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"Father" Felix vs. Judge Rutherford

ELSEWHERE in this issue are some references to the unspeakable corruption prevalent among the Roman Catholic priesthood of Germany. Let them speak for themselves. At home, in America, different conditions, but equally shocking to honorable men, are characteristic of the same class. One of these is "Father" Felix, of Missouri.

Mr. Felix is the author of two booklets attacking Judge Rutherford. Acting on his behalf the National Catholic Welfare Conference, American propaganda arm of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, has distributed to the Catholic press, and to the radio stations of the United States, an attack on Judge Rutherford which here receives some of the attention invited.

Some questions arise in one's mind, aside from Mr. Felix's proposed "painful blow in the face" and threats that the one he so hates "shall once again, God willing, wear the stripes of a convict". These questions are now put, not for his benefit, for he is past that, but for his honest fellow men. Before hearing the questions, note first some exhibits on the case.

Quotations from Felix's booklet entitled *Rutherford Uncovered*:

"Free speech, by all means, but when that blessed privilege is abused to vilify our fellow men, to breed discord, to cavil at constituted authority, to prepare

the soil for Communism, and to sow into the minds of our children the seeds of disloyalty to our flag and to our country, then liberty becomes license and free speech forfeits its right to freedom because it fails to fulfill the function assigned it by the Founding Fathers of our glorious Republic." (Page 12)



The old conjure woman from the wilds of Missouri

"Gentlemen, on the facts pertinent to this case there is, I believe, no quarrel. Yesterday evening I read to a fellow-member a passage on page 44 from this booklet entitled *Uncovered* written by Judge Rutherford, copyrighted 1937, and published by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society with headquarters in Brooklyn, New York, and branch offices all over the world. While I was reading Mr. Brown turned from a neighboring table to inquire whether I myself shared the ideas expressed by the passage I had read. I affirmed. Mr. Brown then did two things: First, he presented his visiting card; secondly, he gave

me a painful blow in the face. . . ." (Page 6)

He paused a moment, then said: "George, I understand you. You're afraid I ascribe too much importance to the fool in this case. Maybe I do, but this enemy of the Stars and Stripes shall once again, God willing, wear the stripes of a convict. By my martyred boy I swear it!" (Page 32)

Quotations from N.C.W.C. "News Service"; advertising the above-named booklet:

The pamphlet proper deals with developments in a club after one member seeks to enlist another "in the army of Jehovah's witnesses." The foreword says "the club meeting and the characters in the story that

follow are, of course, fictitious, but the facts and figures they give are only too true."

"The statutes of our state provide that in the absence of the regular presiding judge of our circuit courts the members of the local bar shall select one of their members to take the place of the regular judge until he returns. Thus it comes about in every court of our commonwealth that all the members of the local bar are privileged to preside over the circuit court from time to time. In this way it happened that in all the years that he was a member of the Cooper county bar of Boonville, Mo., Mr. Rutherford presided over the local court on four different occasions, each time for one day only.

Quotations from Casey's Irish Catholic Register:

The magnitude of the anti-Catholic and anti-American influence of "Judge" Joseph F. Rutherford, arch-bigot and ex-convict, is shown by the nation-wide chain of radio stations on which his talks are now heard several times a week. Father Richard Felix, O.S.B., of Pilot Grove, Mo., himself a veteran of the radio, who has dedicated himself to counteracting Rutherford, has just compiled this list. . . .

Father Richard's list shows Rutherford is heard weekly on 149 radio stations in the United States and possessions only. Most of these stations carry his program three times weekly, but some carry it daily and one Brooklyn, N. Y., station carries his talks eleven times a week. According to Father Richard's information, the bigot now sends out 440 anti-Catholic radio programs every week. Besides these, he broadcasts over a great many foreign stations.

Why Dodge the Issue?

What is the reason why the Roman Hierarchy finds it necessary to issue a forty-page booklet filled with statements about Judge Rutherford made by characters which they admit "are, of course, fictitious"?

Why do they, in their newspapers, find it necessary to blare with a triple headline,

"Pamphlet Refutes Rutherford Claim to Title of Judge," when in the very same article they are forced to admit that "Mr. Rutherford presided over the local court at different occasions"?

The law provides that the person elected by the members of the legal profession to serve as special judge must possess the same qualifications as the regular judge, must take and sub-

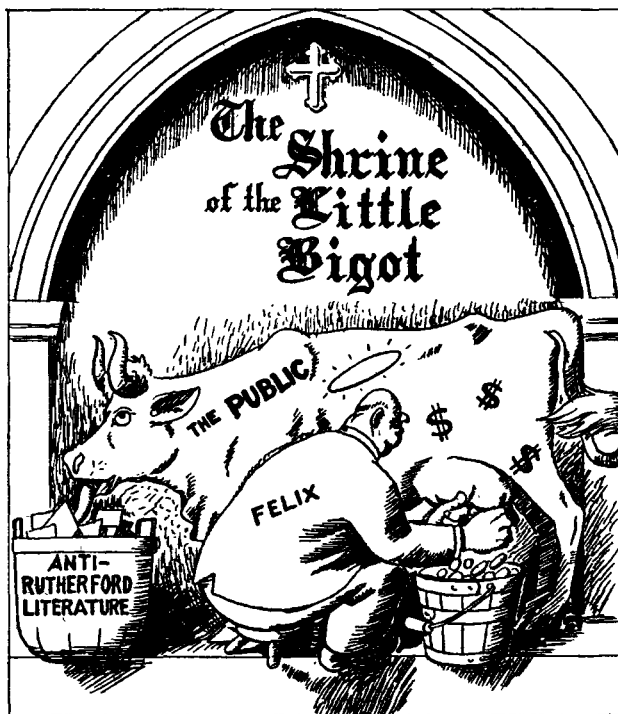
scribe to the same oath, and is clothed with the same power and authority as the regular judge, and while he presides he is as fully a judge of the Circuit Court as the one elected for the full term. He therefore is to all intents and purposes legally and actually the judge of the Circuit Court.

The Circuit in which Judge Rutherford practiced is composed of five counties. The members of the bar elect the special judge, and, as stated by a noted lawyer on a former occasion, the members of the bar

know the qualification of the man they elect and are therefore much better qualified to select a suitable man than the rank and file who know nothing about it and who choose judges for political purposes. Not everyone who is admitted to practice can serve as special judge, but only those who are elected by members of the bar at the Court where he serves.

Why is it that, having written that forty-page booklet entitled *Rutherford Uncovered* and which "Father" Richard Felix, S.O.B., hopes to sell for ten cents, he also has in press another 32-page booklet, *Rutherford Refuted*, the price of which will probably be the same?

The answer is that the Roman Hierarchy is in the tightest spot it was ever in. Actually the living representative of the Devil, the Hierarchy has falsely claimed to represent Jehovah, the true and living God, and has twisted and distorted the Word of God, and has manufactured



The Shrine of the Little Bigot

history and told lies innumerable to make its claims seem plausible to the uninformed.

If the Roman Hierarchy had any confidence whatever in the truth of its position it would be the first to accept repeated challenges which Judge Rutherford has made to the religious leaders of "Christendom" to publicly debate with him the questions at issue and which questions can be settled only by an appeal to the Scriptures.

"Rutherford is preparing the soil for Communism." Mr. Felix knows that that is a deliberate lie on his part. He has read Rutherford's books, particularly his book *Government*, in which he makes the statement that Communism can never succeed, but that only God's kingdom under Christ Jesus can bring about the relief and comfort which the people so much desire and need.

"Their Might Hath Failed"—Jeremiah 51: 30

Not only has the Roman Hierarchy flatly refused to comply with the request of 2,630,000 Americans, many of them Catholics, that such a debate be held, but now when Judge Rutherford has presented to the public in the booklets *Uncovered* and *Protection* the truth regarding the Roman Hierarchy, the agents of the Hierarchy resort to smallness of soul, meanness and contemptibleness to a degree which only the Hierarchy can attain by seeking to accuse Judge Rutherford of falsely appropriating to himself the title Judge.

Friends of Judge Rutherford well know, not only that this title was bestowed upon Judge Rutherford for the service which he rendered in Missouri, and which the N.C.W.C. has to admit that he did render, but that it was his friends, and not himself, that applied this title to him, using it, properly, to the glory of God and not of man. Judge Rutherford never speaks of himself as Judge, and has never claimed any credit for being so called.

It should be carefully noted that Judge Rutherford never strutted around with a three-story crown on his head, or claimed for himself the title "Reverend", "Very Reverend," "Right Reverend," "Most Reverend," or the following titles which have been manufactured for the pope entirely without any Scriptural authority or any support in reason or common sense, by the most conceited, arrogant, pompous pretenders that ever lived upon the face of the earth:

The Climax of Blasphemy

Most Divine of All Heads
Holy Father of Fathers
Pontiff Supreme over all Prelates
Overseer of the Christian Religion
The Chief Pastor—Pastor of Pastors
Christ by Unction
Abraham by Patriarchate
Melchisedec in Order
Moses in Authority
Samuel in the Judicial Office
High Priest, Supreme Bishop
Prince of Bishops
Heir of the Apostles; Peter in Power
Key-bearer of the Kingdom of Heaven
Pontiff Appointed with Plenitude of Power
Vicar of Christ
Sovereign Priest
Head of all the Holy Churches
Chief of the Universal Church
Bishop of Bishops, that is, Sovereign Pontiff
Ruler of the House of the Lord
Apostolic Lord and Father of Fathers
Chief Pastor and Teacher
Physician of Souls
Rock against which the proud gates of hell prevail not
Infallible Pope
Head of all the Holy Priests of God

After this partial list of titles it might be just as well for the Roman Hierarchy to pipe down in their efforts to prove that Judge Rutherford is not entitled to the title which his fellow lawyers in Missouri bestowed upon him.

Getting right down to brass tacks, both Judge Rutherford and the Roman Hierarchy stand before the great Judge of all the earth, the Lord Jesus Christ, who is acting for and in behalf of the Supreme Judge, Jehovah God. What does it matter whether Judge Rutherford, given his title by his fellow lawyers, uses it or, as the National Catholic Welfare Conference seeks to infer, he should not use it?

Thoroughly familiar with the Scriptures, Judge Rutherford would be one of the first to say to the Roman Hierarchy in a matter of this kind, "It is a very small thing that I should be judged of you." (1 Corinthians 4:3) But it is a very important thing that the Roman Hierarchy, brought before the judgment bar of God for its dreadful and immeasurable blasphemies, stands silent and ashamed in the presence of Him who has foretold in the Scriptures the impending destruction of the Devil and of the Devil's religion.

Lay Aside the Title

Lay aside the title Judge if that would please you better. It is wholly immaterial so far as the issue is concerned. Let us call him only Rutherford. Felix would create the impression that Rutherford has committed a great wrong because he served lawfully as a special judge of the Circuit Court of Missouri, elected to that position as the law provides.

Felix well knows that Rutherford wronged no one by reason of the fact that others continue to speak of him as Judge Rutherford. He must have been an honorable member of the legal profession; otherwise his fellow lawyers would not have placed him on the bench even temporarily.

Now compare that with Felix's own record, which he cannot deny and for which he has neither excuse nor justification. He poses before the people as "Father Felix" and yet he has no legitimate children, having never been married. What other children he has is not disclosed, and therefore he is not entitled to be called "Father".

The title that Felix assumes is misleading, to say the least of it. But, furthermore, he takes the title "Father" and advertises himself as such as though the Lord authorized him to be so called, and thereby willingly and deliberately violates the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom he claims to serve. Jesus commanded in these words, 'Call no man father upon the earth.'—Matthew 23:9.

A Direct Violation

Felix therefore falsely and in violation of the Divine law assumes and uses the title "Father", and by the use thereof he is enabled to fraudulently carry on his racket, by which he collects money from the gullible people upon the pretext that he as a clergyman can pray for

their dead friends who he says are in "purgatory" and thereby shorten the duration of their 'conscious suffering' in "purgatory"; and by this means he collects and receives money, he well knowing all the time that no such place as "purgatory" exists or ever did exist.

There is not one scripture in the Bible that

supports the "purgatory" theory. It is purely a man-made invention, and all the scriptures touching on the condition of the dead pointedly declare that they are unconscious in the grave, not knowing anything, not suffering any kind of punishment or pain, and that only the Lord Jesus by the grace of Jehovah God can bring them out, and that He will do so without Roman Catholic prayers and without the contribution of money.

