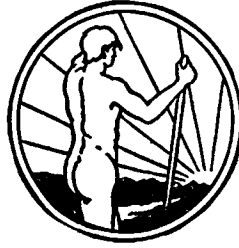


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## Philistia [Catholic Action] a Murderess for 1500 Years

(In Three Parts—Part 1)

ONE of the reasons why Judge Rutherford's book *Riches* is the most important book of this generation is that it is the first publication to positively identify Philistia, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, as the greatest enemy of righteousness in the whole earth.

In that book, page 278, Judge Rutherford says:

Heretofore the Roman Catholic Hierarchy has had its own way. It has been a great test to the true followers of Christ Jesus. That wicked organization, acting under the pretext of being God's representatives on earth, has crushed every organization that has ever risen against it.

Because their minds have been blinded by the Devil the human family learn more slowly than seems possible to imagine. Who would suppose that it could have in its midst for 1500 years an institution with an unbroken record for murder and not identify it for what it is?

Everybody knows that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy claims that the kingdoms of this world constitute the component parts of Christ's Kingdom and that the subjects of these kingdoms are or should rightfully be subjects of the Hierarchy and dependent upon it for spiritual guidance and salvation. Yet the Roman Hierarchy has always consented to war, which is mass murder.

No doubt, having the blasphemous and pretentious claims of the Roman Hierarchy in mind, President Tyler Dennett, of Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts, said:

The human mind has not devised an adequate alternative by which human life as it changes, sometimes

expanding in healthy life and sometimes degenerating in decadence, can be adapted to existing institutions. It must be clearly apparent to all thoughtful observers that this worship of force, this exaltation of the military and coercive power of the state, has poisoned the public life and thought of our day. The saddest aspect of the present-day life is the complacency with which free citizens acquiesce in the curtailment of their liberties. It is not a healthy sign.



"Honey, we've been (hic) drunk together for fifteen centuries for the (hic) advancement of civilization."

### *Ethiopia a Case in Point*

When Mussolini announced his intention to seize Ethiopia he made no bones of the fact that his motive was thoroughly selfish. If the pope represented Christ as he claims to represent Him, he had a chance when the war first broke out to take his stand by the side of the Prince of Peace, even if it meant to suffer martyrdom. It is no more for a pope to suffer martyrdom than it is for a carpenter.

But the pope is not the representative of Christ. Instead, he is the representative of the Devil. His first pronouncement was that he

hoped for "justice" in the contest. He hoped for nothing of the sort. What he hoped was that Mussolini would win and that similar methods will win all over the world and bring the nations to his feet.

There is enough truth afloat in these days that even the Catholic journalists could plainly see the pope's opportunity and his failure to grasp it. Thus the Catholic *Reichspost* of Vienna said:

Italy is not only a Catholic country, with Catholicism its official religion. Rome harbors both Italy's government and the head of the Catholic church. It will be difficult to explain to the Asian rice farmer and the African goatherder the peculiar status of Vatican City.

When it became certain that the invasion of Ethiopia was only a matter of a few weeks a congress of 2,000 Catholic nurses called to see the pope at his summer home, and were urged not to let their neutrality hinder them from rendering enthusiastic service on the battlefield.

All the church bells in Italy, including those of St. Peter's, rang when war was declared against Ethiopia. The pope, however, explained that while the other church bells rang to call the people to war, St. Peter's rang for a different reason. But probably nobody believed that, not even the pope himself.

### "Christians" vs. Catholics

The Coptic priests have led the people of Ethiopia far from the letter and spirit of Christianity. Nevertheless, the Ethiopians claim that this war is a war between Christians and Catholics, with themselves as the Christians and the Italians as the Catholics.

Portuguese explorers were much surprised in A.D. 1490 when they found an unknown land with a church on every hill or slightly piece of land. Between 1490 and 1630 Jesuit priests came in large numbers, and in 1626 prevailed upon the then emperor Susenyos to issue orders that the people must accept the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church. This they refused to do, and thousands were killed.

Susenyos was forced to abdicate, and his son Fasilidas restored the rights of the people to worship as they had done for centuries before they even knew there was such a thing as a pope. To this day the Ethiopians, in grateful memory of Fasilidas, when they cross a bridge named after him, and which is still in use, all say, "May

God have mercy on the soul of Emperor Fasilidas."

The Ethiopians to this day hold the memory of the Jesuit priests in disesteem. To gain possession of this extremely churchy country is one of the ambitions of the pope, and sufficiently accounts for the encouragement he has given to Mussolini to pursue his Ethiopian objectives. Meanwhile he showed some diplomatic benevolence by directing that the Italian Catholic mission at Addis Ababa be turned over to the Ethiopians for use as a hospital for wounded Ethiopian soldiers.

When the war got under way many of the more intelligent and independent editors, as, for instance, the editor of the Huntington (W. Va.) *Advertiser*, made inquiry,

What would be the effect, we wonder, if the Roman Catholic church would threaten to excommunicate all Italian communicants who took up arms against Abyssinia [Ethiopia]?

Seeing that the pope was caught in a jam between Italian sentiment for war, on the one hand, and the consciences of all the rest of the world, on the other, the Roman Catholic archbishop, Arthur Hinsley, of Westminster, England, tried to dodge, for himself and for the pope, by saying that the pope is a helpless old man and could do nothing as respects the Italo-Ethiopian war. This strange admission was made in the face of the fact that the pope claims to be the vicar of Christ and by his triple-crown advertises himself as emperor of heaven, earth and hell.

The plain fact of the business is that the pope backed Mussolini in his Ethiopian campaign morally (?) and financially with the hope and expectation that Italy would win the war, in which case he expects the Jesuits to regain control of Ethiopia's religious business, and give the Roman Catholic Hierarchy the master key to the "Dark Continent".

### Blessing Instruments of Murder

Many American papers have carried pictures taken in Ethiopia showing Italian Roman Catholic priests blessing tanks used and intended to be used in the murder of their fellow men.

The New York *News*, under the caption of "The Soul Is Not Forgotten as Il Duce's Men March On", contains a picture of an "Altar" mounted on a tank, with a typical hypocrite standing behind the candles and cross with

which, apparently, he cannot carry on his business.

The London *News Chronicle* carried a dispatch from Rome reciting that, in a competition open to the whole country, the bishop of Civita Castellana, Orte and Gallese was awarded the first prize for propaganda, but returned the award to Mussolini to help forward the war. At the same time, so says the dispatch of the British United Press:

Then the bishop removed his gold beads and pectoral cross and handed them to the premier, declaring that the entire Roman Catholic clergy of Italy had invoked the blessing of God on the Italian troops and prayed constantly for victory.

The archbishop of Taranto, Italy, is well pleased. He declares that Italian troops are advancing in East Africa as pioneers of civilization, with the élan of the ancient Roman empire and the noble sentiments of its successor, "Christian" Rome.

Joao Becker, Roman Catholic archbishop of Porto Alegre, Brazil, is reported as saying:

I pray to God that in the present international controversy that intrepid Italy, land of genius, science and art, may not be humiliated. I also pray to God to protect Fascist Rome, the pope's Rome, eternal Rome, Christianity's seat. Can anyone contest Italy's right in this matter when, in the last analysis, the entire question hinges upon equitable redistribution of colonial domains among European countries?

All these things show that in all parts of the earth the Roman cult is at one with Mussolini in his rape of Ethiopia.

### ***Roman Hierarchy Double-crosses the League***

Never for peace at any time, the Roman Hierarchy upset the British plan for peace. When that apostle of "sanctions", Great Britain, sought to use the League of Nations and discourage Italy from doing in Ethiopia what Britain has done in every corner of the world, the pope broke up the party as cleverly as any burglar ever jimmied a safe.

Without the knowledge or consent of the League the pope's man Monsignor Luigi Maglione, then a bishop, now a cardinal, persuaded France and Britain to offer to split Ethiopia in half and thus end the war by giving Italy much of what she wants. The plan did not go through, but it virtually destroyed the League of Nations, and it placed Anthony Eden, whose sympathies are largely Roman Catholic, in virtual control

of the British Empire. The London *Daily Herald* said pointedly and savagely:

While in Geneva Mr. Eden was pursuing, to all appearance, the straight course of a League policy, while on the platform ministers were pledging themselves over and over again to that policy, a secret diplomacy was at work behind the scenes. Quietly a plot was being hatched to sabotage and destroy the work which was being done in the open.

The Hierarchy tried in vain to put the blame for this act of treachery upon the Masons, whom they have attacked so savagely in Italy and Germany. In their hue and cry after Jehovah's witnesses, and anybody and everybody else that they think stands across their path to world-domination, the Jesuits are not forgetting the Masons, so signally marked for attack in Italy and Germany by the Fascist forces, and so one reads in the New York *Times* the parenthetical comment of Sir Norman Angell:

Believe it or not, Freemasons are much favored in France at this moment as the scapegoat in the present Italo-Ethiopian war.

This, of course, is Hierarchy propaganda, put out to throw the public off the scent as to the identity of the real originators of the Italo-Ethiopian contest, the Roman Hierarchy.

The Singapore (Straits Settlements) *Tribune* said:

The League of Nations is dead. All that we can do is to bury it decently. The League of Nations could not succeed because it was based on two false assumptions—that the people of the world were willing to give up fighting and that the governments of the world represented high-minded and unselfish interests.

Foreseeing that the League of Nations is done for, the presidents of Colombia, Guatemala and Dominican Republic have suggested a proposed Association of American Nations for the government of the Western world. The plan is endorsed by the heads of 17 other South American and Central American States. The suggestion is made that such an association or league would most certainly be under the direct control of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

German papers accuse the Austrians of being under Jesuit control, which is no doubt as true in one land as in the other. Public notices have been posted in Austria that all persons must register as being on the government's side or be counted as state enemies and be treated as citizens of inferior rights. This is characteristic of countries under the thumb of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

### Rebuilding the "Holy" Roman Empire

A careful study of the drawing on this page shows the "Holy" Roman Empire in process of reconstruction. The details are worthy of the closest scrutiny, from the hands of Gog, the prime minister, at the top, to the blueprint and the conspirators at the bottom.

Under the title "What Is Fascism?" from the pen of David Wilkie, *The Golden Age* has twice published the facts as to how the Roman Hierarchy is moving "with great velocity" to bring the entire world under its control. Having had fifteen hundred years of active co-operation with the Devil the Hierarchy is more suited to his purposes than any other institution. It knows how to call to its assistance the munition firms which control the governments, the politicians which do their bidding, the newspapers which extol their acts of folly, and the clergy of the Devil, both Catholic and Protestant, that are ever ready to do the will of their father.—John 8: 44.

The newspapers contain many stories of "persecution" of Catholics in Germany, but at an interview in Madison, Wisconsin, Dr. Hans Luther, German ambassador to the United States, when questioned about such persecutions, said angrily, "There is nothing of the kind." This statement was no doubt the absolute truth. Why should Hitler persecute his fellow Catholics and thus mar the partnership between himself and the pope that made his seizure of Protestant Germany possible? The ones that are really being persecuted in Germany are Jehovah's witnesses, and Jehovah alone is their shield and their exceeding great reward.—Genesis 15:1.

The Devil is not clever enough to cover his

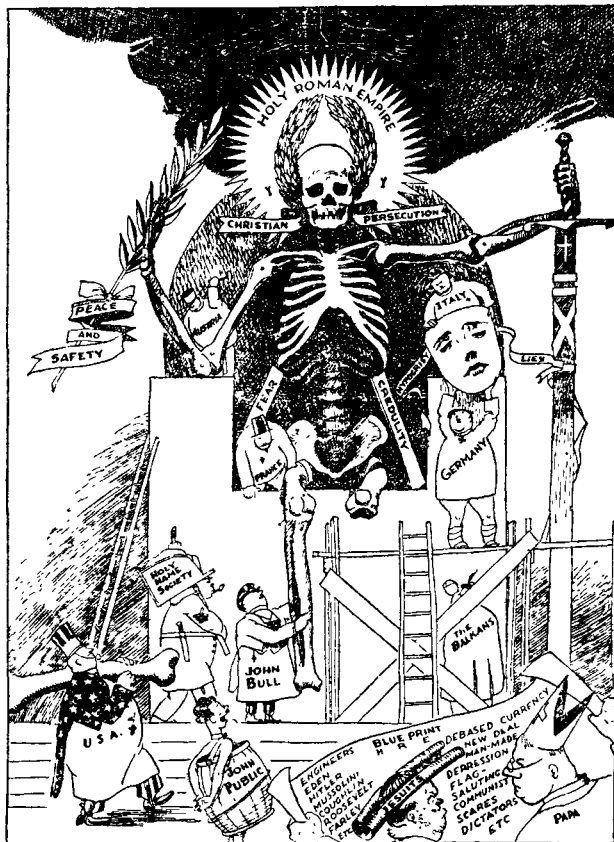
tracks even if he so desired, and does not betray any very great anxiety to even make the attempt. Thus, the pope telegraphed Hitler his congratulations when the latter occupied the left bank of the Rhine in violation of Germany's treaty obligations. And at the very time that the newspapers were carrying stories of the arrest in Germany of 150 Catholic priests for possessing and circulating Communist literature Hitler telegraphed congratulations to the pope

regarding something of interest in the pope's life or priesthood.

