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Appetizers

Sad Jokes from Britain

And the Poor Guy Was Bald!

■ Joshua Brush, a traveling man
 Who sailed the briny main,
 Was Mister Brush in England,
 And Señor Brush in Spain.
 The Frenchmen called him Monsieur Brush,
 But the Germans were his bane;
 For they always called him Herr Brush,
 Which filled his soul with pain.

Not Guilty

■ Magistrate (to man accused of begging):
 "What have you to say?"

Prisoner: "It wasn't my fault, sir. I just held out my hand to see if it was raining, and the gent dropped a penny in it."

Ominous

■ "Doctor, I'm sorry to drag you so far out in the country on such a bad night."

"Oh, it's quite all right, because I have another patient near here, so I can kill two birds with one stone."

Profitable

■ Music Instructor: "I'm surprised to hear you admit you haven't been practicing, Susie. What can you get out of your music if you don't practice?"

Susie: "Sixpence an evening from my dad."

It Simply Isn't Done!

■ Foreman: "Wot's up, Bill, 'urt yourself?"

Bill: "No, gotta nail in me boot."

Foreman: "Why doncher take it out, then?"

Bill: "Wot! In me dinner hour?"

A Warning

■ Magistrate: "You were witness of this matrimonial dispute. What were your thoughts?"

Witness: "Never to get married!"

No Doubt!

■ Marjory: "Mummy, were you at home when I was born?"

Mother: "No, darling, I was staying with grandma in the country."

"Weren't you awfully surprised when you heard about it?"

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"And in His name shall the nations hope."—Matthew 12:21, A. R. V.

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Threats of the Totalitarian Monstrosity

The Democracy of the Democracies



THERE is a slogan going the rounds today, "Collective Security"; the way to maintain peace is through Collective Security. With the idea of Collective Security no one can quarrel. It is a desire of the human race for which we are all striving in our hearts, but to say "Collective Security" *today* means *one* and only one thing, and that is, an alliance between the democratic countries, England, France, and the United States, against the Fascist countries, Italy, Germany, and Japan.

This alliance is supposed to start out by imposing economic sanctions; its more realistic proponents admit that it will end up with military sanctions. This, then, is what is meant by Collective Security today: we are asked to join in an alliance with the democracies of France and England, in order to prevent the growth of Fascism. The concerted action of these three governments will defend democracy and retard the aggression of the Fascist governments.

Let us examine in some detail just how much enamored of democracy these three countries are. Let us first of all take France. France is a democracy, that is, on the mainland, but through the vast stretches of North Africa and the more-distant lands of French Indo-China the word democracy is unknown. These people are held in subjection by the French imperialists and have no say in their destiny. Do you remember with what universal condemnation and loathing the Germans were held during the World War when they bombarded and partially destroyed that monument of French art and religion, the cathedral at Rheims? Do you recall that we were especially indignant because this outrage was perpetrated upon the French, the guardian of light and culture for Europe? I am sure you remember this, but do you remember that after the war, after the world had been made

safe for democracy and culture, the French decided they would take over the country of Syria, and in furtherance of this laudable purpose they bombed, not a cathedral, but the oldest inhabited city on the face of the earth, the city of Damascus? Do you recall that they destroyed one of the 'holiest' places of "Christendom", a street in Damascus called "the street called Straight"? Even today, while Barcelona is being bombed the French will not help the legally constituted government but rather continue the farce of non-intervention and even go so far as to use the plight of the Spanish loyalists as a method of wringing concessions from the British to protect the French possessions in North Africa, also Ethiopia.

Then, the second country, Great Britain. Today Great Britain is waging a war, and has been waging it for years. Not a very big war, it is true, but that is only because the people against whom she is waging it are not able to carry on a greater struggle. I am referring to the northwestern frontier of India, where an independent and courageous people are trying to throw off the yoke of British imperialism. Do you remember one of the catch phrases of the British premier, Lloyd George, during the war, "Self determination for small nations"?

It was a beautiful phrase when applied to Austro-Hungary or Turkey, but it was different when applied to the heroic Irish nation which tried to gain its freedom from 800 years of British oppression. Do you remember how Lloyd George sent into Ireland, in 1919, 1920, and 1921, regiment after regiment of vicious storm troopers known as "Black and Tans", whose principal occupation consisted of burning a number of co-operative creameries and carrying out reprisals upon unarmed men, women, and children in retaliation for the losses which the Irish caused while fighting for Ireland's freedom?

Coming down to date again, do you remember that it was Great Britain that imposed the farce of non-intervention upon Spain, which resulted in the rebels' receiving all the ammunition and guns they required from Italy and Germany, while the duly elected government of Spain was refused this? Do you realize that it is this policy of Great Britain's which has nourished and kept alive Fascism in Spain?

And now, coming to ourselves. Let us see how much our government loves democracy. Today, in the Delaware river, boats are loaded with aerial bombs for the civilian population of Barcelona and the Chinese cities. These bombs are bought by Germany and Japan and they can be bought by any other country; that is, any other country except Spain. Do you realize that the one country in the world that is fighting for democracy is prohibited by law from purchasing supplies in this country? Our government went so far in showing its teeth to those forces that were fighting for democracy as to especially prohibit the Spanish loyalists from purchasing supplies in this country.

Need I recall to you how we have kept dictators in power in Central and South American countries? and did you read last week the speech of Mr. McNutt, the high commissioner of the Philippines? He stated that we are not going to give the Philippines their independence, but that we are going to keep them as a base to protect our imperialistic interests in the Far East.

What does all this mean? Does it mean that life in England, France, and the United States is not freer, is not better than life in Italy, Germany, and Japan? Of course not. Life is a hundred, a thousand times better in the democracies than it is in the Fascist countries. Does it mean that the people in control of the democratic countries are vicious, malicious, evil-minded? It does not. It means simply this: that any one of these nations will go to war, will enforce sanctions for only one purpose, and that is, to protect their own interests. France remained cold to Great Britain's plea when Italy invaded Ethiopia, because her toes were not being stepped on. England remained cold when approached by France to guarantee Czechoslovakia's independence, because her toes were not being stepped on. We remained cold about both Ethiopia and Spain, but were aroused by the Far East. Is there something finer about democracy in

China than about democracy in Spain or Ethiopia? I think you will agree with me when I say there is not. But there are American investments or American spheres of influence in China where there are not in Ethiopia or Spain, and consequently we are now preparing ourselves to defend democracy against Fascism in the Far East. Do you think for one moment that it is tenderness for the Chinese that prompts this action — the Chinese, whom we do not even respect enough to allow them to try their own cases and insist upon having our own courts in their country? The question answers itself.

To sum up: Collective Security today means a military alliance between three powers who will not fight for democracy but will only fight to protect what they consider to be their interests.—David H. H. Felix, Philadelphia attorney, in an address in Baltimore, Md.

Is It True?



Is it true that Lewis and the C.I.O. are but pawns in that game of the president's advisers, described by Bainbridge Colby, the distinguished secretary of state in Wilson's cabinet, who, in 1934, said:

So completely has the administration turned its interest and its energies away from business recovery that it is openly charged, and indeed admitted, that a substantial number of the president's immediate advisers are not desirous of business revival, feeling that to prolong the depression will produce a better psychological background for the prosecution of their revolutionary designs. The overturn of our institutions, including the Constitution, is their avowed goal.

That the C.I.O. is interested in something more than the betterment of labor has been demonstrated by its conduct.

In Michigan it not only closed factories and violated the law with impunity, defied the law-enforcing officers, but it seized and held possession of the State capitol at Lansing, Mich., for a day, and for no other purpose than to demonstrate its power.

For a like purpose, although it had a signed contract with Consumers Power Co., in the Saginaw Valley, it pulled the switches in the power plants and threw a goodly portion of the State into darkness.

It is backed by high authority. Otherwise it would not dare to defy the law-enforcing officers.—Representative Clare E. Hoffman, Michigan, in an address in the House of Representatives in Washington, May 27, 1938.

Sheep Control



The United States is a wonderful country for societies. Organizations exist for every purpose of which the human mind can conceive. One of the latest is a society to study the methods by which the mass mind is moved—a society to study what we call “methods of propaganda”. This society has classified under names well understood across the Atlantic the methods adopted by propagandists to influence public opinion. There is, for example, the Name Calling device. That is the practice of calling by unpleasant names a doctrine or a proposal which the organizers wish to defeat. We should call it “slanging”. Another method is diagnosed as the Glittering Generalities device. This succeeds by the employment of phrases so brilliant that they dazzle those who possess the little learning that is dangerous. The Transfer Method involves the employment of a flag or a similar symbol to excite emotion. The Testimonial device is obviously the familiar one of carrying something to success by the use of a testimonial. Finally, there is the Plain Folk method, which rests on the assumption that anything that is plain and homely is by that fact alone made glorious and worthy of acceptance. Methods are numerous and very ingenious, but examination shows that all have the same aim. That common aim is to prevent people from examining for themselves the facts upon which they ought to judge the matter.

The Glittering Generalities blind people to the facts. The flag or symbol drags patriotism across the trail. The Testimonials create the feeling that the evidence has been examined by better minds. And the Plain Folk appeal stirs class consciousness. The great thing, you see, is to keep the mass mind from getting to grips with the evidence. That might be fatal to the purpose which the propagandist has in view. It is all very cunning, and to some folk very amusing. It is droll to see these poor sheep herded away from the pastures they pretend to seek. From the point of view of human progress, however, it is profoundly tragic—tragic because the future of humanity depends so much upon right judgment by democracy, and because democracy is so ready to be spared the exertion of thinking for itself. In that last fact lies the chief weakness of democracy. Men and women “don’t want to be bothered”. They can read, but they won’t read. It is too much like work. Speeches at

meetings, talks on the radio—these things, they say, are enjoyed only by the speakers. “We don’t want speeches. Cut out the talking,” is the familiar plea of people arranging social functions. So it comes about that nimble minds set out to supply democracy with ready-made opinions, and to shepherd them to those folds where heads are counted.—Robert Power, in the *East Anglian Daily Times*.

Questions on Fascism



An Italian, in the *Pittsburgh Press*, asks the following questions with reference to Fascism: If it uplifts the classes, why is it necessary that every third person in Italy be a policeman, a guard or a spy? If it celebrates a new enlightenment, why does Mussolini say, “We must furnish the brains of our people less sumptuously in order to build up their character,” and then spend money intended for schools to the building of battleships? If it corrects our institutions, why has Mussolini found it necessary to announce five times the establishment of the corporative state officially, and yet no such corporative state exists? If it means a frank facing of facts, why is there such a tight censorship of news from Italy, so that we hear of the many peasant revolts and farmers’ uprisings by letter only months later? If Fascism inspires the respect of the masses of Italian people (and I have far too great faith in my own people to believe that), why does Mussolini find it important that when the people vote they vote “yes” for Mussolini on a blue ballot and “no” on a pink as guards watch?—*American Guardian*.

Progress of the Racket

◆ In 1918 there was one Communist country. In 1924 there was still only one; in 1930 there was one; and in 1938 there probably isn’t any, because most experts think Russia is no longer Communist. In 1918 there was no Fascist country. In 1924 there was one, Italy. Now there are Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and Hungary. Spain probably will go Fascist, and England is virtually a Fascist country now. There is an example of real potency for you. Fascism has not suffered a single setback, and I firmly believe that when it comes to dominate Europe there will be no hope for us.—Professor John Ise, of the University of Kansas, in an address in Kansas City.

Fascist Control of World



If the foreign policy of Great Britain, the United States and France had been directed by morons and imbeciles during the past six years, it could not have been any worse. They have all been following blindly the policy of Micawber that "something would turn up". They have been afraid to align themselves with Moscow against Fascism, fearing Communism. They have been afraid to make agreements with Hitler and Mussolini, since every time they do they lose something. In their dilemma all they can think of to do is increase armaments; and for what? They say they do not want war.

The democratic powers have acceded to every demand made upon them by the Fascist nations until if they yield another point they will "lose their shirt" and become second- or third-rate powers. All they can do now is to fight. If Hitler and Mussolini are permitted to complete the conquest of Spain, France will be exposed to Fascist Germany on three sides, rendering her helpless. It will then be an easy matter for Hitler to move on into Czechoslovakia and annex the colonies of France, bringing the French empire to an end.