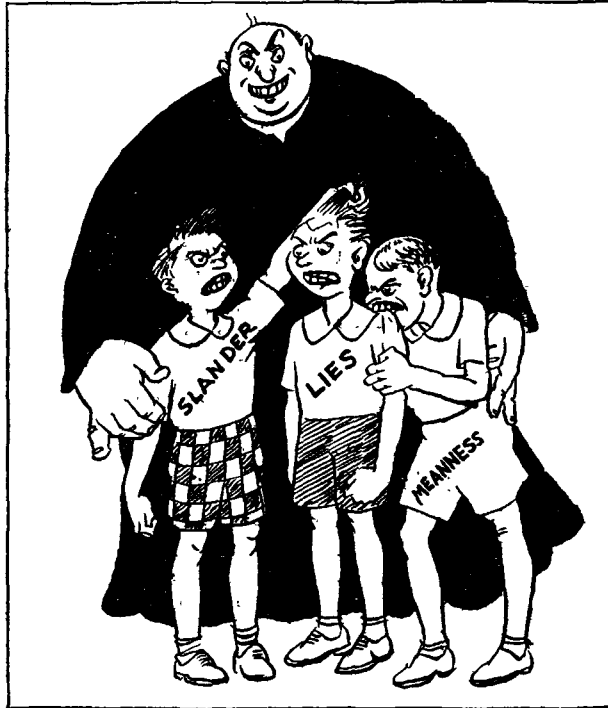
By the use of his title Felix is working a fraud upon the people and actually obtaining

money by fraud and false pretenses; and under the laws of Missouri, where he resides, the obtaining of money under false pretense is a crime punishable by a long term in prison.

Why Lie About the "Convict" Claim?

Felix has the audacity to charge Rutherford as being an ex-convict, when he well knows that that is not the truth. The following are the facts well known to him and many of the Catholic clergymen:

During the World War a general of the United States Army visited Rutherford and demanded that he direct young men that were his fellow Christians to take active service in the army and violate God's commandment by killing their fellow men. Rutherford refused to do so, saying to the general that every one of the young men must determine for himself what to do; that he had no authority to command them to go to war, and would not do so.



Felix calls himself "father"; the world will bear witness to this photo of his children

That statement angered the general, who then, in the presence of several witnesses, used these words:

A company of clergymen recently met in Philadelphia and unanimously passed a resolution which was sent to the attorney general's office by special committee of their number, demanding that the Espionage Law be amended so as to make the trial by court martial and the punishment death, and that was done to get you [meaning Rutherford]. Such an amendment was offered in the United States Senate and President Wilson advised against its enactment and it was not enacted. We know, however, how to get you anyhow, and we are going to get you.

To that statement Rutherford replied, "You know where to find me. I shall not violate God's law to please men." Within a short time thereafter he was arrested and put on trial, charged with violation of the Espionage Law.

A Prostitution of Justice

Perjured testimony was brought before the court, Catholic priests attended the trial and consulted frequently with prosecuting officers. A book was introduced in evidence, upon which his conviction was asked, which book was not written by him. A prejudiced judge committed many errors in directing the jury what to do. An adverse verdict was rendered. That judge sentenced Rutherford to eighty years in prison and then denied him bail bond upon any terms.

Application was made to the Court of Appeals, and a Catholic judge, Manton, refused bail. Application was made to the Supreme Court of the United States for bail bond. During all that time Rutherford was held in prison. Chief Justice Holmes heard the application, and readily granted bond and ordered the release of Rutherford from prison.

He was certainly not a convict pending the

appeal which was taken immediately following the trial. He being released on bond, the Government voluntarily dismissed the case. Therefore Rutherford's record stands as clear as any man's on earth.

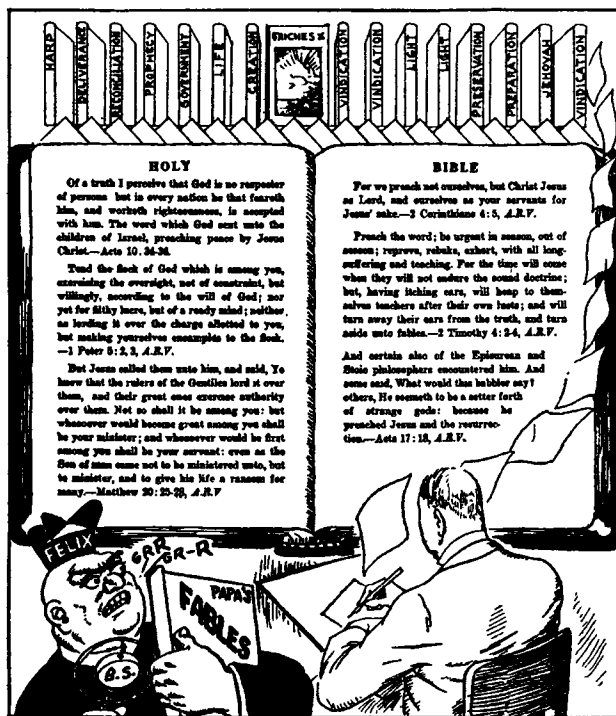
Felix, however, would make the people believe otherwise, in order to prevent some of them from reading an explanation of God's Word. He will be reminded that the Bible shows that every one of God's faithful witnesses from the time of Abraham to John the Baptist was persecuted by religionists and thrown into prison on false charges and then the Lord himself was maliciously and foully charged with sedition, convicted and executed. Likewise His apostles suffered punishment, and in every instance the religious clergy, such as Felix claims to be, backed up and forced the prosecution.

Rutherford was an honorable lawyer in Missouri who saw the corruption and wickedness amongst the clergymen. He began to study the Bible and saw that God has a provision for establishing a righteous government in which clergymen shall have no part. He quit the law practice and has since devoted himself to explaining the Bible to the people, and that without money and without price.

No Man Has Helped the People More

There is no man on earth today who has done more to help the people understand the Bible than Rutherford, and the only people that oppose the work that he and his fellow Christians are doing are such men as Felix, and yet Felix claims to be a Christian.

Any honest man comparing the record of Felix and Rutherford surely would turn away



Felix busy proving to the world that the Hierarchy has no use for a real Christian

from Felix as he would from an animal that raises a stink to the treetops.

Why does Felix get so angry because Rutherford publishes the truth? He cannot find a single instance in which Rutherford has ever attacked any clergyman personally. In his publications he has not even named any clergymen, but merely called attention to the wrongful practices of a religious system which is deceiving the people.

Mr. Felix shows that he has read the books that Rutherford has written, and from them he has necessarily read the scriptures which show that the present time is the judgment day when Christ Jesus is judging particularly the men who claim to serve Him and Jehovah God. From what is published in those books Mr. Felix must clearly see that the statement of Jesus is true, that "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out".—Luke 13: 28.

Mr. Felix knows the Scriptures clearly teach that faithful men such as Abraham and the other prophets will be in the Kingdom as the representatives of Christ Jesus on earth and no Catholic priest will have any part therein, but be cast out, and, because these and similar truths are proclaimed today, he becomes angry and gnashes his teeth and advises that those who tell the truth should be destroyed.

Not only is Felix doing violence to his fellow men who have been led to trust him as a preacher, but he is keeping some of them from gaining a knowledge of God's gracious provision for them, and is sealing his everlasting doom.

Felix Has No Way to Answer

Mr. Felix sees and admits that millions of people from every country and clime are accepting the truth as published in the Bible and as explained in Rutherford's books, and this makes him and the rest of the Hierarchy extremely angry. Felix has no way by which he

can answer these truths, and there is nothing that Mr. Felix can do but try to besmirch the one who is telling them. That, however, does not at all affect the truth of his books and the truth of God's Word in any manner.

In times past God has used even a jackass to proclaim His truth, and a jackass is much preferable to be used than a man like Felix, who insists upon the people's violating God's law and blaspheming His holy name.

Mr. Felix knows that there is not a Catholic priest in America that has the moral courage to stand before the people and defend the false doctrines that his organization teaches the people (and by which he obtains their money), such false doctrines as "purgatory", "the trinity," "images," "immortality of the soul," "holy water," and so forth. The honest people of the world are getting their eyes opened, and this is spoiling his pasture.—Jeremiah 25: 34-36.

For that reason Felix is howling, just as the Lord said he would howl. Even his howling days are near at an end, because the Lord will clear the earth of every wicked and blasphemous thing and establish His righteous government under Christ Jesus, where all honest and sincere people may dwell together in peace and enjoy liberty and life everlasting. And where will he and his fellow slanderers be then? Jesus answers, at Matthew 23: 33, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell [*Gehenna* (Greek)]?"

Felix and his fellow priests advise their followers to resort to violence and commit murder. One of them recently said concerning Rutherford, 'We would like to impale him on iron tongs,' and yet these are the men who claim to represent Christ Jesus, and expect honest people to believe it. Such slanderers and libelous priests not only would have Rutherford in prison again if they could, but would have him murdered immediately, except for the protection which the Almighty God furnishes in his behalf.

Fascist Tortures in the Dodecanese

THE Greeks of the Dodecanese islands, occupied by the Italians in 1912, are very much in earnest in their desire to get out from under Italian rule. The Dodecanesian League of America publishes some of the reasons, in each

instance referring to specific treatment of prisoners who are named, as follows:

To compel them to testify, the Italians refused to give them either food or water for days, while at the same time they were striking them

brutally, and every day. Sleep was kept from their suffering eyes by means of needles with which the Italians were puncturing the eyelids of these unlucky creatures. . . . The extraction of the nails of hands and feet with the use of pincers. . . . There the captain of the carabinieri, Gracciani, thrust his finger into the eye of D. Fantenou, and pulled it out. . . . His

throat was twisted to such a degree that his larynx was destroyed. Now he breathes with the aid of a tube. . . . One by one the hairs of their mustaches and eyebrows were extracted, their feet placed in boiling water, and their soles were cut into by means of razors. . . . The younger of them died from gangrenous infection.

"Communism"—the Devil's Route to Fascism (Part 2)

THAT Bible Students have nothing whatever to do with Anarchism, Communism or Bolshevism, the following facts fully substantiate:

With the aid of a Catholic priest by the name of Dr. E. Gorski, a judge in Poland, Zygmund Wolski, compiled a brochure entitled "Anarchistic Tendencies of Bible Students". This brochure was based upon a defamatory article regarding the Bible Students under the title "Bolshevistic Plagues" and which had been published in the largest polish newspaper, the *Illustrowany Kurjer Codzienny*. The manager of the branch of the Bible Students in Poland, Wm. Schneider, in Lodz, sued the responsible editor for libel. The Court fined the editor zl.200 and, in addition, made him pay the costs of court, zl.110.

In summing up its arguments the Court pointed out that the editor was guilty of libel against the Bible Students, setting forth that in a certain Bible Students' meeting purely religious topics were being discussed, including those of a social character in harmony with Christian Idealism. With this verdict the basic charges of the Gorski pamphlet were ruled out.

Of special interest therefore are the conclusions arrived at by the Catholic Church paper, *Gazeta Koscielna* No. 21, of May 21, 1933, in

commenting on the above-mentioned pamphlet:

It follows therefore that these SECTARIANS cannot be classed in with Communism, for the Bible Students are themselves also opposed to it. In quoting citations from their publications, we must not ignore those which EXPRESSLY declare that neither Communism nor anarchy can bring happiness to humanity, but that a government based upon a THEOCRATIC foundation is necessary to assure a guaranty of peace and happiness. Hence there is a great GULF between Bible Students and Communism.

Because the Catholic bishop of Sandomierz took exception to this truthful and matter-of-fact verdict, the editor of this article, for his own justification, added:

I hope to be understood in the sense that I do NOT take the position of a defender for the Bible Students, neither does the

Gazeta Koscielna become their champion; for it is one thing to defend the IDEA of a sect, and quite another thing to furnish proof that said sect does not advocate such an idea. Since I am familiar with both the IDEA as well as the SPIRIT of this sect, I herewith declare that the State may rest absolutely at peace from this quarter; because Bible Students will not assume an aggressive character against the State.

The accusations therefore, raised by several clerics, are without any foundation whatsoever. It merely seems that way to us, because, accustomed as we are to observing the indifference of the majority of Cath-



An old European bawd takes out naturalization papers
(Beauty is only skin deep)

olies, we lose sight of the JOY of LIVING SACRIFICE on the part of Bible Students for their propaganda purposes. And we also note that any efforts toward vilifying this sect not only bear no good fruit, but, what is more, are entirely foreign and diametrically opposed and harmful to the IDEA of the Catholic Church. We pay no attention to the fact that the use of UN-ETHICAL methods indicates a LACK of spiritual power and by this means we are turning THOUSANDS of sensitive souls AWAY from the Church. It is about time that champions of the truth cease their abuse in their conflict with their opponents, by teaching, not only from their pulpits, but also in very deed, that SUCH ALSO WE MUST LOVE.

The Conspiracy Against America

The conspiracy against America is very well set forth in the following dispatch from Seattle, May 29, to the Portland (Oreg.) *Sunday Journal* of the following day's date. It remains only to add that this conspiracy is state-wide and world-wide, extending wherever the Roman Catholic Hierarchy reaches. The plans are unpatriotic, treasonable, shameless and Fascist.

