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## The Bible and Human Relations

**J**EHOVAH GOD made provision for the marriage of man and woman. Marriage is therefore a divine institution, and questions relating thereto should be settled according to the rule of the Bible, the written Word of Jehovah God. Jehovah first made man and then declared: 'It is not good for man to be alone. I will make him a help-meet for him.' He made a woman and brought her unto the man. In other words, God made the man and woman and brought them together that they might enter into the marital relationship.

Since then no flesh and blood relationship between any man and woman as man and wife has been closer, for Adam married a creature of whom he said: "This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:23,24) There is nothing in the record indicating that when God made man and woman and brought her to the man a ceremony was performed. Manifestly it was impossible for any man to perform such a ceremony at that time, for the reason that Adam was the only man on earth and Eve was the only woman. (1 Corinthians 15:45-47) "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."—Genesis 1:28.

### *Cain's Wife*

It is manifest that for God's command to Adam and Eve to be obeyed it was necessary for their sons and daughters to intermarry; brothers must marry sisters. And they did. Sometime after Adam and Eve were driven from the garden of Eden children were born to them, who grew to the estate of manhood and woman-

hood, and they in turn had children. "Adam . . . begat sons and daughters: and all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years." (Genesis 5:4,5) The record concerning the birth of children to Adam and his wife is brief. It does not claim to give the names of all their children. Cain is the first one named, and Abel the second. It is certain, however, that other children were born, both male and female, and lived contemporaneously with Abel and Cain. Doubtless both of these men were heads of families. The Scriptures specifically state that Cain had a wife; and she must have been one of Adam's children, and therefore the sister of Cain.

After murdering Abel "Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden". (Genesis 4:16) Cain's wife, one of the daughters of his father Adam, went with him to that land. Contrary to uninformed popular opinion, the Bible does not say or even allow that Cain found him a wife in the land of Nod. But, after relating Cain's flight to Nod, it merely says: "And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch." Despite such a close marriage, the Bible shows that Cain's offspring were not idiots and cripples and terribly diseased; for some of them were the original inventors and teachers of arts and sciences that have come down to us today. Cain's great-grandson Jabal was an active fellow, always on the move, he being the first of those dwelling in tents, and a herdsman; whereas his brother Jubal "was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ", and another great-grandson, Tubal-cain, was "an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron". (Genesis 4:21,22) Evidently this was so because the stream of the human family, now flowing, was not yet so far along on its descent from its once perfect source Adam, and hence

was not yet so polluted and corrupted and unbalanced as in the days of the prophet Moses, over two thousand years later, when God saw it good and timely to give a law making it illegal for His people to contract such close marriages. (Leviticus 18:1-30) Thus it was that that man of faith, Abraham, whom God counted righteous, married his half-sister; for, said Abraham, "she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife."—Genesis 20:12.

### ***Bigamy***

Lamech was the great-great-great-grandson of Cain. "And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah." (Genesis 4:19) This is the first record of polygamy or of a man's having more than one wife at the same time. But the Bible says nothing in condemnation of Lamech's course. True, Jehovah made just one woman, one wife, for the first man Adam, and doubtless had the human family continued in sinlessness and perfection, this would have been the rule for all human creatures. Also Noah and his three sons had each but one wife when they went into the ark for safety from the great flood. (Genesis 7:13) Nevertheless, undue, harsh and sarcastic criticism has been maliciously leveled at the Bible, and thereby great reproach has been heaped upon the name of Jehovah God, because of the polygamy practiced by faithful men of God in times of old; and the Bible has been classed by self-righteous worldlings of super-fine "religious susceptibilities" and "moral sensibilities" as being "not fit to have around the house lest the children should get hold of it and read in it".

Was it wicked, immoral, unclean and illegal for Abraham to have a wife and a concubine, and for his grandson Jacob to have several wives, and also for other servants of the Lord likewise? That is wicked, immoral and illegal which the expressed law of Jehovah God forbids and condemns. From the time of man's transgression in Eden until the time of Jesus and His apostles there is no law recorded in the Bible as given of Jehovah God restricting a man as to number of wives. Rather Jehovah's law given in connection with His covenant with the children of Israel at Mount Sinai recognized the having of a number of wives at the same time, allowed it, and made special provisions respecting it, for instance, as to rights of inheritance

of children born to the several wives of a man. (Deuteronomy 21:15-17) Shall mortal man, then, take himself so seriously today as to think he is more moral, more just, more righteous than Jehovah God, who is the only Lawgiver and the supreme Judge of all?—James 4:12; Hebrews 12:23.

### ***Polygamy Abolished***

By virtue of the death of His dear Son Jesus on the tree on Calvary Jehovah God abolished the law covenant which He made with the Israelites and under which He authorized the practice of having several wives. Thus Jesus is spoken of, at Ephesians 2:15, as "having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace"; and, at Colossians 2:14, as "blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross". Thenceforth the law of Jehovah God as applying to the footstep followers of His dear Son was as expressed by His apostle under inspiration at 1 Timothy 3:1, 2: "If a man desire the office of a bishop [not an ecclesiastical office, but simply the service of overseer], he desireth a good work. A bishop [overseer] then must be blameless, the husband of one wife." Yet self-righteous men of today and the past ignore the foregoing Scriptural facts; and being brought up in so-called "Christendom", which had adopted the law of monogamy as stated by the apostle, such conceited men misapply this law to God's servants of pre-Christian times and thus condemn God's holy men of old and reproach and ridicule His name and at the same time justify themselves as righteous and moral and self-contained. For the benefit of all such Jesus said: "Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."—Luke 16:15.

### ***Covenants Illustrated***

The fact that Abraham had a wife and concubine at the same time was not condemned of God, but was used of Jehovah to illustrate that He would make a number of covenants. Jehovah took Abraham from the land of Ur of the Chaldees and to Canaan, and there to Abraham He made the declaration of His purpose (His covenant), to wit: "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and

from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12: 1-3) This is an unconditional promise that Jehovah himself will bless all obedient ones of the human race.—See Genesis 15:18; 22: 15-18.

Abraham's descendants, the Israelites, were in Egypt by the permission of Jehovah, and when the time came to deliver them from their oppressors in Egypt Jehovah made a covenant with them. Leading that people by the hand of Moses to Mount Sinai, Jehovah confirmed or inaugurated there His law covenant, which is in the Scriptures sometimes called "the old covenant". (2 Corinthians 3:14, *Revised Version*) "And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: . . . Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine, And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation." (Exodus 19: 3, 5, 6) "And he [Moses] took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said: All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood [of sacrificial victims there slain], and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words."—Exodus 24: 7, 8.

All covenants made by Jehovah toward man are made for the primary purpose of vindicating His name. They are called Jehovah's covenants because He is the originator and maker of them, and He takes others into His covenants as it pleases Him.

### ***Abrahamic, Law and New Covenants***

The Abrahamic covenant is an unconditional promise of Jehovah to produce by His organization Zion (symbolized by His "woman") a seed by or through which all the families of the earth may have an opportunity for the blessing of life; the primary purpose of which covenant is the vindication of Jehovah's name. The "seed" of that covenant is Christ, who is the Savior and Redeemer of man and the Vindicator of Jeho-

vah God's name. That covenant is unchangeable because bound by the word and oath of Jehovah.—Hebrews 6: 13-18.

Because of the abounding of transgression or sin against God's law, Jehovah added to the Abrahamic covenant the law covenant, made in Egypt with Moses as mediator; and that covenant served as a schoolmaster to lead the teachable ones of Israel to Christ, the "seed" and Vindicator, and that covenant was continued until the coming of Christ. (Galatians 3: 19-25) The purpose of the law covenant was to produce a people for the name of Jehovah; hence the primary purpose thereof was the vindication of Jehovah's name.—2 Samuel 7: 23.

At Jeremiah 31: 31-34 Jehovah God foretold the making of a new covenant. The new covenant was made in the place and stead of the old law covenant. The purpose of the new covenant was not for the salvation of men, but for selecting a people for the name of Jehovah; which people so selected must be witnesses to the name of Jehovah; and, proving faithful therein, these participate with Christ Jesus in the vindication of Jehovah's name. The new covenant was made with Christ Jesus at the time of His death, and He is the Mediator thereof.—Matthew 26: 26-28; Hebrews 9: 14, 15; 12: 24.

### ***The Connection***

Now, what connection has the foregoing with the fact that Abraham "the friend of God" had—what seems offensive to the self-righteous moral standards of many in "Christendom" today—a wife and a concubine? This: The apostle Paul says: "For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by the bondmaid, and one by the free woman; but he that was of the bondmaid after the flesh had been born, whereas he that was of the free woman through means of a promise. Which things indeed may bear another meaning; for the same are two covenants, one indeed from Mount Sinai into bondage bringing forth, the which is Hagar, and the Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she answereth, however, unto the present Jerusalem, for she is in bondage with her children; but the Jerusalem above is free, the which is our mother."—Galatians 4: 22-26, *Rotherham translation*.

Immediately following the above the apostle quotes from the prophecy of Isaiah 54: 1, showing that Sarah, Abraham's wife, represented God's organization called Jerusalem which is above and pictured by His "woman". Abraham's

relationship to his wife and to his concubine Hagar and to his later concubine Keturah illustrated God's relationship to His covenants, which covenants are a means employed to accomplish His purpose of getting a name for himself. Sarah and her son together illustrate or picture the unconditional covenant that Jehovah made that He would produce "the seed". This seed of promise is foreshadowed by Isaac, Abraham's son by Sarah, but the true "seed" is Christ Jesus. Hagar and her son Ishmael allegorically represented or pictured the law covenant, which God attached to His original promise made to Abraham. The purpose thereof was to furnish natural Israel an opportunity to produce a people for His name; but that covenant failed by reason of the fact that Israel was made up of imperfect human creatures. This failure of the covenant is illustrated in the fact that Hagar's son was "born of the flesh". What the law covenant failed in the new covenant furnishes, to wit, a people for His name, Jehovah's name.

The Abrahamic covenant was in fact an unconditional declaration of Jehovah's purpose to produce a seed, and by using Abraham and Sarah his wife God pictured how He would bring forth a seed, which seed was pictured or illustrated by Isaac. God permitted Sarah to be barren for a long while and until His due time to bring forth the typical seed of promise, Isaac. During that period of time Hagar was substituted for Sarah or attached to the Abrahamic household that she might give birth to an heir to Abraham. (Genesis 16: 1-4) The son of Hagar was not the heir of promise (Genesis 17: 15-22; 21: 1-12); and manifestly the chief purpose of this arrangement was to demonstrate that the 'promised seed' could be produced only by the miraculous power of Jehovah. In due time Sarah gave birth to the typical seed, Isaac, and this was the result of the exercise of Jehovah's miraculous power. The birth of that son was a confirmation of the covenant. Isaac was a type of Jesus Christ, the Son of Jehovah God, and who is the promised "seed".—Galatians 3: 16.

### ***Bible Justifies No Immorality***

Any man who would seize upon the historic events recorded in the Bible as a justification or excuse for pursuing an indecent or immoral course would show that he has no faith in God and does not believe His Word and has no desire to obey Him. There is nothing in God's Word that furnishes any excuse or justification

for man or woman to do that which is immoral, improper and wrong.

The accounts in the Bible of the most intimate relations between certain men and women were written not for the purpose of furnishing breezy stories or snappy stories for the entertainment of the foul-minded of today. They were not recorded with a salacious or suggestive intent, nor do they mar the beauty or purity of the Bible as "dead flies [which] cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savour". (Ecclesiastes 10:1) Concerning the Scriptures from Genesis to Malachi the Lord Jesus in prayer to God said: "Thy word is [the] truth." (John 17: 17) And so it is that the written Word of God sets forth the pure unvarnished truth, for the lovers of fact and truth, and not for those of touchy "religious susceptibilities". "For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth." (Psalm 33: 4) And as for the Bible's needing to be expurgated or censored or revised because otherwise it is (as the evil-minded consider) "not fit for children to read", the apostle Paul writes to Timothy concerning the aforesaid sacred books of the Bible and says: "From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."—2 Timothy 3: 15-17.

"The words of the Lord are pure words." (Psalm 12: 6) The record of Lot and his two daughters is the simple, plainly stated truth, showing the origin of the two nations of Moab and Ammon and the dire conditions which produced them, and that hundreds of years before the "ten commandments" were given from Mount Sinai and to the prophet Moses. (Genesis 19: 30-38) Was the apostle Peter inspired to condemn the man Lot? 2 Peter 2: 7, 8 reads: "And [God] delivered *just* Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked; (for that *righteous* man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)."

