persons in state hospitals increased from 64 to 236 persons in every 100,000 population, but owing to the great increase in the population there were seven and one-half times as many to look after in the latter year as in the former. Besides those that are actually insane, it is found that four out of every ten who apply for treatment at dispensaries are mentally shell-shocked. Besides these there are 10,000 feeble-minded annually to look after; and on top of all this there is an ever increasing number of chronic alcoholics and drug addicts. The Big Business efficiency experts have driven the country at such a merciless pace that the common people could not keep up. The ones for whom this was done have not a particle of interest in the people, nor in anything or anybody but themselves. They should not be allowed to hand down their colossal fortunes from one generation to another except in fragmentary form, and their income taxes should be greatly increased.

From One of the World War Soldiers

I HAVE always thought *The Golden Age* wonderful, particularly of late, but when I read the paragraph referring to the Reverend John Kelman, on page 107, of the issue of November 22, and your rich sarcasm, I wanted to hug you. Your quip about the soldiers is quite true.

In the early months of the war, when I was barely 22, I was having a stroll with a friend about my own age, when we were stopped by an Anglican parson, complete with 'dog' collar and evidently the heart of a vicious cur. He snarled out at me the customary slogan of that time: "Why aren't you in khaki? Kitchener wants you." I was so dumfounded at the command to go and kill from a pretending minister of the Prince of Peace that I simply could not think of a reply.

The "Reverend" then turned to my friend, who had just passed an examination for the degree of M.A., and used all power of persuasion to get him to, what he termed, "take orders."

A few months later, owing to the influence of such "dogs" and the serpentine press, I did join up. A long time after demobilization I had to take to my bed, owing to a recrudescence of a disease common to army life, the secondary symptoms giving me terrible pains. It was while

lying at a relative's that I received a pamphlet which one of Jehovah's dear witnesses had handed through the door. (God bless him or her.) The result was, I read and continue to read everything published by the Society. I love Judge Rutherford with all my heart and soul. (I wish you would tell him, dear friend, that although I have never seen him, the more he writes, the more I love him, and ceaselessly pray that the heavenly Father's richest blessing may always be with him.)

Already I have reveled in the world of truth compressed into the book *Preparation*, and had my whole being thrilled through and through with that amazing final chapter.

As I look back it seems that Almighty God had given me the privilege of being a Jonadab years before the type of Jehu and his companion was revealed to the church; and how my heart overflows until the tears run down my cheeks when I realize the invitation was not extended to a Christian "convert" who had reached a high degree of 'character development', but was lovingly granted to a young man suffering with a loathsome disease! Just whether that vile creature was the very first Jonadab is known only by Jehovah. Bless His holy name.

The Assistant Superintendent Told the Truth

IN A LETTER to Dr. Betts, J. A. Dent, assistant superintendent of the Bell Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas, said, "I wish to inform you that we use a great number of aluminum cooking utensils in this hospital." We have every reason to believe that Mr. Dent told the truth, for we have before us a clipping from the Kansas City *Star* that confirms all he said. The clipping carries three headlines: "Illness Hits Hospital; Sixty-five Persons Stricken by Tainted Food; Bell Memorial Staff Is Demoralized by a Minor Ailment—Ten Patients Are Among Those Affected." There is the usual statement that the food is being analyzed, which means absolutely nothing; and then there is the admission that the food had caused the illness, but that it was not ptomaine poisoning. There is nothing mysterious about it. It was manifestly a wholesale poisoning due to the fact that food had been left standing in aluminum utensils until it was unfit for any use whatever. There have been scores of like cases, and there will be scores more. As an arrangement for keeping people in permanent ill health nothing was ever devised that beats aluminum cooking utensils.

Russia's Receding Ice Cap

THE investigation by a Russian scientist of the depth at which eternal frost is found, made forty years ago, now turns out to have considerable value. Examinations in the same neighborhoods show that where he found the frost line at about six feet below the surface, at present there is no frost line at all. The explanation is that the polar ice cap is receding. It can be settled as certain that the polar ice cap is disappearing and that crops will be grown up to the very edge of the Arctic sea.

Tennessee River Developments

IT IS estimated that between \$500,000,000 and \$600,000,000 will be used in the Tennessee river improvements. Construction has begun on one of these, the Norris dam, 225 feet high. It will back up water in a reservoir of 83 square miles. The effect of this dam will be to double the primary power output at Muscle Shoals, by furnishing a steady water supply in all seasons. An extensive reforestation program is under way in the Tennessee valley, one of the objects of which is prevention of soil erosion.