A new organization that promises to exert a profound influence in local politics is being quietly formed in Seattle and may eventually expand throughout the state. Its purpose is to combat Communism wherever it is found and by whatever method may be necessary. In other words, it is prepared to get tough.

The organization began in the Knights of Columbus within the past few days and found ready support among members of the American Legion. Already some Protestant clergymen have been interested, together with some prominent Jews. The idea is to make it non-sectarian, non-partisan and aggressively pro-American.

The plan of organization, so far carefully guarded and not yet completed, calls for a general federation of groups and individuals aroused by the continued encroachments of radicalism. Inside this, however, will be a core of active men who will actually conduct the campaign and carry out the battle plans and strategy of an executive committee of 12. The identity

of the executive committee may be shielded, according to present plans. It will represent the various elements allied in the fight.

As they are shaping up, the methods of the new organization will be a combination of Vigilantes, the Secret Six of Chicago fame and the Daughters of the American Revolution. They will carry the flag with a mailed fist.

The first open step will probably be a combination membership drive and educational campaign to advise the public of the new association and its intentions. Then it will turn actively to the business of making things uncomfortable for Communists. Public officials openly allied with the reds or those who have been sympathetic to their program will come in for attention. So will public school and university teachers who have been skirting the rim of Communism in their classrooms.

Red labor agitators are slated for specific action. In fact, there will be lots of action in lots of places if plans mature the way they are laid, because the organizers plan to have plenty of manpower ready for emergencies.

The President Knows What Is Going On

The president knows well enough what is going on, but he is not

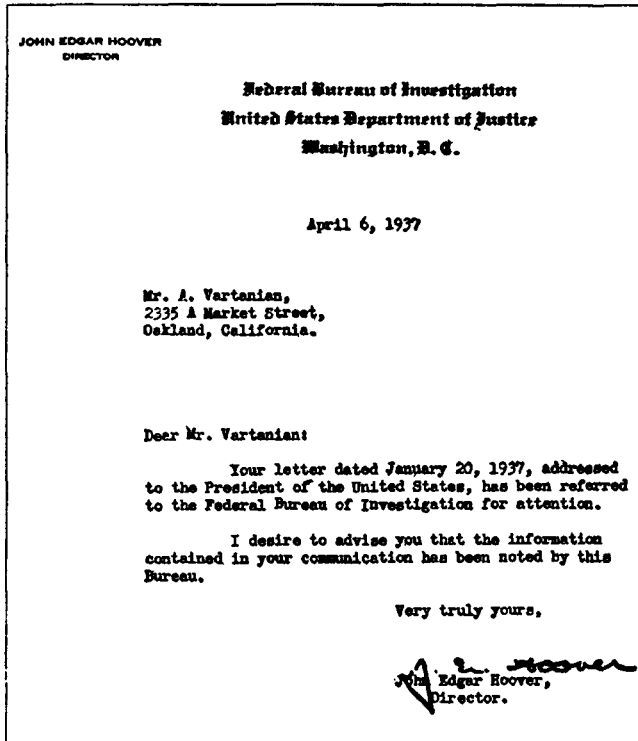
interested in the preservation of America. What he wants is Fascism, like the beautiful (?) arrangements in Italy, Austria, Germany and elsewhere. Among the many papers served on him on this subject was the following interesting letter by Mr. Vartanian. See acknowledgment herewith by Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, of the Department of Justice.

Oakland, Calif.
Jan. 20, 1937

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR PRESIDENT:

I admire the step you have taken to see that a reward from federal funds will be made available to anyone who will give information regarding the kidnapping of



the Mattison child. An example that should be followed by all governors in this most shocking case.

But do you realize, Mr. President, that there are other cases of violence to American justice that are just as unlawful and from a different angle just as much an expression of violence as this kidnaping? I refer to the ungodly, unlawful, inhuman, and fanatical violence of that bigoted sect, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, especially in the state of New Jersey and elsewhere. These people acting thru their allied political tools, rulers who do not love true American standards, even in their bigotry inflict punishment upon helpless school children who dare to love their God as well as their country. And, too, consider their cruel and relentless war against those who dare to preach true Christianity instead of some creedal brand of religion.

Millions have several times signed Protests and Petitions which have been presented to those in authority so that a check might be made on this Fascist foreign influence in American life. So far it seems the wishes of these true Americans with the free spirit of their ancestors and their love of the true and living God have been disregarded and their efforts seem to be fruitless. Men in responsible positions remain silent on this fundamental issue. Why? Does some superpower silence the voices of real American statesmen? If so, why?

The Congress of the United States have also a great responsibility to both God and man, yet they show no vision of the will of Jehovah God expressed in the Holy Scriptures; for if they did they would not for a moment leave unchallenged the unfair and intolerant actions of the Roman Hierarchy. Shall they be permitted to control American politics as they have those of Spain and other nations, to the same disastrous end?

Why are laws allowed to be passed and enforced that are contrary to the Constitution of this free nation, and of a foreign, Fascist nature? Why are true Christian people persecuted and denied their God-given rights in a land of liberty?

As a national leader you have a responsibility to show kindness, and protect the rights of Jehovah's

people (Matthew 25th chapter), and by so doing manifest your respect and reverence for the King of Eternity. You can do your share to see that these people are 'let go, that they may worship and serve Jehovah' as commanded by Him, in a free and unmolested manner. I have no desire to fight with any religionist leader in any carnal way, but I do speak in the name of Jehovah and His Son, Jesus Christ, whom I follow gladly and in His name call your attention to your responsibility to Him as well as your responsibility towards His human creatures. Kidnaping is a terrible crime and should be severely punished, but so should others

be punished for kidnaping the rights of others and doing violence (often actual and physical) to inoffensive Christians.

Sincerely, a former Catholic but now a servant of JEHOVAH GOD and His kingdom,

A. VARTANIAN.

As in Germany, So in America

As Germany was ruined by the Swastika, the illegal Brown Shirts, and the ex-soldiers, so America may be ruined by waving the stars and stripes, while the Knights of Columbus and the American (?) Legion do the dirty work. Jehovah's wit-

nesses know just how it is done; they have seen the team at work. In Germany the courts act like so many schoolboys, doing what they are told. Is that to be the rule in America?

The common idea is that when a man puts on a black robe, takes his place on the bench, and starts to hand down decisions, decrees and rulings, he is of higher quality than ordinary clay. He appears to speak from Olympian heights and his sayings are supposed to be truth, verity and logic. It's only a supposition, however. The judicial boys are human, like the rest of us. They make mistakes. They are swayed by prejudice, passion and their own philosophy of life, just like the ordinary fry.

Almost two years ago little Carleton Nichols



When the strumpet blows her trumpet,
cowards hasten to man the battlements

of Lynn, Massachusetts, horrified the Daughters of the American Revolution, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Ku Klux Klan, Silver Shirts, White Shirts, Gray Shirts, Khaki Shirts and other superheated devotees of nationalistic religion by actually refusing to lift his hand in salute to the flag. The Associated Press joined the resulting clamor and in a short space of time Carleton and over a hundred others were kicked out of the public schools and told to get their education out of the atmosphere.

In this period a number of cases have been entered in the courts to determine the right of a child to attend the public schools and be free to obey the laws of Almighty God. Now some of the courts have spoken—and how!

Decision Contrary to Stipulation and Agreement

The New Jersey Supreme Court said that the giving of the salute was not in conflict with the religious beliefs of the children. And that, dearly beloveds, is peculiar, because in that case all the parties stipulated and agreed, and wrote it into the record, that the children could not salute the flag because it contravened their Christian beliefs. The Supreme Court did not like the facts; so it amended the facts to fit its decision.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, after considering the matter for one year and three months, decided that the compulsory flag salute didn't interfere with freedom of worship. The court also agreed that the boy was telling the truth when he said that he couldn't salute the flag because "it was not the flag of God". Yet it solemnly rules that the salute does not infringe the boy's rights of conscience.

The Washington County (Pennsylvania) Common Pleas Court took about a year to think about it and hatched out some new ideas. The

court ruled that the only thing secured to the people under the constitution in the line of religious freedom was freedom of conscience. You can believe anything you want to, but if your belief collides with a law it's too bad for the belief. If the state should enact a law requiring you to doff your hat and kiss the large digit on the right foot of each priest you meet, you wouldn't lose any religious freedom. You would have to give the big toe a royal smack, but your conscience would be free to think all kinds of

lurid things about it. This court further held that the refusal of school children to salute the flag was "in violation of their social duties and subversive of good order". It's going to be tough on Pennsylvania school kids to be kicked out of school every time they slip up on a social duty.

Real Judges Here and There

Chief Justice Brownson of this Pennsylvania court did not agree with his judicial colleagues. Here is what he had to say about it:

I would say that if any of the children should honestly and sincerely entertain religious scruples against taking such a pledge, I question whether they ought to be compelled thus to violate their consciences, even if such scruples be deemed unreasonable. No good purpose is subserved thereby. To compel them to utter a personal pledge which they cannot give from the heart, because they conscientiously believe it a violation of their duty to God, is to inculcate hypocrisy, and to weaken the conception and sense of supremacy of conscience, not only in themselves, but among others. There are, it is true, some things which the law may properly command a man to do, or refrain from doing, even against the dictates of conscience, but those are things touching and involving the safety and welfare of society or the rights of his fellow citizens, and they come under the doctrine "*Salus populi est suprema lex*". I am unable to see that the safety and welfare of the country and its people will be en-



All aboard for the last trip

dangered by the fact that a few school children may be unwilling, in consequence of their conscientiously held religious tenets, to join with others in uttering a prescribed form of an express pledge of allegiance, or that forcing them thus to play the hypocrite will in any way benefit the country. . . . [To stand mute] wouldn't hurt the flag.

Judge Peter J. Shields, of the Superior Court of Sacramento, California, in a similar case holds that the school child may have the right to attend school even though he does fail to perform his "social duty" of saluting the flag. Judge Shields states:

We are not to be the judges of the reasonableness of another's beliefs, nor the merits of his religious convictions. The Constitution says that we may exercise our religious convictions without discrimination or preference.

The Georgia Supreme Court did well at pronouncing the solemn rulings involving freedom of worship and then heaving them into the ash can. The court called attention to the fact that Georgia children have a constitutional right to attend the public schools. It quoted citations pronouncing the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience, and that no human authority could of right interfere with it. Then the court proceeded to remove both such rights from Dorothy Leoles, who believed in the inherent right to worship God without bowing down to the national image. It decided she could not worship God "in spirit and in truth" if she attended the public schools of Georgia and that the compulsory flag salute just didn't interfere with her freedom of worship. And the proud motto of the State of Georgia is, "Wisdom, Justice, Moderation." Phooey!

The Workmanship of Master Bunglers

Isn't it wonderful how the courts can muddy up a simple, clear-cut proposition? Religious freedom means the right to believe, and the right to act in accordance with the belief. Apply ordinary reasoning (not the judicial variety) to the proposition, without taking a year or two to make it difficult, and what have you? The school child has the right to believe that a salute to the flag is a violation of God's law. He has the right to act in accordance with such belief, which means he has the right to refuse to salute the flag. But that is too simple and easy for those who wear the ermine. When they get through you have all these contradictions:

It doesn't violate the rights of conscience.

It does violate the rights of conscience.

It won't hurt the flag.

It is subversive of the social order.

It is violative of a social duty.

We cannot decide another person's religious beliefs.

The flag salute has nothing to do with a religious belief.

So, there you are. Consistency, truth and logic fly out of the window when the devotees of the flag-salutin' religion endeavor to justify their position. Justice receives a kick in the slats, and Ambrose improves in health. And the people still believe that Christianity is free in America.

All Set to Grab the Government

The people at Washington who have sworn to preserve and protect the Government are all set to grab it the day the United States enters a war, and it is easy enough to get into a war.

The Morgan gang were so absolutely sure that they could force the United States into the World War that two representatives of that buccaneering outfit, Sharp and Bacon, waited on Gabriel Hanotaux, France's wartime minister of foreign affairs, in company with the late Myron T. Herriek, United States ambassador to France, and solemnly guaranteed to put the United States into the war on the side of the Morgan financial interests, if France, which was then licked, would stay in the war.

Did they keep their word? You ought to know that they did, and that the mandate of the American people to Mr. Wilson to keep out of the war had no more weight with that gentleman than the morning dew has on the hide of the rhinoceros. Hanotaux gave it all away in his Memoirs. And the purchased American newspapers delivered the Morgan goods.

But now about grabbing the Government outright, and having in America this bastard form of tyranny styled Fascism, more properly designated Catholic Action. It will all be done, if nothing comes up to prevent it, just as easily as the pirate Sir Henry John Morgan ever sacked a city. The army and navy have the plans all worked out.