Britain will be finished also, because a Fascist Spain will make her position in the Mediterranean strategically impossible. As for Japan, she will be free to complete the conquest of all China, and, with those vast resources at her disposal, will be unbeatable in the Orient. The United States stands to lose what outlying possessions she has, including the Philippines, the Aleutian islands and Guam, and might eventually be at the mercy of Japan on the west coast. The Soviet union would be incapable of alone combating Japan and would lose Siberia, the Ukraine and her other possessions.

The turning point has come. The liberal nations must decide immediately, tomorrow, what they consider worth fighting for. They can continue to accede to the demands of the Fascist countries and thus "commit suicide". It has never happened in history that empires have given up their possessions without a struggle, although the past six years might seem to indicate that is what they are going to do now.—Dr. Frederick L. Schuman, professor of political science at Williams College, Massachusetts, in an address in Springfield, Mass.

Patriotism by Compulsion

◆ In Germany the grotesque gesture of saluting with a "Heil Hitler" on every possible occasion has become an international joke. None suspects that the millions of Germans who under penalty of arrest mimic their loyalty to Der Fuehrer sincerely feel any devotion toward him or his policies. Their salute has become merely a convenient sacrifice to keeping out of jail.

We want none of this sort of patriotism in America. The sincere declaration of allegiance by one citizen would mean more to us than the spectacle of thousands saluting the flag because they feared being arrested should they renege.

Patriotism in this country, moreover, springs from the knowledge that every citizen is free to exercise his own conscience, and out of the knowledge that liberty is the first law of the land has arisen a spirit of national devotion that can never be emulated in countries where saluting the flag is nothing more than complying with the law. Under such a system the flag salute becomes very much like keeping on the right side of the road or observing the parking limit. We prefer to think of patriotism as something deeper than such compulsory obedience of law. It is much more glorious when it appears as a voluntary and sincere conviction of allegiance.—Asbury Park (N.J.) *Evening Press*.

Too Much Federal Legislation

◆ No one knows now whether our Government will endure. There come times when the ledger must be balanced. This is the hour in which the American people must answer as to their capacity for self-government.

I like to look to Virginia, where, a decade before the Constitution of the United States, Virginia had her bill of rights. The time has come when you young citizens must demonstrate that you are worthy of your ancestry.

Listen to me. Do you think that I have come down here just to make a speech? I tell you I was never more serious in my life. We live in an hour when we must decide whether we will wear the yoke of a dictator or stand as free men on Virginia soil. I have seen too many States bargaining away their privilege of government at Washington. There is entirely too much Federal legislation today.—Representative Hatton W. Sumners, of Texas, in an address at Richmond.

The New Religion



The United States will continue to sell munitions to its prospective enemies; it will build battleships with impenetrable armor and manufacture projectiles that will pierce that armor; it will launch warships to be destroyed by bombing planes and construct anti-aircraft guns to destroy those bombers; it will manufacture poison gas, and gas masks to protect against it; it will denounce imperialism but refuse to abandon its special privileges; its neutrality will be fickle; it will sacrifice a thousand lives to avenge one, and spend billions of dollars to save thousands.

The time approaches when every other pursuit will be subordinate to warfare. Infants will be supplied with gas masks and toy soldiers; schools and colleges will instruct the young in gunnery, ballistics, ordnance, flame-throwing, machine gunnery and bayonet thrusting; American citizens will be conscripted and trained to accept the dictum of Hitler and Mussolini that the chief aim of youth in life is to fight. The glory of war will become our national religion.—*The Arbitrator*.

No Election in 1940 (?)

◆ Because Farleyites are building politics with the exploitation of misery, there will be no presidential election in 1940. I don't know that a dictatorship would not be preferable to the tyranny of Farley and his satellites.

But building a political machine through exploiting the unfortunate situation of the unemployed will eventually break down our political system.

From what I have seen enacted on the political stage, I cannot help agreeing with reports that the president has a Napoleonic complex, and is not eager to abdicate the throne in 1940.—Brigadier General Pelham D. Glassford, U.S.A., police chief in Washington, D.C., at time of the Bonus march.

Law and Love

◆ C'mon, let's pass a law providing so many days in jail and a fine of so-and-so much for people unwilling to celebrate Constitution day.

Pshaw, what are you giving us?

Well, haven't we already hoosegowed children for not saluting the flag?

Anyhow, love of country enforced by law is rape.—*American Guardian*.

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Three of the Modern Religions

◆ In Germany, January 30, 1938, the school children were required to kneel in worship and to chant the following:

We do not want rest. We loathe quiet. Waiting is death. He who is unfaithful and leaves the flag of Der Fuehrer shall lose honor forever. Unfaithful, be accursed! Fuehrer, we salute thee!

The prayer which every Italian school child is taught to offer at his midday meal is addressed to another murderer and says:

Il Duce, I thank you for what you give me to make me grow healthy and strong. O Lord God, protect Il Duce so that he may be long preserved to Fascist Italy.

The Russian expression of faith is not a prayer exactly, like the prayers addressed to Hitler and Mussolini, but has the same intent. It goes thus:

If your father or your mother is not loyal to The Cause, report them to Stalin, so that they may be shot.

The Fascist League

◆ European papers pay considerable attention to the likelihood that a definitely Fascist league of nations will be formed with headquarters at either Rome or Berlin. If such a league is formed, the logical headquarters of it would be Vatican City, which is the actual center in the earth of Fascism, no matter what may be the form in which the same is expressed. The fact that Moors, Japanese, Aryan pagans and other non-Christians would be in the league would mean nothing at all to the managers of the racket. All would be brothers in one "holy cause", that of grinding the faces of the poor and extorting from them the last nickel obtainable, by fair means or foul, to keep themselves in the saddle.

Variety in Human Life

◆ We recognize, welcome and prize the distinctive differences in personalities, and likewise in communities, nations and races, realizing that it is these essential unlikenesses that lend the richness of variety to human life. Fascism represents the reverse of these principles. . . . Indeed, it is quite likely to appropriate the term "Americanism", introducing itself with patriotic fanfares as a cloak for decidedly un-American violations of civil liberties, and particularly for either subtle or overt attacks upon minority races and political groups.—American Ethical Union, Public Affairs Committee Resolution.

League of Nations

The League Dances



THE last assembly of the League of Nations was presided over by the Indian delegate, the Aga Khan, reputed to be the world's richest man. This potentate did his best to give some life to the conference. But vain effort. Even the presence of this man, whose fortune is reckoned in millions, was not sufficient to dispel the uneasiness which hung over the palace.

"Commence your proceedings, gentlemen," said he to the delegates. But none was able to deliver his farcical speech with the customary ease. The envoys from Spain and China were the only ones among all those present whose voices raised an echo. The first had rather a large audience. His observations, however, disturbed his colleagues to such an extent that, for fear of hearing the representative of China reveal even more disturbing truths, they preferred to retire to their luxurious hotels or to stifle their consciences in the pleasure resorts of Geneva. With broken heart the unhappy Chinese delegate spoke before almost empty benches.

The Spanish representative in his concluding remarks had said: "Open your eyes, gentlemen. It is no longer merely a question of the fate of my country. The future of Europe is being decided on Spanish soil." But there was no sign of reaction on the part of his audience.

Then the delegate from China also dwelt on the peril which threatens humanity in the Far East, but his few auditors were no longer paying attention. Already in other halls preparations were being made to brighten up this mournful assembly. The Aga Khan, in his capacity as president of the illustrious company, wished to carry out an act of brilliance that would be worthy of figuring prominently in the annals of the institution of Geneva. He therefore organized at the Palace of the League a banquet for two thousand guests, of whom sixty were ministers on active service.

The Association of the Friends of the League of Nations protested energetically against this mad enterprise, but the Aga Khan would not give way. He even refused to accede to the wish of the delegates from Spain and China, who requested him to at least abandon the idea of the ball, because of the miseries of

their countries. In case the dancing were vetoed, he would immediately order the banquet from one of Geneva's wealthiest hotels.

It is understood that such a festivity is a windfall for the coffers of the League. So, as the secretary took good care not to forego it, what was the use of protestation?

The most famous chefs from Paris came to feverishly prepare this banquet under the direction of the millionaire Hindu's "chef de cuisine". After the guests had partaken of the choicest dishes, all kinds of delicate and expensive dessert were served, and two thousand bottles of champagne were opened.

The electric lusters were draped in gold, thousands of yards of green silk adorned the walls, fifteen thousand roses and as many carnations decorated the halls and the tables, and on the inlaid floors were spread the most magnificent carpets.

Fourteen of the finest European orchestras played joyous music without cessation; and forgotten were the cries of distress of the Spanish and Chinese populations, bombarded by the "civilizing" forces of their enemies.

The revelers gave themselves up to dancing and carousing until morning. Fifteen doctors and forty nurses were on the spot to look after those who were overcome by the orgy. Oh, they were magnificent, those representatives to whom the poor people had entrusted their fate! and incidentally the orgy cost the Aga Khan half a million Swiss francs.

This banquet reminds us of the old-time feast which Belshazzar, king of Babylon, gave to the thousand lords of his kingdom. After well partaking of wine, and in order to reproach the God of the Hebrews, the monarch commanded that the vessels of gold and silver, which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, should be brought forward so that his lords, his wives and his concubines might drink therefrom.

And while they were drinking, mysterious humanlike fingers wrote on the white wall of the royal palace the words, "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin." Seeing this, the Sacred Narrative says, "the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another."

Daniel, the prophet of God, explained to the shaken king that the words meant "Num-

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bered, weighed and divided", saying, "God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. . . . Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. . . . Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians." In that same night was Belshazzar slain, and Darius the Mede took the kingdom.

The same judgment has been pronounced against the League of Nations. Although its acts are an abomination to the Lord, this worldly organization has been described as "the political expression of God's kingdom on earth". Soon it will perish in the battle of Armageddon, together with all the Devil's institutions, after which Christ will establish, according to the Divine method, the true league of nations, making one country of all the earth. And then will be banished for ever wars, profiteers, misery, tyrants, kings, ministers, Aga Khans, and every authority but that of Christ Jesus, earth's rightful Ruler.—Translated from the French edition of *Consolation*.

The League God's Kingdom?

◆ In January, 1919, shortly before the League of Nations scheme was brought to completion, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America boldly sponsored it as 'the political expression of God's kingdom on earth'. In view of the foregoing article, "The League Dances," the significance of this eager approval of a league of selfish nations is readily seen. Some who were not connected with the Federal Council of Churches could see the thing in its true light, and said, "It is true that the darker forces of the world triumphed at Paris when the unjust treaty of peace was written."

But the professed Christian church said, officially:

The time has come to organize the world for truth, right, justice and humanity. To this end as Christians we urge the establishment of a League of Free Nations at the coming Peace Conference. Such a league is not merely a peace expedient; it is rather the political expression of the kingdom of God on earth. The League of Nations is rooted in the gospel. Like the gospel, its objective is "Peace on earth, good will toward men." Like the gospel, its appeal is universal.

The heroic dead will have died in vain unless out of victory shall come a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.—2 Peter 3:13.

The church can give a spirit of goodwill, without which no League of Nations can endure.

In this manner the unfaithful churches looked to scheming politicians and diplomats to establish the world in righteousness, and hoped to see the fruit of righteousness spring from a carnage such as the world had never before witnessed!

And the Roman Hierarchy wanted a seat in the League.

Some of the League Withdrawals

◆ Some of the League of Nations withdrawals are Germany, Austria, Japan, Brazil, Paraguay, and the five Central American nations, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Salvador and Nicaragua. Oddly enough, Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras are as thick with Japan and Germany as peas in a pod; and one can readily catch the impression that the lot of them think what a great excitement it would make in the world if they should decide to try to take over the Panama canal. And it would, too.

Lloyd George Pans the League

◆ This is the fundamental fact, that the body that was set up with common consent, including Germany, Italy and Japan, for the purpose of insuring peace in the world, has been cast aside. This great body has been stricken with palsy, its right side paralyzed, its right arm withered, its voice feeble, indistinct, gibbering, lying huddled on its touch in its great palace at Geneva, no longer consulted, no longer even alluded to.—Lloyd George, at a speech in Westminster.

Mussolini's Projected League

◆ With Germany, Austria, Italy, Japan, Brazil, Costa Rica, Paraguay, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador out of the League of Nations, and all of them either openly Fascist or inclined that way, it is quite apparent that another League of Nations is under way. Ethiopia is still in the League of Nations though itself no longer has any existence. Uncle Sam never got in.