Huge Artificial Sea in Montana Soon

THE Fort Peck (Montana) dam will be 221 feet in height and create in the Missouri river a lake 174 miles in length, with a shore line of 1,520 miles. The dam will cost 59 million dollars. Three hundred ranches and two small settlements will be submerged. The dam is intended to control the turbulence of the Missouri river, and will irrigate something like 100,000 acres of land; it is also supposed to have some value in making the Missouri navigable from Kansas City northward, but that seems to us visionary.

Mystery of Negroes' Wireless Telegraphy

HITHERTO it has been supposed that the Negroes' system of wireless telegraphy by which news is carried hundreds of miles across Africa in a few moments by what seem to be drumbeats, had a scientific explanation. From a communication in the London *Daily Express* it now appears that these communications are unquestionably occult; in other words, the work of demons. One Negro disclosed a transfer of a large territory from England to Italy the day after it happened in England, but the news of the transfer did not arrive in his neighborhood until twenty-one days afterward.

Irregularities in the Cosmic Ray

PROFESSOR LUTHER GABLE, in an address at Saginaw, Michigan, made the statement that the Milliken alpha rays strike the earth at irregular intervals as do wireless impulses, and that when connected with a loud-speaker the ray impulses sound strikingly like wireless signals. He thought it possible that the alpha rays may signify the attempt of some outside intelligence to communicate with the earth, and admitted that most scientists are more and more coming to the conclusion that there is a super-mind running the universe.

All Mankind

IT IS estimated that all mankind, all who have ever lived from Adam to now, number about 20,000,000,000. Let us assume that they averaged to weigh 150 pounds each; they could each be compressed into 150 pints, or 75 quarts of 57.75 cubic inches each; total cubic inches for one human, 4,331.25; total for the whole human creation from Adam to now, 86,625,000,000,000 cubic inches. In a cubic foot there are 12 x 12 x 12 cubic inches, or 1,728. In a cubic mile there are 5,280 x 5,280 x 5,280 x 1,728 cubic inches; and if the pencil did not slip, that means that it would hold 254,358,061,056,000 cubic inches, or about three times the total number that have ever lived. A building a mile square and a little taller than the Empire State building would hold the whole works. We are not so much, and never were.

Wastefulness in Nature

DR. LOUIS J. PAUL, of Michigan, having read the article in *The Golden Age* No. 319 on "Wasting—Saving—Using", cites an interesting case of wastefulness in nature. He says:

"Thought that you might be interested in knowing that there is also a great wasting in nature. For example: In the text book on Obstetrics written by Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md., the following statement is made: 'The number of spermatozoa contained in a single ejaculation is marvelous, and has been estimated by Lode at 226,257,900.' I have said that this is a great waste, but it is possible, of course, that I may be mistaken. There may be good reasons for such a large number. You undoubtedly know that it takes only one spermatozoon and one ovum to cause fertilization and ending in the formation and birth of a human child."

Two Great Mysteries

JEHOVAH has reserved the choicest wisdom of all time for those who love Him. This wisdom has been a profound secret to all except those who are helped by the power of Jehovah to understand it. It is just like the Eternal One to show His special favor upon those who manifest faith in Him and who diligently serve Him. This is not by the arrangement of man or any other creature, but of God. If the arrangement were of man we should have strong reason to doubt the value of the scheme; but it is of Jehovah, and that makes it reliable. The inspired apostle Paul said that he so spoke "that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God". (1 Corinthians 2:5) Today too many put reliance and confidence in creatures, and this only leads to sorrow and bitter disappointment. It is better to trust in Jehovah than to put confidence in men and princes.

A mystery is that which is kept a profound secret. It is something unknown, except to certain ones, being carefully and continuously concealed from all others. It is startling to note that most of the Bible was not understandable until quite recently; and it is understood now only by those who show faith in Jehovah; and this understanding is not given to the end that the creature alone may profit therefrom, but that the name of the Most High might be honored. A little seed is dropped into the soil in the springtime, and what it will become is known only to the planter. Later the tiny plantlet pushes its way through the soil, and finally a beautiful flower appears. The creature may use or destroy this flower for his own selfish purposes; but the man of wisdom sees in the delicate petals and the intricate lining of the corolla the handiwork of the Creator, and for this his mind speaks praises to the Most High. Even so the truth is now revealed to those who have faith, that they may use it in honoring Jehovah.

