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Bible Thought. For Today

THE FIRST AND THE LAST.—I am the first and I am the last; and besides me there is no God. . . . Is there a God besides me? yes, there is no God: I know not any.—Isa. 44:6, 8.

Where Statesmanship Is Needed

What is needed in the coal industry is industrial statesmanship, instead of the usual bickering of miners and operators and the usual ignoring of economic law and public interest.

The workers are trying to keep up wages and reduce working hours, and the employers are trying to keep up prices and profits without any apparent effort to solve the real problem. That real problem, as an intelligent outsider is likely to see it, is to change coal mining from a seasonal industry to a steady, all-year-round industry, with production properly adjusted to consumption and the workers making a decent living as they would expect to do in any better ordered industry.

The coal industry is obviously over-manned. There are so many miners and coal production is so easy that they cannot all be kept busy all the time. It is more common sense to say that either the number of miners should be reduced, by diverting part of them to other industries, or else, if coal production is to continue a "seasonal industry," some other kind of work should be found for them during the idle periods.

Reduction of working time in the mines to 30 hours a week, proposed by the miners, affords no real solution. Six hours, save in exceptional cases, is not a day's work, either manual or mental; and society needs a full day's work from all its able-bodied and able-minded members. The general welfare can only be promoted when all are busy and productive right along.

It is beyond the power of either modern business or modern statesmanship to solve such a problem as this? It is far more important than the usual matters considered by Congress and the state legislatures.

Healing

A minister who is conducting healing services in an Episcopal church in a certain city is drawing much attention to the fact of healing by faith. One citizen, more thoughtful than the average in these matters, writes to his daily paper:

"I question very seriously any method of healing that does not teach the individual the truth about himself. I mean by this not a system of denials, but a constructive philosophy. One may be helped and uplifted by the positive and constructive radiation of the healer, but beware! You will always be calling a practitioner or healer unless you develop a health consciousness, and when you do this, (and let me say right here that this is not accomplished in a moment, but is a steady growth or unfolding) you are healed to stay healed."

This, as medical men, minister and specialists of all kinds who have gone into the matter of faith cures with seriousness seem to agree, is the fundamental truth. From the cheery family physician who comes in with a smile and "Ho! You're not sick! We'll have you out of here in a few days!" through all the line of healers, material and psychological, the principle is the same.

A sudden, strong spiritual impetus, undoubtedly, is a very valuable aid. It gives a wholesome shock and fresh start both to the body and the soul. After this, the man who "through steady growth and unfolding development develops a health consciousness" makes his spiritual thought take form in a sensible, well-balanced life. Unless he does this, the experts say, his is but a one-sided healing, and he is not likely to stay healed.

The Annual Smoke-fall

The world's smoke fall of the western world's industrial cities is at its peak. For the long-delayed remedy and the question it so richly deserves.

A recent study of a typical city, while it is well known that the city's air is polluted, the fact that the city's air is polluted is not the only thing that is wrong. The fact that the city's air is polluted is not the only thing that is wrong. The fact that the city's air is polluted is not the only thing that is wrong.

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



SYDNEY WIGGINS REFUSED TO SIGN THE PETITION BEING CIRCULATED FOR A NEW WATERING TROUGH ON LOWER MAIN STREET

These are injurious to the health and clothing of human beings and to plant life.

There is also a heavy economic cost in the depreciation of buildings, stock and furnishings, and in fuel wasted in smoke.

That particular city, says a health official, "enjoys an amazingly, and one would be tempted to say, an intolerably polluted air all the year around. The reason is not that such air pollution cannot be abated, or that similar disgraceful interference with health and the enjoyment of life has not been controlled elsewhere."

The war against this sort of smoke has been slow in starting, but it is gaining momentum. City after city is taking up smoke abatement problems with the serious determination to do away with the evil, as soon as possible. The harmful effects of dark and dirty air are recognized, and with that recognition comes the effort to check the nuisance. The shameful plight of the big cities should be a warning to the smaller ones.

Bad Building

Investigation of "leakage and moving picture houses in Washington, following the Kaiserbomber catastrophe, has resulted in the closing of seven playhouses. Structural weaknesses and inadequate fire protection were the reasons given.