"Greatest Thing Since Pentecost"

◆ Despite its manifest failure "Reverend" J. Bruce Hunter, B.D., D.D., LL.D., of Montreal, Canada, in an address at London, Ontario, declared that the League of Nations is—

the visible spirit of Jesus Christ, expressing his will concerning nations and people; the greatest thing which has come into the world since Pentecost.

Italy

Rules of Machiavelli, Italian Statesman (1469-1527)



"1. Look out for your own interests": Machiavelli was morally blind. He failed to see the world as a unit. Might was right; therefore, the strong must always assert their strength and make laws for their own protection against the weak.

"2. Honor nobody but yourself": Advance the interests of others so long as you can make good use of them! But the moment they threaten to become popular, kill them! For an ambitious man can afford to have no rivals. All the rest must be slaves.

"3. Do evil, but pretend to do good": He sincerely believed in the value of insincerity. He frankly advised statesmen never to be frank. In order to preserve his power, and plunder, it is often necessary for a diplomat to act in opposition to justice, charity, and good faith. Yet his subjects must not be aware of this. In other words, a successful ruler should make his subjects believe he is protecting them at the very moment he is crushing them.

"4. Covet, and get, whatever you can": Have no regard for the rights of others; plunder all you can, and silence those who make complaints. Rob the weak but be aware of the strong; and at all times try to appear liberal.

"5. Be miserly": Machiavelli advises his protégés to save their own money and to spend the money of the people.

"6. Be brutal": Only a brute, he writes, can succeed in ruling his people. Goodness never pays. A prince should stifle the man in him and develop the beast.

"7. Cheat whenever you get the chance": He advises his prince to cultivate the ferociousness of the lion and the cunning of the fox. Force is greater than justice, and fraud more powerful than truth. Do not bother about keeping your promises, for nobody does, and most men are stupid, and the world is always ready to be fleeced.

"8. Kill your enemies, and, if necessary, your friends," in order to attain your goal. Murder is but a means to an end, and the betrayal of a friend an accepted rule.

"9. Use force rather than kindness, in dealing with others": It is better to be feared than to be loved. When you have seized a

state, or robbed a man, you must inflict all your injuries at once, so that they will soon be forgotten. If you must confer benefits, confer them little by little, so that they will be long remembered, but try to avoid conferring them altogether.

"10. Think of nothing but war": War is to be the chief business of the superbrute. 'For war is the sole art looked for in one who rules.' In time of peace he should prepare himself for war.—By a prominent educator.

A "Comic Election"

◆ A man in Italy who does not wish his identity revealed discloses in *The Spectator* that in his part of the country a lad was thrown into jail for calling a Mussolini election a "comic election". A hotel proprietor, who set a good table, failed because his guests who were Fascist officials did not pay their bills. He is now a waiter and his family is in straits. The new owners of a textile mill were about to open with a skeleton staff when they were given a list of 20 inexperienced persons for whom they must find jobs; they did, and failed. A farmer had his farm taken away under pretext that he was not working it to the best advantage. Another hotel proprietor was ordered to have an orchestra; he did, and went broke. America is on the way.

Trying to Sell Himself

◆ All dictators constantly try to sell themselves to the people over whom they temporarily hold control; they want to keep their jobs as long as possible. This is true of Stalin, Hitler, Franco, Mussolini and others that are either dictators now or are denying that they aspire to be dictators, which is always a necessary step just before the actual seizure of power takes place. Mussolini is one of the biggest of these big windbags. He recently had much to say of Italy's 9,000,000 soldiers, powerful submarine fleet, eight first-line battleships, reconnoitering and bombing planes, etc. The gentleman forgets something. He forgets the cool, determined, fearless, perfectly-trained man behind the gun. Mussolini is an ass with a loud voice.

Gasoline in Italy

◆ In Italy, in November, 1937, gasoline was selling at approximately 66c per gallon. This was after a 40-percent increase in the taxes heretofore laid upon it.

India

British Bombings in Waziristan



Within the past year the deaths from bombings in the British war against the Waziristans, northern India, have come to 700 dead and more than 350 seriously injured. India is becoming increasingly difficult to police and to govern. The Roman Hierarchy recently staged one of its advertising campaigns in Madras. It claims that in a heathen land they had 70,000 Catholics in their procession, 1,000 of whom were ecclesiastics. On the way they marched under 15 triumphal arches. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Congress leader, sent a message of greeting on the behalf of the Indian National Congress, with which institution the British authorities in India are at present having much trouble. The Congress seems sure of but one thing, and that is, that it wants to make as much trouble for Britain as it can.

Did This Man Need More Religion?

◆ A villager from the state of Sirmur, who crawled 300 miles on a pilgrimage to Hardwar, in fulfillment of a vow he had made in the event of the recovery of his two sons from typhoid, has just died. Both the sons, who accompanied him when he started last August, died on the way. They were just convalescent when they started, and the effort was too much for their frail health. The father, who had divided the journey into sixty stages of approximately five miles a day, completed it last October. On the return journey hands and knees became swollen and eventually gangrenous. The infection had gone too far, and he died on the roadside.—London *Times*.

One Less Lawless Policeman

◆ There is one less lawless policeman in India. Engaged in the ancient and more or less honorable occupation of torturing a prisoner, the prisoner killed him, and when the case came up in court the prisoner was exonerated. There is a chance here for Pennsylvania state police to learn something. In the case in India the prisoner, a watchman named Kiroo, had been beaten and tortured in public in the military lines for six hours by an Indian police constable. He seized the weapon by which he was being beaten and killed his tormentor.

Conditions in Cawnpore

◆ Choose any slum for investigation, the conditions differ but little; a number of huts in various stages of dilapidation, some under the street level and some above it, with no plan or thought for drainage or sanitation. The commonest type of hut is ten feet by eight, with perhaps no window, and the doorway so low and small that one has to bend in order to enter. Into this four to eight people are squeezed, with a goat or a half-starved cow on the tiny veranda. No wonder it is recorded in the municipal report that infant mortality in working-class areas often exceeds 400 per 1,000 births and tuberculosis is rapidly on the increase. But it seems to make little impression on those responsible for the administration of the city.

It is the poor worker who deserves one's unqualified sympathy and support. Yesterday I found at the gates of a big mill stalwart Kabuli money-lenders with "lathis" (big sticks) waiting for their victims as they came out with their wages. The ordinary rate of interest is 150 percent, and no worker will dare to evade the moneylender. It is a common feature, it seems, in all Cawnpore mills, though the Government of India has passed a series of measures within the last two years to protect the indebted worker from being thus harassed.

The employers complain about the low efficiency of the worker. The wonder is that he can work at all under these terrible conditions, with no provision for leave or sickness. Day and night the machines hum and the employers make enormous dividends; but for the worker there is no escape.—Manchester *Guardian*.

India Well Traversed by Airways

◆ India is now well traversed by airways running in every direction between the principal cities, and in addition is crossed by the Dutch, French and British lines to Java, Australia and Indo-China, which touch here and there en route.

Humiliations of the Untouchables

◆ In some parts of India the poor Untouchables may not own even a dog. If the shadow of an Untouchable falls over the food of a high-caste Hindu the food is thrown away. In many places fellow Hindus may not even talk to them from a distance.



Kingdom Privileges in Near East

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◆ This Syrian priest further told me that he was going to free himself from the yoke of that devilish organization. That surely did my heart good. Even though our feeble efforts sometimes do not seem to do much good, as long as we are faithful and obedient and perform our duties Jehovah will give the increase.

It seemed every time I turned I saw the streets [of Palestine] filled with nuns, priests and other Catholics. They seemed to be everywhere.

I had previously brought two pioneers with me from Beirut to Palestine. The two pioneers and I took fourteen cartons of books and went to work. We covered the cities of Haifa, Jaffa, Nazareth, Tiberias, Ramallah, Jerusalem and Tarshiha. We surely were blessed in our efforts and left a large number of books and booklets and found many people who were eager to hear the message.

By the way, the Armenian priest whom I had met the year before and with whom I had placed some literature had been inquiring about me at the home of a German witness who was formerly a pioneer, so I made it my business to call on him. He told me how happy he was to have the truth, and that when he took the book *Riches* he kept it in the slip cover of his pillow. One of the nuns discovered it one day and reported it to the archbishop. Of course, the priest was put on the carpet and warned to burn the book or be kicked out. So he requested his back pay and told the archbishop that he would rather lose his job than give up the book. In fact, he took off his garments and threw them into the face of the archbishop, stating that he was glad he was at last dressed like a man and free from bondage.

Then I proceeded to Bethlehem, and on my way I had to pass a large Latin monastery and I was instructed to detour, and I saw a large body of soldiers. After returning from Bethlehem I went to the radio station at Jeru-

salem and endeavored to buy time so that we could put on a program. Mr. Frey, who was the manager, informed me that he was sorry he could not give me any time. I insisted on knowing the reason for his refusal to give me time, and he then opened up and told me that they had discovered several million rounds of ammunition and hundreds of thousands of rifles packed in piano boxes and stored at the monastery; and this accounted for the British soldiers that I had seen, as they had confiscated this large amount of arms and ammunition.

When another witness and myself worked the city of Tiberias we called on the Gentile homes and were able to leave *Riches* and six booklets in almost every home. We ran out of literature in two days. While I was in this city I ran across the metropolitan of the Greek Catholic Church and gave him the witness. He warned me not to try to tell him about the Kingdom, because he knew all about it. He became very indignant and put his hand in his pocket and handed me a \$5 note. Naturally, I left the literature with him, gave him his change, and urged him to read the literature. This city is a beautiful place situated many hundreds of feet below sea level and it has the finest hot springs found anywhere. I could not help but remember that the Lord Jesus, together with His disciples, visited this famous city on many different occasions, and I thanked Jehovah for having the opportunity to walk over the same spot where Jesus was.

Then we went to the city of Ramallah, where, working two days with five other witnesses, we were able to place 140 books and 480 booklets and also placed one entire set of the [recorded lecture] series of "Religion and Christianity" and a set of "Exposed" as well, and one phonograph.

IN GREAT LEBANON

The Tripoli company has distributed the records I left with them. The pioneer witnesses over there have to cover their territory by foot—sometimes spending three to four hours going to and from their territory each day, which time, of course, they cannot apply on their reports. One pioneer witness carried the publications on his back and witnessed in towns and villages. He did not have any money, but wherever he went the people were glad to give him food and lodging, as well

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as take literature and make some contribution.

Owing to the terrible economic conditions in that country, the Syrian pound has dropped to less than 70c in American money. In other words, today the piaster is worth less than one-half cent, and it is ordinarily worth five cents or more. Since the Syrian pound is backed by the French franc and the franc today is worth less than two and three-fourth cents in American money, it is very difficult for the witnesses to return sufficient money to cover the cost of the publications.

It is now my pleasure to give you some of my experiences with the sound car. The people in these countries, of course, have never seen a car equipped with broadcasting facilities. The first town we visited was called Enfie and which has a population of about 5,000.



Transcription lecture, Copenhagen, Denmark

It is situated on the sea coast. There are five witnesses in this town who are really charged with the zeal of Jehovah.

We parked the car in a cemetery which overlooks the town proper, and started the program with a musical number: "Hear Me, O People!" We then put on the series of "Religion and Christianity". The entire population of the town was so surprised they thought that Gabriel had blown the last trumpet. They tried to trace the voice, and when they found it was coming from the cemetery they were really convinced that the resurrection had begun. They were afraid to come to the cemetery at first, but when thousands of people began to gather some got the courage to come a little nearer and we were able to place a large number of books and booklets with them and they invited us to come again.

Every day we had experiences of a similar nature. We took town after town by surprise. The people were eager to hear the message, and in some instances we were forced to put on the records again and again. We made on

an average five or six towns a day and our little group of workers called at the homes of the people, placing a large amount of literature.

At one place called Kisba, Alkora, we covered this town with about twenty workers and the sound equipment. It is situated on an elevation of almost six thousand feet above sea level, overlooking the most fertile soil on earth and the largest olive groves found anywhere. We started to blast with the sound equipment, using the "Exposed" lectures and finishing with reading out of the *Armageddon* booklet. The entire town came out and we placed an enormous amount of literature, the people showing keen interest in the message. The following night a tornado struck that entire district, uprooting hundreds of olive trees,

destroying homes and killing many farmers and beasts. Satan at all times tries to bring injury and harm to honest people, so they can be made to reproach and blaspheme Jehovah's name. Truly, the people thought *Armageddon* had come when they began to count the damage the next day. Two

weeks later we visited the town again and the people were troubled and fearful. We put on the lecture "Peace Messengers" and comforted them.

