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Bible Thought For Today

THE GOD OF PEACE.—Now the God of peace... make you perfect in every good work to do his will.—Hebrews 13:20, 21.

Giving Asia a Chance

It is not necessary that all the world should be modeled after one pattern. It is desirable for nations, as for men, to develop their own individual characters. China, given a fair chance, may work out free institutions unlike ours, but just as good.

China in time may teach us many things. She could teach us some things now, if we impatient and headstrong western folk were willing to learn. Particularly she could show us how to be calm, and not make needless fuss about little, inconsequential things, and not to be too officious and overbearing in assuming "white man's burdens" and functioning as our brother's keeper all over creation.

Asia in general has that characteristic. It bears its own burdens, and is not meddlesome.

It is enough for Asia, then, to give it an opportunity, without going out of our way to dictate how that opportunity shall be used. This treatment, indeed, is implied in our own philosophy of democracy, which we usually express now by the word self-determination.

The obvious thing, then, is to let China, and so far as possible India and other aspiring oriental countries, determine their future lives for themselves. All that is demanded of us is the negative service of freeing them from foreign interference.

Gas Experts.

If the arms conference wants to know whether it should abolish the use of poison gas in warfare, it should ask not the laboratory chemists who make the gas but the men who suffer from it. They know.

The question was put to patients in a military hospital at Washington some of them still coughing from gas-seared lungs.

"Gas is a thing from hell," said one of them hoarsely. "It must have been born of a desire to torture. I'd face bullets any time rather than gas. I've seen men by hundreds wilt and writhe on the ground and foam at the mouth. Some of them died, and a good many of the others with they had. You never get over it. Ask those boys over there. They went through. They'll say, 'Cut out the gas!'"

There came a gasping chorus, "We'll say so!"
The whole nation says so, if the conference ask it. Some of the "experts" defend gas as "merciful." They mean, perhaps, that the newest and deadliest gases kill so quickly that there is little suffering. But at best there is suffering enough while it lasts. Can any human being be choked to death without suffering? And this hideous thing is so cowardly in its attack, so insidious, so all-inclusive. It does not distinguish between fighter and non-combatant. It slays infants, partially soldiers, old men, women and babies. It blasts every living thing. If gas is used in warfare in the future, there will be such extermination as history has never recorded.

A Job for Women.

Mrs. Larue Brown, chairman of the child welfare committee of the National League of Women Voters, summons the women of America to effective co-operation to see that the aid available through the Shoppard-Towner maternity bill be taken advantage of in every state and the great movement for the reduction of maternal and infant mortality put well under way.

No state may claim its share of the federal appropriation for any year until the state legislature has matched that share dollar for dollar with state funds, and has also devised a practical program for the disbursement of the money.
Thus far only six states have complied with the requirements of the bill and are entitled to their share for the coming year. They are Minnesota, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New Mexico, South Dakota and Delaware. Mrs. Brown points out that the women of the remaining 32 states have a natural duty to perform in working to secure the necessary state legislation and in helping to form plans for work in their states when the funds have been provided.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



AUNT JOSE, JEFFREY HAD SOME CHRISTMAS TOYS ON THE BACK STAIRS AND GRANDPA JEFFREY FELL OVER THEM.

in motion in all the states there will still be a great field for activity to see that the mothers of the nation who most need such knowledge are made familiar with the new avenues for education and relief.

Lasting peace, says Briand, hinges on security. But why such heavy hinges?

Will China get anything more out of the conference than a dish of diplomatic chop suey?

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIOR—



VAMPIRE STUFF.
She pulled his ears and tweaked his nose.
And sat upon his lap.
And rumbled up his Sunday clothes—
He didn't care a rap.
She rubbed her cheek upon his cheek.
And smoothed his handsome locks.
The while he sat quite calm and meek.
And fastened up her socks.
She did some things that were quite bad—
My gosh, that girl was bold!
But still she couldn't fuss her dad—
She was but two years old!

Greetings folks! Have you finished paying for last year's Christmas presents yet?
According to figures, performing under the expert hand of Joseph St. McCoy, government auditor, if Matthews had levied a 6 per cent, compounded annually, when he was 21 years of age, his wealth would have amounted to \$9,000,000,000,000,000,000 at the age of 89, when he died.

The turkey crop is the largest in ten years, and the price has been boosted. Whatever happens or fails to happen, the consumer knows well where his gets off.

THE HOME-BREWER SINGS.
"Twinkle, twinkle, little star; how I wonder what you are."

How to beat the postoffice department: Address and mail a letter to yourself without postage. It will be returned to you.

THE NEW WEST.
Curse you!" he snarled.
And reached for his hip.
Ten men trampled over him.
Fighting for a sip!

"Do you know who's talking in there now?" demanded a stranger briskly, pausing for a moment beside the farmer on the meeting house steps.
"Or are you just going in?"
"No sir; I've just come out," said the farmer decidedly. "Congressman Swiftkins is talking in there."
"What about?" asked the stranger.
"Well," continued the countryman, passing a knotted handkerchief over his forehead, "He didn't say."