The conduct of the woman Tamar, recorded in Genesis 38, is in full harmony with the law of levirate marriage, as expressly stated by Jehovah God several hundred years later in His covenant with Jacob's descendants in the plains

of Moab. (Deuteronomy 25:5-10) "Unto the pure all things are pure." (Titus 1:15) "Jehovah seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7, *A.R.V.*) It could not be right to criticize the Word of God or the course of action taken by certain ones on record therein merely to please the fancy of some imperfect man or to maintain what is claimed to be the world's standard of wisdom, purity and righteousness. The clergy have criticized much of God's Word, that they might make themselves to appear holy, wise, pure and great, and that they might receive the commendation of other men. It is better to trust the Lord God, who never makes a mistake, and to know that what He directs is pure, holy, and righteous. "It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man." (Psalm 118:8) In their attempt to make themselves appear as upholding the world's standard of purity they have made themselves ridiculous in the sight of God.

### ***Ruth and Boaz***

Take, for instance, the Bible drama of the beautiful Moabitish woman, Ruth, who forsook her native land in order to return with her mother-in-law Naomi to Bethlehem, the future birthplace of King David and of Jesus Christ. God's law made provision for a levirate marriage, and Ruth, by washing and anointing herself, and dressing for the occasion of going down to the threshingfloor and lying at the feet of Boaz, a kinsman by marriage, was preparing to be taken by Boaz as his wife by a levirate marriage that very night, and that without the necessity of some sanctimonious and pious-faced, hypocritical preacher's being present to perform the ceremony.

Scoffers and critics have made much over this, claiming it to be an act of gross indecency. Such, however, have manifested a greater desire for the approval of men than to have an understanding of and to do the will of God. The course advised by Naomi, and which was taken by Ruth, was merely a formal way of serving notice upon Boaz, and of showing Ruth fully submissive to God's arrangements, and Boaz, being a godly man, so understood it. Naomi, Ruth and Boaz were all devoted to Jehovah God, and, knowing this fact, Naomi did not hesitate in saying to Ruth that 'Boaz will tell you what to do'. (Ruth 3:1-4) The coming of Ruth to Boaz in the field in the manner directed by Naomi well pictures

the willing submission and unselfish devotion to the Lord by those who seek to know and to do His will.

### ***Purpose of Marriage by Substitute***

Jehovah's purpose in the law of levirate marriage was that the fruit should be brought forth, that is to say, that the fruit of the body might be brought forth in the lineage leading up to King David and, in due time, to Jesus, God's mighty King. Naomi knew, from Genesis 49:10, that the Law-giver must come from the tribe of Judah, of which she was a member, and of which Boaz was also a member, and she was anxious to perform the part that God had assigned to her whether she understood it or not. She was too old to offer herself to Boaz to raise up a child, and therefore she offered her daughter-in-law; and this without doubt she did under Jehovah's direction. In like manner barren Sarah offered Hagar to Abraham; and also Rachel, because of her barrenness, offered her handmaid Bilhah to Jacob. (Genesis 16:1-3; 30:1-5) Naomi did not want the opportunity lost for a child to be of the royal house, and the only way to avoid that loss was to substitute Ruth for herself.

The later action of Boaz was strictly in compliance with the law. (Deuteronomy 25:7) This does not mean that those other than the Israelites were then or now to comply with the law of levirate marriage. God's law was given to Israel, His covenant people, and that law was for the purpose of foreshadowing greater things to come to pass. (Hebrews 10:1) The things which came to pass on the Israelites were typical of what would be due to come to pass at the end of the world. "So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and . . . she bare a son." (Ruth 4:13) Thus Jehovah showed His approval to give Boaz and Ruth a son, looking to the vindication of His name and His Word that 'out of the loins of Judah should come a Ruler and a Lawgiver'. It was not the physical power of aged Boaz and of Ruth that resulted in the birth of the son, because it was 'God that gave the increase'. (1 Corinthians 3:6) Even so it is Jehovah who now has brought forth the mighty One who shall rule all the nations of the earth and who shall be the Vindicator of His great name.

Thus, every-way, the Word of God, the Bible, stands vindicated as pure, holy, honest, true, wholesome and correct and higher than the word of creature man, and shall endure for ever.—Isaiah 40:8.

**I**N ACCORD with the intimation given through the public press by government officials the Ontario government has canceled all contracts with the private power companies of Quebec, and in so doing has saved the people of Ontario tens of millions of dollars. Speaking editorially of these contracts the *Globe* of Toronto says, in part:

Whereas Hydro users had every right to assume that their industry would be conducted, as Beck explained, without requiring them to pay the toll levied on patrons of private corporations, they now find they were sold out behind their backs. The contracts made in their name oblige them to pay profits and dividends—to pay even though they do not use the power—to pay such large profits that the promoters of each corporation, as soon as the contract was signed, were able to sell tremendous blocks of securities to the public with the observation that Hydro customers in Ontario would more than pay the dividends. Fortunes were made for the promoters with a stroke of the pen.

The real facts, long concealed, are now coming to light. On Tuesday night Mr. Roebuck stated that under these contracts the four Quebec power corporations will take \$380,000,000 from the people of the Niagara district, an amount exceeding by \$100,000,000 the entire capital investment of the Hydro in plant. They call for delivery of, and payment for, 916,000 horsepower, although the maximum demand for Niagara power last year was only 833,000 horsepower and the normal operating capacity of Hydro's Niagara plants is 830,000 horsepower.

### **Ultra-Conservative Social Program**

Speaking upon the subject of social legislation in Canada the Saskatoon *Star-Phoenix*, under the caption "Far Behind", editorially says:

Since the program of social legislation was outlined to Canada by the prime minister, there has been considerable scrutiny of what other countries have done in this direction. The result of such an examination is that Canada is beginning to realize how far behind the parade it has been and still is. Even some of the South American republics are far ahead.

The 8-hour working day and 48-hour working week legislation is about fifteen years behind the times, it having been adopted by the International Labor Organization that long ago. That body is now drafting an agreement for a 40-hour week.

Unemployment insurance, now being enacted at Ottawa, has been in effect for twenty years and more in dozens of countries. European nations have had similar legislation since long before the war.

State sickness and accident insurance has been in effect in a number of countries for quite a while, and not a few have some form of old-age insurance scheme

which provides pensions for the advanced years of its citizens.

Recently a representative of the International Labor Organization visited South America, and there he found a number of the republics have excellent social legislation of the kind Canada is now preparing to adopt.

His report covers Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Chile. In all four of those countries workmen's compensation legislation is effective and satisfactory. In Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay there is a system of voluntary sickness insurance by mutual benefit societies. In Chile sickness and maternity insurance is compulsory for all workers and the Central Fund of the workers' insurance system is active in organizing medical services.

All four countries have old-age, widows' and orphans' insurance. In Chile these systems are compulsory to wage earners in industry, commerce and agriculture. In Uruguay they apply to workers in industry and commerce, but not agriculture. Brazil and Argentina have made them applicable to a large body of workers in industry and business.

According to the report submitted to the International Labor Organization, legislation in these countries is quite advanced with substantial allowances and pensions paid. The funds are well organized and the administrative standard is said to be as high as in European countries.

It seems that Canada is merely catching up with the South American republics in this matter of social legislation.

### **Comforting a Bereaved Ewe**

A Canadian Press news item from Manitoba tells how a rancher solved his dilemma. It states:

To George Heatley, who for thirty years has raised sheep successfully on his farm three miles west of here, a knowledge of the Old Testament comes in handy in his business. In fact, it's part of his stock in trade.

One of his ewes dropped twin lambs, and another triplets, recently. But both of the first ewe's lambs died. Heatley took one of the triplets and gave it to the first ewe. The anguished mother would have nothing to do with it. George turned to the Bible in his dilemma.

He came to the Old Testament story of Esau and Jacob, which described how Rebekah 'took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau and put them upon Jacob, her younger son, and put the skins of the kids of the goats upon his hands and upon the smooth of his neck', so that Isaac, feeling Jacob's hands and smelling the smell of his raiment, took him for Esau and gave him his brother's blessing.

Heatley skinned one of the dead lambs and pulled it like a sweater over the head of one of the triplets.



The subterfuge worked, the bereaved mother welcoming 'her' lamb with open 'arms'.

### **Canada's Huge and Increasing Debts**

As one watches the ever increasing burden of national debts one cannot help but wonder how long the people can endure such terrible burdens. In Canada this debt upon every householder totals the large sum of over \$3,300 apart from such private debts as mortgages. To give some idea of how rapidly these debts are increasing we quote from an editorial appearing in the *Globe* of Toronto:

How far Ontario has traveled in the interval of thirty-one years since the last Liberal Budget was brought down in the Legislature is pointed out strikingly in the presentation by Hon. Mitchell F. Hepburn.

The rise in debt totals could scarcely have been imagined by those who heard Premier Ross deliver his Budget address on February 9, 1904. Such figures as these are startling:

	1904	1934
Net debt	\$1,664,000	\$358,476,000
Per capita net debt	.74	100.53
Population	2,246,000	3,566,000
Assessed value of all property	\$897,000,000	\$3,183,000,000

An analysis which will be helpful in clarifying perspectives is presented in the statement of gross and net debt at the end of the successive political régimes:

	Gross debt	Net debt	Net debt per cap.
Whitney, 1914	\$ 41,716,000	\$ 6,294,000	2.30
Hearst, 1919	97,032,000	13,115,000	4.65
Drury, 1923	291,025,000	100,978,000	33.45
Ferguson, 1930	473,372,000	212,778,000	64.23
Henry, 1934	655,761,000	358,477,000	100.53

Average annual increases in net debt were: Hearst, \$1,364,000; Drury, \$21,966,000; Ferguson, \$15,971,000; Henry, \$36,425,000.

An interesting passage in the Budget is devoted to the general position in municipal affairs in the province. The statement of obligations shows the following totals:

Unmatured principal	\$71,903,498
Overdue principal	11,418,041
Total principal	<hr/> 84,241,539
Overdue interest	3,972,350
Total outstanding principal and interest	<hr/> \$88,213,869

The Department of Municipal Affairs, established in September, 1934, has embarked, Mr. Hepburn remarks, on a program looking to improvement in munic-

ipal accounting and auditing, and he comments upon the contemplated measures which will give wider control over municipalities seeking special powers.

By reason of the shifting of the end of the fiscal year from October 31 to March 31, this year's statement embodies an unusual feature: an interim statement for the five-month period. Here ordinary expenditure totals \$34,250,028, as compared with ordinary revenues of \$26,800,794, a deficit of \$7,449,233.

The comparative statement of Budget ordinary revenue (March 31, 1936) and actual ordinary revenue (October 31, 1934) shows an interesting net increase of \$9,717,685. On the expenditure side of the table a net decrease of \$4,396,256 is revealed.

### **Comments on Canadian Hate Bill**

To give some idea of how far the Devil will go to muzzle freedom of speech in his effort to hold his empire together, we quote the following news item from Ottawa:

Michael Luchkovich, U.F.A. member for Vegreville, today introduced a bill in the House of Commons designed to make it an offense to utter defamatory words against any race, nationality or creed represented in Canada.

His bill, Mr. Luchkovich explained before the House met, "is designed to create better feeling among the races in Canada." He would gain his object through an amendment to the criminal code saying:

"Everyone who utters, prints, publishes, circulates or otherwise disseminates any defamatory matter reflecting upon any person or body of persons of any race or religion tending to degrade, revile or expose them to hatred, injury, insult or contempt among the people is guilty of an offense."

The bill was given first reading.

The fourth column of the *Consumers' Gas* contains the following interesting comment upon this proposed legislation:

A member of Parliament proposes a bill which would make it a crime to speak in a defamatory way of any race or religion. Behind it is the idea that everybody has a right to his own racial or religious prejudices, and that to disturb them is to invite a breach of the peace. If we are not mistaken, the author of this measure is a member of whom we have spoken favorably in the past. The bill makes it unlikely that we shall ever make the same mistake in the future. It is well meaning, but vicious. Under the guise of promoting and maintaining brotherly feelings it aims a blow at free speech.

We have never been beguiled by the theory that because every man has a right to believe what he likes another man should be forbidden to say that what the first man likes to believe is silly or dangerous or anti-social. The right of a man to believe does not supersede the right of another man to believe that he is in error, and if the matter is to be discussed, to say so.

Irreparable damage to human souls and the progress of civilization has been wrought under the guise that it would be shameful to deprive a man of his beliefs. Time was when men believed that a salve would cure cancer, or that some superstitious incantations, embodied in a religion, would guarantee a fruitful marriage. It was in the public interest that such sacred beliefs should be blown up.

We speak as a Canadian when we say that anybody in this country ought to be free to say that Canadians are no good, and as a nominal Christian when we say that people who do not believe in Christianity ought to be permitted to continue their missionary efforts to wean us from it. Races and religions that cannot withstand the kind of criticism that they are exposed to in this country are not worth preserving.