Parables of Jesus

When Jesus was on earth He taught the people in parables or dark sayings. His disciples came to Him and asked: "Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given." (Matthew 13:10,11) It will be observed that He did not say, 'You now know the mysteries of God'; but that it was

given them to know those mysteries. Not even His disciples understood Him in many things when they were with Him. On the last night before His crucifixion He was instructing them in various things that would be helpful to them in the days to come. On that occasion He said: "When he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." (John 16:13) The spirit of truth here mentioned is the holy spirit, the spirit of God, the invisible power operating upon the minds of those who are in covenant relationship with God. Jesus here used the masculine pronoun in speaking of the holy spirit.

The holy spirit was given to the disciples at Pentecost, that is to say, fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus. "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues, like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them: and they were all filled with the holy spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4) The King James Version of our Bibles translates the word here holy "ghost", but there is no warrant for such a translation. It comes from the word which means spirit.

It was at Pentecost that for the first time the mystery of Christ began to be understood by the disciples. This mystery has been a stumbling-block to both Jews and so-called "Christians"; but in God's due time He will make known to all the secret of this mystery, and then all rightly exercised by this will rejoice with exceeding joy.

Two Mysteries

The mystery which we shall first consider is THE CHRIST, the great one through whom redemption, deliverance and blessing will ultimately come to all mankind who receive Christ and obey Him. God foreshadowed His mystery for ages by the use of various men. Yet all of that time He kept it secret. The other mystery of the Bible is that relative to Jehovah God himself, which has lately been revealed and which we shall subsequently examine.

These two mysteries are important because they give us an understanding of Jehovah God's

purposes concerning the vindication of His own name and the blessing of all obedient creatures.

Death has been and is the great enemy of man. Death is the very opposite of life. The greatest desire of man is and always has been to have life everlasting in happiness. From the time of his expulsion from Eden man has been looking for something upon which to fasten a hope for life and happiness. Satan was the cause of death, and when God pronounced the sentence in Eden He said that the seed of the woman should bruise the serpent's head. This statement was in the nature of a promise, but it could not then be understood. Since Pentecost some have understood the meaning of these words to be an assurance that in God's due time the seed of promise, the seed of the woman, will destroy Satan, who has the power of death. Nearly two thousand years rolled by, after this statement, before anything further was promised.

Then unto Abraham Jehovah called and made him the promise: "In thy seed shall all families of the earth be blessed." This was another reference to the mystery of Christ; but that promise was not understood in its proper light. Abraham believed God would bless the human race, but he did not understand just the manner in which it would be done. At the time of this promise Abraham had no children. Several years more passed and then Isaac, Abraham's first son, was born. Abraham believed that his natural seed, his son, would be the ruler through whom the blessing would come to the people; but his son Isaac was merely a type of the mystery, God using him to foreshadow the greater One. This promise was renewed to Isaac and to Jacob, and at the death of Jacob his descendants, who, of course, were descendants of Abraham, were organized into twelve tribes, forming the nation of Israel, and were thereafter recognized as God's chosen nation. (Genesis 49:28; Deuteronomy 26:5) Then it was that the faithful believed that God's promised blessings would come through this nation, His chosen people. But in time they became slaves to the Egyptians and their hopes were almost blasted. They were sorely oppressed in Egypt, when God sent Moses to be their deliverer and to lead the people of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. **Moses was also a type foreshadowing the great One. (Acts 3:22) Moses died and the promised blessing had not yet come. The prophetic statement made by Moses that God would raise up**

unto Israel one like unto himself led the prophets to understand that there would be a great one raised up from the nation of Israel who would be the deliverer and blesser of mankind.

Awaiting the Deliverer

Joshua followed next in line after Moses. His name signifies savior or deliverer. But he also was only a type of the great Deliverer.

Then David became the king of Israel. His name means 'beloved one'. The Jews had hoped that he would be the great deliverer, but in his old age he abdicated the throne in favor of Solomon, and yet the blessing did not come. Solomon became the most famous man in the world for riches and wisdom, and the hopes of Israel were centered in him, only to be disappointed. David and Solomon were also but mere types foreshadowing the coming great Deliverer.

The nation of Israel degenerated, and under the reign of Zedekiah, their last king, they fell into captivity to the Babylonians and they continued subject to other nations until they were finally driven out of Palestine.