The Roman Hierarchy is so far in control of the British Empire that the present king of England is the first in centuries to fail to state in his oath of office that he will protect and defend the Protestant faith.

### The People Are Unhappy

The rule of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is intended to benefit the Hierarchy; it is not intended to benefit the people. The natural effect is that the Hierarchy has everything and the common people have next to nothing. They are not even allowed to see the films that they



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wish to see or to read the books that they wish to read.

How the Ratti-Hitler and Ratti-Mussolini partnerships work in practice is shown by meatless and butterless Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Germany, and meatless Tuesdays and Wednesdays in Italy. Also, in Italy, there are stringent rules as to quantities of meat that may be served in hotels, restaurants and dining cars. After a while some bright Dominican will probably suggest that there is no need to worry about the meat supply so long as guillotines can be made and operated so cheaply.

In all seriousness Charles Morgan, London

correspondent of the *New York Times*, declares that there are now more martyrs of conscience in Europe than in the fiercest period of the Inquisition. What he did not say, and perhaps did not know, is that the persecuting power is the same now as it was then, and is taking advantage of human distress and weakness to make the pope once again the master of the world. This time the scheme will fail.

Quebec is unhappy. Charges were publicly made against Abbé Lavergne, and suit was brought by political opponents, that he had represented it to his followers as a mortal sin to vote otherwise than as he dictated. As soon as news of the suit got out the Abbé Lavergne went to a hospital to attract sympathy for himself. In the hospital, surrounded by every comfort that his foolish parishioners could bestow upon him, it was the easiest thing in the world for him to send out verbal slop about his great peace and joy in thinking about "Christmas" instead of the election which he had tried to control.

Ontario is unhappy. Thus the *Toronto Evening Telegram* said editorially of this bunch of highwaymen in black nightgowns:

We can subscribe to Roman Catholic charities, do business with Roman Catholics on the same basis as we do with Protestants, employ dozens of Roman Catholics in our business and treat them with utmost fairness—but dare to oppose them in any matter of principle or public policy and we are 'bigots', and are promptly damned with 'bell, book and candle'. We believe in living in peace and amity with our Catholic friends—we have Catholic friends—but the official mouthpieces of the Catholic church make it very difficult.

The statement is often made that the Catholic church is not in politics. One wonders, therefore, just what particular thing it is in in the province of Ontario when it circularizes every parish in the province that Catholics could not vote for either one of two parties named, and in many parochial schools the children were taught to pray for the fall of the government.

### ***Pressure in the United States***

No government wishes to be subjected to constant irritating pressure from one group. The Knights of Columbus have made a nuisance of themselves by their repeated insistence that the United States embroil itself in Mexico's internal affairs. Not only has the Roman Catholic archbishop McNicholas said in effect that nothing

that the Knights of Columbus have to say on the subject is of any interest to anybody, but the Mexican government itself, in an open letter, published in the *New York Herald Tribune*, said, in part:

It is a fact not denied that, in our past history, the Catholic church, through its spiritual conquests, had attained a political hegemony of such extent that at one time it had in its hands not less than four-fifths of all the property in the country, to the regrettable detriment of Mexico's inhabitants.

The same open letter accused the Roman Catholic clergy of appealing for freedom of conscience, whereas that same clergy condemned such freedom as opposed to its fundamental dogma, applying this criterion in its cruelest form by means of the inquisition. It accused the church directly of instigating and supporting most cruel internal conflicts in Mexico, and asserted that the church was guilty even of treason in seeking and aiding foreign invasion.

Dr. Heinrich Bruening, former leader of the Catholic Centre party of Germany, and one-time chancellor, last fall spent several weeks in America, closeted with Catholics, apparently discussing some great plan they had in hand. While in America Bruening's presence was concealed. After his return to Germany it was announced he would be back this spring; and one naturally wonders what is his mission.

Reverend Father E. J. Higgins, pastor of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Astoria, Queens, Long Island, N. Y., claims that whereas Roman Catholics are only one-seventh of the total population of the United States, yet in the Great Foolishness of 1917-1918 they comprised 42 percent of all the American soldiers and more than 50 percent of all the naval men. Assuming that this statement is correct, why is it that Catholics are so much more eager than any other people to show their contempt for Him who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers"?

At Buffalo the Reverend Carlo Celotto, pastor of St. Anthony's church, baptized an American flag. This is plainly paganism, the attempt to graft a new and godless "religion" upon the American people, and, instead of being meekly accepted, as the Germans accepted Swastikaism, should be most indignantly rejected.

The Los Angeles *Examiner* mentions that there are "seven Jesuit provinces in the United States". This is all a part of the arrangements for taking over the country.

In an address before the Miami Police Benevolent Association, Andrew J. Kavanaugh, director of public safety, said, in part:

The German government stands out today as a paragon of police efficiency. German methods, I believe, can and should be put into effect in Miami. I believe every Miamian should be required to register at police headquarters as well as to be mugged and fingerprinted. In this way, we could have on file a complete record of our citizens as well as all pertinent information regarding them and their whereabouts.

A necessary feature of the modern inquisition will doubtless be the fingerprinting of everybody, barring priests, politicians and plutocrats.

### ***Co-operation Between Clergy and Laity***

In the pope's latest encyclical he says, "The close co-operation between the clergy and laity involved in Catholic Action is strongly approved." Catholic Action includes such efforts at throttling free speech as were made to get Judge Rutherford put off the air. Additionally, it is interested in replacing Protestant postmasters and other employees with Catholics, even if less efficient, wherever it can be accomplished by fair means or foul. It includes boycotting radio stations that broadcast anything, regardless of how true it is, that displeases the Roman Catholic Hierarchy or wounds their "religious susceptibilities".

The pope extended his blessing to the United States and its rulers (the people?). This blessing was supposed to come via the virgin Mary, Michael the Archangel, John the Baptist, the holy apostles, Peter, Paul, and all the saints. Not sure if a radio blessing works the same as the other kind, but in six months after the pope blessed Woodrow Wilson he was a helpless cripple, and when he blessed the Charity Bazaar at Paris it took fire within a few minutes and 150 women were burned to death. The pope's blessing usually works this way; scores of examples can be cited, so look out.

Every effort is being made to get the United States in as a part of the revived "Holy" Roman Empire, twentieth-century style, but the same underneath as it was in the Dark Ages, when millions of victims suffered because of faithfulness to principle or devotion to Jehovah God. The Hierarchy has not changed, and will not change, because it does not want to change. It is the same power for evil and misery that it has always been. Its complete annihilation is imminent.

### ***Coughlin and Catholic Action***

Everybody knows that Coughlin is trying to seize control of the United States. Those who enjoy what the Yankees call horseplay, and what the Europeans call camouflage, enjoy his sudden outbursts against Roosevelt. These outbursts are all the more ridiculous in view of the fact that the assassination of Huey Long was of such interest to both ends of the partnership that Coughlin hastened to tell Roosevelt of Senator Long's death personally. Coughlin readily perceives that the American people are easily bamboozled, and no doubt gets a big kick out of his part in the performance.

In Chicago twelve men, Cardinal Mundelein one of them, have seized the purse strings of the city. This is Fascism, pure and simple. Fascist elements other than the cardinal in this scheme are the presidents of four banks, four newspapers and advertising agencies, two packers, and one railway. The people of Chicago, the taxpayers, are tied hand and foot. They can have only what these twelve men consent to give them.

### ***Always for War, Never for Peace***

The pickings of the Hierarchy are usually more in times of war, and so they usually prefer war. That they really could do something for peace, if they were the least bit interested in peace itself, is shown by what happened in southern Ireland when they thought there was a chance that the kaiser could win. The priests compelled 2,000,000 Irishmen to swear they would not obey the conscription act. They were all afraid they would be sent to hell if they disobeyed the priests, and that is one reason why American boys were conscripted to take their places in France.

Those who were educated or who have lived under the influence of the Roman Hierarchy, as is the case with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, the "first lady of the land", do not see the horror of the Devil's civilization in the proper light. The college girls who waited upon her, telling her they were of the Gold Star Mothers of Veterans of Future Wars and would like free trips to France so that they might see where their future sons would be buried, were truly patriotic in the most absolute, complete and perfect sense of the word. They caused no end of laughter at the expense of the munition-makers and the super-patriots that are under their hegemony.



Mrs. Roosevelt did not rise to the occasion. She had the opportunity of a lifetime to stand squarely behind these courageous and sensible young women. Instead, she reprimanded them, prefacing her reprimand with the infantile pabulum about its being "just as funny as it can be" and "a grand pricking of lots of bubbles". Then she let it be known that she believes in war, saying, "There are certain things that are sacred, and you don't make fun of them."

To a logical mind, reasoning along that line, it naturally follows that the following are, by inference, "sacred": The World War; war profiteering; the cruel loss to mothers, wives and sweethearts; the death of soldiers on the battlefield; the wounding and maiming of men, women and children, and the shell-shocking of the same; the shedding of tons upon tons of human blood; shells and bullets flying on their deadly mission; the orphaning of children; starving of noncombatants; hospital bombing; spreading of disease, especially venereal; the preaching of bloodlust and hate; bargaining over the price of human blood; the squandering of untold billions of the people's wealth, wrung from them by force and violence; all the official acts of the wartime officials (not to mention the strategical blunders by army officers that caused the death of millions); and after the war: the continued drive for bonuses by professional legionnaires; the oompah of the brass band that accompanied the gold-star mothers and the bribe that it was; and, finally, the author and instigator of it all, Satan himself. (The dictionary defines "sacred" as referring to that which is devoted to Jehovah. To blame Him for the World War, by saying that it was for His sake, is to defame His holy name.)

### ***Hierarchy Must Be Reckoned With***

All lovers of peace instinctively know that the Roman Hierarchy is for war, and not for peace, and that it must be reckoned with in any peace moves. To be sure, the pope did send a radio blessing to his eucharistic show in Peru in which he hypocritically said, "God wills that the Christian spirit of true peace be spread over Europe and over Africa," but this was at the very time when he was backing Mussolini morally and financially in his African venture.

The correct view of the Roman Hierarchy is that nothing that it does is ever honest, ever sincere, ever true. The mantle of hypocrisy covers its every move. Whenever it can do so it uses Protestants to glorify itself. Thus Dr. John Milton Phillips, of Connecticut, proposed a "Truce of God", a prominent feature of which was an appeal to Pope Pius XI by Greek Catholics, Lutherans, the Federal Council of Churches, etc., that there shall be no war for five years. The Federal Council of Churches, however, was not willing to go along on the scheme.

Eight months later George Lansbury, British labor leader, proposed another "Truce of God", and started it out the same way by an appeal to Pope Pius XI. This time the proposition was that all the churches were to get together at a world congress of religions in Jerusalem, and from Mount Calvary call a "Truce of God" and bid the war spirit to rest.

This Jerusalem setting for the "Truce of God" propaganda is especially interesting in view of the fact that for generations, while the Turks had control of the country, these heathen gentlemen had to have armed guards at all the principal shrines, especially that of the so-called "Holy Sepulchre", to keep the professed Chris-



The White House glorifying the Morgan-Wilson nonsense of 1914-1918

tians, Roman and Greek Catholics, and other schismatics, from murdering one another.

