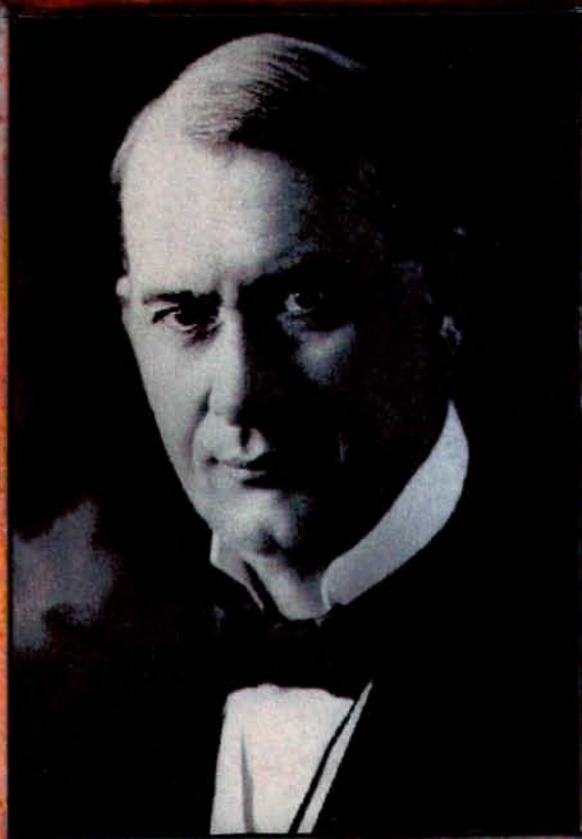


Judge Rutherford B.



The United States

Rutherford Gets 20-Year Sentence

New York, June 22.—Joseph F. Rutherford, successor of "Pastor" Russell as head of the international Bible students' association, and six of his associates were sentenced Friday to twenty years imprisonment for conspiracy to violate the espionage law.

Sentencing of Giovanni Dececca, another defendant convicted, was deferred for two months pending an investigation into his past career suggested by the court.

The sentences will be served at the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The charge against Rutherford and the other defendants was that they preached sedition in "Pastor" Russell's posthumous book, "The Finished Mystery," and advised resistance to the draft.

Russell's Followers Guilty of Violation of U. S. Espionage Act

NEW YORK, June 22.—Joseph F. Rutherford and seven other defendants, followers of the late "Pastor" Russell, have been found guilty of conspiring to violate the espionage law, by a jury in federal court.

When the jury filed into the courtroom and the foreman announced the defendants had been found guilty on all four counts in the indictments against them, Judge Howe's comment was that the verdict was "thoroughly right."

Counsel for the defense moved that the verdict be set aside on the grounds that it was against the weight of evidence and that errors had been committed in the admission of evidence. The judge gave him until tomorrow noon to file his objections.

The maximum penalty which can be imposed on each defendant is forty years' imprisonment. The four counts on which they were found guilty were conspiracy, insubordination, disloyalty and resistance of the selective draft act. Each count carried a maximum penalty of ten years.

RUSSELLITES' BOOK ISSUED AFTER WAR

Indictment Returned Against Witness Who Failed to Recall Signatures.

"The Finished Mystery," the alleged seditious book issued by the International Bible Students Association, of which the late Pastor Russell was founder, was not completed before this country entered the war, as had been contended by Russell's followers who are now on trial for conspiracy before Judge Howe in the Federal Court, Brooklyn, according to testimony offered yesterday afternoon.

During yesterday's session William F. Huggins, who had previously been held in contempt of court by Judge Howe for refusing to answer questions, was indicted by the Federal Grand Jury.

The admission that the book containing the seditious matter had been completed after war was declared by this country was made by George H. Fisher of Scranton, Pa., one of the editors of the Watch Tower. Fisher testified that he had seen revised proofs of the book on June 25, 1917, eighteen days after war had been declared.

His testimony was offered after the Grand Jury had brought in the indictment against Huggins, who had earlier in the day been sent to jail by Judge Howe for evading questions put to him when called to identify the signatures of William E. Van Amburgh and A. Hugh McMillan, men he had worked beside for years. Huggins's wife, who was a stenographer, also had refused to answer questions and was reprimanded by the court.

Following the indictment Huggins was arraigned before Judge Howe and bailed at \$5,000. The case will come up on June 17.

Fisher declared "The Finished Mystery," written closely from an outline left by Pastor Russell, was based on prophecies in the Book of Revelation.

The witness said that he personally was not opposed to war and would be willing to fight; but that the Lord said in His teachings that a Christian should not take life. "To a man who has not made full consecration of himself I would not lay down such a law," he declared.

"You mean," commented the court, "that it is wrong for you and those with you to engage in warfare, but right for the rest of us?"

Fisher said that one passage in the book, "Conscription will meet with opposition," was not written by him, but had been edited into the copy after he had turned it in.

10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR DE CECCA, RUSSELLITE

Giovanni de Cecca, in charge of Italian translations for the International Bible Students Association and other organizations of the late Pastor Russell, who was found guilty recently on two counts for violation of the espionage law, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on each count by Judge Harlan B. Howe in the United States District Court in Brooklyn today. The sentences are to run concurrently.

All the usual motions, made by De Cecca's attorney, Jesse Fuller, were denied, with the exception of the privilege of taking an appeal. Judge Howe ordered him confined in the Atlanta prison.

20 ARRESTED FOR VIOLATING SEDITION ACT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 23—Twenty persons, 10 of them women, are under arrest here for violation of the sedition act in distribution of the "Kingdom News," containing an article headed "The Finished Mystery and Why It Was Suppressed."

The paper is printed in New York. A petition addressed to President Wilson appears in the paper with blank lines for signatures. It declares that "Any interference by the clergy with independent Bible study is intolerant, un-American and un-Christian; and that any attempt to combine church and state is radically wrong." It protests against the suppression of "The Finished Mystery" and asks the governor to remove all restriction as to its use.

ARREST LEADER OF RUSSELLITES

'Judge' Rutherford Nabbed
in Raid on Bible
Students' Quarters

CONSPIRACY AND SEDITION CHARGED

NEW YORK, May 8—Joseph F. Rutherford, who as "Judge Rutherford of the New York bar" assumed leadership of the International Bible Students' Association and other organizations founded by "Pastor" Russell at the time of Russell's death two years ago, was arrested by federal agents here today charged with violating the trading with the enemy act and conspiring to induce insubordination and disorder among United States soldiers.

With five other leaders of the "Russellite" organizations, Rutherford was arrested during a raid on the "Bethel Home" in Brooklyn, the headquarters of the Bible Students' Association; the Watch Tower Society and other associated bodies formed ostensibly for the dissemination of the "New Thought" teachings of "Pastor Russell."

To Stir up Dissension

Many of these doctrines were incorporated in Russell's posthumous book, "The Finished Mystery," which was one of the mediums through which the Bible Students' Association leaders sought to stir up dissension among the nation's soldiers, according to one of the indictments against Rutherford and his associates.

"The Watch Tower," "The Bible Student" and "The Kingdom News," periodicals issued by the Russell Societies, the indictment alleges, also were employed for the distribution of this trouble-making propaganda. "The Kingdom News" was suppressed by federal authorities last week.

Under the indictment charging violation of the trading with the enemy act, Rutherford will be asked to explain why one of his organizations sent a draft for \$500 to Zurich, Switzerland, on Nov. 7, last year, which ultimately found its way to a payee in Barmen, Germany. Co-defendants named on this charge are William E. Van Amburgh and Robert J. Martin, who were taken in yesterday with Rutherford today, and Charles K. Binkle, who has not been apprehended.

The men were admitted to bail to Robert John G. Stevens, to whom the trustees of the association transferred the Bethel home, disqualified in the sum of \$60,000.

20 YEARS FOR 7 "STUDENTS"

"Pastor" Russell's Successor and Six Convicted

NEW YORK, June 21.—Joseph F. Rutherford, successor of "Pastor" Russell as head of the International Bible Students' Association and six of his associates were sentenced today to 20 years' imprisonment for conspiracy to violate the espionage law.

"Since it is the will of the Lord, we're glad to go," was the sentiment expressed by several of the convicted men to a throng of their friends, who were allowed to visit them in the grand jury room. Soon they all began to sing hymns, including "Nearer, My God, To Thee," and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

If a stay is not obtained, it is probable Rutherford and his six associates will be taken to Atlanta Monday.

ACCUSED OF SPREADING LIBEL

Arrests Follow as Aftermath of "The Finished Mystery."

SEATTLE, Wash., April 21.—Nine men were arrested here today at the direction of C. L. Reames, assistant United States attorney general, after they had begun the circulation of a paper, said to have been published in Brooklyn, N. Y., and carrying accusations that the protestant and Catholic clergy of the United States had instigated government action against members of the International Bible Students' Association. This association, according to government agents, sponsored the circulation of a book called "The Finished Mystery," which recently was suppressed. Thousands of copies of the Brooklyn paper were confiscated by the police. The publication was called "Kingdom News," and the subject matter bore the title: "The Finished Mystery and Why Suppressed."

PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Lloyd B. Rurch and George H. Simpson, self-declared members of the International Bible Students' Association, were arrested here today in connection with the distribution of the "Kingdom News," a publication mainly devoted to a defense of Pastor Russell's book, "The Finished Mystery." They were turned over the federal authorities. Copies of the "Kingdom News" were found on door-steps in a large section of the residence district.

8 FOLLOWERS OF RUSSELL GUILTY

Late "Pastor's" Men Are Convicted

NEW YORK, June 20.—Joseph F. Rutherford and seven other defendants, followers of the late "Pastor" Russell, were found guilty of conspiring to violate the espionage law by a jury in federal court at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

When the jury foreman announced that all the defendants had been found guilty on all four counts in the indictments against them, Judge Howe's comment was that the verdict was "throughly right."

Counsel for the defence moved that the verdict be set aside on the grounds that it was against the weight of evidence and that errors had been committed in the admission of evidence. Asserting that the lawyer must be more specific, the judge gave him until tomorrow noon to file his objections. At that hour, the judge announced, he would sentence the eight men.

The maximum penalty that can be imposed on each defendant is 40 years imprisonment. The four counts on which they were found guilty were conspiracy, insubordination, disloyalty and resistance of the selective draft act. Each count carries a maximum penalty of 16 years. Judge Howe in imposing sentence can rule that they run separately or concurrently.

Besides Rutherford, the defendants were: William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Fred H. Robinson, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, A. Hugh McMillan and Giovanni de Celesia.

RELIGIOUS BELIEF NOT GOOD DEFENCE

Is No Excuse for Violating Law, Says Judge

NEW YORK, June 17.—Religious belief is no excuse for violating the law, according to a statement made in the federal court here today by Judge Howe at the trial of Joseph F. Rutherford, who succeeded "Pastor" Russell as head of the International Bible Students' Association, and his seven associates, charged with opposing the war policies of the government by the circulation of alleged seditious literature.

Rutherford, asked if he believed in the draft, replied that in his youth it was his ambition to lead an army, "but according to the tenets of our organization, it is against our principles to fight and on that ground alone I am opposed."

ARREST RUSSELLITES ON SEDITION CHARGES

Rutherford, Who Succeeded
Late 'Pastor,' and Five Other
Leaders Barely Escape Jail.

INDICTED IN FEDERAL COURT

Inciting Refusal to Do Military
Duty and Sending Money to
Germany Alleged.

Charged with spreading doctrines calculated to promote unrest and disloyalty among the men of the army and navy, six leaders of the International Bible Students' Association, which was founded by the late "Pastor" Charles T. Russell, were arrested yesterday afternoon in Brooklyn by United States Marshal James M. Power.

The arrests were made at the "Beth-el," the headquarters of the society, at 122 Columbia Heights, and among the men taken into custody was ex-Judge Joseph F. Rutherford, who is said to be the successor of "Pastor" Russell as the head of the organization. The sextet were saved from going to the City Prison for the night through a swift real estate transaction, by which one of the members of the association became temporary title holder to property of the society, enabling him to give bonds for the prisoners.

The Federal Grand Jury indictment, under which Rutherford and his associates were arrested, charges them with "unlawfully and willfully conspiring to cause insubordination, disloyalty, and refusal of duty of the military and naval forces of the United States." When arraigned before Judge Garvin in the United States District Court the accused all pleaded not guilty. Besides Rutherford, they were William E. Van Amburgh, A. Hugh McMillan, Robert J. Martin, Frederick H. Robinson, and Giovanni De Cecca. The first four named were held in \$5,000 bail each, and the other two in \$2,500 each.

When it came to the question of bail, the Russellites, as they are called, with the aid of a lawyer had a long debate with United States District Attorney France. They were told by Mr. France that the property of the association,

being that of a religious corporation, could not be accepted as security for their future appearance in court. The Trustees of the society then put their heads together and decided to transfer the title to the Columbia Heights property, which, they said, was worth \$100,000, to one of their number, John F. Stevenson. This was done, and Mr. Stevenson qualifying as bondsman, the prisoners were released pending a hearing next week. Neither of them would make any statement after leaving court.

There are four counts in the indictment, all charging disloyalty. Rutherford, McMillan, Van Amburgh and Martin are also charged with having sent money to a representative of the association in Germany. These funds—\$500, deposited in the name of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society in the Nassau National Bank, Manhattan—are said to have been withdrawn on Nov. 7 last and sent by draft to Barmen, Germany, through Zurich, Switzerland.

The indictment was based largely upon matter published in the Watch Tower and Kingdom News, publications issued by the society, and "The Finished Mystery," a work by the late "Pastor" Russell. The magazines contain letters written from Italy and having to do with the trial in that country of a member of the International Bible Students' Association for making defamatory remarks about military service.

ARREST MORE RUSSELLITES

Two Bible Student Preachers Charged with Aiding Germany.

Clayton J. Woodward and George H. Fisher, two more members of the organization founded by the late Pastor Russell, were taken into custody yesterday to answer to the Federal authorities for their alleged conspiracy to help Germany win the war by spreading discontent and disloyalty here. They live at Bethel House, 122 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn. Both said they were preachers connected with the International Bible Students' Association. They were in Scranton Wednesday, they said, and did not know of the arrest of their leader, J. F. Rutherford, and five of his followers until they got back.

When the first arrests were made the prisoners were saved from going to jail by a quick transfer of the real estate of the organization to one of the members. This done, the property was accepted as bail for the six prisoners. It was learned yesterday that this proceeding was not regular, and it is probable that in the default of any of the prisoners the Government would be in a legal fight to recover on the security accepted. It is said that arrangements are being made to furnish other bail. The security, however, that was offered for the six prisoners was accepted as bond for the two taken yesterday.

United States District Attorney France was asked whether the bond offered was irregular. He said that he would not reply to the question. "I am satisfied for the present," was his only answer. Fisher and Woodward were taken before Federal District Judge Edwin L. Garvin, who fixed bail at \$2,500 each. All the prisoners are over draft age.

WOULD LET SINNERS FIGHT.

Russellite Wants All "Consecrated Christians" Exempted.

Clayton J. Woodworth of Scranton, Penn., part author of "The Finished Mystery," was the principal witness yesterday at the trial of himself and eight other Russellites in the United States District Court in Brooklyn. His attention was called to a quotation which he caused to be placed in the book from a sermon by the Rev. John Haynes Holmes which reads:

"There is not a question raised, an issue involved, a course at stake (in the war) which is worth the life of one bluejacket on the sea or one khaki coat in the trenches:"

Mr. Woodworth said it was from Dr. Holmes and he simply quoted from him, but admitted that he believed the quotation or he would not have incorporated it.

Special Prosecutor Isaac R. Oeland asked the witness about a part of the book in which Mr. Woodworth told of a minister dressed in army uniform and likened him to the bull at a slaughter house who led his fellows to death but evaded injury to himself, being trained to use a side door.

"I still believe it is a discredit for a minister to wear the uniform of the army and act as a decoy," Woodworth asserted, "and it is my belief that the ministers of the gospel in the aggregate are the greatest crowd of hypocrites that ever existed."

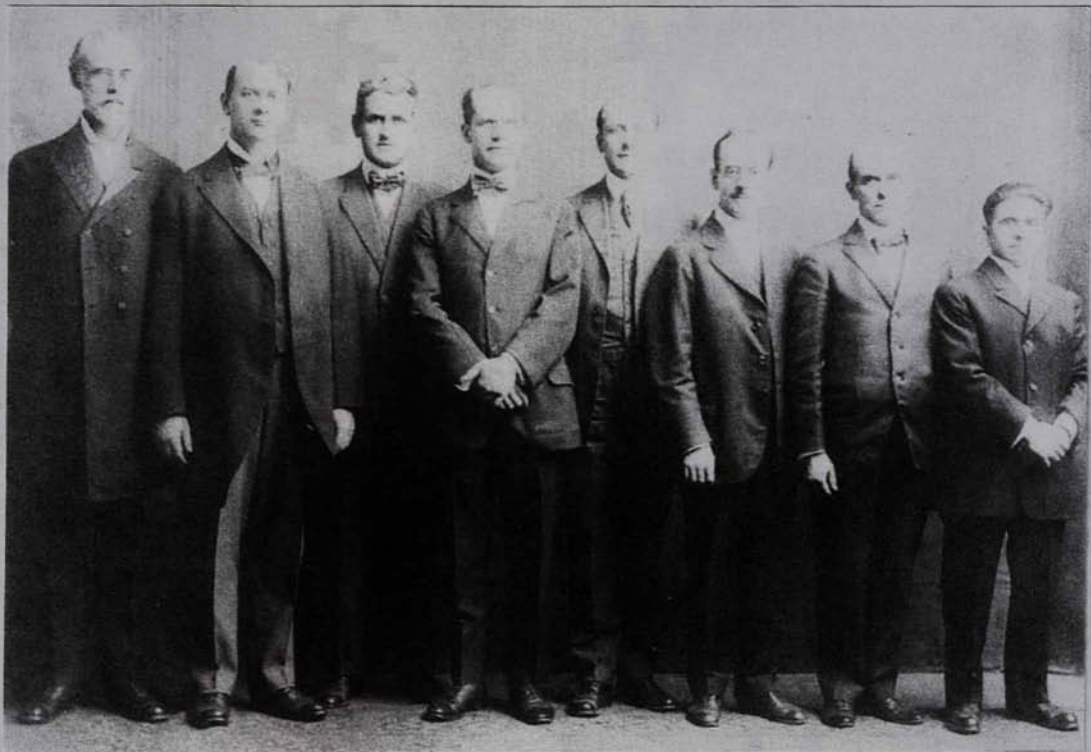
Woodworth said he was opposed to war and would not care to do military duty on the ground that he was a consecrated Christian. He said that among the Russellites those who did not become consecrated Christians were considered as sinners. He had no objection to sinners being called into service and losing their lives for their country.

"What do you think would become of the country if we all adopted your theories?" asked Judge Howe.

"If this people were wholly consecrated to the Lord the Lord would take care of them," replied Mr. Woodworth.

The trial will be continued this morning.

From left to right: W. E. Van Amburgh, J. F. Rutherford, A. H. Macmillan, R. J. Martin, F. H. Robison, C. J. Woodworth, G. H. Fisher, G. DeCecca





Federal Prison, Atlanta, Georgia 1920
Atlanta Federal Penitentiary, Inmate Case Files, 1902 - 1921
<http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/>

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Woodworth	Clayton J	8638	WH	48	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-t-z.html#w
DeCecca	Giovanni	8764	WH	40	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-c-d.html#d
Van Amburgh	William E	8634	WH	55	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-t-z.html#v
McMillan	Hugh A	8639	WH	41	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-m-n.html
Martin	Robert J	8635	WH	40	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-m-n.html
Robinson	Fred H	8636	WH	33	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-r-s.html
Fisher	George H	8637	WH	48	Brooklyn, NY	Conspiracy and Violating Espionage Laws	http://www.archives.gov/southeast/finding-aids/atlanta-penitentiary/inmates-e-f-g.html#f

"The Finished Mystery" from a "Spiritual" viewpoint!

C. J. Woodworth was a major individual during the Rutherford period of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. He wrote the commentary on Revelation in the 1917 book *The Finished Mystery*. Rutherford made him editor of *The Golden Age* magazine, which would later be renamed the "Awake" journal that Jehovah's Witnesses read today.



<http://seanet.com/~raines/woodworth.html>

I came directly under the influence of **evil spirits**, so much so that for three days I was as completely **under demonic control** as was Mrs. Eddy when she wrote "Science and Health."

Bible Students Thirteenth Souvenir Convention Report, p. 274.

Was "**The Finished Mystery**" written while Woodworth was under demonic control? Please examine p.127!

time that it proves these disobedient spirits unworthy of life on any plane. This is something with which some but not many are yet familiar. Truly, we know the Apostle in writing of this evil day says, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wicked ones in heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). Truly, we know the Lord Jesus, at the First Advent began His ministry with forty days of conflict with the Adversary, who all that time sought to sway His mind (Matt. 4:1-11). Truly, we have reason to believe He must have had other terrible battles when He spent all night in prayer, and especially when He was so depressed in the garden of Gethsemane. But without actual experience it is quite impossible to conceive of the intensity of such struggles as Eph. 6:12 suggests. The base of the brain is seized as in a vise. Interpretations of Scripture, ingenious, but misleading beyond description, are projected into the mind as water might be projected through a hose. Visions may be tried, wonderful illuminations of the mind as by a soft but glorious greenish or yellowish haze. Seductive suggestions may be made, based on circumstances of the environment. Offers of inspiration may be made. The privilege of sleep may be taken away for days at a stretch. All this is with the object of forcing the unfortunate into at least temporary insanity so as to destroy his influence and, if possible, his faith in God. Failing in all other attempts, the mind may be flooded with thoughts that are vile beyond description. THEN REMEMBER THE VOW.

The fact that Jehovah intends some unique experiences for the antitypical Isaac may be judged from the fact that between Isaac's conception (Gen. 17:19 and 18:10) and his birth (Gen. 21:1) occurred the destruction of Sodom (Gen. 18:16 to end of 19th Chap.) and *Abraham's denial of Sarah* (Gen. 20). But reading the latter account, the child of God is comforted with God's care of His little ones (Gen. 20:3) with the assurance that none of Satan's plans can mature (Gen. 20:18) without the Lord's permission. Isaac was a type of the complete Christ; and if now The Christ is complete, as we believe, and ready to be born into the Kingdom, we should not be surprised at anything that might look like our repudiation at the Father's hands. If He pours the cup, it will only be because He knows that we can drink it, and because He wishes to prove to angels and to men that we are worthy of the honors He is to give us. —*Lu.* 22:42, 43; 1 *Tim.* 1:16.

Till we.—You "four angels," Harvest workers in the flesh, and Myself, the Lord of the Harvest.

Banned literature published by the Watchtower Bible & Tract Society.

Page 12 of this transcript, under "Indictment," lists some of these materials which were used against the defendants in court. (See #35, on p.12).

1. "The Finished Mystery," 1917 edition, pages 247-253.
2. The "Bible Students Monthly," 1917 October 4, Volume 8, No. 4.
3. The "Bible Students Monthly," The Fall of Babylon, 1917 Volume 9, No. 9.
4. The "Kingdom News," 1918 March 15, Volume 1, No. 1, /Volume 1, No. 2.
5. The 1915 Jack London anti-war tract, "A Good Soldier" published in the *Bible Students Monthly* October 4, 1917, Volume 8, No. 4.
6. The Watch Tower, 1916 January 15th., pp.30-31 (Reprint p.5841, which reprinted Jack London's anti-war tract).

"A Good Soldier" by Jack London 1915.

The Watchtower Society's unlawful republishing and circulation of Jack London's anti-war tract called, "A Good Soldier" is not mentioned in the 1993, "Jehovah's Witnesses Proclaimers Of God's Kingdom" history book. Jack London's anti-war tract was censored in 1915 by Postmaster General Burleson, who issued a clear warning against the reprinting and circulation of London's tract on envelopes. Officials of the Watchtower Society, assumed that the Postmaster General did not want London's antiwar tract to be published "in clear view" of the public, such as a "post-card" or on an "envelope" that was openly displayed.

The 1917 Espionage Act clarified all misunderstandings concerning printing or circulating anti-war literature. The Espionage Act states:

The **Espionage Act of 1917** was a United States **federal law** passed shortly after entering World War I, on **June 15, 1917**, which made it a crime for a person: **to convey information with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the armed forces of the United States or to promote the success of its enemies.** This was punishable by death or by imprisonment for not more than 30 years to convey false reports or false statements with intent to interfere with the operation or success of the military or naval forces of the United States or to promote the success of its enemies and whoever when the United States is at war, to cause or attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny, refusal of duty, in the military or naval forces of the United States, or to wilfully obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service of the United States. **This was punishable by a maximum \$USD 10,000 fine (almost \$170,000 in today's dollars) and 20 years in prison.**

The legislation was passed at the urging of President Woodrow Wilson, who feared any widespread dissent in time of war, thinking that it constituted a real threat to an American victory.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Espionage_Act

The Watchtower Bible & Tract Society collaborated with Edward Adams to reprint **10,000 copies** of the "*Bible Students Monthly*," containing Jack London's anti-war tract, as late as **October 4, 1917**, which was **four months "after" the 1917 Espionage Act** had already been made law.

Scans are provided of most of the literature listed above.

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presented to them as truth—they must 'try the spirits,' whether they be holy or evil, of God or of the Evil One—the Spirit of Truth or the spirit of error. These both are introduced by prophets, or teachers."—E329, 295.

[Like] AS IT WERE frogs.—Frogs are garrulous, have a very wise look, large mouths, are much puffed up and utter only croakings. In the "distress of nations with perplexity" which has come upon Christendom as a result of her sins, the croakings of the wise now fill the air everywhere. Actually all knees are "weak as water."—Ezek. 7:17; 21:7. See especially D i-xvi.