### ***High Auto Costs in Canada***

With the high tariff wall against manufactured goods' coming into Canada from the United States causing among other things the Canadian people to pay approximately 50 per cent more for cars than their American cousins, it is high time the matter was investigated. Concerning this spread the *Saskatoon Star-Phoenix* says:

The spread in the prices of automobiles as between Canada and the United States is something on which there has been a lot of quiet thinking by prospective or possible car purchasers but about which there has been little discussion.

The announcement from Ottawa that the tariff board has been requested to investigate the spread and its causes should, therefore, be satisfactory to the public and not at all disturbing to those who make and sell cars in Canada. And the inquiry should clear the air considerably, correct any wrong impressions and bring to the fore a number of factors which are frequently not taken into consideration.

This, of course, is quite to be desired. It is safe to say that both the buying public and the makers of cars want the business to be on a fair basis, and the only way to arrive at such a basis, and satisfy everyone concerned, is by a close public examination of the circumstances.

It is generally believed that prices in Canada are much too high when compared with those in the United States. It is usually pointed out that a car which is advertised across the line at, say, \$500 or \$1,000 costs several hundreds more in Canada, the exact amount depending on point of sale. Certainly figures arrived at in this way are enough to arouse bitter criticism, but it is a rather casual and careless comparison. The situation calls for more exact analysis.

But one or two things should be pointed out even before such an inquiry begins. One is that a comparison of this type leaves out of account the matter of freight rates. The prices set opposite each other

should be for comparative points in each country, that is, points equidistant from the place of manufacture. That makes a very considerable difference.

Another angle is that of the trade-in value of the used car. The amount allowed in the United States on a trade-in is said to be ridiculously smaller than that allowed in Canada. The higher amount in this country does not, of course, help the man buying his first car, or who has no car to trade in, but it makes a very considerable difference to the car owner renewing his transportation.

Whether or not this trade-in difference is sufficient to offset the price spread is a matter which calls for study such as only the tariff board can give. If it does, then the man who is renewing his transportation will probably not be greatly affected by any change in prices in Canada. As the price of a new car drops the allowance on his old one will be reduced correspondingly.

But certainly the new buyer has to pay a decided spread. At the present time, after four years in which cars have been used longer than normally, and for some little time in the future, it is probable that the new buyer, or individual without a car to trade in, will be a larger factor in car sales.

These are points worth keeping in mind, and there may be many more of equal importance on both sides of the question.

The appearances are most distinctly that there is a difference in prices unwarranted by costs of production and made possible by tariffs. That is the opinion generally accepted by the public, and the appearances are sufficient to warrant a thorough public inquiry by the tariff board.

### ***Armchair Generals and Their Ties***

The same paper, under the caption "Saved Again", makes the following comment:

Canada has been saved again.

Once more the military forces, or at least the higher command, have risen to the occasion, have sprung into the breach, and by supreme wisdom and exquisite tactical judgment have prevented the worst.

The news comes from Ottawa. It is that at long last the great controversy over the exact size and shape of ties for military dress uniform has been settled.

It seems there have been differences of opinion on this question, but with that amazing genius for concealment of their thoughts, which characterizes the higher command, no word of the danger has seeped out to alarm the public.

It was rapidly coming to a crisis which, if permitted to develop, might have disturbed the peace of the country and disrupted the defensive forces. And then what an opportunity there would have been for the Communists!

Indeed, perhaps it was all a dirty Communist plot.

But the danger was met boldly. The armchair generals constituting the board of strategy at General

Headquarters were undismayed. They called in their sartorial experts. They studied the terrain of the shirt-front and the monkey-jacket. They examined the upper reaches for a jumping-off point and finally launched their attack up the exposed glacis of the Adam's apple.

It was a complete success. The deviators were put to rout and the question settled for all time.

But it is remarkable, when the thing came up for discussion in the House of Commons, that Miss Agnes Macphail did not seize the opportunity for an antiwar utterance. She might have dealt forcefully with the brutality of war and the horrors of a deviating dress tie.

### ***Very Low Military Costs***

The *Mail and Empire*, speaking of the "Great Military Power" of Canada, states:

Every year when the estimates for the Militia Department come before Parliament there are repetitions

of what one member called "a protest against the enormous expenditures which are being made in Canada for military purposes". Dr. Manion neatly spiked the guns of the objectors a few evenings ago when he presented the following table giving the present cost per head in various countries for defense purposes: Canada, \$1.24; New Zealand, \$1.50; Denmark, \$2.18; South Africa, \$2.20; Australia, \$2.40; Japan, \$3.70; Belgium, \$4.10; United States, \$5.60; Switzerland, \$6.00; Italy, \$8.00; Great Britain and Northern Ireland, \$9.50; France, \$14.80.

Canada is the lowest in the world. Even Switzerland spends \$6 per head, though it must be centuries since she was at war. Yet Canada, with an expenditure of \$1.24, is talked about as if she were getting ready for war. "I am sure," remarked Dr. Manion ironically, "all nations are trembling as to what we shall do with this great military power of ours."

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## **Transportation Items**

### ***American Planes Safer and Faster***

FIGURES of the Bureau of Air Commerce show that American planes are safer and faster than European. Fifty-six percent of American planes are capable of cruising at 160 miles an hour or more, while there are but 33 planes in use in Europe faster than 125 miles an hour. In America, on the average, one may fly seven and a quarter million miles before having to take matters up with his undertaker, but in Britain they come for him after he has flown but two and a quarter million miles.

### ***The Aviator That Lived in a Shoe***

IT IS all a mistake; it isn't the old woman that lived in a shoe; it is Paul de Rollegheem, the Belgian war aviator. His new airplane is of the shape of a huge aluminum shoe. It is without engines, but has instead a series of burners. Hot air is forced out of these burners at a fifty-pound pressure. Suction pulls the machine upward and onward. The French government is developing the machine.

### ***Telegrams to Passengers in Flight***

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS, LIMITED, receives telegrams while planes are in flight, so that passengers between Alexandria, Egypt, and Karachi, India, and between Alexandria and Cape Town, South Africa, are at all times able to receive messages from anywhere in the world. However, these must pass through certain British offices, en route to the planes.

### ***Landing in a Private Zoo***

NEAR the Brooklands (Surrey, England) airdrome there is a private zoo containing hyenas, buffaloes, gazelles, deer, ostriches, and other animals. At least two aviators, in difficult weather, have had the luck to land in the midst of these wild creatures, but both managed to get away safely in their planes.

### ***Lieutenant Agello Still the Fastest Man***

LIEUTENANT AGELLO, of Desenzano, Italy, who first made a speed record of 424 miles an hour and then increased it to 440 miles an hour, is still the record holder for speed in the air. He is a small man, only 5 feet 4 inches tall, weighing but 140 pounds.

### ***Dutch Plane Service to South America***

THE Dutch have a plane service from Holland to Dutch Guiana, competing for South American trade with the French, German and American services. In a very brief time now it will be possible to go to any corner of the earth, and across any ocean, entirely by plane.

### ***Sirens for the Huge Bridge***

SIX sirens, each with sound deflectors 40 inches in diameter, will warn vessels of their near approach to piers of the great bridge between San Francisco and Oakland. Each siren weighs 750 pounds, and requires a 10-horsepower motor to run it.

### *The City on Wake Island*

THE unnamed city on Wake island, 3,300 miles from San Francisco and 2,950 miles from Manila, where the Pan American Airways line will make its midocean stop in the Pacific, can never have more than 266 acres to build upon, for that is all the land there is in a million square miles of which it is the center, but in that acreage there will be a city with smooth, tree-lined boulevards, electricity, cold storage, a hospital, a hotel, letters by air and telegrams by wireless. The population is to be seven whites and five Chinese. A staff was also left at Midway Island, east of the International Date Line. The Pan American Airways have the backing of Morgan, Whitney, Rockefeller and Vanderbilt capital.

### *More Mail Going by Air*

THE reduction of air mail postage to a flat rate of 6c an ounce has resulted in a much greater use of the air mails than before the change took place. In the last month of 1934 the total poundage was 931,425, the largest in history. The United States has now the most efficient air fleet in the world. This year the navy is building, at an expense of \$2,800,000, eighty-four flying men-of-war capable of making over 200 miles an hour. They are built to be able to land on either land or sea. They shoot in every direction, four guns.

### *Build No More Zeppelins*

THE New York *American* lists thirteen zeppelins or dirigibles, lost between 1913 and 1935 with 343 brave men carried to their death, and urges Congress to abandon further attempts to make these foolish things that have thus shown, at least in American hands, and under American atmospheric conditions, their entire unsuitability to any good purpose. As toys to play with, they are a huge success, and have been a gold mine to the Goodyear people, but in actual practice they seem to be of no value.

### *Towing Planes Up into the Skies*

BRITAIN is experimenting on using huge planes to lift heavily loaded mail planes into the air and start them on their way. A plane can readily travel through the skies so heavily loaded that it could never take off under its own power. As soon as the little plane gets nicely started on its way the huge plane returns to earth to take up another little one, and so on.

### *Brave Attempt to Match the Planes*

THE railroads are making a brave attempt to match the airplanes, and doing marvels. If one has the price, he can work all day in New York, leave at 5:15 p.m. by the Pennsylvania Broadway Limited, and be in Chicago at 8:15 the next morning, railway time. He can work in Chicago nearly all day, leave at 3:30 p.m. by the Chicago & North Western Railway, and roll the 409 miles into St. Paul in 390 minutes, landing there at 10:00 p.m., the same evening.

### *Burlington Means Business*

THE Burlington road means business in its effort to recapture passenger traffic from air lines and other competitors. Its fourth streamline train, Diesel-engined, has now been ordered. It will go into service between Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis. The streamline train between Kansas City, Lincoln and Omaha operates at a cost of less than half that of the steam trains that it displaced, and the passenger revenue has been more than doubled.

### *Freeing the Highways of Metal Scrap*

AT A COST of 76 cents a mile the state highway commission of South Dakota operated a magnet over the highways of that state which in seven months picked up enough nails, bolts, tacks and other pieces of metal to fill two freight cars. It is figured that the net cost to the state, after salvaging the scrap, was worth all the operation cost in fewer flat tires to motorists.

### *Details of the Seadromes*

IF A chain of seadromes around the world is built, as is contemplated, they will each be 1,500 feet long, with a crew of 43 and accommodations for 100 guests in the hotel. A toll of \$70 will be levied for each passenger. The first seadrome will be built between New York and Bermuda, and will cost \$8,000,000. Its life is calculated to be 25 years; no taxes will be paid.

### *Hit-and-Run Drivers in Massachusetts*

IN A single week recently twenty-five persons were slain in Massachusetts by automobiles. Most of these were elderly persons who could not move fast enough to suit the speed maniacs that bore down upon them. Five of the deaths were caused by hit-and-run murderers who never even stopped to view their work.

## Public Utilities

### *Why Public Ownership Is Wrong*

**L**ITTLE by little the public is learning why it is all right for them to own and operate sewers, pavements, police departments, fire departments, hospitals, etc., where all is outgo, and why it is all wrong for them to own and operate gas and electric plants and other public utilities, where the funds come in every month, regular as clockwork, and the things the people must have are charged to them at three times the price that would be fair. Thus, it would be all wrong for the California public to own their gas and electric plants. If they did, somebody would holler "Bloody murder!" at the idea of paying President Hockenbeamer \$70,000 a year; others would holler at paying fifty-seven other officials, engineers, attorneys and managers over \$5,000 per year each; and still others would holler at the contribution of \$15,523 to the so-called "Edison Electric Institute", under which high-toned name the Power Trust now operates its propaganda against public ownership of public utilities. Somebody would be sure to make a row about \$8,139 going to the California Taxpayers Association, than which no name could be more misleading; and some other victim would complain about a contribution of \$7,521 to the California State Chamber of Commerce. This is the situation all over California, all over America, and nearly all over the world, but not quite. So it seems that the big officials are not interested in their huge salaries, not at all, but their eagerness to turn over to the public little things like garbage and ashes collections and to keep for themselves such things as gas, water and electric utilities, is because they want the people to dwell together in peace. Ah! That is it! "Blessed are the peacemakers," the utility gang. And what about the people? Oh, the people! Well, "the people can be damned." No, Clementine, they do not say that aloud, but that is the idea.

### *Where the \$1,312,264 Went*

**T**HE Federal Trade Commission did not find a record of all the public utility money that was used to bribe educators, but they did find where \$1,312,264 of it went. Among the recipients were professors in the universities of Alabama, Pennsylvania, New York, Colorado; also Princeton, Harvard, Ohio State, and Northwestern. Among the givers were the Insulls and Owen D. Young of the General Electric.

### *More Electricity Being Used*

**L**ARGELY as a result of the constant hammering by a few honest editors, the electric light and power companies have been cutting their rates, with the perfectly natural result that might have been expected; the year 1935 opened up with 20,520,870 persons in the United States using electricity in their residences, which is more than ever before in the history of the country. The rates still need to be greatly reduced in order to provide the people with more opportunities to use this blessing, and in the end it will work out better, and does work out better, for the electric companies themselves. Engineers now claim that steam electric generation is cheaper than water.

