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Bible Thought for Today

SAFETY WHILE ASLEEP:—I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, Lord, only makest me dwell in safety.—Psalm 4:8.

The Margin of Dullness

Roger Babson sober business statistician, remarks in a current business review, that "business today is still running but 80 per cent of normal, as compared with the low of 72 per cent reached last March."

To anyone who does not follow the course of business with the statistician's scientific method and constitutional calm, these figures may appear surprising in their moderation. Mr. Babson seems mildly annoyed that the volume of business just now should be only 80 per cent of normal. To most people it would not have occurred that business was at so high a level.

It is all a question of perspective. There is usually a belief, in time of depression, that the bottom has literally dropped out of industry and trade, and that the business activity is reduced to a mere fraction of its normal volume. The fact is that it is the amount of reduction which constitutes the mere fraction.

The lowest mark reached by business during the present period of dullness, according to Mr. Babson's figures, was 72 per cent. That is to say, normal business activity shrunk a little more than one-fourth. There is four-fifths as much production and distribution, industry and trade, going on now as there is in normal times.

The margin of dullness is greatly magnified in the public mind, and likewise in the mind of the average business man. The margin has already been diminished by 8 per cent in the last six months. If the facts were more clearly recognized, perhaps it would be easier to wipe out this remaining margin of 20 per cent that stands between hard times and good times.

The Freedom-Seeking Emma

Emma Goldman has informed a newspaper correspondent that she is coming back to America soon. "My country," she calls it.

This is not the first time Emma has announced such an intention, and each time she has explained it by declaring there is far more freedom in the United States than in Soviet Russia, where the doctrines in which she revels have had their finest flowering.

According to her own admission, her views on anarchism and violence have not changed. She still advocates both, but she finds the advocating easier in the United States. She even protests sadly, "Why, here in Russia I'm not even allowed to print anarchist literature!" From which it might be hinted that Uncle Sam could learn something about the control of anarchists from the home of anarchy itself.

The United States wants nothing of Emma Goldman, her side-partner, Berkman, who also casts his eyes this way, nor any of their ilk. They may try to come back, but putting it over would be another story. And even if they evaded the vigilant Department of Justice long enough to sneak in their stay would be discouragingly brief.

Fifty degrees below zero eight miles up, and no air to breathe. The recent aviators find out about the upper regions, the less old-fashioned ideas of heaven appeal to us.

And we used to call movies "the silent drama."

LUCKY SEADOG

DUNKIRK, France, Oct. 5—Lancelle Puech, for 20 years a sailor, recently was discharged at Ghert and came to Dunkirk in order to ship again. He had been two weeks ashore and having spent his money like the proverbial sailor was flat broke when he called at the shipping agents.

"We have been looking for you for four years," said the clerk after scanning the sailor's papers. Puech looked uneasy as he followed a gendarme to the office of a notary public.

"Your uncle Sicard, who left for Argentine 50 years ago, died in 1917. He leaves you 28,000,000 francs," the notary told Puech.

Puech says he is going to buy a ship of his own.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIUS—

BEWARE!

There are rings of every fashion,
There are rings of every kind,
There are rings that make you love the giver,
There are rings that make you change your mind;
But the rings that seem to cause the trouble—
Cause the heartaches and a lawsuit brings,
Are the rings that "Dearies" give their sweethearts,
And we call them engagement rings.

UP TO DATE

"This morning," said the teacher of an early Sunday school class, "the subject of the lesson is Ruth the gleaner. Who can tell me anything about Ruth"

A small boy raised his hand.

"Well Willie," said the teacher encouragingly, "What do you know about Ruth?"

And Willie piped out in a shrill little voice: "He cleaned up fifty-four home runs last season."

A great many people object to paying the amusement tax after they are disgusted instead of amused.

It's dollars to doughnuts that the husband of the woman who nurses a poodle leads more of a dog's life than the poodle.

IN REAL LIFE

A voice called up the tube
"I am Opportunity. I want Mr. Wampum."
"Next flat," sighed the man, and went back to figuring on his income tax.

SHINE, BOSS?

Right on top of those concrete boot-blacks who are building a million dollar hotel with the proceeds of their brushes, comes the story of one David Boles of Greenwich, Conn., who got a good shine for $2000 the other day by the simple expedient of using his shoe as a bank and forgetting to remove his roll when he sent the shoes out to be cleaned up. He shared somewhat in said clean up himself.

We are dissatisfied with ourselves in meeting a man with less sense who earns more than we do until we meet another man with less sense who earns less.

In future years, both parties will brag about winning the war, but it is doubtful if either will brag about the shipping board.

POME

If news would hear
A lie would lack a handle;
It needs both tongue and ear
To make a scandal.

REFUSED TO BE SCARED

PARIS, Oct. 5—When the daily Strasbourg to Paris passenger and mail airplane crashed to the ground at Le Bourget, a few days ago, killing the four passengers and the pilot, newspapers here said it would mean business for the air-line for a little time to come.

The next day, two airplanes belonging to the same company left at noon, one for Strasbourg and the other for Prague. They carried their full quota of passengers, most of whom were reading the morning papers giving full accounts of the smash-up of the airplane the wreckage of which was in plain sight of the travellers about 100 yards away from the taking-off point.

Two passengers were refused as no accommodation could be found for them.

NEW HARMONY SCHEME FOUND

Senator Kenyon Has a Dream of How to Bring Labor and Capital into Close Relationship.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Legislation to establish a federal tribunal of industrial relations to bring capital and labor into more harmonious action was said to be under consideration by members of the senate education and labor committee. Such a tribunal has been suggested by Chairman Kenyon, of the committee.