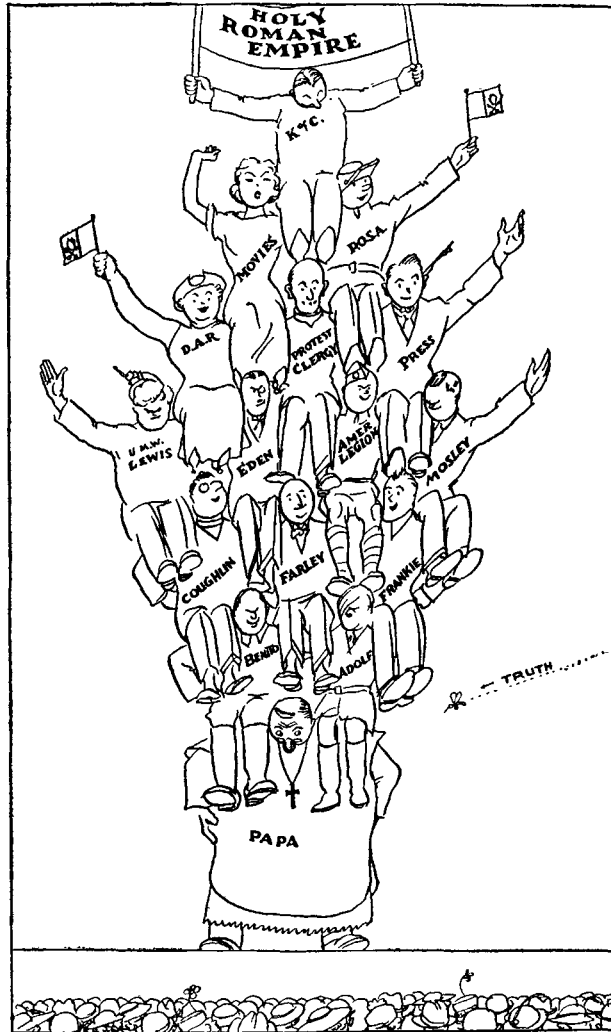
Quite likely both of these "Truce of God" plans originated in the fertile brains of the Jesuits, an important part of whose job is to keep the Protestants busy with idle and foolish words while they deprive them of their liberties. There is no certain proof of it, but it looks likely.

An agreement has been reached between Ratti and Mussolini by which, in case of air raids, Vatican City will go dark along with all the rest of the country. The pope is having a bomb-proof shelter made in the Vatican gardens, where he and all the residents of his little burg can hide in case of an air attack.

When people that believe in killing one another get caught in an emergency they show plainly the spirit of their master, the Devil. Lum's restaurant, New York city, burned while the Roman Hierarchy's "Holy Name Society", consisting of some 20 priests and other men and women, 100 in all, were having a party, dinner and dance. When the fire broke out pandemonium ensued, and the newspaper accounts show that the holy (?) participants acted like wild beasts.

Men and women were pushed from all sides, were trampled, were piled in struggling heaps and were stripped to the waist. One man had his shoes torn off; another fell on the stairs and was pushed all the way down on his chest; one girl escaped without her shoes and stockings. (There is some doubt as to when all this stripping occurred, however.) Seven died or were killed, and 35 were injured.

The New York Times did its usual job of playing up the Roman church in a "glorious" manner, even in this disgraceful scene; for it published the account of the wretched and shameful panic under the title "Heroism of Priest Saves Many Lives". Subsequently they even published one of his pictures. Anything! Anything to gain a little notoriety.



"Building Up to an Awful Letdown"

### Self-confessed Murderers

The Glasgow *Herald*, commenting on an address delivered in that city by Dr. G. A. Frank Knight, said:

He stated that it was an undeniable fact that whereas all other churches had in modern times abjured principles of intolerance and persecution as being contrary to the law of Christ, the Church of Rome by recent legislation had maintained the medieval claim to exterminate heretics by force. That this is no mere piece of imagination he showed from a large number of recent declarations made by church authorities at the Vatican, in which it was stated that "the Church, being perfect, must kill, and killing heretics is the only efficient remedy". This was announced in 1900 by Father Marianus de Luca, professor of Canon Law in the Papal University in Rome, and it was followed by the official statement of Cardinal Lepicier

in 1910, who stated that the Church of Rome held that heretics should not only be excommunicated, but rightfully put to death, just as it was not an evil act to kill ferocious animals in the jungle. These views of Lepicier had been endorsed by the Vatican with its warm approval. The Roman Church therefore stood committed to the murder of Protestants. That that was so was brought out by a large number of other quotations from eminent Roman authorities, even as late as 1934.

There is no other known aggregation of men that boast of their desire and intent to tyrannize as do the shameless creatures that make up the Roman Hierarchy. In "The Belief of Catholics" Reverend Father Ronald Knox says: "A body of Catholic patriots, entrusted with the government of a Catholic state, will not shrink from repressive measures in order to secure domination of Catholic principles among their fellow countrymen."

In an address in Boston Cardinal O'Connell said that "the Catholic church is a power and influence which had better not be overlooked".

A dispatch from Vatican City says that the pope "prays each day in his private chapel for the welfare of American Catholics and non-Catholics". The latter, it was explained, are "equally the spiritual sons of the 'holy father'". If that be so, then why does he wish to kill them? And if he does not wish to kill them, why do Catholic theologians insist that when the Catholic church gets strong enough that is just what it intends to do? And if those Catholic theologians are wrong, then why doesn't the pope himself come out and say so? And if murder is wrong, anyway, why doesn't the pope come out and denounce that too, while he is about it? And why does he at the same time finance and back Mussolini?

Read carefully the public proclamation of John Harney, reproduced on page 556, from the New York *Herald* of 1901. That unmistakable statement of purpose, made officially by a Catholic leader who today is even more prominent and powerful as such in America, no pope of the Roman Hierarchy has yet repudiated as the position he and his cardinal allies insist is theirs.

### **Hierarchy Dirty Work**

It is hard for the Roman Hierarchy to do anything except lie, but in these days it is hard even to do that without getting caught at it. "Fides" should mean truthful, faithful, honorable, but does not, when applied to the news-distributing agency quartered at Vatican City. It seems to be largely devoted to trying to "get" Jehovah's witnesses. At hand the *Malaya Catholic Leader* of Singapore, containing the silliest lies about Judge Rutherford as trying to arouse the Africans against the whites. Then *The Golden Age* published the truth about the Roman Catholic "Watch Tower Movement" in Northern Rhode-

sia, and "Fides" sent out other dispatches of a widely different tone, now trying to shift the blame to the Watch Tower, but not admitting that it is its own baby, now back and on its own doorstep.

Furious because Judge Rutherford told the truth over WCPO about the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, *The Catholic Telegraph* shamelessly admitted and even boasted that "*The Catholic Telegraph* ran him off the local radio station a few years ago".

It can be added that no one else would do such dirty work. When it comes to doing despicable, underhanded, un-American work of this class, no one but the Hierarchy can do it as well or would do it at all. Frightened by the Hierarchy the owners of WCPO, Cincinnati, apologized to the Hierarchy, and said they had given instructions Judge Rutherford would hereafter be denied facilities of their station. So be it. God's arm is not shortened.

In the same issue in which *The Catholic Telegraph* boasted of this second piece of dirty work it also made reference to the manager of station W9XBY, of Kansas City, saying threateningly:

Evidently he needs a little education, and we have no doubt about the ability of the Jesuits to impart it.

The New Orleans Sodality, group of female agents of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, make a comical declaration that they are for peace, but only if Judge Rutherford is shoved off WDSU radio station and kept off; otherwise, and in six days, they threaten to go after all WDSU advertisers. Such a cry for peace is by no means original. In ancient days the wicked Jezebel, as well as her son, made a similar proposal to Jehu, who was zealously bent upon executing his God-given commission. See the record at Second Kings, chapter 9.

### **The McManuses and Callahans**

In an address at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, Alfred McManus, of Philadelphia, let the cat out of the bag. The Jesuits, in their great hue and cry against an imaginary peril of Communism, have enough sense not to mention Jehovah's witnesses at all, for they are well aware that the people as a whole know the harmlessness and innocence of the people of Jehovah God.

What they aim to do is to inflame the minds of the people against an imaginary Communistic foe so that they may with popular consent seize



### Contempt for the Bible

On Pope's Day, Madras, India, February 6, the Very Reverend Father S. R. Santos, referring to the doctrine of papal infallibility as a beacon to light the path, said that man's guide was "certainly not the Bible". Wonder if he ever noticed Jesus' statement, "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," or the apostle's statement that the Holy Scriptures are able to "make thee wise unto salvation", and "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path", and a hundred other texts of like import. But, since these texts are all from the Word of God, for which, as the Very Reverend Santos implies, all Catholic priests have only utmost contempt, why should he bother his head about them?

An INS cablegram from Vatican City represents the pope as saying to the 2,000 Roman Catholic nurses that they should "pray to the good Lord that he may second the activity and industry of clairvoyant men who understand the exigencies of the real happiness of peoples and social justice". That the Roman Hierarchy is under the guidance of demons is true not only from the above statement of the pope, but also by his words which follow: "For those men are doing their utmost, not by use of threats, and cannot make the situation worse by irritating the *spirits* who render this situation more difficult and threatening daily."

Not being sure as to the year in which Christ died, the pope made both 1933 and 1934 "holy years", and at the close of the second one, Joseph Schrembs, bishop of Cleveland, issued a prayer for success of the bread show at Cleveland, referring, in 1934, to "these days of universal distress and affliction"—thus showing what the two "holy years" accomplished.

The Hierarchy is all twisted on the "Christmas" business, as on everything else. *Everyman's Almanac* (put out by the Santa Fe Railroad System), page 27, in a footnote under the month December, said:

Christmas to celebrate the birth of Christ was first made a legal holiday in the Roman Empire in 534. Though the exact date of Christ's birth is uncertain, December 25 was probably selected because it already was a festival in honor of the Sun God, Mithra, which seemed an appropriate association for the Christians' "Prince of Light". Customs for celebration vary in different lands, some of them even having been adopted from pre-Christian times.

Says Emily Kardelic, of Illinois:

I just have to tell you about a remarkable experience in a funeral chapel, where, on January 19, 1936, two bodies lay, one of a deceased sister in the truth, the other a deceased elderly woman who had attended the meetings of Jehovah's witnesses some years back, and had no sympathy with church systems. Her dying wish was to have Jehovah's witnesses take care of her funeral, but somehow her daughter and friends were not satisfied and called a Catholic priest to deliver a sermon in the chapel, to which he agreed. Everything went off splendidly; the priest was in a front seat listening to Judge Rutherford's lecture, "Where Are the Dead?" After the lecture was over the priest got up very angry and strode toward the rear. Suspecting what was up, I followed him and heard him say to the daughter, "Now how can I get up there and talk when Judge Rutherford said the dead are dead and know not anything. What can I say?" The daughter tried to encourage him to go ahead and speak his piece anyway, but he strode on out, leaving her in the lurch. It was a splendid witness for the truth.

### The Hierarchy an Italian Racket

The previous make-up of the cardinalate of the Roman church was twenty-four Italians and twenty-five non-Italians. The new make-up is thirty-seven Italians and thirty-one non-Italians. Peter was not an Italian; he was a Jew. In the new batch of cardinals, fourteen out of eighteen were Italians. One of the fourteen was the assistant in charge of Jesuit work in Italy.

In *The Catholic Encyclopedia* saints are quoted at \$44,000 up. The more money that can be scooped in, the better, but the least that a real Roman Catholic "saint" can be made for is \$44,000. This is just that much more than it cost in Bible times, as anyone can see by reading Romans 16:15, 2 Corinthians 1:1, Ephesians 1:1, and a dozen other similar texts.

If Dutch Schultz gave up enough to the Hierarchy racketeers he will be made a "saint" some day, and steps in that direction have already been taken, including his glorification in *The Literary Digest*. Murderer of nobody knows how many of even his own friends, a villain that not even his fellow racketeers could trust, untrue to the women he called "wives", with a racketeer income of about \$150,000 per week, every dollar of which was made in crime, Dutch Schultz, when mortally wounded, became a Roman Catholic, was buried in "consecrated ground" (which is a joke, because all ground belongs to God himself), and the man who sprinkled him says that when he had done so "sanctifying grace, a

higher life, the life of God himself throbbed in his soul".

What presumption! What blasphemy! What foolishness! As one gangster said of his deceased comrade, "If a guy like that can get into heaven, there won't be anybody in hell." That is merely another way of saying that the heaven of the clergy will be hell for everybody, including the clergy themselves. What a farce!