Come out of the mouth of the dragon.—The three fundamental truths of history are man's Fall, Redemption and Restoration. Stated in other language these three truths are the mortal nature of man, the Christ of God and His Millennial Kingdom. Standing opposite to these Satan has placed three great untruths, human immortality, the Antichrist and a certain delusion which is best described by the word Patriotism, but which is in reality murder, the spirit of the very Devil. It is this last and crowning feature of Satan's work that is mentioned first. The other two errors are the direct cause of this one. The wars of the Old Testament were all intended to illustrate the battlings of the New Creature against the weaknesses of the flesh, and are not in any sense of the word justification for the human butchery which has turned the earth into a slaughter-house. Nowhere in the New Testament is Patriotism (a narrow-minded hatred of other peoples) encouraged. Everywhere and always murder in its every form is forbidden; and yet, under the guise of Patriotism the civil governments of earth demand of peace-loving men the sacrifice of themselves and their loved ones and the butchery of their fellows, and hail it as a duty demanded by the laws of heaven.

"Everybody of importance in the early years of the twentieth century was an ardent champion of peace. A crowd of royal peacemakers in a world surcharged with thoughts and threats of war, a band of lovers strolling down an avenue which they themselves had lined with lyddite shells and twelve-inch guns. Prince Bulow, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannermann, Mr. H. H. Asquith, Mr. John Hay, and Mr. Elihu Root, pacific in temper, eloquent in their advocacy of the cause of international good will, were a galaxy of peace-loving statesmen under a sky black with the thunder-clouds of war. English and German papers were discussing invasions, and the need of increased armaments, at the very time that twenty thousand Germans in Berlin were applauding to the echo the friendly greetings

of a company of English visitors. While ten thousand boys and girls in Tokio were singing loving greetings to our naval officers, there were men in the United States rushing from city to city urging the people to prepare for an American-Japanese war. After each new peace conference there was a fresh cry for more guns. While the Palace of Peace at The Hague was building, nations hailed the advent of the airship as a glorious invention, because of the service it could render to the cause of war. The fountains from which there flowed these dark and swollen streams of war rumor were all located within the military and naval encampments. It was the experts of the army and navy who were always shivering at some new peril, and painting sombre pictures of what would happen in case new regiments were not added to the army and additional battleships were not voted for the fleet. It was in this way that legislative bodies came to think that possibly the country was really in danger; and looking round for a ground on which to justify new expenditures for war material, they seized upon an ancient pagan maxim—furnished by the military experts—‘If you wish peace, prepare for war.’ No guns were asked for to kill men with—guns were mounted as safeguards of the peace. No battleships were launched to fight with—they were preservers of the peace. Colossal armies and gigantic navies were exhibited as a nation’s ornaments—beautiful tokens of its love of peace. The expenditure crushed the poorest of the nations and crippled the richest of them, but the burden was gladly borne for the cause.

“The most virulent and devastating disease of humanity now raging on the earth is militarism. There are demon suggestions which obtain so firm a grip upon the mind that it is difficult to banish them. The naval experts of Germany are dragging the German Empire ever deeper into debt, unabashed by the ominous mutterings of a coming storm. The naval experts of England go right on launching Dreadnaughts, while the number of British paupers grows larger with the years, and all British problems become increasingly baffling and alarming. The naval experts of Russia plan for a new billion-dollar navy, notwithstanding Russia’s national debt is four and one-quarter billion dollars, and to pay her current expenses she is compelled to borrow seventy-five million dollars every year. With millions of her people on the verge of starvation, and beggars swarming through the streets of her cities and round the stations of her railways, the naval experts go on asking new appropriations for guns and military equipment.

"Like many another fever, militarism grows by what it feeds on, and unless checked by heroic measures is certain to burn the patient up. Bereft of reason are the nations by Satan's ingenious and terrible final beclouding of the minds of men.

"The militarist is comic in his seriousness. He says that if you want to keep the peace you must prepare for war, and yet he knows that where men prepare for war by carrying bowie knives, peace is a thing unheard of, and that where every man is armed with a revolver, the list of homicides is longest. Like many other diseases, militarism is contagious. One nation can be infected by another until there is an epidemic round the world. Is it possible, some one asks, for a world to become insane? That a community can become crazy was proven by Salem, in the days of the witchcraft delusion; that a city can lose its head was demonstrated by London, at the time of the Gunpowder Plot; that a continent can become the victim of an hallucination was shown when Europe lost its desire to live, and waited for the end of the world in the year 1000. Why should it be counted incredible that many nations, bound together by steam and electricity, should fall under the spell of a delusion, and should act for a season like a man who has gone mad?

"All the great nations are today facing deficits, caused in every case by the military and naval experts.

"Everything in Germany, Italy, Austria, England and Russia is held back by the confiscation of the proceeds of industry carried on for the support of the army and navy. In the United States the development of our resources is checked by this same fatal policy. We have millions of acres of desert land to be irrigated, millions of acres of swamp land to be drained, thousands of miles of inland waterways to be improved, harbors to be deepened, canals to be dug, and forests to be safeguarded, and yet for all these works of cardinal importance we can afford only a pittance. We have not sufficient money to pay decent salaries to our United States judges, or to the men who represent us abroad. We have pests, implacable and terrible, like the gypsy moth, and plagues like tuberculosis, for whose extermination millions of money are needed at once."
—C. E. Jefferson, American Association for International Conciliation.—Z.'09-179.

The first expenditure of the United States Government (\$7,000,000,000), upon entering the world war, was 27% in excess of value of all the crops harvested in the United States in the banner year of its history. This amount would gridiron the country with macadam roads six miles

apart, east and west, north and south. It is double the capital and surplus of every bank in the country. It is equal to our entire cost for education, from kindergarten to university, for ten years.

"War is in open and utter violation of Christianity. If war is right, then Christianity is wrong, false, a lie. If Christianity is right, then war is wrong, false, a lie. The God revealed by Jesus, and by every spiritual leader of the race, is no God of battles. He lifts no sword—He asks no sacrifice of human blood. His spirit is love, His rule is peace, His method of persuasion is forgiveness. His law, as interpreted and promulgated by the Nazarene, is 'love one another,' 'resist not evil with evil,' 'forgive seventy times seven,' 'overcome evil with good,' 'love your enemies,' 'bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you.' Such a God and such a law, others may reconcile with war, if they can. I cannot; and what I cannot do, I will not profess to do. But I must go farther—I must speak not only of war in general, but of this war in particular. Most persons are quite ready to agree, especially in the piping times of peace, that war is wrong. But let a war cloud no bigger than a man's hand appear on the horizon of the nation's life, and they straightway begin to qualify their judgment; and if the war cloud grows until it covers all the heavens, they finally reverse it.

"This brings about the curious situation of all war being wrong in general, and each war being right in particular. Germans denounce war, with the exception of course of the present conflict with England. Englishmen condemn war, but exclude from their indictment the present fight against the central Empires. If you tell me that this war is fought for the integrity of international law, I must ask you why it is directed only against Germany and not also against England, which is an equal, although far less terrible, violator of covenants between nations? If you say it is fought on behalf of the rights of neutrals, I must ask you where, when and by what belligerent the rights of neutrals have been conserved in this war, and what guarantee you can offer that, after all our expenditure of blood and money for their defense, these rights will not be similarly violated all over again in the next war by any nation which is battling for its life? If you say that it is fought for the security of American property and lives, I must ask you how and to what extent it will be safer for our citizens to cross the seas after the declaration of war than it was before? If you say that it is fought in vindication

of our national honor, I must ask you why no harm has come to the honor of others nations, such as Holland and Scandinavia, for example, which have suffered even more than we, but which, for prudential reasons, refuse to take up arms? If you say it is a war of defense against wanton and intolerable aggression, I must reply that every blow which we have endured has been primarily a blow directed not against ourselves but against England, and that it has yet to be proved that Germany has any intention or desire of attacking us. If you say that this war is a life-and-death struggle for the preservation of civilization against barbarism, I must ask you why we remained neutral when Belgium was raped, and were at last aroused to action, not by the cries of the stricken abroad, but by our own losses in men and money? If you say that this war is a last resort in a situation which every other method, patiently tried, has failed to meet, I must answer that this is not true—that other ways and means of action, tried by experience and justified by success, have been laid before the administration and wilfully rejected.

"In its ultimate causes, this war is the natural product of our unchristian civilization. Its armed men are grown from the dragon's teeth of secret diplomacy, imperialistic ambition, dynastic pride, greedy commercialism, economic exploitation at home and abroad. In the sowing of these teeth, America has had her part; and it is therefore only proper, perhaps, that she should have her part also in the reaping of the dreadful harvest. In its more immediate causes, this war is the direct result of unwarrantable, cruel, but none the less inevitable interferences with our commercial relations with one group of the belligerents. Our participation in the war, therefore, like the war itself, is political and economic, not ethical, in its character. Any honor, dignity, or beauty which there may be in our impending action, is to be found in the impulses, pure and undefiled, which are actuating many patriotic hearts today, and not at all in the real facts of the situation. The war itself is wrong. Its prosecution will be a crime. There is not a question raised, an issue involved, a cause at stake, which is worth the life of one blue-jacket on the sea or one khaki-coat in the trenches."—Rev. John Hayes Holmes, Church of the Messiah, Park Ave. and 34th St., New York City.

And out of the mouth of the beast,—The Antichrist doctrine of the Divine right of the clergy was the direct cause of the great war. This frog has been coming out of the mouth of the Papal beast for sixteen centuries. "The German Kaiser's reported proclamation to his army in

Poland reads: 'Remember you (my army) are God's elect. God's spirit has descended on me because I am Emperor of Germany. I am Jehovah's sword, His representative, the instrument of the Most High. Woe and death be to those who resist my will! and to all who do not believe my mission, and to cowards in my army! The enemies of the German people shall perish. God demands their destruction. He it is who through me commands you to fulfill His will!' These false doctrines of the Dark Ages are bearing a terrible fruitage in the present war. Similarly the teaching of eternal torment, misrepresenting and blaspheming God's character, is bearing an evil fruitage. Millions of people are being turned away from faith in a God of Love and from faith in the Bible as His Message by the most monstrous blasphemies of the Dark Ages. I charge the responsibility of all this against the sects and creeds of Christendom. I charge that the ministers, whose eyes are now open to a saner comprehension, have neglected the Bible, have neglected the people, and instead of helping them out of the darkness, are now leading them into darkness in an opposite direction—into Evolution and Higher Criticism and everything contrary to the Word of God. God is still misrepresented in the world. The creeds of the Dark Ages are still hugged to the bosom in outward pretense, while inwardly they are loathed. A great fraud, a great hypocrisy, you say? I answer, Yes; the most astounding the world has ever known. Two hundred thousand professed ministers of God and of Christ are standing before the world today telling the legends of the Dark Ages and seeking to hinder the people from coming to a knowledge of the Truth, meanwhile receiving the people's money and reverence. Does not such hypocrisy, such blasphemy against God, such deception of the people, such keeping of them in darkness, deserve a great punishment, and is it not nigh?"—B. S. M.

"In all the warring countries the professed ministers of Christ are acting as recruiting agents. All kinds of arguments are used to persuade the young men of the country, contrary to the teachings of the Master. The same men who are accustomed to laugh at the declaration that the Turkish soldiers in former wars were promised, in the event of death, a sure passport to Heavenly Paradise—these same ministers are now urging all the eligible with whom they have influence to prepare to go to battle to lay down their lives. While the Germans have on every battle flag and upon their soldiers' belts, 'God with us,' the British ministers are quoting Bible texts to encourage enlistment of their young men and to throw a halo of

glory upon their soldier dead." (Z.'15-267.) "The clergy are finding themselves in a tight place. They are expected to be faithful to their country, right or wrong. They are expected to preach the War as the will of God and the going to war as a meritorious matter that will have Divine reward and blessing. They must encourage recruiting, in obedience to the commands of their earthly king, and in violation of the commands of the Heavenly King, who has directed them to be peacemakers, and to follow peace with all men and do no murder, either under legal sanction or otherwise." (Z.'15-276.) "Recently in Canada the Editor was astounded by the activity of the preachers there—especially those of the Church of England. One was out in khaki uniform marching through the streets with the volunteers. Asked by a college friend, 'Did I see you in the ranks?' he answered, 'Yes, I wanted to encourage the boys.' 'And did you think of going to the front, to the trenches?' 'Not a bit of it!' He was merely acting as a decoy to get others to the front; just as a bull which they have at one of the Chicago stockyards, meets the animals about to be slaughtered and, tossing his head in the air, becomes their leader up the gangway leading to the slaughter. There he knows his little niche, into which he glides and is sheltered; while the others drive and press one another forward to the slaughter."—Z.'15-259.

And out of the mouth of the false prophet.—The one cardinal error upon which all protestant (false prophet) sects agree is the doctrine of human immortality, the original lie told in Eden (Gen. 2:17; 3:4). In speaking of it our Lord says, "When he speaketh *the* lie, he speaketh of his own." (John 8:44, Diaglott.) Speaking of it again, the Apostle Paul says, of the worshipers of the beast and his image, "They admitted not the love of the Truth that they might be saved. And on this account God will send to them an energy of delusion, to their believing the falsehood." (2 Thes. 2:10, 11.) In each case the Greek gives the definite article. The frog issuing from the false prophet (the image of the beast) is the doctrine of human immortality. These deluded souls actually believe this error, and will be able to prove it to the satisfaction of the dragon, without a doubt. This error lies at the bottom of the doctrines of eternal torment and of the trinity. There is a hint in 1 John 4:1-3 that the cardinal error on which the false prophet will insist is that when Jesus came from the Father He was more than flesh, i. e., had at least an immortal soul.—Rev. 13:11, 13, 14, 15; 14:9, 11; 15:2; 16:2; 19:20; 20:10; Matt. 24:24.

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CHURCH FEDERATION

"If the Wesleyans and the Church of England should reunite in the land of Wesley, what effect would it have on the Methodist body in this land?" asks *The Literary Digest*.

"The Churchman" (New York) hopes that the present discussion of the projected union in England will result in the drawing together of two separated religious communions.

"The Guardian" (London) publishes a letter from a Methodist clergyman, in which he says:

"We are asking whether the Church of England will allow Wesleyan ministers either to receive conditional ordination or, alternatively, to be ordained in a formula which would substitute the words 'Church of England' for the words 'Church of God' in the Prayer-Book formula. We are asking whether confirmation might, during a period of transition, be regarded as a domestic institution, not to be too rigidly enforced upon adult outsiders. We can see that some concessions must be made for the sake of healing our unhappy divisions, and many of us are prepared, with that end in view, to accept reordination, even sans phrase if that should be absolutely necessary."

METHODISM IN HOLY WRIT

As might have been expected, all the prominent Protestant systems are brought to our attention in the Revelator's depiction of the Papacy and the Reformation. To whatever extent the "Anglicans" have followed the course of the Mother Church in hiding the increasing light of Truth which discredits their time-worn creeds, to that extent the Lord has held them in derision. The following is the exposition of Revelation 9:1-12, in "THE FINISHED MYSTERY," announced on page 4 of this paper:

9:1. And the fifth angel sounded.—The Reformation trumpets are referred to, four of which had sounded previous to the one here mentioned. The Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian and Baptist movements preceded the Wesleyan, which is now represented in fifteen kinds of Methodist organizations.—1 Cor. 3:3.

And I saw a star.—John Wesley became a star in the Anglican heavens in 1728, at which time he was ordained a priest by Bishop Potter.

Fall from heaven unto the earth.—Brother Wesley tore a large-sized hole in the ecclesiastical heavens when he began the manufacture of a firmament of his own. His work grew rapidly, particularly in America. Says the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, "The preachers in the South determined upon administration of the sacraments, and a committee was chosen who ordained themselves and others. John Wesley, aided by two presbyters of the Church of England, early in 1784, ordained Thomas Coke, a presbyter of that Church, as Superintendent."

In 1787 the American Conference changed Mr. Coke's title to "Bishop."

It must have been a strange sight to see a bright man like Wesley engaging those two presbyters of the Church of England to help him ordain somebody to a higher office than any of them had ever held. But the plan worked. All Methodists believe that Bishop Coke, the first Bishop of the Methodist Church, received some "apostolic succession." These brethren have been grieved that Pastor Russell did not get his ordination from the same source.

And to him was given the key of the [bottomless] pit [OF THE ABYSS.—Wesley was given the key to nothing and to nowheres.

9:2. [And he opened the bottomless pit.]—Wesley opened nothing. He

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*Words not in Smallic MS. are enclosed in brackets. The Smallic MS. is the oldest known copy of Scriptures.

†Words in Smallic MS. which do not appear in "Authorized" Version are printed in capitals.

THE FALL OF BABYLON

Ancient Babylon a Type—Mystic Babylon the Antitype

WHY CHRISTENDOM MUST NOW SUFFER—THE FINAL OUTCOME

The following article is extracted mainly from Pastor Russell's posthumous volume entitled "THE FINISHED MYSTERY," the 7th in the series of his STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES and published subsequent to his death. Pastor Russell held the distinction of being the most fearless and powerful writer of modern times on ecclesiastical subjects. In this posthumous volume, which is called "his last legacy to the Christians of earth," is found a thorough exposition of every verse in the entire book of Revelation and also an elucidation of the obscure prophecy of Ezekiel. The book contains 808 pages, is handsomely bound in embossed cloth, 50c postpaid. Orders may be sent through us, if preferred.—Editorial Note.

THE various prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Daniel and the Apocalypse concerning Babylon are all in full accord, and manifestly refer to the same great city. And since these prophecies had but a very limited fulfillment upon the ancient literal city, and those of the Apocalypse were written centuries after the literal Babylon was laid in ruins, it is clear that the special reference of all the Prophets is to something of which the ancient literal Babylon was an illustration. It is clear also that, in so far as the prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah concerning its downfall were accomplished upon the literal city, it became in its downfall, as well as in its character, an illustration of the great city to which the Revelator points in the symbolic language of the Apocalypse (Chapters

9:8); and likewise there is a nominal Spiritual Zion, and a nominal fleshy Zion. (See Isa. 33:14; Amos 6:1.) But let us examine some of the wonderful correspondencies of Christendom to Babylon, its type, including the direct testimony of the Word of God on the subject. Then we will note the present attitude of Christendom, and the present indications of her foretold doom.

The Revelator intimated that it would not be difficult to discover this great mystical city, because her name is in her forehead; that is, she is prominently marked, so that we cannot fail to see her unless we shut our eyes and refuse to look—"And upon her forehead was a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and abominations of the earth." (Rev. 17:5.) But be-

hundred and fifty in number, placed along the outer and inner edges of the wall, tower facing tower; and in these walls were a hundred brazen gates, twenty-five on each side, corresponding to the number of streets which intersected each other at right angles. The city was adorned with splendid palaces and temples and the spoils of conquest.

Nebuchadnezzar was the great monarch of the Babylonian empire, whose long reign covered nearly half the period of its existence, and to him its grandeur and military glory were chiefly due. The city was noted for its wealth and magnificence, which brought a corresponding moral degradation, the sure precursor of its decline and fall. It was wholly given to idolatry, and was full of iniquity. The people were worshippers of Baal, to whom they offered human sacrifices. The deep degradation of their idolatry may be understood from God's reproof of the Israelites when they became corrupted by contact with them.—See Jer. 7:9; 19:5.

Nebuchadnezzar was succeeded in the dominion by his grandson Belshazzar, under whose reign came the collapse which pride, fulness of bread and abundance of idleness always insure and hasten. While the people, all unconscious of impending danger, were abandoning themselves to demoralizing excesses, the Persian army, under Cyrus, stealthily crept in through the channel of the Euphrates (from which they had turned aside the water), massacred the revelers, and captured the city. Thus was fulfilled the prophecy of that strange handwriting on the wall—"Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin"—which Daniel had interpreted only a few hours before to mean, "God hath numbered thy kingdom and finished it. Thou art weighed in the balance and art found wanting. Thy kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians." So complete was the destruction of that great city that even its site was forgotten and was for a long time uncertain.

Such was the typical city; and, like a great millstone cast into the sea, it was sunken centuries ago, never again to rise; even the memory of it has become a reproach and a byword. Now let us look for its antitype, first observing that the Scriptures clearly point it out, and then noting the aptness of the symbolism.

Mystic Babylon—"Christendom"

In symbolic prophecy a "city" signifies a religious government backed by power and influence. Thus, for instance, the "Holy City, the New Jerusalem" is the symbol used to represent the established Kingdom of God, the overcomers of the Gospel Church exalted and reigning in glory. The Church is also, and in the same connection, represented as a woman, "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife," in power and glory, and backed by the power and authority of Christ, her Husband. "And there came unto me one of the seven angels . . . saying, Come hither, I will show thee the Bride, the Lamb's Wife. And he . . . showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem."—Rev. 21:9, 10.

This same method of interpretation applies to Mystic Babylon, the great (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)



THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL

17 and 18), and to which chiefly the other Prophets refer.

As already intimated, what to-day is known as Christendom is the antitype of ancient Babylon; and therefore the solemn warnings and predictions of the Prophets against Babylon—Christendom—are matters of deepest concern to the present generation. Would that men were wise enough to consider them! Though various other symbolic names, such as Edom, Ephraim, Ariel, etc., are in the Scriptures applied to Christendom, this term, "Babylon," is the one most frequently used, and its significance, confusion, is remarkably appropriate. The Apostle Paul also points out a nominal Spiritual Israel in contradistinction to nominal Fleshy Israel (1 Cor. 10:13; Gal. 6:16; Rom.

fore looking for this Mystical Babylon, let us first observe the typical Babylon, and then, with its prominent features in mind, look for the antitype.

The name Babylon was applied, not only to the capital city of the Babylonian empire, but also to the empire itself. Babylon, the capital, was the most magnificent, and probably the largest, city of the ancient world. It was built in the form of a square on both sides of the Euphrates river; and, for protection against invaders, it was surrounded by a deep moat filled with water and inclosed within a vast system of double walls, from thirty-two to eighty-five feet thick, and from seventy-five to three hundred feet high. On the summit were low towers, said to have been two

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did interpret Rom. 8:21 as meaning that the lower animals would go to heaven, but that was an error. He was honest enough, however, to object to using the word 'trinity' because he did not find it in the bible. 'Christian Advocates' please note.

And there arose a smoke.—Confusion—a blinding haze.

[Out of] OVLER the pit.—In the "air," the ecclesiastical heavens.

As the smoke of a great furnace.—Methodism was no ordinary smoke.

And the sun.—The true Gospel.

And the air.—The Anglican Church.

Were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit.—Methodism damaged the Anglican communion as much as it did the Truth.

9:3. And there came out of the smoke locusts.—An immense number of followers.—Judges 4:14.

Upon the earth.—Among order-loving people.

And unto them was given power.—To attend an one-time Methodist meeting and witness the "going to power" was to see the sign of a lie-time.

As the scorpions of the earth have power.—A well-known injurious insect of hot climates. The scorpion, which is situated at the extremity of the tail, has at its base a gland that secretes a poisonous fluid, which is discharged into the wound by two minute orifices at its extremity. The scorpion makes a painful wound in men and beasts which produces fatal results unless speedy remedies be provided such as scarifying the wound or sucking out the poison.—McClellan and Strong.

9:4. And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth.—men of independent thought.—Rev. 8:7.

[Neither any green thing.] Neither any tree.—Saint.—Rev. 8:11.

But [only] those men.—The unconverted.

Which have not the seal of God in their foreheads.—Methodists understand that to be converted from being a sinner means to have the seal of God in one's forehead. All the energies of that church are devoted to gathering in goats to the sheepfold.

9:5. And to them it was given that they should not kill them.—No such sane and merciful sentence as "The wages of sin is death" has any place in Methodist theology. Wesley was born at a time when the original meaning of the word "hell" had become hidden, and was saturated with the later teachings that it signifies a place of torment. He threw his whole heart into the work of spreading this error throughout the earth.

But that they should be tormented five months.—In symbolic time, 150 years—5x30=150. (Ezek. 4:6.) Wesley became the first Methodist in 1728. (Rev. 9:1.) When the Methodist denomination, with all the others, was cast off from favor in 1878 (Rev. 3:14) its powers to torment men by preaching what Presbyterians describe as "Conscious misery, eternal in duration" came to an end legally, and to a large extent actually.—Rev. 9:10.

And their torment.—The torment of those tormented by the tormenting doctrine of torment.

Was as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a man.—See Rev. 9:10.

9:8. And in those days.—Throughout the 150 years of widely prevalent "Methodist hell-fire."

Shall men seek death.—Would be glad to know that "The wages of sin is death."—Rom. 6:23.

And shall not find it.—Because all the texts which plainly teach that "All the wicked will God destroy," were perverted to mean "All the wicked will God immortalize in hell."

And shall desire to die.—Real men would prefer to die and stay dead rather than forever companion and worship the greatest devil of the Universe.

And death shall flee from them.—They were told that men only seem to die, although touch, hearing, sight and smell all bear eloquent testimony to the contrary.—Rom. 6:23; Ezek. 18:4; Gen. 3:19; Psa. 115:17; Ecc. 9:5; Psa. 37:10, 20; Ecc. 3:19-21; 1 Cor. 15:13, 18; Dan. 12:2.

Through the press and through leaflets the story is being widely circulated that Kaiser Wilhelm is the Antichrist. This is not the Bible view, however. There Antichrist is set forth as a system, not as an individual. According to the Reformers the real Antichrist is the Papacy. The effort to make the people believe that the Kaiser is Antichrist is doubtless a deception—dust-throwing—Papal camouflage, to divert attention from the real Antichrist—Papacy.

Everyone knows that the Kaiser is an instrument of the Devil. To accomplish his purpose, Satan appears as an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14.) To prevent people from seeing the real Antichrist, he directs attention to a lesser instrument of his.

The Apostles prophesied that Antichrist would arise in the Church. Afterwards many recognized the Papacy as Antichrist. Below we give the united testimony of the seven greatest reformers since Christ's day.