It is possible that any one of these theaters might have gone on for years without any accident, in spite of wobbly faults, but a decent regard for human life forbids taking such chances.

Washington is not the only city where such a condition obtains, and the fact is not a very pleasant commentary upon the honesty or intelligence of mankind. Washington profits by its awful warning. How about the other cities and towns?

America may not have chemists who understand how to make synthetic gold out of base metals, but she has her wizards who know how to make hard dollars out of soft marks.

They say that "live and let live" is the motto of Hollywood. The trouble is that about every so often that philosophy ends in die and let die.

A soothsayer predicts all sorts of calamities for the end of this month. We should worry about the end of any month—it's the first of the month that has us Buffaloed.

A Gunnison, Colo., man gives his hearer free meals whenever the sun does not shine. Here at last is a perfect demonstration of the cloud with a silver lining.

While human beings are starving, 60,000 pounds of meat and fish were ordered destroyed in a single American city the other day because they had been kept in storage too long.

Communities planning a spring clean-up campaign might write Ponzio or Bischoff for pointers.

With Cannon gone, will there be any big guns left in Congress?

Anyway, you have to admit these modern girls are good at figures.

RECEIVER ASKED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Finance applications filed Monday with the interstate commerce commission included an application from the receivers of the Denver & Salt Lake railroad for a government loan of \$8,500,000.

DAD PAROLED TO SON

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 28.—Harry Solomon, a blacksmith, 44 years old, was paroled to his 14-year-old son, Oscar, a boy scout in municipal court here today.

STUMBLE COSTS FOUR LIVES

PITSMOOR, Eng., Feb. 28.—While leading her three grandchildren from her burning home, Mrs. Katherine Lawrence stumbled and fell. The children fell across her body and all were suffocated.

A LONG SLEEP

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 28.—Ten days of sleep, with an awakening at the end of that time, was in store for a man who fell in a store here today. He was lying on the floor, and his body was covered with a layer of dust. He was found by a police officer who was on duty at the time.

THE OFFICE CAT

—By JUNIOR—



WHEEZE
I cough, I sneeze,
I snort, I wheeze,
I'm in a perfect frenzy,
My head is dough,
My nose won't go,
I've got the influenza.

If it is true that there are no case words in the Japanese language, how do the Japs start a Lizzie on a cold morning?

When you see silk-clad ankles in cold weather like this, you wonder whether she is trying to catch a husband or pneumonia.

A Youthful Sherlock Holmes!

Harper's Magazine: William Martin, aged 5, ran into his grandmother's bedroom with a small kitten he had picked up in the street and asked if it were a "boy cat" or a "girl cat." As he wanted to give it a name, his grandmother told him she would find out and that he might keep the kitten.

The next day he burst into the room in great glee and announced: "I named her Mary."
"How did you find out it was a girl cat?" his grandmother asked.

"Well," replied William, "I watched her, and she washed her face, and she washed her ears, and she washed behind her ears, and nobody but a girl cat would wash behind her ears."

Knew the Place

Harper's Magazine: A business firm recently adopted Edison's plan for testing the intelligence of men applying for positions. A man applying for a position as superintendent would be expected to answer all the questions on the list submitted. One wishing to become a clerk faced only half the list; as the job applied for dwindled in importance, the amount of knowledge necessary to secure it grew smaller.

A colored man who had applied for a job as porter received a card bearing the single question, "Who invented the cotton gin?"

"Well," said the clerk, to whom he returned the card, "what's the answer?"

"Say, boss," answered the darky, "Ah dunno who 'twas fust made dat stuff, but Ah knows whar you kin git some."

His Condition

Kansas City Star: "How are you coming on, Uncle Bragg?" asked an acquaintance.

"Well, I'll just tell ye, Gabe," answered old Bragg Sockery of Mount Pizky, Ark. "I hain't doing no pertickler good. 'Pears like the doctor and the neighbors don't understand my case. Some says one thing about it and some says something else. I'll be dogged if I don't get to sorter wondering whether none of 'em have got any sense. I don't like to disappoint my friends though, and I hate to waste what I pay the doctor for. So I've took enough of one thing and tuther to float a boat, and have kinda got the notion that what's the matter with me is simply what's the matter with me, and there hain't no help for it."