In a 2,000-word encyclical the pope said of an ordinary Roman Catholic priest that "he is a mediator between God and man. He must be another Christ [an antichrist]". It is not necessary to say more; that says it well.

The pope wants Americans "converted". A leaflet issued by the Paulist League sets forth the following benefits which accrue to members: "A plenary indulgence (1) on the day of enrollment; (2) on various feast days; (3) once a month, if they assist at mass in honor of the holy spirit and pray for the conversion of America to the Catholic faith; (4) at the hour of death." In addition, various and sundry indulgences.

### ***Purveyors of Idolatry***

A note from R. E. Browning, of Quebec, enclosed a picture, taken from a Montreal paper, showing poor human creatures on their knees kissing a bishop's episcopal ring. His landlady, a French Catholic, saw this picture. She had been reading Mr. Browning's French Bible. Of her own self this lady saw the point when she read Revelation 22: 8, 9: "And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things. Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God." Commenting on this Mr. Browning said: "When the lady read the ninth verse she got as deep a thrust from that two-edged sword as I ever saw: in fact, it was suicidal."

A statue of Mary in the Cathedral of Toledo, Spain, wears a mantle upon which are embroidered 78,000 pearls. The statue is also adorned with many other jewels, such as diamonds, rubies and emeralds. Mary was poor and married a poor man. As everybody knows, when her Firstborn came into the world He first saw the light of day in a stable.

At hand a "fine lot" of advertising literature from "Father" Stedman, The Confraternity of the Precious Blood, 5300 Fort Hamilton Parkway, Brooklyn, New York. Notice that he says of the particular "miraculous medal" sent along with the other material that "Mary Immaculate herself" "designed this medal".

This is interesting because the last "miraculous medal" received by *The Golden Age* was of a different design. This new one, sent by "Father" Stedman, has quite a few improvements, consisting of eight arcs nicely arranged with the curves toward the center. Whichever one of these medals Mary designed, the other fellows should let it alone, and not horn in with something different, pretending that Mary designed it, when she didn't design it at all. It confuses purchasers.

### ***Inventors of Evil Things***

The following are the dates of various Roman Hierarchy inventions: A.D. 300, prayers for the dead; A.D. 539, the "mass"; A.D. 600, "Purgatory," worship of Mary and the "saints"; A.D. 788, worship of cross, images and relics; A.D. 965, baptism of bells; A.D. 998, imposition of "Lent"; A.D. 1000, "holy water"; A.D. 1079, celibacy of the priesthood; A.D. 1090, worship with beads; A.D. 1190, sacrifice of "mass" and sale of indulgences; A.D. 1215, transubstantiation and auricular confession; A.D. 1220, adoration of wafer; A.D. 1414, refusal to give communion wine to the people; A.D. 1545, church traditions placed on a par with the Scriptures; A.D. 1546, apocryphal books placed in the Bible; A.D. 1854, Mary declared born without sin; A.D. 1870, infallibility of pope claimed.

Patrick Hayes, archbishop of New York, has himself mixed with Peter the apostle. In an address at Cleveland he said: "Peter is here in the person of the legate of Peter's successor. The apostles are here in their successors, their excellencies, the members of the Hierarchy, who shed such splendor by their illustrious presence."

As there were but twelve apostles, whereas there were 150 bishops at the Cleveland style show, and as Mr. Hayes was Peter, the other eleven apostles were in the other 149. That makes about one apostle to every 13 bishops. Maybe that is all right, but it just doesn't seem fair for Mr. Hayes to have one apostle all to himself and each 13 of his fellow bishops have each to get along with part of one. And besides, 13 is an unlucky number!

### **Simon-pure Hypocrites**

Notice an item in the *Cleveland Press* that the Most Reverend Joseph Schrembs brought to the United States and located in that city a bevy of Franciscan nuns, one of whom will be on her knees every second of the year. What sense is there in that? and where in the Scriptures can any justification be found for such a course? Bishop Schrembs' paper, *The Catholic Universe Bulletin*, is the one that managed to call Judge Rutherford 78 evil names in one issue.

In a letter to all Catholics in the Cincinnati archdiocese, John T. McNicholas, archbishop of Cincinnati, said to the flock whom he was encouraging to exercise their right of suffrage: "We must give an example, in word and deed, of a fine spirit of religious toleration." Too bad he did not think of this two years ago, when his official organ, *The Catholic Telegraph*, was resorting to such intolerant measures to get Judge Rutherford off the air in the Cincinnati territory. Archbishop McNicholas is a Dominican. In the days of the Inquisition the Dominicans were the inquisitors.

The pope, nearly 80 years of age, is reported as resting after a tiring week-end in which he celebrated the feast of the purification of the virgin Mary. Everybody thought the Roman Catholic Hierarchy believes in "Mary Always Immaculate" and wonders why the pope should celebrate a feast commemorating her purification.

D. Gatto, Maryland, sends information copied from the *New York Times*, that Mastai Ferretti, otherwise known as Pope Pius IX, was expelled from the Grand Lodge of the Masons, Scottish Rite of the Orient, of Palermo, Italy, March 27, 1874, for perjury in cursing those he had solemnly pledged to love and fellowship.

A dispatch from Vatican City says the pope blessed 52 Jesuit priests, many of them Americans. It looks, at this writing, as if they were going to need it.

### **Bait for Suckers**

Somebody sent in a picture of the so-called "holy" figure on the tile chimney of John Sterle, of Fairchance, Pennsylvania. At first John got 25c each for letting people see this tile. By no stretch of the imagination can it be called a miracle, but the newspapers whooped it up, the chimney was removed to the local Roman Catholic church, and before the fake blew up the

church had netted \$1,100. The 4,400 suckers that invested in this fake are now ready with another 25c for the next one.

It will set you back only \$10 to send a list of 20 living and 20 dead people to the Very Reverend Father Bede, O.M.C. Provincial, 812 North Salina St., Syracuse, N. Y. Then when he gets your \$10 he will, so he says, bind the 40 names in a scroll and leave it where St. Anthony-on-Hudson can take a look at it whenever he likes. Don't let the fact that Anthony is stone dead disturb you. Others have paid, and why should you hold back and not give Mr. Bede your \$10?

Advertising matter of the "Purgatorian Society, St. Peter's Church, Fifth Street and Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.", explains that one may have a "perpetual membership" for \$10, which may be paid at the low rate of 50c a year, if necessary. When you get your card you are assured that "perpetual members are free from all further obligations and will partake of all the spiritual advantages and benefits of the Purgatorian Society forever, both before and after death". According to the regulations, "if after the death of a member the certificate of membership is presented, the 'holy sacrifice of the mass' (low mass) will be offered specially for the repose of his or her soul."

The only objection to this arrangement is that the cards have to be on asbestos, to stand the 1,000 years in "purgatory". And if the poor soul loses the card he is out of luck. Suppose a fellow sticks out in the bake oven for 1,000 years, and finally lands in glory. He thinks everything is all right now; but not so. He is still a member of the Purgatorian Society "both before and after death". He may be walking innocently down Main Street of the Happy Place, talking to some friend of the long ago, when up comes a spiritual cop and says, 'Let me see your card.'

He looks around, and behold! the card which was at first safely in his breast pocket, under his left wing, has been fanned out by the feathers of the pope's flabelli, and he is left cardless. The cop leads him to a magistrate with red wings (who was once a cardinal). The magistrate thereupon tells him what a fool he was to part with his \$10 in the first place, what a further fool he was to spend 1,000 years in "purgatory", when Dutch Schultz didn't even stop there overnight, and finally tells him he will have to go to hell after all, and turns him over to an angel with an Irish brogue who takes him to a



chute and with a good shove sends him on his way.

### ***Bones and Boneheads***

The bones of Lazarus are being shown in France; not the Lazarus who went to Abraham's bosom, for he has them along with him, but the other Lazarus, who went to hell, the Bible hell, and was awakened out of death. At least a Catholic priest in France says he has them. If you don't believe it, then you are lacking in "faith", and just like everybody else.

Incidentally, if there is any real demand, the Catholic church is prepared to show the complete skeletons of every animal that was with Noah in the ark; and if somebody will raise the ante high enough they will even show Noah, Shem, Ham and Japheth and all the girls, and even Ma Noah herself. It is all in the business, and anyone who has the price can get anything he wants.

The French Press declares that in various Roman Catholic churches there are now to be found five bodies, eight heads and six arms of St. Anne; five bodies, six heads and seventeen arms of St. Andrew; eleven heads of St. Erasmus; four bodies, eight heads and sixteen arms of St. Stephen; two bodies, four heads and sixty-three fingers of St. Jerome; eighteen bodies of St. Paul; sixteen bodies and thirty-two fingers of St. Peter; twenty-six heads of St. Julian; four bodies, ten heads and twelve arms of St. James; ten heads and eleven hands of John the Baptist; three bodies, seven arms and seven legs of St. Ignatius, who was devoured by lions; three hearts of Jesus Christ; the skin of Mary Magdalene's forehead; the tongue of St. Francis of Sales; the tongue of St. Anthony; some hairs from St. Peter's beard; the chin of St. John; a finger of St. Thomas; some roasted fat of St. Lorenz; the kneecap of St. Ruffin; some nerves from the hand of St. Phillip Neri; one hair of the virgin Mary; the holy veil; one foot of St. Lawrence the martyr; a bottle of the blood of Jesus; a bottle of the milk of the virgin Mary; a stone where the Lord wrote the laws given to Moses; a piece of the manna fed to the people in the wilderness; a part of Aaron's rod that budded; three thorns from the crown of thorns; four pieces of the true cross; and some of the vinegar and gall from the cup of which Jesus drank at Calvary. Every item a swindle de luxe.

A full quarter page of the Cincinnati *Post* is

given over to description of a wax figure intended to represent "Saint Aureliana", of whom it is admitted nothing is known, except that she is supposed to have lived 1,700 years ago. In the wax is included a small collection of bones which it is supposed the lady had sole use of at one time. How cleverly this is fixed up to deceive the simple. One is reminded of the Russian wax saints which came to such an untimely end.

### ***"Holy Family Church"***

Somebody sent in a sample of the card index of "Holy Family Church", form 103-C-4334-B; and do they look after their flocks? Of the husband, wife and all the children they inquire the names, year of birth, baptism, first communion, confirmation, Easter duty, confession, mass, school, catechism, home instruction, working, and envelopes. Then they want a summary for the family of the number of delinquents, non-baptized, first communion, confirmation, Easter duty, missing mass, Catholic schools, public schools, attending catechism, failing to attend, working, and envelopes. That is all on one side of the card. Turning it over, there is a place for the family address, the father's name, the mother's maiden name, with inquiries regarding each as to whether they are Catholics, converts, possible converts or Protestants. Then they want to know about their marriage, whether it was mixed, or whether they were married by a Catholic or a minister or a justice of the peace; whether the marriage was "convalidated" (rendered "valid" by a priest), whether "lost", and impediment (if any) or disposition. That is all for a starter. Then getting down to business, they want to know for the family the number that are in the various Catholic societies, the Sacred Heart, Rosary, St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Face, Holy Name, Jr. Holy Name, Sodality, and Altar Boys, and how many are Non-Parish. Then they want to know what Catholic literature each member takes, the home condition, the nationality, the charity, the number attending the adjoining parish, the number of children under instruction, the number going in protest, and the reason. The points on which information is sought are 40 in number, and constitute an infamous prying into the private affairs of the people for which, in the Scriptures, there is not a shadow of reason or right.

*(To be continued)*



## Heaven

*A five-minute talk*

*by Judge Rutherford*

**H**EAVEN is the habitation of God and of His creatures that are in full harmony with Him. At Isaiah 66:1 it is written: "The heaven is my throne." The things of heaven are invisible to human eyes. Is it true that all good persons go to heaven when they die? No, that is not true. Such false doctrine is taught by men, but finds no support in the Bible. David, the king of Israel who was much beloved of the Lord and who was used to picture or foreshadow God's beloved Son and King Jesus Christ, died before Jesus came to earth. Several hundred years after the death of David the Bible declares, at Acts 2:34, 'David is not ascended into heaven.' Among the other good men mentioned in the Bible are Abel, Enoch, Abraham, Job and others, and when Jesus was on the earth these good men had been dead for many hundred years, and Jesus then said (John 3:13): "No man hath ascended up to heaven." At the same time Jesus stated that no man could ever be taken to heaven except he be born again. No human creature can ever be in heaven; and before a man can go to heaven he must be wholly devoted to God and to Christ Jesus, die as a man, and be resurrected by the Lord as a spirit. Only spirit creatures inhabit heaven. The Scriptures definitely show that only 144,000 creatures once human will be changed into the likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ and be for ever in heaven.