(1) ST. PAUL said: "That Day shall not come except there come a falling away [Romanish apostasy] first, and that Man of Sin [Papacy] be revealed, the son of perdition [destruction]; who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or is worshiped; so that he as God [vicegerent] sitteth in the Temple of God."—2 Thess. 2:2, 3.

(2) ST. JOHN.—"Ye have heard that Antichrist [Papacy and Protestantism together] shall come. He is Antichrist that denieth [disowns in word or deed] the Father and the Son; . . . even already now it [the Papal-Protestant aggregation] is in the world." A man child [Papacy] was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. A [wild] beast [a wicked, ungovernable church ruling like a fierce, evil government] out of the sea [peoples], having seven heads and ten horns [nations], upon his horns ten crowns and upon his heads the names of blasphemy. A woman [mother of apostate churches, her daughters] sat upon a scarlet colored beast [so-called Christendom], holding a golden cup full of abominations and filthiness of her [church-state] fornication, and upon her forehead [in her mind, teachings] a name written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, Mother of Harlots [the apostate Protestant churches, her daughters]; etc.—See 1 John 2:18, 22; 4:3; Rev. 12:5; 17:1; 17:3-5, 6, 11, 18.

(3) ARIUS believed in the coming of Antichrist in the Church. He was banished by the Papacy and his writings destroyed.

(4) PETER WALDO: The Waldensian "Treatise on Antichrist," written in 1170 A. D., brands the Romanish Church as "The Harlot, Babylon, and Papacy as the Man of Sin and Antichrist."

(5) JOHN WYCLIFFE: "As touching the Pope, I owe him neither salt nor service, forasmuch as I know him by the Scriptures to be Antichrist, the son of perdition, the open Adversary of God, and an abomination standing in the Holy Place."

(6) MARTIN LUTHER: "I am assured that the popedom is antichristian and the seat of Satan—Antichrist of the Scriptures. Antichrist, as the Scripture witnesseth, sitteth not in a stable of fiends, nor in a swine-sty, nor in a company of infidels, but in the highest and holiest place of all—the Temple of God."

(7) PASTOR RUSSELL, the great twentieth century Reformer, writes about the Papal-Protestant combination in Vols. 2, 3 and 7 of his STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES. Read them; and you will see through the Papal-Protestant scheme to get control again, as in the clergy-ruled Dark Ages, throttle free speech, destroy liberty and rule Christendom through priests and preachers.

Antichrist and Image of the Beast.

Just as J. P. Morgan, one of the prime movers for church federation, "financiered" the New Haven Railway and drained its very life-blood, so the Papacy and the Federal Council of Churches, are now preparing to grab everything in sight. Preliminary to this, and to close the people's eyes to the recognition of Papacy as the Antichrist of the Scriptures, an ingenious attempt is being made to show that Kaiser Wilhelm is Antichrist, and that he will end his reign in February, 1918. That the war will end in February by the Papacy's accomplishing the Kaiser's overthrow, we think, is quite reasonable; but this will put the real Antichrist (Papacy) in power.

Then beware!—for the Pope can never exert temporal power, either directly or indirectly in this country, without real trouble for the whole Papal-Protestant-episcopal aggregation! See Volume VII of SCRIPTURE STUDIES for particulars.

ecclesiastical kingdom, "that great city" (Rev. 17:1-6), which is described as a harlot, a fallen woman (an apostate church;—for the true Church is a virgin), exalted to power and dominion, and backed, to a considerable degree, by the kings of the earth, the civil powers, which are all more or less intoxicated with her spirit and doctrine. This apostate church lost her virgin purity. Instead of waiting, as an espoused and chaste virgin, for exaltation with the Heavenly Bridegroom, she associated herself with the kings of the earth and prostituted her virgin purity—of both doctrine and character—to suit the world's ideas; and in return she received, and now to some extent exercises, a present dominion, in large measure by their support, direct and indirect. This unfaithfulness to the Lord, whose name she claims, and to her high privilege to be the "chaste virgin" espoused to Christ, is the occasion of the symbolic appellation "harlot," while her influence as a sacerdotal empire, full of inconsistency and confusion, is symbolically represented under the name Babylon, which, in its widest sense, as symbolized by the Babylonian empire, we promptly recognize to be Christendom; while in its more restricted sense, as symbolized by the ancient city Babylon, we recognize to be the nominal Christian church.

It has been very generally and very properly claimed by Protestants that the name "Babylon" and the prophetic description are applicable to Papacy, though recently a more compromising disposition is less inclined so to apply it. On the contrary, every effort is now made on the part of the sects of Protestantism to conciliate and imitate the Church of Rome, and to affiliate and co-operate with her. In so doing they become part and parcel with her, while they justify her course and fill up the measure of her iniquities, just as surely as did the scribes and Pharisees fill up the measure of their fathers who killed the Prophets. (Matt. 23:31, 32.) All this, of course, neither Protestants nor Papists are ready to admit, because in so doing they would be condemning themselves. And this fact is recognized by the Revelator, who shows that all who would get a true view of Babylon must, in spirit, take their position with the true people of God "in the wilderness"—in the condition of separation from the world and worldly ideas and mere forms of godliness, and in the condition of entire consecration and faithfulness to and dependence upon God alone. "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman, Babylon."—Rev. 17:1-5.

And since the kingdoms of the civilized world have submitted to be largely dominated by the influence of

hand of recompense in that they also are to some extent bound in with the nations of Christendom by various interests, commercial and others; and justly, too, in that they also have failed to appreciate what light they have seen, and have loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. Thus, as the Prophet declared, "All the earth [society] shall be devoured with the fire of God's jealousy" (Zeph. 3:8); but against Babylon, Christendom, because of her greater responsibility and misuse of favors received, will burn the fierceness of His wrath and indignation.

But some sincere Christians, not yet awake to the decline of Protestantism, and who do not realize the relationship of the various sects to Papacy, but who perceive the unrest and the doctrinal upheavals in all the religious systems, may still be anxiously inquiring, "If all Christendom is to be involved in the doom of Babylon, what will become of Protestantism, the result of the Great Reformation?" This is an important question; but let the reader consider that Protestantism, as it exists to-day, is not the result of the Great Reformation, but of its decline; and it now partakes to a large degree of the disposition and character of Rome, from which it sprang.

Babylon—Mother and Daughters

The Protestant sects (and we say it with all due deference to a comparatively few devout souls within them, whom the Lord designates as "wheat" in contradistinction to the overwhelming numbers of "tares") are the true daughters of that degenerate system of nominal Christianity, the Papacy, to which the Revelator makes reference in applying to her the name "Mother of harlots," (Rev. 17:5.) And let it not pass unobserved that both Romanists and Protestants now freely own the relationship of mother and daughters, the former continually styling herself the Holy Mother Church, and the latter, with pleased complacency, endorsing the idea, as shown by many public utterances of leading Protestant clergymen and laymen. Thus they "glory in their shame," apparently all unmindful of the brand which they thus accept from the Word of God, which designates the Papacy as "the mother of harlots." Nor does the Papacy, in claiming her office of motherhood, ever seem to have questioned her right to that title, or to have considered its incompatibility with her profession still to be the only true Church, which the Scriptures designate a "virgin" espoused to Christ. Her acknowledged claims of motherhood are to the everlasting shame of both herself and her offspring. The true Church, which God recognized, but which the world knows not to still a virgin; and from her pure and holy estate no daughter systems have ever sprung. She is still a chaste virgin, true to Christ, and dear to Him as the apple of His eye. (Zech. 2:8; Psa. 17:8, 9.) The true Church cannot be pointed out anywhere as a company from which all the tares have been separated, but it consists only of the true "wheat," and all such are known unto God, whether the world recognizes them or not.

But let us see how the Protestant systems sustain this relationship of daughters to Papacy. Since Papacy, the mother, is not a single individual, but a great religious system, in keeping with the symbol we should expect to see other religious systems answering to the illustration of daughters of similar character—not, of course, so old, or necessarily so depraved, as Papacy, but nevertheless "harlots" in the same sense; i. e., religious systems claiming to be either the espoused Virgin or the Bride of Christ, and yet courting the favor and receiving the support of the world, at the price of disloyalty to Christ. To this description the various Protestant organizations fully correspond. They are the great daughter systems. The birth of these various daughter systems came in connection with reforms from the corruptions of the "Mother Church." The daughter systems parted from the mother under circumstances of travail, and were born virgins. However, they contained more than true reformers; they contained many who still had the spirit of the mother, and they inherited many of her false doctrines and theories; and it was not long until they fell into many of her bad practices and proved their characters true to the prophetic stigma—"harlots."

But let it not be forgotten that while the various reformation movements did valuable work in the "cleansing of the Sanctuary," yet only the Temple class, the Sanctuary class, has ever been the true Church, in God's reckoning. The great human systems called churches have never been more than nominally the Church. They all belong to a false system which counterfeits, misrepresents and hides from



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the great ecclesiastical systems, especially Papacy, accepting from them the appellations "Christian nations" and "Christendom" and accepting on their authority the doctrine of the "Divine right of kings," etc., they also link themselves in with great Babylon, and become part of it, so that, as in the type, the name Babylon applied, not only to the city, but also to the whole empire, here also the symbolic term "Babylon" applies, not only to the great religious organizations, Papal and Protestant, but also, in its widest sense, to all Christendom.

Hence this day of judgment upon Mystic Babylon is the day of judgment upon all the nations of Christendom; its calamities involve the entire structure—civil, social and religious; and individuals will be affected by it to the extent of their interest in, and dependence upon, its arrangements.

The nations beyond Christendom also feel the weight of the heavy

the world the true Church, which is composed only of fully consecrated and faithful believers, who trust in the merit of the one great Sacrifice for sins. These are to be found scattered here and there within and outside of these human systems, yet always separate from their worldly spirit. They are the "wheat" class of our Lord's parable, clearly distinguished by Him from the "tare." Not comprehending the real character of these systems, as individuals they have humbly walked with God, taking His Word as their counselor and His Spirit as their guide. Nor have they ever been at ease in nominal Zion, where they have often painfully observed that the spirit of the world, operating through the unrecognized "tare" element, endangered spiritual prosperity. They are the blessed mourners in Zion, to whom God hath appointed "beauty for ashes, and the oil of joy for mourning." (Matt. 5:4; Isa. 61:3.) It is only in this "Harvest" time that the separation of this class from the "tare" element is due; for it was the Lord's purpose to "let both grow together until the Harvest [the time in which we are now living]." (Matt. 13:30.) Hence it is that this class is now being awakened to a realization of the real character of these condemned systems, because the "Harvest," the separating time, has come.

REVELATOR'S VISION OF OUR DAY

Let us now note some of the Revelator's allusions to Babylon.

17:1, 2. And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters, with whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk.—The vision relates to the outpouring of the seven last plagues upon Babylon (Christendom) at the present time. The "great whore" refers to the "Mother Church," the "Mother of harlots," Papacy, which is the recognized parent of all the Protestant sects which have affiliated with earthly governments instead of keeping their virginity until Christ, the Heavenly Bridegroom, should come to receive His Bride unto Himself and to establish His long-promised Kingdom.

Verse 15 explains that "the waters whereon the whore sitteth are peoples and nations" on which she is, of course, dependent. The kingdoms of Europe today claim to be Christian kingdoms, and announce that their sovereigns reign "by the grace of God," i.e., through appointment of either Papacy or some of the Protestant sects. So great an institution as made all nations drunk with her false doctrines must be very prominent to those who were made so under the influence of the stupefying draught from her cup. "The wine of her fornication" has reference to the mixed doctrines, part truth and part error, that originally led to the union of church and state—spiritual harlotry.—Jer. 51:7; Rev. 17:5; 18:3; Ezek. 16:15.

17:3. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness; and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet colored beast, full of names of blasphemy; having seven heads and ten horns.—The "woman" refers to the same character mentioned above, the Papacy; and the "scarlet-colored beast" is Pagan Rome and its successors. The symbol "beast" throughout the Bible alludes to governments. Concerning the "names of blasphemy," we quote from Ferraris' Ecclesiastical Dictionary, a Standard Roman Catholic authority, as given under the word *papa*, article 2d: "The Pope is of such dignity and highness that he is not simply a man but as it were, God, and the vicar [representative] of God. . . . Hence the Pope is crowned with a triple crown, as king of Heaven, of earth and of hell. Nay, the Pope's excellence and power are not only above Heavenly, terrestrial and infernal things, but he is also above angels, and is their superior; so that if it were possible that angels could err from the faith, or entertain sentiments contrary thereto, they could be judged and excommunicated by the Pope."

As for the "seven heads and ten horns" of the beast: the Eastern, or Byzantine Empire, was founded in A. D. 395, when Theodosius divided the Roman Empire between his two sons, Honorius and Arcadius, reserving to the latter all the portion lying east of

the Adriatic Sea. At this time the Roman Empire became the two legs of Nebuchadnezzar's vision. At the time the division was made the five potential races in the East were the Greeks, Lombards, Ostrogoths, Heruli and Vandals. The five potential races in the West were the Franks, Britons, Saxons, Visigoths and Suevi. During the next one hundred and fifty years great migrations and invasions have so confused history that there is great difference of opinion among historians on many important details. It is plain, however, that three of the migratory races disappeared from history, all within a few years of each other, apparently in order to leave Rome and its environs free for the development of the Papacy. The Heruli, a race from Germanic territory, disappeared from Italian territory in A. D. 489; the Vandals, a race from the shores of the Baltic (never in control of Rome except on a brief raid, but a great enemy of the Papacy), disappeared in A. D. 534; and the Ostrogoths, an Asiatic race, in A. D. 539. The Western Empire itself disappeared in A. D. 476. The matter is treated by Pastor Russell at greater length in Vol. III of his "Studies in the Scriptures," pp. 76, 77, and all his statements are, of course, correct. See Dan. 7:7, 20; Rev. 12:1, 17:3, 9-12; 1 Sam. 2:10; Deut. 33:17; 1 Ki. 22:11.

17:4. And the woman was arrayed in purple.—Symbolizing the apostate church's claim to royalty. "I sit a queen and am no widow."—Rev. 18:7.

And scarlet color.—Symbolizing her claims to share in Christ's work of sacrifice, in the doctrine of the mass.

And decked with gold.—Symbolizing her claim that she includes in her membership all the true Church of God, those who shall ultimately attain the Divine nature.

And precious stones.—Symbolizing her claim that she is the sole custodian of the Lord's precious jewels of truth and character.—1 Cor. 3:12; Mal. 3:17.

And pearls.—Symbolizing her claim that she has sole power over all that the Lord bought by His death.—Matt. 13:45, 46.

Having a golden cup in her hand.—Symbolizing her claim that she is the repository of all Truth.—Jer. 51:7.

Full of abominations and filthy things.—**FILTHINESSES OF [her] THE FORNICATION OF HER AND OF THE EARTH.**—"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken; the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad [intoxicated with her errors]."—Jer. 51:7-9; Rev. 18:6.

17:5. And upon her forehead was a name written.—In plain sight of all the spiritually-minded. (And how strange it is that everybody does not see it!)

Mystery.—We have already called attention to the fact that the Church of Christ is called in the Scriptures the "Mystery of God." We have also drawn attention to the fact that the Scriptures refer to Babylon as a counterfeit system (mother and daughters—some more and some less corrupt, some better and some poorer counterfeits), and there designated the "Mystery of Iniquity."—2 Thes. 2:7.

Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.—Since Papacy, the mother, is not a single individual, but a great religious system, in keeping with the symbol we should expect to see other religious systems answering to the illustration of daughters of similar character. To this description the various Protestant organizations fully correspond.—Ezek. 16:44; Hos. 2:2-5; Isa. 1:21; Rev. 18:9; 19:2.

The claims of apostolic succession and clerical authority are almost as presumptuously set forth by some of the Protestant clergy as by the Papal priesthood. And the right of individual private judgment—the very fundamental principle of the protest against Papacy, which led to the Great Reformation—is now almost as strenuously opposed by Protestants as by Papists. Protestants seem to have forgotten—for they truly ignore—the very grounds of the original protest, and, as systems, they are fast drifting back toward the open arms of the "Holy (?) Mother Church." "Let us hold out to you our hand affectionately [says Pope Leo to Protestants in his famous Encyclical addressed "To the Princes and Peoples of the Earth"], and invite you to the unity which never failed the Catholic Church, and which never can fail. Long has our common mother called you to her breast." The doctrine of "the Divine right of kings," taught or supported by almost every sect, is the foundation of the old civil system, and has long given authority, dignity and stability to the kingdoms of Europe; and the doctrine of the Divine ap-

pointment and authority of the clergy has hindered God's children from progressing in Divine things and bound them by the chains of superstition and ignorance to the veneration and adoration of fallible fellow-beings, and to their doctrines, traditions and interpretations of God's Word. It is this entire order of things that is to fall and pass away in the battle of this great day—the order of things which for centuries has held the people docile under the ruling powers, civil, social and religious. All this has been by God's permission (not by his appointment and approval, as they claim). But though an evil in itself, it has served a good, temporary purpose in preventing anarchy, which is immeasurably worse, because men were not prepared to do better for themselves, and because the time for Christ's Millennial Kingdom had not yet come. Hence God permitted the various delusions to gain credence in order to hold men in check until "The Time of the End"—the end of "The Times of the Gentiles" (which expired in autumn of A. D. 1914, as shown in Pastor Russell's "Studies in the Scriptures," Vol. II, written twenty-five years before the outbreak of the war).

17:6. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints.—"But the blood of Protestants is not called the blood of saints, no more than the blood of thieves, man-killers, and other malefactors, for the shedding of which, by the order of justice, no commonwealth shall answer," so says the Rheinish (Catholic) translation, footnote. "She wore out the saints of the most high God," and "was drunken with the blood of the saints."—Rev. 18:24; 18:6.

And with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.—This Scripture was fulfilled in the Dark Ages, but we are still in the Dark Ages, and shall be until this system is destroyed. It takes more than a mere profession of faith to make a Christian. Jezebel today has daughters—systems termed Protestant—which, nevertheless, copy largely the mother's spirit. It is through the influence of the daughters that the antitypical Elijah may expect future persecutions, instigated by the mother, accomplished through the daughters, as typically represented in the case of John the Baptist, beheaded by Herod at the instance of Salome, but at the instigation of Herodias—Jezebel—symbol of Papacy.

ECCLESIASTICISM'S POLLUTION.

The Prophet Ezekiel, as God's instrument, long centuries ago wrote the history of ecclesiasticism in prophetic language. There the Lord pointed out how the Catholic and Protestant systems would become the antitypical Babylon and woman. We give here a few extracts from the words of the Prophet Ezekiel and comments thereon taken from Pastor Russell's last message to the Church and to the world. We strongly urge that every Christian person, every order-loving man and woman, carefully read these prophetic statements and comments, as fully set forth in Volumes IV and VII of his **STUDIES IN THE SCRIPTURES**, elsewhere announced.

Ezek. 23:13-17. Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way. And that she increased her whoredoms.—God saw that both churches, Romish and Protestant, were of like tendency to church-state union, especially Protestantism; for she never saw or heard of a great worldly man, even down to the local leader of the smallest rural community, that she did not desire his influence and help—particularly his money—and would systematically invite such to connect themselves with the church, quite regardless of whether or not they remained worldly.

23:18. So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness; then My mind was alienated from her.—The newspaper writers, Socialists, anarchists and muck-rakers have exposed the worldliness of the modern churches.

23:19, 21. Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth.—Prot-

estant ecclesiasticism multiplied her worldly alliances; and the prominent and wealthy, "of the earth earthy," filled the churches with taxes, worldlylings, desirous of profiting by association with prominent people.

23:22. Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side.—Therefore, O Protestantism, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will raise up in warfare and revolution the worldly people in thee, of whom thou art already sick, and bring them against thee on every side.

23:33. They shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow and with the cup of astonishment and desolation.—Protestantism shall be intoxicated with the war spirit (Jer. 18:13), and later stupefied with astonishment at the ruinous results of her own course, ending in the same cup of trouble, utter ruin, as confronts her mother-church, Catholicism.

24:8. That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance: I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.—The fury of a revolted soldiery and populace will rise up against the heads of the governments who also are heads of the churches, and will take vengeance upon ecclesiasticism's sins.

CLERGY RESPONSIBLE.

The clergy, as a class, have existed since the third century. Amongst them have been many good, honest, noble Christian men. But by far the greater majority have been unfaithful, disloyal, unrighteous men. Alas, the unfaithful class prevails at this time, and the great climax has come! God foretold this centuries ago. In chapters 33 and 34 the Prophet Ezekiel scathingly arraigns this class, and points out how they are responsible in a greater degree than any other class of men on earth for the present war and the great trouble that shall follow.

34:3. Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed; but ye feed not the flock.—Ye live on the choicest offerings of the people; ye "desec" the sheep of their golden fleece; them that are fed to fatness with the Word of God ye kill spiritually if ye can. Ye have literally killed over fifty millions in bloody persecutions. Ye have preached millions into a dreadful death in the trenches. Ye do everything to the sheep but feed them. Did I not command you thrice, "Feed My sheep?"

34:4. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken . . . but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.—They weakened by spiritual disease—by the pestilence of false doctrines—ye have not strengthened with the pure Word of God. Rather ye have thrown them poisonous, death-dealing doctrines from the "table of devils." (1 Cor. 10:21.) Ye have not bound up with the strong promises of God the broken in spirit. Rather than feed them, serve and shepherd them, ye have ruled them, lorded over God's heritage.

34:5. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd; and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.—They were not kept together, cared for and cherished in the bonds of Christian love. There were not among you the true under-shepherds having My spirit of Divine Love. And when they were scattered, they, the inoffensive, unresisting ones, became the prey of every evil government and of every evil employer and corporation. Ye made them cannon-fodder by the thousands for the blood-guilty kaisers, czars, kings and generals of your evil order of things.

Occasionally some ecclesiastical paper, alarmed at the fearful conditions, calls attention thereto. For instance, the Rev. Dr. W. T. Ellis.

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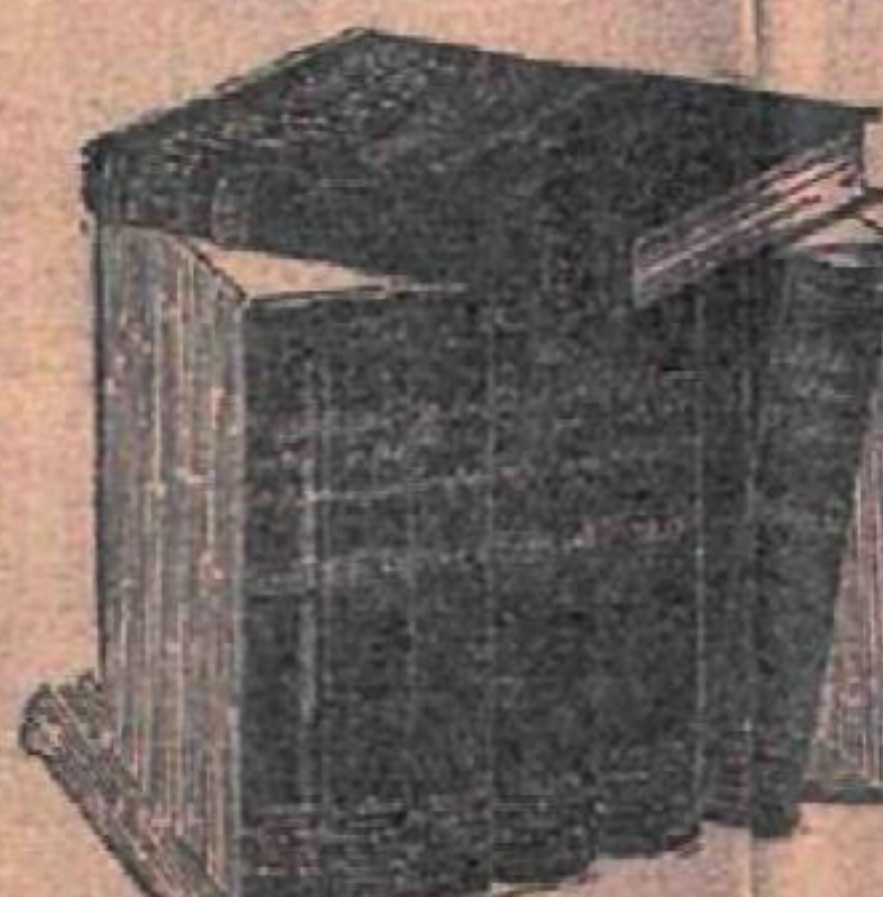
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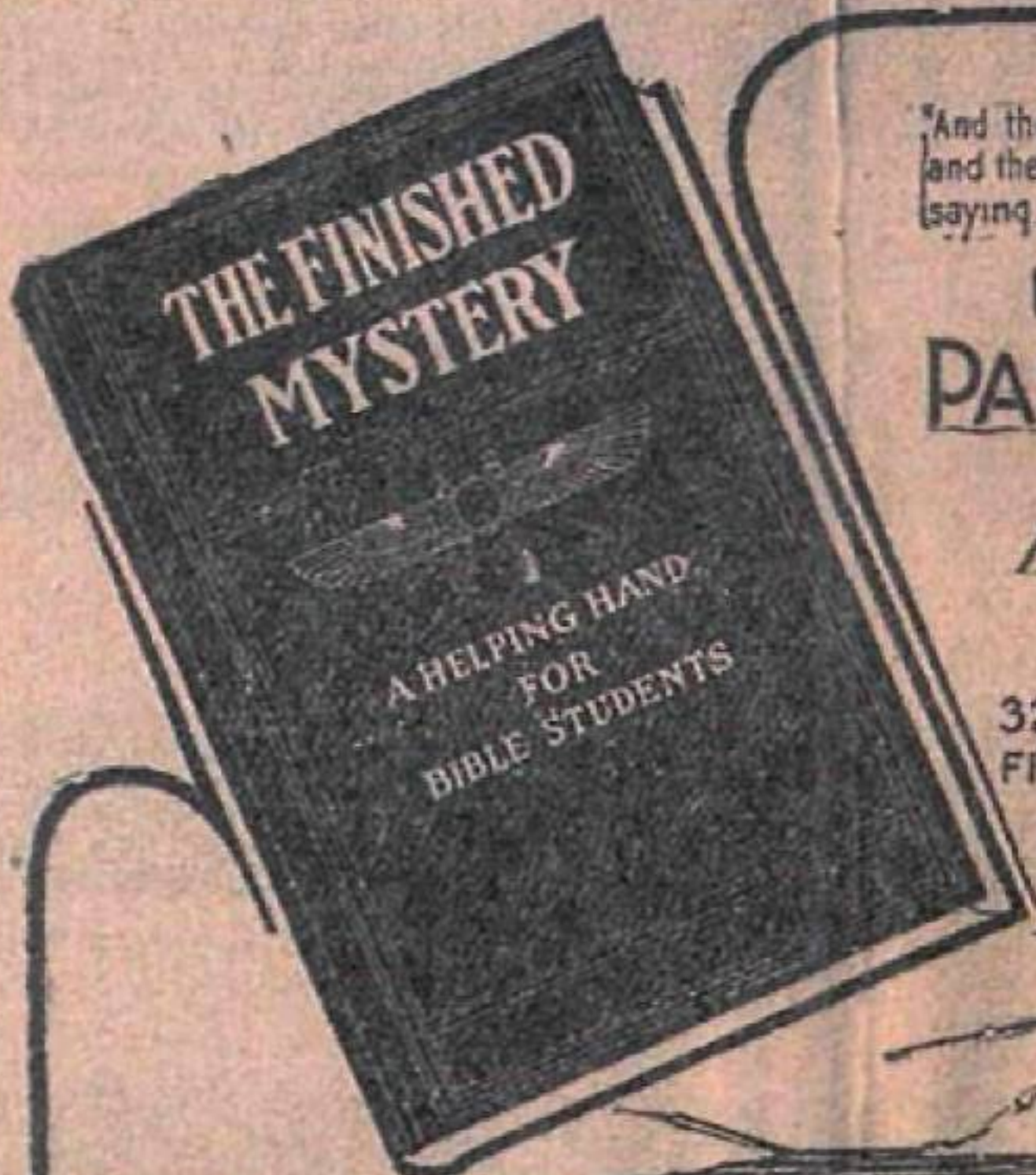