We covered the entire district of Alkora and practically all of Lebanon with the sound equipment. The people received the message gladly. They are greatly perplexed and the conditions are terrible. The people are very much dissatisfied with the governments, and especially with the yoke which has been placed upon them by their religious leaders. In Syria and Lebanon the two main branches of the Devil religion are the Roman Catholic and Mohammedan. I was surprised to learn, after visiting scores of Mohammedan towns with nothing but Mohammedan population, how the entire community came out as one man, showing interest in the message. Many were glad to contribute for the literature even though they were poor.

Five workers, including myself, visited a town north of Tripoli called Minna. It has

a population of about eight thousand people. We started with the lecture "Exposed", and when we had the second record on the priest came running down with a staff in his hand and looking as though ready to kill someone. He stood before the loud-speaker and shouted: "Stop, I tell you!" The witness who was operating the equipment turned on more juice when he saw what the priest was doing, and drowned out his voice; but this made him more angry than ever. Not being satisfied with trying to pick a fight with us, calling us everything he could think of, he turned to the people and started cursing them and told them if they were intelligent they would not listen to us and that they were Christians and not Mohammedans and that we ought to go to the Mohammedans with our message.

The people tried to reason with him, but he would not listen. He came and ordered me to stop and I took the microphone and asked the people if they wanted to hear the remainder of the program and, if so, to signify by raising their right hand. Hundreds of people responded and ordered the priest to leave, and when he refused they carried him away and were ready to dump him into the river. A half hour later he returned and the people again ordered him to leave.

When we finished with the "Exposed" lectures they asked us if we had anything else, and we gave them the entire series of "Religion and Christianity" and placed many pieces of literature with them. On our way out this priest had gotten some of his henchmen and they lay in wait for us, hardly leaving room for the automobile to pass through. Some were armed with hatchets, some with axes, some with clubs and some with guns. They stood with their arms upraised ready to strike us, but Jehovah withstood them and it seemed they could not move their arms. We passed through unharmed and very thankful for the loving protection that Jehovah had given us.

The entire four months were spent with the sound equipment, working around fourteen hours a day, and in some instances we did not get through with the lectures until eight or ten o'clock at night.

In one town where the archbishop lives in his palace we put on the lectures. He was walking in his garden in his lace petticoat, and when he heard the message he thought it was a voice from heaven and he rushed to

the house and started running from one room to another. The people said he had told them he surely thought Armageddon was near, and he ordered several gendarmes to come and stop us. However, when they came, we gave them the testimony and instead of harming us they went back with some of the literature. —Joseph E. Rahal, Ohio.

A WBBR Fan's Soliloquy

◆ "You know, there is a radio station in Brooklyn that broadcasts the most unusual stuff. At six-thirty practically every morning of the week I tune to 1300 kilocycles for MORNING WORSHIP. Why do I want to listen to a radio that early in the morning? Well—er—that is, a man has to wake up sometime! So I listen to MORNING WORSHIP. Music is rather nice—organ and sometimes singing. I don't sing. Anyway, not like that. But this is what I meant to tell you: A man reads 'the morning text', some verse from the Bible on the most unusual matter—like Philistines and stuff. And on my word, he doesn't sound like a preacher at all! Then he gives an explanation: what you never, never heard! 'Modern-day Philistines, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, are certain to be completely wiped out at Armageddon. With the destruction of religion God will cleanse the earth of the greatest racket ever to afflict mankind . . .' I tell you it's the strangest thing you ever heard! The worst of it is, it rings so true I find myself listening to it every chance I have. It's the strangest stuff!"

Reverend Harris Made a Mistake

◆ Reverend Harris, St. Andrews Church, Carshalton, England, has no doubt been making mistakes all his life, but one of his biggest ones was made when he warned his congregation against Jehovah's witnesses. With that, 105 publishers entered his bailiwick, called on all the people the vicar could reach, and more, too, brought the vicar's remarks to the attention of the people, told the people to listen to records explaining the truth, which they did, and incidentally left more than 3,000 pieces of literature behind. The vicar was called on, too (a copy of *Cure and Consolation* having been mailed to him in advance). He seemed heated, and, after saying he did not wish to hear, slammed the door. Ta-ra-ra-boom-de-ay!

New York

President Isaacs Was Right

◆ When Stanley M. Isaacs, borough president of Manhattan, was invited to address 1,750 members of the Jewish Teachers Association, he accepted the invitation and told the teachers he could see no reason for the existence of their organization. And he was right. Public-school teachers should not make their religion a test for themselves, their pupils, the public or anybody else. Let them keep the rabbis, the priests, the popes and the clergy out of it and attend to their own business, which is teaching the children the mundane things a child needs to know. If their parents want the children taught religion, let it be taught to them elsewhere, at the parents' expense.

Score One for Doctor Godfrey

◆ Score one for Dr. Edward S. Godfrey, Jr., New York state commissioner of health. Having learned something about serums, and seen for himself that their use, to say the very least, has not been an unmixed blessing to humanity, he advises his fellow physicians against rushing pell-mell into the use of the new rabbit serums in the treatment of pneumonia "until careful tests [on the unsuspecting public] have proved their value, safety and limitations". It should be added that the new rabbit serum was tried out last year on 15,000 CCC "volunteers".

New York Legislative Service

◆ Lawyers and others find interest in the unique enterprise established by about fifteen college boys somewhere in New York city, of telling customers what particular knavery is back of any legislation pending at Albany. The service is said to be nonpartisan and plays no favorites. It seems like a fine outlet for honest and energetic young men who wish to learn something and do something for the benefit of their fellow men.

Saved by an Hour

◆ Nine families were saved from 75-year-old tenements on Avenue C, New York city, only an hour before they collapsed and fell in ruins. The tenants fled with their clothing, but were barred by the police from trying to save their furniture and other belongings. New York is two decades behind Britain in its rebuilding program.

Adult Authorities Needed

◆ If a man decides that his religion compels him to shoot every red-headed pedestrian on Fifth Avenue, there are enough laws to prevent him from carrying out his determination. No religious conviction can be allowed expression when its expression involves harm to others. But where the issue is so highly theoretical as in the flag case, the authorities should be a little more tolerant and a little more adult. It is insistence on such formal patriotism as this that brings patriotism itself into mockery and breeds patrioteers instead of patriots. We are saddened to see that the New York State Department of Education is expelling Jehovah's witnesses for non-saluting. A test case should be brought here. Expulsion is not the way to teach patriotism and love of country.—*New York Post*.

WPA Educating the Foreign-born

◆ The WPA is doing a good work in New York city and other places educating the foreign-born. Of New York city's 264,000 illiterates, 242,000 are foreign-born. It was hoped in the first half of 1937 to have at least 25,000 of these in classes. Of the 12,223 in classes at last report, one student was 83 years of age. Some of the classes are held in homes where the parents cannot conveniently get out. In most instances instruction is welcome.

Good for New York!

◆ Good for New York! In New York city a German boy, a Nazi, accused of carrying a concealed weapon, was defended by a Jewish lawyer before an American war veteran, and found not guilty. The court decided that he had a right to carry his knife as a part of his uniform. The American on the bench got a big kick out of his share in upholding American law and American common sense under the unusual conditions presented.

Gradually Folding Up

◆ One of the first Episcopal churches in western New York, the St. James Episcopal church of Buffalo, folded up on April 17, 1938, after an existence of 84 years. The membership had dwindled until the survivors thought it not worth while to try to keep the old ship afloat. The pastor will now have to go to work for a living. Sad.

Bazaar Did Not Get the Diamond

◆ Harper's Bazaar, calling attention to a special issue of their magazine, delivered what they supposed were homing pigeons to 100 prospective advertisers in New York city. Each pigeon had an aluminum tube attached to its leg. The advertiser was supposed to release the pigeon, which would then fly back to Harper's. Marcus & Company, jewelers, were enthusiastic over this original advertising scheme. To show their appreciation they sent Harper's a small unmounted diamond in the aluminum tube. It just so happened that that particular pigeon was not a homer; for it never showed up. Somewhere that pigeon, like some non-elect Presbyterian, is wandering through the skies not knowing where he will land, or what kind of reception he will get when he lands, or who will get the diamond.

Studies in Courtesy

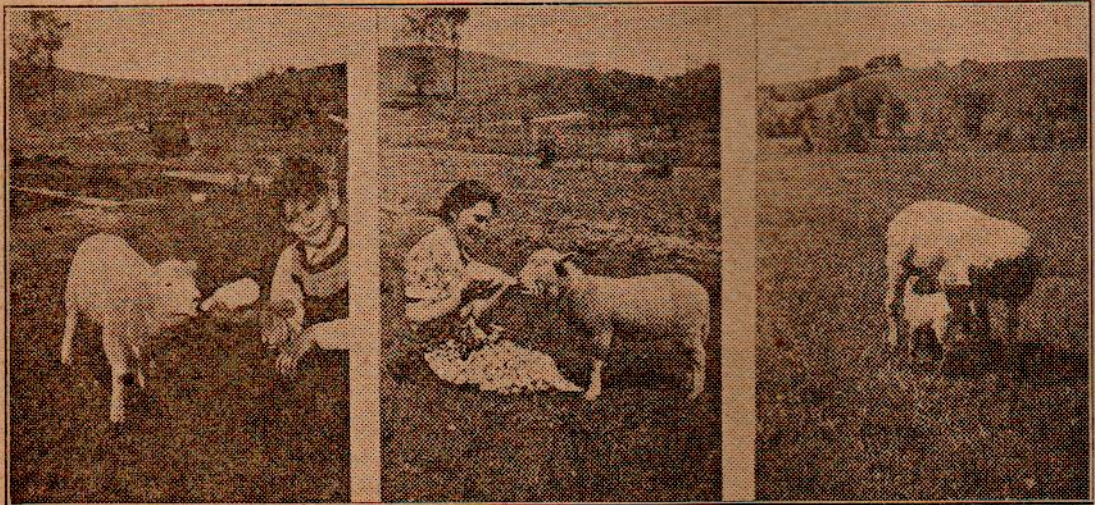
◆ Studies in courtesy conducted by the department of sanitation, New York city, indicate that Brooklynites are more polite than New Yorkers, boys are more polite than girls, the poor are more polite than the rich, and the Chinese are the most polite, with Italians, French, Japanese, Irish and Americans in the order named. The question was conducted among school children of ages 6 to 18, of every race, color and condition of society.

Honest Man in New York City

◆ Another honest man has been found, this time in New York city. He is a colored man, originally from South Carolina, a taxicab driver. Mr. Casey (that is the gentleman's name) was laid up in the hospital from February 14 to March 28, and during that time his family received help from the city to the amount of \$49.10. Now he is back on his feet, wants to have the relief stopped, and wants to know to whom he can return the money. He got some relief money years ago, and when he tried to find out how to pay it back he could not get any information; so this time he swore out a statement of what he owed and mailed it to the city treasurer. He thinks he might need relief again sometime; and if he should, we want the city to know he is honest. The city knows it.

Automobiles in New York City

◆ It is calculated that when the highway tunnel under New York city is completed about 11,000,000 automobiles a year will be taken off the streets of the big city, with an immense saving in time for car owners driving between Long Island and New Jersey points, and the streets of the city will be safer and more free from deadly carbon monoxide. Incidentally, it is less than forty years since the first man that drove a "horseless carriage" in a park in the big city was arrested for disorderly conduct.



Dinnertime for little folks



Religious Service

THE North-German Lloyd steamship company advertises in its folder that it has erected on its ships "altars for religious service during the ocean voyage. These altars are so arranged that they can be used by Catholics, Protestants or Jews". This is further corroborative and very strong proof that the services indulged in on these ships are not to the honor of Jehovah God, but rather to the dishonor of His name. Mark this fact, that this provision for religious service is made by the Nazis who hate the name of Jehovah God and viciously persecute and imprison men and women who speak the name of Jehovah and who have in possession the Bible and books explaining the Bible.

Their advertisement says: "The officiating clergyman of whichever denomination he may be will find all the necessary vestments, requisites, etc." Those who indulge in "pure and holy worship", as defined in the Scriptures, never use vestments. On the contrary, such vestments, as shown by the Bible, are used only by those who indulge in the practice of Baal, meaning Devil religion. As a striking example: Those opposers of God who indulged in Baal worship assembled at a point in Palestine and 'vestments for all that worship Baal' were brought forth, and they put on these vestments, and when they were thus dressed with their vestments Jehovah God sent His executioner in and killed every one of them, because they were indulging in the practice of Devil or Baal religion.—2 Kings 10: 21-24.