The day war is declared the powers of the military dictatorship which will then be declared give the president absolute powers, covering everything. He will fix prices, rates and wages and can immediately suppress any newspaper, printing press, publishing firm, or any other business or any individual in a position to influence or appeal to public opinion.

Warm times ahead, boys and girls! Take your choice: Jehovah or the Devil! "Choose you this day whom ye will serve!" Choose life, that you may LIVE.

One of President Roosevelt's secretaries is Miss Grace G. Tully, who was secretary to Cardinal Hayes of New York for ten years before the campaign of 1928, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected governor of New York, at which time she began to work for him. President Roosevelt betrays no prejudice against Catholics. Some of his closest and most confidential collaborators are subjects of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy.

Another of his Roman Catholic secretaries, Miss Grace Le Hand, was recently given the degree of LL.D. It was conferred in the White House, with the president of the United States sitting beside two nuns, shown in a picture blazoned all over the United States.

Putting It Up to Dickstein

Noticing that Representative Samuel Dickstein, of New York city, stated in Washington that there are 800 "Hate" organizations in the United States, Harry Piatt of New Jersey suggested in a letter to him that it is just possible there is an organization in the United States that would find pleasure in applying that epithet to any and every body of people in the country that might be interested in the subject of preserving their liberties and that of others:

The situation in Italy, Germany and Spain should furnish a definite clue as to the organization which you may expect to find interested in the strangulation of liberty in this country. In both Italy and Germany the Jew is severely persecuted and every Christian who holds a belief differing from that of the State religion is likely to be thrown into a detention camp or a dungeon where he will be starved or beaten in an attempt to force him to change his belief. This same condition has recently evidenced itself in this country also. In Spain, where a popular government is or was in power and a State religion forced out, a revolution is now in full swing in an attempt to force out by violence the government of the people's choice and jam down their throats the State religion which they by the ballot have vomited up.

Everyone with an iota of intelligence knows that the mother of the twins Fascism and Nazism is the Roman Catholic Hierarchy. Also, every such person knows that the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and her twins do not thrive well where democracy, education and truth have free way. This subtle organization by deceptive influence over finance, commerce and poli-

tics has set out to undermine this government, and thus far, unhindered, has made a pretty good job of it. Laws have been enacted which make it a misdemeanor if you dare open your mouth to reveal insidiousness of this, the incubator of all "hate organizations". Boycott has been openly advocated by the Hierarchy against commercial organizations which rent radio facilities. Bodily injury and death has been threatened time and again by agents of this organization against anyone who would dare reveal its wicked activities.

Where is the public-spirited and constitutionally conscious statesman? What! With flagrant defiance of the bill of rights and basic tenets of this government flung so brazenly in their faces, and not a voice is raised in protest which can be heard above a whisper.

Men, women and children, highly respectable, are thrown into filthy jails in various parts of this country because they preach the gospel of God's kingdom and it is highly distasteful to the Hierarchy.

Full information concerning the above-cited facts can be furnished if you desire it.

The Mussolini-Hitler Brand of Anarchy

THE cat is now well out of the bag that the Roman Hierarchy and its K. of C. strong-arm squad are out and out for Fascism, which is the opposite of democracy. The new emblem of the K. of C. which every member of the order is urged to wear, has the Fascist emblem as its central feature. The cross is tipped to one side to bring this more prominently to the fore.

In an address at Providence, Rhode Island, the Most Reverend Francis P. Keogh said, "Should it develop into a fight between Communism and Fascism, we'll take Fascism, because the Fascists have a god." Why, sure he would! and so would every other bishop. This sentence, in one form or another, has been in so many addresses of Roman prelates in the past year that it may as well stand in type, and be run in every address they give. The Fascists have a god; of course, they have. It is the same god Jesus and the apostle spoke about, the god of this world, the Devil, whose personal representative on this earth is the pope.

Bishop Joseph Schrembs, of Cleveland, Ohio, in endorsing Father Coughlin and Fascism puts the two together in this fashion:

Father Coughlin wants some protection for the laboring classes and their families. Fascism has now given it to Italian workmen. If American capitalists were not so shortsighted they would also advance in order to save their country from Communism.

The Hierarchy has not a particle of respect

for the United States flag, or any other flag, except as a convenient way of clubbing its way into power.

The *Saturday Evening Post*, in its issue of December 12, 1936, republished from the European Picture Service of the Paul Thompson Photos a picture of seven men on a reviewing stand in Trenton when the national flag went

by. Governor (later President) Wilson, and all the men but one, had their hats off when the flag went by. Joseph Tumulty, President Wilson's Roman Catholic secretary, kept his hat squarely on his head and did not even touch its brim. A correspondent wants to know what was the matter with Tumulty's hat. It is easy enough. At that time he was acting as he really felt.

The Greatest Disgrace in History

NOTHING in history ever equaled the great disgrace to which the Roman Catholic organization is exposed by what is happening in Germany. White with rage, Dr. Joseph Goebbels, German minister of propaganda, said of the public trials for corruption of youths by Roman Catholic priests and lay brothers:

The situation in Germany is not a case of individual acts, but of a general decadence of morals more shocking than anything that can be observed in the entire history of humanity. If you ask why trials of similar offenders in other walks of life are not public, I reply, because no other calling or profession hitherto has presumed to condone such swinish conduct, and because in no other calling has immorality been so rampant as among those under discussion.

In every case the Church has sought to protect the accused, obscure their offenses and either transfer them to some other monastery or smuggle them abroad in order that they might escape the arm of the law. In full knowledge of all that has happened in this connection and of all that has come to my notice through examination of records, I desire to state that the magnitude of these monstrous offenses cannot be communicated to the German people to their full extent. This cesspool is so abysmal that every person who had an opportunity to attend only one of these trials would be imbued with immeasurable wrath and holy anger. For there can today unfortunately be no doubt that even with the thousands upon thousands of cases that have come to the knowledge of justice, these are only a fraction of the real extent of this moral chaos and only a symptom of the whole.

The seduced victims were rewarded for compliance with the wishes of sexual criminals by gifts and pictures of the saints. After their defilement, the sign of the cross was made on the youths and blessings shed on them. No place sacred to the faithful remained free from desecration by criminals in the garb of priests. These unnatural practices were carried on behind the altar, between communion and confession. Certain priests exacted obedience from youths by telling them that such relation with a priest is no sin.

Those who have been found out should not call on

God. God's mercy is not for such people. No one can sink that deep without having lost all relations with Almighty God.

I speak here as a German National Socialist, as the father of a family whose most valuable personal earthly possessions are his four children, whose education he must entrust to public instruction when they reach the proper age. As such I can understand the feelings of those parents who have seen their children, their most precious possession, delivered to bestial and unscrupulous defilers of youth. I believe too that I speak in the name of thousands of German parents who think with fear and disgust that their own innocent children might sometime be morally and physically corrupted in this way by conscienceless seducers.

It is therefore very unwise and demonstrates the complete panic of these circles, which find themselves exposed, when they attempt to throw doubt upon the reports of the trials by appealing to the uninformed outside world.

Experienced in Care of Feeble-Minded

EVERY American must have noticed the frequency with which public charges of all kinds are placed in Roman Catholic institutions. The government aid for their upkeep is an important source of Roman Catholic revenue. Now about the caretakers in such institutions! If they run short they know where to get them. Here, for instance, is Brother Friedrich of the Waldbreitbach Franciscans, at Oberbruchanau, Germany. Just at present he is nominally serving a three-year sentence for offenses against six feeble-minded and insane patients in his care, but no doubt he can be released and shipped to the United States right away under one of the Jesuit-forged passports, if he is really needed. Another bird that got four years is Brother Januarius of the Montabaur Brothers of Charity: thirteen boys under 18 appeared against him. Nice kind of caretaker for boys, eh? what?

Fine Papers and Clothing from Pines

DR. CHARLES H. HERTY, who several years ago perfected a process for making newsprint paper from Southern pine trees, has made another important discovery which undoubtedly will have an effect on the making of papers. According to an announcement made by the pulp and paper laboratory located in Savannah, Georgia, Doctor Herty has been seeking a way to make book and bond papers, also clothing, from the pine trees in the huge forests of the South. His research and experiments resulted in his discovery of fat in the woody part of the trees, also an easy as well as inexpensive method for extracting it. This discovery of the fat in the trees, it is said, will make the trees of the South immediately available for the unlimited manufacture of the finest bond and book papers. Also, if rayon can be made from the trees, the same as it is now made from the Northern spruce, the South has enough pine to clothe the whole world in rayon. Doctor Herty has said the discovery of the fat offers a new industry to the manufacture of newsprint; for he found the same fat in spruce trees, from which the world's present supply of newsprint, also most of its white paper, is made.

A New Invention in Photography

A NEW invention in photography is a cream spread over photographic films, plates or paper which enables the printing of positives from positives or negatives from negatives without the intermediate processes and expenses heretofore necessary. The discovery was an accident. It will be of great advantage in making blueprints and photostatic copies of documents.

Cornstalk Boards

THE new cornstalk boards, made by soaking cornstalks and then pressing them at 300 degrees Fahrenheit and 450 pounds to the square inch, results in a grainless product for which there may be a big future. The material is waterproofed by means of resin or paraffin.

Fig Trees Eat Up Palm Trees

IN Guatemala and San Salvador fig trees often eat up palm trees. Birds carry fig seeds to the tops of the palms; they take root, penetrate to the heart of the palm, and finally kill it.

The Automobile Diversion

REFERRING to the automobile diversion from old-line industries, *The American Guardian* calls attention to the fact that in 1907 the country produced 51,000,000 tons of iron ore and built 5,200 miles of new railroad, but in 1934 it produced only 24,000,000 tons of iron ore and built but 33 miles of new railroad. *The Guardian* claims that the gasoline engine has displaced horses and cattle that would have consumed as much agricultural produce as would have been required to feed 40,000,000 persons.

Try This Next Winter

A FRIEND in Chicago says: "This past terrible winter we had much trouble with frost on the wind shield, causing poor vision, until advised to open the wind shield just a little so that the windows would not freeze over. We tried it, and it worked fine."

With an Injector Instead of a Carburetor

WITH an injector instead of a carburetor a Polish inventor living in Switzerland has run a motorcycle first with gasoline, then kerosene, then fuel oil, then alcohol, in quick succession, and even claims that olive oil could be used.

Airex Makes Tires Puncture-Proof

AIREX, a new chemical discovery, applied to inner tubes of automobile tires by a special Airex pressure gun, is said to make automobile tires puncture proof, and will soon be on sale everywhere where automobiles are serviced.

Best Automobiles Receive Eleven Coats

THE best British automobiles receive eleven coats of cellulose. Each coat is baked on before the next is applied, and the result is a car that is practically unscratchable.

Cleaving the Jonker Diamond

THE great Jonker diamond has been cleft, a very delicate and dangerous operation, but a complete success. The 32 stones obtained range in weight all the way from 143 carats for No. 1 stone, insured for \$1,000,000, down to No. 12 stone which weighs only $5\frac{1}{2}$ carats. The No. 1 stone is the third largest cut diamond in the world. It is 37 carats heavier than the Kohinoor.

Exposed

A recorded talk

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by Judge Rutherford

THE word "key", as used in the Scriptures, means the privilege of unlocking, disclosing and making known certain truths concerning the kingdom of heaven. Jesus says that such is the proper meaning of the word as here used. It was the duty of the Jewish priests to make known to the people the contents of the Scriptures. Instead of the commandments of God those clergy substituted the teachings of men, and to them Jesus said: "Ye have taken away the key of knowledge."—Luke 11:52.

It pleased God to withhold the knowledge of the kingdom of heaven and keep it a mystery until after the coming of Christ Jesus, as it is written: 'The mystery [of the kingdom of heaven] which was hidden for ages and generations, but is now made manifest to the saints.' (Colossians 1:26, 27) It was to the saints the apostles that the Lord revealed the fact that the kingdom of heaven consists of Christ Jesus, the chief foundation Rock and Head, together with 144,000 members of His body. (Ephesians 1:20-23; Revelation 7:4) Our Lord did not reveal this to His disciples until after His ascension into heaven. After they received the holy spirit at Pentecost, then they began to understand. Prior to that time even the apostles expected the Lord to set up a kingdom entirely with the people of Israel. Before the ascension of Christ He was with His disciples and "when they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? and he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the holy [spirit] is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth".—Acts 1:6-8.