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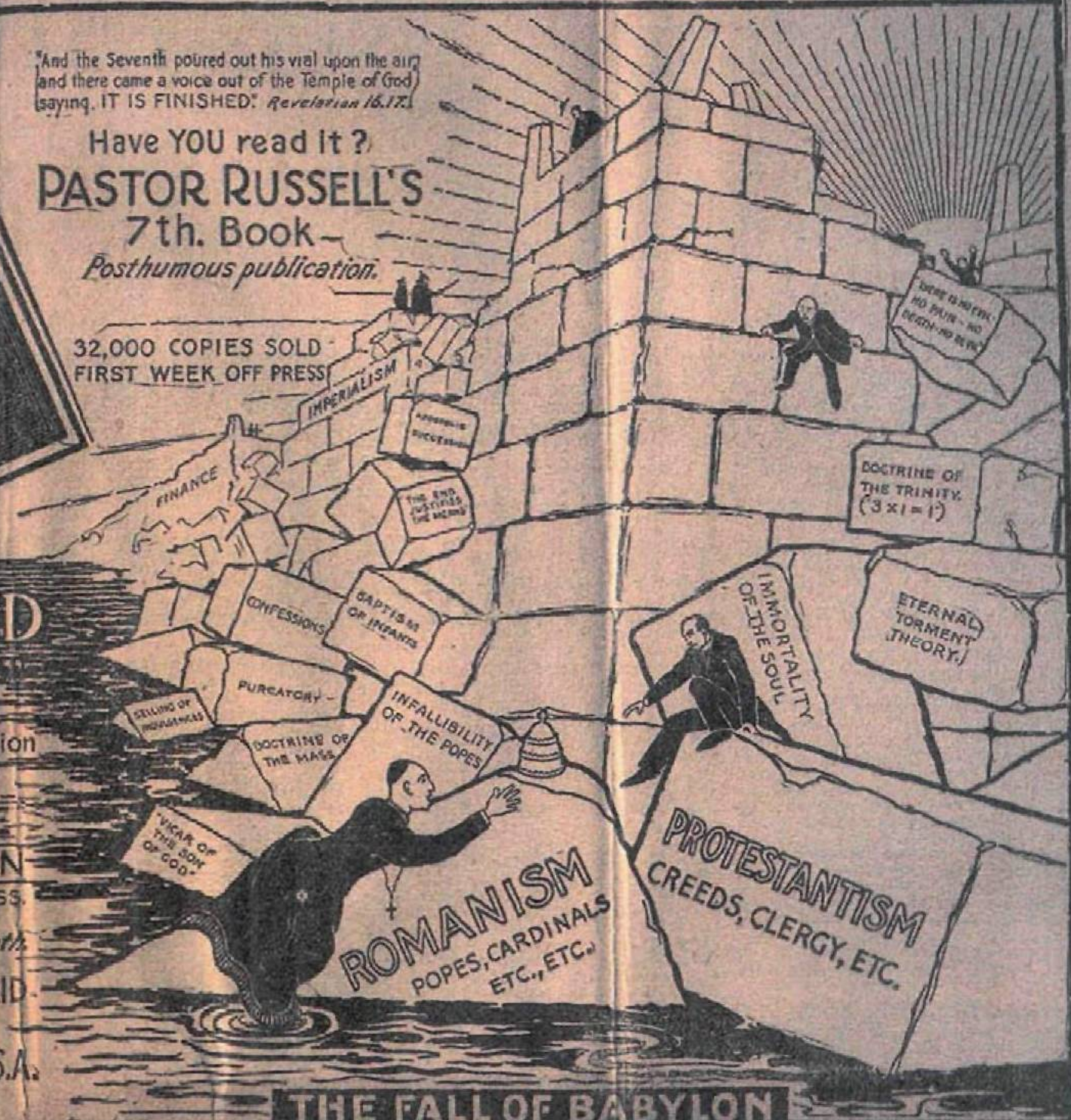
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writer of Sunday School lessons, in commenting on the lesson for September 2nd, 1917, scathingly rebukes the clergy system.

Further the Prophet Ezekiel says: 33:6. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand. —The clergy are the watchmen. They thus designate themselves. The clergy have an awful responsibility. Faithful watching on their part, with their great influence among the people, would have saved tens of millions from physical death, and a host from the religious death that will overtake so many. The outraged people will turn upon the clergy, as during the French Revolution, and in a frightful carnival will exact full toll for the lives lost in war. Responsibility for the Time of Trouble lies squarely at the door of ecclesiasticism; for had the clergy taken a united stand upon the Word of God against industrial, social, political, moral and religious evils, they could have reformed Christendom and prevented the world war and the ensuing revolution and anarchy. Our Lord said prophetically, "Upon this generation shall come all the blood," etc. By long teaching the false doctrine of the Divine right of kings and the Divine right of the clergy, the latter have become more reprehensible and responsible for the war than any other class on earth.

The comment upon Ezekiel 33:11-19 reads, "God has no pleasure in the destruction of Christendom. If it had turned from its spiritual idolatry and harlotry, it would have been saved from its impending doom. Its destruction is traceable directly to a 'small group of willful men,' leaders and guides of the masses, namely, the pope, the cardinals, bishops, priests, ministers, revivalists and other religious leaders who have mis-taught rulers and people; and by their combination of worldly and religious teachings they have brought the world into a condition where the social elements are working their

mutual destruction. God pity the clergy for what is coming upon them; for the people will surely recognize the part they have signally failed to play in not, by concerted preaching of true godliness, checking the world's mad rush to anarchy and annihilation."

HOW BABYLON WILL FALL.

The Revelator points out how Babylon (Ecclesiasticism) has become corrupt and how she will fall.

Revelation 18:1, 2. And after these things I saw an angel coming down from Heaven having great power, and the earth was lightened with His glory, and He cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen is Babylon the Great.—The expression, "Babylon is fallen" indicates that at some time a sudden and utter rejection is to come upon Babylon, when all favor will forever cease and when judgments will follow.

And is become the habitation of devils.—The New York World publishes an interview with Bishop Fellows, who says, "In recent years great strides have been made in the explanation of psychic phenomena, and in the years to come the science of communication with the dead will be made a part of the curriculum of great educational institutions." We believe that through this channel the fallen angels ("wicked spirits," Eph. 6:12) are seeking to break down the human will and will shortly succeed.

And the hind of every foul spirit.—Rev. William Sunday has exceptional opportunity for knowing about Babylon, and he scores the ministers because they have no faith. He says, "Theological seminaries are turning out infidels," and refers to the large amount of saloon property that belongs to church members. He would have us believe that the moral standard of thousands high in the churches is so low as to almost stagger reason. If what Mr. Sunday says about the denominations is true, they are not fit places for good respectable people of the world, to say nothing of true Christians.

And the cage of every unclean and

naughty bird.—Babylon is "colored" both the best and the worst, but the worst have predominated.

18:3. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.—The wine of false doctrine is that of the Divine right of kings, Divine right of the clergy and eternal torment, etc., etc. The one now being manufactured out of the theological seminaries is the wine of Evolution and Higher Criticism, which does not satisfy the thirsty, but increases the confusion.

18:4. And I heard another voice from Heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues.—If you fail to obey the Lord through fear of earthly loss it will prove that these things are more precious to you than His favor is.

18:8. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death and mourning and famine and she shall be utterly burned with fire.—Completely destroyed in revolution and anarchy.

18:9, 10. And the kings of earth who have committed fornication with her shall wail and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city.—Alas, that great religious system which was always eager to affiliate with us and give a religious coloring to our unholy wars, resulting in the wholesale slaughter of our strong men, the loss of our wealth and the breaking of millions of human hearts!

18:21. And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down and shall be found no more at all.—For a time ecclesiasticism has been lifted by the people to great heights. Experiencing a sudden conviction of their error in so doing, and of the truly devilish character of the system, the masses will turn upon her and she shall be cast into the sea—that is, overwhelmed in a flood of anarchy. The masses of the people, no longer ignorantly stupefied as during the Dark Ages, but awakening to the true situation, will execute upon Babylon the Great the judgment of the Lord. She shall be cast like a great millstone into the sea, never to rise again. The sea

represents the masses of the people and especially the restless discontented class. And thus shall great Babylon perish from the earth and her name shall be forgotten forever!!

UNIVERSAL PEACE WITH REJOICING.

What joy will pervade the earth when Babylon is completely annihilated! It will be followed by the glorious Kingdom of Messiah. Long have honest, order-loving Christian people prayed for the coming of that Kingdom. It will be the desire of all nations. Then universal peace will prevail and the people will learn war no more forever. (Micah 4:1-4; Isaiah 2:2-4.) No more will the earth drink the blood of men slain in war. Widows' tears will be dried and the cry of the orphan shall cease. They will have restored to them their loved ones who have been taken away by cruel war-gods, pestilence, famine and death. In beautiful, poetic language the Revelator describes that coming time of blessing, the beginning of which is near at hand, saying, "And I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem [Messiah's Kingdom] coming down out of Heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband, and a great voice was saying out of the Throne, Behold the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He dwelleth with them, and they shall be His people and God Himself shall be with them; and He shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying shall be." What a glorious sunburst of blessing is in these words! What a grand fulfillment will there be of the Apostle's declaration respecting the "times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all the holy Prophets since the world began"! The reign of Messiah will result in the elimination of every wicked thing from the earth, and the full restoration of all obedient beings to complete human perfection. Then every man will love his neighbor as himself. Mankind will then enjoy a perfect government, which will be one grand Universal Republic whose stability and blessed influence will be assured by the perfection of its every citizen. Let every honest heart rejoice that the old order is passing away and the new is coming!

"The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."—Matthew 3:12

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RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE PASTOR RUSSELL'S FOLLOWERS PERSECUTED BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THE PEOPLE ARE THE TRUTH

Treatment of Bible Students Smacks of the "Dark Ages"

"The Servant is not greater than his Lord.
If they have persecuted me, they will
also persecute you."—John 15:20.

IN 1869, young Charles T. Russell, being a diligent student of divine prophecy, discovered that the Bible contains an outline of Jehovah's wonderful plan of salvation which will ultimately bless mankind. So enthused was he with the message of hope that he at once devoted all of his time and money to making it known to others. At the very beginning of his ministry, he spent \$40,000 out of his own pocket to distribute freely in the city of New York and other parts of the world a little booklet entitled, "Food for Thinking Christians." A few clergymen saw he was right and with gladness joined with him in the work. The greater majority of clergymen, instead of explaining these Scriptural truths to the people and helping them, began a cruel and systematic persecution of this great reformer, and thus they persisted to persecute him until his death in 1916.

Pastor Russell clearly proved from the Scriptures that the doctrine of eternal torment of human souls is the heathen doctrine of the great Adversary and a defilement of God's holy name; that the doctrine of the Divine right of the clergy to teach the Bible and the Divine right of kings to rule is wholly unscriptural; and that both have been the cause of untold suffering of the peoples of earth.

Pastor Russell wrote and published six volumes of *Studies in the Scriptures*, and shortly after his death the seventh volume of the series was issued; the latter more particularly explaining the prophecies of Ezekiel and Revelation and proving how the unrighteous ecclesiastical systems have grown up in the earth and oppressed the people. This volume is also part of and that soon indestructible blessings will flow out to mankind.

More than twenty years ago Pastor Russell pointed out from the Bible that God and great nations would be of power which would legally end in 1914, and that then the nations would become angry and God's wrath would come. The trouble would begin at that time and would be followed by greater trouble, and that the trouble would usher in Messiah's Kingdom of righteousness, which would be the desire of all nations. Long ago he showed that it would be impossible for the United States to keep out of that war. The facts, as well known by every man, prove the correctness of Pastor Russell's interpretation of the Bible. The clergy of Scripture has greatly angered the majority of clergymen, because it shows that their teachings in the past have been in error. The clergy of the Word of God; and if he is correct in his interpretation of the Bible teachings, their position as clergymen must soon come to an end. The clergy are challenged to show the people that these Scriptural interpretations are wrong, or to join in explaining them to the people. The clergy are being led into greater light and happiness. They failed to do. They had no answer to the clear exposition of Scripture given by Pastor Russell and those who joined with him in the work.

In Jesus' day, the clergy of the Jews, in order of that time, were unable to meet his forceful words, stirred up the people against him and had him arrested, charging him with treason against the Roman Government and with blasphemy against God.

Early in the month of February, 1918, the clergymen of Canada began a systematic persecution of the International Bible Students Association and its publications. For instance, the *Windsong* (Canadian) papers announced that certain clergymen had denounced the publications of this Association from their pulpits and stated that the attention of the Attorney General had been called to the matter. Later, the Attorney General examined certain of the Association's publications and the

Long has the Papacy looked with justifiable eye for the control of American institutions. The same ambition that actuates the Kaiser of Germany lurks in the mind of the Pope. Since the days of Napoleon Bonaparte, it has been the desire of the Papal head to exercise temporal power. We now sound a warning to the liberty-loving people of the world against the encroachments of the Papal system, aided and supported by a class of clergymen from other systems who have greed for power and who are willing to persecute any who seek to enlighten the people upon the true teachings of the Scriptures. Success of that Ecclesiastical Trust will mark the end of religious liberty. There are thousands in the world today who believe that the Pope recently betrayed Italy into the hands of the Kaiser; but when his wrongful course was discovered, he faced about. We quote from the *Literary Digest* for Jan. 15, 1918:

"A spectacle has been found for the recent reversal in Italy the person of Pope Benedict XV. and one of the leading English papers does not hesitate to accuse the Pope of having turned from a passive Austerophile into an active worker for the Austria, as against the Italian cause. In a long editorial in the *London Morning Post* the Vatican and all its works are roundly denounced. The *London Tory* organ writes: 'The time has come when it is necessary that the Allies should consider with some care what is their position toward the Vatican. That the recent Italian reversal was largely due to the influence of treacherous representations. It is manifestly known that the Italian armistice is known; that the Vatican was implicated in that propaganda is also known; and the Allies are greatly annoyed because its effects cannot yet be measured. Since the beginning of the war, the Vatican, in so far as political action is concerned, has maintained an attitude which, as it was temporarily neutral, was spiritually unimpeachable. It has, however, advertised the publications of Pastor Russell as 'German propaganda.' This is the object was to stir up the minds of the people against these Bible Students, because of the enmity that exists against the Germans. As an example of this conduct was the printed in bold heading, this statement of Rev. Dr. Oliver: 'Russellism is Hun propaganda under a cloak.' An interesting incident was the cover of religion,' said Dr. French E. Oliver to a crowded audience at the First Presbyterian Church of Winnetka, Ill., in 1916.

PERSECUTION IN GERMANY
To show a well-organized effort on behalf of the clergy to persecute these Bible Students, we see their activities have not been confined to our country alone, but to many countries. For a number of years the International Bible Students Association has maintained an office in Germany and in many other foreign countries. A paper in Copenhagen, Denmark, recently published the following:

"A Warning Against the Millennium Sect
The Consistory of Kiel (Holstein), Germany, has called attention to the activities carried on by the 'Watch Tower' Bible and Tract Society, which calls itself the 'Bible Students Association,' and also 'Bible Students Association.' The Imperial War Department has recently requested us to keep a watchful eye on the activities of this sect, which consists in selling the writings of its founder, the recently deceased Pastor Russell of Brooklyn, New York, in untruthful propaganda work, accomplished with American money. The Consistory does, therefore, call the priests to attention to this sect and requests that they take action against it and report to the Consistory their observations of its dangerous activities."

LUST FOR TEMPORAL POWER
It is no secret that the clergy for years past have diligently sought to acquire greater political power amongst the nations, and particularly in this true in the United States. They now take advantage of the condition of stress to further their selfish aims.

We are not against the war. We recognize and have long taught that the Bible, three thousand years ago, foretold the present great war, and that God's hand would be in the matter. When President Wilson asked the ministers to pray for peace, Pastor Russell, in an address in the New York City Temple said, "While I have the greatest respect for our honorable President, I must declare to join in a prayer for peace, because the Word of God shows that this war must come at this time; and for me to pray for peace now would be to ask Jehovah to change the Divine plan."

For more than thirty years, Pastor Russell and other members of the Association have been telling the people that the war would begin in 1914. The clergy throughout the land ridiculed and scoffed at the idea. Had the advice of Pastor Russell and the International Bible Students Association been heeded, the people would not have been so surprised when the war came, and would have been better prepared and fortified for it.

We recognize that this war, foretold by Jehovah, will be overruled by him and result in much good to mankind. The Bible says, "There shall be a time of trouble such as was not since there was a nation, even to that same time." (Daniel 12:1; Matthew 24:15) If it is disloyal to call attention to the meaning of this great trouble upon the earth, then it is disloyal to repeat the Lord's prayer, "thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven."

Furthermore, the Lord said: "Wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be moved with the fire of my jealousy (not literal fire). For then will I turn to the people a pure message, that they may all call upon the

name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent." (Zechariah 1:3, 6)
This Jehovah points out that after the trouble is over, a great blessing shall come to the people.
Now we are attempting to teach the people what is going to follow after this war—not teaching according to our own wisdom, but according to what the great Teacher, Christ Jesus, made clear. Again the clergy are trying to keep both the governments and the people in ignorance. The clergy cry long and loud about their own loyalty and patriotism; whereas, as a matter of fact, they are really a menace to both governments and people. The American people can be trusted with all the knowledge possible to be given them. Knowledge of righteousness will do good and not harm. Let the people understand what the future holds and their fears will be calmed. The International Bible Students Association is earnestly endeavoring to help the people along this very line.

WHAT BIBLE STUDENTS BELIEVE
The International Bible Students believe that Jesus Christ is the great Redeemer of mankind; that he promised before his ascension into heaven that he would return again and receive his church unto himself; that he would reign for a thousand years thereafter, during which time he would give every man a fair trial for life and all the obedient ones would be restored to human perfection, happiness and eternal joy, the willfully wicked being eventually destroyed; that ultimately the earth will be set with a race of happy, joyful people. The word "millennium" means one thousand years; therefore the millennial reign of Christ means the thousand-year reign of Christ mentioned in the Scriptures. (Revelation 20:1-6) They believe that the Lord's reign and great blessing is at hand. The bringing of this hope of the people at this time has greatly angered the clergymen and they have vehemently denounced it, because, if true, the power

position to interfere with the draft of the war in any manner. The fact that some of our members have sought to take advantage of the protection of the law, has been used as another means of persecution. Congress passed the Selective Draft Act in May, 1917. And in that act provided that no person shall be compelled to engage in combatant military service who is a member of a well-recognized religious organization, the principles of which preclude its members from engaging in war. Thus the law makers of the land recognized that there are conscientious objectors who cannot conscientiously engage in mortal combat. The reason for this is that some have fully consecrated themselves to the Lord, and they conscientiously believe if they are faithful to him they shall have a part in his Kingdom of righteousness, and that if they engage in the taking of human life this will destroy them eternally. The law provides that such shall be given non-combatant service.

of a hypothetical clergy is about to end. As a sample, we quote from Dr. Shirley J. Case, of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, who has recently written a book against Millenarianism, and who, speaking against the work of the International Bible Students Association, says: "Two thousand dollars a week is being spent to spread the doctrine. Where the clergy are concerned, we have nothing to fear. There is strong suspicion that many of our German sources. In my belief, the form would be a profitable field for government investigation." Have such representations had anything to do with the investigation of the Bible Students Association's books? Some-thing has caused it. We have nothing to conceal. We here mention that recently the Government officials took possession of the books of the Bible Students Association and made a thorough investigation. No trace was found of German influence or the use of German money. We gladly state that all the money used in our work is voluntarily contributed by conscientious men and women throughout the country who regard it a great privilege now to declare the message of peace and hope that the Bible holds out, to the poor, groaning creation,

"WIRELESS SEIZURE"
About the same time that arrests were being made in other places, the public press throughout the country announced that a "raid" had been made on the Bethel Home, Brooklyn, and a powerful wireless receiving station was found in the cellar and a sending station on the roof, intimating that this was maintained in the interest of pro-German work. The facts are these: Some three years ago, Mr. Edward Kusner of Pottstown, Pa., presented Pastor Russell with a receiving radio machine and it was erected on the roof of the Bethel Home. There never has been a sending apparatus about the premises; not even the receiver has been used, except to experiment with by some of the younger members who were trying to learn the operation of the wireless, and not even this has been done during the past two years. More than a year ago, the wireless was dismantled and the poles sawed up and used for other purposes, and the receiving instrument safely stored away in the art room. It was voluntarily produced and by consent removed, because we have no use for it. There is not a person about the Bethel Home nor has there been for two years, who knows anything about the use of a wireless instrument.
We here insert the affidavit of the person who manufactured and erected the wireless:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK) ss
STATE OF NEW YORK)
I, Edward Kusner, being duly sworn, do depose and say, as follows:
In 1915, about the first of the year, I made a present to Pastor Russell of the wireless receiving set which was found on the premises of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society at Bethel Home, 112 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn, New York, as my own personal gift. Being a manufacturer of wireless equipment I can positively state



THE CLERGY WOULD CENSOR THE BIBLE

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that there was no transmitter connected with this instrument. The instrument was purely a receiving one. Messages could be received, but could not be sent. This was more or less between Pastor Russell and myself. Several of the residents there also knew of its presence. I know certainly when I presented the instrument to Pastor Russell that there was no one residing at the Bethel Home who could operate it intelligently. I was at the Bethel Home in August, 1917, and I saw at that time that the aerial system was dismantled, the pole being sawed off even to the roof, but I did not see the instrument and was informed that the apparatus had been out of commission for over a year.
The sealing of wireless apparatus consists of taking down the aerial system and placing the apparatus where it would not be possible to use it. As near as I remember, the said receiving instrument has not been in use as a receiver for the last twenty months.
I have just now made a personal inspection of the instrument, which was taken from the Bethel Home on March 6th, 1918, and find that

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The detector bulb upon which the success of the apparatus entirely depends is the original one I furnished in 1915, and is completely burned out, hence rendering the instrument of no practical use whatever. Twenty months ago I was asked to renew this said bulb by Mr. Crosby, but it was not renewed and has been out of commission ever since. In order to renew this bulb it would have been necessary to send the old one to the factory and procure a new one in its stead, this being the requirement of the manufacturer, De Forest Company. The De Forest Company have the patent on this bulb and they would not have renewed it without the return of the old one, and this was the original one I furnished. I pointed with the instrument a telegraph key, which was not a part of the said receiving set, being used to practice the code, as it is necessary to know the telegraphic code before any one could intelligently receive or send a message.

(Signed) EDW. A. KUSER.
 Sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 1918

(Signed) Thomas F. Keenan, Jr. Notary Public—Bronx County No. 31; Certificate Filed N. Y. Co. No. 125; Term Expires March 21, 1919.
"THE FINISHED MYSTERY"

At the first intimation that there was any objection to the language used in "The Finished Mystery," a special representative of the Association was sent to Washington, D. C., and took the matter up with the Censor Committee of the Intelligence Section of the War Department. That Committee, after looking over the book, would not declare that any part of it is seditious, but advised that pages 227 to 232 be removed. Nearly all of the matter on these pages is quotations from two ministers of New York City, written prior to the United States' entry into the war, and who there discussed the advisability of war. The Association immediately proceeded to instruct all of its Colporteurs throughout the country to remove the pages above mentioned, before offering the book for sale. The manufacturers were notified to hold up the work until new plates could be supplied for these pages. And thus every effort has been made to comply with the advice of the public censor. The purpose of the Association is not in any wise to interfere with the war and its progress, but its mission and purpose is to teach the people the plain meaning of the Bible. The Prophets of the Lord describe Mystic Babylon and show that the ecclesiastical systems constitute Babylon. The book that has recently been so much commented upon in the press, "The Finished Mystery," is a commentary upon these prophecies, particularly Ezekiel and Revelation. These two great prophecies expose the clergy and show that their doctrines are misleading, without hope, and confusing. Babylon means confusion. The Bible proof shows that the clergy have been preying upon the people and collecting money from them upon the pretense of teaching them the Scriptures, whereas they have kept them in ignorance of the Bible. The clergy taught by the clergymen have held out no hope for any one except the few that go to heaven. They have taught that the mass of humanity would have to spend eternity in hell—a lake of burning fire and brimstone.