Why has God so limited the number? Long centuries ago Jehovah declared His purpose to have a royal or capital organization, and that Christ Jesus is the Head thereof and that the members of it should be 144,000 in addition to Christ Jesus. That organization is called Zion, and is the chief organization which Jehovah has declared He will use for ever. God's universal organization is symbolized by a good woman, and it is that organization that gives birth to those who will be of the heavenly, royal or reigning family. It is written that all such are born of God's woman and are all taught of God.—Isaiah 54:13.

The selection of those who will be of the heavenly organization began more than 1900 years ago, and the faithful apostles were the first selected by the Lord Jesus. The manner of selec-

tion the Scriptures point out is this: The man first learns that Jehovah is the true God, who has made provision through Christ Jesus to save the world and rule it in righteousness to the vindication of God's name. The man must then fully consecrate himself by agreeing to do God's will, and, having made that agreement, he must faithfully and fully carry it out. He is called out of the world and called to a place in the heavenly organization. He must follow in the footsteps of Jesus, which means that at all times he delights to do the will of God by faithfully obeying. He must prove his integrity toward God. He cannot do this in a week or a year, but must continue faithful even unto death. For this reason the Lord Jesus declares to such, 'Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life,' which means the very highest element of life.

That faithful 144,000 all die like other men, and God raises them out of death, not as human, but as spirit creatures. Concerning this it is written that "they lived and reigned with Christ". (Revelation 20:4) They have part in the chief resurrection, and over them death can never again have any power. Concerning these faithful ones it is written, at 1 Corinthians 15:53, that "this mortal must put on immortality". Immortality they receive at the resurrection. While these men are in the earth and alive as men they must be faithful servants of God and Christ, and the condition upon which it is possible for them ever to be made immortal and be in heaven is that they must be faithful; and for that reason it is written in the Scriptures that such seek immortality, eternal life. (Romans 2:7) No other creatures will ever receive immortality, that high and exalted condition of life being limited to Jehovah's capital organization under Christ Jesus.

Satan has deceived many people by causing them to believe that all men are immortal and that a man can be wicked all of his time on the earth and by making a confession upon his deathbed he can be taken to heaven. Such is a false and wicked doctrine. You may ask, Did not Jesus say to the thief that he would go to

heaven the very day he was put to death? No, that is not what Jesus said. Where did the thief go? That question will be answered on another occasion.

You may be sure that you will find no scrip-

[The foregoing is No. 45 in a series of "five-minute" talks by Judge Rutherford which have met with much appreciation. The series has been reproduced for the phonograph, and the records may be used with the ordinary type of machine. They are widely used for

ture that says that a man can repent on his deathbed, be forgiven and accepted by Christ Jesus and then taken immediately to heaven. Such a theory is taught only by men. Learn the Scriptural truth.

bringing vital Bible truths to the attention of friends, neighbors and acquaintances. The records may be obtained from the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society, Brooklyn, N. Y., and any inquiries should be addressed to them rather than to this journal.]

## Poipourri

### *Albanian King Trying to End Old Customs*

**T**HE Albanian king, himself a Moslem, is trying to get the Albanian women to cease covering their faces, and to revel in their ignorance. His sisters, also Moslems, are helping him, often riding through the streets in modern attire. Most of the Albanian women stick to the old customs and dread the new ones. They say they prefer to have their husbands selected for them rather than to have to fish for them in competition with others. Alas, the poor men!

### *The Superpatriots of Massachusetts*

**R**EFERRING to the superpatriots of Massachusetts who have saddled the state with a teachers' oath bill that is both stupid and silly, President Daniel L. Marsh, of Boston University, called attention to the fact that in 1932 the Communists got only 90,000 votes out of 38,000,000 votes cast, and then said: "If anyone thinks that oaths are not lightly taken and easily broken, let him attend a court trial, or watch some grand jury begin a graft investigation, or listen to certain national, state, county or municipal officials take the oath of office, and then watch how these officials keep their oaths, and he will see a carnival of perjury. The fact is, the observer will discover that men, in order to gather riches to themselves or to keep from being detected in crime, or to shield someone else, or to build up a political machine, will trifle with the most sacred institutions of our whole system of law. They will trample honor and religion underfoot. They will pile perjury upon perjury, until the public is confronted with a malodorous mountain of iniquity." Dr. Marsh branded both the American Legion and the D.A.R. as "well-intentioned but misguided organizations". He described the bill as "a bubble escaping to the

surface, betraying some rotten condition underneath".

### *Where the Disloyalty Really Is*

**"T**HERE is plenty of disloyalty in this country, but it is not in the classrooms. It is in the countinghouses, the newspaper and magazine offices, and in those places where the plans are made for periodically inflating and deflating money and credit, in the grinding down of labor, in cheating the raw material producer out of a fair price for his products. These are the practices that undermine societies and destroy nations. Our danger is not from radicalism, but from Fascism. Fascism asserts itself more effectively when it can dictate what shall be taught in any public school."—Sioux City (Iowa) *Tribune*.

### *Starvation in 1934*

**A**CCORDING to statistics of the fifty most important states of the world, 2,400,000 people died of starvation in 1934, and about 1,200,000 people committed suicide as a result of starvation. At the same time, owing to the collapse of prices, 267,000 carloads of wheat, 258,000 tons of sugar, 26,000 tons of rice and 25,000 tons of beef were destroyed. This does not include foodstuffs destroyed by natural causes.

### *Dad Got His Son Out of Jail*

**I**N Chicago Joseph Winters, Sr., 50 years of age, gave his 21-year-old son a severe trouncing for getting drunk and breaking into a filling station. He did this while visiting his son in the latter's cell, and the judge on the bench was so pleased that he let the young man go in the father's custody.

## The Ecclesiastical Grab Bag

### *Murder by Witchcraft*

NOT understanding the powers of the demons, and probably knowing little or nothing about these evil creatures, though the Scriptures have much to say on the subject, Dr. G. B. Kirkland, former British medical officer in Southern Rhodesia, tells of three types of murder by witchcraft which he has observed: the handshake of death, the spell of death, and the stretcher of death. Not only has he known of deaths by each of these methods, but reports having seen numbers of natives walk through a pit of fire so hot he could not get within twelve feet of it. They came out unsinged and stepped from the fire into kettles of boiling water. One was a woman with a baby in her arms; another was a man carrying a garland of flowers. The doctor, now in London, admits he does not understand how these things were done.

### *Lajos Pap and the Beetles*

L AJOS PAP, Hungarian carpenter, living in Budapest, is a spirit medium, i.e., in touch with and under the control of the fallen angels, demons. At spiritistic seances he has, on occasion, produced as many as thirty-two beetles by snatching at the air. This indicates that the demons well understand the design and structure and production of the lower forms of life. At one seance, many years ago, a spirit medium produced a small fish such as is found in only a small district in the East Indies. The fish dropped from the ceiling of the seance room, alive, wet and flopping, strangling for want of water. If not created on the spot, the fish was transported 12,000 miles in a hurry.

### *Dutch Preachers Pressed Toward Honest Toil*

THE Johannesburg (Transvaal) *Sunday Times* of February 17, 1935, has a story nearly half a column long that there are about seventy Dutch Reformed ministers that are without jobs, with more being constantly ground out from the theological seminaries. The fact of the business is that these men who disbelieve the Bible have nothing to offer the people, and their only reasonable way to an honest livelihood is to turn farmer and produce something that will be of some benefit, at least to themselves. The young men who are diverted from the dishonest business of dishonoring God into the respectable business of farming are to be congratulated.

### *The Anglo-Israel Joke*

THE Anglo-Israel joke is set out in some detail in *The Golden Age* No. 352; copies are still available. A. S. Mackenzie, writing on the subject from Canada, says:

I enjoyed article about the British Israel subject. Said article should be helpful to any honest one enquiring the way to Zion. One text I would like to mention, as it was a great help to me. The very first verse in the epistle of James. It is addressed to the whole of the twelve tribes scattered abroad—and not lost. Some years ago I had it made clear to me that the idea of tribes being lost was not the Scriptural teaching. The reference is to the tribes that were scattered in the same way that a message could apply written from Scotland to the Scots who are scattered abroad. One can see poor logic in sending a message to anyone who is *lost*, but the messages of James and Paul did reach the nation of Israel even if scattered abroad, and this passage in the Bible should convince any honest enquirer that there are *no lost tribes*.

### *Americans Never Got a Tally*

THE "Right Reverend" Bishop Taylor Smith, K.C.B., C.V.O., D.D., in an address to 600 war veterans at Toronto, told them all about it, so that the Germans will know hereafter who was to blame. He said: "It was not the men who won the war, though so many of them nobly gave themselves; it was not money, though many gave until it hurt; not munitions, not the Americans, who came in to help us. It was God and God alone, who gave us the victory." According to that, the Americans don't get a single tally anywhere for the billions of Liberty bonds which they so gladly subscribed for when they did not dare refuse to do so, and which shall wholly be paid by American taxpayers only.

### *Unusual Step for Peace in Wales*

THE South Caernarvonshire (Wales) presbytery sent a strong protest to the British air ministry against the establishment of an airdrome in the Lleyen Peninsula, Wales, on the ground that such an airdrome would be detrimental to social, religious and agricultural interests of the district and would be a retrograde step, and in the event of war would make the district a target for the enemy. It had been urged that it would make the district safer for women and children, but this was denied, and the reverse held. There was some difference of opinion, but the resolutions were carried by a large majority.

### *King Ahanda, of Siam*

**K**ING ANANDA, of Siam, is in hard luck. In 1935, February, or thereabouts, his uncle Pradjhipok abdicated and Ananda, then in school in Switzerland, had the kingdom thrust upon him, against his will. Now, though his mother wanted him to stay in Switzerland and finish his education, the government has ordered him back to Siam, where they can make him the puppet, while they get all the power and the glory. Poor little Ananda is only ten years old and doesn't know what it is all about. There are others in Siam that are in bad, too; for at the time the order went forth that Ananda must come home the authorities there arrested 4 colonels, 8 majors, 30 captains and 78 other army officers and sent them to prison for conspiracy to cause a national insurrection. Sixteen state officials, fourteen of them from the ministry of the interior, were sent to prison along with their friends in the army.

### *Marquesan Natives Embarrass Missionaries*

**M**ARQUESAN natives, sensing something wrong with regard to the doctrine of the reassembling of all the items of flesh, blood and bone in the resurrection are alleged by Frederick O'Brien as having propounded the following questions to certain missionaries: "What would God do in cases where a shark had eaten a Marquesan? And what when the same shark had been killed and eaten by other Marquesans? And in the case of the early Christian forefathers, who were eaten by men of other tribes, and afterwards the cannibals were eaten in retaliation, and then the last feaster eaten by the shark?"

### *The Fruits of Java*

**T**HE New York *Times* tells of the fruits of Java, the mangosteen, souw, duku, rambutan, jambu, salak, nanko, and durian. Of the mangosteen the *Times* says that it is "nature's final and most perfect effort at fruit creation. It resembles a dark purple apple, with a thick fibrous rind, inside of which are five or six white segments, resembling, in their rose-lined cup, perfumed snow. They melt on the tongue. The mangosteen is a wholesome fruit, which cannot be transported, not even with the aid of refrigeration or when coated with wax. Five days after leaving the tree the pulp melts away to a brown mass".

### *Cannibals Travel by Airplane*

**O**NE of the strangest of situations has developed in the gold fields of New Guinea, far up in the mountains, through dangerous cannibal-infested territory. It used to take three weeks for a native carrier to make the trip; but sometimes it was only a one-way trip, because the cannibals got him on the way. For some years now tractors, dredges and other heavy machinery have been carried in by airplane, and now the natives have become so used to the sight of the planes that men that were cannibals in 1927 now travel by airplane as freight at so much a pound.

### *Siam Rulers Are Against the People*

**I**N Siam the rulers make it a business to work against the interests of the people, as is often done in other lands. Although it is illegal to import opium, officials connived to have ten tons smuggled into the country in Government automobiles, from Burmah. Everybody in Siam knew about the smuggling, but neither the police nor the government officials were ever able to learn anything about it whatever. The British Financial Adviser, James Baxter, was so disgusted at the rank hypocrisy that he resigned and left the country.