Jesus spoke the word "keys" in the plural (Matthew 16:19), showing that He meant more than one key. Following the gift of the holy spirit at Pentecost Peter, by the grace of the Lord, was permitted to use the first of these keys by unlocking and making known God's purposes to select from the Jews some of those who should be made members of the kingdom of

heaven. That gospel of Christ Jesus was preached exclusively to the Jews for three and one-half years, and from the Jews the Lord selected a remnant. At the end of that time the Lord handed to Peter the other "key", by which he unlocked and made known to the non-Jews that from amongst them God would select some who should be made members of the kingdom of heaven. This account is stated fully in the tenth chapter of The Acts.

Cornelius, a Gentile, prayed and sought to know the Lord, and the Lord sent him to Peter. And then Cornelius told Peter of a vision and a message that he had received from the Lord. Up to that time Peter did not know the meaning of the second "key" the Lord had given him; but now the Lord revealed to him the meaning thereof, showing how the gospel was to go to the Gentiles as well as the Jews: "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."—Acts 10:34, 35.

The privilege of the kingdom of heaven was then opened to the Gentiles, as well as the Jews. Later Peter so informed his fellow disciples, when he said to them at Jerusalem that God had also visited the Gentiles to take out from them a people for His name. (Acts 15:14) The two "keys" had then been used by Peter to unlock and make known to others the mystery of the kingdom of heaven, that is, that God would take out a "remnant" of the Jews, and some from the Gentiles, who together constitute the heavenly kingdom or church. The use of the "keys" by Peter as he had been commissioned was then and there completed, and no other man could possibly be successor of Peter in doing a work already completed. This conclusively proves that no one succeeded Peter.

But what of the words of Jesus to Peter, "Whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven"? The clear and undoubted meaning thereof is that Jesus promised to confirm the acts of Peter in using the keys and that He did fully confirm and

approve the same. Such confirmation was absolutely necessary because Peter could act only by authority from the Lord. These words' being spoken in connection with the keys show that the Lord agreed to approve what Peter did with

the keys, and not what he should do with reference to other matters. Not one word is said about Peter's having a successor and that his action should be confirmed by the Lord.

(To be continued)

Jehovah's witnesses

Notes from Japan

T NISHINO, Japan, says: Greetings in the name of our King! I am glad to send some news in our service life. We have no talking machine, radio and auto-car, but our eagerness to the Lord's house are large and hot. Every day I push my cycle about 50 kilometers and gain several *Golden Age* subscribers, and put 40 or 50 G.A. in the hands of the people, for we have no other books and booklets. Please remain in your prayer.

For this blessed companionship in the work of the King every reader of *The Golden Age* will be glad, and will also be interested in the following news items sent in by Nishino, which are published just as received:

(1) Cowardly Pastor. One pioneer brother whose former a Japanese Navy officer preaching the Kingdom news by his little boat along the Tone River, late of 1935. One day on his service a policeman arrested him and locked-up for 24 days. The reason is he give some "Golden Ages" to the pastor of 'M' town. By the way, the police chief of 'M' town and the pastor are next-door neighbors. On the case, the brother's wife and their boys does not fear by their faith to the true God.

(2) One Cup of Cold Water Class. There are but few baptized Jonadab class in Japan. Lately there appears many 'one cup of cold water' class over our land and help the witnesses by the Lord's grace. To wit, for example: a police inspector of Yokohama (famous its silk and Fujiyama) give me a fine introduction card to all managers of factorys, works in the prefecture. So I can put *The Golden Age* in the hand of them easily. Others brothers also doing this system of testimony. God will be bless the one cup class in his due time. Matthew 10: 42.

(3) Eight Saints Temple. Mr. Adachi, former Minister of Communication of Japan, built an octagon temple in Yokohama. In its eight alters images about 8 feet long of Christ, Buddah, Koshi, Soeulates, on the other side there are Shotoku-taishi, Kobo, Nichiren, Sinran, the Japanese Buddhist saints. In this hall he held lectures of character development by so called men of distinction and priest. People can not find true salvation. This is the way of Satan prevent men from finding the Kingdom gospel.

(4) The Wholearrests of the Staffs of Omotokys.

In December, 1935, the President Dekuchi and other staffs of Omotokys, one of the heresy Sintoism that has many devotees in Japan and Manchukuo are arrested suddenly by the order of Director of the Police Bureau. The reason is discourteous of Mikado, the emperor of Japan, for Deguchi says, 'I am Messiah.'

A Tilt in the Brazilian Press

(By N. A. Yuille)

THE way that Protestants "protest" in Brazil is shown in the following, translated from *Correio da Noroeste*, a four-page newspaper published in Baurú, a town of the state of São Paulo.

Why I Withdrew from the Independent

Presbyterian Church of Baurú

My desire is to notify the members of the various denominational churches that I withdrew from the church mentioned above because reading the books and booklets of Judge Rutherford in the light of the Bible, which is God's Word, I could perceive how that organization which denominates itself Christian Evangelical exploits the innocents and is far distant from the sacred Scriptures.

ZELINDA PELICANO.

(Two days later)

Independent Presbyterian Church of Baurú

Referring to the declaration of Zelinda Pelicano in this section, I inform all the readers of the *Correio da Noroeste* that the same was expelled from this church as a heretic by the Disciplinary Council held on the 5th of January last and this resolution was published from the pulpit. Unfortunately, those who read the booklets of Rutherford adopt ideas contrary to the divinity of Christ, deny the existence of the Holy Spirit, rebel against the religious organizations and against the organization of the State itself and they become disgruntled and quarrelsome. The Catholics themselves should avoid this demoralizing and unwholesome literature which the agents of this heresy scatter everywhere. May God have mercy on the souls of these unfortunates.

Baurú, 14-10-1936.

LAURO DE QUEIROZ,
Minister of the Gospel.

Labor and Economics

Blamed Strikers for a Family Fight

AT Pekin, Illinois, a woman shot her husband in a family fight, and because the man was engaged in the business of transporting strike-breakers to and from a distillery, word was telegraphed all over the United States that labor organizers had started shooting workmen and it was necessary to declare martial law. After a week the man's brother-in-law shot the same man and killed him, a continuation of the family fight; and then the truth came out that labor was not involved in any way.

A Penny a Day and Board and Room

THE London *Daily Herald* contains a message from Bradford that many girls working in the textile mills receive 18s. a week, out of which they pay 17s. 6d. for board and room. This leaves them a grand total of a penny a day on which to dress, visit the movies, pay carfares, obtain medical attention, visit their parents, support philanthropies, and lay up for a rainy day, preceding burial expenses.

The Great Stay-In Strike in Wales

AT THE great stay-in strike in South Wales the miners stayed down over a week, until all their demands were granted. When the 137 bearded and blackened men of the Dare pit came to the surface, and had bathed and had a cup of coffee, they stopped and burst into song, singing the Doxology. Many had to be removed in ambulances, so weak for want of food and air.

No Private Work in Five Years

IN THE city of Los Angeles, California, are 20,594 family heads now working on WPA projects or supported by the SERA that have been without private employment for over five years. Humanly speaking, these unfortunates have not a chance of EVER getting private work again except by some act of the great Jehovah God.

The Working Population

THE working population in 1929 was 48,000,000; it is now 52,000,000. The total jobless in 1933 was 15,652,887 adult men and women; it is now 11,672,000. In January, 1935, the average work week was 38½ hours; in November, 40½ hours.

Pathetic Poverty of Polish Peasants

THE pathetic poverty of Polish peasants is illustrated by the well-authenticated custom of the head of the home carefully splitting matches in half, so as to make the box last longer. Recently a congress of the peasants met and formulated a demand for a return to democracy in Poland. General Goering of Germany was called in consultation, and three days later, like Rehoboam of old, the dictator Marshal Smigly-Rydz broadcast the news by loud-speakers, and public distribution of dodgers, even on the railway trains, that Poland hereafter would be run as a Nazi state, with himself in the saddle and the Catholic Hierarchy as his side partner.

Remarkable Restraint of French Strikers

IN THE prosecution of their nation-wide strike the French workers manifested remarkable restraint. They illegally occupied the factories of their employers, refusing to leave until their demands were granted, but they harmed nothing. In the big stores they used the counters for beds; all furniture that the stores had for sale was carefully covered with dust covers. When, in one instance, they put posters in the windows, and their attention was called to the fact that stamps should be used on such posters, they sent out and bought the stamps. They won the strike. All France now has a 40-hour week, and vacations with pay.

France Is Sick of Capitalism

FRANCE is sick of capitalism. A resident of Paris writes to Judge Rutherford:

Will you kindly excuse me for taking the liberty to write you? The recent events which France is experiencing at present may completely overthrow the present economic structure. Strikes of a character all but peaceful spontaneously started all over the French territory. Factories, stores and offices are occupied day and night by strikers, spending their time by celebrating merrymaking of all kinds. It is the most extraordinary spectacle I ever saw.

French Barbers Put On Something New

WHEN all France was on strike recently a group of barbers put on something new. They invaded the shop of a female price-cutting barber and refused to leave until she had agreed to their price scale.

Burdick's Bill for a New Currency

USHER L. BURDICK, congressman from North Dakota, has presented in Congress a bill to establish a labor-hour monetary system intended "to stabilize and standardize labor wages, to give labor assurance, to stabilize farm-crop and raw-material prices, to make interest on money illegal, to loan money at cost of service, to provide for a postal check system, and for other purposes". Under the bill the secretary of the treasury would alone be empowered to issue money. The Federal Reserve graft would be at an end; national banks would issue no more currency; the collection of interest would be a misdemeanor; the annual service charge on loans must not exceed one percent per annum. The bill has a lot more sense to it than the arrangement for teaching birth control to sows, by the correspondence method. It has been referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency. You can bet your last shirt that the owners of this country (the bankers) will not let it get any further.

Townsend Plan in Bergenfield

IT IS a pretty good joke on its critics that the Townsend Plan is being tried out in first one town and then another, and wherever it is tried it seems to work out all O.K. The Townsend pensioner in Bergenfield, N.J., was a 30-year old contractor, Harry C. Fichter. His "pension" of \$200 cost him 25c. He must spend the whole amount within the month. Every time a dollar changes hands 2c is set aside for the revolving fund. The record of the transactions appears on the back of each note in the form of an endorsement.

Symptoms of Inflation and Disaster

IN CERTAIN sections of Iowa lands that were \$50 an acre in 1934 are now appraised by the big insurance companies at \$150 an acre. Every panic in the United States has been preceded by a land boom, and this is considered good evidence that the present boom is headed for the ash can.

Babson Sees It Coming

ROGER BABSON, statistician, thinks wages will continue to rise for a while but that:

This country is in a critical condition, and unless there is a sweeping spiritual revival in the nation we will have a depression within the next 18 years that will make the last one look like a Sunday-school picnic.

Preparing for Another 1929 Smash

IN A discussion of the sit-down strikes, nationwide, arranged by John L. Lewis, Senator Borah had this to say in the Senate chamber:

We have at this time exactly the condition developing which existed during 1928 and 1929. We have prosperity in this country in places to an exaggerated degree. Money is being made upon a stupendous scale. We have a return of those conditions and we talk about a return to the economic conditions of 1928 and 1929. Well, Mr. President, if we return to the economic conditions of 1928 and 1929 and undertake to dwell upon the basis of those conditions we will in a very short time have a return of the conditions from 1930 to 1936. If you have an economic system which gathers in the dimes and quarters and the half-dollars from the common people of the United States through artificial prices and pours them into the coffers of a few great corporations, thereby destroying the purchasing power of the great masses of the people, you cannot maintain a healthy economic or financial condition in this country. I am one of those who take the position that until you destroy—not control or regulate, but until you destroy—the monopolistic control of the economic affairs of the United States you are not going to have order and law and lawful action upon the part of those who have to deal with it.

Harlan County Coal Operators

IT IS only a little while since the Harlan County (Ky.) coal fields were the scene of bloody shooting of miners, with newspapermen ordered to leave town as soon as they arrived. That is interesting at this juncture, because George Ward, secretary of the Harlan County Coal Operators Association, has been up to Washington, testifying before the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee. He had no records to show; penciled records, supplied to members each month, were all returned to him and he tore them up. How is that for an organization with such a record for shooting workingmen?

Worth More than \$100,000

WORTH more than \$100,000, there are individual Americans in various cities as follows: Greater New York, 14,521; Greater Boston, 3,217; Chicago, 2,788; Philadelphia, 2,121; Pittsburgh, 1,701; Detroit, 1,679; Baltimore, 1,665; Cleveland, 1,534; Los Angeles, 1,442; St. Louis, 1,293; San Francisco, 1,234; Kansas City, 1,012. There are 125 other cities with more than 100 residents worth more than \$100,000, and they are found in lesser numbers in 55 other cities.