An orator says not one man in ten can think on his feet. He may be right, at that. But why drag in the words, "on his feet?"

FARM PRODUCT PRICES HAVE RISEN SOME

Report of Federal Reserve Bank Shows Healthy Advance Since First of Year.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 28.—Prices of most of the principal farm products of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District have risen materially since the first of the year, John Perrin, federal reserve agent, San Francisco, declared in his monthly report made public here today.

"Wheat, wool and all kinds of livestock benefited particularly, as did also the citrus fruits, but the latter at the expense of damage by killing frosts and winds estimated as high as 50 per cent of the anticipated crop," the report said.

"Commodities such as barley, rice and cotton which did not participate in the general rise are nevertheless at prices comparing favorably with those of a year ago.

"Since a large part of last year's crop is already out of the farmers' hands the recent rise in prices will not operate primarily to increase returns to producers. It is significant in its bearing upon returns to be received from crops now in the ground.

"That the increased prices, however, resulted in a considerable marketing of products would appear from the condition reports of the 65 reporting members banks in the principal cities of the district. The decline in their loans and discounts between January 4 and February 8 was slightly over \$60,000,000, or 6.9 per cent, and they reduced their borrowings from the federal reserve bank to \$21,000,000, a decline for the month of \$12,500,000, or 37.4 per cent. Bills discounted by the federal reserve bank for all member banks on February 8 (\$27,598,000) were 11.9 per cent less in amount than they were January 11, and constitute a new low figure for the readjustment period.

"The lumber industry of the district continued to improve during January, increases being registered in production, shipments and orders received, both as compared with the months of December and January, 1921. The cut of the largest lumber association in the district for the week ending February 11 (124 mills reporting) was only 11 per cent below normal. The export movement of Douglas Fir during 1921 (455,232,000 feet) exceeded by 5,000,000 feet the exports of 1920.

"In the mining industry the noteworthy development was the announcement of decisions to resume

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Millinery Department in Balcony.

operations by five of the principal copper companies of Arizona which have been closed since May, 1921. Their resumption will mean that seven of the fifteen principal copper mines in this district will be in operation.

"Petroleum production in California, although decreasing 3 per cent in January, compared with December, 1921, still outruns consumption and stocks are now at the peak since the low point of December, 1920 of 36,000,000 barrels.

"In the field of commerce and trade improvement is apparent in the returns covering the movement of exports and imports through the principal ports of the district during the last six months of 1921. 29 cities reporting 14 advise a larger number of permits issued

month of December, 1921, exceeded in value those of December, 1920, the former by 154 per cent and the latter by 1 per cent. The greatest movement is reported in the trade with Japan and the United Kingdom.

"Retail trade as reflected in reports from 33 department stores in the leading cities of the district continues to exceed in volume that of a year ago. The decline in value of total January sales of these department stores, when compared with January, 1922, in excess of those of January, 1921. Six of the seven remaining lines report a percentage of decline in the dollar value of their January sales which is appreciably less than the percentage of decline reported in the prices of their goods during the year.

"Building activity has again reached record proportions, exceeding by \$12,000,000, or 155 per cent, the value of operations reported for January, 1921. Of the 14 cities reporting 14 advise a larger number of permits issued

during January, 1922, than during January, 1921.

"Business failures during January, following the national trend, were larger in number than in any month during recent years.

"The volume of business being done throughout the district generally as measured by debits to individual accounts for January continues larger than it was a year ago. The value of these debits during January, 1922, in 20 principal cities was about 8.3 per cent less than it was in January, 1921, as compared with a decline of 21 per cent in wholesale prices and slightly less than this figure in retail prices during the same period.

Hear the seven-year-old boy Trap Drummer at Rex Hall, Wednesday, March 1st. 2-27-22

COW IN A CHINA SHOP.

TIPPERARY, Ireland, Feb. 28.—A cow entered the largest china shop in the main street here, passed back and forth between the counters for 15 minutes and then departed without causing the slightest damage.

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