Moved by the holy spirit of God operating upon their minds, the holy prophets testified of the coming of this great Deliverer, both of His sufferings and of His glory that would follow; but they did not understand. The matter was a mystery to them. (1 Peter 1:11) Even the angels of heaven sought to look into it, but they were not permitted. God's purpose was to keep the matter secret until His own due time to reveal the great truth.

Jesus Revives Hope

Then came Jesus, whose coming was announced by John the Baptist; and He was pointed out as the one who would take away the sin of the world. He chose His disciples and they walked with Him, and He taught them for three and a half years; yet they did not understand the great mystery. They expected Jesus to be made an earthly king, and hoped that they might be with Him in the kingdom, probably in His cabinet, because He was asked if one might sit on His left and the other on His right hand in the kingdom. They expected Him to make Israel a great nation, and believed that through that nation other nations would be blessed. When He was put to death they were greatly disappointed, mystified, and in great distress. (Luke 24:21) Even after His resurrection they did not understand His mission; and this is

shown by their words to Him on the day that He ascended into heaven. "When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the holy spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight."—Acts 1:6-9.

Holy Spirit Given

In obedience to the command of Jesus, these faithful disciples went to Jerusalem to the place known as "the upper room", and there waited. Ten days passed, and then it was that the holy spirit, the invisible power of God, was visited upon them; and, true to His promise, the disciples began to understand.

Jesus had now ascended on high and presented the merit of His sacrifice before Jehovah, and the acceptance of this was manifested by the giving of the holy spirit to His disciples who had been His consecrated followers for three and a half years. Doubtless the angels of heaven now began to know something about the great mystery. What joy must have been in heaven when Jesus Christ appeared before the Father and presented the merit of His sacrifice and was received by Jehovah! Surely the heavenly host must have sung His praises. They had beheld Him triumphing over death and the grave and now exalted to a position in heaven next to the Father for the vindication of Jehovah's name. It must have been a great joy to the heavenly host, even as contemplation of it was a great joy to Jesus himself. "For the joy that was set before him, [he] endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:2) What joy must have filled the hearts of His disciples when they began to understand the mystery of God and to see how wonderfully He had led them and their fathers before them, preparing them now for the revelation of this great truth!

In due time Saul of Tarsus, who afterward was named Paul, was illuminated, and understood. And then he wrote: "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is

behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church; whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints; to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which [mystery] is Christ in you, the hope of glory." (Colossians 1:24-27) The apostle here emphasizes the fact that this mystery is now made known only to the saints. "Saints" means purified ones, which purification comes through receiving the merit of Christ's sacrifice.

Anointing

The word "Christ" signifies "anointed". "Anointing" means designation to official position in God's arrangement. The Christ is the instrument for the vindication of the name of Jehovah and for the blessing of mankind. The Christ is composed of Jesus, the great and mighty Head, and 144,000 members. (Revelation 7:4) Christ Jesus is the head, and the church, His body. We oftentimes hear the expression 'a body of men with a general at their head'. Of the Christ the apostle says: "And he [Christ Jesus] is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."—Col. 1:17-19.

The apostle Paul uses a human body to illustrate the Christ, the great mystery class; the head representing Jesus, and the other members of the body those who are of His church. "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."—1 Corinthians 12:12, 27.

The Christ is also designated in the Scriptures as the seed of Abraham according to the promise. "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ." (Galatians 3:16) Addressing himself to the church, followers of Jesus, the apostle further said: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. And if ye be Christ's, then

are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." (Galatians 3:26, 27, 29) This is the "seed", then, through whom the blessings will come to all the families of the earth. "Church" means a gathered-out class; and so the period from Jesus' first coming until His second coming is employed by Jehovah for the selection of the church, the seed of Abraham, through which blessings will come to all the remainder of mankind in God's due time.

Footstep Followers

The members of the body of Christ, the church, are also designated as His footstep followers; and as such they are called to suffer with Him, that they may also reign with Him. "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." (1 Peter 2:21) These are also designated as *Christians*. Because one is a member of some earthly organization called a "church" it does not mean that he is a Christian or a member of the true church. The true church is the body of Christ; and any one, to be of the true church, must be a follower of Christ in the truest sense of the word. To this class are given the exceeding great and precious promises recorded in the Bible, among which is the promise of being associated with Christ Jesus in His kingdom. (2 Peter 1:4) Not to the world, but to His followers, Jesus said: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."—Revelation 2:10.