Social and Educational

The Palm for Misconduct

WESTBROOK PEGLER, writing of the indecent misbehavior of some persons when they are away from home, says:

The palm for misconduct goes to the members of the American Legion at their national reunions. The American Legion has earned this reputation over the course of the years since the war, and there is no longer any disposition to excuse destruction and general interference with the rights and comforts of others on the ground that the boys are just being roguish in a harmless way. The Legion has lost respect in most of the cities where it has held these conventions by imposing on its welcome to violate the rules of civilization, and hotel people are coming to regard these meetings as a plague rather than a boon.

A Real Mayor and Police Chief at Kent

THEY seem to have a real mayor and police chief at Kent, Ohio. In a machine tool plant in the town 3,000 were out on strike. The company imported 40 gunmen from Cleveland, who shot their way into the plant. Fourteen men were wounded and a score were gassed and beaten. The mayor and police chief of the city took the rational view that the town could get along somehow without having hired thugs come in to shoot things up, so they arrested the whole 40 on charges of shooting with intent to kill, and locked them up for the night.

Captain Quinn Embarrassed

CAPTAIN QUINN, of the Newark (N.J.) police force, and twelve plain-clothes men under him, were embarrassed and shifted to other work when the police commissioner of the city, and six detectives, found in their precinct a gambling institution doing a business of \$25,000 a week about which the captain and his men seemed to have no knowledge. Mr. Duffy, director of public safety, announced that the transfers were made a result of the raid.

Girls Warned to Stay Away from New York

IN New York 122 social agencies joined in warning girls to remain away from New York unless they have funds sufficient to keep them for one year. Jobs are hard to get, even with local references, wages are not enough to live on, in many instances, and girls cannot get home relief unless they have been residents for two years.

Yip Was Too Fast with the Irons

TWO Negroes invaded the laundry of Benny Yip, Harlem laundry proprietor, pulled revolvers and told Benny to "stick 'em up". Benny did no such thing. He threw four hot flatirons at his guests in such rapid succession that one of the would-be robbers lost his gun before he could get away. Benny shot him in the arm with his own gun, and the police got him when he went to a hospital to have the bullet removed. It is a safe bet that Harlem has at least one Negro who believes the text which says that "the way of the transgressor is hard".

St. Kitts Witnesses Turned on the Juice

A SKIT in *The Nation's Forum* (formerly *The Fellowship Forum*) has the following:

The St. Kitts-Nevis (British West Indies) *Daily Bulletin* tells interestingly of an open-air meeting of Jehovah's witnesses. A near-by Roman Catholic shopkeeper engaged a string band to try to break up the meetings. Thereupon the witnesses put on a loudspeaker of such power as to drown out the band.

Indians Multiplying More Rapidly

AS A result of more food, better medical care, increasing resistance to disease, and a happier outlook on life, the pleasing discovery is made that the American Indians have ceased to decrease in numbers and are now slowly increasing, the pure-blooded ones at a little better than one percent a year. This is better than the white average.

46,000 People Buried Namelessly

EVERY year 46,000 people are buried namelessly in the United States. Their relatives have no way of knowing what happened to them. It is reasonably argued from this that if every citizen is fingerprinted, many or all of these would be identified, and some grief spared to those who loved them.

Sentenced to Attend Church

AT Madison, Wisconsin, an offender against the postal laws was ordered to attend church once a week for two years. Dispatches did not state which of the 207 varieties of churches he was sentenced to attend.

Soviet Complains of Dirty Methods of Detectives

THE Soviet, generally credited with having about the worst police methods of any country outside of Germany, is now complaining that their own innocent citizens when traveling abroad are constantly harassed by detectives that try to get something on them, so that they can use them to fish for further information. Women are commonly used as bait, and unless the men are lady-proof (and few of them are) they get caught in positions where, in order to keep out of trouble, they are almost compelled to divulge first one thing and then another until finally their return to Russia is almost impossible, because they have told too much. In one case a Russian left his brief-case on a restaurant table while he stepped to a telephone. While his back was turned the detective shadowing him put some espionage papers in the case, and on his return from the telephone accused him of having them. The Russian, to prove his innocence, went through the case, and, when he found the incriminating papers, gave a written promise to supply information, to keep from being arrested, and from then onward was a slave. The better a man can lie, steal and kill, the better suited he is to detective work.

Moscow Florists Charged Too Much

SEVERAL Russian florists were arrested charged with asking ten to fifteen times as much for floral pieces as would have been reasonable. The occasion was the funeral of the commissar for heavy industry. The Soviet thought workers should be able to send a floral piece without crippling themselves financially for a month ahead.

Russia's Staggering Armament Expenditures

ACCORDING to their own figures Russia increased the expenditures of the "People's Defense Commissariat" from 1,300,000,000 rubles, in 1931, to the staggering total of 20,100,000,000, in 1936. This is 15½ times as much, in the short space of five years.

Russia the Most Solvent Country

THE Soviet government of Russia announces that it is the most solvent country in the world; that there has been no defaulting since the revolution, that there is a favorable trade balance and a 32-percent increase in gold reserves in the past year over the year before.

Attempted Censorship Is Foolish

THE Pan American Press Conference at Valparaiso, Chile, took the correct stand that censorship is foolish and impractical. It succeeds, for not more than twenty-four hours, in stopping a truthful report of what happens. After that time, airplanes, automobiles, trains, mules or something else gets the news out, and a trained correspondent gets it out sooner if he is willing to take some personal risks. The conference, by a rising vote, demanded the immediate and total independence of Puerto Rico.

20,000 Nazi Troops in Chile

DISPATCHES from Chile report the rise there of the so-called "Republican Militia", now consisting of 20,000 armed and disciplined youths. The leaders of this Nazi movement declare their activities are designed to bring about a moral and spiritual revolution, excluding political aims. Readers of *The Golden Age* well know what "church" is back of this Nazi movement.

Brazil and Peru Curb Japanese

BOTH Brazil and Peru had a heavy Japanese immigration during the past ten years, and now both countries, finding that the Japanese are not assimilable, but keep to themselves and retain all their old customs, schools and temples, have imposed such severe restrictions as to almost stop it altogether.

Ecuador Merchants May Not Strike

ECUADOR has something new under the sun. Its merchants may not strike. They were about to do so, over government regulations regarding exchange, and were told that if they did so they would be arrested, and, if foreigner they would have to leave the country.

Fascism in Ecuador

ECUADORIAN police officials were previously subject to the law, the same as other citizens. Hereafter, they may invade any hall or meeting place without warrants, and use arms as they see fit, without responsibility for results.

Terraces of the Incas

SOME of the terraces of the Incas were 400 feet wide and 600 feet long, tiered by 30-foot walls. This system prevented soil erosion. Where the soil was not thus terraced it eroded.

Transportation—Land, Sea, and Air

The Most Remote Railway Point in America

THE most remote railway point in America, connected with the general railway system of the continent, is at Suchiate, Mexico, on the Pacific coast, almost straight south of Chicago. To reach Suchiate by rail from Sydney, Nova Scotia, one must travel 4,840 miles, and it takes eight days. The distance and time from Fort Churchill, on Hudson Bay, are the same. From Prince Rupert, British Columbia, the shortest way by rail to Suchiate is via Edmonton (Alberta), Moose Jaw (Saskatchewan), Minot (North Dakota), Willmar (Minnesota), Sioux City (Iowa), Omaha (Nebraska), Kansas City (Missouri), Laredo (Texas), Mexico city and Vera Cruz. To make this trip one must travel 5,366 miles and almost cross the continent twice. It takes 11½ days. Distances in Australia are nearly as great. The railway line from Fremantle, West Australia, to Cairns, Queensland, is 4,420 miles long. This is over a thousand miles longer than the distance from New York to San Francisco, and gives one some idea of the vast distances in the island continent.

Oakland-San Francisco Bridge

THE huge bridge across San Francisco bay progressed rapidly toward completion. The first to cross the bridge was a photographer. Rapid progress was also made on the Golden Gate suspension bridge. In the building of these bridges problems were solved that had never before been attempted by man. For the first time, in the Oakland-San Francisco bridge, piers were built from the surface of the water downward (strange as that may seem); and the Golden Gate is the highest and longest suspension bridge in the world.

Triborough Bridge Fourteen Miles Long

THE Triborough Bridge in New York city, fourteen miles long, is actually 2¾ miles longer than the new San Francisco-Oakland bay bridge.

New Highway Out of Albany

A NEW highway out of Albany for Schenectady has a 12-foot safety island in the middle, so that pedestrians can get across without danger. Also, there is no danger now of head-on collisions. Underpasses, for the little folks, are provided opposite the schools on the route.

Astrid's Death Caused by a Curb

THE death of the queen of Belgium was caused by a curb eight inches high, intended to prevent automobiles from running off the road and into Lake Lucerne. In every hundred feet, for some reason unknown, eighteen feet were left curbless. In one of these spaces two wheels ran outside the curb, the car going 55 miles an hour. The curb prevented the car from getting back on the road. After going 95 feet with two wheels over the curb, the top of the car hit a tree, which threw the queen out and against the tree and caused her death. The king received a fractured rib. The car itself was but slightly damaged. It is inconceivable that when God's kingdom is in full operation speeds of 55 miles an hour on ordinary highways will be permitted. No one has a right to expose himself or others to the risks which every year take over 30,000 lives in the United States. Why all the rush to make the cemetery?

Union Pacific Fast Trains

SOME idea of the effort the railroads are making to recapture their business may be gathered from consideration of the new time tables of the Union Pacific Railroad. A traveling man living at North Platte, Nebraska, could, every eighteen days, using this service, spend two full business days in Denver, three in Chicago, two in Portland, two in San Francisco, two in Los Angeles, and be at home two days and five nights. To make the circuit would involve three round trips between Chicago and the Pacific Coast, with extra mileage to Denver and return, totaling 14,852 miles.

Inter-American Highway Progresses

THE Inter-American Highway is making some progress. The United States government will expend \$400,000 constructing one bridge each in Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama. To date the road is completed to a point 100 miles south of Mexico city.

Bicycles in the Netherlands

EVERY third person in the Netherlands, including infants and the aged, has a bicycle, and 3,000,000 are in daily use. In Amsterdam parking space for them is at such a premium that they are hung on walls by meat-hooks.

Hans Hansen, Able Seaman

HURRAH for Hans Hansen, able seaman on the Norwegian vessel *Kings County*, which went on the rocks seven miles from St. John, New Brunswick. Carrying a lifeline he swam fifteen minutes through a rough sea, pounded all the time by ice, and landed pretty well battered up on some sharp rocks ashore. But he made it all right, and made the line fast. One by one the crew came from the vessel hand over hand, until, finally, the whole crew of 36 were saved. Hans made his swim in the night, and in fog. There is still a man here and there in the world, even yet.

Free Port on Staten Island

IMITATING Hamburg, Germany, and years behind it in that regard, New York city has at last opened a free port of thirty acres on Staten Island. Goods from any land may be stored there free of duty. If reshipped to any part of the United States, the full duties are collected. The plan is perfectly practical, and made a great city out of Hamburg.

The Ferry Between Germany and Sweden

THE ferry between Germany and Sweden, by which solid trains are carried 60 miles across the Baltic sea, between Sassnitz, Germany, and Trelleborg, Sweden, has been speeded up. Sassnitz is on an island, and this island (30 miles across) has now been connected to the German mainland by a \$10,000,000 bridge. The delay occasioned by a second ferriage is thus avoided.

Fast Freight Service to Japan

THE Japanese now have freighters running between Yokohama and New York, via the Panama Canal, which make the trip one way in twenty-four days. At all the principal Atlantic ports are shiploads of scrap iron waiting to be hustled back to Japan to turn into cannons and battleships.

Raising the 28,000-Ton Hindenburg

WHEN the Hindenburg was raised from Scapa Flow, it required months to pump it full of air, and necessitated the fixing of no less than 800 patches to keep the air inside the hull. Seven large vessels and 30 destroyers have been raised in this the largest salvaging operation ever undertaken.

Marvelous Progress in Aviation

A SINGLE line with 9 planes a day each way between New York and Chicago, 2 each way going through in 3 hours 45 minutes, non-stop. Eight planes each way between Boston and Washington. The schedule time New York to Buffalo is 2 hours. If he had to do it, a man could leave New York after dinner on a Saturday, spend 2½ hours in Los Angeles, and be back in New York at 10:53 Monday morning, and would be assured of a more comfortable berth each way than if in a Pullman. And he could do this any day in the week. He could spend 12 hours in Los Angeles and still be back in New York at 6:53 p.m. on Monday. The service to the northwest is equally wonderful, leaving Chicago at 8:45 p.m. and arriving at Seattle at 8:40 a.m. The whole country is now accessible overnight. Some planes have three pilots, one automatic, on the gyroscope principle. One line claims 62 men aground to every one aloft. All the best scenery is to be seen. Connections for South Africa, India and Australia are made at Lakehurst, New Jersey, by American lines.