When Jesus was on earth the Jewish priests, who had covenanted to do God's will, turned away from obeying God's commandments and indulged in religion, which Jesus told them was of the Devil. (John 8: 44; Matthew 23: 6-35) Men wear vestments and practice religion before altars prepared for that purpose to be seen of men; and concerning such Jesus used these words: "But all their works they do for to be seen of men; they make broad their phy-

lacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi," and father, and reverend. (Matthew 23: 5-7) Phylacteries are frontlets worn on the head, made of strips of parchment, on which were written certain words to be seen of others. Similar thereto clergymen, particularly of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, who practice at such altars as advertised by the aforesaid steamship company, wear peculiar hats on their heads, and also vestments, so that people may be able to recognize them and call them "Father", "Reverend," or some other high-sounding name.

The aforementioned advertisement by the steamship company to aid religious services shows that religion, politics and commerce are closely allied together, with the avowed purpose of ruling and controlling this world. The steamship company is not trying to worship God or make any arrangement for His worship; but they hold forth this heathenish religious practice to overawe the people and afford the clergy an opportunity to rake in the shekels and thus carry on their racket. Reasonable and sensible persons see the absurdity of such practice, and they know that there is no sincerity connected with it, that the same is not done to honor God and Christ Jesus, but rather to dishonor Them; and this is further proved by the fact that the Nazis have made this arrangement for their religious allies.

In the performance of what the aforementioned advertisement designates "the conduct of religious service", the officiating clergyman goes through a senseless ceremony and often utters words in a foreign language that no one present understands, and such is done to impress the people of his 'goodness and greatness'. It is no wonder that Jesus referred to such as hypocrites. Those men utter what they call prayers, but their prayers never get out even from the top of the ship, and certainly they never reach to the throne of heaven. These "officiating clergymen" repeat their "prayers", so called, over and over again, hoping by such means to put them across and get them even out of the ship. How ridiculous this whole matter appears to the Lord, and how nauseating it is to Jehovah God and Christ Jesus, is indicated by what Jesus said to His faithful disciples with reference to prayer. Said Jesus: "And when thou pray-

est, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are; for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do; for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask him."—Matthew 6: 5-8.

Thus it is seen that Jesus denounces such religious practice as hypocritical, performed to be seen of men; and this stamps with conclusive proof that the altars advertised in the Nazi ships are there for the purpose of helping religionists to carry on their racket.

Hypocrites are an abomination and despicable in the sight of the Lord, and hence they are doers of evil. The Lord so states. (Matthew 24: 48-51) Do the prayers of these hypocrites get out of the top of the ship and reach the Lord? The apostle Peter, who was a true follower of Christ Jesus and therefore a true worshiper of God, answers: "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles; that, whereas they speak against you as evil doers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."—1 Peter 2: 12.

It is stated that these altars are for the convenience of any and all clergymen, regardless of the denomination. The Jews hate the name of Jesus, and refuse to worship Him,

and therefore when the Jewish rabbi uses the altar he has to turn it around and use the other side. It would appear, then, that when the Catholic clergyman uses it, he would have to sprinkle a lot of 'holy water' on the altar to remove the objectionable things put there by the Jews, and when it comes to the Protestant preacher he would have to close his eyes to all. The whole matter appears so absolutely ridiculous that any sensible person can see that religious practice indulged in, like that described by the advertisement above mentioned, is a dishonor to God and to Christ Jesus, and should be avoided by all those who love righteousness and who want to go in the right way.

Recently the Hierarchy's alliance with Nazism has been exposed by this and kindred publications, and now the Hierarchy, the pope and the public press are trying to camouflage their position by publishing in America that the pope is against Nazism and Fascism. By so doing they fool some of the credulous Catholic population all the time, and thereby hold them in subjection. The statement of Abraham Lincoln, however, is certainly appropriate here: "You can fool some of the people all the time, and all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time." The time is here for the people to get their eyes open to the crookedness and hypocrisy of the religious racketeers. Sincere men will see that their hope must be centered only in Jehovah God and His kingdom under Christ Jesus. The people of good will will readily turn away from religion and become true Christians by being obedient to Jehovah's commandments.

Illinois

Poltergeist in Blue Island

◆ The *New Standard Dictionary* definition of *poltergeist* is:

A ghost or spirit that makes its presence known by any kind of clatter, such as knockings and the noises of moving objects.

The *New International Dictionary* definition of *poltergeist* is:

A noisy ghost; a spirit assumed as the explanation of rappings and other unexplained noises.

A Bible account of a case of poltergeist follows, but dictionary-makers have fallen under

the influence of the clergy and hence have no faith in the Bible, and their definitions suffer on that account. Poltergeist is nothing less than physical manifestations of unseen spirits, demons, devils, if you please.

In Blue Island, Illinois, 18 persons undertook to find out why beds carefully made in their presence were all tumbled up and the pillows thrown on the floor as soon as the door was closed. Meantime all windows and other means of approach to the room were

carefully locked. The newspapers did not know how to explain it, the preachers did not know how to explain it; and yet see how simple it is to explain such a phenomenon when one reads and believes the Word of God:

And when he came to his disciples, he saw a great multitude about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed; and running to him, saluted him. And he asked the scribes, What question ye with them? And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit. And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples, that they should cast him out; and they could not.

He answereth him, and saith, O faithless generation! how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long is it since this came unto him? And he said, Of a child: and ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing but by prayer and fasting.—Mark 9: 14-29.

Vivisection Tortures in Chicago

◆ During the year 1934 more than 6,300 dogs caught in the streets of Chicago were turned over to the torturers. Of these, 1,512 were surrendered to the University of Chicago, 1,476 to Northwestern University, 1,215 to the University of Illinois, and smaller numbers to four other institutions. When dogs are tortured at the leading hospital in Sydney, Australia, the vocal chords are cut, the same as at Wisconsin University. Tortures proceed with the same pleasure if a dog is pregnant as if otherwise.

Chicago Bookkeepers

◆ Chicago bookkeepers are in a class by themselves. They have to juggle the figures of their employers so that they will tell one story to the Federal government and another to the county assessors, and this requires great ability, especially since the county assessor now has access to the Federal income tax returns. Westbrook Pegler tells how one Chicago concern, reporting, in one kind of bookkeeping, no property at all in 1936, had \$414,000 worth, in another kind of bookkeeping, the next year. And a second concern that, in one kind of bookkeeping, had \$857 worth in 1936, had \$2,746,000 worth, in another kind of bookkeeping, a year later. Wherever a railroad or highway enters the city of Chicago a huge signboard should be erected bearing the cheerful slogan, "Abandon honesty, all ye who enter here."

At Jacksonville, Illinois

◆ At Jacksonville, Illinois, state hospital for the insane, twelve attendants were discharged for drunkenness and eleven others were suspended for fifteen days. These men had figured out quite a system. Inmates were solicited for loans, the proceeds of which were used in the drinking festivities, and when they wanted their money back they were told that the loans were merely figments of their disordered minds.

Chicago Police!!!

◆ Chicago police, encouraged by their Memorial Day massacre, produced in court a "confession" of Thomas McCall, owner of an engraving concern, that he had assaulted Virginia Austin in a hotel in that fair city. He was sentenced to prison for five years. After he had been in prison five months a colored boy confessed to assaulting Miss Austin and killing four other women. Nice police.

Waukegan's City Council

◆ The meeting of Waukegan, Ill., city council is no light affair. Everybody in the Waukegan administration attends. In fact, so many attended that while the meeting was in session burglars broke into the office of the city clerk, which is in the same building, and during the session somebody stole the car of one of the aldermen attending the meeting. It's great to be great.



UNDER THE TOTALITARIAN FLAG

The Pope as a Man of War

(Continued from No. 497, page 22)

◆ Says Miss J. M. C. Toynbee in a letter to the *New Statesman*, November 2, 1935:

Up to the present, the Church in Italy has enjoyed liberty of conscience and of action under Fascism which it would undoubtedly be deprived of if Communism or anti-clerical liberalism gained power.

In plain words this would mean that Pope Pius XI reasoned as follows: The Lateran accord of 1929 had wed the fate of the Catholic Church to Fascism. If Mussolini were to fail in his Ethiopian venture and if a liberal government were to replace Fascism, the Church would lose all the privileges gained through the concordat. The Church in Italy might even suffer the fate it has suffered in Russia, Mexico and Spain.



This is the only and true reason for the pope's attitude; it implies that whenever it will be called upon to choose between justice and peace on one hand and special privileges for the Church on the other, he will choose the latter.

Our Catholics, unable to use the only good explanation which was not true, nor the true one which was not good, insisted that the pope had maintained his neutrality throughout. Apart from the fact that this statement is at variance with truth, it is an indictment of the "shepherd and master" who had closed his lips while a moral problem was troubling the conscience of mankind.

The archbishop of Westminster undertook to prove that "neutrality" was not only inevitable for the pope, but also the only justifiable course. He refers to the pope as a defenseless old man entirely at the mercy of his neighbors. Can there be a more dishonorable defense? To think that the pope would abandon his duty to "guide and to instruct" simply because he was menaced by Mussolini's Fascist hordes!

But even this argument does not hold water. The same Pope Pius XI during the conflict with Mussolini did not hesitate to publish encyclicals directed against Il Duce.

To the question of how the pope could remain neutral "in the present case when a great power was preparing to perpetrate the greatest injustice by attacking a weaker nation without cause and in violation of solemn agreements", a Jesuit Father in America offered up this feeble justification: "The pope is intent upon finding a way to end this war as quickly as possible. If he were a judge instead of a 'pacifier', peace would be delayed much longer."

Many people believe that Mussolini has destroyed the edifice of international good will when he violated the covenant of the League of Nations.

With this view we cannot agree. The edifice of good will is not destroyed because the gangster follows his trade. It is threatened with destruction because policemen and judges whose duty it is to apprehend the gangster and punish him have joined him in his plottings. British and French diplomats who masqueraded as the police of the League of Nations were in reality Mussolini's accomplices. At the same time Pius XI, instead of making the force of his moral and spiritual protests felt, assisted Mussolini in every way and with every means.

It is only just to admit that some of the Catholic leaders outside of Italy have realized the immorality of Mussolini's actions. It is not less just to say they have attributed to the pope a policy which is the exact opposite of the policy which Pius XI has followed in this war.

Saint Bridget

◆ The McKeesport (Pa.) *Daily News* contains the information that St. Bridget is the patron saint of milk. Never heard of that before, but it is probably all O.K. Logically there should be some other "saint" to represent the tail that keeps the flies off the cow, and it would be no surprise to learn that there are several more "saints" looking after that end of the cow.

10,000 Boys and Girls

◆ More than ten thousand lovable and beautiful Spanish boys and girls had been killed up to the end of March by the German and Italian bombers under General Franco, and

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half as many more were wounded. The killed, as compiled by the minister of public health, were distributed as follows:

Madrid	879	Guadalajara and	
Barcelona	598	Madrid Provinces	1,879
Valencia	329	Jaen and Province	211
Asturias and Gijon	1,214	Ciudad Real,	
Santander and		Cuenca, and Alba-	
Province	1,247	ete Provinces	2,011
Bilbao and Basque		Catalonia (exclud-	
Provinces	694	ing Barcelona)	1,647

Could Do What Franco Did (?)

◆ To show what is in the back of Coughlin's head, just consider the following, remembering at the same time that it is the claim of the Roman Catholic Church that it is the one and only true church of Christ and that therefore none but Catholics are Christians:

We as Christians have been content to hold our own. We have not followed our leaders. We have not gone forth to do or die. I say that we Christians with a united front could go forth and do in one year in the United States what Franco has accomplished in Spain.—America's Fascist Windbag, the "Reverend Father" Charles E. Coughlin, in an address in St. Patrick's, Lagro, Indiana.

