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Bible Thought For Today

A VERY NEEDFUL PRAYER.—Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.—Psalm 25:1, 21.

Great Thing for Humanity

Nothing proposed by the American delegation at the arms conference wins more instant approval from the American public than its challenge to the other powers to abolish the use of poison gas in warfare. Its action is appreciated more the less because it goes counter to the recommendations of the conference's international committee of "experts," which reported that the prohibition of poison gas was impractical.

Americans themselves are practical and are not great believers in the impossibility of doing things. If the other powers are willing, they can find a way to abolish this worst horror of modern warfare, renouncing it themselves and using their influence to persuade the other nations to renounce it. Unanimity, as the experts insisted, is necessary for such a reform; but surely unanimity is not impossible if the powers representing the point on this particular barbarity stand on record, and in that fact all Americans find satisfaction. Ellhu Root well said, in presenting the recommendation to the conference:

"Whatever may be the arguments of technical experts, the American advisory committee feels that the American representatives would not be doing their duty in expressing the conscience of the American people were they to fail in insisting upon the total abolition of chemical warfare, whether in the army or the navy, whether against combatant or non-combatant."

Chemical warfare should be abolished among nations, as abhorrent to civilization. It is a cruel, unfair and improper use of science. It is fraught with the gravest danger to non-combatants and demoralizes the better instincts of humanity.

The American position is strengthened by the fact that the allied nations themselves, in the Versailles treaty, have pledged Germany, Austria and Bulgaria not to manufacture poison gas. That sets a good precedent.

Ross Crane is traveling around the country telling the people how to decorate the interior of the home at slight expense. He says he has a beautiful scheme for a living room which can be worked out for only \$500. If he will tell people how to decorate the interior of their pocketbooks with the \$500, they'll sit up and listen.

A better stock enthusiast wants farm buildings which will let the sun in on the pigs and other farm critters. Appropriate title for a new farm building: "My Sunlit Shout."

Thousands of the two new dollars are out. By that, nothing is out, the old two dollars that the people is out.

The elimination of scrub stock would be an advantage on the security market as on the farm.

The conference is really making progress in extracting the fangs of the sea serpent.

Harry Lauder says he plans to make 26 farewell tours of America. "Farewell is such sweet sorrow."

Another problem for prohibition—keeping the younger generation away from the saloon bars.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



EVA PIKE AND ROGER HERRING WHO MARRIED YESTERDAY, THEY LEFT ON THE MORNING TRAIN FOR AN EXTENDED TRIP.

THE OFFICE CAT



We'll start today with a new joke—only heard it once in our life. An Illinois farmer tried to drive his new tractor through the creek and some hungry fish came along and took the worn gear.

DE ANGEL TRAIN.
By Herbert A. Cox
Some day we is gwine away
An' we's gwine fo' to stay,
Every minute we is here
Brings de Angel Train dat near
Travelin' to de Golden Gate.

We don't need no trunk nor grip
When we takes dis farewell trip,
Fo' de schedule book does say
Noble's gwine to tuck away
Travelin' to de Golden Gate.

Dar won't be no separate car
Fo' de folks wid kinky hair
If de ticket is all right
Colored rides de same as white,
Travelin' to de Golden Gate.

Practicians an' dat class
Can't ride upon a pass,
They hnt got to earn de seats
Kase dey carry no dead beats
Travelin' to de Golden Gates.

Off de Angel Train am late,
Fo' de leavin' time is late,
But if you's been good and true
She am gwine to stop for you
Traveling to de Golden Gate.

SAFETY FIRST.
Hastus (after a visit to the doctor)
"Dat doctah sure am funny."
His wife: "How come?"
"He made me swallah two cartridges
filled wid powder, and then told me
Ah shouldn't smoke. As if Ah would!"

An electron is the smallest thing in the world except a man who puts his property in his wife's name to dodge his debts.

REASONABLE.
A boarding house keeper named Skinner.
Was glad when his boarders got thinner.
He said: "Now I'm able
To seat more at table
At breakfast, at lunch and at dinner."

HELPMEANS.
A very beautiful home wedding took place at the residence of Sol V. Ham and wife Sunday evening when King Hone and Miss Hattie Ham were married.—Sharp County Ark. Record.

A lady went into a store and asked for a samsole. "What bust?" asked the salesman. "I didn't hear any thing," she replied.

Yes, a dear little wife usually is a very big expense.

UP TO THE UNDERTAKER.
Everybody's Magazine: Charles M. Floyd, when he was governor of New Hampshire, lost Col. Ward of his staff and there was an unseemly scramble for the office, even while the colonel's body was awaiting burial. One candidate went so far as to call upon the executive.

"Governor," he asked, "have you any objection to my taking Col. Ward's place?"

"No," replied the governor; "I have no objection if the undertaker is willing."

MANY AUTOS.
LANSING, Mich., Jan. 27.—Michigan, the automobile state, has 483,367 automobiles and trailers in operation within its borders, according to the annual report of the secretary of state. Of the number 426,984 are pleasure cars, 54,936 commercial cars, and 4,447 trailers.

The increase in motor cars registered during 1921 was approximately 60,000 over the number in 1920. More than 30,750,000 was collected in automobile license fees in Michigan last year.

CONSTITUTION.
Constipation of the bowels is a stoppage of the sewerage system that removes waste matter from the body. It is as necessary that your bowels move regularly on each day, to carry off this waste, as it is that the waste pipes of our home be kept open and carry off the waste from the house. If you would enjoy good health, keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Tablets when needed.—Advertisement.