### *Yugoslavian Divorce Laws*

**Y**UGOSLAVIAN divorce laws make it easy for a smart and unprincipled girl to pile up a fortune. She picks out some old man that should have more sense. The first time he tells her he is tired of her (and she sees to it that he is) she goes to a Mohammedan magistrate and has the marriage called off. Then she picks another, lassoes him, and so on down the line. After a dozen such alliances, picking off \$1,000 here and other alimony there, she is able to retire. About 1,000 such divorces were granted Mohammedan women in 1934.

### *The News Is Getting Around*

**A** GENTLEMAN in the undertakers' supply business writes that nearly half of those who pass out have not enough to pay the gravediggers, to say nothing of caskets, and adds:

"I am a traveling man; have been on the road in the south nearly thirty-five years, and it is my belief that Judge Rutherford is the most talked-about man in the earth today. The businessmen call his name sometimes in a whisper. They know that he is telling the naked truth."

## Along the Canadian Border

### *The Shame of Michigan*

**T**HE shame of Michigan is her politicians, who disgraced the state by housing insane persons temporarily in a basement cell which was used as a dog kennel when not occupied by patients; and had inmates on the third floor of a building, used as an infirmary, which had fire escapes that reached only to the second floor; and in other places had fire escapes blocked by beds; and in other places had screens nailed shut, which would have prevented the inmates from getting to the escapes; and elsewhere had ten aged persons sleeping in a garage, while others were housed in an abandoned tuberculosis sanatorium. In some instances the insane were housed with the sick; and in one place, where four children were housed, the bathroom was used as a maternity hospital. Now that the facts have been published, there will probably be a temporary cleanup.

### *Fascism in Tell City, Indiana*

**H**OW Catholic Action (Fascism) works in Tell City, Indiana, is explained by a correspondent:

A Catholic is almost never out of work, but is taken from one relief job to another. Protestants are laid off as quietly as possible, being told there is not much doing. When work is falling off the most 'faithful' Catholics are held the longest: the one that is behind in his 'church' dues is dismissed ahead of the 'faithful'. There are some 'faithful' who are known to the public as backsliders, fallen from the faith, whose duty it is to glean information for the spy system which would not otherwise be available. Not long ago Protestants were dismissed from the factory, being told there was not much doing, and immediately six Catholics from St. Meinard were put on in their place.

### *Governor McNutt, of Indiana*

**T**HE governor of Indiana seems to be well named. There was a strike in Terre Haute, but not at any time a semblance of violence. He ordered out the troops. There was nothing for them to do, but they liked the job of being bosses, and stayed on indefinitely. Powers Hapgood called at the jail to visit a friend who had been locked up for making a speech; then they locked him up, too. With that some 2,000 Socialists and others came to town and held a big meeting, using the courthouse steps as a platform, and the militia did not so much as cheep. The crowd roared approval of a telegram to McNutt to send the doughty warriors home.

### *Ohio Decides Against Parochial Schools*

**O**HIO decided that if anybody wants to operate a parochial or other private school, that is his unquestioned right, but no such institution need call upon the state for financial aid in so doing. Meanwhile the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, the chief proponent of the idea, is not at all discouraged. There is more than one way of skinning a cat, and while they may get a setback here, they are making progress somewhere else, and apparently the American people don't mind—much.

### *Two-Month-Old Freezes in Wisconsin*

**A**T Milwaukee, Wisconsin, January 22, the two-month-old son of Earl Harling froze to death in his crib. In one of the worst winters in American history the family was without coal four days. As soon as the baby had died the relief department hurried up and sent a ton of coal. Milwaukee has decided not to let this happen again. The relief authorities will do the humane and decent thing first and institute their inquiries afterward.

### *Michigan Short of Prisons*

**A**T Pontiac, Michigan, E. H. Tinsman, director of finance, was sentenced to attend church for two Sundays because he violated the "no smoking" law, prevailing while the city commission is in session. It is thought that this cruel and unusual punishment was imposed because there is a shortage of prisons in the Wolverine State.

### *Vandals in Cleveland*

**I**N THE last month of 1934 and the first two months of 1935 there were 84 cases of vandalism in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, five of which were dynamite bombings. This vandalism is eighteen times as great as in the same period for the previous year.

### *Pennsylvania Will Be Air-Marked*

**O**N THE roof of some large building every town in Pennsylvania will have its name in large letters, a splendid aid to air navigation. WPA funds will be used in the work.

### *New York Appellate Court Ruling*

**"I**T MAY be conceded that the Legislature has no constitutional right to compel any person to submit to vaccination."—Viemeister case.

## Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi

### *There Are Honest Policemen*

**T**HERE are honest policemen even in New Jersey, where the most dangerous criminals are set free on parole and the best citizens in the state, Jehovah's witnesses, are locked up because they persist in loving and obeying Jehovah God. There are honest policemen even in Florida, but there are others. At Tampa six policemen, without a warrant, invaded a private home and seized three men, one of them Joseph Shoemaker. One of the policemen was in uniform. The party took Shoemaker thirty miles out of town, stripped him, crushed one side of his head by repeated blows, injured his throat so that he lost the power of speech, mutilated his shoulder and side so they were paralyzed, and then poured hot tar into his bleeding wounds. They then rubbed him in feathers and went off and left him. When human creatures found him and got him to a hospital, gangrene had set in and he died. His crime was that he was a Socialist. This is a fairly good look at Jesuitism, sometimes called Catholic Action, sometimes called Fascism, and sometimes called Hitlerism, as it appears at close quarters. How do you like the looks of it? The policemen who committed the murder have been arrested and will probably be reprovved. In beating Shoemaker and two others the police rolled each naked man on a log, with a man holding each arm and each leg while they were beaten with chains and rawhide whips that cut to the bone.

### *Out in the Rain*

**I**N Georgia, W. A. Mason, Jehovah's witness, went out in the rain, witnessing, and found a heartbroken but now happy man. The man, wholly innocent of any crime, was in prison two years for an act committed by another. In prison he begged for light from God, and there fell in his hands Judge Rutherford's book *Government*. He was delighted to meet one of the witnesses. He joined himself to him, and is now out with the witnesses in the work of the Most High God.

### *Alabama Pays \$23,000 for Lawlessness*

**I**N Alabama prison officials transferred 22 Negro prisoners from one prison to another, with a drum of gasoline illegally in the same truck. The gasoline took fire, 20 of the 22 prisoners were burned to death, and the state has awarded \$23,000 to their estates.

### *Florida's Superior Law*

**I**N Florida a family may occupy tax-free a homestead of the value of \$4,000, and it cannot be taken from them, but in Pennsylvania, at least in Beaver county, if a property owner borrows from the Poor Board, it is necessary to sign a judgment note agreeing to pay all within one year, or forfeit the property. Pennsylvania is not letting its generosity go too far. It is the state where children of Jehovah's witnesses were unmercifully beaten by school teachers for being conscientious.

### *The Black Telegram Seizures*

**W**HEN Senator Hugo L. Black, of Alabama, seized 500,000 telegrams, and read them before the courts could declare his seizure illegal, he stirred up a hornets' nest. Anybody who sends a telegram certainly has the right to expect that it will be treated as a privileged communication, and not something subject to seizure by inquisitors. The next step, obviously, is the seizure of private letters, and after that a dictaphone in every bedroom.

### *Chain-Gang Civilization in Georgia*

**A** GEORGIA chain-gang fugitive in Chicago testified in court that he had been compelled to work in the burning sun with a 75-pound steel ball shackled to his leg and that the chain-gang jail is a steel cage in which twelve men were herded, and when a thirteenth man was put in, one of the thirteen had to stand on the only bed in the cage.

### *Forced Confessions Denounced*

**I**N Mississippi three Negroes, charged with killing a planter, were beaten until they were almost cut to pieces with the buckles on a strap, to force confessions of guilt. A former governor of Mississippi carried their case to the Supreme Court, which rightly decided that confessions obtained by torture are of no value at all and that the trial of the men was null and void.

### *Knew Where Everything Was*

**S**OME burglar, possibly in uniform, but perhaps only in plain clothes, entered the jail at McComb, Mississippi, ransacked it, and the police court, and wound up by breaking a filing cabinet in the city clerk's office and cracking open a cash register. He seemed to know where everything was.

## Up and Down the Granary of the World

### *Arkansas, the Happy Land*

DEPUTY STATE LABOR COMMISSIONER HARRY MALCOM, of Little Rock, Arkansas, tells of the condition of the share-croppers of that state. He says, in part:

They are living on turnip greens and other garden truck and some of them have not tasted chicken, pork or beef in a year. They are unable to purchase clothing, and entire families in eastern Arkansas are wearing garments made of cotton sacks. Parents are unable to send their children to school, because they cannot purchase books and clothing. Plantation owners have share-croppers arrested periodically and fined to increase their indebtedness and prevent their making complaints of conditions. If the tenant makes a complaint to state labor officials and the plantation owners hear of it, they move the tenants off their places.

Siberian papers, please copy.

### *General Butler's Picturesque Language*

GENERAL SMEDLEY D. BUTLER, former Marines commander, in an address at Madison, Wisconsin, said:

Stop prostituting the American flag to cover up gun-running and bootlegging of arms. Let Charlie Schwab fly his family flag over his ships carrying guns. Let Morgan fly the skull and crossbones. Let U.S. Steel and Rockefeller hire their own arms to protect their interests. But let us keep our flag to ourselves. Let's say ourselves how it is to be used. Let's protest its use to cover up a racket.

### *Fascism in the U.S. School Boards*

DR. CHARLES A. BEARD, noted author and historian, in an address at St. Louis, denounced the current effort of well-financed minorities to establish Fascism in the United States, saying:

Already in large sections of Europe teachers believe known truths, and prostrate themselves before possessors of sheer power won by assassinations and intimidation. Already the drill sergeant, aided by the yellow press, is abroad in many parts of our own country, seeking to malign and dominate school boards, superintendents, and teachers.

### *Oil Under Oklahoma's Capitol*

THERE is an oil pool under Oklahoma's capitol, and a gusher came in only a block away from the governor's mansion. Nothing can be done about it, because it is illegal to drill for oil on state property. But bad as this is, it is not half as bad as the discovery of oil in the Department of the Interior in the days of Albert Fall, or oil in the State Department, as has been the case in days gone by.

### *The State Emblem of Louisiana*

THE state emblem of Louisiana is the pelican. A pioneer presenting specially marked copies of *The Golden Age* to the school principal at Springhill was told, "Not only will those I come in contact with salute the flag, but also salute the pelican." Wonderful! Now how about some suitable emblem for Webster county? And one for Springhill? And another for the ward? And still another for the street? And then one for the main school building? And another for the little building in the rear? And, last if not least, one for the principal? If America is going in for Swastikaism it should go the whole hog. The pioneer says, "Hain't it all silly?" And so it is, but it gives one an inkling of what one may expect when such small-minded individuals are put into positions of responsibility where their lack of intelligence can have free play.

### *No Desire to Goose-step Heavenward*

WITH rare common sense *The Daily Oklahoman* says:

Fascistic gestures are not welcome in Oklahoma, a state as truly American in tradition and feeling as any in the United States. If we do not make an issue of saluting the flag in this state, and repeating creeds, it is not because we do not love our country and would not shed our blood to preserve its traditions, but because we are somewhat like the man who goes into his closet to say his prayers.

### *The Prisoners of Fort Dodge*

THE prisoners of Fort Dodge, Iowa, write that the sheriff cuts down their rations until they do not have enough to eat; also that an allowance is made for cleaning the blankets, but they have not been cleaned for almost a year and decent humans that enter the jail must have their flesh in contact with blankets infected with disease germs of all sorts. Most sheriffs are the same.

### *Communists Sign Up at Des Moines*

DES MOINES, Iowa, put on one of these loyalty shows. Every member of Coughlin's club had to sign a pledge of allegiance to the flag and to the Constitution, so the directors would know for sure who are Communists. But the Communists all signed with a rush. So the directors tore up the pledges the Communists had signed, and now they know all they knew in the first place, and not another thing.