The plan, which proposes a federal "supreme court of industry" with decrees enforced by public opinion and not through penal statutes, is to be brought up in connection with the committee's report on the West Virginia mine disorders. Senator Kenyon is chairman of the subcommittee conducting this inquiry.

Explaining his plan Tuesday, Senator Kenyon said that it contemplated enactment of an industrial code, defining unquestioned rights of both labor and capital. The code would grant rights of collective bargaining, peaceful picketing, and immunize non-union men from interference.

A fundamental of the plan and its only compulsion by statute, Senator Kenyon said, would be prohibition of strikes during periods of investigation by the federal tribunal. This is similar to the Canadian law. Senator Kenyon plans after consultation with and adoption by other labor committee members, to introduce a bill containing the outlines of the plan.

Disease Delayed.

One curious point which is shown in insurance tables is that those organic diseases which are so frequent in middle life develop at a period from five to ten years later than they did fifty years ago.

QUALITY.
The name card on most suits of clothes is sewed on better than the buttons.
Moral:
Have them tailored right and to your measure.
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THE OREGON
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THE QUALITY STORE

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Thursday and Friday at WEST'S

Each season we start a series of bargain days—always on Thursday and Friday. Here are listed special offerings for the first event—featuring many wanted and seasonable things at prices that are very, very special, and thrifty women will take advantage of them. Please bear in mind that quantities listed here are very often limited, and when they are exhausted will not be replaced—hence our advice is to

Shop early on Thursday and Friday

COTTON
BLANKETS
64x76
$1.98

Special for Thursday and Friday only—these cotton blankets of exceptionally good quality, good full size, 64x76. Regular selling price is $2.50. In gray, blue, tan or white—Your choice for Thursday or Friday $1.98.
Mail orders filled.

68x80
COTTON
BLANKETS
$2.58

Special for our bargain days. Large size cotton blankets of good weight, in gray, white or tan—and remember Thursday or Friday only. Choice $2.58.
Mail orders filled.

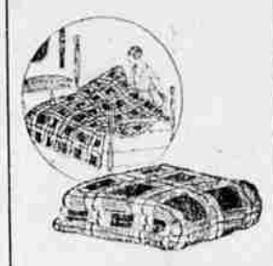
785 Pairs
Brown Mercerized Lisle Hose
Special at 29c a pair

Every woman in LaGrande should supply her needs from this lot to go on sale in the morning. They are a fine grade lisle, reinforced heel and toe, full length — seconds of our regular 50c hose. Some have slight defects, that in no way hinder the wear — others are slightly over weight, and still others are an "off color." But all are exceptional values in every day hose. In all sizes — brown and black only. While any remain at 29c pair.

SALE OF LADIES'
SHOES
Some "Armstrongs" in the lot
$5.90

Here are values ranging from $8.50 up to $12.50 in ladies' shoes. These are odd lots and broken sizes of some of our best shoes, both Cuban and Louis heels. Many of our famous ARMSTRONG make are included in this sale—shoes that sold one year ago for $17.50 and have been remarked to $12.50—others are of dependable makes, and represent exceptional values. The sizes are greatly broken and lots limited but early shoppers will find some wonderful bargains.
Choice while they last at $5.90 pair.
No exchanges, refunds or layaways.

Full Sized
COMFORTS
Special at
$3.29



These are odd comforts left over from last season—marked down regularly from prices that were considered good values then.

Especially priced for cool weather shoppers who are taking advantage of these special offerings. There are a great number of these to select from, full sized and well filled. Choice of any now at $3.29. Mail orders filled.

Play Suiting
32 inches Wide
Special at
15c yd.

"Work or play" suiting—a firm durable fabric for children's play suits, rompers, or for men's shirts. A quality selling regularly at 20c yd. and of strictly first quality—fast color. In stripes and checks. Price now 15c yd.
Mail Orders Filled.

California Gets Vancouver Liquor

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5—Liquor worth many thousands of dollars has been brought into California from Canada and landed at Half Moon Bay, San Mateo county, according to a statement by John Eyncious, mobile prohibition supervisor for California, following the arrest of Giovanni Patroni of El Granada. Patronis made important assertions. Eyncious declared other arrests are expected.

Two men, prominent in the business life of Vancouver, B. C. have supplied the money on which the alleged liquor ring operated, it was declared, and a well organized system made it possible to distribute the liquor over a wide territory in this state.

Following the admission Eyncious said he obtained, four warrents were issued by federal Commissioner Hayden. Names of the principals were not disclosed.

Mad Coyote Bites Bridgeport Rancher

BAKER Oct. 5—Pat Griffin, pioneer farmer of Bridgeport, who has been in Baker for 10 days taking treatments for a bite received from a coyote, is getting along nicely, feeling no bad effects from the bite. The head of the coyote was sent to the state chemist for examination. Report received from the examination says the coyote was rabid.

Mr. Griffin, on going out of the house to investigate a disturbance caused by his pet dog, was bitten on the right rist by the coyote as it rushed by him in the dark. Later the animal was found dead at the back of the house. Pools of blood showed that it had been killed by some animal.

TIDAL WAVE

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A FEW MORE HOURS IN WHICH TO BUY THAT RANGE—HEATER—AND OTHER NECESSARY THINGS FOR WINTER AT PRICES YOU MAY NEVER SEE AGAIN.

A Short While More

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