### *New Street Lights*

**A** NEW method of lighting streets is being used at Lynn, Mass., where eight lamps have been installed in front of the post office which combine a mercury arc with a tungsten-filament bulb. With the addition of the latter the ordinarily greenish light of the mercury arc is corrected by the red and yellow rays which it lacks. The result is a glowing white light, like daylight, something unusual in street lighting.

### *Morgan Control of Industry*

**M**ORGAN & COMPANY'S 24 partners hold directorates in 89 corporations with assets of more than \$20,000,000,000. Two hundred United States corporations control 22 percent of the entire wealth of the country, and will have the rest of it soon.

### *Japanese Textiles in Argentina*

**D**URING the month of February, out of 26,479 packages of piece goods received in Argentina, 17,600 of the packages, or two-thirds of the whole, were from Japan. Arrivals from Britain were 3,381 packages; from Italy, 3,756 packages.

### *Huge Profits of Woolworth in Britain*

**I**N THE year 1934 the 598 Woolworth "three-penny and six-penny" stores in Britain made profits of £4,879,950, or about 80 percent on the stock.

### *White Cloud's Profitable Plant*

**W**HITE CLOUD, Mich., has its own municipal power plant, and, as a result, the town has not had to levy any municipal tax since 1932.

## Gangland, Incorporated

### *The Day of Reckoning*

REFERRING to the financial day of reckoning, which he envisions as in the not remote future, Lewis W. Douglas, former director of the Budget, in an address at Harvard University, said:

"When that day arrives, regardless of what the intervention may be, whether an apparent recovery or a slow process of disintegration, the terrific impetus of the economic forces created by an insolvent Federal Reserve system, a bankrupt banking system, a destroyed middle class and no credit with which the unemployed may be relieved, it is difficult to conceive the method by which we may escape from the despotism of a dictatorship."

### *The University Let Shockey Go*

WILLIAM J. SHOCKEY, a Methodist youth, brilliant, capable, came to the conclusion he could not serve Christ and any longer take part in the military activities of Ohio State University, and the university, rather than honor his conscientious scruples, let him go. The university could far better have afforded to let its president go, and retain the youth who had the backbone to stand up for what he knew to be right. He would have been an asset to the university among the weak-kneed and spavined steeds remaining in the stable.

### *Letting the Cat Out of the Bag*

THE *World-Telegram*, referring to a dispute between garment workers and their employers, involving 375,000 Easter dresses, mentioned that they were made to wholesale at \$4.75 and to retail at \$6.95, and to look like dresses of higher-priced lines. This tells the public that when the stores have taken off their cash discount and trade discount of approximately 21½ percent (12c) from the wholesale price, the stores then add 50 percent to the net wholesale price to arrive at the price they expect the customer to pay.

### *Gangs Fight the Children*

THE Big Business and Roman Catholic hierarchy gangs stick together in their fight against the children. The National Child Labor Committee, referring to the defeat of the child labor amendment at Albany, said: "Without Catholic opposition, we are convinced, the amendment would have been ratified by the New York legislature, which was Democratic in both branches."

### *"Make Money at Home"*

UNDER the title "Make Money at Home" the *Real America* magazine gives the names and addresses of a half dozen concerns offering home work to women and all of them swindles in the most absolute sense. Their scheme is to get materials of one sort or another, dress goods, fountain pens, brushes, paints or what not, into the hands of unfortunates, charging them several times the actual value. No work done with the materials purchased is ever satisfactory to the persons that pretend to offer employment.

### *Capital Is Still on Strike*

THE most selfish and cowardly thing on earth is capitalism, with the single exception of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. That capitalism is entitled to this bouquet is proved by the fact that during 1934 the deposits in the Federal Reserve banks rose \$6,700,000,000 while the loans of those same banks decreased \$800,000,000. Capitalism hasn't even got sense enough to do the only thing that will keep it alive. Its only motto is "Grab all; hold all."

### *"Page Andrew Mellon"*

SOME *Golden Age* reader hands in a Toronto (Ontario) item reading: "Robert Jackson, who stole four pencils from a department store, today was sentenced to seven days in jail"; and then, for some reason not stated, marked the clipping, "Page Andrew Mellon." This leaves the situation confused. Nobody ever accused Andrew Mellon of stealing four pencils.

### *The Du Pont Gang's Country*

AT THE Senate munitions inquiry in Washington a memorandum from one of the Du Pont gang, K. K. V. Casey, to another made the quite truthful statement, "This is our country, not that of Congress." That is pretty rich. All the real Americans can do about it is to exercise their right of free speech while they yet have it, for all know that the gang told the truth.

### *Ought to Be Able to Live on Their Wages*

THERE were 600 executives in the United States that in the year 1934 drew wages of \$10,000,000. Seems as if they ought to be able to live on that, and they probably do. The thing most interesting at this time is the question as to whether, with things as they are, the rest of the country can pay so much.

### ***Civilization in Scotland***

**S**AYS H. H. Johnston, in London *Tid-Bits*: "In June last year, by the waterfront of the one prosperous fishing port of Fraserburgh, I saw four hundred crans of newly-caught herring (all together some 300,000 fish) being dumped with sinful abandon into the sea. My inquiry brought the amazing reply that there was no demand for them, and that prices were poor. The following morning at seven o'clock, in one of Glasgow's busiest and proudest shopping thoroughfares, I watched with shame a band of decent-looking men, women and children rummaging avidly through the garbage bins outside provision shops in the grim hope of finding some scraps of meat, or bone, or bread. And remembering those 300,000 fresh herring, I turned away sick with disgust, pondering on the word 'Civilization'."

### ***Actors Protesting Against Free Radio Shows***

**T**HE Columbia Broadcasting System is now operating two playhouses in the Times Square area, to which audiences are admitted without charge, and the National Broadcasting Company has several large studios in Radio City for the free accommodation of audiences. The Legitimate Theatre Code Authority is now protesting against these free shows, on the ground that a large potential audience is attracted that would otherwise attend the legitimate theaters.

### ***Feeding the Gangster Craze***

**E**VERY parent that buys toy guns for a child is doing what is possible to make him a gangster when he grows up. Children so trained think it manly and smart to point guns at others. The other day, in an Eastern city, a youth was in the street with a rifle, aiming it at passersby. Probably his parents thought that the cutest thing imaginable.

### ***Proposed Law Against Nudism***

**N**EW YORK state has no law against nudism, but such a law is proposed, on account of the revelation that men and women, stark naked, and in large numbers, have been frequenting gymnasiums and swimming pools where no sex lines are drawn.

### ***Population Increasing Rapidly***

**T**HE population of America is increasing rapidly. The estimate is that it is now 141,574,000, an increase of nearly 20,000,000 since 1930.

### ***Hierarchy's Position on Censorship***

**T**HE Roman hierarchy's position on censorship is that of a bareback rider standing on his head. Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, expresses himself as in favor of a censorship of American movies, American radio, etc., and then the Roman Catholic Des Moines *Register* says editorially: "Censorship always betrays either misgiving as to the merits of one's position or else the existence of a minority despotism."

### ***"The Unknown Soldier"***

**S**AYS Edmund Alin Grey, in the Dallas (Texas) *Kaleidograph*, respecting the Unknown Soldier: "He sleeps beneath a roof of stone as nerveless as his stiffened limbs, and hears no pious frauds intone the measures of their specious hymns. He is a shaft set up for men to gauge and read their follies by. Oh, poor blind fools, will you again believe the unctuous cunning lie?"

### ***Punishment for Crime***

**T**HE New York *American* quotes Captain Donald Wilkie, criminologist, as saying that for crime in America it is 6 to 1 the criminal won't be arrested, 12 to 1 he won't go to prison if caught and tried, and 124 to 1 he won't be executed. Politicians, influence, shyster lawyers, red tape, perjury and alibis block the path of justice.

### ***Public vs. Parochial Schools***

**T**HE fight of the Roman hierarchy against the American public school system goes on in every state in the Union. Amendment is asked to the Constitution of the State of New York, so that funds may be diverted from public schools to the schools of the pope.

### ***What a Grammarian Said***

**W**HAT a grammarian said: He said that that *that that that* that modifies is incorrect. And maybe he was right at that, but it does seem a little confusing to a human creature to see the same word six times in succession.

### ***20,000 Suicides a Year***

**I**N THE year 1933 there were 19,993 suicides in the United States, which is just another way of saying that the country is completely ruined.

## Science and Invention

### *Doctor George W. Carver, Chemist*

**D**R. GEORGE W. CARVER, chemist of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, is a colored man, 70 years of age. He is credited with having produced 285 useful articles from the peanut, and 165 from the sweet potato. Among those developed from the peanut are face powder, synthetic rubber, milk, cream, butter, cheese, ice cream, instant coffee, pickles, sauces, oils, face and shaving lotions, rubbing oils, emulsions, seventeen kinds of wood stains, axle grease, lard, linoleum, breakfast foods, stock foods, soap and ink. He has been offered \$175,000 a year for his services, which offer was declined. He does not take anybody into his confidence as to how the articles enumerated are made. He is alleged to give the Creator credit for all the discoveries he has made.

### *Death from Gold Injections*

**I**N England a new way to kill people has been discovered. Gold is injected into the blood stream to cure arthritis. Referring to the sudden death of a woman who had received several such injections, Dr. Geoffrey Holmes, writing in the *British Medical Journal*, expressed his doubts of the wisdom of shooting people full of metals of all kinds and said: "During the past six months I have heard of two cases of the treatment of arthritis by gold injections which terminated fatally."

### *Great Changes in Steel Business*

**S**IXTY years ago 86 percent of all steel was made in Bessemer converters; in 1934 it was but 8 percent, while open-hearth plants turned out 92 percent. The latest from Pittsburgh is that sheet steel is made directly from molten metal, without going through the processes of ingot making, soaking pits, blooming mills, etc. The process has also been adapted to the rolling of brass. Very considerable reduction in cost will follow.

### *News Gets Through in 1,500 Years*

**S**OME time about the fall of the Roman Empire a star now called Nova Herculis exploded, and the light of the explosion is now reaching the earth, having been all that time on the way. The star at present is one of the twelve most brilliant in the heavens. The universe is believed to be 500,000,000 light years across. Light travels 186,300 miles a second.

### *Liquid Copper Produced in Chicago*

**L**IQUID copper has been produced in the University of Chicago. It is expected to be of great use in the production of corrosion-resisting paints. Silver was changed to cadmium at the Institute of Technology (Cambridge, Mass.), and the students not only saw the latter change, but heard it, as the explosion which accompanied the change was amplified millions of times.

### *Motion Pictures in Relief*

**A**FRENCH inventor, Louis Lumiere, working in the motion picture field, projects two images, one yellowish-green and the other blue; the spectator wears spectacles correspondingly tinted. The result, in the brain, is that the two pictures are combined into a single brilliant black and white relief.

### *Effects of Wireless on Nervous Systems*

**S**OME wireless amateurs have found that after working with shortwave transmitters they have suffered from heat and other unpleasant sensations. Attempts are being made to use these short waves therapeutically, with doubtful results.

### *Petrified Forests of Utah*

**I**N SOUTHEASTERN Utah, in a valley difficult of access, some forty miles long and ten to fifteen miles wide, there has been discovered one of the greatest petrified forests ever located. The trees, some of them, are ten to thirteen feet in diameter and 75 to 200 feet long.

### *Automatic Ship Clocks*

**B**RITISH shipbuilders are constructing two new ships in which all clocks aboard will give accurate time whether the ship is sailing east or west. When moving eastward the clocks will automatically gain, while westward they will automatically lose.

### *Sagebrush Has Its Uses*

**H**ITHERTO always regarded as the most useless thing in the world, it now appears that sagebrush has some value. It contains three valuable oils, including camphor and eucalyptol, and it is believed that with this oil removed the residue will make good stock feed.



## Comfort

*A five-minute talk*

*by Judge Rutherford*

**T**HE people are in great distress and in need of comfort. Jehovah is the Father of mercy and God of all comfort. (2 Corinthians 1:3) He provides comfort for them through a knowledge of His Word. When the people are fully convinced that oppression will end and that the blessings of peace and prosperity are certain and are near, that knowledge will bring comfort to those that mourn. Jehovah's witnesses are endeavoring to aid the people to gain a knowledge of the truth that will comfort them.