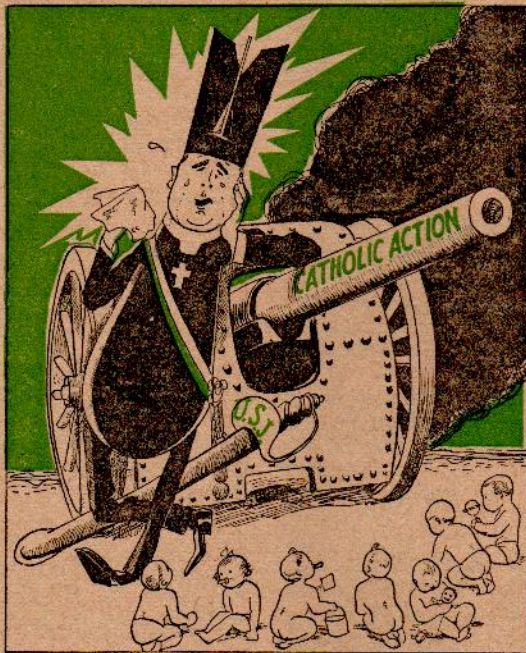
A Million Starving Children

Probably a million children undernourished, inadequately clothed, many dying from the slow torture of starvation, many sick and many wounded, and many fatherless and motherless and homeless and with no place to lay their heads.

Scores of thousands of children of tender age are slowly starving. Hundreds of thousands are dangerously undernourished and hundreds of thousands are inadequately clothed. Yes, two-thirds of the coming generation on which the future of a great, historic

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country rests are so gravely undernourished that their weakened bodies cannot withstand the attack of disease. Many thousands of nursing babies are suffering and dying from the lack of milk, and the nursing mothers themselves, existing on starvation rations, cannot furnish proper sustenance. Many actually have starved to death. Many have perished from exposure.—Claude G. Bowers, United States ambassador to Spain.



Coughlin deploring the decency of some in not going in for baby-killing a la Franco

Pressure on the Pope

◆ On March 18 Prime Minister Chamberlain told the British House of Commons that he viewed the Barcelona bombings of civilian populations with horror and disgust and that France was seeking to persuade the pope to make an appeal to stop further exhibitions of such terrorization. It may be added that the French appeal accomplished something; for the pope did shortly thereafter, for the looks of the thing, advise his star murderer, Franco, to desist from further bombing of cities, but, of course, the bombings went

right on afterwards, the same as before. The result, however, was to give many half-witted American editors a chance to spread-eagle in their papers the "kindness and tenderheartedness" of one of the most villainous and cruel monsters of history.

Pope Not in Politics (?)

◆ A short time ago the pope burst into print with a great wail that he was misunderstood by a certain Catholic writer who had denounced his political activities, and, in a pathetic cry to the newspapers and the Venerable Toadstools that sit in with him on his racket, he was not in politics, positively not. That lie lasted several weeks, which is a pretty good record for the Vatican. It was all upset by the following "Religious News Service" dis-

patch from London, under date of March 22, 1938, published in the *Pittsburgh Press* of that date. It tells its own story:

The contention of Cardinal Van Roey, Catholic primate of Belgium, that bishops are bound to make known to those under their authority their judgment on political ideals, and to favor or condemn political parties, has been approved by the pope.

Cardinal Van Roey had written to his clergy saying that the doctrinal, or governing act of the Hierarchy was binding in conscience from the very moment the religious authorities manifested their thought and will. This authority extended to the whole domain of salvation. Nor was the political sphere closed to it.

"The hierarchic authority is perfectly entitled to pronounce on any political party or political movement in so far as that party or movement opposes religious well-being or the precepts of Christian morals," added the cardinal.

He repudiated the suggestion that religious and non-religious affairs can be kept in separate watertight compartments.

In view of the controversy which raged over this pronouncement, and in view of the importance of the subject, the cardinal submitted his declaration to the pope.

In a letter to Cardinal Van Roey conveying to him the pope's approval, Cardinal Pacelli, Vatican secretary of state, said that the teaching of the Belgian primate is completely based on the great pontifical encyclicals which deal with present-day problems.

For "Freedom of Faith" Temple

◆ Michael Williams, editor of the Roman Catholic magazine *The Commonweal*, is strong for a "Freedom of Faith" temple at the World's Fair in New York.

Here are a few contributed suggestions:

Let one side of the building show in letters of fire the putting the screws on Gimbel Brothers' Philadelphia radio station WIP, forcing Judge Rutherford off the air. On the opposite side have Judge Holleran, of Irvington, making the judicial and tolerant statement to O. R. Moyle, counsel for Jehovah's witnesses: "I will stab you in the back every time I get a chance." In front have a picture of the scene at New Philadelphia, Pa., where the population was incited to assault Jehovah's witnesses, damage their cars, and tear up their literature. The rear scene could be Judge Frank Romano, of Hoboken, making a woman pay a fine of \$25 for being one of Jehovah's witnesses, and asking his political boss, who stood by his side at the time, if that would be all right. If these suggestions for the fa-

gades are acceptable, Jehovah's witnesses can supply a great variety of absolutely truthful scenes, enacted in almost every part of the United States, where freedom of faith to misuse and maltreat American citizens has been exercised to the limit. Freedom of Faith? Sure!

500 Criminal Careers

◆ A table in Glueck's *Five Hundred Criminal Careers* shows that every inmate of the Massachusetts Reformatory was a religious believer; 66.3 percent of the prisoners were Catholic, 28.6 percent Protestant, 3.9 percent Hebrew, and 1.2 percent adhered to other religions. The important fact established in this book is that out of 510 men who left the Massachusetts Reformatory during the years 1911-12, 80 percent were not reformed five to fifteen years later.—*The Truth Seeker*.

Gave His Friend a Black Eye

◆ When, at a Red Mass, at St. Charles Borromeo's Roman Catholic Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., "Reverend Father" William E. Cashin described the legal, medical and ministerial professions as "separate channels all from the same source" having for their purpose "making clear to men the will of God" he certainly gave a black eye to the medical and legal professions and also to his friend "the god of this world".—2 Corinthians 4:4.

The Official Baby-Killer

◆ Franco the Butcher, the official baby-killer, continues to make the headlines. As late as May 25, 1938, his planes bombed the civil population of Alicante, Spain. The principal objective was that of women lined up to buy food; of whom 250 were killed and 1,000 injured, 1 out of every 48 of the population.

The Children of Spain

◆ Refugees, fleeing before Franco's Moors, Italians and Germans, increased the population of Catalonia from 6,000,000 to 14,000,000. Many of these are children, of whom one-third are already tubercular. Except in the war area, most of the sick receive no care whatever.

Kansas City Catholics Tipped Off

◆ Under the claim of taking a census of Catholics in that territory Kansas City, Mo., was combed by Catholic workers and a little booklet entitled "The Truth About Catholics" was placed in each Protestant home, but no books were left in the homes of Catholics.

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By Trail and Stream and Garden Path—October Night



SALLY "IT'S a little chilly this evening," Sally remarked as she climbed over the top bar of a gate.

"Yes, there's frost in the air," replied Jane. "We'll be having snowflakes soon."

"Look at this big corn shock!" called Buddy. "Wish Bunny could be here."

"This is too long a walk for Bunny."

"Ouch!" cried Sally. "This stubble is hard on the feet."

"We'll sit down soon and rest a while."

"Jane, here's a strawstack. Let's climb up on top. It will be fun resting there."

"Fine! Does that suit you, Sally?"

"Yes, I'd like that."

Soon three figures were outlined against the sky, side by side, on top of the strawstack.

"The moon is so bright I can see a long way off," said Buddy.

"The stars are bright, too," added Sally.

"We should see some 'shooting stars' if we watch carefully."

"What makes them fall like that?" Sally asked.

"What we call 'shooting' or 'falling' stars are not really stars at all. They are meteors. They pass fairly close to us at times and we get a fleeting glimpse of them."

"I see the big dipper," Buddy announced, pointing skyward. "And there's the North Star."

"And across there is the Milky Way," murmured Jane.

"Where?" asked Sally.

"Across the sky—there, that whitish or milky streak."

"What makes it there?" questioned Buddy.

"It is made of a great number of stars so far away that they seem to us to be quite close together, and the light from them makes a streak or band around the heavens."

"That's funny," Buddy said to himself as he leaned far backward to trace the branches of the Milky Way.

"Such beauty!" sighed Jane. "And look across there, where the moon makes dark shadows and light spots all among the rows of corn shocks."

Suddenly a strange cry sounded from the clump of trees in the hollow some distance away.

Sally shuddered. "What was that?"

Buddy laughed. "That was only a little screech owl. Listen. Hear him?"

"Well, I don't like it," answered Sally. "It's the creepiest sound I ever heard."

"We have company," said Jane, "right at our feet."

"Where?" asked Buddy.

"I don't see a thing," declared Sally.

"Neither do I," replied Jane. "But buried out of sight in the straw, just near the toe of my shoe, is a little black cricket. He is quiet now, but in a moment we will hear him again."

"I hear him, now," Buddy whispered. "Only maybe I ought to say, 'I hear her.'"

"No, 'him' is right. You see, the female cricket does not sing. She leaves that up to the head of the house."

"Where do crickets stay in winter?" asked Buddy.

"When winter comes," answered Jane, "most crickets die. But in the ground are laid eggs which will hatch the next spring."

"How do crickets sing?" Buddy wanted to know.

"Perhaps singing is not quite the word for it," answered Jane. "Though we speak of the cricket as a singing insect, he really is a—well, let us say a violinist. By rubbing two little wings together, as a violinist draws a bow across the strings, he makes the sound which we call his 'song'."

"How wonderful!" breathed Sally. "However he does it, I like to hear him."

"He is a cheery little fellow," Jane replied.

"We'd better be going home now," said Sally.

"Let's slide down the strawstack," cried Buddy.

"I never slid down one," said Sally.

"There's nothing to it," answered Jane. "Stick out your feet, hold up your arms, and away you go!"

"There!" laughed Jane, as they reached the ground. "Wasn't that fun?"

"Oh, yes!" cried Sally.—Contributed.

Black Widow Spider's Eggs



The black widow spider lays her eggs enclosed in a neat paper-like bag of silk. When the eggs are hatched the little spiders, hundreds of them, come forth from a little hole in the bag.

Natural Phenomena

"The Whole County's on Fire"

◆ Early on the morning of January 22, 1938, the telephone bell rang, the assistant county fire warden at Santa Paula, Calif., leaped from bed to hear an excited voice at the other end of the line say, "The whole county's on fire." The fire warden jumped into his automobile (this was at 3:00 a.m.) and drove thirty miles before he discovered that he was trying to locate and put out the most beautiful display of the aurora borealis California has seen in many years. San Diego thought a great fire was roaring. At many other places the people were routed out of bed thinking that some great conflagration was under way.

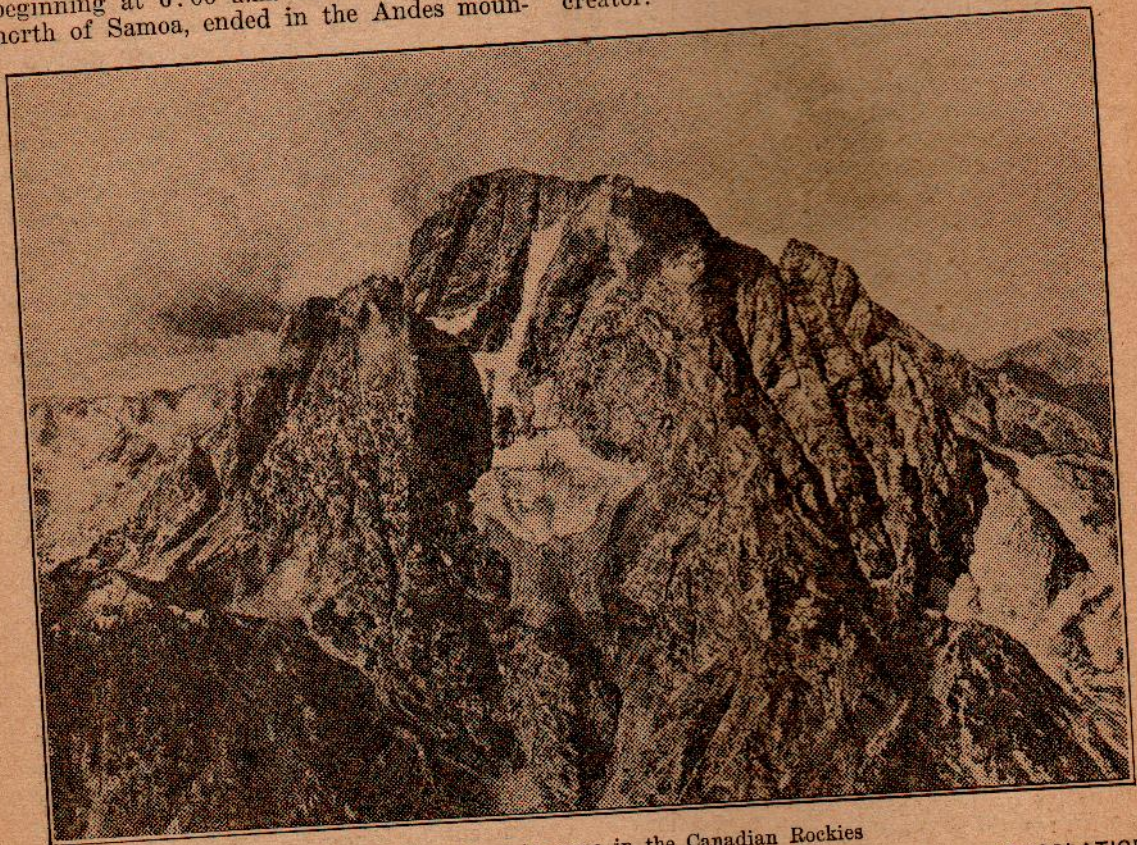
Eclipse 'Ended the Day Before It Began'

◆ Owing to the fact that the path of the longest eclipse of the sun in 1,238 years crossed the international date line, the eclipse beginning at 6:00 a.m. on June 9, a little north of Samoa, ended in the Andes moun-

tains of Peru in the late afternoon of June 8. Now try to explain that to somebody.