On the contrary, the Scriptures hold out a wonderful hope for mankind in obedience to their country's call thousands of young men of America are facing the enemy upon the battlefield. Doubtless many of these do not claim to be Christians; and if the teachings of the clergy are correct, then those boys would have no hope. The International Bible Students are trying to teach them and every one also that the Bible proves that only the consecrated Christian is now on trial for life, and that when Messiah's Kingdom is in operation all the living will learn the truth, and all the dead shall return from their tombs and have an opportunity to gain everlasting bliss. Soldiers who die upon the battlefield, those who die at home from disease and other causes; in fact, all shall hear the voice of the Son of Man and come forth from the tomb. (John 5:28) The Bible is full of consoling promises for mankind. The great Adversary, by his various machinations, has kept the people in ignorance of these great truths for centuries. Now in this hour of great stress upon the world, he is desperately striving to throttle those who are earnestly and faithfully trying to open the eyes of the people to this consoling message contained in the Bible. It is the Adversary's old trick of intolerance in the name of religion against the glorious hope that God has set before those who love righteousness. As a sample of the teachings of the Bible Students and of Pastor Russell's writings concerning this hope set before mankind, we quote from his first volume:

"Close your eyes for a moment to the scenes of misery and woe, degradation and sorrow that yet prevail on account of sin, and picture before your mental vision the glory of the perfect earth. Not a stain of sin mars the harmony and peace of a perfect society; not a bitter thought, not an unkind look or word; love, swelling up from every heart, meets a kindred response in every other heart, and benevolence marks every act. There sickness shall be no more; not an ache nor a pain, nor any evidence of decay—not even the fear of such things. Think of all the pictures of comparative health and beauty of human form and feature that you have ever seen, and know that perfect humanity will be of still surpassing loveliness. The inward purity and mental and moral perfection will stamp and glorify every radiant countenance. Such will earth's society be; and weeping bereaved ones will have their tears all wiped away, when thus they realize the resurrection work complete."

How different is this sweet message to that of endless torment taught by the clergy and which had its birth in the Dark Ages. Surely the people do not wish to return to the Dark Ages and have a few bigoted clergymen tell them that they should not read what the Bible says. We are reminded that in the early days of the Papacy it was made a crime for a man to have a Bible; and now the clergymen would take away the Bible explanation from the people. Our fore-

fathers braved the storms of the Atlantic in open boats and came to wild America that they might find here a safe retreat and establish an asylum of religious liberty where they could worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience. These great principles were embodied in the fundamental law of the land. The Constitution guarantees the right of petition and redress, the right of freedom of speech in the interest of humankind. We call upon all order-loving, law-abiding people to protest against this unholy persecution of innocent men and women, who have but one desire, and that to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and his glorious Kingdom—now at hand.

Religious intolerance has brought Russia to her present condition. An arrogant, religious intolerance has made German autocracy possible. While the peoples of the Allied nations are fighting for principles of justice and right, let all see to it that these principles are not denied to order-loving men and women who are attempting to help their fellow-men to a better understanding of God's purposes concerning their future welfare and blessing. Let the people assemble everywhere in calmness and sobriety and consider the great truths of the Bible, because "righteousness exalteth a nation," and nowhere can righteousness be so well learned as from the Word of God.

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U. S. Department of Justice and War Intelligence Bureau Act CLERGYMEN TAKE A HAND

Wide publication has been given through the public press to the fact that the Governments of the United States and Canada have suppressed the sale and distribution of the seventh book of a series written by the late Pastor Russell, named "The Finished Mystery." This book is published by the INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION at Brooklyn, New York. The Association also publishes six other books written by Pastor Russell, which have had a circulation exceeding eleven million volumes. Since this matter has become prominent in the public eye, we give here a brief history of the Association and an outline of its work, coupled with the reasons for the opposition to and suppression of this book:

WHAT THE I. B. S. A. IS

The International Bible Students Association is a name used by Bible students throughout the world who adhere to the interpretation of the Bible as taught for many years by the late Pastor Russell. This name is employed generally to distinguish it from its two branches, the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society and the Peoples Pulpit Association.

The Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society is a corporation organized under the laws of Pennsylvania, existing since 1884, and handling the business end of the work and the publications of the International Bible Students Association generally. The Peoples Pulpit Association was incorporated under the Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York, in 1906, and in that state, for the reason that the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society had in another state issued a book with a title to read state in the State of New York. The two associations, however, are one and the same, engaged in identically the same work.

In 1914 a corporation was formed in London, England, under the name of the International Bible Students Association, which handles the business end of the work in that country. This is the name also by which all their Bible ecclesias, or churches, throughout the world are known. Therefore, for convenience, the name International Bible Students Association is used as regards generally in the religious organization and work.

WORK AND PURPOSE

The purpose for which these organizations are created is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ by the oral message and by the printed page. For a number of years branch offices have been maintained in the following places, to wit: London, England; Geneva, Switzerland; Denmark; Bremen, Germany; Zurich, Switzerland; Capetown, South Africa; Melbourne, Australia; and other parts. This work is managed from the Brooklyn headquarters, the executive office of which is at 150 North Second Street, Heights, Brooklyn, New York, and the business operating office at 12-17 Hicks Street, Brooklyn.

The International Bible Students Association maintains on the road a number of traveling preachers. It has

These publications have pointed out for the past twenty years that a great international war would be upon the world which would begin in 1914; and that practically all the nations would be involved. The Society has never published anything with a view to hindering the progress of the war at all for the reason that they recognize it as of Divine permission, and could not oppose its progress without opposing the very foundation of their belief.

"THE FINISHED MYSTERY"

"The Finished Mystery" is the seventh volume of Studies in the Scriptures, a large portion of which consists of Bible interpretations written by Pastor Russell in his lifetime, to which additions were made by the compilers, Moses, Woodworth and Fisher, with copious quotations from other writers. Amongst these quotations are some from ministers of different denominations.

In February, 1918, agitation by clergymen became very pointed against the seventh volume, "The Finished Mystery," and it caused the public concern not a ban upon the book and the press freely published the "objectionable" part. When this matter was called to the attention of the officers of the Association, Mr. Robison, a representative of the I. B. S. A., was sent to Washington, D. C., and appeared before the Censor Committee of the Intelligence Section of the War Department, and submitted to that body "The Finished Mystery," and upon examination of it they suggested to Mr. Robison that page 247 be removed. The pages which contained the quotations from two ministers of different denominations, the Association immediately took steps to have removed from the book those pages to which objection was made.

1. The Divine Plan of the Ages.
2. Time is at Hand.
3. The Kingdom Come.
4. The Battle of Armageddon.
5. Abominations Between God and Man.
6. The New Creation.
7. The Finished Mystery.

The first of this series was published in 1886 and the other volumes have been added since from time to time; the last, or seventh volume, being published after the death of Pastor Russell, which occurred in October, 1916. More than eleven million of these volumes are in the hands of the people.

Other publications of the Association are: "The Watch Tower," a journal published twice each month and devoted exclusively to religious matters and Bible explanations. The regular subscription to this semi-monthly journal is approximately \$6.00. The Bible Students Monthly, a small four-page paper, which has contained usually the sermons of Pastor Russell up to the time of his death, and since then similar matter appearing by other members of the Association, together with a few news items along religious lines. In addition to these are the following booklets, viz.: "What Say the Scriptures About Hell?" "What Say the Scriptures About 'Shadows'" and some smaller pamphlets.

HOW FINANCED

All the funds that maintain this Association and that have been used in this work are received from voluntary contributions. The cost of the publication and distribution. The Studies in the Scriptures are sold at a very close margin and usually at a profit made on them. Many of the other papers are given away freely.

A subscription price of one dollar a year is charged for The Watch Tower, which also covers the cost of its publication and distribution. The Studies in the Scriptures are sold at a very close margin and usually at a profit made on them. Many of the other papers are given away freely.

"OBJECTIONABLE MATTER"

Neither The Watch Tower nor any of their other publications has editorially discussed the war with reference to whether it is right or wrong. All reference to the war has been in the nature of an explanation of prophecy.

was completed by February, 1917. The finished book came off the press about the middle of July, 1917, and within one week over thirty thousand copies had been sold to those who had been looking for it. Since then, thousands of Bible students throughout the country have used this volume as their text book, meeting two or three times a week for Bible study. It is readily observed by any student that it is the first book yet published that attempts to give a full explanation of the prophecies of Ezekiel and Revelation, which have been noted books to Bible students for a long time.

WHY OPPOSED BY THE CLERGY

In Jesus' day, "the common people heard him gladly," and the ecclesiastical hierarchy of that time persecuted him. The same persecution has applied to the International Bible Students Association with reference to their promulgation of Bible truths. Pastor Russell preached to more people than any man that ever lived on earth. For some time his sermons appeared in as many as four thousand papers each week, and in many different languages. Those associated with him in the work

of the scriptures that the doctrine of eternal torment of human souls is the heathen doctrine of the great Adversary and a defamation of God's holy name; that the doctrine of the divine right of the clergy to teach the Bible and the divine right of kings to rule are wholly unscriptural, and that both have been the cause of untold suffering of the peoples of earth.

In 1903 Pastor Russell announced his intention of publishing seven volumes of Studies in the Scriptures. He published six of these volumes during his life and shortly after his death the seventh volume of the series was published. The seventh volume, "The Finished Mystery," has not yet been published. It is now in the hands of the publishers and will be published in the near future.

FORETOLD WAR 20 YEARS AGO

More than twenty years ago Pastor Russell pointed out from the Bible that God had granted to the Gentiles a lease



THE CLERGY WOULD CENSOR THE BIBLE

have likewise been engaged in preaching the good tidings of great joy concerning Messiah's Kingdom. The common people and a few of the clergymen have heard gladly, while a great majority of the clergy have opposed.

In order that the motive of this opposition to the I. B. S. A. may be understood, we outline here more in detail the history of their work.

In 1862, young Charles F. Russell, being a diligent student of divine prophecy, discovered that the Bible contained an outline of Jehovah's world-wide plan of salvation which will ultimately bless mankind. So enthused was he with the message of hope that he at once devoted all of his time and money to making it known to others.

At the very beginning of his ministry he spread his message out of his own pocket to distribute freely in the City of New York and other places a little booklet entitled "The Kingdom of God for Thinking Christians." A few clergymen saw it was right, and with alacrity joined with him in the work. The great majority of clergymen, instead of explaining these Scriptures to the people and helping them, began a cruel and systematic persecution of the great reformer, and thus they persistently continued to persecute him until his death.

of power which would finally end in 1914 and that then the nations would become angry and God's wrath would come; that a great international war would begin at that time and would be followed by greater trouble; and that the trouble would center in Mesopotamia, which would be "the desire of all nations." (Isaiah 2:2) Young Russell, who showed that it would be impossible for the United States to keep out of that war. The facts, now well known by every man, prove the correctness of Pastor Russell's interpretations of the Bible. His exposition of Scripture has greatly angered the majority of clergymen, because it shows that their teachings in the past have been out of harmony with the Word of God; and if he is correct in his interpretation of the Bible, their position as clergymen is wholly untenable. The clergy were called upon either to show the people that his Scriptural interpretations are wrong or to join with him in explaining the Word of God to the people. Instead of leading the people into greater light and happiness, this the clergy failed to do. They had no answer to the clear exposition of Scripture given by Pastor Russell and those who joined with him in the work.

RELIGIOUS INTOLERANCE OF MODERN CLERGY

In Jesus' day, the clergy of the Jewish order, being unable to meet his lawful work, stirred up the people against him and had him arrested, charging him with treason against the Roman government and with blasphemy against him. The servant is not greater than his Lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you." - Matthew 23:10.

It is manifest that the teaching of the "Finished Mystery" has not in any manner influenced any person in the Government nor in any manner retarded the war. It is likewise manifest from the facts, as shown by numerous newspaper reports, publishing the declarations of clergymen, that for some time the clergy have been working to stir up the people against the I. B. S. A. and to have the attention of the Government called to them on the flimsy theory that their publications are in the nature of German propaganda. It is quite certain that the civil powers would have had no occasion even to consider "The Finished Mystery" had not the agitation of the clergy stirred up the issue.

Pastor Russell wrote, we might say prophetically, concerning the events now so transparently before the eyes of the people. More than twenty years ago he pointed out from the Scriptures that the experience of the Prophet Daniel with King Abub and his queen, Jazebel, pictured the closing experiences of the true Christians on earth. Abub representing the civil powers, and Jazebel the Papal system. Further he stated that Herod and his unfaithful wife, Herodias, again tried to slay the same thing as did Abub and Jazebel; and that John the Baptist and his last experience would picture the trying experience to which true Christians would be subjected after the close of the Gentile Times, viz., A. D. 1914; and that the slaughter of Herodias' daughter, pictured nominal Protestant churches united in a common cause. John the Baptist's unshaken Herodias for her moral course. An explanation of Ezekiel and Revelation, as set forth in the "Finished Mystery," is responsible to the clergy of both Papal and Protestant systems. Referring to this the Watch Tower issued, March 15, 1908, Pastor Russell said:

"The Church nominal, in her false position, would be anxious to efface the proofs and destroy the reprovers, and the effect would be that the civil powers would be induced to pass legislation to show restraint the liberty of the faithful ones and hinder them from public utterance, as John the Baptist was hindered by her to become her tool in the destruction of the most righteous of men."

Twenty years clergymen (Catholic and Protestant) have vehemently opposed the teachings of the International Bible Students Association. When they read "The Finished Mystery," they anger know no bounds. Being wholly unable to answer the clear argument therein presented, they began to seek some way to destroy those responsible for the agitation. Early in the month of February, 1918, the clergymen of Canada began a systematic denunciation particularly of "The Finished Mystery," and of the International Bible Students Association and its publications generally. For instance, the Winnipeg papers announced that certain clergymen had denounced the publication of this Association from their pulpits and stated that the attention of the Attorney General had been called to the matter. Later, the Attorney General examined certain of the Association's publications and the public concern placed a ban upon them in Canada. The Winnipeg Tribune says, "The censor's order is believed to be the direct result of these representations of the clergy. Shortly thereafter, in various parts of Canada, members of the International Bible Students Association were arrested, their houses were searched and their books and other publications were seized. Many clergymen and Christians were punished by fine and imprisonment for using their pulpits to read "The Finished Mystery," for

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CLERGY INSPIRED PERSECUTION

About the same time, the President of the Association addressed a great mass meeting at Los Angeles, California, one of the leading papers of that city carrying a full-page report of the meeting the morning following. The ministerial alliance of that city immediately held a meeting and sent a representative who waited upon that meeting with a view of preventing further publication of the Bible truths as proclaimed by the International Bible Students Association. The representative failed in this mission. A few days later, certain officers swooped down upon the International Bible Students' local headquarters, took possession of their various publications, including Bibles and hymn books, and took them away. They forced an entrance into the private office of one of the elders of the congregation, and there they issued a search warrant. The next Sunday, clergymen of Los Angeles addressed such subjects as, "The End of 'Judaism Near'." One of the leading clergymen from his pulpit said, "Thank God, Russellism is now down forever." In various parts of the country, men and women have recently been arrested and taken into jail in the State of Oklahoma, a poor woman, setting books at a small profit for a living, was arrested because she was selling "The Finished Mystery," the seventh of Pastor Russell's series of books, her local minister at the time was compelled to stay for some time in jail too "HUN PROPGANDA"

CLERGY TRY "HUN PROPGANDA"

In his helplessness, the clergymen advised the publication of Pastor Russell as "German Propaganda." His evident object was to stir up the minds of the people against these Bible Students, classifying them as German sympathizers. As an illustration, the following is a clipping from the Los Angeles Herald, dated March 15, 1918, under the heading: "Russellism is Hun Propaganda under a 'Mask.'" "An informant German, who has been arrested by the U. S. Army, advised that the German Propaganda, Rev. E. P. Wyland published in the Daily Telegram, under the heading, 'Hun Propaganda in Home Pulpits,' said, 'Among other things, he said, "And one of your patriotic duties, that confronts

"Censored By Postmaster General"

This "censored tract," written by Jack London in 1915, was "banned" from mail by Postmaster General Burleson with a clear warning! Did Joseph Rutherford and Watchtower officials heed this warning?

CENSORED

By the Postmaster General

Here is "A Good Soldier," by Jack London, which has aroused the militarists of this nation to the extent that Postmaster General Burleson has barred from the mails envelopes containing this article. The APPEAL TO REASON was threatened with a "fraud order" if it persisted in sending envelopes through the mails containing London's article. The Postmaster General did not even give the APPEAL a chance in the courts. He said: "Either stop circulating 'A Good Soldier' on envelopes or we will close up your doors by refusing to deliver a single piece of mail to you." So in "Free America" the APPEAL has been forced by a War Censor to take this means to circulate Jack London's criticism of the soldier profession:

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A Good Soldier

BY JACK LONDON

Young man, the lowest aim in your life is to be a good soldier. The good soldier never tries to distinguish right from wrong. He never thinks; never reasons; he only obeys. If he is ordered to fire on his fellow citizens, on his friends, on his neighbors, on his relatives, he obeys without hesitation. If he is ordered to

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fire down a crowded street when the poor are clamoring for bread, he obeys, and sees the gray hairs of age stained with red and the life-tide gushing from the breasts of women, feeling neither remorse nor sympathy. If he is ordered off as one of a firing squad to execute a hero or benefactor, he fires without hesitation, though he knows the bullet will pierce the noblest heart that ever beat in human breast.

A good soldier is a blind, heartless, soulless, murderous machine. He is not a man. He is not even a brute, for brutes only kill in self-defense. All that is human in him, all that is divine in him, all that constitutes the man, has been sworn away when he took the enlistment oath. His mind, conscience, eye, his very soul, are in the keeping of his officer.

No man can fall lower than a soldier—it is a depth beneath which we cannot go.

[If you want to know more about Socialism or how to join the Socialist party, write to the Appeal to Reason, Girard, Kan. The Appeal to Reason is a weekly paper and costs 50 cents a year.]

the greater ease when we have this thought before our minds.

The Apostle gives a similar thought when he says that the tribulations which the Lord's people undergo are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in them. This should make us very moderate, very forbearing, under

circumstances which would make others very rude, very angry, very immoderate. We can be very gentle, not only because of our knowledge of the nearness of the kingdom, but also because of our knowledge of the weaknesses of others, which cause them to impinge upon our rights.

SOME INTERESTING ITEMS

PARIS BRETHREN MEET REGULARLY

Extracts from a Letter of Brother Joseph Lefevre, main Elder of the I. B. S. A. Class in Paris, France, to Brother Louis F. Ruel, of New York.—Translated.

Please, Brother Louis, openly tell our Beloved Pastor Russell, and through him all the dear brethren over there, of the cheerfulness and perfect peace which I derive daily from "My Morning Resolve" (especially the last part of it), in my long exile from my home in Denain (invaded territory), and from separation of my wife and other dear ones there. Also, the added blessing that I find, when at times my courage would fail me, in recalling the words:

"Faith can firmly trust Him,
Come what may,"

and then, softly repeating them, I regain greater comfort and joy! Yes; I desire of you the favor to thank the Lord for the precious help I have received from this "Resolve" counseled by the "faithful servant." I deeply appreciate the service, and must give vent to the feelings it suggests.

I do not write to the dear Pastor, because being unable to express myself properly in English, I think better to sacrifice my own satisfaction than to divert otherwise too much of his attention from the interests of the many. However, I know how much he loves also the brethren of Northern France—and these, too, know it. Therefore, daily, from every heart of our people, ascends to the heavenly throne a fervent prayer beseeching for Brother Russell, our Pastor, an ever-increasing measure of the spirit of grace, wisdom and understanding. Be sure and tell him that despite the keenly hard and long trial they are undergoing, all our French brethren and sisters, whose sentiments I am here voicing, are his "glory and joy" (1 Thessalonians 2:20), by their faithfulness, faith and perseverance.

The Lord has made his truth known here to some new hearts by my humble voice and despite my poor health. We have a class now of about forty-five, and every week new, thirsty souls come to the spring of the new life. A number have known the beauty and privilege of consecration, and they are making large strides in spiritual progress. Nearly all the members attend the weekly testimony meeting. Three evenings during the week there are meetings (one at the other end of Paris), for Berean Studies or to discuss the Epistle to the Romans, with an average attendance of twenty.

Until lately I have had to take personal charge of all the meetings, with the preparatory study that each entailed, which fortunately could be done owing to some leisure left by my working only eight hours daily at the office [an insurance company]. By now the Lord has given me a competent assistant in my dear Brother Theophile Leguime [formerly a Deacon at Denain], also physically weak, but strong in faith, who since the invasion was living with the friends at Auchel, Pas-de-Calais [a few miles from the battle front], and who has just been compelled to leave that place because the military authority became suspicious of his large correspondence with the brethren at the front and elsewhere in the interest of the truth and for their edification and comfort. The experience and ability of this brother will much avail, so that several things will be thus better cared for, under God's providence, answering my prayers that "He would send forth laborers into his harvest."—Matthew 9:38.

SHARP P. O. CENSORSHIP

An Exchange asks: How far can a government department go in censoring printed matter committed to the mails?

Will the Postmaster-General bar the following extract from a speech made by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany in 1891 to recruits?

"Recruits! before the altar and the servant of God, you have given me the oath of allegiance. . . . Only one enemy can exist for you—my enemy.

"With the present Socialist machinations, it may happen that I shall order you to shoot your brothers or even your parents—which God forbid—and then you are bound in duty implicitly to obey my orders!"

➔ If the Postmaster-General permits the above to go through the mails, why should be object to the little article by Jack London, reading in part:

"Young man, the lowest aim in your life is to be a good soldier. The good soldier never tries to distinguish right from wrong. He never thinks; never reasons; he only obeys. If he is ordered to fire on his fellow citizens, on his friends, on his neighbors, on his relatives, he obeys without hesitation. "A good soldier is a blind, heartless, soulless, murderous machine. He is not a man. He is not even a brute, for brutes kill only in self-defense. No man can fall lower than a soldier—it is a depth beneath which he cannot go."

Postmaster-General Burleson does object to the above. When it appeared on post-cards circulated by a peace society, he issued an order barring such post-cards from the mails.

THE NEXT POSSIBLE STEP.

To say that a newspaper carrying this text should be barred from the mails would be the next logical step. The distinction by the department is that such matter on a post-card is "openly displayed." In a newspaper it is not.

The censorship is based on section 212 of the criminal code, which excludes from the mails all matter which carries openly any reflection on the character or conduct of any person. The department, however, has construed this to mean any class of persons.

Leaders of the various peace societies are indignant over what they call this usurpation of power on the part of the department.

EUREKA DRAMA WORK

DEAR ONE IN CHRIST:—

With the closing of the year 1915 we find that our activity in the EUREKA DRAMA work must close also.

We have been working continually nearly all summer, showing almost every night. We traveled by wagon, and camped out, making our expenses very light; but as the cold weather came we found that the rental of halls and board and lodging were more than we could handle, so we have decided to discontinue our efforts until spring, except in a few towns we can easily reach by rail.

We have the DRAMA on the loan plan, and would like to keep it, hoping to start again as soon as the weather permits. We completed four counties in the past year. We showed, on an average, to one hundred and fifty persons each evening, and much interest was aroused.

We did not specially encourage the signing of the cards, but merely mentioned it, and we think by so doing we received the names of those most interested. When we first started with the DRAMA we would pass pencils and encourage the people to sign, but we found that we could get those most interested by merely drawing their attention to the subject of the free booklet. All of us were blessed in the service and by the experience we passed through, some of which were not the most pleasant, but we believe they were for our good.

We have shown in many churches, and on two occasions we showed on Sunday evening after the preaching service. We also found some towns bitterly opposed, and the ministers would write articles for the local papers condemning Brother R. and the DRAMA. This only helped to increase interest, and two of these articles we were privileged to answer through the same columns. We did this in as kindly a way as possible.

Please let us know if it will be all right to keep the DRAMA here and use it during the winter, as we have opportunity. If the work does not close by spring, we hope to become active again in the service for the King of kings,

Your Brother in Him,

L. E. EDWARDS.

FRENCH LETTERS FROM TERRITORY INVADDED BY GERMANS (From the French WATCH TOWER.)

I have been happy to receive word that you can again send us "LA TOUR DE GARDE" with the precious teachings of the faithful and wise servant. What a joy and comfort we find in having our eyes opened and being able to understand the divine plan! The Lord is permitting evils, mourning and sufferings for a little while still, but soon he will heal every wound, wipe away all tears and reign in righteousness. This is indeed "the vision of glory presented to our faith," in which glory we shall share if we are faithful to the end. And this is the time for us to realize in part Psalm 46, and wait patiently for the fulfilment of the rest.

J. B. and J. TILMANT.—Belgium.

Edward Adams, who was contracted by the Watch Tower Bible And Tract Society to print 10,000 copies of the October, 1917 "Bible Students Monthly," containing Jack London's "banned" anti-war tract testifies to the following:

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Cross-Examination by Mr. Fuller:

Q. That is the issue in which you printed 10,000 in that form of some reprint which contains this Jack London letter?

A. I have never read these things.

Q. Read it now (handing witness paper).

A. I say I never have read it previous.

Q. Read it now. That is the exhibit that you identified the other day, Exhibit 14, as being an issue of the "Bible Student's Monthly" of which you published a reprint in October, 1917; is that right?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. The reprint that you published in 1917 was so far as you can recall, the same as this, with the exception of some matter in this—this advertisement on this page?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. This Exhibit 14 which is now shown you contains the Jack London letter, does it not?