Why is there so much poverty, suffering and distress among all the peoples of the earth? The Scriptures answer that question in these words: 'Because the Devil has come down to earth and is gathering all the nations to the battle of Armageddon, seeking their destruction.' (Revelation 12:12; 16:13-16) For many centuries Satan the Devil has been the invisible ruler of the world; and now the end of his rule has come and he knows that the time is short until the final war must be fought, and he hastens to drive all the people to despair that they might turn away from God and be destroyed. Jesus said that at the end of Satan's world the people would be in distress and perplexity; and it is even so now, because we have reached the end of the world.—Luke 21:25, 26.

Now learn the truth and receive comfort. Christ Jesus, the world's rightful Ruler, has come. Soon He will completely destroy Satan's oppressive organization and set the people free. Just before that work of great destruction the Lord sends forth faithful men and women to be His witnesses and to inform the people of God's gracious provision for their blessing. Christ, now present, is dividing the peoples as a shepherd separates his sheep from the goats; which Jesus himself illustrated by the parable. That separating work is being done by having the people informed of the truth, that they may intelligently decide whom they will serve. By His truth the Lord is now binding up the broken-hearted and giving comfort to those that mourn and who desire to see righteousness rule the world. A knowledge of the truth assures them that such blessings are near.

Soon Armageddon will be fought, resulting in complete destruction of Satan's oppressive rule. Then trouble, suffering and sorrow will end. The Lord Jesus Christ as the invisible Ruler will rule the world in righteousness, and righteous men will represent Him on earth, and the righteous rule shall never end. Just now we are in the transition period from wicked rule to that of righteous government. Speaking of the blessings that shall come to the people soon under the rule of Christ Jesus, the Scriptures say (Psalm 72:4, 7, 12, 17): "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor. In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. His name shall endure for ever: his name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in him: all nations shall call him blessed."

Jesus has taught all good persons to pray for the coming of God's kingdom, and now that prayer is about to be fulfilled. His kingdom will bring blessings far beyond the fondest imagination of men. The earth shall be filled with the glory of God, and all who desire righteousness and who obey the Lord shall dwell upon the earth forever in continuous peace and prosperity. God's Word is true, and He will perform exactly what He has promised. Through His prophet He says: 'I have purposed it, and I will also do it.' Learn the truth and be greatly comforted, and then pass that message of comfort on to your neighbor that he also may rejoice.

Take note of some of the precious promises set forth in God's Word and receive comfort therefrom: The people are now encompassed by enemies such as sickness, suffering and death, and by reason thereof the world is filled with sorrow. The Bible says (1 Corinthians 15) that under the reign of Christ all enemies, including death, will be destroyed. Those who obey the Lord shall be given life, and then the people will no longer be sick, as it is written in the

Scriptures. The people being in good health and strong and happy, no more tears of sorrow will flow. In Revelation 21 it is written concerning the blessings of the Kingdom that God will wipe

away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, crying nor pain. Such are some of the blessings that Jehovah has in store for the people.

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## Let Every Man Select His Own Vestments

### *Takes His Stand for Baal*

SAID C. H. Stuart, in the *Tampa Morning Tribune*:

"Several days ago there appeared, in the space you so generously contribute to public opinion, a letter condemning as 'public nuisance No. 1' a certain class of people who invade our homes under the guise and pretense of being Jehovah's special appointees. Mention was also made of the very eminent position assumed by these people through their bombastic vituperation of Christendom in general. Also the beclouded and veiled threats to all who would not accept their interpretation of the Scriptures as correct. I am in position to offer first-hand information concerning these 'invasions', for at one time I wasted much time in the dissemination of this ridiculous propaganda. This organization has men, of the 'chosen' variety, to make periodical visits to assemblies, not of this nation only, but throughout the earth, mind you; to drill and teach the best method of 'approach' and 'salesmanship'. The proposition of major importance is 'to sell your wares and bring in the money'. Where does the money go? For more of the same stuff written by the same man, who arrogantly claims to be the greatest of all men since Christ and the apostles. People in general are easily frightened. Then, too, the vast majority know so little about the Bible they seldom dispute these extravagant assertions. Such a one does not exist in this present generation. Christ will attend to everything when he returns."

The foregoing letter is published because it perfectly fits all the conditions which the Scriptures attach to the "evil servant" class. There is the admission that he once believed the Lord's presence; the admission that now it is no longer believed; there is the smiting of fellow servants; there is the eating and drinking with those that stand for the abominations of "Christendom". The Lord has cut him off; he has been given his portion with the hypocrites; and the screed in

the *Tampa Morning Tribune* is his "gnashing of teeth". Nothing is missing. See the account in Matthew 24:48-51. The Lord continues His story about a wicked and slothful servant, in the next chapter; tells of his being cut off from the light of truth; tells of his weeping and gnashing of teeth; and finally tells of the "goats" that are cursed and sent into everlasting destruction prepared for the Devil and his angels. All this can now be plainly seen.

### Catholics Take Their Stand for God

THE following are from former Catholics in France and Italy, addressed to the Paris office:

Since I came back to Italy I have been busy making known the Truth and I continue to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom, thus accomplishing God's will. The ecclesiastical papers here claim that Protestantism is increasing, and they warn their readers that the Bible is not sufficient. Notwithstanding great contradiction, by God's grace I remain firm in the Truth, and, according to His promises, we shall be comforted.

—A. J., *Vallée d'Aoste*.

About a year ago one of your representatives called at my little home. He left with me a book *Creation*, by J. F. Rutherford. In order to fully understand its contents I read it three times, and am now greatly satisfied, for it is only too true that those in power have kept the people in ignorance. . . .

—N. F. M., *Corrèze*.

Although Catholic (and your ideas are not like those of our priests), I am always happy to hear your fine lectures by radio. Well, I ask God to put me in the right way which I must follow, and I think it is your purpose to help us therein.—MME D. D., *Seine Inf.*

## Overalls Section

### *Reverend Yard Visions the Overalls*

REVEREND W. R. YARD, pastor of the First Baptist church, Marshalltown, Iowa, seems to see what is ahead for him in the way of farm work or some other useful occupation, when, in a circular letter to his parishioners, he says: "If 75 percent of the church members have no vital interest in the churches of any community, do those churches any longer serve any real need, and might not the 25 percent about as well quit, too, and let the church die or go out of business? If 60 percent of the members of our church have no real interest in any part of its work, would it not be as well for the other 40 percent to quit, turn out the 300 enrolled in the Bible school, and permit our church to die along with the rest?" As additional argument for permitting the church to expire and give him a chance at the farm work which the prophet Zechariah (in Chapter 13) suggests as an honorable substitute for the line of work which now engages his attention, Reverend Yard explains that he knows of 32 members of his church that have not attended his services in over eleven years, 52 rarely attend, and 109 attend only occasionally. If the "Reverend" will read *Light* (Books One and Two), *Vindication* (Books One, Two and Three), *Preparation*, *Preservation*, *Jehovah*, any of them, he will understand why the farm yawns for him.

### *What Reverend Gates Does Not Know*

REVEREND MILO HUDSON GATES, dean of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, explaining some of the things he does not know, said: "I was never taught by my Savior any definite, legal, categorical reason why it is that the man who is most needed in his community, at the zenith of all his powers, just when he is able to do more than he had ever done before, drops dead, and some drunken sot and butt end of humanity persists existing to the torment and worry of all around him. I do not know why it is that awful diseases exist in the world." He admitted he could not absolutely prove the existence of God, and wound up by saying, "I think that we ourselves have the privilege of doing our share to bring this world to perfection." Now, there it is. He admits that the world is in a terrible condition; he doesn't know if there is a God; but in the absence of any knowledge on the subject he and a few others will shortly put everything in apple-pie order and all will live happy ever after.

### *Mr. Bennett Doesn't Want the Dances*

ATTORNEY JAMES E. BENNETT, of Park Row, New York city, doesn't want dances in the pulpits of Presbyterian churches and doesn't want missionaries in the field who don't believe the Bible, but he is considered out of date and behind the times by those that are running the present Presbyterian church system. He has been asked to resign from the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Indeed, he was directed to resign, but did not do so. And that has not hindered him from protesting against the dances of Miss Ruth St. Denis, who has been giving other Presbyterians a thrill by illustrating to them "the gradual ascent of man's soul from the moment he acknowledges his need of spiritual light to the final radiation". The final radiation, it may be explained, is that the 'radiated' person doesn't believe a word in the Bible from cover to cover, and doesn't know one thing of what life is all about. Miss St. Denis says that "in the next five years dancing in church will become so common that there will be no criticism about it from the point of novelty"; and she may be right at that. Better sell your cabaret and vaudeville stock at once.

### *High Cost of Fire Escapes*

WRITING on church finances, in the Oakland (Calif.) *Tribune*, L. A. Mason, of that city, says:

"In re that \$22,000 a year to operate one church in Oakland: Did it ever occur to you to figure up what it costs to preach the gospel to a handful of old folks? Go into any one of the imposing palaces of religion any Sunday, and what do you find? A bleak expanse of pews thinly populated by a few dozen nice old ladies, a smaller number of fine, elderly husbands who are present only as the result of wifely stress and compulsion, and a mere half-dozen of young people who have been dragged in by main strength and awkwardness."

### *Biting the Hands That Feed Him*

BITING the hands that feed him, Bishop Henry W. Hobson, of Cincinnati, in an address at the Episcopal convention in Chicago, said that a majority of present-day church members are 'religious morons'. He could have gone on to explain that the reason for their mental condition is the kind of religious pabulum passed out to them by their teachers; but maybe he did not want to confess.

### *Promotion of Reverend Stuart*

THE London *Star* tells of the promotion of the Reverend Herbert Edward Stuart. In a dispatch from Beckenham, England, it tells of an earnest desire on the part of Mr. Stuart to get out of the church business and get into something honest. This gentleman has become a grocer. The account says, in part: "Until two weeks ago [he] was assistant to the vicar of Holy Trinity church, Stepney. And all the 25 years he has been connected with the Church of England he has been longing for his own shop counter, his own bacon-cutting machine, and butter pats." And so the reformation proceeds.

### *Salaries of the Bishops*

THE archbishop of Canterbury receives a salary of \$75,000 a year; the archbishop of York, \$45,000; the bishop of London, \$50,000; the bishop of Durham, \$35,000; the bishop of Bath and Wells, \$25,000; the bishop of Salisbury, \$25,000; the bishop of Oxford, \$25,000; the bishop of Exeter, \$14,000; and the bishop of Sodor and Man, \$10,000. The total loss to the country, however, is not the \$304,000 thus worse than wasted. That is only the beginning of the trouble, which extends down to the poorest-paid curate in the land. The total influence for evil is incalculable.

### *All Depends on the Sermon*

REVEREND HAROLD CUTBILL, Boston, explaining why he arranged for a young lady in abbreviated costume to dance the fan dance in his pulpit as a part of the religious performance, explained that "dancing has as important a part in religion as singing or sermons". He did not explain that it all depends on the sermon. The Scriptures are silent on the ability of Mary and Martha and Priscilla and others of Bible times to do the tango, or whatever it was they danced back there; so one wonders where Reverend Cutbill got his information.

### *The Rabbi and the Y.M.C.A.*

SOME old-fashioned people may wonder what connection there is between a Jewish rabbi and a Y.M.C.A. But the Cincinnati Y.M.C.A. sees nothing incongruous in having Rabbi James G. Heller of the Center Synagogue as a director of its activities. The irresistible conclusion is that the term "Christian" does not belong in the name of the association.

### *The Clergy and the A. F. of L.*

THIRTY clergymen in New York have petitioned the American Federation of Labor for a charter. The apostle Paul said, "Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content"; but these thirty could show the apostle something. They think they should have \$2,500 a year, not realizing, of course, that they are a total loss to their fellow men, and actually a liability. What part hath a clergyman with a federation of labor, and what concord hath one who toils not with those who sweat?

### *Should Try the Witness Work in New Jersey*

THE Right Reverend Frank W. Creighton, bishop of Long Island, in an address in Brooklyn, said: "The trouble today is that we have no danger. We are not suffering and fighting against a persecution as of old. There is nought to oppose us, with the result that our faith wilts and becomes soft." The "Reverend" should take a few Sundays off and go out as one of the witnesses in the New Jersey division of Jehovah's witnesses. Thirty days in jail for preaching the gospel would give him a brand-new outlook on life.

### *The God and Scriptures of Nationalism*

REFERRING to nationalism the social service committee of the Philadelphia annual conference, Methodist Episcopal church, said:

"It erects its own God. Its chief symbol of faith and central object of worship is the flag with its curious liturgical forms and attitudes, to which the child is taught the strictest allegiance. The national anthem is listened to with awe in a standing posture with uncovered head. Nationalism has its holy scriptures—the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, Washington's farewell address, the Monroe Doctrine, and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg."

### *Overlooked the Bible*

REVEREND HAROLD MARLEY, vicar of Sedgley, Worcestershire, England, forgot there is such a book as the Bible, and feeling that he must do something for his wages he preached that hereafter there must not be any evidences in his church of either lipsticks or bare legs. Probably this will keep some of the congregation away, but most of them will stay away anyway, feeling that the show he puts on is altogether on the bum.