## Texas, Kansas and California

### *In Atonement (?) for the Butchery at the Alamo*

**I**N ATONEMENT for the butchery at the Alamo, San Antonio, by the Roman Catholic chieftain Santa Anna, the Catholic Hierarchy staged a great demonstration in front of that structure March 6, 1936, 100 years after the butchery took place. Davy Crockett and 300 other Americans were put to the sword when the place was captured.

### *From Texas Declaration of Independence*

“**I**T [Mexico] denies us the right of worshipping the Almighty according to the dictates of our own conscience by support of a national religion calculated to promote the temporal interests of its human functionaries rather than the glory of the true and living God. A military despotism in which every interest is disregarded but that of the army and priesthood—both the eternal enemies of civil liberty, the ever ready minions of power. It now offers us the cruel alternative either to abandon our homes acquired by so many privations or submit to the most intolerable of all tyranny, the combined despotism of sword and priesthood.” Davy Crockett and the 300 brave men that died at the Alamo, San Antonio, at the hands of the Roman Catholic butcher Santa Anna, would turn over in their graves if they knew that the hundredth anniversary of their death was celebrated by Roman Catholic mass in front of the building where they were slain, and ostensibly in honor of their memory, but really in honor only and always of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

### *The Port of Stockton, California*

**S**TOCKTON, California, 88 miles from the sea, has been turned into a port for ocean-going vessels, by the dredging of 46 miles of ship channel in the San Joaquin river, and the bays into which it flows. The channel is 32 feet deep and 300 feet wide, terminating in a sizable series of docks, from which ships now go to every continent of the world.

### *California Is Busted*

**C**ALIFORNIA'S one-time surplus of \$31,000,000 is now a deficit of \$25,000,000, and by the year 1937, it is calculated, will amount to \$100,000,000. The state is broke, and it is now only a question of a few years till the banks will refuse to cash tax warrants, and chaos will be at hand.

### *“Religion” in Texas*

**O**NE of the anomalies of Texas politics is that it is a criminal offense for a public school board to ask a school teacher applicant, “What is your religion?” yet one of the first questions asked an applicant for employment on the Texas Central Centennial Exposition is that very same question. The explanation is that the Catholic Hierarchy wants to thrust Catholics into leading positions in the anti-parochial school system of the United States, so they can control it, and they want to know who are Catholics at the Exposition, so that they can be given preference in employment.

### *Texas Blows Its Horn*

**T**EXAS will have a \$10,000,000 exposition at Dallas next year and wants everybody to know it. The literature at hand reminds one that “Texas is the leading cotton-producing region of the world; it is the world’s greatest oil-producing region; it leads all States in agriculture, in the production of wool, sulphur and many other basic commodities. It has great iron ore deposits; sections of its vast domain are rich in minerals; less than half its tillable acreage is under cultivation”.

### *Fascists in Southern California*

**T**HE Roman Catholic church is losing no time in the training of its American Fascists. On January 15, 1936, 21 councils of Knights of Columbus in Los Angeles set in motion to organize uniformed patrols of men from 18 to 25 years of age to allegedly ‘overcome the work of Communists’. What a convenient word that much abused word “Communists” is when treason is being plotted against liberty!

### *A Subdued Roar from Kansas*

“**I** AM 67 years of age. Of all the low-down, degraded, dirty things that have ever come to my notice, this imposition of flag saluting being forced on little children is the outside limit. All a flag is for is to show to what country a ship belongs.”—B. F. Peachey, Kansas.

### *Dangerous to Run for Office*

**U**PTON SINCLAIR’S statement, “It is too dangerous to run for office in these times, because one might be elected,” not only is very comical, but is also very wise. The Scriptures indicate an impossible time for the rulers soon.



### ***Bogus Land Titles in California***

CALIFORNIA is not the only state in the United States where many of the deeds to property are not worth the paper they are written on. Two years ago Hon. Louis T. McFadden, then a Congressman from Pennsylvania, made the statement on the floor of Congress that "the banks of California are loaded with frozen assets, a large majority of which are invalid and valueless because the collateral consists of mortgages, trust deeds, bonds, contracts of purchase, and so forth, on these lands which are, in fact, still a part of that great trusteeship, the public domain". It is well known that scores of the so-called "Mexican land grants" were frauds, pure and simple.

### ***A Letter to the City Commissioners of Lindsay, California***

(By the Fresno [Calif.] company of Jehovah's witnesses)

ON Sunday, March 15, 1936, a company of Jehovah's witnesses of the organization known as the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society assembled in the city of Lindsay; object, to preach the message of Jehovah's kingdom by His command. The assembly was quiet, law-abiding, and without ostentation. The names and addresses of the seventy-five men and women participating were duly filed beforehand at the office of your police chief. Nothing was done in secret. However, one of your city's law-enforcement officers endeavored to stop the work, and cited seven of the witnesses to appear in the chief's office. He himself did not appear there.

At this interview there was manifested the most decided spirit of viciousness. Two Legionnaires were called in, one of these making threats of mob violence toward innocent and law-abiding people. It is our firm conviction that your police chief was guilty of malfeasance in office and could be impeached, for he countenanced such methods by his every action.

If we commit acts against the laws of the city of Lindsay we demand to be tried by the courts of Lindsay, and not before the mobs of self-constituted authority. If the flag which these "super patriots" claim to reverence so much guarantees anything at all, it surely guarantees protection against vicious mobsters aided and abetted by your police chief.

Now we know that Herr Hitler of Germany used the Steel Helmets (veterans' organization) to club the people into submission, but we

do not believe such methods will find favor in California. Personally, as a World War veteran and ex-Legionnaire, I never met an American soldier with such a damnable spirit toward his fellow man as manifested by these three citizens of Lindsay.

As to the legality of our work, we point you to the fact that it is carried on in every city in these United States and every country of the world. We point you also to the recent decision rendered in the Superior Court at Visalia, Judge Allen presiding, wherein he reversed the lower court's decision at Tulare which sought to convict one of our workers.

We hope these complaints will be given proper consideration by those officials delegated by the citizens of Lindsay to maintain peace and proper observance of existing law.

### ***Oxman's Telegram to His Wife***

OXMAN, the cattleman, who swore away the liberties of Mooney and Billings, is dead. It is now disclosed that on the day of the explosion, which occurred at 2:06 p.m., he filed a telegram to his wife at 2:10 p.m., more than a hundred miles away from San Francisco. The judge who sentenced Mooney now says: "The Mooney case is one of the dirtiest jobs ever put over." Mooney is still in prison, and the Big Business gang of San Francisco that bribed the police and district attorney to do their dirty work for them are still at liberty and greatly admired.

### ***Could Not Pay Paving Assessment***

IN San Francisco a 75-year-old woman, weighing but 90 pounds, on relief for five years, was evicted from the only home she has known for 29 years, because she did not have enough money to pay a paving assessment. She was put out in the street, her furniture carted away, and her house boarded up. Antarctic papers, please copy.

### ***Civic Control of States***

DID you know that Fascism is so far advanced in the United States that Los Angeles city police officers, in absolute defiance of the United States laws, are stationed at every highway leading into California and are questioning and fingerprinting all entrants into the state whom they so desire and admitting only those whom they choose?

## United States of Farley, Roosevelt and Ratti

### *An Interesting Contrast*

JUDGE RUTHERFORD has on numerous occasions made the greatest broadcasts of record, and never yet asked anybody to contribute a cent, either for the broadcast itself or for incidental expense, whatever it might be. Yet here is the National Council of Catholic men, which is an adjunct of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the United States fighting arm of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, pleading for somebody to give them \$25,000, on the ground that while the National Broadcasting Company charges them not one cent, yet they have to pay speakers, musicians, traveling expenses, and clerks to handle the mail and distribute the addresses, etc., for broadcasting services that (if they could be obtained at all) would cost Jehovah's witnesses \$400,000 a year.

### *Pay Roll Census of the United States*

ON THE pay roll of the United States, 1,933 are in the Judicial Department, 4,975 in the Legislative, 50,552 in the civil pensions list, 285,673 in the military establishment, 816,185 in the Executive Department, 858,694 receiving military pensions, 295,258 on Federal construction projects, 3,086,748 on the Works program, 5,720,017 receiving Government aid, 33,360,105 wives and children of the above, 83,000,000 vaguely hoping they will get something out of it sometime, and one pope that insists that every cent of the whole budget ought by right to pass through his fingers, or persons of his choice, and, incidentally, getting much of what he desires and 'considers proper'.

### *Condoning of Violence Against Radicals*

REFERRING to the fact that 73 sharecroppers and other workers were slain in 1935, but no employers were slain, the Methodist Federation remarks:

The condoning by the authorities of violence against radicals by lawless bands, their participation in it, was an accompaniment of the rise to power of Fascism in Italy, in Germany and Japan.

### *Uncle Sam's Gold Bricks*

UNCLE SAM is in possession of 715,000 solid gold bricks, each one of which is worth \$14,000. The total would form a cube 120 feet each way and be worth over \$10,000,000,000. Most of it will be stored in the underground fortress at Camp Knox, Ky., where it will be guarded by a detachment of the U.S. Army.

### *"Shoot 'Em Off"*

A NEW statesman has arisen in Bellingham, Washington. When the county commissioner, J. W. Austin, was asked if he could solve the unemployment problem he replied, so it is alleged, with the truthful but a little bit raw statement, "I can, the way it has been solved before, ever so often, declare war and shoot 'em off." No doubt the commissioner would be the first man to enlist and rush forth to face the mud, rats and lice of the trenches, in the hope that somebody would spray him with liquid fire, or at any rate souse him in Lewisite gas; and yet, and yet, life is sweet even to a Bellingham statesman.

### *15 Years for Stealing Bread*

AT Olympia, Washington, Andrew Sturgess, a second offender, was given a fifteen-year sentence for stealing a piece of bread. Please note that the name is Andrew Sturgess, not Andrew Mellon. The piece of bread that Sturgess stole was not the little piece of bread about which there was such great excitement in Cleveland recently; it was just ordinary bread, and Sturgess took it because he was hungry. Samuel Insull and Charles Schwab, please note. And how about Proverbs 6:30, which says, "Men do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry." The law and the sentence are inhuman.

### *Winnipeg versus Washington Utilities*

IN THE city of Winnipeg the publicly owned and publicly operated electric light plant charges its customers eight-tenths of one cent per kilowatt-hour. In the city of Washington, where the privately owned electric light plant furnishes one of the lowest rates provided by any such private utility, the rate is four times as much. Now get out your own electric light bill and see what you pay.

### *Talk About Santa Claus*

TALK about Santa Claus! The Charleston *Daily Mail* lists 27 persons who received increased pay when they left their former jobs and came over to help Uncle Sam distribute wealth under the WPA arrangement. Two of these recipients of favor were jumped from \$800 to \$3,000 a year, which, if it shows anything, shows that it is best in times of distress to be able to control plenty of votes.

*The Song of the Dictator*

THE song of the dictator is a song of I-Me-We-Us-Our, and it is a song that Americans detest. At hand is a copy of a letter sent by the Columbia Broadcasting System, Inc., dated January 8, 1936, explaining why it treats the party in power one way and the party not in power another. The body of the letter contains 136 lines. The pronoun "I" occurs 16 times in it, "Me" 6 times, "We" 51 times, "Us" 2 times, and "Our" 9 times. Total lines to the glory of the dictator, 84. Other lines, 52. The net effort is to show how mighty wise and clever is I-Me-We-Us-Our and how dumb are all the rest of the American people for whom I-Me-We-Us-Our have to act as censors and guides.

*Cross-eyed People Awarded Double Cross*

DISPATCHES from Washington show that the New Deal, figuring that cross-eyed people have always played in hard luck, may as well continue for the rest of the way. In selecting families for relief the Rural Resettlement Administration decided to give one family the double cross because the father was cross-eyed. However, to be perfectly fair, though it was not stated in the dispatches, it was also probably found out by somebody that the cross-eyed man was not a Roman Catholic and therefore not entitled to any favors at the hands of a Rome-controlled administration. Let the cross-eyed Protestants starve.

*Welcome to Los Angeles*

LOS ANGELES usually welcomes strangers from the East if they have plenty of money, but the other day, without a warrant, without a reason, without an excuse, jailed and fingerprinted Henry H. Leffert, born in California, who had just returned from the East with \$10,000 cash which he intended to invest in Los Angeles business enterprise. Leffert will now go to San Francisco instead.