United States Air-Minded—Very Much So

THE United States, once a great laggard in that respect, now leads the world in aviation. There are now 2,402 airports, 701 of which are lighted for night use. Arrangements are now being put into effect to fix altitudes at which planes will fly, to avoid collisions.

Germany to Hawaii in Five Days

JUST to have it in the record: A letter was stamped at Frankfort, Germany, May 6, crossed the Atlantic on the late dirigible Hindenburg, was flown to Oakland, California, was flown again to Hawaii on the China Clipper, and was delivered in Hawaii 5 days 9½ hours after it was mailed.

Tremendous Increase in Aviation

AMERICA is witnessing a tremendous increase in aviation, with 110,690 passengers carried in a single month. The five largest transport companies are purchasing \$10,000,000 of new planes and equipment.

Autogiro Corporation of America

THE Autogiro Corporation of America now makes a machine that can leap straight upward into flight from the roadway, and can alight anywhere without any forward motion.

"The Remedy Is Worse than the Disease"

JUSTICE ROBINSON of the Supreme Court of North Dakota, in an opinion delivered from the bench, stated:

In the book of Dr. Peebles on vaccination there are statistics to the effect that 25,000 children are annually slaughtered by diseases inoculated into the system by compulsory vaccination. It is shown beyond doubt that vaccination is not infrequently the cause of death, syphilis, cancer, consumption, eczema, and other diseases. It is shown that if vaccination has any tendency to prevent an attack of smallpox, the remedy is worse than the disease.

Vaccination in the Netherlands

THE Netherlands suspended vaccination of school children in 1928, and has never restored it. It was shown that there was one death from encephalitis for each 15,000 vaccinations. One of the textbooks in the University of Minnesota medical school in use in 1928 stated:

Until recently there was no means of standardizing vaccine virus either as to potency or sterility. The virus was sometimes contaminated with tetanus spores or even *treponema pallida*.

The Uses of a Community Chest

ENGLEWOOD, New Jersey, has a "community chest", supposedly for the benefit of the poor. Somebody discovered that the chest was piling up money. The result is that a generous chunk of it will be invested in serums, and inoculations will be administered "free" to the citizens that supplied the funds for the chest, but the doctors who administer the serums will be paid out of the funds in the chest.

85 Cases of Typhoid After Immunization

THE United States Public Health Service, issue of January 3, 1936, reports 85 cases of typhoid fever among persons previously inoculated against the disease, in 26 counties of Tennessee. This report, issued by two M.D.'s of national reputation, confirms the opinion of many that typhoid is a filth disease and the way to cure it is by sanitation.

Kashinath of Colaba

AT 120 years of age Kashinath of Colaba, near Bombay, India, can break an almond shell with his teeth. One of his daughters, 80 years of age, is many times a great-grandmother. Kashinath has never used tobacco or intoxicants.

Took Three Weeks to Kill Her

SOME people die more quickly from vaccination than others. In Scranton, Pennsylvania, it took three weeks to kill a little girl, as the following account from the *Scranton Times* makes clear:

Admitted to State Hospital yesterday afternoon, Mary Campion, of 903 North Washington Avenue, died early this morning of tetanus. The child only became ill yesterday morning and the parents called Dr. Benjamin J. Cottone, who recognized the symptoms of lockjaw and ordered her immediate removal to the hospital. Every effort of modern medical science failed to save the child's life. From what could be learned the child was vaccinated at the State Hospital dispensary about three weeks ago. It is believed that the tetanus developed from infection at the point of vaccination.

It is perhaps not necessary to add that but for "modern medical science" scratching pus into the child's arm she would be alive and well, enjoying herself with the other little ones, and not moldering into dust in a cemetery. But the people love to have it so; and so do the serum peddlers.

Pittsburgh's Woman with Half a Brain

THERE is now living in Pittsburgh a woman who literally has but half a brain. Some time ago the entire right hemisphere of her brain was removed. She is able to walk again and is getting well. Her mind is back again nearly to normal, except that about once a day she has a crying spell, which, under the circumstances, is certainly not to be wondered at.

Half a Lung Removed

THE New York *World-Telegram* gives details of the removal of half a lung (cancerous) from a man 59 years of age. The operation was a complete success, and the man is back at work; it required an hour and a half of surgical work. About twenty similar successful operations for the same trouble have been performed; fifteen of these in America.

Around the World for a 7-Minute Operation

AN Australian lad three years of age came halfway around the world to Philadelphia to have a three-inch nail removed from his lung. It took seven minutes to perform the operation, which had been twice attempted unsuccessfully before. He swallowed the nail eighteen months ago, in a coughing spell.

A Druggist Says

A DRUGGIST mentions the fact that The American Medical Association tried to have passed a new drug bill, one of the propositions of which was that there is no known cure for any disease and no preparation might be offered for sale to the public if in the advertising announcements of the same there was any indication that it would cure anything. The druggist remarks on the singular fact that there are many preparations on the market that have aided in the cure of many people and he thinks it rather odd that the friends of those who have been cured should be discouraged in their quest for health by doctors who write in Latin so that they cannot be understood, and whose preparations may not be as good. He does not see that paying five or six times what a preparation is worth, merely because it is written in Latin, is of any benefit to the people. He also says that, as a druggist, he can bear testimony to the fact that if a doctor writes a prescription containing a deadly combination of drugs or a poisonous dose it is the druggist that is responsible, and not the doctor. He thinks the honest doctors in the medical profession should clean house, stop using serums, radium and X rays, and stop boosting aluminum, and they would regain much of their lost prestige.

Homeopaths Pan the A.M.A.

DR. BENJAMIN B. KIMMEL, president of the American Institute of Homeopathy, in an address before his fellow homeopaths, panned The American Medical Association enthusiastically:

Into the ranks of us engaged in the practice of the healing art has crept a wolf in sheep's clothing. The proposal of regimentation in the medical profession is not inspired by an ambition to benefit either the producers or the recipients of medical service. Through a dream picture of a socialized profession there is plainly discernible the ugly outline of bureaucracy with its multitudinous parasites, job hunters and racketeers. Under the malevolent influence of this noxious atmosphere the realm of medicine has been usurped by a power conceived in egotism, bred in intolerance and matured in megalomania. Drug therapy, for centuries little else than pretense and mysticism, is today, aside from homeopathy, about as rational as in the days of the blisterers, the purgers and the bloodletters.

The American Standard of Dying

ACCORDING to a copyrighted article in *Common Sense* magazine, in 1894 there were 194 deaths in the country to each undertaker, but in 1930 there were but 44. The inexorable laws of economics have compelled the undertakers to bleed the living of every last drop of blood that can be extracted on behalf of the dead. "The rise of the dead to commercial importance is shown by the present average burial costs for industrial policy holders, which range from \$194 in North Carolina to \$484 in New Jersey." "In one Philadelphia cemetery lots that were sold for \$65 twenty years ago can be resold for \$1000 today. Some choice lots in grounds near New York city bring \$10,000, a price that gives a value of more than \$1,000,000 an acre." Starting with a simple stone slab over a coffin, to keep it from caving in as long as possible, costs on this item alone have run up to as high as \$500 for a metal box in which to hold the coffin. The most recent scheme for twisting money out of the living is to supply coffins with an inner-spring mattress. High-pressure salesmen are employed in some undertaking establishments to squeeze every cent possible out of the mourners who are forced to lay away their dead.

'Dead' Seventeen Minutes, but Now Lives

AT THE Wynberg (Cape Town, South Africa) hospital a colored girl, Rosie Brown, 'died' on the operating table. An incision was made in her side, her heart was massaged manually for ten minutes, adrenalin was injected, and the heart resumed functioning. The girl is now alive. She has no recollection of anything that happened in the seventeen minutes in which her heart ceased entirely function.

Walking Out with a Broken Leg

BY THE new method of treating broken legs patients walk right out of the hospital and go back to their work, not needing any crutches, and without suffering any pain. The plaster cast is attached to an iron brace upon which the weight rests without injuring the leg or causing any pressure upon the fractured part. When the cast is removed the leg is normal. The patient is able to walk up and down stairs. When the cast is removed there is no need of massage or baking, required by earlier methods.

Bad Foods Caught by the Government

BAD foods caught by the government in two months were 71,000 pounds of butter deficient in butterfat, 2,900 pounds of decomposed butter, 206 crates of over-arsenated cherries, 39 crates of over-arsenated currants, 21 bushels of over-arsenated crab apples, 614 bushels of over-arsenated apples, 523 cases of bad sardines, 15,000 pounds of lead-poisoned maple sugar, 4,100 pounds of wormy raspberries, 406 crates of maggoty huckleberries, 2,150 pounds wormy whitefish, 3,150 pounds polluted crab-meat, 635 gallons of dirty cream, 1,520 pounds decomposed olives, 963 cases of moldy tomato purée, 30 cases moldy catsup, 1,150 packages of decomposed fruit spread, 4,200 packages of egg noodles containing no eggs. Yes, you are right: that is only what was FOUND.

Plates May Be Eaten as Formerly

THE old Romans used to eat their plates, thus saving dishwashing. The custom has been revived and there are now to be had candy plates, cups, saucers, knives, forks and spoons that may be chewed and swallowed at the end of the party.

20,000,000 Turkeys Ripe in November

THE turkey crop of November, 1936, was the largest in the history of the United States. It is calculated that about 20,000,000 of them were ripe about that time.

Food as a Cure for Industrial Fatigue

DR. HAGGARD and Dr. Greenberg, of Yale University, as a result of careful studies of 213 people, extended over six years, decided that the cure for industrial fatigue is food; not more food in the twenty-four hours, but more frequent food, and that the best way to increase your efficiency when tired is to take a glass of milk and a banana.

Synthetic Food from Sawdust

THE synthetic food made from sawdust, perfected by Professor Friedrich Bergius, Heidelberg chemist, is now mostly used as fodder for animals. By feeding it to pigs it is converted into fats. By mixing with yeast it is turned into protein. It can be readily made adaptable to human use. It can be made entirely from refuse or waste products, involving no loss of valuable forest growth.

Gathering Oysters as Easily as Strawberries

CHESAPEAKE bay is very shallow. Sometimes, when the wind blows just right, the waters of the bay, five or six feet deep, may be blown up upon the shores, or vice versa. Recently the bottom was exposed for miles and at the mouth of the Chester river oysters were gathered with greatest ease by men on foot, where they are usually to be obtained only by dredges from water five feet deep.

Correction on Bobtown Item *By Alvin Boehmer*

I SENT you an article which appears in *The Golden Age* No. 463, date of June 19, 1937. In that article I stated that the chief of police of Bobtown, a Roman Catholic, had at one time stopped our sound car and that 24 hours later this same chief of police had been fired by the coal company.

I have just a few days back had the opportunity of going back to Bobtown, Pennsylvania, and went back to the chief of police and asked permission to again operate the sound car. The man whom I contacted was the same man who was chief when I met him three months previously, while engaged in sound-car work there. He informs me that he has been chief there for seven years straight and has never been discharged for any reason.

He did say, however, that there was a policeman in Bobtown that had been discharged a little more than a year ago, but not because of religious activity. It may be that the policeman they discharged is the one my informants there in Bobtown were referring to, and they gave me to understand he was the chief. That statement was incorrect.

The present chief of police I have had opportunity to contact twice. Both times he gave us permission to operate, and is a very sensible man, and has always treated us with utmost decency and courtesy; so I promised him I would write *The Golden Age* and ask them to correct the statement.

About the Brothers and Sisters of Jesus

RECENTLY there appeared, in the Chicago *Tribune*, an article in which incidental reference was made to the brothers and sisters of Jesus, the sons and daughters of Mary. This statement, according to the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, and the Catholic press, was an insult, a "slander" of Mary. The *Catholic Bulletin* of April 17 said, "Catholics of Chicago were incensed" because of the publication of this Scriptural truth. In times gone by the writer of the article as well as the publishers would have been thrown into prison for "heresy". As it was, the *Tribune* apologized.

Having established a censorship over motion pictures, the Hierarchy is now doubtless well on the way toward a more rigid censorship of papers and periodicals. The foregoing is a case in point, as is also the "retraction" by "Peter Whiffen", who wrote the article "A Priest Warns the Church".

The Scriptures speak definitely of the brethren and sisters of Jesus. On one occasion "his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him". On another, His acquaintances asked, "Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us [at Nazareth]?" (Matthew 12:46; 13:55, 56) Similar statements are found at Mark 3:31, 32; 6:3; and Luke 8:19-21.

After Jesus' resurrection and while waiting for the outpouring of the holy spirit Jesus' mother and His brethren were in the upper room with the apostles and other believers in their assemblies there. Mary's name is so closely linked with the mention of Jesus' brothers and sisters as to show a family relationship.