## With the Catholics of America

(From *Le Catholique de L'Ain, France*)

**I**T IS a magnificent spectacle to see the superb position the Catholics have been able to acquire in the United States.

It was not easy for them to make a place for themselves amongst the multitude of Protestant sects, all very hostile towards the "papacy".

They have made it by the exercise of patience, energy, loyalty, charity and discipline.

Their position today is invulnerable. They have conquered all calumnies, lies and prejudices. They have acquired the respect of all. It would be impossible to organize persecution against them.

And they make, unceasingly, numerous and often noble acquisitions. In the jumble of sects, in the uncertainty of beliefs, the Catholic church, by the firmness of its creed, the purity of its morale, its wonderful unity, the discipline of the faithful under the hierarchy, has acquired an incomparable prestige, a force of irresistible attraction.

The American Catholics number more than twenty millions, are united, faithful, and proud of their faith. Their social works, as hospitals, asylums, shelters, orphanages, libraries, laboratories, schools, universities, are models, everywhere.

The place they have acquired in the life of the church has become so important that the Holy See has elected, almost simultaneously, four American cardinals: Mgr. Hayes, archbishop of New York; Mgr. Mundelein, archbishop of Chicago; Mgr. O'Connell, archbishop of Boston; and Mgr. Dougherty, archbishop of Philadelphia.

And in national life they are always in the first rank. Amongst religious groups they are the most numerous, most active and the hardest. They are at the head of all great activities, the fight against prohibition, against immoral cinemas, the fight for disarmament and peace for the nations, the campaign against religious persecution in Mexico.

In addition, they balk at nothing in the way of progress, and draw back before no sacrifice; their bearing is neither humiliated nor provocative; they are just, they are "chic". They have an immense influence in the great Republic, and it grows each day.

They have never had a criticizing, grumbling attitude, always discontented, the attitude of defeat ill supported, living in an obsolete past, an attitude such as many French Catholics have

never been able to quit. Instead of letting their eyes rest on a past of defeat, they fix them on a future of conquest.

Their souls are those of victors, hardy, happy, inviting, and, for that reason, they go from progress on to progress.

### No Five Spot, No 500 Days

**A**NY man that would try to Jew down a seller of indulgences to less than one cent a day for keeping him out of a bonfire that otherwise would roast him to a piece of charcoal is certainly a piker and ought to be publicly exposed. It is with pleasure therefore that the following memorandum is reprinted. It originally accompanied a rosary and said: "This rosary is blessed with the Crozier Blessing, which means that an indulgence of 500 days is to be gained for each 'Our Father' and each 'Hail Mary' recited on its beads. This indulgence, granted first by Leo X, is applicable to both the living and to the suffering souls. The heart which joins the chain is also specially blessed as a scapular medal, giving the one who carries the rosary, and has been once enrolled in the scapular, the advantages of indulgences bestowed on those who wear the scapular. These favors are not to be gained until the Five Dollars collected, or contributed, for the pious cause has been forwarded to the Sacred Heart Union, Arlington, N. J." That's nicely put; now, isn't it? Everything is blessed all O.K. and you get the 500 days indulgence all O.K., but if you hold back on the five bucks, then the whole thing is no good, none at all, just so much junk, a false alarm.

### The Confessional in Utah

**O**BJECTING strenuously to the law which would require priests to disclose the whereabouts of murderers and thieves, the Right Reverend Monsignor D. G. Hunt, vicar-general of the Catholic diocese of Salt Lake, issued a statement in which he said: "Every man has the right to benefit of clergy. No matter how criminal he may be, he does not lose the right to pour out his troubles to a minister of religion in whom he has confidence, and to ask for help which only a minister can give. Incidentally, the more criminal he is, the more urgently he needs to exercise this right." He announced that "regardless of the statutes of any legislature" the priests would continue as heretofore.

### ***Catholics Not Interested in Their Press***

THE following extract from *The Catholic Messenger* of June 15, 1935, indicates that Catholics generally have little confidence in Catholic papers. They seem to realize that these papers are published to further the interests of the hierarchy, and not to give out the truth.

WASHINGTON, June 15.—There has been talk at the Catholic University from time to time,—all unofficial, and largely conjecture, of course,—about the possibilities of making the *Washington Post* a national Catholic daily. There are men who have such dreams. Nothing will ever be done about the fantasies, but, some pleasure is derived from speculation.

The *Post*, for many reasons, could have been changed over into that long-dreamed-of Catholic daily, so it has been said. In its long history it has never been sensational and it has been generally fair to all creeds. [?] In the last national election it hammered the bigots while it supported the opponents of the candidate the bigots were attacking.

Where the \$3,000,000 necessary for the purchase of the paper could have been raised is a question. Unlike Christian Scientists, Catholics are not as a rule interested in their faith to the extent of investing in Catholic publications. Part of the fault rests with the individual members of the church, and part with the publishers. Be that as it may, the fact nevertheless remains that raising \$3,000,000 would have been a task. Perhaps an impossible task. And what kind of a paper could it be under Catholic auspices? . . .

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### ***Cistercian Order Doing a Good Business***

THE Cistercian Order, in care of the "Monastery of Our Lady of Spring Bank", Okauchee, Wis., seems to be doing a good business. Here is some of its advertising literature. The headlines are interesting: "Lend the Cistercian Order Money at Six Percent; Lend the Cistercian Order Money for Only Five Years; Lend the Cistercian Order Money on Ample Security; Lend the Cistercian Order Money for the Cause of God." What do the people get back? Oh, they get bonds, in denominations of \$1000, \$500, \$100, and \$50. They can pay in installments, too, and the bonds are transferable. Just think of that. And they can be left in a will. Isn't that generous? The same advertising literature tells how you can join the "Cistercian Perpetual Mass League", by either sending in \$10 in a lump sum or in parts, or \$100 for an entire family of Pa and Ma and the eight kids. This may make it necessary for them to go without shoes, but the circular explains that Christ is hungry and they want to still the hunger of Christ, and if you

loosen up and send them money, money, money, why, the hunger will be stilled. The literature refers to Him as the "Divine Babe"; and if you knew a "Divine Babe" was hungry, and would not let go of your wad to still his hunger, then you are hard-hearted and deserve to be kept awake at night when you want to sleep. Why should he be quiet if you don't pay?

### ***Inquisition Re-established in Spain***

SEÑOR FELIX GORDON ORDAS, former Spanish minister for commerce and industry, is the author of an 18,000-word document giving details of the re-establishment of the Inquisition in Spain. In Mieres, in a Catholic college known as Christian Doctrine College, an old established form of Inquisitional torture was re-established: prisoners' wrists were tied together, a rope was slipped between the arms, and the rope was passed over a pulley, and the prisoners were hoisted in the air. Some were suspended for nine hours and now have both arms paralyzed; some suffered loss of speech. In one instance sixteen prisoners, whose names were not known, were taken from prison and their bleeding bodies thrown into a coal mine. To extort confessions men have been compelled to lie prostrate on the ground while soldiers clubbed them into submission. Women have been similarly clubbed. One man had every tooth knocked out by blows with a rifle-butt. Spain is once more fully under control of the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

### ***This Time It's the Firemen***

NEW YORK city and vicinity have everything that can be desired in the way of Holy Name Societies, even to saloons; this last in Newark. The public press is loaded down with Holy Name Society this and Holy Name Society that, to get the public used to the idea that everything in the city and almost everything in the country and in the world is run by the Roman Catholic hierarchy. The latest, in New York, is the Holy Name Society of the Fire Department. On April 28, 1935, 1,000 members of the Society had a so-called "communion" breakfast at the Hotel Astor, New York. This happened eight days after a big waterfront fire in Brooklyn at which 144 out of 411 firemen on the job were injured, and, most deservedly, were highly commended in the press. That they were all Catholics, however, was not true.

## Demonism—Devil Worship—Hypnotism

### *Stigmata Caused by Demons*

**T**HE demons have certain powers over the bodies of those who submit to them. They have been known to cause wounds somewhat similar to those believed to have been made in Christ's hands and feet when nailed to the tree. The object is to dishonor God. The crucifixion of Christ, though not prevented by God, was the work of the Devil, and was done by the Devil's agents. It was all permitted by the Higher Power and is for ever a thing of the past. Christ dieth no more. It was all right in Paul's day for him to preach and talk of little else than "Christ and Him crucified"; today the great message of God's people is the vindication of God's name, though the Vindicator, to be sure, is that same One who was crucified so long ago. Live in the present. Do now the things God wishes you to do now.

### *Worshipping the Devil in London*

**T**HE magazine called *Inside Stuff* asserts that in the most exclusive residential districts of London are three temples with floors covered with the skins of lizards, snakes and leopards, in which, as in similar temples in Paris, the Devil himself is actually worshiped and invoked. The worshipers are all absolutely nude. The center of each edifice is occupied by a gigantic urn adorned with the symbols of the zodiac.

While this open worship of the Devil is comparatively rare among so-called "civilized nations", a little reflection will show that those who will not worship and obey Jehovah God serve the Devil quite as fully as do those who go through the formal rites of his cult.

### *Curious Malady at Equinoxes*

**B**IRMINGHAM, Ala., reports the curious changes which twice a year take place in the organism of Mary Kate Ware, now 12 years of age. At vernal and autumnal equinoxes, it is said, her fingers shrivel into talons, her childish face becomes haggard and pinched, her back acquires a hump, her head sinks, her arms grow limp, and a withered foot manifests itself. After the equinox has passed she again becomes normal. The most reasonable explanation of this malady, said to have baffled 200 doctors, is that this is the work of demons, seeking to bring dishonor upon the great Creator at the turn of the year.

### *"Let's Say I Am the Devil"*

**T**HE colored people of Harlem have injured their race prospects greatly by the fools they made of themselves over the Reverend M. J. Divine. Many, many thousands have ecstasically and frenziedly insisted that "Father" Divine is God. Pulled up in front of Justice Panken, who demanded an explicit answer to the question "Are you or are you not God?" and facing a jail term if he did not tell the truth, this miserable demonized fanatic answered: "No, I am not God, but millions of people think I am, and I'd like them to believe it. Let's say I am the Devil."

### *What Awful Liars the Demons Are!*

**W**HAT awful liars the demons are! Very appropriately the Scriptures call them "lying spirits". London hypnotists, comprising Dr. Alexander Cannon, Dr. E. T. Jensen and Dr. Radwan, claim to have, by hypnotic methods, carried a woman's memory back year by year to the day of her birth, then to a half hour before her birth, and ultimately back to the planet Venus. All this was the work, not of the woman's memory, but of demons that invaded her mind while she was subject to the invisible powers invoked.

### *Cattle Go Wild in Ohio*

**F**OR reasons unknown, cattle have gone wild in certain parts of eastern Ohio, steers jumping fences with perfect ease. In one instance it was necessary to summon the sheriff and shoot the cattle down. This is possibly because the cattle ate loco weed, due to their normal feed's being dried up by the drought. Another reason might be that it is the work of demons, as they have been known to do such things to cattle. The swine became crazed on the shore of Galilee in this manner.

### *The Hallucinations of Hypnotism*

**T**HE hallucinations of hypnotism bear all the marks of demonism. A boy hypnotized into thinking an onion was an apple ate it with evident relish. Another boy was hypnotized into thinking he could not see a certain person who was present in the room. When that person put on a hat and walked about the room the boy was astonished to see the hat apparently floating in the air. Hypnotism is possible only when the victim submits wholly to the will of the medium.

## America's Huge Imports of Food—and Why *By Tom Linder (Georgia)*

(Tom Linder is Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia)

**M**ILLIONAIRE international bankers in this country loaned millions of dollars to foreign countries to promote war. In the war which followed, foreign countries bought from America many thousands of shiploads of everything from bayonets, with which to kill, to wheat, to eat, and medicine to treat the wounded.

In exchange for these supplies, shiploads of gold came from London, from Paris, from Rome and from Oriental nations. Nearly all the gold in the world was piled up in vaults in Washington and New York.

After the gold was piled up in this country we shipped other thousands of shiploads of war munitions, food and medicine, on a credit. In America, the number of millionaires grew by leaps and bounds, because of profits on the war.

Since the war closed these American international bankers want to collect their money from foreign countries. They cannot collect any gold, because the gold is all in this country.

They cannot collect any farm commodities, because the American farmer is working in the cold of winter and in the heat of summer to produce food and clothing, not only for the people of America, but to ship a surplus to foreign countries.

These American international bankers are determined to collect their profits from foreign countries, whether or not.

First, there are the newspapers of America—they agitate the question that Europe should be made to pay us what they owe us. Who is us that Europe should be made to pay?

Europe did not owe the American farmer anything; therefore the American farmer was not us.