*Low Standards of Living in America Now*

THERE are low standards of living in America now. Last year there was but one pair of trousers made for each three men, and but one overcoat for each eleven men. Seems as if a man ought to be entitled to a new pair of pants oftener than once in three years; but if he has no job, and cannot get one, how is he going to get the new trousers?

*Why Overlook Pa and Ma?*

SOME wit, noticing the agony and sweat of self-advertised patriots to get all the teachers to swear to something that will help re-elect the politician because of his widely advertised 'patriotism', wonders what next, after all the teachers are hammered into line on the flag salute proposition. He asks, "Why Overlook Pa and Ma?" Sensible idea. After clubbing all the teachers and kids into flag salutin', it is only right to tackle Pa and Ma too, and make them also get down on their marrow bones. But in the meantime, what a great field of editors, writers, politicians, bankers, clergymen, saloonkeepers, baseball players, movie actors and munition makers there are to work upon! Why, there is just no end of business in sight for the patriotism-maker. After a while there will be some special kind of shirt, with suitable brass knuckles and clubs for all patriots, and woe betide the man who won't salute. Off comes his cupola.

*Veterans of Future Wars*

NINETEEN colleges organized a comical Veterans of Future Wars, demanding the payment now of \$1,000 bonus, so they can enjoy the money while they are young, and before they are killed. They are also asking for free trips to Europe for the Gold Star Mothers of Veterans of Future Wars and making everybody with any sense laugh aloud, all over the United States. Hypocrites are furious.

*Lions Once in Alaska*

JOHN B. DORSH, of American Museum of Natural History, interviewed in Juneau, Alaska, reports finding remains in Alaska of lions similar to those found in Africa. He believes that in an "ice age" (the Flood) all animal life in the arctics perished and that the animals now native migrated there. These findings agree exactly with the account of the Flood as given in Genesis.

*How the Sales Tax Operates*

A TAX survey by the Socialists indicates that a family with an income of not more than \$2,000 pays almost three times as much sales tax, in proportion to income, as the average family with an income of \$25,000 or more. The party demands that relief be financed on the basis of a graduated income tax, and the demand is wise and just.

## Disobedience Brings Disappointment and Death

**T**HE outstanding reason why Jehovah God selected Moses as the typical deliverer of His typical people was that "the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were upon the face of the earth". (Numbers 12:3) That is to say, he was teachable, willing to be led.

A greater than Moses, inviting all the weary and heavy laden to come to Him and find rest for their souls, offered as a major inducement the fact that He is "meek and lowly in heart". (Matthew 11:29) Jesus came to "preach good tidings unto the meek" (Isaiah 61:1), and the effect of His teachings will ultimately be "to save all the meek of the earth". (Psalm 76:9) "The meek shall eat and be satisfied." (Psalm 22:26) "The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way." (Psalm 25:9) "The meek shall inherit the earth." (Psalm 37:11) "[Jehovah] lifteth up the meek." (Psalm 147:6) "He will beautify the meek with salvation."—Psalm 149:4.

Paul the apostle was meek. That is why he was able to say from his heart, "When I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10) His confidence was not in himself; it was wholly in the Lord. That is why he was able to say, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:13), and in quiet confidence could be "persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day".—2 Timothy 1:12.

Because Moses was so meek, inclining away from himself and inclining toward God, it was necessary for Jehovah to lift him out of his timidity by a series of miracles, the rod turned into a serpent and then back into a rod, and the hand made leprous and then restored, before Moses could comprehend that God could really use him to do His work, when, from Moses' viewpoint, someone else would be more suitable.—Exodus 4:1-8.

### *Moses' Brother Was Less Meek*

Inasmuch as Moses was meek "above all the men which were upon the face of the earth", it follows, as a matter of course, that Aaron was less so, and the same could be said of his sister Miriam. Yet both of these were much used by the Lord, and were doubtless meek themselves above most of their fellow Israelites. Of the same parentage as Moses, they probably had some family traits, all inclining towards God.

After the miracles were performed in Moses' presence, and upon his very person, he protested that he was not eloquent, and sought that some other might have the privilege of service for which, without his knowledge, he had been prepared by the hand of God. Jehovah therefore told him that He had sent his brother Aaron out into the wilderness to meet him, and to act as his spokesman before Pharaoh, which he did, with results known to all.

It was Aaron that introduced Moses to the elders of Israel upon his arrival in Egypt. "And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: and Aaron spake all the words which [Jehovah] had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people." (Exodus 4:29, 30) The arrangement seems to have been that Jehovah made known His will to Moses, and Aaron did the talking and performed the acts.

When the time came for Moses and Aaron to appear before Pharaoh, Jehovah made confirmation of the message in the wilderness that Aaron should be the actor and spokesman. "And [Jehovah] said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet [spokesman]. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh."—Exodus 7:1, 2.

Some of the instructions given to Moses follow: "Thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it before Pharaoh, and it shall become a serpent." (Exodus 7:9) "Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters." (Exodus 7:19) This was done when the waters were turned into blood, and done again, and the same language used (Exodus 8:5), when the frogs invaded the land. "Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice." (Exodus 8:16) Manifestly, all the plagues were performed in the same manner. Aaron received his instructions from Moses, and himself was the actor and spokesman, by the request of Moses and the consent of Jehovah God. He was thus made very prominent before Pharaoh and before Israel.

### *At the Giving of the Law*

At the giving of the law at Mount Sinai, it was Moses only that was permitted to ascend into the

presence of God. Aaron, with his sons, and seventy of the elders of Israel, were permitted to go part way, and to behold the glory of God from afar. (Exodus 24:1) Only Moses was to come near; the others were not to do so.—Exodus 24:2.

During the forty days while Moses was in the mountain (Joshua being at a distance, along with the others, but nearer to him) he seemed to the people to have been destroyed in the great fire which made the mountain smoke like a volcano, and Aaron, at their request, made the golden calf. The people, when they saw the calf, said, "These be thy gods, O Israel, that brought thee up out of the land of Egypt." Aaron knew that was wrong, and so he made a proclamation that the next day should be a feast to Jehovah.—Exodus 32:4, 5.

Subsequently reviewing the matter Moses said: "And [Jehovah] was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time." (Deuteronomy 9:20) But for the intercession of Moses Aaron would have perished along with the others on the day that Moses came down from the mount, "for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies."—Exodus 32:25.

Both Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because he had married an Ethiopian woman. "And they said [truthfully, too, but not meekly], Hath [Jehovah] indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And [Jehovah] heard it." (Numbers 12:2) As a result, Miriam, who was probably the chief offender, was smitten with leprosy. But Jehovah rebuked Aaron also, and Aaron repented and pleaded with Moses to intercede for their forgiveness. Miriam was healed, but shut out of the camp for seven days.

There is a lesson here, for the consideration of those that are so quick to busy themselves with the private affairs of others, and to even lift their tongues against those Jehovah is manifestly using as His own servants. Before the Lord smote Miriam with leprosy white as snow He asked the significant question: "Wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?"—Numbers 12:8.

### ***Korah, Dathan and Abiram***

At the conspiracy of Korah, Dathan and Abiram and 250 of the elders of Israel, Aaron was himself the object of denunciation, and the

conspirators used almost the same words against him and against Moses as he and Miriam had used against Moses. They said to Moses and Aaron, "Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and [Jehovah] is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of [Jehovah]?"—Numbers 16:3.

Jehovah showed then, and always shows, that He is faithful to those that are faithful to Him. What Moses and Aaron had just caused to be done (putting ribbons of blue on the borders of the garments) was done by command of Jehovah. The object, stated by Jehovah himself, was "that ye seek not after your own heart, and your own eyes". (Numbers 15:39) The people were to learn to walk with God, to seek His will in every affair of life, and to be wholly (holy) for Him.

Korah, Dathan and Abiram, and their wives and children, and tents, and all that they had, went down alive into an earthquake rent in the bosom of the earth, and the earth closed upon them. And fire came out from before Jehovah and burned up the 250 men that had backed them up in their madness. At that time Jehovah showed that He was using the house of Aaron to do a specific work.

When twelve rods, one for each tribe, were laid up before Jehovah, the rod of Aaron, representing the tribe of Levi, budded and blossomed and yielded almonds in a single night. Jehovah thus drove home the lesson that He uses whom He will. None may question His wisdom or His almighty power. Thereafter the Lord's selection of the house of Aaron to perform the work of the priesthood for fleshly Israel was never questioned by them.

### ***The Disobedience at Meribah***

The disobedience at Meribah is best told in the language of the Scriptures themselves:

"Then came the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin, in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there. And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron.

"And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before [Jehovah]! And why have ye brought up the congregation of [Jehovah]

into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink.

"And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces; and the glory of [Jehovah] appeared unto them. And [Jehovah] spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.

"And Moses took the rod from before [Jehovah], as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock; and he [Aaron, the spokesman, as usual, no doubt] said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly: and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

"And [Jehovah] spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them. This is the water of Meribah [strife]; because the children of Israel strove with [Jehovah], and he was sanctified in them.

"And [Jehovah] spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the coast of the land of Edom, saying, Aaron shall be gathered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the water of Meribah.

"Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor; and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there.

"And Moses did as [Jehovah] commanded: and they went up into mount Hor, in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon

Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount."—Numbers 20: 1-13, 23-28.

### ***No Excuses Offered for Aaron***

No excuses are offered for Aaron's disobedience, and no apparent reason exists why any should be made. He was 123 years of age, and for forty years had not only witnessed but been an important personal factor in scores of scenes which can only properly be styled "acts of God".

In a land without radio, telegraph, telephone or postal service he had been sent out to meet Moses and guided unerringly to the exact spot where he met his brother he had not seen in forty years. Together they had performed great signs and miracles in the presence of their brethren and of Pharaoh and had brought two million slaves out of Egypt, through the Red sea, and seen the waters close upon their enemies, at the hands of God.

He had seen God feed His people in a barren land, and sweeten bitter waters so that they might go onward in their journey. When they had lusted for flesh food he had seen that want supplied. He had witnessed the smiting of Amalek, and knew that the smiting was wholly due to God's power, for when Moses' hands were weary the battle was against Israel.

He could remember when the whole mountain of Sinai smoked and trembled at the presence of Jehovah. He knew that in the ark was the law of his God, a perfect embodiment of wisdom and justice and love. In the same ark was his rod, which bore such eloquent testimony to God's purpose to use him and his family after him.

He had had the honor for forty years of being God's typical high priest, and every year had witnessed hundreds of miracles in that office. Once, on the installation of the priesthood, he had seen the fires of heaven descend and lick up the sacrifice upon the brazen altar in the court of the tabernacle.

And, finally, he had been a participant in all the experiences narrated in this brief history of his life. When Jehovah God had given him his instructions at Meribah they should have been obeyed instantly and with meticulous care to obey both the letter and the spirit of the instructions. But instead of obeying God, and thus helping the people to see that Jehovah is the source of all their blessings, he had injected his own personality into it and impudently asked, "Must we fetch you water out of this rock?"

***The More Guilty of the Two***

Moses shared in Aaron's sentence, which was that neither one of them should bring the congregation into Canaan, but Aaron was evidently the one most blameworthy. His death occurred almost at once, and he did not see the promised land at all.

Moses was privileged to see it, but not to go into it; and thus there is revealed something of the tenderness of the great and good and merciful God, who, while not withholding the penalty pronounced, is yet able to soften the blow and heal the wounded spirit by varying the method by which the penalty is carried into effect.

It is easy to see how the sin of the two men occurred. The Israelites were hard to handle, and are hard to handle to this very day. They were rebellious and thankless and forgetful, and interested only in self, and not at all in the name of the true and living God, who had given them life in the first place and was now leading them on toward liberty. And Moses and Aaron were themselves weary with the accumulation of years and the great burden of responsibility.

But the best excuse is no excuse at all. They should not have done what they did; they knew better than to do it; and there was no need of doing it. Obedience would have brought the water and the favor of God besides, and that is everything. If one has that he has all; and if he does not have it he has nothing. The two men exalted themselves and dishonored God. Aaron is not mentioned in Hebrews, eleventh chapter.

The account says that among all these rebellious Israelites God was sanctified. That means that He demonstrated among them that He is Jehovah, the true and living God. He did this in spite of the act of Moses and Aaron. He did it, first, by giving water to the thirsty two millions of people and their animals, and, secondly, by forbidding that those who had disobeyed and dishonored Him should enter into the promised land.

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of [Jehovah] thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee."—Deuteronomy 28:15.

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