A. Yes, sir.

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Q. Turn over on the back of it. A. I have not printed one with this page 4 on.

Q. That particular "Bible Students' Monthly," you never printed at all? A. No, sir.

Q. The one that you printed is a different issue from this one entirely? A. It is, with the same heading, and page 1.

Q. I want to know if that particular paper was ever printed by you? A. Not this particular paper with the advertisement on the back.

Q. So there is no particular "Bible Students' Monthly" that has been shown you that you printed in October, 1917? A. Not this exact copy that we printed. 1214

Q. And the only "Bible Students' Monthly" that you published in 1917 called Volume VIII, No. 1, was an order that you got on October 7 or 17, 1917, for 10,000 copies? A. Yes, sir.

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EDWARD ADAMS, a witness for the Government was duly sworn and testified as follows:

Direct-examination by Mr. Oeland:

Q. What is your business? A. Printing and binding.

Q. Did you do any printing in the latter part of 1917 for the Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you print what is known as the Bible Students' monthly? A. Yes, sir.

1001 Q. Just tell the jury how you printed that; I mean by that, did you have reprints of certain issues? A. The Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society furnished the plates of various issues of the "Bible Students' Monthly" and we have printed the "Bible Students' Monthly" tracts as their orders have come in.

Q. In other words, you had the plates and as you got orders from them— A. (Interposed): Yes, we would print and reprint them.

Q. Did you have a reprint of Volume 8, No. 4? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Of the "Bible Students' Monthly," at any time in 1917? A. Yes, sir.

1002 Q. What date? A. October 4, 1917.

Q. That was the reprint of Volume 8, No. 4? A. Yes, sir.

Q. How did you get an order for reprinting that? A. That is the way the orders have been submitted to us for printing. The written orders.

Q. Is this the way the order would come into you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did you receive that order on or before October 17th? A. Yes, sir.

Mr. Oeland: I offer that in evidence.

Mr. Sparks: Let us see it. (After examination): I object on the ground that it is in no

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This was four months "AFTER" the Espionage Act of June 1917 had already been made law!

While Joseph Rutherford and his Bible Students associates were in prison, other Watchtower officials also violated the 1917 Espionage Act who were never arrested. Richard H. Barber informs us of the following:

"During the time the Society's officials were in prison, a committee was named by Brother Rutherford to act in his stead. That committee included Brother W. E. Spill and Brother John Stephenson, a member of the Bethel family who had served in the treasurer's office as assistant to Brother Van Amburgh; and I was the third member of that committee.

Literature, except for *The Watchtower*, was banned in the United States, and all literature was banned in Canada. Four individuals were chosen, one each at Boston, Brooklyn, Chicago and Seattle, and each was to wrap a Watchtower in a daily newspaper and mail it to a named person in Canada. These were passed around, leading articles mimeographed and some reprinted, and sent out to all Canadian congregations. Many wrote in and said that their copy of the book *The Finished Mystery*, known also as the seventh volume of the *Studies in the Scriptures*, had been confiscated and they asked for another. I found a case of the books in pocket-edition size and mailed a copy to all such persons writing in." (The Watch Tower, 1965 July 15, p. 446).

they needed it in the future, they could withdraw it at the rate of \$50 per month, wanted their money back. Many refunds were made. Contributions came in regularly, however, but we did not have much need for money, as all pilgrim work had ceased and we were cut off entirely from all foreign branches.

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PILGRIM DESK,

RADIO AND ZONE SERVANT WORK

After the Society's officials were released from prison in 1919 and exonerated, I was sent out as a pilgrim again. But after a number of years, Brother Rutherford called me back to Bethel and asked me to take charge of the pilgrim department. After the pilgrim department was ended, my desk was used in connection with the radio department. My duty was to write short radio talks of 10, 15, 20 and 30 minutes, to be used over hundreds of radio stations. These talks were submitted to Brother Rutherford. After they were edited, Brother De Cecca mimeographed them and they were sent out to hundreds of radio stations. I had the privilege of giving radio talks myself, at times over hookups. I was asked to give an hour talk over a

hookup on the subject of Christmas. It was given December 12, 1928, and published in *The Golden Age* #241 and again a year later in #268. That talk pointed out the pagan origin of Christmas. After that, the brothers at Bethel never celebrated Christmas again.

In 1935, I was assigned to serve as zone servant in territory from Utica on the east to Westfield, New York, on the west, and from Scranton on the south to the St. Lawrence River on the north. I was moved with my wife to the Society's farm near Ithaca and was to serve the territory from that point. While serving Williamsport, Pennsylvania, that year, I received a letter from Brother Rutherford saying that the Syracuse congregation had purchased a large building and had asked the Society to send someone there to take charge of that building. He asked me to move to Syracuse and to serve as zone servant from this headquarters point.

Now, at age 96, I am no longer able to do house-to-house preaching of the good news, but I love Jehovah's service as much as ever or more so. For some years I have been able to send out by mail regularly forty magazines per month, and when special issues come out I try to double that number if possible. My method is to use the telephone book and to select persons living in our territory, send them a typed letter, giving the best witness possible, telling them the benefits of the *Watchtower* and *Awake!* magazines and advising that a sample of each is being sent.

When the booklet *Blood, Medicine and the Law of God* came out, I mailed a copy to all my relatives, the area's hospitals, the city's officials and principal lawyers and doctors. I am still able to give talks, but need an arm to assist me to the platform. Though vision is rapidly failing, I managed to read every word of the books "*Babylon the Great Has Fallen!*" God's

Were these Bible Students along with their Watchtower President, Judge Joseph Rutherford, "unjustly arrested and rail-roaded to prison? Or did they knowingly and willfully violate the laws from the higher authorities? Jehovah's Witnesses, for the past ninety years have been led to believe the following:

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After five years of pioneering, Brother Russell invited me to serve as a pilgrim, which meant to serve routes made out by the Society, to give talks to the congregations and also advertise public talks. I gladly accepted this appointment and have served in that capacity in every state in the United States except Arizona and New Mexico, and all over Canada from Cape Breton to Vancouver Island, and to a limited extent in England and Scotland.

In 1914 and 1915 I had charge of a group of about fifteen who served much of New England and all of Nova Scotia with the Photo-Drama of Creation, a four-part moving-picture and colored-slide program, accompanied with phonograph Bible lectures. I was used to secure the theaters and to give the two Sunday closing talks after the Photo-Drama. Those talks were on the topics "Pastor Russell's Teachings Examined" and "Christ's Second Coming; Why, How and When?" This was a thrilling appointment, and large crowds attended the Photo-Drama and talks.

BETHEL SERVICE

After about seven years in the pilgrim service, I was unexpectedly called to Bethel, the Society's headquarters in Brooklyn, New York. It was 1918. Religious persecutors, taking advantage of the war, whipped up hatred for the Society. As a result, the Society's president, J. F. Rutherford, and other officials were unjustly arrested and tried in court. I was present at that trial, at which the Society's officials were rail-roaded to prison. One morning thereafter I received a call from Brother Rutherford requesting me to come over to Pennsylvania Station, where the brothers were waiting for several hours for a through train for Atlanta.

The prisoners were being transferred to Atlanta penitentiary. Brother Frank Horth, Sister Van Amburgh and Sister

Fisher and Sister Agnes Hudgings, a stenographer, and myself hastened over to the station. Brother Rutherford there gave me some instructions. If we were harassed too much by the police, we were to sell Bethel and the Brooklyn Tabernacle and move to either Philadelphia, Harrisburg or Pittsburgh, as our corporation was in Pennsylvania. A price of \$60,000 was suggested for Bethel, and \$25,000 for the tabernacle. When the train was ready, Brother Rutherford took Brother Horth and Sister Hudgings on the train with him. They rode for a distance while Brother Rutherford dictated a letter of instructions to Brother Horth, assigning him to sell Bethel and the Tabernacle. Arriving back in Bethel, Sister Hudgings made copies of this letter of instructions for us. The Tabernacle was sold, if my memory serves me aright, for only \$16,000. Later Bethel was sold to the government and all arrangements made except the transfer of cash, when the armistice was signed; but providentially the sale of Bethel was never accomplished.

During the time the Society's officials were in prison, a committee was named by Brother Rutherford to act in his stead. That committee included Brother W. E. Spill and Brother John Stephenson, a member of the Bethel family who had served in the treasurer's office as assistant to Brother Van Amburgh; and I was the third member of that committee. The work was divided among us as follows: I was to be in the office handling correspondence and preparing *The Watchtower* for publication; Brother Stephenson was to serve as treasurer and Brother Spill was to handle all outside matters.

There was plenty of mail, much of it harsh and critical, yet much of it sympathetic and encouraging. Many persons who had donated money to the Society with the understanding that, in the event

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Petition for Writ of Error.

United States District Court

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, WILLIAM E. VAN AMBURGH, ROBERT J. MARTIN, FREDERICK H. ROBISON, GEORGE H. FISHER, CLAYTON J. WOODWORTH, A. HUGH McMILLAN,

Defendants.

To the Honorable the Judges of the United States
Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Second Circuit:

And now comes the above-named defendants, Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Frederick H. Robison, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, A. Hugh McMillan, and each of them, by their attorneys, Sparks, Fuller & Stricker, and together and each for himself complain and complain^o that in the record and proceedings had in the trial of the above-entitled cause, and also in the verdict of the jury therein rendered on the 20th day of June, 1918, the order entered on the motion in arrest of judgment, and also in the rendition of the judgment in the above-entitled cause in the said

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United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, had at the June, 1918, Term thereof, on the 20th and 21st days of June, 1918, manifest error hath happened to the great damage of the said defendants and each of them.

Wherefore, the said defendants pray, and each of them prays, for the allowance of a writ of error and for such orders and processes as may cause all and singular the record and proceedings in said case to be sent to the Honorable Judges of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit under and according to the laws of the United States in that behalf made and provided, so that the same being inspected, the said Judges of the said Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit may cause further to be done therein to correct that error, what of right and according to law ought to be done, and also that an order be made herein that all other proceedings in this action in this court be stayed, and each of the defendants admitted to bail, until the determination of said writ of error by the said United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and your petitioner and petitioners will ever pray.

Dated, June 21st, 1918.

6 SPARKS, FULLER & STRICKER,

Attorneys for Defendants,

Office & P. O. Address,

44 Court Street,

Borough of Brooklyn,

City of New York.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, WILLIAM E. VAN AMBURGH, ROBERT J. MARTIN, FREDERICK H. ROBISON, GEORGE H. FISHER, CLAYTON J. WOODWORTH, A. HUGH MACMILLAN and GIOVANNI DE-CECCA,

Defendants. 8

To the Honorable the Judges of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, for the Second Circuit:

And now comes the above-named defendant, Giovanni DeCecca, by his attorneys, Sparks, Fuller & Stricker, and complains that in the record and proceedings had in the trial of the above-entitled cause, and also in the verdict of the jury therein, rendered on the 20th day of June, 1918, the order entered on the motion in arrest of judgment, and also in the rendition of the judgment in the above-entitled cause in the said United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, had at the June, 1918^d Term thereof, on the 20th and 21st days of June, 1918, manifest error hath happened to the great damage of the said defendant, Giovanni DeCecca. 9

Wherefore the said defendant, Giovanni DeCecca, prays for a reversal of said judgment and for the processes as may cause all and singular the record allowance of a writ of error and for such orders and

and proceedings in said case to be sent to the Honorable Judges of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit under and according to the laws of the United States in that behalf made and provided, so that the same being inspected, the said Judges of the said Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit may cause further to be done therein to correct that error, what of right and according to law ought to be done, and also that an order be made herein that all other proceedings in this action in this court be stayed, and this defendant admitted to bail, until the determination of said writ of error by the said United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and your petitioner will ever pray.

Dated, December 21st, 1918.

SPARKS, FULLER & STRICKER,
Attorneys for Defendant, Giovanni DeCecca,
Office & P. O. Address,
44 Court Street,
Borough of Brooklyn,
City of New York.

Order Allowing Writ of Error.

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At a Sated Term of the United States Court
for the Eastern District of New York,
held at the Post Office Building in the
Borough of Brooklyn, City of New
York, on the 21st Day of June, 1918.

Present: Hon. Harland B. Howe,
United States District Judge.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JOSPH F. KUTHERBUND, WILLIAM
K. VAN AMBURGH, ROBERT
J. MARTIN, FREDERICK H. KIL-
BURN, GEORGE H. FISHER, CLAY-
TON J. WOODWORTH, A. HUGH
MACMILLAN,

Defendants.

Upon the motion of Sparks, Puller & Stricker, at-
torneys for the defendants, Joseph F. Kutherbund,
William K. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Fred-
erick H. Kilburn, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Wood-
worth, A. Hugh MacMillan, and upon filing a petition
for a writ of error, it is

Ordered that a writ of error be and the same hereby
is allowed, returnable according to law.

HARLAND B. HOWE.

Judge of the United States District Court

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16 **Order Allowing Writ of Error.**

At the June Term of the United States District Court, as extended, held in and for the Eastern District of New York, in the Post Office Building, in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, on the 21st day of December, 1918.

Present: Hon. Thomas I. Chatfield,
United States District Judge.

17 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

JOSEPH F. RUTHERFORD, WILLIAM E. VAN AMBURGH, ROBERT J. MARTIN, FREDERICK H. ROBISON, GEORGE H. FISHER, CLAYTON J. WOODWORTH, A. HUGH MACMILLAN and GIOVANNI DE-CECCA,

Defendants.

18 Upon the motion of Sparks, Fuller & Stricker, attorneys for the defendant, Giovanni DeCecca, and upon filing a petition for a writ of error, it is

Ordered that a writ of error be and the same hereby is allowed, returnable according to law.

THOMAS I. CHATFIELD,
Judge of the United States District Court.

Writ of Error.

United States of America ss:

The President of United States of America, to the Judges of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of New York, GREETING:

Because in the record and proceedings as also in the rendition of the judgment of a plea which is in the District Court before you, or some of you, between the United States of America, plaintiff, and Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Frederick H. Robison, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, A. Hugh MacMillan, defendants, a manifest error hath happened to the great damage of the said Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Frederick H. Robison, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, A. Hugh MacMillan, defendants, and each of them, as is stated and appears by their complaint and the complaint of each of them;

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We, being willing that such error, if any hath been, should be duly corrected and full and speedy justice done to the parties aforesaid in this behalf, do command you, if judgment be therein given, that then, under your seal, distinctly and openly, you send the record and proceedings aforesaid, with all things concerning the same, to the Honorable the Judges of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, at the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, at the court room of said court in the United States Court House, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, together with this writ, so that you have the same at the said place before the Judges aforesaid on the 19th day of July, 1918, that the record and proceedings aforesaid, being inspected,

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the said Judges of the said United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, may cause further to be done therein to correct that error, what right and according to the law and custom of the United States ought to be done.

Witness, the Hon. Edward Douglas White, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, this 21st day of June, 1918, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

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PERCY G. B. GILKES,
Clerk of the District Court of
the United States of America for
the Eastern District of New York
in the Second Circuit.

by

J. G. COCHRAN,
Deputy Clerk.

The foregoing writ is hereby allowed:

HARLAND B. HOWE,
United States District Judge.

Writ of Error.

United States of America, ss:

The President of the United States of America, to
the Judges of the District Court of the United
States for the Eastern District of New York,
GREETING:

Because in the record and proceedings as also in
the rendition of the judgment of a plea which is in
the District Court before you, or some of you, be-
tween the United States of America, plaintiff, and
Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh,
Robert J. Martin, Frederick H. Robison, George H.
Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, A. Hugh MacMillan,
and Giovanni DeCecca, defendants, a manifest error
hath happened to the great damage of the said Gio-
vanni DeCecca, one of the defendants, as is stated and
appears by his complaint;

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We, being willing that such error, if any hath been,
should be duly corrected and full and speedy justice
done to the party aforesaid in this behalf, do command
you, if judgment be therein given, that then, under
your seal, distinctly and openly, you send the record
and proceedings aforesaid, with all things concerning
the same to the Honorable the Judges of the United
States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Cir-
cuit, at the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York,
at the court room of said court in the United States
Court House, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of
New York, together with this writ, so that you have
the same at the said place before the Judges afore-
said, on the 10th day of January, 1919, that the rec-
ord and proceedings aforesaid, being inspected, the
said Judges of the said United States Circuit Court
of Appeals for the Second Circuit, may cause further
to be done therein to correct that error, what of right
and according to the law and custom of the United
States ought to be done.

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Witness, The Hon. Edward Douglas White, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, this 21st day of December, 1918, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty-second.

(Seal)

PERCY G. B. GILKES,
Clerk of the District Court of
the United States of America for
the Eastern District of New
York, in the Second Circuit.

by

J. G. COCHRAN,
Deputy Clerk.

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The foregoing writ is hereby allowed.

THOMAS I. CHATFIELD,
United States District Judge,
Holding the June, 1918, Term as
extended.

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Indictment.

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DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA,

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

At a Stated Term of the District Court of the United States of America, for the Eastern District of New York, begun and held in the Borough of Brooklyn, City of New York, within and for the District aforesaid, on the third day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and continued by adjournment to and including the sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

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Eastern District of New York, ss:

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America, within and for the district aforesaid, on their oaths present that on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, a joint resolution was adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States declaring a state of war between the United States of America and the Imperial German Government, and that on said date the President of the United States of America issued a proclamation that such a state of war existed, and continually from the said date until the present time an open and public war was and is still being prosecuted and carried on between the United States of America and the said Imperial German Government.

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That during the period from the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, to the date of the filing and presentation of this indictment the United States has been at war with the Imperial German Government, and during said period of time Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J.

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Martin, Fred H. Robison, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, Giovanni De Cecca, and A. Hugh McMillan (hereinafter called defendants), at the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State and Eastern District of New York and within the jurisdiction of this Court, unlawfully and feloniously did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together, and with divers other persons to the said Grand Jurors unknown, to commit a certain offense against the United States of America, to wit: the offense of unlawfully, feloniously and wilfully causing insubordination, disloyalty and refusal of duty in the military and naval forces of the United States of America when the United States was at war, to the injury of the military and naval forces of the United States of America, and to the injury of the United States of America, in, through and by personal solicitations, letters, public speeches, distributing and publicly circulating throughout the united States of America a certain book called "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," and distributing and publicly circulating throughout the United States certain articles printed in pamphlets called "Bible Student's Monthly," "Watch Tower," "Kingdom News" and other

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pamphlets not named, which said book and pamphlets were to be published and distributed throughout the Eastern District of New York, and throughout other sections of the United States of America, and which said solicitations, letters, speeches, articles, books and pamphlets would and should persistently urge insubordination, disloyalty and refusal of duty in the said military and naval forces of the United States of America, to the injury of the United States of America, and to its military and naval forces. The said defendants, and each of them, in furtherance of said conspiracy did commit the following

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OVERT ACTS.

1. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did compile and cause to be compiled certain reports, and did add to them certain original writings, in the production of a book hereinbefore mentioned, called "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, marked Schedule A.

2. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did publish and cause to be published the said book entitled "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," and did cause the same to be copyrighted in the name of the People's Pulpit Association.

3. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed to one Jerry De Cecca and one Carmelo Nicita, while the said Jerry De Cecca and Carmelo Nicita were members of the military forces of the United States of America, attached to Camp Devens, and to certain other persons to the Grand Jurors unknown in and about the said Eastern District of New York and other parts of the United States of America, copies of the said book entitled "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," a copy of which is hereto attached and marked Schedule A and made a part hereof.

4. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, received a letter

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written in Italian from one Frank D'Onofrio, at that time a member of the military forces of the United States of America, addressed to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, a copy of which is hereto attached and marked Schedule B, and made a part hereof, and the defendants, and each of them, made and caused to be made a translation of the said "D'Onofrio" letter from Italian into English, a true and correct copy of which translation into English is hereto attached and made a part hereof, marked Schedule C.

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5. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed to Carmelo Nicita and Jerry De Cecca, members of the military forces of the United States of America, and to other persons to the Grand Jurors unknown, in and about the Eastern District of New York, and in certain camps and military establishments of the United States of America, and in other parts of the United States of America, copies of the translation of the said "D'Onofrio" letter, a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked Schedule C, and made a part hereof.

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6. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, reprinted and caused to be reprinted a certain letter which they had received, dated the nineteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and sixteen, signed by Clara Cerulli, containing an account of the trial of one Remigio Cuminetti, an alleged member of the International Bible Students Association, for a violation of the military law in Italy, copy of which is hereto annexed and marked Schedule D and made a part hereof, and

which said reprinted letter in pamphlet form the defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed to various persons whose names are to the Grand Jurors unknown, and a true and correct translation into English, which also the said defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed, is hereby attached, marked Schedule E and made a part hereof.

7. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did cause to be printed and distributed throughout the United States of America, particularly to men subject to become members of the military forces of the United States, to wit: men liable to be selected under the Act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, for the military service of the United States of America and certified into said military service for war against the Imperial German Government, an affidavit subscribed and sworn to by William E. Van Amburgh, a copy of which affidavit is hereto annexed and marked Schedule F and made a part hereof.

8. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did send or cause to be sent to one Jerry De Cecca, who was at that time a member of the military forces of the United States of America, attached to Camp Devens, State of Massachusetts, certain letters, copies of which are hereto annexed and marked Schedule G and made a part hereof.

9. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did send and cause to be sent to one Carmelo Nicita, who was at

that time a member of the military forces of the United States of America, attached to Camp Devens, State of Massachusetts, certain letters, copies of which are hereto annexed and marked Schedule H and made a part hereof, which letters were written in Italian, true and correct translations of which are hereto annexed and marked Schedule I and made a part hereof.

All against the peace and dignity of the United States of America and contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided.

SECOND COUNT.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, do further present that on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, a joint resolution was adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States declaring a state of war between the United States of America and the Imperial German Government, and that on said date the President of the United States of America issued a proclamation that such a state of war existed, and continually from the said date until the present time an open and public war was and is still being prosecuted and carried on between the United States of America and the said Imperial German Government.

That during the period from the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, to the date of the filing and presentation of this indictment the United States has been at war with the Imperial German Government, and during said period of time Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Fred H. Robison, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, Giovanni De Cecea, Robert H. Hirsh and A. Hugh McMillan (hereinafter called defend-

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ants), at the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State and Eastern District of New York and within the jurisdiction of this Court, unlawfully and feloniously did conspire, combine, confederate and agree together, and with divers other persons to the said Grand Jurors unknown, to commit a certain offense against the United States, to wit: the offense of unlawfully, feloniously and wilfully obstructing the recruiting and enlistment service of the United States when the United States was at war, to the injury of that service and of the United States of America, in, through and by personal solicitations, letters, public speeches, distributing and publicly circulating throughout the United States a certain book called "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," and distributing and publicly circulating throughout the United States of America certain articles printed in pamphlets called "Bible Student's Monthly," "Watch Tower," "Kingdom News" and other pamphlets not named, which said book and pamphlets were to be published and distributed throughout the Eastern District of New York, and throughout other sections of the United States of America, and which said solicitations, letters, speeches, articles, books and pamphlets would and should persistently urge failure and refusal on the part of available persons to enlist in the military and naval forces of the United States and should and would, through and by the means above mentioned obstruct the recruiting and recruiting service of the United States of America when the United States was at war to the injury of that service and of the United States of America. The said defendants, and each of them, in furtherance of said conspiracy did commit the following

OVERT ACTS.

1. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did compile and cause to be compiled certain reports, and did add to them certain original writings, in the production of a book hereinbefore mentioned, called "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," a copy of which is hereto attached and made a part hereof, marked Schedule A.

53 2. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did publish and cause to be published the said book entitled "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," and did cause the same to be copyrighted in the name of the People's Pulpit Association.

54 3. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed to one Jerry De Cecca and one Carmelo Nicita, while the said Jerry De Cecca and Carmelo Nicita were members of the military forces of the United States of America, attached to Camp Devens, and to certain other persons to the Grand Jurors unknown in and about the said Eastern District of New York and other parts of the United States of America, copies of the said book entitled "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," a copy of which is hereto attached and marked Schedule A.

4. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, received

a letter written in Italian from one Frank D'Onofrio, at that time a member of the military forces of the United States of America, addressed to the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, a copy of which is hereto attached and marked Schedule B and made a part hereof, and the defendants, and each of them, made and caused to be made a translation of the said "D'Onofrio" letter from Italian into English, a true and correct copy of which translation into English is hereto attached and made a part hereof, marked Schedule C.

5. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed to Carmelo Nicita and Jerry De Cecca, members of the military forces of the United States of America, and to other persons to the Grand Jurors unknown, in and about the Eastern District of New York, and in certain camps and military establishments of the United States of America, and in other parts of the United States of America, copies of the translation of the said "D'Onofrio" letter, a copy of which is hereto annexed and marked Schedule C, and made a part hereof.

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6. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, reprinted and caused to be reprinted a certain letter which they have received, dated the nineteenth day of September, nineteen hundred and sixteen, signed by Clara Cerulli, containing an account of the trial of one Remigio Cuminetti, an alleged member of the International Bible Students Association, for a violation of the military law in Italy, copy of which is hereto annexed and marked Schedule D and made a part here-

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of, and which said reprinted letter in pamphlet form the defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed to various persons whose names are to the Grand Jurors unknown, and a true and correct translation into English, which also the said defendants, and each of them, did distribute and cause to be distributed, is hereby attached, marked Schedule E and made a part hereof.