Europe did not owe the American merchant anything; therefore the American merchant was not us.

Europe did not owe the ordinary American banker anything; therefore the ordinary American banker was not us.

But the us that Europe was to be made to pay was the international banks of Wall Street.

The Wall Street bankers are systematic—they are not fools. They saw that before they could collect from foreign countries there must be created a shortage in foodstuffs in this country, so that foodstuffs could be imported from these debtor nations.

Immediately, a program was put on. Six million hogs were slaughtered and thrown into the

river. One-fourth of the cotton was plowed up and destroyed.

When we see millions of hogs slaughtered and thrown into the river; when we see cotton plowed up by the millions of acres; when we see farmers hired to go into the business of not raising food crops for the hungry millions, can any sane man doubt that there is deliberate method and intent to bring about a shortage of food in the United States, so that these international bankers can ship food crops from debtor nations into this country and thereby collect the war debts made twenty years ago?

Today, I received authentic information from Washington that should startle every American, except the bankers of Wall Street, from the president down!

I will give you a few figures to indicate the extent to which this country is being thrown into chaos, in order to enable these Wall Street bankers to collect their gold.

During the month of February, alone, which is one-twelfth of the year, this country imported from foreign countries 320,000,000 pounds of vegetable oils and oil-producing seeds and tallow.

In five months we are importing as much oil as we get from our entire crop of cotton.

America alone can use two and one-half times as much oil as we get from our entire cottonseed crop. Yet we are hiring people not to plant cotton, the most valuable food crop that we have in America.

During the month of February we imported, among other things, 13,000,000 pounds of cottonseed oil; 4,000,000 pounds of peanut oil; 27,000,000 pounds of cocoanut oil from the Philippines; 22,000,000 pounds of palm oil from the Philippines; 111,000,000 pounds of flaxseed from which the oil is to be taken; and 16,000,000 pounds of tallow.

We have developed the rayon industry. Out of trees we are making cloth to substitute for cotton. We are shipping jute, duty-free, from India, and Mr. Wallace has even taken the processing tax off the jute, so that it can be made and sold cheaper than low-grade cotton, in order to encourage the importation of jute.

Our cotton is stacked up under a government loan but it cannot move in world markets.

A few days ago, in Liverpool, the ruling was changed, so that cotton from any country could be delivered on cotton futures contracts. This



is why the cotton market dropped two hundred points in one day, with the government guaranteeing a price of twelve cents.

The world knows that America cannot consume the cotton which she produces and that sooner or later this cotton is going on the world markets at world-market prices.

While the government hires the farmers to let their land lie idle and not to grow corn, we are importing a million bushels of corn every week from South America.

Under the present set-up, it will be a matter of only a short time before we will be importing wheat and hogs in like quantities as we are now importing corn and oil.

Corn, wine and oil were the principal commodities depended upon for sustaining human life in the early history of civilized world. Today, corn and oil are the principal products that are being imported, so that New York bankers can collect their money, while the American farmers stand idly by, asking their government for help and wondering what can be done.

When this country, as a whole, has the most corn, the most wheat, the most livestock, the most clothing and the most shoes, that is when we, as a nation, are in the best condition.

When we allow ourselves to be fooled into thinking that we are better off when we have fewer of the necessities of life, because they will bring more money; when we allow ourselves to be led into a love of money, we are being led into the beginning of evil, because the LOVE OF MONEY is the root of all evil.

#### Helps Boost the Price of Meat

HOW the great desire to get the prices of food as high as possible can be helped forward is shown by two items from Toledo. The first is that 499,000 pounds of meat intended for the unemployed was kept until it was spoiled and was then shipped to Columbus and destroyed; and the second was like unto it: a federal inspector was on the way to examine 452,000 additional pounds believed to have also spoiled. Not wishing to embarrass anybody, but just can't help wondering why this meat was not parceled out before it was spoiled. Maybe those that helped forward the spoilage are vegetarians on the rampage, but it hardly seems likely. Why was it necessary to send the trainload of spoiled meat to the political headquarters of the state to destroy it?

#### On Relief

*By One of the Unemployed*

I AM a widow with one child, a small son. I positively have nothing. My only help is in the relief, and slim, very slim, it is. The director we have is such a hard-hearted, cold-hearted director. She's so "hard-boiled". There are good, honest people and children who are nearly starving in this county. She knows, but cares not. It's her big salary she cares for. If I can ever finish this letter to you—I speak the holy truth. I nearly starve; tonight I have only one quart of cornmeal in my house. My son and I ate dry cornmeal, just salt in it and cold water, for our supper. I work as a ———. Now, here's how it goes. Say I have nine days a month, six hours a day, 15c per hour. I worked this week, yet I will not get a cent for this week's work till Friday a week. Well, when nine days are up we have to wait two or three weeks again for work, then wait two weeks for our pay. I haven't a cent. No store will let relief folks, the poorest, have things on credit. I have \$5 a month rent to pay, wood to buy, flour, fattiest kind of fat back meat. I can't buy a thing to nourish us or give us strength. I am nearly wild with worry. I stay so weak I can hardly work. No lunch to take to work. I am nearly threadbare. They will not give us clothes.

#### "Why Try to Sell Us War?"

AT Central High School, Philadelphia, Lieutenant Hinkle, of the Pennsylvania National Guard, was canvassing the students about joining the Army Reserve Corps, when all at once one of the students shouted, "What's the idea, trying to sell us war? Why not try to sell us peace?" With that one of the teachers chipped in and said, "I'd like to know what is behind this sudden effort to get these boys to become mass murderers. How far has this thing gone?" Lieutenant Hinkle said that was as far as it had gone, and was told that was far enough.

#### Probation Farms in Michigan

IN THE state of Michigan prisoners eligible for probation, instead of being thrown out on a hostile world to shift for themselves as best they can, are given work, for regular wages, on probation farms. Here they work under a supervisor and attendants, but there are no guards. The objective is to really help the prisoners to get back on their feet.

## Agricultural Items

### *Dust Storms Have Hurt the West*

**D**UST storms have hurt the West. The headlines tell the story as follows: "Prairies of West Doomed to Be Desert"; "Dust Storm Hides Sun in Denver; City's Premiere Comes with Unusual Suddenness; Lights on at Noon; Six Deaths Already"; "Black Dust Storm Chokes Midwest; Land and Air Traffic Halts and Schools Close as Darkness of Night Descends; All Are Driven Indoors; Death Toll Rises to 5 as New Clouds Sweep over Wheat-Growing Plains States; Warned to Remain Indoors; Fight to Keep Homes Clear; Eastern Skies Grow Hazy"; "A Tornado Stirs Up the Dust; Powerful Winds Sweeping over the West Blow Away the Fertile Topsoil if It Is Unprotected by a Cover of Vegetation"; "Dust Storm Traced to Effects of War; W. A. White Says Frantic Dry Farming in High-Prices Era Ruined Sod of Prairies; Droughts Added to Evil; Kansas Editor Describes Eerie Light and Murk as Greatest Show Since Pompeii; Protection Lost in Vast Area; Dry Cycle Still Unbroken." And so they go. Under the circumstances there is a very great danger indeed of a famine, without anybody down at Washington creating an artificial one to help it along. What an interesting thing that the World War should now be revealed as an agent of destruction from yet another direction!

### *More American Wines Used*

**W**ITH the resumption of their usual habits it is found that Americans are drinking more of their own wines and paying less attention to French wines than was once the case. Part of this, no doubt, is the deep resentment felt in this country at French repudiation, not of its war debt, which was wiped out and forgiven, but of the money borrowed since the war. Efforts of the French to rehabilitate their country in American eyes are sure to fail, so long as honest debts are left for the American taxpayer to handle the best way he can. And that goes for Britain too.

### *Half a Million New Farmers*

**D**ESPITE the removal of millions of acres of submarginal lands, with incident removal of farmers themselves from the lands thus acquired by the government, it is estimated that in the United States, in the past five years, at least a half million new farms were added to those already in cultivation.

### *No Established Residence*

**T**HE Little Rock (Ark.) *Democrat*, in a dispatch from Wynne, Ark., tells of a man who has been share cropping for 23 years. He lost his wife; he was left with five motherless children and four others, orphan relatives. In 1933 several of the children were ill and his expenses ate up his entire share of the crop. He was evicted from his cabin, as it was needed for other tenants. After he was evicted the county relief office ruled that no aid could be given to him as he was without an established residence; and at the time the dispatch was sent the man was living in the open, on a river bank, trying to bring up his nine little folks to love their country, and even to die for it if need be.

### *Wanted to Help His Dad*

**N**OBODY can tell what a thirteen-year-old boy will do; that is one of the things that makes life worth living. One in South Dakota wanted to help his father clear off the mortgage on the farm. The father could not afford to buy horses so that the boy could help with the plowing. Youth can always find a way. This time youth wrote to the war department at Washington for a couple of condemned artillery horses, and the best of it was that he got them, with a nice letter to boot. The two horses cost the artillery officers the condemnation price, which was \$35. The whole country was benefited by the deal.

### *Odorless Cabbage Produced at Cornell*

**A**FTER six years of experimentation the department of plant breeding at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., has evolved an aristocratic cabbage that can be cooked without smelling up the house. About 10,000 seeds were obtained by last year's crop, but, though this number is too small to distribute, it will not be more than a few years now before odorless cabbage will be on the market. The leaves are said to be dark-green, crinkly, and more digestible.

### *Too Many Rabbits in Kansas*

**T**HE past winter, it is estimated, 1,000,000 rabbits were killed in Kansas in an effort to keep down what is there considered a pest. Every Sunday for weeks many thousands were driven into enclosures and there clubbed to death, to save cost of ammunition, and possible injuries to hunters.

### *Cotton Picking May Pass Away*

**F**OR generations, in slavery and out, cotton picking has meant a livelihood to the southern Negro, but his work may soon pass, never to return. The new Rust brothers' cotton picker carries several hundred smooth wire spindles which rotate as an endless belt is passed over the cotton row. The spindles are automatically moistened and as they penetrate the plants the moisture causes the mature cotton to adhere to the spindles and to wrap around them. It is claimed that with this device 8,020 pounds of seed cotton were picked in 7½ hours; about 60 times the output of one human picker.

### *Desert Spreading in Eastern Colorado*

**T**HE desert is spreading in eastern Colorado and western Kansas; 2,000,000 acres that three years ago were valuable farm lands are now uninhabitable. Hundreds have left the area, and hundreds more will leave when able to get away. In dust storms people sleep with wet cloths over their noses and wet sheets jammed about door and window sills in a vain effort to keep out the dust that often gets inches thick on floors and furniture. Six persons died from inhalation of dust particles, and many others were made ill with dust pneumonia.

### *Thistles as Stock Feed*

**A** DISPATCH in the *Tulsa Tribune* claims that in Kansas last winter 400,000 tons of thistles were used as stock feed, such was the desperation of the farmers to get something to feed their cattle and horses. The same dispatch shows that about 400 cattle and horses died as a result of this unsatisfactory food. It was more satisfactory when processed through a feed grinder. In bygone years Kansas farmers paid thousands of dollars to rid the state of Canadian thistles, and now some are actually planting them.

### *"Shame to the Civilized World"*

**M**RS. J. B. MITCHISON, British woman journalist, investigated the conditions under which the miserable southern share croppers exist, and said, at Memphis:

"If the southern planters realize what a shame they are to the whole civilized world, they'll wake up and do something. I've been all over Europe and part of Africa, but I have never seen anything like it. We in England would not let animals live like those people are forced to live."

### *Perennial Wheat a Coming Blessing*

**B**Y CROSSING many species of perennial wild grass with many types of wheat, at Tomsk, Siberia, the Russians have developed a species of wheat that comes up every year, like grass, needing neither plow nor harrow nor seeder. This perennial wheat sometimes bears 500 heads of grain on one plant, is immune to drought, rust and fungus, and with its roots always holding the soil in place it bids fair to be one of earth's greatest blessings, in God's due time.

### *A Bumper Crop of Bugs*

**T**HE scientists at Washington who know all about the 20,000 kinds of insects that destroy plant life say that 1935 will be one of the worst years ever. The most damaging pests, aside from government officials' ordering crops plowed under, are, in their order, the following: chinch bug, corn-ear worm, grasshopper, boll weevil, bark beetle, Hessian fly, termite, European corn borer, screwworm, webworm, alfalfa weevil, codling moth, pink bollworm and mosquito.

### *Canada Has 6,000 Fur Farms*

**C**ANADA has six thousand fur farms, over five thousand of them fox farms; the silver fox is still a leader. Other animals raised on the fur farms are mink, raccoon, skunk, marten, fisher, coyote, badger, lynx, fitch, ferret, weasel, muskrat, beaver, and the South American chinchilla and coypu. Manitoba, in 1933, exported 1,600,302 pelts.