The Canadian Rockies

◆ When speaking of the Rocky mountains one is prone to limit the term to the western mountains of the United States, forgetting that they continue on into Canada and Alaska, forming one general chain or system, and lose themselves, as it were, in the Aleutian islands, which may be viewed as a series of submerged peaks. The Canadian Rockies, though not as high as those of the United States, equal the latter in impressive grandeur and beauty, and in some sections present scenic effects that are awe-inspiring and impressive in a manner rivaling, if not excelling, that of the United States chain. The photograph on this page presents an illustration of the rugged character of these majestic peaks, which stand as silent witnesses to the glory of an almighty creator.




A majestic mountain scene in the Canadian Rockies

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Britain

Britain's Fascist Premier

 "I am no Fascist," declares Mr. Neville Chamberlain on the first anniversary of his premiership. We welcome the disavowal. But actions speak louder than affirmations. The country, gravely disquieted by the events of the past twelve months, will expect Mr. Chamberlain to answer for his record of deeds.

In one speech, he destroyed the Collective Peace system built up and preserved by seventeen years of toilsome advocacy and sacrificing effort. He denounced Great Britain's solemn pledges by throwing unconquered Abyssinia to the Fascist aggressors. He tore up more solemn treaties and stood aside when Hitler, by the process of undeclared war, turned Austria into a Nazi hell. He shirks action to end Japanese militarism's rape of China. He continues to flout international law by refusing Spanish democracy the arms it needs to defeat Fascist invasion. He negotiates with Mussolini a pact which postulates the murder of Spanish democracy.

When his actions force members of his own government to revolt, he promotes notorious pro-Fascists to high office in the State.

Mr. Chamberlain has not destroyed Collective Peace, denied the League the moral strength which he complains it lacks and struck a mortal blow at European democracy because he is a pacifist. He has entered into vague commitments with France and Belgium. He tells the British people that, if necessary, he will involve them in war for Portugal, for Iraq, for Egypt and for the inalienable right of British investors to rob the native populations of Jamaica and Trinidad. In respect of these commitments, he piles

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up a burden of armaments threatening the home country with bankruptcy.

What, then, is Mr. Chamberlain's policy? It is to do a deal with Europe's dictators, to strengthen Fascism everywhere, whatever the cost, now and in the future, to our peace and our democracy.

Is the country behind this policy? It is not. Mr. Chamberlain stamps upon the election pledges of his own party. He mocks political

democracy. However he chooses to describe himself, that is the record he is called upon to answer. — *Reynolds' News*.

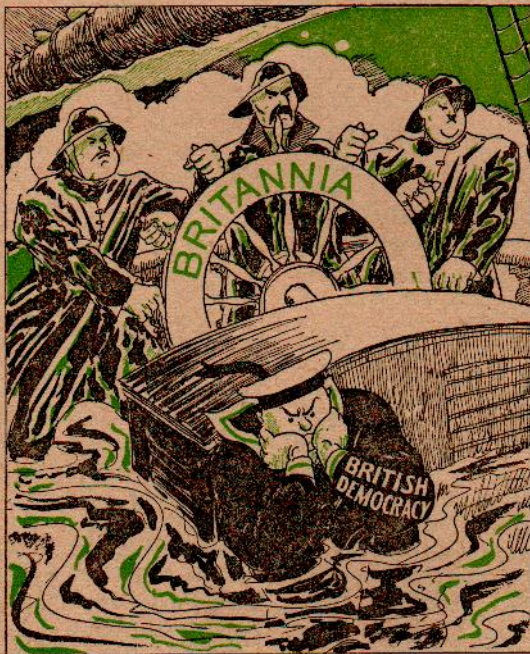
Mussolini's Clever Squeezes

The Washington Merry-Go-Round draws attention to Mussolini's skill as a squeezer. To help the Japanese aggression in China he started the submarine piracy in the Mediterranean, so as to keep British ships from going east. More recently. Just now he embarrasses France by placing Italian troops on the border of Tunis, in which land Italy has more Italians than France has French.

The squeeze in this instance was to keep France from helping Czechoslovakia. France itself is in peril from the German-Italian airdromes in Spain just south of the French border. The airdromes are reported to be 300 feet underground, impervious to bombing, and they are closed to Spaniards.

Mexico's Taunt to Britain

◆ Britain insisted on immediate payment of an \$85,000 claims annuity. Mexico complied with the demand, at the same time recalling its envoy in London and taunting the British government by reminding Britannia of her large and overdue debt to the United States.



Never a lack of a helmsman

Story of the Market-House

◆ In the parish of St. Peter, island of Guernsey, marketing was carried on in ill-protected stalls around the church square. The losses to vendors by rains and the inconvenience to buyers made the need of a covered market-house keenly felt and some public-spirited citizen took the matter in hand to have one built. An estimate of the size of house required brought its approximate cost in money to \$22,000, and to raise this amount of money became the question with the promoters of the scheme. It was a question, however, of easy solution, as they had thousands of precedents. They drew up a petition setting forth the need of a market-house and desiring the governor to issue interest-bearing bonds, to be negotiated in Paris or London for the money wherewith to erect the building. To said petition were appended the signatures of some three hundred householders in the parish, and a committee was appointed to present the same to Gov. Brock.

A MONEY INFIDEL!

It happened that, while the people were money-worshippers, that is, believed in the omnipotence of money, Governor Brock, on the contrary, was a money infidel, that is, did not believe that money was able to do the least thing. Consequently, when the people presented the petition, superstition and science came into conflict. The governor set to work, with arguments, to prevent the citizens from going into debt and becoming tributary to bankers in Paris or London. After explaining to the committee that all the money in the world could not make nor lay a brick, could not plane nor nail a plank in the proposed market-house, with little effect, he finally struck the right way and reached their understanding as follows:

A TERRIBLE COMMUNIST!

"Will you permit me," he asked the committee, "to place before you some very simple questions?" Then, continuing, "Have we the necessary number of mechanics to build the said house?" The committee replied that they had, adding that, owing to dull times, many workers were out of employment and would be glad to have jobs. This reply the governor put down on paper, summarily thus: "We have the men." He then asked about the materials—rocks, bricks, lumber, lime, sand, tools, teams, as well as all the requisites to be found

to maintain the men and teams while the work was being executed. To all these questions the committee had to reply affirmatively, because the whole was to be found in the parish. The governor set down on his list each in the order given. Holding, then, the list in his hands, he, with full assurance of being in the right, addressed the committee as follows: "Here you tell me that we have among ourselves everything needed to build the market-house, yet you desire me to bond you to bankers for a material which is of no manner of use in the construction of the house. Strange anomaly!" . . .

THE "MONEY MYTH"

"It is true," remarked one of the committee, "that we have men and materials, but we lack the money to pay the men and to buy the materials."

"Friends," replied the governor, "when a man gets paid for work done or materials furnished, it means he has worked for others and sold the materials. Is it your intention to build a house for bankers? If so, then you are right in demanding pay from those bankers. But, in such case, you should not place yourselves under bondage besides. If those bankers pay you for the house, and hold you in bondage also, demanding annual tribute, they will soon have both the house and the money they paid you. It will be no relief to say that we make the renters of the market-house pay tribute to the bankers. The renters will be a part of us, and they will demand of their customers that tribute in higher prices for goods. So we jointly will have to pay tribute in perpetuity for an article which, as I said, is of no use to us. Allow me, gentlemen, to propose a better plan for building our market-house. Having, as you avow, men and materials, all that is necessary in the case is to keep account of each man's contributions of work or materials. In the future, we may balance equitably the expenses of the building. Instead of bonds, I will issue \$22,000 market-house scrips, of different denominations (as money), and with these pay the men and purchase the materials, then make these scrips receivable at par with legal tender money for the rent of the stalls."

THEY DID IT!

The committee, after some hesitation, assented to the governor's plan. Most of the citizens also agreed to it. The "scrips" were

issued, the materials procured, the men put to work, the building erected, and the stalls rented. The scrips circulated in the island at par. Every month's rent reduced their quantity, and in less than ten years all were back in the public treasury and stamped "Canceled", and thus ended the life of the Guernsey Market-House scrips. The house had been built, the contributions of materials and work were now all paid with the goods they had purchased at the market-house, or indirectly elsewhere, and not one cent lost to the people in discounting bonds or interest.

AND IT WORKED

Now for a word as to how this plan worked in Fairhope, Alabama: In their early days in the wilderness, on the eastern shore of Mobile bay, without railroad facilities or other means of intercourse with the outside world, the people's isolation was keenly felt and a boat wharf was urgently needed where passing steamers could load and unload their cargoes. The colony was growing and the need of a wharf was with every passing day more apparent. Finally someone suggested, "Use the Guernsey Market-House plan and build the wharf." The plan was looked up and adopted as the only rational way out. The scrips were issued in various denominations, the materials purchased, men hired and set to work, and the wharf was built. Its use eventually paid for itself.—*The Epic News*.

Lying All the Time

◆ Mussolini is still leading us up the garden path. Not a word he says can we believe, and he will cheat Mr. Chamberlain yet. I think Mr. Chamberlain has a subconscious sympathy with Fascist governments in other parts of the world. I think he is that sort of man. Mussolini has been lying all the time. That is Fascism, which believes in lying as a deliberate instrument of safe policy. — Herbert Morrison, British M.P., in an address at Crewe.

Fewer New Cars on the Road

◆ The production of private cars for the nine months ending June showed a decrease of approximately 10 percent on the corresponding period for last year, the figures being 275,000 in 1938 as against 309,000 last year. So states the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Commercial vehicles showed a similar decline, from 91,000 in 1937 to 82,000 in 1938.

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"Anti-Blasphemy Bill"



There could be no greater blasphemy than to speak in the name of Jehovah God and teach one lie right after another in absolute defiance and contradiction of His own Word, the Holy Scriptures, but Britain is liable now to have a law which will make it legal to continue to repeat the blasphemous lies and illegal to correct them. The bill called the "Aliens Restriction Bill", presented by Captain Ramsay of Scotland, and formally read in parliament a first time, is alleged in the public press to be intended—

to prevent the participation by aliens in assemblies for the purpose of propagating blasphemous or atheistic doctrines or in other activities calculated to interfere with the established religious institutions of Great Britain.

The object of the bill is so plain that any child familiar with the truth could see through it. The truth regarding God's kingdom and the Devil's kingdoms (of which Great Britain is one), regarding the immortality of the soul, the resurrection, the trinity, the church, the higher powers, the clergy, etc., is so offensive to "the established religious institutions of Great Britain" that something must be done to prevent stirring up the dirt of the Augean stables in which such religious institutions have wallowed for centuries. It will be held that to tell the truth regarding blasphemies is itself blasphemy.

How Does It Come?

◆ How does it come that the Presbyterian Free Church College at Edinburgh could teach its budding preachers the Darwinian, unscriptural, unscientific and foolish guessing as to the creation of man and did nothing to correct it until the Assembly of the Free Church received four protests from congregations that had been taught the idiotic stuff by preachers sent to them? When the cat got out of the bag there was a hurried and secret meeting of the assembly at which they had to decide the question whether to stand by Darwin, as previously, or by the Bible, merely using it as a bread ticket to protect their racket.