59 7. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did cause to be printed and distributed throughout the United States of America, particularly to men subject to become members of the military forces of the United States, to wit: men liable to be selected under the Act of Congress approved May 18, 1917, for the military service of the United States of America and certified into said military service for war against the Imperial German Government, an affidavit subscribed and sworn to by William E. Van Amburgh, a copy of which affidavit is hereto annexed and marked Schedule F and made a part hereof.

60 8. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendant, and each of them, did send or cause to be sent to one Jerry De Cecca, who was at that time a member of the military forces of the United States of America, attached to Camp Devens, State of Massachusetts, certain letters, copies of which are hereto annexed and marked Schedule G and made a part hereof.

9. That during the continuance of said conspiracy, and for the purpose of effecting the object of the same, the said defendants, and each of them, did send and cause to be sent to one Carmelo Nicita, who was

at that time a member of the military forces of the United States of America, attached to Camp Devens, State of Massachusetts, certain letters, copies of which are hereto annexed and marked Schedule H and made a part hereof, which letters were written in Italian, true and correct translation of which are hereto annexed and marked Schedule I and made a part hereof.

All against the peace and dignity of the United States of America and contrary to the form of the Statute in such case made and provided.

THIRD COUNT.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, do further present that on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, a joint resolution was adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States declaring a state of war between the United States of America and the Imperial German Government, and that on said date the President of the United States of America issued a proclamation that such a state of war existed, and continually from the said date until the present time an open and public war was and is still being prosecuted and carried on between the United States of America and the said Imperial German Government.

That throughout the period of time from the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen to the date of the filing and presentation of this indictment, the United States of America has been at war with the Imperial German Government; that during said period of time, at the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State and Eastern District of New York, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Fred H. Robison, George

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H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, Giovanni De Cecca, Robert H. Hirsh and A. Hugh McMillan (hereinafter called defendants), did unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously attempt to cause insubordination, disloyalty, mutiny and the refusal of duty in the military and naval service of the United States when the United States was at war, in, through and by means of personal solicitations, letters, public speeches, a certain book called "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," attached hereto and made a part hereof and marked Schedule A, certain articles printed in pamphlets called "Bible Student's Monthly," "Watch Tower," "Kingdom News" and other pamphlets not bearing any title, copies of which in the language in which they were originally written, and true and correct translations of which into English, are hereto attached and marked Schedules B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I and made a part hereof, and other writings and publications, and which said book, pamphlets, letters and writings were then and there during the period of time from April 6th, 1917, to the date of the filing and presentation of this indictment published, circulated and distributed by the defendants in and about the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State and Eastern District of New York, and at various other places to various persons, the particular persons and places being to the Grand Jurors unknown, against the peace and dignity of the United States of America, and contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

FOURTH COUNT.

And the Grand Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, do further present that on the sixth day of April, nineteen hundred and seventeen, a joint resolu-

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tion was adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States declaring a state of war between the United States of America and the Imperial German Government, and that on said date the President of the United States of America issued a proclamation that such a state of war existed, and continually from the said date until the present time an open and public war was and is still being prosecuted and carried on between the United States of America and the said Imperial German Government.

That throughout the period of time from April 6th, 1917, to the date of the filing and presentation of this indictment, the United States of America has been at war with the Imperial German Government; that during said period of time, at the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State and Eastern District of New York, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, Joseph F. Rutherford, William E. Van Amburgh, Robert J. Martin, Fred H. Robison, George H. Fisher, Clayton J. Woodworth, Giovanni De Cecca, Robert H. Hirsh and A. Hugh McMillan (hereinafter called defendants) did unlawfully, wilfully and feloniously obstruct the recruiting and enlistment service of the United States of America to the injury of the service and of the United States of America in, through and by means of personal solicitations, letters, public speeches, a certain book called "Volume VII. Bible Studies. The Finished Mystery," attached hereto and marked Schedule A and made a part hereof, certain articles printed in pamphlets called "Bible Student's Monthly," "Watch Tower," "Kingdom News," and other pamphlets not bearing any title, copies of which in the language in which they were originally written, and true and correct translations of which into English are hereto attached and marked Schedules B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I and made a part hereof, and other writings and publications, and which said

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book, pamphlets, letters and writings were then and there during the period of time from April 6th, 1917, to the date of the filing and presentation of this indictment published, circulated and distributed by the defendants in and about the Borough of Brooklyn, County of Kings, State and Eastern District of New York, and within the jurisdiction of this Court, and at various other places to various persons, the particular persons and places being to the Grand Jurors unknown, intending and attempting to cause and influence various persons available for military duty to fail to register and to refuse to submit to registration and draft for service in said military and naval forces and to fail and refuse to enlist for services therein and by inciting others so to do, notwithstanding the requirements of said laws in that behalf and notwithstanding the patriotic duty of such persons and others to so register and submit to registration and draft and so to enlist for service in said military and naval forces and notwithstanding the cowardice involved in such failure and refusal, all of which was to be accomplished by the use of all the means and methods aforesaid as a protest against and as a forcible means of preventing, interfering with, hindering, and delaying the execution of said laws of the United States and also to interfere with, hinder and delay the Government of the United States in its lawful efforts to build up and maintain an Army for the carrying on of said war with the Imperial German Government, and should obstruct the recruiting and recruiting service of the United States when the United States was at war to the injury of that service and of the United States of America, against the peace and dignity of the United States of America, and contrary to the form of the statute in such case made and provided.

MELVILLE J. FRANCE,
United States Attorney for the
Eastern District of New York.

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Exhibit A.

This exhibit is a book, the same as Exhibit 1 in evidence, the original of which is to be submitted to the Court under stipulation of the parties.

Exhibit B.

Camp Dix, N. J., Oct. 6th, 1917.

Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society,
13-17 Hicks St.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Fratelli in Cristo:

Ti foro sapese che a ieri giorno 5 mentre si preparava la Compagnia per fare l'istruzione d'armi ho fatto una grande confessione d' fede.

Essendo che da quando abbiamo avuto voti que nel campo mi hanno fatto fare le passeggiate assieme cogli altri io cio lo detto al Capitano parecchie volte che non volevo fare l'istruzione perche era contro la mia coscienza e leu mi ha sempre risposto che colli istruzioni non si ummazzi mai nessuno e cosi io ho tirato avanti fino a ieri dopo pranzo, quando il capitano ha fatto prendere a tutti un pezzodi legno ossia una stick per ciossuno, per usarlo come fucile. To non ha voluto prendere la stick Il capitano na ha gridato: "D'onofrio prende la stick" ed io ho risposto, Non posso prenderla perche la mia coscienza non lo richiede e liu dinuoro disse: "D'onofrio prende la stick" Sou che voi adesso sei al nostro comando" To ho risposto: No, io non sono nel vostro comando, il onio comandante e Jddis e non piu oltidi: Allora hu chianio una Squadra di otto persone per forzarnu di prendere

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la steche, e lo un ho bittato per terra dicendo: Fote quello che volete su dime Jddis ei penzera Allore corse il copitano su di me col fucile colla baionetta che splo lui ciaveva il fucile propriis e lutti ojbi altri soldati usavano le stecche per che facile non ce l'anno Lui venne su dime e nu punto il fucile colla baionetta sul petto dicendo: "Sou che tu non prior ri-fiutare il servizio military subito prende lastecca altrumendo sarsi punito a morte dolla Leggia marziale" To rispose: E la leggea Morziole piu forte del nostro signore Golvatore e Creatore del Mondo? Lui rispose "No, ma tu deve fore od il nostro comando, altrimenti sarol punito a morte" To rispose: Non imposte To legge nella Bibbia dove dici "Tu non deve ammazzare." e is non voglio ammazzare, foto quelle che volete sulla vita mia ma is non mai amezzero, Alloro lns hir prese per il petto e nu porto d'avanti al Colonello e il Colonnello rispose: "Portali in pugione subito Me poi vidde che io era proprio forte nella parte del" Signore allore dissero: "fotesi fore qualche lavore Cosi na hanno messo in cucina. Loro lo sapavano quolera la mia intezione ma hanno provate di mettermi paura per farm cambiar intenzione Adesso mi famio alzare alle 4 di mattina olle 10 di sema per dispetto ma a me non mi importa il signore ci pensera.

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Se voi non credete che is ho fatto questa confessione potete domandore le sequenti person: Umberto Picciotti e Guiseppe Bernardo che soni giu nella stessa compagnia che quando is rifiuto la stecca tutta la compagnia qrizavario contro di me circa 185 persons contro di me ed io ho stats sempre col dire: I do not want to take the stick because it means to kill the Humanity this against the Lord's comendaments.

Dippu caro fratello non soche cosa mi fors ancora adesso tutti gli ufficiaio sono contri di me non uni giv-ordono piu famio grielle che vogliono il signore ci pensora.

Pregavi di far publicar questania confessione, ol secondo numero del W. T.

Non lio augora ricevuto il W. T. giu nel campo forse l'orvete mandate a Wilmington?

Ors non ho piu che cire avrei tauto da dire nia non posso speganui tanto bene con la lettera vorei patlarti avvoce e di poter recontorti tutti guelle che im che sto possando.

So hiti tutti i frotelli d classa Italiani e Americani e mi diso il vostro

Off mo Frotello per il Signore

(Signed) FRANK D'ONOFRIO

Company D, 307th M. G. Batt.

Military Branch,

Camp Dix,

Trenton, N. J.

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Schedule C.

(Copy.)

Translation.

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(Letter from an Italian Brother in a Military Camp.)

Camp Dix, Company D, 307th M. G. Battery,
Military Branch, Camp Dix, Trenton, N. J.

Watch Tower Bible & Tract Society.

Dear Brother in Christ:

I will let you know that yesterday, Oct. 5th, while the company was getting ready for military training, I made a good confession of my faith. Since we arrived here in camp I was allowed the same freedom

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as others in going about. I have told the captain many times that I would not have training myself for military service, because it was against my conscience, and in each case he answered me that with military training I would never kill anybody.

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Things went along in this way until yesterday afternoon, Oct. 5th, when the captain ordered everyone to take a stick in his hand to use instead of a gun. As I did not take the stick the captain shouted at me—"D'Onofrio! take the stick!" And I answered him—"I cannot take it because my conscience will not permit me," and he again shouted—"D'Onofrio, take the stick; don't you know that you are now under our command?" And I replied: "No, I am not under your command; my commander is God and nobody else!" Then he called on a company of eight persons to force me to take the stick and I threw myself on the ground saying: "Do what you want with me; God's will be done!" Then the captain run on me with a gun and bayonet, as he was the only one who had a gun while all the others used sticks.

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He came at me and pointed the bayonet of his gun on my chest, saying: "Don't you know that you cannot refuse military service; take the stick right away otherwise you will be punished with death by martial law," and I answered: "Is the martial law greater than our Lord, Savior and Creator of the world?" He answered: "No, but you must obey our command; otherwise you will be punished with death." I answered: "I don't care; I read in the Bible where it says, 'Thou shalt not kill'; I don't want to kill; do what you like with my life, but I will not kill."

Then he grabbed me by the chest and took me before the colonel, and the colonel said: "Take him in the prison right away"; but when they saw I was very strong on the Lord's side, they said: "Let him do

other work." So they have put me in the kitchen. They already knew my intention but tried to frighten me and thereby cause me to change my purpose. Now they make me get up at 4 o'clock in the morning and work until 10 at night for spite, but I don't care for the Lord will overrule their bad treatment.

If you don't believe that I made this confession of faith you can inquire of the following persons: Robt. Picciotti and Joseph Bernardo who were in the same company at the same time, because when I refused to take the stick the whole company of 185 persons shouted at me, and I was continually saying while they were shouting: "I don't want to take the stick because it means to kill humanity. This is against the Lord's commandments." They don't even look at me, but they can do with me what they like; the Lord's will be done.

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I ask that this letter be published in the next issue of the Watch Tower. I have not received the Watch Tower here in the camp; maybe you have sent it to Wilmington.

Will close now. I have many things to say which I cannot express so well in a letter and would like to talk with you personally to be able to tell you about all of the experiences thru which I am passing.

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With greetings to all the brethren of the Italian and American classes, I remain, affectionately,

Your brother in the Lord
FRANK D'ONOFRIO.

I don't know what more they will do to me. Now all the officers are against me.

Schedule D.

UNA BUONA TESTIMONIANZA DI FEDE

1 Timoteo 6: 11, 12.

Pinerola, 19 Settembre 1916

Diletto fratello in Cristo, Capitano della nostra fede:—

89 Perdonami se non risposi prima alla tua cara lettera in data del 20 Luglio 1916 indirizzata alla mia bambina. Ti scrissi una lettera che deve essersi incontrata colla tua come questa pure si incrocera (e piu che probabile) con un'altra delle tue! Ma pazienza, non voglio aspettare piu di darti un riassunto del processo che ebbe luoga ad Alessandria e nel quale il diletto fratello Remigio Cumminetti diede una bella testimonianza della sua ferma fede. La sorella Fanny Lugi ed io vi abbiamo assistito, felici di avere avuto il privilegio d'appoggiare colla nostra presenza la confessione di fede del nostro diletto fratello. Il Presidente l'interrogo a lungo e non pote mai prenderlo in fallo ne in contraddizione contro a se stesso. Eccone in due parole il riassunto:

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Presidente: "Accusato stia attento e davanti al tribunale e la sua causa e grave; sembra che abbia voglia di ridere!"

Il fratello Cuminetti risponde: "Non posso cambiare l'espressione del mio volto. Ho il cuore cosi pieno di gioia che il mio viso riflette l'allegria."

Presidente: "Perche non indosso la Divisa militare rifiutando ripetutamente di servire la Patria?"

Cuminetti: "Se non fosse per quello, non sareit qui, non avendo commesso ulla di riprovevole, all'infuori di non aver voluto indossare una Divisa che non

e adatta per i figliuoli dell'Iddio che io servo. Per la stessa ragione mi rifiutai anche di mettermi il distintivo obbligatorio nella fabbrica dove lavorava, perche quelle stellette rappresentavano la Guerra e l'Odio; invece che il distintivo dei figliuoli di Dio dev'esser la pace e l'amore pel prossimo."

Presidente: "E' vervo che nelle carceri di Cuneo vi siete svestito e siete rimasto in camicia e mutande?"

Cuminetti: "Si signor e perfettamente vero. M'avevano vestito a forza tre volte, ed io per tre volte mi svestii, non volendo indossare una Divisia che per me implicava odio per il prossimo. Non e ch'io mi sia ribellato o rivoltato di fare del bene agli altri. Anzi se le avessi darei cento vite fino all'ultima goccia del mio sangue per il bene del mio prossimo. Mi diano qualunque lavoro, anche il piu ignominioso ed abbietto, da fare, ed io molto volentieri mi adattero a tutto per sollevare altri; ma Giammai movero un dito per fare del male o del danno ad un mio simile, il quale, Iddio mi dice di amarlo e non odiarlo."

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Presidente: "Che scuola ha fatto?"

Cuminetti: "Quello ha poca importanza, ho studiato la Bibbia."

Presidente: "Le domando che scuola ha fatto. Risponda a quello che le vien domandato."

Cuminetti: "Ho fatto fino alla terza e per due anni ho seguito i corsi serali; ma le ripeto che quello ha poca importanza in paragone a quanto imparai studiando la preziosa Rivelazione divina."

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Presidente: "Ha passato la visita militare?"

Cuminetti: "Si, fui vistato tre volte."

Presidente: "Peccato per lei che sia venuto alla conoscenza di certe persone (la sorella Fanny Luggi ed io) che l'hanno messo su una falsa strada. Da quanto tempo studia quel libro (con disprezzo) che chiama Bibbia?"

Cuminetti: "E da sei anni che studio quel Libro; e mi rincresce solo una cosa; di non averlo conosciuto prima."

President: "Chi e che vi insegna quella nuova religione?"

Cuminetti: "Iddio stesso insegna i Suoi. Gli Studiosi della Bibbia piu anziani mi aiutano a comprendere la Verita, ma Iddio solo apre gli occhi del nostro intendimento."

95 Presidente: "Sapete voi che e molto grave il vostro rifiuto di ubbidienza? Siete voi pienamente cosciente di cio a che andate incontro?"

Cuminetti: "Si, si lo so benissimo; son pronto a tutto quel che puo venire, anche alla fucilazione, ma non posso rompere il mio patto col Dio della Bibbia, il quale io adoro."

Il Presidente da la parola all'avvocato governativo che condanna o domanda la condanna di Cuminetti a 4 anni e 4 mesi di reclusione.

L'avvocato difensore si alza e rende una brillante testimonianza ala condotta esemplare del nostro diletto fratello, che lavoro nelle officine per sei anni consecutivi senza che mai nessuno avesse potuto rimproverario, neppure dirgli una parola disonesta o dissonante. L'avvocato disse: "Remigio Cuminetti si rifiuto di mettere il distintivo della guerra perche portava gia all'occhiello il distintivo dei figli della pace e della gioia. Il Cuminetti non ha voluto accomodarsi colla sua coscienza, ossia non ha voluta agire contro la sua coscienza. Mettendosi quel distintivo rimaneva al suo posto esonerato e riformato con un discreto guadagno vicino ai suoi cari, egli preferi la via del sacrificio, cosciente pienamente di cio che implicava il suo rifiuto. Con calma e serenita si allontanò di tutto. Il caso di Cuminetti e un caso eccezionale, un caso unico in Italia e non dabbiamo ammirario. Il Cuminetti lesse nella

Bibbia che Iddio comanda. "Non uccidere," ed egli non vuole uccidere. Come un "Tolstoi," un "San Francesco d'Assisi" egli è apóstolo d'Amore. Il Cuminetti è in perfetto possesso delle sue facoltà mentali (Volevano farlo passare per scemo o matto, naturalmente!) Non è il Cuminetti che agisce ma è lo spirito della Bibbia che si è impossessato di lui, e che lo fa agire contro i suoi interessi personali."

I giudici escono, e dopo cinque minuti ritorano e leggono la sentenza: "Il Cuminetti per rifiuto di ubbidienza al Re ed alle leggi della nazione vien condannato a tre anni e due mesi di detenzione." Il fratello Remigio ringrazia allora con un suo speciale bel sorriso.

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Quando il Presidente gli domando se avesse qualche cosa da aggiungere per la sua difesa, egli rispose: "Io avrei tante cose da dire sull'amore di Dio e sul Suo Piano di Redenzione per la salvezza di tutta l'umanità." Il Presidente essendosi annoiato, disse: "Non è quello che le vien domandato, ne abbiamo già sentito troppo sopra questo soggetto, domando se ha qualche cosa da aggiungere per la sua difesa." No rispose Remigio con viso raggiante. "Le ripeto solo ciò ch'io ho detto; cioè, son pronto a dare la mia vita per amore del mio prossimo; ma non moverò un dito per fargli del male dovess'io pure essere fucilato."

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La seduta è tolta. La sorella Fanny ed io abbiamo potuto avere un quarto d'ora di trattenimento col nostro fratello diletto il quale con tanto coraggio e forza prese la parte di Dio. Tutti lo ammirarono. Perfino i giudici e gli accusatori rimasero meravigliati del suo contegno umile, ma nello stesso tempo pieno di coraggio del quale solo i figliuoli della luce posseggono, perchè non sanno inginocchiarsi che davanti al Signore solo—degnò di adorazione e di assoluta obbedienza.

Per ora il diletto fratello Remigio e a Gaeta, un posto splendido, pieno di sole e d'incantevole bellezza della natura. Egli scrive lettere esultanti di amore e di gioia, dicendo che non gli sembra neppure di essere in prigione. Tutti gli vogliono bene. Di fatto per i figli di Dio le mura di pietre non sono una prigione; cancelli e sbarre di ferro non sono gabbie; sotto al ferroed alle pietre l'anima innocente trova un pacifico eremitaggio. Cos'è il disprezzo senza la colpa? La virtù sprezza il disprezzo degli uomini, ed il castigo non meritato e una prova lampante per
 101 l'innocenza ed accumula sopra la testa un gran peso di gloria futura.

Affettuosi saluti a tutti i fedeli ed a te, caro fratello
 De Cecca dalla

Vostra piccola sorella nella lotta

CLARA CERULLI

Salmo 46 San Giovanni 15:9-13.

LA MIA RISOLUZIONE MATTUTINA

Desidero che il mio pensiero mattutino Sara:

102 "Che rendero io al Signore per tutti i Suoi benefici che son sopra me? Io prendero il calice della salvezione e invochero il nome del Signore (per grazia d'aiuto). Io paghero i miei voti al Signore."—Salmo 116:12-14

Ricordandomi della chiamata divina, "Adunatemi i miei santi, i quali hanno fatto meco patto con sacrificio" (Salmo 50:5), Io risolvo che con la grazia asistente del Signore adempiro oggi, come un santo di Dio, i miei Voti, continuando l'opera di sacrificare la carne ed i suoi interessi, acciocche io pervenga

all'eredita Celeste in coeredita col mio Redentore.

Mi sforzéro di essere semplice e sincero verso tutti.

Hon cerchero il piacere e l'onor proprio, ma quello del Signore.

Saro attento d'onorare il Signore colle mie labbra, affincbe le mie parole siano untuose e benedette a tutti.

Cerchero d'esser fedele al Signore, alla Verita, ai fratelli ed a tutti coloro coi quali avro da fare, non solo nelle grandi faccende, ma anche nelle piccole cose della vita.

Affidando alla cura divina e al governo della Provvidenza me stesso e tutti i miei interessi pel mio alto bene, cerchero non solo d'esser puro di cuore, ma di respingere ogni ansietà, ogni scontento ed ogni scoraggiamento.

Non mormorero e ne mi lagnero di quel che la Provvidenza del Signore permettera perche.

"La mia fede sara ferma in Lui, Checche m'accada."

The Watch Tower, Dec. 15, 1916, P. 386.

POSIE

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Ci benedica Iddio, ci benedica
 Colui che di ogni cor vede l'interno:
 E nei nostri timori il raggio Eterno
 Con fortezza ci guida con amor.

2

Egli possente, immenso, e giusto e buono;
 Non ci abbandona, non ci lascia soli
 Ma ci sorregge negli eccelsi voli
 Nelle lotte pel bene e per l'amor.

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Gloria al Padre Celeste, doniamo
A Lui solo del cuore gli affetti;
Gloria a' santi posenti suoi detti;
Gloria al dolce Maestro d'amor.

2

Gloria a lor, dal profondo innalziamo
L'inno ardente di fede, e ripieno
Dell'amor che ci ferve nel seno,
Che ci afforza nei nostri dolor.

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Oh! per Te Salvatore Divino
Ogni pena ci è dolce, ie e cara
E la morte, la morte sì amara
Pei mortali, per noi non è già.

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Anzi bella sarebbe al mattino
Di quest'Era così luminosa;
Dar la vita alla speme radiosa
D'una gloria che'eterna sarà.

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Forti dunque negli aspri cimenti,
Nella guerra che il mondo ci giura,
Lotteremo al tionfo della pura
Nostra fede in un giorno miglior.

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Lotteremo e con trepidi accenti
Nella gioia che ci anima il core
Canterem la possanza, l'onore,
La giustizia di Dio Salvator.

Schedule E.**"AN ITALIAN BROTHER BEFORE THE MILITARY TRIBUNAL.**

"Dear Brethren in Christ:

"I will give you a summary of the trial which took place at Alessandria, and in which our beloved Remigio Cuminetti gave a fine witness of his faith before the Military Tribunal.

"Sister Fanny Luigi and myself were present at the trial, and were happy to have the privilege of supporting with our presence our Brother's confession of faith. The President questioned him long without finding him in a fault. Here is the summary in a few words:

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"President: 'Accused, be careful! You are before the Tribunal, and your position is grave. It seems as if you have a desire to laugh at the situation.'

"Brother Cuminetti: 'I cannot change the expression of my face. My heart is so full of joy that my face reflects its cheerfulness.'

"President: 'Why did you not put on the Uniform? And why did you refuse repeatedly to serve the Fatherland?'

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"Cuminetti: 'If it were not for that, I would not be here; for I have committed nothing reprehensible, except that I have refused to put on a Uniform which is not suitable for the sons of God, whom I serve. In like manner I also refused to wear the distinguishing mark in the factory in which I was working, because that little star represented War and Hate; while the distinguishing mark of the sons of God is Peace, and Love for their neighbor.'

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"President: 'Is it true that in the prison of Cuneo you divested yourself of the Uniform and remained only in your underwear?'

"Cuminetti: 'Yes; it is perfectly true. Three times I was dressed by force; and three times I undressed myself; for I was unwilling to wear a Uniform which to me implied hate for my neighbor. By so doing I did not intend to revolt against doing good to others. On the contrary, if I had one hundred lives, I would give all my blood to the last drop for my neighbor's sake. Give me any kind of work, even the most ignominious and abject, to do and I will very willingly adapt myself to it, to do all that I can to uplift others. But never will I give the least help toward doing evil or anything to injure my fellow-man, whom God says I should love and not hate.'

"President: 'What schooling have you had?'

"Cuminetti: 'That is of little importance; I have studied the Bible.'

"President: 'I have asked you what schooling you have had. Answer that which is asked you.'

"Cuminetti: 'I have attended day school for three years, and night school for two years. But I repeat that this is of little importance in comparison to what I have learned in studying the precious Divine Revelation.'

"President: 'Have you passed the military visit?'

"Cuminetti: 'Yes, I was visited three times.'

"President: 'It is a pity that you have made the acquaintance of some persons (Sisters Luigi and Cerulli) who have started you upon a wrong road. How long have you studied this book which you call the Bible?'

"Cuminetti: 'It is now six years that I have studied the Book; and I am sorry that I did not know it long before.'

"President: 'Who teaches you this new religion?'

"Cuminetti: 'God Himself teaches His own. The Elders of the Bible Students help me to understand it; but God alone opens the eyes of our understanding.'

"President: 'Do you know that your refusal to render obedience is a very grave offense? Are you fully aware of what you are going against?'