No one has been able to understand these things and appreciate them except those who have given their hearts to the Lord. The apostle Paul says: "The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14) Jehovah has so arranged that only those who have their minds illuminated by the holy spirit, which follows their consecration, justification, and acceptance by the Lord, can understand and appreciate this mystery. After one becomes a true follower of Christ he must continue to joyfully obey God's commands if he would continue to have an understanding and appreciation of the truth as set forth in His Word.

Mystery of God

The physical facts before us today agree with Bible prophecy, as found in The Revelation, that the seventh trumpet has sounded: "In the

days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets." (Revelation 10:7) "The mystery of Christ" pertains to the selection of the 'seed of promise', without regard to whether they be by birth Jews or Gentiles, and it shows the gathering of the body members of the Christ with Jesus as the Head. (Ephesians 3:4-6; Galatians 3:27-29) There seems to be a clear distinction between the "mystery of Christ" and the "mystery of God", which latter mystery should be finished during the sounding of the seventh angel. There are a number of questions relating to Jehovah which were a mystery to God's people and which have been cleared up to them since the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to His temple, in A.D. 1918, and particularly since the year 1928. For instance, the questions: Who is God? What is the significance of the names by which He reveals himself? Is God responsible for all the sorrows and woes of earth, including the calamities? Has He an organization, and what is it? What is meant by His coming forth "out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth" and to vindicate His name? (Isaiah 26:21) What is the organization that opposes Him, and of what does it consist? Is Satan and his organization responsible for the sufferings and calamities of men and the alienation of men from God? All these things God had long ago foretold or announced by His prophets; but the time must come for them to be understood by His faithful people on the earth, because it is for their benefit that the Scriptures explaining these vital questions were written.—Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 10:11.

By His prophet Jehovah said: "Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret [mystery] unto his servants the prophets." (Amos 3:7) Therefore the statement of Revelation 10:7 seems to say that following the sounding by the seven angels God would cause His servants to have an understanding of the prophecies which have heretofore been secret. Those who compose the remnant of His servant class now on earth have received a great enlightenment, notably since 1928, and now have an understanding of many prophecies that have heretofore not been understood. This is due to the fact that "the Lord is in his holy temple" (Habakkuk 2:20), and the flashes of light from His temple illuminate His faithful people.

The Degree of B.D.

WE HAVE before us a communication addressed to the president of an Ohio board of education. It is typewritten on a letterhead which would lead one to suspect that it is from "Reformation Evangelical Lutheran Church, The Community's Spiritual Lighthouse, 2460 Tremainsville Road, Toledo, Ohio, Reverend W. Rufus Rings, B.D., Pastor."

Knowing that D.D. stands for Dumb Dog (Isaiah 56:10-12), the pastor (pronounced pahstah) wins the degree of Bad Dog from us because of the manner in which he manifests his caninity. He does this by three pages of closely written matter, not worth reprinting, which assume to give the reasons why a school auditorium promised for a transcription lecture by Judge Rutherford should be denied. It is hardly worth while analyzing a dog's barks.

The kernel of his canine uproar is that Judge Rutherford was not patriotic in 1918, when the United States was fighting Germany, and then he says: "I also call attention to the fact that this same group was the first religious organization to be barred from Germany after Hitler assumed charge because it taught lack of patriotism."

There you have it, ladies and gentlemen. It is as though, along late in His ministry, the Devil had met Jesus and reproached Him with not being patriotic, either as a citizen of the Jewish nation or a citizen of the Roman government. The only answer Jesus could have made is that His business was to preach and teach of the coming kingdom of Jehovah God as the only hope of the world. He felt no burdens resting upon Him to stand up for Judaism or for the Roman arrangement; the priests and hypocrites would attend to all that, for that is their business, and the only business they have.

There is one good thing in Reverend Rings' letter. He says: "In 1926 this organization, called 'Jehovah's witnesses', stated that the clergymen of the United States, together with their coconspirators, claimed the ability to set up God's kingdom on earth without God and have endorsed the League of Nations and declared it to be the political expression of God's kingdom on earth, thereby breaking their allegiance to Christ and declaring their allegiance to the Devil, the god of evil."

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	Total for 1933	Total for 1932
Persons distributing Kingdom literature	1,790	961
Persons spoken to concerning the Kingdom	1,965,959	1,794,855
Persons who took literature	520,409	562,287
Judge Rutherford's books placed	124,873	176,919
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