Good Advice 250 Years Old

◆ People seldom read a book that is given to them. The way to spread a book is to sell it at a low price. No man will send for and buy a thing that costs even sixpence without an intention to read it. — Samuel Johnson.



British Comment

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Mussolini and Britain

● Il Duce stopped the Italian anti-British radio propaganda when he and Mr. Chamberlain agreed to the pact between the two nations: it was one of the conditions of the pact that this should be done. The pact, however, was not to become operative until Italian troops were withdrawn from Spain. Mussolini has not withdrawn his troops, except those unable to carry on the war in Franco's aid, and it is well known that the Italians in Spain have been reinforced by new arrivals from Italy. But if Il Duce stopped the anti-British propaganda amongst the Arabs he has begun a new way of hitting at Britain. At least this is credibly suggested by a well-known publicist. It is Mussolini's anti-Jew menace. His newspaper more than hints at an understanding between Britain and the Jews, and claims that a working agreement exists with the Jews to get world control. As no paper in Italy (or in Germany) is allowed to print other than that which is inspired or given out by the rulers, this is evidently designed to have an embittering effect on the Arabs, that is, on the Moslem world, and will have the same effect as Mussolini's direct attacks, now professed to be dropped.

German Army Mobilization

● The unusually extensive mobilization of Germany's army and of transport material for the annual maneuvers has caused much comment and a measure of concern in this country, more particularly, of course, among those who are responsible for its affairs. The Paris newspapers, following the lead of most of their politicians, said Hitler's action was a great bluff; but as the mobilization increased in size, and in view of the location of the army, on the Rhine border and on the borders of Czechoslovakia, they became less sure of that. The London papers took much the same view, and in this they probably represent the general feeling of the people; all the same, suspicion and uneasiness has obtained. Hitler has his admirers in the popular press. What Hitler

meant by the large size of his mobilization and the unusually long time in which his army was in the field—at a cost estimated by some at £500,000 a day—was probably not known by anyone, perhaps not by himself. What he would like to do, and purposes some day to accomplish, is well enough known; for he has published that to the world. So long as he is guided by the voices and the thoughts of the demons, he is subject to them, and will go contrary to expectation or to reason and without regard to others if his way is at all open to him. In the meantime Britain is thrown into enormous expense in its purpose to make itself strong against the evil day of war, which the country believes will come soon or late. The preparation is providing work for many who otherwise would be unemployed and chargeable to the country, and this serves to hide the fact that the trade of the country is not sufficient to maintain the workers, and the fact that it is dwindling in bulk and value.

General Franco and Britain

● Franco kept the British Government waiting more than a month before he acknowledged their proposals for the withdrawal of foreign "volunteers" from Spain, upon which depended the operation of the Anglo-Italian agreement, and which purported to lessen the danger of the Spanish war involving all Europe. When he replied he intimated that his counter proposals were not settled, but that he would respond when ready "in a friendly and sympathetic" manner. After more delay he put forward proposals which if accepted would nullify the work of the Non-Intervention Committee, and make the British proposals useless. He wants belligerent rights at once, and concedes the withdrawal of a larger number of foreign volunteers if his proposals are agreed to. Franco believes he could bring his venture to an early successful conclusion if belligerent rights were granted to the Spanish contestants. Either side would then have power to stop and search ships around the Spanish coast or on the high seas; either side could blockade the other's ports, and ships carrying war materials could be seized as prizes of war. It is said that most of the war supplies which reach the Spanish Government forces arrive by sea.

Some think and say it was Mussolini's hand that guided Franco in his reply, and suggest that Mussolini intended to make Spain a vital matter of preoccupation for Britain and

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France while Hitler was perfecting his schemes for seizing Czechoslovakia.

British Communists

● The British Communist party has published some figures concerning itself. When it was first established, in 1920, and for some years afterwards, it was subsidized by Moscow, and its membership did not exceed 5,000. It doubled its numbers during the long coal strike of 1921, and increased in the long labor struggle which culminated in the general strike of 1926. Afterwards the numbers fell to about 3,000, and the party was in a bad way: its leaders were at variance, and Moscow was critical. In 1935 it had no more than 6,500 members; but now it reports 15,750, a large increase. Their report says, "The proportion of unemployed among the membership is small. Since its last congress the influence of the party has grown considerably among wide sections of the middle class and professional people; has increased among university students and is now firmly entrenched in the most important universities." The report has some comments on the Government's air-raid precautions, and describes them as "an attempt on the part of the Government to give the people of the country, at the lowest possible cost, an illusion that they are being protected".

The Churches and the Parsons

● These have been out of the headlines of late. They had their spate of talk, which amounted to nothing. The call to religion fell flat, and their attempt to make something out of the "open Bible" anniversary probably benefited only the Bible sellers. The churches are losing the confidence of the people more all the time. What little is heard of the parsons indicates that they are getting ready to throw in with the army if it must be mobilized for war. They would be pacifists, of course, for the days when the bishops led armies into war are long since gone; but there would be the 'spiritual welfare' of the poor fellows to be looked to, and the call to try to help the men from getting more beast-like than war of necessity makes them. When war comes the parsons are certain to find it a "righteous cause" into which they can throw themselves.

Prayers

● When the preachers say prayers in congregation, to whom do they address them?

The prayers of the larger church organizations are fixed for the clergy, and they must be repeated according to the set form of words. As the form of worship is merely formal and gone through as such, the sentiments of the prayers expressed in fine words meet the requirements of the congregation. The Nonconformist preacher is not bound to set words, but his extempore form of prayer must be couched in fine phrase and words or it is not acceptable to his congregation, which means very frequently that the prayers are "delivered" to the congregation. All such formality of prayer means that they reach no farther, nor go higher than the range of the speaker's voice. At the recent Keswick convention of professed Christians—an annual event, begun by a Church of England clergyman about forty years ago, and kept alive as an annual holiday event—one of the speakers of prayers for missionary work in Africa thanked God "for the fine motor roads in Africa" and prayed God "so to move the hearts of these Christians who can afford luxurious cars that they may help to provide thy servants with mechanical transport". There were very many fine cars parked around the meeting places, and no doubt the speaker expected to get a thrust in sideways. If these men were not blinded by religion they would get a chance to perceive the wrongness of their professed following of Christ. There is a prayer set by the Lord himself for His disciples which covers the greater portion of the needs of those who follow Christ, whether individually or when they meet together for worship. But these huge religionist organizations, which are by no means under the care of God, require much money for their upkeep, and requests for money in the form of prayer to God are among the many means they use to get it. There are other means used, and always under some pressure, so that, as Judge Rutherford has said, religion is the greatest racket the world has known.

Manufacturers' and Distributors' Profits

● The large stores and multiple shop businesses, distributors of general and household goods and sundries, have reported large profits and dividends; some of the figures are surprisingly large. The *Labour Research* journal says, "These rates of dividend, however, in many cases conceal the full magnitude of the profits made." It instances the English Woolworth concern which in its last financial year

reported a profit of £6,781,202, "much of it on shares distributed as bonus in previous years, a profit seventy times as large as the total original English capital, and which means that for every pound held in ordinary shares in 1912 an annual income of £6,750 is now being paid." Another, a competing firm, paid out a 40-percent dividend on a capital of £3,100,000; Boot's Pure Drug company paid 30 percent—this business controls 1,170 shops in Great Britain.

The conditions of employment in the distributive trades are marked by long hours, low wages, insecure and blind employment, and the large number of juvenile and female workers who are engaged in the industry. In the House of Commons R. J. Davies said, "I myself made an inquiry recently in a large city in the North, which showed that it is not uncommon for adult women to be employed at a wage of 15/- [\$3.65] a week, before deductions are made for the meals they are expected to take in the establishment."

The manufacturers have not done so badly. Whether or not they act fairly with their customers cannot always be known. A Glasgow man who has been collecting data for many years (so *Reynolds' News* says) on the practice of unscrupulous manufacturers of pillows and bedding, filling them with injurious and dirty materials, has after many years got the minister of health to investigate the matter. A Rag Flock Act passed in 1911 stopped some of the practices then used by manufacturers; but a loop hole in the Act allows such to fill mattresses and pillows with dirty feathers, human hair and even seaweed. There is no regulation in this country, he says, that prohibits the use of secondhand hog and horse hair from being used in bedding, and from data he has collected, he says, he knows that thousands of tons of such hair are put into 'new' articles of furniture. Old feathers, fifty years old, are used in pillows and sold as new. Britain is the dumping ground for this rubbish. He mentions a consignment of unwashed human hair from China which was imported for upholstery, but the use of which for that purpose he was the means of preventing. We have seen a mattress cut open which disclosed old corsets only partly ripped up, and various other old clothing, and which mattress had been purchased from a reputable store. Before the above-mentioned Rag Flock Act came into operation there was a great business done

in the importation of old clothing gathered from all parts of the world. The garments of all descriptions were put into a "devil" disintegrator, torn into bits, further treated in order to make the material look somewhat like wool flocks for bedding.

Unemployment

• A. V. Alexander, M.P., told a meeting of a Co-operative summer school that "despite the heavy expenditure on arms, involving the employment of nearly one million people, there are today 1,800,000 unemployed". He added, "And despite six years of protection, restrictions and quotas, the balance of trade against Britain is much more serious than it was in 1931. If the argument for protection really held good, then we ought to have seen it largely reduced in volume since 1931, and no serious decline in employment."

Labor

• It is reported that British shipyards are short of work: new contracts for merchant ships are scarce; there are not as many as trade conditions would call for. At the same time shipyards on the Continent are booking valuable orders from British shipowners. It is estimated that orders amounting to £4,000,000 have recently been placed by British firms with shipbuilders in Holland, Germany and Scandinavia. British building costs are high in comparison with those on the Continent. Wages costs enter into the matter, but the cost of materials is perhaps the chief item. War preparations are responsible for higher costs in almost all material, and those who have an opportunity of making something extra while the going is good are ready for the chance. It is said that the home yards which specialize in the building of vessels for the British coastal trade are feeling the shortage of work. They can build vessels second to none; but they are undercut in price by foreign builders, who get the work. Money knows nothing of the patriotism which is so loudly applauded by some of those who could help. It must be admitted that no nation can live to itself, and there must be give and take both in international trade and in work. The noisy propaganda "Buy British" of a few years ago probably did as much harm to the country as it did good to the local trade; and some of the stores that covered their windows with this show of patriotism kept their shelves well laden with "foreign" produce.

Spring Green — Cover Design for This Number

IT IS hard for those who live in the northern hemisphere to realize that in the other half of the world *Consolation* subscribers are enjoying the full evidences of Spring. Yet that is the case, and in Australia, where there are many enthusiastic boosters of this journal, they are looking forward to all that spring and summer mean, while here, in North America, as well as in England, readers are preparing for the siege of winter and consoling themselves with the thought of pleasant evenings spent in the warmth of the home reading a certain magazine, which modesty causes one to refrain from mentioning more particularly.

Last winter the cover illustrations were all decidedly wintry in outlook, and so, by way of contrast and variety, Spring Green appears in October, as it does in Australia, New Zealand and, of course, South Africa; though these lands, and particularly Africa, are so much closer to the equator than is New York that perhaps their readers will smile a little at the enthusiasm with which dwellers in more

temperate zones hail the advent of Spring. And even then, sometimes Spring is a little disappointing, as when it is colder than it by right should be. At such times the odes of welcome may be somewhat subdued, as, for instance, the following:

Sprig, sprig, O joyous sprig!
Of thee I faid would loudly sig.
The labkid gabbols od the greed,
To keeb hibself a liddle warb I weed.

So one hopes that Spring in the remote southern climes is just a little more genial and that, though it marks no great variation in temperature, yet it comes with accompaniments that make it welcome none the less.

Whether the illustration approximates scenes in those regions where Spring is now an actuality is, of course, uncertain. It at least is representative of the American and English countryside, and since the southern lands mentioned are also inhabited by English-speaking peoples, the illustration may not lack the appeal of the familiar.

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THE MESSENGER is not a regular publication of the Society. It is put out from time to time by the Watch Tower when it has a very special message to all people of good will. This time it has 64 pages, of the same size as *Consolation*. It will contain a complete report of the world-wide convention of Jehovah's witnesses and the reaction of the people to Judge Rutherford's lecture "FACE THE FACTS", which was heard by more than 150,000 persons assembled in auditoriums throughout the English-speaking world, in addition to the millions who heard by radio. A lot of things happened during

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