"Cuminetti: 'Yes, yes! I know very well. But I am ready for all that may come, even to being shot down. I cannot break the covenant that I have made with the God of the Bible whom I adore.'

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"The President then gave the word to the barrister, who asked the President to condemn Cuminetti to four years and four months of solitary confinement.

"The advocate who was defending our Brother then arose and gave a wonderful testimony to the exemplary conduct of Cuminetti, who had worked for six consecutive years in the laboratories without having a person say one word against him. The lawyer said: 'Remigio Cuminetti has refused to wear the distinguishing mark of war because he already wore the distinguishing mark of the sons of peace, of joy. He has not wished to act contrary to his conscience. If he had worn that distinctive mark, he would have retained his position, been relieved from conscription and able to earn a good living for his family. But he preferred the way of sacrifice, fully conscious of what his refusal would mean to him. Calmly and serenely he withdrew from all. Cuminetti's case is a unique one in Italy; and we ought to admire him. He read in the Bible that God commands, "Do not kill," and he does not wish to kill. He is an apostle of love. He is in full possession of his mental faculties; he is neither silly nor mad. The spirit of the Bible has taken possession of him, and makes him act against his personal interests.'

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"The judges went out, and after five minutes returned and read the sentence: 'For his refusal of obedience to the King and to the laws of the nation Cuminetti is condemned to three years and two months of detention.' Cuminetti then rendered thanks with one of his sweetest smiles.

"When the President asked him whether he had anything else to add to his defense, he answered: 'I would have many things to say on the subject of God's love and on His Plan of Salvation for mankind.' The President was annoyed, and said, "That is not
119 what I asked. We have already heard much on this subject. I asked whether you have anything to add to your defense?" With a smiling face Cuminetti answered, 'I repeat what I have said, namely, that I am ready to give my life for my neighbor's sake; but that I will not move a finger to help evil or to injure mankind, even if I myself should be shot.'

"The trial is over. Sister Fanny and myself had the privilege of talking for about fifteen minutes with our beloved Brother, who has with great courage and strength stood on the side of God. All admired him. Even the judges and his accusers were astonished at his appearance—humble, but at the same time filled
120 with the courage which the sons of light possess, because they know to kneel only before the Lord, who is worthy of all adoration and absolute obedience.

"At present our beloved Brother is in Gaeta, a beautiful place, with sunshine and the charming beauties of nature. He writes letters which exult in love and joy, saying that it does not seem like a prison to him. All certainly love him. Indeed, for the sons of God walls of stone are not a prison; nor are railings and bars a cage. Under iron and stones the innocent soul finds pacific heritage. What is scorn, where there is no fault? Virtue despises the contempt of men; and

unmerited punishment is a shining proof for the innocent, and accumulates upon their head a great weight of glory.

"Receive, beloved Brethren, and all the beloved ones in the Lord, most affectionate greetings from all your Italian brethren, who are rejoicing so much in seeing that their deliverance is drawing nigh.

"Your Sister in the good fight of faith.

"MRS. CLARA CERULLI—ITALY."

Schedule F.

(Additional Affidavit.)

State of New York,
County of Kings, to wit:

I, W. E. Van Amburgh, do solemnly swear that I am the Clerk and Secretary of the American Headquarters of the International Bible Students Association, located at Brooklyn Tabernacle, 13-17 Hicks Street, Brooklyn. I further state that the International Bible Students Association is a well recognized religious organization, and was founded and organized by Pastor Charles T. Russell, who began the publication of its principles in the year 1879, and that it has existed from that date and was so existing and organized on the 18th day of May, 1917; that said Association is now incorporated and has ecclesias or church organizations in all the States of the United States of America and throughout Canada and Europe; that the creed or principles of said religious organization existing and in force on and prior to the 18th day of May, 1917, forbids its members to participate in war in any form, and are against war in any form; that it and

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members of said organization adhere strictly and literally to the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles as set forth in the Bible, to wit: "Thou shalt not kill." "All they that take the sword shall perish with the sword." "No murderer hath eternal life abiding in him." "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." "The Son of Man came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them." "Ye are called to be footstep followers of Jesus." "As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men"; that The Watch Tower, a publication of the Association published twice each month since 1879, and the books of instruction published and furnished to all the members of said Association throughout the world contain statements or principles which are against war in any form. This affiant quotes from the September 1st, 1915, issue of The Watch Tower, wherein is reiterated a statement of the principles of said Association long adhered to by its members concerning war, to wit:

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"But someone replies, 'If one were to refuse the uniform and the military service he would be shot.' We reply that if the presentation were properly made there might be some kind of exoneration; but if not, would it be any worse to be shot because of loyalty to the Prince of Peace and refusal to disobey His order than to be shot while under the banner of these earthly kings and apparently giving them support and, in appearance at least, compromising the teachings of our Heavenly King? Of the two deaths we would prefer the former—prefer to die because of faithfulness to our Heavenly King. Certainly one dying for his loyalty to the principles of the Lord's teachings would accomplish far more by his death than would the one dying in the trenches. We cannot tell how great the influence would be for peace, for righteousness, for God, if a few hundred of the Lord's faithful were to follow the course of Shadrack, Meshack and Abed-

negro, and refuse to bow down to the god of war. Like these noble men they might say, 'Our God is able to deliver us, if He chooses so to do; but if He does not choose to deliver us, that will not alter our course. We will serve Him and follow His direction, come what may.' "

Affiant further states that all of the members of said Association or organization, which number many thousands in the United States, and which are in good standing, believe and strictly adhere to the principles of said Association or organization, which are opposed to war and are against war in any form, and believe that it is preferable to suffer death rather than to willingly take the life of any human being, in war or otherwise.

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W. E. VAN AMBURGH,
Address, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
7th day of August, 1917.

Edw. Stevens,
Notary Public,
County of Kings,
State of N. Y.

(Seal.)

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Jerry De Cessa
 Co. A 304th Infantry
 Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

Unsectarian
 Inter-Denominational
 Christian
 Names enrolled in Heaven.
 Heb. 12:28

One Lord
 One Faith, One Baptism
 One God
 and Father Over All.
 Eph. 4:5-6

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Ottobre 19-1917
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Jerry:

We received you card of the 17th ints. Glad to hear from, and that you went to Lowell, Mass, and saw the class there. I could have sent you the adress of the classe bu I nevery thought tnat you could go to see them.

With this letter I am senting to you the Name and address on Bro. Nicita.

Bro. Carmel Nicita

30th Co. 8th Tra. Batt.

Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. I donot know if it is alright, but this is the way he wrote us, I have writtin to him but I donot know if he have riceved my letter yet.

I hope that you will not be surprise when you see him. I understand that the captain have convince him to put on the uniform. Il capitano gli dissi Domenica Ottobre 14th, that if he want to gone see his brothern in Springfield, the brethern in the Truth, he could go, but he should put the uniform on him, and so he did. The friends were non so plased when they saw him with the uniform on. He did not realise what that meem, if he had he would not have done it. It meen Soldier! I think he will see the great mistak, if has not already see it. What is the use to be arrested because donot want serve, and then turn round a put the uniform on. If we bealiev it to be a wrogn thing at one time it is a wrong thing at all times. If we have consacreted aoursel to the Lord, and have accepted Christ as our captain, can we serve another captain? No! we cannot serve two masters! Only one at time. In the past we have been serve the wrong master—Satan and sin!! Now we are serving God. We know that those who have not consacred, and donot understand God's plan and porpuse, wi not not understand us, but, it is for us to let them see what we do believe, and what is the wright thing for us to do. "Do what is wright and come what may." We are not to be faithful one day or one week or one year, we are to be faithful unto "death," Revelation, 2:10. ecc. 8.

I hope Jerry that you will not go back on your covenant which you make you God at your consacration. That covenant meen to serve the Lord and no one else. God is above everybody else, does not make any differ-

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ence who it is. There is no one under the sun that he can say that he is above. And we have consecrated ourself to God, therefore we must be faithful to Him! We must not manifest a wrong spirit, in umility, but in ferminess, positive. It sould not take but e moment to see waht is the right thing for us Christians. We can serve only one Master, if we obey the heartly captain we must diiobey our Heavenly captain. If we obey our Heavenly captain, we must disobey our heartly captain, one of the two, which shall we obey! Is foe each one of us to dicide. I decided to obey Christ Jesus! don't you?

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Jerry will you let me know if can read Italian, I can write you better in Italian if can read it. So please let me know. Remember that will you?

Try to see Bro. Carmelo Nicita, and the same time see if the address he gave is right.

Riceveid lots of love from all of us.

I am Your Bro. John DeCecca.

Psa 91:1-16, 46:23:

P. S. Read al you can the ward of God—The Scripture Studey.

Schedule G2.

Mr. Jerry De Cecca
Co. A 304th Infantry
Camp Devens
Ayer, Mass.

October 26th, 1917
Brooklyn, N. Y.

My dear Bro. Jerry:

I write these few lines to say that I have told to Bro. Rutherford about your case that you are under arrest and waiting Marshal decision. I asked him if you should have a lawyer in defenting your case, and he said thta might be a good thing, but he said then, where will we get a good one that will be on you side! They are all afraid to spek anything that wolud have the tendesiy against the government. They are alla for War! and any one who think differently is no good, they said. So you so dear Jerry, that you cannot trust in any one at this time, expcet in the Lord's power and Grace.

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So then what you would have to do is, to put yourself in the Lord's hand, and when the case come up before the Court Marshal Tribunal, you can state your position, why you cannot ingauge in such service. You know that overthing you said will be taken down so that the same will be sent to the Government. So then, think well in your mind the most important points, and when you are asked you will answer them. If you will studey Bro. H. Cumminetti's letter, you will git a good points there. Let the Truth do it work!

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You don't need to fear, because they will not shot you down for there is no such law yet. What they might do with you is, to sent you to the Federal prison,

and if they sent you there, it will be much better than go to the trenches, don't you think so? I think so! Much better to go the prison that go to the trenches in France. So then dear Jerry, have a good courage and trust in the Lord. We are not be afraid what a mortal man can do unto us, said the Apostle.

You want have these few points very clear, and that is: that you are a member of the International Bible Students Association, which have been in existence for over 30 years, and that the said Association, forbids its members to participate in war in any form, and are agaist war in any form; that the said Association, and its members adhere strictly and literally to the teachings of Jesus and the Aposles as set forth in the Bible, to wit: "Thou shalt not kill." "Al they that take the sword shall perish by the sword." "No Murderer hath eternal life aoin in him." "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall so the Lord." The Son of Man came not to destroy men's lives but to save them." And we "Called to follow in His footstep followers of Jesus." "As we have opportunity let us do good unto all men." Said that you bealeve the Teaching of Jesus which are clearly state in the Bible, and that you have consecrated yourself to do the will of the Lord at any cost. Said, that you have already make yourself a soldier of the Cross of Christ, and he is you captain, and thefore you cannot serve two masters. Your master is Christ Jesus and that you are serving Him. "Exsodus 20:13, Mathew 5:21, Roman 13:6-14, Like 9:51-36, 1 Peter 2:21, Galatians 6:7-10,) Christ is our Captain (Hebrews 2:10.) Our armour are not carnal. Ephesians 6:10-16; 17.

Nodubt they will tell you that the old testament teach war ecc. But you can answer them by say: "I am not a Jew, but I am a Christian. The old testa-

ment is for the Jewish people, and the New Testament is for us Christians. I am not under the teaching of the Old Testament, but under the New Testament, I am 'under Grace' ecc. You might say that the Jewish people were a teyp of us Christians, they were to fight litteral fights with litteral swords, but we Christians are to fight the Godd fight of faith with the Sword of the Spirit—the word of Godd. We are to fight with the symbolical Armour Ephesians 6:10-17.

I am enclosing a copy of the Watch Tower of March 1, 1917 and in it you will find Bro. Remigio Cumainetti's letter of his trial before the Military Tribune. I think that you can learn something from reading it.

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Now Jerry, will you keep us informed of things that are taking place, I mean to let us know how things are work out and when your case will come up, so that if it might be possible for me to come up there I like to do.

Well, Jerry we are right in the time which we have look for so long. We see it more clearly to day that we are approcing the finely end of the evil world "Age" and that the Kingdom of our dear Lord will be established for the blessings of all mankind, when there will be no more "War" Isaiah 2:2-4, the time is not vere fare away, when the nations shall learn war no more. Micah 4: 3,4.

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Trust in the Lord and be of a good courage and the Heavenly Father will give you strength. Lots of love from all of us I am Your Bro. in Cristo and in the flesh
GIOVANNI DECECCA.

Read Daniel 3:1-30 but
especially verses: 8-30.

Schedule G8.

Dear Jerry De Cecca 2nd Sepet Co. 8th Bn.
 Depot Brigade
 Camp Devens Ayer, Mass.

Novembre 14th, 1917
 Brooklyn, N. Y.

Dear Jerry:

Your letter of the 10 Nov. writtin together with Bro. C. N. was received, very glad to hear from you. Glad to know that you are well, still trusting in the Lord's grace, and hope that you will continue to the very end of your earthly career.

And now you would like to know if you sould do some work in the Hospetal ecc. If it would be right or wrong. Well, jerry, we cannot tell you or any other what they sould do or should not do. It is for each one to deciding for himself what to do, the only thing we can do, one to another is, to advising according to the word of God, and so I will just tell you what I would do if I sould find myself under the same condition as you are. I would settle the matter once for all time; add this is what I would do: As soon as I reach the camp I would try to have an interview with the General-Major General, and tell him I was there under protest, that is, I was brought there by force and not by my own will. I would tell hime that I could not take any part whatsoever in the military service, because it was against the teaching of the Word o God. And as I had consacrated my self to do the Lord's will—as a good soldier of the Cross of Christ. 2 Timthy 2:1-5, and I have to fight the good fighting of faith. 2:Timothy 4:7. And that having made a full consacracion of myself unto the Lord, I colud not servi any others, and brack my Covanant with God

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of my salvation, and particularly in the service of Warr! And if the General or any one else sould say to me: Well we understand your position, we know that you conscience will not permit you to do wrong, to go to fight, etc., but we will give you some work that would not be warr. I would answer, that there was nothing that it was not warr! To me was all Warr! If he should say: I will give you a Hospital work, would you like to do that! I would answer no! And if he say to me why you would not work in the hospital! I would answer thus: Because to me is all WAR! It is one big macchinery working togethr, and that macchinery was composed by many parts, but the one big name, was WAR!!!! MILITARISM. So long as I was working under there orders to me was military service—War!. To do some thing in order to avoid punishment ecc, it would meen to compromising, and violatting the principles of the teaching of God's Word. But he may say: Why would you not work in the hospetal, or any other good work? I would answer that, so longo as I was doing it under the military order it was WRONG for me to do, I know that by refusing to do I would be punished in some way for refusing their order, but if I would not refusing it, that would meen that I would have to compromising the Truth, and violeting the principles of my belief—the teaching of the Bible. And again he woulu say to me, well, sir! wouldn't you like to do a good work? I would answer Yes! but not under order. But if he sould say, well, we will let to do whatever you like to do, we will not tell you what to do, but let yourself choose whatever you want do—of course they will not do anything like taht, but suppose they would, then I would look and see what good work I could do with my own free wil, what good I could do to my fellow men to help them in any way, I surely

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would look for any opportunity, I would do what the Bible says: "Do good unto all men as ye have the opportunity, by Especially to those of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10 ecc. but I would not do any thing under military order. But he would say to me. What is the difference, to work under military order, and work by your own free will? I would answer that is a great difference. To work under military order, would mean to give my consent to cooperating with in the military service which means, War! to do something by my free will be a different matter altogether.

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Of course if I should be lafter to my choising, to stay in the Camp or go home, I would surely go home and do some good work at home, but if I was not lafter to that liberty, then I would stay there as a prisoner, and do whatever I would think to be a good work to do, as the opportunity would presenting themself to me, But to do anything under military order, I would not do any thing! I would not put the uniform on me at all, if they would put one me by forse, I would take it off just as soon as they would put it on. I would not do little now and little then, just because they tell me to do. I would take the stand once for all time. But not everybody can do that, some do not see that, not even the Uniform should be put on, because, the uniform rappresent War! However jerry, you most not do what I said that I would, maybe that if I was in your place now, may not be able to do, so I would have to wait until I have to be put under test.

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Now Jerry, since you have put on the uniform and probable you have already done some kind of work, I think you better keep on doing some work that you will be order todo, and that you think it wil be alright, that is, it does not both you conscience. Working in the Hospetal is not a bad work.

You know that the officers do not know the difference between the full consecrated Christians and others who are against war for other reasons, and no work has been order by the President that the conscientious objectors should do. The officers in the camp do not know what they should do with the conscientius objectors, realy they have no raght to force them to do anything, they have no right to force the uniform on any one, nor force to do some work, the President is the One that should designated any kind of work yet. All the officers know that very well, of course they do force the conscientious objectors to do something, but they have no right to force them, but when they do force some one to do wrk by force, they do overstepping their authority. The Congress of the United States have made a provision in the Selective Draft Act, to the effect that no person should be compel to engage in the military service who is a member of a well recognized religious organization, the creed or principles or teachings of which forbid its members to engage in war or which are against war in any form. And why want any one violeting the Law which was made by the Congress? When we refuse to obey the commands of the officers, we do not violeting any law. Therefoer, if I should find myself under the same condition as you are and the other Brethern, I would refuse to do anything wahtsoevery, I would not do any military service under no condition. As I said in the beginning of this letter that I would make myself very plain to the High offece as soon as I would get at the Camp, and if he or any other offece would order me to do work in any form. I would refuse to do it. And if they mistreating me in some cruel manners, I would tehn made an Affidavit before a lawyer or public notary, by telling him all the facts, and the Name and number of the

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Captain ecc, who had to do with my mistreatment, and sent the affidavit to the Society. They have no right whatsoever to mistreat any one.

I understand that Bro. Nicita and the other Brethern have been given a cold bath, and then either to put on the uniform or go naked, ecc. This was a very Cruel Act, a violation of the Law under which we yet abiding.

If we believe that this war is the last one, and that all the kindgmon must go down, so the the Kindom of Christ be established, should we have any part in the military service? I answer No! I would not do the slite thing, it is all War! as long as it is Militarism, it is War! We cannot make those offecers see, because they look at the matter for another standpoint, but it is our business and duty to let them know by take a stand for what we believe. If our stand should cost us something, we should be glad to suffer for the Truth seek. We cannot servi two Masters. We should usa plain language, humble, but positive. We should not talk in any bad manner to the offecers, but in a humble manners; but in a positive way, that they cannot think that we will every change our position. We should tell them that we have consacreted ourself to the Lord and will not go back on our covenant, and if they cannot understand our position, it would not be our fall. The Bible says: "Thou Shalt not Kill," and to servi militarism in anyway, meens to "Kill." La Bibbia says: "he that hate his Bro. is a murderer. 1 John 3:15. to servi militarism is War!

I think I have said enough. Now jerry, do not do what I said that I woulh do, but use your own conscience about the matter, if you think that you can stand the trails then do what you think it is right for you to do. As for me I will servi the Lord alone! "Do what is right, and comes what may."

My the Lord bless you and all tha dear Brethern,
more and more in these trails times. With lots of
love. I am Your Bro. in Christ and in the flesh.

GIVANNI DE CECCA.

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"Psalm 23:

Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Oct. 16, 1916.

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Our dear Bro. Jerry:

Your post cards recd was pleased indeed to hear
from you also rec'd a letter from Bro. Riess in which
he sent your address which gives us the privilege of
writing you for which we are very glad.

Would have liked to come with John on Wed. last
but was impossible & when he came back & told
me how it was I was glad I had not gone because it
would have made things worse.

In regard to your experiences they probably will
do everything in their power to break down your will
& to persuade you to put on the uniform & accept
military service.

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We heard of a young man who went to the camp
there at Ayer from Boston who was a Seventh day
Adventist, went as a conscientious objector, and they
made it so hard for him made him do all the dirty
work and called him so many names that he could
not stand it any longer, he put up his hand & said
he would accept service, but you see he didn't have the
Lord with him or his glorious plan for his strength
or encouragement, we have so many previous promizes

to sustain us & He that is for us is greater than all that can be against us so let us be strong in Him and be willing to suffer for Him at any cost to ourselves even our earthly life for we consecrated it unto death and must complete our sacrifice unto death in order to have a resurrection with our Lord. The Apostle Paul says I count not my life dear unto myself. How much more glorious it would be to die for the Lord & loyalty to his cause & to our covenant than to bow down to the God of war & be shot in the trenches, for soon when all mankind come to see the folly of all this war the lives of those who would not submit to it will stand out as a wonderful witness for the Lord & the Truth we love so dear.

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Hope you are using all the time at your command in the study of the Volumes.

May the dear Lord help you to understand and you know as the Lord gives us the light and we use it, the light we have he will give us more light.

Bro. Nichita was told that he could go home & see his friends if he would put on the uniform, this is the way they caught him now we don't see how he will be able to take it off, we hope you will take a firm stand & not be persuade under any consideration for they will try to catch you in some way, the evil spirits are very active at this time. Some think to put the uniform on is nothing but when one does he is practically a soldier then.

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Try & be happy Jerry even if the others are not and let them see the Lords blessing is with you and that you can even rejoice under those circumstances.

And now I must close and with much love & praying the Fathers richest blessing upon you we will say Good-night.

GRACE & JOHN."

Schedule G5.

"Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Oct. 24, 1917.

Our Beloved Bro. Jerry:

Grace Mercy & peace be multiplied unto you.

We rec'd your precious letter to-day & were pleased indeed to hear from you and to know the answer you made to the Officer, may the dear Lord bless you & keep you for Himself is our prayer, & we are rejoicing more & more that you have accepted this wonderful Truth and that you might have the privilege of witnessing for the master in such a wonderful way.

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You should have council (a lawyer) for your trial & we are wondering how we will know when it will, or how we can find out, so council can be provided John will speak to Bro. Rutherford in the morning & see what he suggests and let you know.

We know of only one Bro. (in Indiana) whose case has been settled he was released on the ground that he was mentally, morally & physically unfit for service.

Are glad you have your books & time for study. All things work to gether for good to them who love the Lord. Rom. 8:28.

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Will close with much love and good-night.

Your Bro. & Sr. in the One who is altogether lovely.

GRACE & JOHN.

Psalms 121 125."

*Indictment***Schedule G6.**

“(Picture of Building.)

Rice Hotel
(Coat of Arms)

Houston, Texas, January 28, 1918.

Mr. Jerry De Cecca,
2nd Separate Co., Depot Brigade,
Camp Devens, Ayer, Massachusetts.

Dear Brother De Cecca and others:

173 Your very kind letter to hand and I rejoice with you that the Lord is giving you privileges of fellowship together and study of His Word.

Be of good courage, dear brethren, and hold fast. A little while and the fight will be over and then you will be glad that you have stood firm in the Lord and the cause of righteousness. We remember you continually at the Throne of Grace and ask a continued interest in your prayers.

With much love and best wishes, I beg to remain

Your brother and servant by His grace,

J. F. RUTHERFORD.

Dictated but not read.”

Schedule H1.

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21 Gennaio 1918

Caro fratello Nicita ed altri nel Signore:

La vostra cara lettera del 16 corrente é stata ricevuta. Lieti di avere vostre notizie. E che vi rallegro nel Signore.

Ho scritto l'ordine per il libro del sermone per la sorella Rosina Cuzzone, il libro legato in pelle, e non appena verranno gli sarà mandato, adesso non ve ne e' neanche un al Tabernacolo, perciò la potria scrivere che non appena arriveranno gli sarà mandato.

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Il BSM 'La Caduta Di Babilonia' e' ora in via di stampa, in lingua Italiana speriamo di averlo pronto al piu' presto possibile. Abbiamo lavorato notte e giorno pre preparararlo. Speriamo che tutte le classi italiani ne verranno fare una larga distribuzione non appena sarà pronto.

Vi salutiamo caramente, e siamo i Vostri fratelli nel Signore,

G. DE CECCA.

*Indictment***Schedule H3.**

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Caro fratello Nicita:

15 Febbraio 1918

L'abbonamento im Italian costa anche \$1,00 all'anno, quindi se volett noi lo possiamo rmadare anche in italia, certo costa anoi di piu', ma noi cerhiamo anche \$1,00 all'anno. Bisogna che abbiamo l'indirizzo corretto ecc.

L'idirizzo del fratello Cuminetti non e'fisso, ma potete scriverlo all'indirizzo della Sorella Cerulli Ec-colo: Signora Clara Cerulli, 7 Piazza Montebello (Pia-monte)

PINEROLO, Prov. Torino
Italy

Ca classe di Calitri.

Signor Donato Gautiero Fu Vincenzo Quando scrivete a Calutri, dite: alla

Calitri, Prov. di Avellino Italy Classe dei fratelli in Calitri, onde che il fratello Gautiero vi potra' rispondera: facenco scrivere da un sorella o fratello, perche' se vi scri lui stesso, credo che non la capito in questa ta', Egli e' molto indiatro nel Scrivere, ma e' piemi di fede ed e' colui potto' la Verita In Calitri.

Si puo' mandare anche La manne Celeste se volete, ma pero' noi ne abbiamo solo poche copie, ma forse ne possiamo manda una copie, se voi credete che fare dal bene, cioe' se essa ne fara' profitto.

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I Watch Tower italiano saranno mandate oggi a tutti gli abbonati, il vostro va a Springfield, essendoche cosi' e' stato sotto scritto.

Liei sapere che state bene, rallegrandovi nel Signore. Percio' vi esortiamo piu' alla fedelta', crescendo in grazie ed in conosce di Dio.

Con amore fraterno a tutti voi, Siamo Vostri fratelli in Cristo.

WATCH TOWER B. & T. SOCIETY.

G. DeC.

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P. S. Il libro del sermone in pelle sara' mandato alla sorella Cuzzone non appena verranno in tela sono venuti ma non in pelle. Loordini e' stato gia' scritto da lungo tempo, ma si aspetta."