CHURCH HAS GROWN MUCH

(By Associated Press)
DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 27.—An increase of more than 85,000 communicants of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America during 1921 was announced here by Dr. Lewis Seymour Mudge, of Philadelphia, Pa., stated clerk of the church. Dr. Mudge was in Des Moines making arrangements for the annual general assembly of the denomination to be held here beginning May 18 and continuing for ten days.

Dr. Mudge announced that the number of communicants of the church now exceeds 1,700,000. This, he announced, is a gain of more than 85,000 over last year. The church also has more than 1,400,000 Sunday school members.

Contributions during last year, Dr. Mudge said, exceeded \$47,000,000, of which more than \$4,200,000 was spent for foreign missions, \$3,701,000 for Home Missions and more than \$1,000,000 for education.

The Presbyterian Church has 9,979 ministers of the Gospel.

The General Assembly is the national legislative body of the church composed of both ministers and laymen, administering affairs of the denomination through 48 synods, corresponding approximately to states, and 702 presbyteries, corresponding to congressional districts.

In an official statement concerning the church by Dr. Mudge in the recently issued Presbyterian Handbook it is recorded: "The Presbyterian Church stands, as it has stood through its entire history, for the unconditional sovereignty of God; for the Bible as the only infallible rule of faith and life; for simplicity of worship, representative government, a high standard of Christian living, liberty of conscience, popular education, missionary activity, and true Christian catholicity."

EDUCATION TO BE GIVEN JAP

(By Associated Press)
HONOLULU, T. H., Jan. 27.—An American citizen of Japanese ancestry will be educated in an American university at the expense of the Japanese Federation of Labor and will assume leadership of the body in order that its interests may be promoted more effectively in Hawaii, it was decided at the recent convention of the organization, according to transactions of the minutes which are in the possession of territorial authorities.

The federation will provide not more than \$1,000 annually for the purpose. The Hawaii Shindo Japanese language newspaper, will be taken over by the federation and will be edited by Secretary Hayakawa, according to the convention minutes.

The federation has raised \$9,000 for the defense of union officials who were indicted recently on a charge of conspiracy in connection with an explosion of dynamite at the house of a Japanese who continued working on a sugar plantation during the strike of 1920, it was reported at the convention.

The delegates adopted a resolution which opposed not only the proposed immigration of Chinese laborers, but also declared against the immigration of any more Japanese. The resolution declared that further immigration would constitute "a menace to the standards of laborers resident in Hawaii."

The total membership of the federation is estimated at 5,500.

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MORE SKIRT, MORE WORK.

(By Associated Press)
MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 27.—English and Scotch dress goods manufacturers have endorsed the dressmaker's edict of longer skirts, pointing out that this will require more cloth and decrease unemployment in their factories.

PORTLAND, ME., IS COLD.

(By Associated Press)
PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 27.—Temperatures ranging from an unofficial reading of 24 below zero at Gorham to 7 below at the weather bureau here, marked the coldest weather of the winter in Cumberland county.

FORUM

UNCLE SAM WRITES

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 19. Editor Observer:—I just got back from Flinton, Calif., a small town of about 200 population and just a branch of the Oregon City paper mill about 20 miles up the Truckee river from Reno, Nevada. The altitude there is 5,810 feet and they were putting up 18-inch ice at Truckee when I was there. They ship ice from there to almost all parts of California, and as is done from North Powder.

It is extremely cold here in Sacramento. A cold north wind of about 30 miles per hour is blowing and everybody is staying indoors and nearly everyone is wearing an overcoat in the lobby of the hotel. They are not prepared with sufficient heating facilities for this kind of weather.

I left C. C. Welch at Redding and he is supposed to be here today. I think we will not be long getting ready to go on south after he gets here.

Some of the finest mountain scenery in the world is found in the Sierra Nevada mountains. Forty miles of snow sheds are passed through going over the summit. We came through the gold fields of 1849, Dutch Flat, Gold Gulch, etc. The mountainsides for miles and miles have been worked over and are still being worked in places.

We are aiming to stop off at the Bakerfield oil fields.

S. L. BROOKS.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 20. Editor Observer:—It is still pretty cool down here and we have to wear our overcoats yet out of doors.

However, in the hotel lobby they have been discarded. C. C. Welch came in yesterday from the north. He stopped off at Redding and a few other places, seeing the Neville boys, old-timers of the Nevada section. C. C. and myself took a stroll around the state capitol grounds. It is the most beautiful park I have ever seen in all the states. It consists of about 60 or 80 acres and there are 400 varieties of trees in the park, the trees being from all parts of the world.

Then we went in the capitol building. The first noticeable thing we saw was a large statue of Christopher Columbus after he had discovered America and showing and explaining to Queen Elizabeth of his discovery and he had a globe in his hand showing her that the world is round and her little page was standing by her side listening to the lecture. It is a very impressive statue. The state house is very impressive and was built 53 years ago. The senate chamber is grand enough for lords and kings and "Hogues" and I felt very much at home in there.

S. L. BROOKS.

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WE HAVE HEARD RUMORS, HOWEVER, TO THE EFFECT THAT CERTAIN AGITATORS ARE MAKING A DESPERATE EFFORT TO HAVE A NUMBER OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS ORDER OUT THEIR TELEPHONES WITH THE EXPECTATION OF HAVING THE RATES REDUCED

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