WATCH THIS SYRUP SALE
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If you bring your can or jug you save 10c to 15c.
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BOLSHEVIKS MAY BE IMPROVED

YASNAYA POLYANA, Russia, Dec. 22.—Fifteen young men, two young women and an elderly matron have recently established on the Tolstoi estate what they term "an improved Bolshevik community." Described as an attempt to rectify Communism, the members of the colony are the declared enemies of the destruction of property, human or animal life and thus are arrayed against the Soviet government.

The members of the colony make a religion of manual labor and declare its chief tenet to be embodied in the phrase "Love thy neighbor as thyself." They declare themselves, like Count Tolstoi, "searchers for the truth in all things." They arrived here early in September, with a permit from Moscow to occupy a portion of the estate now closed as a national institution. A teacher, whose brother is director of the colony, organized the movement. The eighteen members, all of whom profess the practical idealism of the Doukhobors sect with a mingled belief in Buddhism, were allotted quarters in a once handsome but now tumbled-down one-story building of the estate built in 1780 for the sons of Prince Volkonski, father of Tolstoi's mother.

The new arrivals have made the building habitable and have started to prepare for the cultivation of the 100 acres included in their grant. Food so far has been supplied free by the Soviet government, the same as to all visitors to the Tolstoi home. The three women do the cooking.

The correspondent came first in contact with a member of the colony in a rather strange manner. After a long journey, he had been enrolled as a pilgrim at the Tolstoi home, according to the rules of the institution. He was given a bed in the ground floor room, characterized by a big brick arch—a room occupied by Tolstoi for some 15 years. Just as he was dropping off to sleep, he was roused by pleasing chords on the grand piano located in the room. The playing was done by a young man who wore high boots, a belted jacket, and a sheepskin cap. Seeing the correspondent, he stopped playing and apologized, saying he didn't know the room was occupied. Then he went on to explain who he was and began to ask information about the possibility of walking to India, by way of Turkestan. He wanted to study philosophy there, he said.

The 100-acre farm includes a big orchard planted by the famous Russian author and one of the first acts of the newcomers was to whitewash all the trees. This operation was preceded by an animated discussion as to whether it should be done. The young men carefully debated this problem. If the trees are not whitewashed, the orchard will be ruined by insects, but if the whitewash is applied the insects will die of starvation and it is wrong to destroy life. As the members of the colony are vegetarians and fruit is therefore the prime article of food to them, necessity prevailed over ideals and the whitewashing was done.

A second problem was solved much after the same reasoning. For many years the manager of the Tolstoi estate has been Prince Obolenski, who occupied a building once used by the author as a peasants' school. The newcomers, declaring that the presence of an overseer might restrict their "liberty of action," have decreed that the Prince must go and the Obolenski family soon must seek food and shelter elsewhere.

JUST ARRIVED.
Something new. Silk shirts and ties. Will be open evenings the balance of the week, until 8 o'clock.
12-22-21
THE TOGGERY.

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—Vanity boxes, perfumed soap, powder puffs, etc. This department does a big business during the holidays and you save money by buying these articles here.

New Silk Underthings

By Express!

—Rush orders have been coming in this department—Christmas buyers of our beautiful silk undergarments far surpassed our expectations, and many items we soon exhausted and replacements were rushed. One of these rush orders arrived yesterday—gowns, chemise and vests. Make your selections today as soon as possible or phone your order.

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—Something new—something attractive and useful for a gift. There is a lunch cloth, six napkins and six dollies, round and of white oil cloth, with floral designs stenciled on them. See some of them in one of our windows. They come rolled in a box all ready for giving. Nothing soils them, nothing stains—require no laundering. Priced at \$1.50 set.



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Several of Fashion's Latest



—It is not often that we receive new ready-to-wear at a time like this—We were surprised too, when some dozen or more dresses arrived by express. They are the latest creation sent on approval by one of our manufacturers and we have decided to keep them. There are some beautiful models in black and navy Canton crepe—beaded and plain. Their style is sure to appeal to the fashionably dressed women. Give yourself a Christmas present this year—buy one of these very new dresses.
—Priced \$28.50 to \$45.00.

MEN!
Here's an Opportunity to Buy Her Gift—We'll Help You in Your Selection

LIBERTY BONDS TUMBLE.

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Liquidation of Liberty bonds at extreme overnight declines of 70 cents to \$1.24 per \$100 and \$2 to \$3.70 from the high records of a month ago to unsettle prices on the stock exchange Tuesday. The speculative character of the day's operations was evidenced by the fact that most Liberty issues recovered a considerable part of their losses before the close, on what seemed to be short covering.

Dealing in the bond list on the exchange made \$29,000 and of this total the turnover in Liberty issues represented almost 50 per cent.
Victory notes were the only government flotations to hold firm the 4-4-4 closing within a small fraction of the year's maximum of \$100.00.

Banjos, which originated in India, spread to the rest of the world.

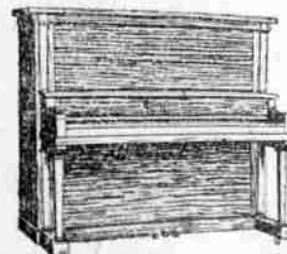
NEW DOLLARS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—A new silver dollar, the first new one since 1878, commemorating world peace, has been authorized by President Harding.

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