### *The Vanishing Alligator*

**I**N Florida, fifty years ago, there were 50,000 alligators slain every year. Now, at last, even the alligator needs protection, and so the state has set aside 2,000 square miles in the southern tip of the state where the poor saurians can be safe from the savage white animals that have taken such toll of this kind in the last half century.

### *Coyotes Spreading East*

**C**OYOTES (wild dogs of the western plains) are now multiplying rapidly in all parts of the country, having been located in New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, and Michigan, as well as in all the western states. They are shrewd, bold, not dependable, and multiply rapidly.

## All Around the Globe

### *Abyssinian King's Proclamation*

**T**HE Abyssinian king, Haile Selassie, with the Italian army at his doors, spoiling for a fight and itching to take over his realm, issued a proclamation in which he said: "It is my hope with God's will to live in peace with all men and to transform the still many backward tribes of Ethiopia (Abyssinia) into industrious Christians. It is a difficult task which requires years of patient tutoring. I am building schools and operating several commercial enterprises, not for personal enrichment, but to have funds to extend my educational program. War is the furthest thing from my thoughts, for war would interrupt my social reforms. War would bring back evil days. We are seeking to progress gradually and peacefully in the direction of a European democracy such as England. I would have the Ethiopians a truly modern people under the kingdom of Jesus Christ." Perhaps Abyssinia could not do it now, but forty years ago the Ethiopians killed 13,000 Italians in one week, and when the men were done the women rushed upon the wounded and mutilated the Italian men with knives in a manner too horrible to be described. Mussolini may get away with his plan to annex Abyssinia, and he may not. The Abyssinians are said to be ready for his next move, and not too patient in their waiting either.

### *Earthquakes in Formosa the Beautiful*

**A**BOUT all most Americans know of Formosa is that it is an island of considerable size off the coast of China, that it used to belong to China but now belongs to Japan, and that it is the source of the world's supply of camphor. The few whites who have been there describe the scenery as superlatively grand. The island, 235 miles long by 60 broad, was recently the scene of a terrible earthquake, which took at least 3,165 lives and destroyed 31,000 homes. The Japanese Red Cross, accustomed to earthquake relief, handled the situation with clock-like precision and efficiency.

### *Jewish Immigration into Palestine*

**O**F THE 198,035 Jews that had entered Palestine up to the end of 1934, 77,425 were from Poland, 29,026 from Russia, 15,209 from Germany, 8,599 from Rumania, 6,045 from Arabia, 6,003 from Lithuania, and 4,363 from the United States.

### *Hastening Hungarians Heavenward*

**H**UNGARIAN women have developed a new industry that has great possibilities. At Debreczen Mrs. John Nagy discovered that by steeping flypaper in hot water she was able to get rid of her hubby and ten other persons. Gradually she let other people in on the secret, and the police now say that hundreds of men have been killed by their wives. One can readily understand how the men would be glad to get rid of such companionship, but it doesn't seem just fair that papa should have to pay for the stuff that bumps him off.

### *Cree Indians About James Bay*

**D**OCTOR COOPER, of Catholic University at Washington, returning from a study of the primitive Cree Indians about James Bay, Canada, found them kind to the wild animals, never killing them except for food. He found an almost complete absence of cancer. Probably not one of them has an aluminum cooking utensil. They had few cases of heart disease or chronic kidney disease. They alleged that their simple herbal remedies are much more effective than the materials obtained from the white man's drugstore.

### *Little Home Life in Moscow*

**T**HERE is little home life in Moscow, Russia. Two out of three of the people get all their meals in the huge restaurants or factory kitchens that are to be found all over the place. Great numbers of women work in the factories, and, as most families live in one room, there is scant encouragement for a woman to try to prepare home-cooked meals. Moscow now has a subway.

### *The Saguenay River*

**N**O INFORMATION as to details available, but interested to know that the Saguenay river, flowing east 100 miles from Lake St. John into the St. Lawrence, is the deepest river in the world. Its bed is probably far down in the rift made by an earthquake in prehistoric times. It was once thought the way to China.

### *Mammoths Found in Arctic Ice*

**T**HE bodies of five mammoths have been found on the Yamal peninsula fifteen hundred miles north of Leningrad, Russia, where they have been since the time of the Flood, 4,307 years ago. In two instances the bodies are complete and perfect. The curling tusks are nine feet long.

***Jealousy Causes Two Deaths***

**F**OR reasons best known to himself the governor of the state of Campeche, Mexico, decreed that Catholic priests in Campeche must marry or they could not register as priests. The Catholic women of the community did not want any woman to marry the priest, so they started a campaign of violence. The troops, for reasons best known to themselves, fired upon them, killing two. At this distance this killing seems to have been entirely unnecessary.

***Australia Well Covered with Air Lines***

**D**ESPITE its relatively small population, Australia is now well covered with air lines. Some serious accidents marred the early operation of the air line to London, via Singapore, Calcutta and Karachi, but imperfections are soon removed from such great enterprises. Many different companies carry the mails in Australia from point to point. The Australian Government is responsible for the section from Australia to Singapore.

***Thin Excuse for Soviet Murder***

**D**ISPATCHES tell of the Soviet murder at Tashkent of one George Lomakin, former member of the Kolchak forces, for using too much fertilizer and for failing to weed a cotton crop. No doubt the real reason why he was done away with was that he had at one time resisted the Soviet régime. In Russian Turkestan troops shot down 2,000 peasants who remembered the famine and withheld grain from the Soviet.

***Pathetic Eagerness for Work***

**T**HE Baska mine, Katowice, Poland, was worked out and the owners wished to flood it and abandon it. Eighty of the miners wished to retain the only employment they knew. They went on strike deep down in the mine, for the privilege of continuing to operate the mine on their own account. Fifty of them remained in the mine seven days in the darkness, and without food or water, to voice their protest.

***Road Accidents Increase in Britain***

**R**OAD accidents increase every year in Britain. In the year 1934 there were 7,273 killed in road accidents, and 231,698 injured. One-fourth of all the accidents were in London, in which city, however, the proportion killed was much lower than in the cities of smaller size.

***Crocodile Tears in Britain***

**D**ISPATCHES from London tell of the great emotion caused by the king's jubilee address in which, referring to the war specter which hangs over Europe, he said, "... the cradle of our envied parliamentary institutions, the anvil whereon our common law was forged to become the inheritance of the United States of America and our community of peoples." The account says that the king's voice broke with emotion while he was reading this. He could have saved his voice, and let it break at some future time when Britain again tries to drag the United States into another world war, and is calmly reminded of the repudiation of the American war debt and told that America will stay out.

***No Time to Boast of Prosperity***

**I**N AN address in the British House of Commons Lloyd George advised his countrymen not to boast too loudly of their prosperity as long as they leave their debt to the United States unpaid. He further said: "Our government does not understand that something catastrophic has happened in the world's financial system. The whole structure has been overstrained and is visibly collapsing in every country."

***Paying Tithes on Land He Gave Away***

**S**IR GEORGE VERNON, Droitwich, England, in a moment of generosity ten years ago gave a half acre of land to be added to the churchyard. Now he finds that ever since the gift he has been paying tithes on the land he gave away and that the parson meantime has made about \$250 in tombstone permits for monuments erected on the same tract. Sir George has been sued for unpaid tithes, and his furniture attached.

***318 Homeless Polish Jews***

**A** GROUP of 239 men and 79 women, mostly Polish Jews, paid \$500 each to travel to Palestine, where they hoped to land under cover of night. They arrived but were prevented from landing by the British authorities. After two months of wandering from port to port, in which they were locked below decks, and charged \$2 a piece for pieces of stale bread, they were finally taken back to Poland. Some had been reduced to chewing sole leather.

## Governmental Notes

### *Co-operative Homestead Project for New Jersey*

PROFESSOR EINSTEIN, Rabbi Wise and others are obtaining loans from the Government for a subsistence homestead project at Hightstown, N. J., calculated to provide for 200 families. Features will be a community farm of 500 acres, a dairy farm for 100 cows, a poultry farm for 100,000 laying hens, an orchard of 40 acres; a garment factory, co-operatively operated; water supply system; roads and other utilities. The homesteaders have raised \$100,000 for the project; the land has been bought; houses to cost \$3,500 each will be erected.

### *"A Time to Speak"*

THE wise man, in Ecclesiastes 3: 7, says there is "a time to speak". The Hattiesburg (Miss.) *American* seems to have had this thought in mind when, criticizing efforts to pass laws to curb agitators and propagandists, it said: "There are times that any American citizen and taxpayer worth his salt becomes a radical and a propagandist." A radical is merely one who believes in going to the root of things; if they are wrong, root them out, is his idea.

### *Butter Doubled in Price*

NOT only have Americans noticed that butter doubled in price in a year and that it is not nearly as good as usual, but it is now disclosed that Europe is filling the gap, sending over millions of pounds. Just how it benefits Americans to pay double for their butter, and to have to send out of the country to get butter that is not nearly as good as what they are used to, is something that only somebody who belongs to the "brain trust" can understand.

### *Texas Mourns the Loss of \$9,000,000*

TEXAS mourns the loss of \$9,000,000, having discovered that last year she paid \$16 per capita for educating 1,571,000 children of whom 1,000,000 attended school but the others never showed up; some were in private schools, some duplications, some over age, some fictitious, and some just didn't attend.

### *22,375,000 on Relief*

ON March 6 the administration estimated that the number then on relief was 22,375,000. Besides the 5,400,000 families which this number represents, there were also 775,000 single persons on relief.

### *Church Councils Seeking Legislation*

PROTESTANT church councils have been formed in Wisconsin and North Carolina, and perhaps in all other states, looking to the carrying out of some legislative program they have in mind, styled "social legislation". These councils not only will render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and then some, but will also tell Caesar just what to do and how to do it.

### *World Gone Mad over Lotteries*

THE world has gone mad over lotteries, especially the so-called 'Irish hospitals sweepstake tickets'. The practice has been to load the tickets into trunks, rush them by automobile out of the Irish Free State into Belfast, and there mail them all over the world, or else take the trunk to some British town elsewhere and do the same. Recently \$300,000 worth of such tickets were seized at one time.

### *Taxed at 103 Years of Age*

AT Budapest, Hungary, Israel Kohn, 103 years of age, asked the authorities to relieve him of taxes for the rest of his life, but they were hard of heart and unwilling to make an exception, even at 103 years of age. Israel's neighbors, when they heard of it, agreed to pay his taxes for the rest of the way.

### *Got the Ships Launched All Right*

IT NOW turns out that when the government had some of its ships built by the New York Shipbuilding Company, and the time came for launching, some of the items charged to the government and paid by it were: donations, \$32,458; cigars, wines and liquors, \$17,651; and Christmas presents, \$5,400.

### *Fraud Orders Issued Against Lotteries*

POSTMASTER GENERAL FARLEY has issued fraud orders against 412 lotteries which have been operating in the United States and using addresses in Quebec, Cuba and Ireland to get money away from the ignorant and superstitious.

### *U. S. Can Make Its Own Paper*

A GOVERNMENT survey shows that three sections of Georgia, Florida and South Carolina can supply pulpwood enough to keep all the paper mills in the United States going.

## Postal Inspectors Locate an Arsenal

A POSTAL inspector in Los Angeles, checking over bank deposits, found a \$20 bill, which was part of a \$129,000 mail holdup at Fall River, Mass. In a few hours a Boston inspector was in a plane headed east, and with him in the plane was the young man that deposited the \$20 bill. The net result was 20 gangsters bagged at their headquarters in Rhode Island, all living together happily in a big 25-room summer home. The gang still had \$20,000 in cash and a small arsenal. Some of them were college graduates.

## "High Blood Pressure"

LABOR, Washington, D.C., gives details of the methods by which the United States Government is cheated out of millions in the awarding of naval contracts. Fake bids are submitted. The bidders know weeks in advance what each bidder will bid. Their all-night fights as to who shall have the most graft have resulted in physical violence among themselves. When "The Fixer", who it was claimed had a White House pull, was ordered to the witness stand his physician stepped forward and said he had 'high

blood pressure' and that it would endanger his life if he were to appear. It is claimed for this man that his connections with the Democratic National Committee enable him to place \$15,000,000 of ship contracts wherever he sees fit. No wonder his blood pressure is high. It seems that some legal firms in Washington are the world's prize grafters. *Labor* gives the names and columns of details.

## Darrow's Awful Slam

IN AN address to the National Commercial Teachers Federation at Chicago the noted lawyer, Clarence Darrow, said, "It doesn't take brains to make money. Look at those who have it." Now does it not seem a shame that a bright man like Darrow should speak that way about "the principal of the flock"?

## Seem to Be in Earnest

THE Mexican government seems to be in earnest. The supreme court decided that property of any one who rented buildings for use by the Catholic church (thus seeking to circumvent the law) should be forfeited to the state.

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