The Catholic Hierarchy claim that these brothers and sisters simply were cousins of Jesus, the children of Mary, wife of Cleophas. This Mary is referred to in Scripture as the sister of Jesus' mother, but was doubtless such by marriage, otherwise she would not have borne the same name. This Mary had sons bearing names similar to those borne by some of Jesus' brothers, which is not unusual among cousins. Some of these cousins of Jesus were His followers, but His brethren, at first, did not believe in Him.—John 7:5.

The fact that sisters are mentioned in the same connection in almost each case indicates

that they and the "brethren" were all members of one family. The word "sisters" could not properly be applied to cousins.

When Jesus moved from Nazareth to Capernaum He likewise arranged for His mother, brothers and sisters to go there to live, while Mary the wife of Alpheus (or Cleophas) is not mentioned, as she certainly would have been had she been part of the family group and the children hers rather than those of Mary the mother of Jesus.—Matthew 4:13; John 2:12.

'Son, Behold Thy Mother'

The fact that Jesus committed His mother to John's care shortly before He died on the tree does not necessarily prove that He had no brothers or sisters. These may not have been in position to care for her, and, in any event, they were not at the scene of His crucifixion and could not therefore give Mary the care which then seemed necessary.—John 19:25-27.

McClintock & Strong's *Cyclopædia*, Vol. IV, page 753, gives some illuminating comments on the subject under consideration.

Is the term "brother" (ἀδελφός) to be taken in the proper sense, or in the general signification of *kinsman*, in these texts? The use of the title in the last two passages, as well as in John 2:12; Matthew 12:46-50; Mark 3:31-35; Luke 8:19-21; Acts 1:14, in explicit connection with his mother, and in relations which imply that they were members of his immediate family, most naturally requires it to be taken in its literal sense, especially as no intimation is elsewhere conveyed to the contrary. . . . Nor can the term "sisters" (ἀδελφαί), employed in the same connection (Matthew 13:56; Mark 6:3), be referred to other than uterine relatives. This inference is sustained by the striking coincidence in the names of the brothers in the list of the apostles (namely, James, Judas, and apparently Simon, Luke 6:15, 16; Acts 1:13) with those in reference to Christ's brothers (namely, James, Judas, Simon, and Joses, Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3), and also by the fact that "James the Less and Joses" are said to be the sons of the same Mary who was "the wife of Cleophas" (Mark 15:40; and Matthew 27:56; compare with John 19:25).

Evidently the desire to deify Mary, in all practical aspects, even though this is denied in theory, has caused Catholic theologians to insist that she was "for ever virgin". A distinction is made between the honor rendered to God and that given to Mary. God is worshiped, say the theologians, with "latria", while Mary is hon-

ored or adored with "hyperdulia" as distinguished from "dulia", the worship directed toward all the saints. These nice distinctions do not, of course, sink in very deeply in the minds of the ordinary Catholic, who in many instances thinks of Mary more highly than of Jesus or Jehovah, and thinks that because she is a woman she can be more easily imposed upon. One of the favorite prayers is, "Remember, O most Holy Virgin Mary, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help, or sought your mediation without obtaining relief."

Queen of Heaven and Hell?

The Roman Hierarchy insist upon the adoration or worship of the virgin Mary. Liguori says, among many other extravagant things, that Mary is Queen of Mercy; the mother of all mankind, and especially of repentant sinners; that God reconciled sinners by the humility and purity of Mary; that she is the Protectress of Catholics at the hour of death; that she is the Hope, the Refuge, the Help, the Asylum of all; the Comfortress of the world, the one City of Refuge; that she withholds God's arm from chastising sinners; that they that call on the name of Mary are heard more quickly than those who call on the name of Jesus; that she is Queen of heaven and hell, of all saints, and all evil spirits, because she conquered the latter by her virtues, and the Devil by her fair humility and holy life; that at the name of Mary every knee bows and hell trembles; that she is the Ladder of paradise, the Gate of heaven, the most true Mediatrix of grace; that in her is all hope of life and virtue, all grace of the Way and Truth; that in her is found eternal salvation, that no one can enter heaven except by her; that God says "Go to Mary" when one seeks for grace; that the other saints intercede with her; that all power is given to her in heaven and earth; that God himself obeys the command of Mary; that Mary is omnipotent; that she has the key of the gate to paradise; that she is the Throne of grace to which Paul directs us; and that all who invoke the holy name of Mary with confidence shall reach the glory of paradise.

The same author, in the same book, *Glories of Mary*, says:

That which we intend to prove here is that the intercession of Mary is now *necessary* to salvation; we say *necessary*—not absolutely, but morally. This necessity proceeds from the will itself of God that all graces

that he dispenses should pass by the hands of Mary, according to the opinion of S. Bernard, and which we may now with safety call the general opinion of theologians and learned men. The author of *The Reign of Mary* positively asserts that such is the case. It is maintained by Vega, Mendoza, Pacciuchelli, Segnori, Poiré, Crasset, and by innumerable other learned authors. (See McClintock & Strong's *Cyclopædia*, Vol. V, pages 748, 749.)

"The Handmaid of the Lord"

From the foregoing Romanist teaching it is evident that they transfer to Mary everything that has been said in Scripture concerning Jesus Christ, and in some instances go so far as to imply that Mary runs heaven as some virago or Xanthippe, so that even God himself submits to her whims. Could blasphemy go further? How different this from the obedience which the faithful Mary displayed when she said "Behold the Lord's handmaid" and which the faithful Son of God has always manifested and will continue to manifest as He administers His kingdom in harmony with Jehovah's will, and finally delivers it up to Jehovah to be subject unto Him that put all things under His control, that Jehovah may be all in all!—1 Corinthians 15: 22-28.

It becomes evident that the perpetual virginity of Mary is insisted upon by Rome to bolster up its warped teachings concerning her position. Motherhood, in the estimation of sane men, and also according to the Holy Scriptures, is no disgrace, and is entirely compatible with sanctity and purity. Mary was holy because she was entirely devoted to the doing of Jehovah's will. The difficulty has been that men have rejected the testimony of witnesses chosen of God, and whose testimony is recorded in the Scriptures, and have accepted instead what presumptuous and Scripturally uninformed men have said, men who lived centuries after the event occurred about which they presume to speak. Thus, in preference to the testimony of contemporaries, the guesses of prejudiced men are accepted.

Whether it was the desire to produce for "Christians" a "goddess" as "pure" and imposing as the heathen Diana, or whether it was from a warped conception of the holiness of "virginity", the church fathers of the fifth century pushed Mary to the fore as a virgin of superlative holiness, and gradually she came to occupy a place more important than that of

Jesus in the minds of many Catholics. In this we see the work of Satan, who has sought by every means at his disposal to misrepresent or distort the work and position of the Lord Jesus Christ as the Vindicator of Jehovah's name and the Ransomer of mankind. Necessarily His position is obscured, and often eclipsed, by the honor given to the "virgin".

True and False Celibacy

All this unnatural honor accorded virginity is an implied slur upon parenthood. The subjects of the Hierarchy are continually subjected to misleading sophistry on this point, so that marriage, though considered a sacrament, is not very highly esteemed. It is generally held among them that at least one daughter out of every family should be given "to the church". Many of these candidates for virginity are committed to cloister prisons from which they never again come forth. There, in many if not in all instances, they serve the purposes of celibate priests, and for a show make many prayers, which rise no higher than the ceiling, unless it be the agonized prayers of some who, realizing that they have been trapped, resist the efforts made to violate their chastity, and who suffer a heroic martyrdom for their sincerity.

Many Catholics are getting their eyes open, however, and realize that there is nothing wrong with motherhood and fatherhood, and that it is no slander to admit that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was also the mother of those who are referred to as His brethren and His sisters.

Celibacy, in the Scriptures, is recommended only for those who can maintain such a standard, and then for the practical reason that it will enable one to give full time to God's service as a witness to the truth.

The stress which the Roman Hierarchy has laid upon formal celibacy has led to untold evils, as past and present events amply prove. Catholic and Protestant writers have written on the subject and proved that enforced celibacy has led to gross immorality on the part of priests, monks, nuns, and others, and has in many instances involved the so-called "laity".

"Honorable in All"

The Scriptures, on the other hand, while commending true celibacy, declare, "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but

whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." (Hebrews 13: 4) No man has the right to forbid another to marry, and to condone unchastity in those who profess celibacy, as is done in the Roman organization.

It will be seen that the claim that Mary had no natural children is of a piece with the entire Romish conception of what is true holiness. It has led to the practical deification of a creature, which creature they have invested with fictitious virtues. Mary was, unquestionably, eminently holy in the Scriptural sense of the term. This, however, did not preclude her from discharging her proper duties as a wife and mother. Nor does it mean that Mary was "conceived without sin". There is nothing in the Scripture that would for a moment justify such a conclusion; nor was it needful that Mary should be immaculate in order to be the mother of Jesus. If such were the case, it would be equally necessary for Mary's mother to be immaculate in order to bring forth the "immaculate virgin", and so on back to Eve.

It is rank heresy to refer to Mary as the spouse of the Eternal Father. The claim that the angels sing to her, "Holy, holy, holy, Mary Mother of God," is equally blasphemous. Any Scriptural passage in which Mary is mentioned, from the salutation of the angel to the last mention of her in the book of The Acts, shows clearly that Mary held no such place in the early church as is claimed for her by the Catholic organization.

Exaltation of "the Virgin"

Nor is the worship of the "Blessed Virgin" merely due to misunderstanding on the part of certain members of the Catholic church. It is inculcated by the head of the Catholic church, and popes have on various occasions exhorted the Catholic population to give Mary such veneration as can be construed only to be worship due to God only. A few examples follow:

Gregory XVI said, "That all may have a successful and happy issue, let us raise our eyes to the most Blessed Virgin Mary, who alone destroys heresies, who is our greatest hope, yea, the entire ground of our hope."

Pius IX said, "Let all the children of the Catholic Church most dear to us hear these words; and, with a most ardent zeal of piety and love, proceed to worship, invoke, and pray to the

most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, conceived without original sin."

Pius XI said, addressing all mankind, "Everyone . . . must turn their eyes and minds to the immaculate and sorrowful Mother."

The month of May is designated by the Roman Church as the "month of Mary", during which she is specially honored. This month derives its name from Maia, a heathen goddess, the wife of a heathen deity. It is interesting to note that the second Sunday in this month has been designated "Mother's Day", thus playing nicely into the hands of the Hierarchy.

In countries where the Bible has had wide circulation the worship of Mary is toned down considerably, but she has, nevertheless, a side-altar, in practically every Catholic church; thus implying that she is a secondary deity, at the very least. In wholly Catholic countries she is, to all intents and purposes, given first place, and the larger number of churches and cathedrals are dedicated to Mary. God is definitely pushed into the background, while Jesus Christ is honored, more or less, because He was Mary's Son!

Resentment at the thought that Mary had children other than Jesus is an implied slur upon motherhood. The Scriptures are reasonable, harmonious, truthful. They indulge in no extravagant exaltation of Mary, though they show her to be the admittedly noble instrument which Jehovah was pleased to use in order that the Word might be made flesh.—John 1:14; Galatians 4:4.

Explanation (?) of Indulgences

THE *New Zealand Tablet* explains (?) indulgences as follows:

Let us suppose that a child behaved badly and was sent to bed and forbidden to have any tea by its father as a punishment. Now the soft-hearted mother, when dad goes out to buy the paper, takes the child something to eat and drink quickly whilst he is away.

The "explanation" does not "explain" that the severe father who has the discipline of his home upset is "god" and the indulgent mother who makes a fool of him is Mary. The reader finds that out afterward.

Felix "O.S.B." Makes a Lot of Noise

A VERY interesting article in this issue of *The Golden Age* that many of your friends may want to read is about Felix. He is trying to get into the limelight. It is very interesting to note that Catholics who are supposed to have "all the wisdom in the world" can't meet Judge Rutherford in an open debate and prove definitely to the satisfaction of millions of people that Judge Rutherford is 'wrong' when he disproves the doctrines of "purgatory", "trinity," use of images, and many other doctrines of the Catholic organization. Defenders of Catholic religion haven't a leg to stand on, because they don't preach the Bible. Judge Rutherford does. They have a religion which is based on the traditions of men, not the Bible. So they have to dig up something that they think will

startle the people, such as Judge Rutherford's having been sent to jail. However, they don't tell who put him there. The apostles and many followers of Christ were put in jail for the same reason that Judge Rutherford was put there, and by religionists of the same stripe.

Don't you think your friends will enjoy reading about the Felix episode? If so, why not get 40 copies of *The Golden Age* and give them to your Catholic friends and neighbors and other people? Forty copies will be mailed to any one address in the United States for \$1.00; to Canada and other countries, for \$1.25. Or, get them to subscribe for *The Golden Age* for a year. Subscription price in the U.S.A., \$1.00 per year; in other countries, \$1.25 per year.

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