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## Bible Thought For Today

**DELIVERANCE AT HAND**—I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him.—Psalm 91:15.

## To Labor's Credit

One of Lenin's and Trotsky's latest efforts at grandiloquence is the suggestion for a grand world federation of workers under their personal domination. American Federation of Labor officials characterize the proposal as "an old, broken-down horse under a new name."

In their denigration over the situation which confronts them in Russia, the Soviet leaders are omitting no effort which might convey to their immediate followers in Russia, and to the world at large, the impression that their strength is unimpaired. Their acts are tempered with just about the same wisdom as their economic theories, which have brought Russia to her present plight.

It is to the credit of American organized labor that it fails to be deceived by it is not surprising. Even in the early days of Bolshevism, this element in America held steady. Being as conversant as the rest of the world with the collapse of the Bolshevik theories, nobody but the crazy or the desperate would expect them to change now.

## More Jobs in Sight

The United States employment service predicts a great industrial improvement for the present month with the hope that this may be the real beginning of permanently better conditions.

Reports from 231 of the principal industrial centers, with but few exceptions, show a general improvement in employment, says the monthly report. Part of this increase is undoubtedly seasonal, but in the main widespread business revival is indicated.

Still, it will be a good while before industry will be even normally active, and longer before it is booming. The man who wants a job will be wise to keep eyes and ears open for the first thing that comes along, so that he may be in line for something better as things pick up.

## America's Tree-Saving Job

The Save-the-Redwoods League now has 4,000 members in California, in addition to those from other states, who are working together with the United States government and California, in addition to those from other states, who are working together with the United States government and California state officials to rescue the redwood trees from destruction and to preserve them for posterity.

Most of the work of the league is accomplished by the establishment of parks, reservations or memorial groves which are protected forever from saw and axe. It is also attempting the yet more altruistic work of reforestation. These grand old trees grow very slowly after reaching a height of 30 or 40 feet, and cannot be hurried by man's methods. There is much cut-over redwood land which could be replanted, and, although it takes the trees many centuries to attain their full development, their planting is well worth while.

The lumber companies themselves are said to have had a change of heart in this matter, and are cooperating with authorities in setting aside the finest, oldest groves to be held by the state in perpetuity.

John Muir, the famous woodsman, botanist, naturalist and writer, once said of these trees:  
"Any fool can destroy trees. Not can planting and a job toward restoring our grand old forest. It took more than five years to make some of them the best of the Douglas trees that are standing in perfect strength and security. Through all the changes centuries God has

## IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



THE EDITOR OF THE WEEKLY CLASSIC ARTIST'S MODEL BUT HIS CHAIR MUST BE FOR HIM.

## THE OFFICE CAT



**TO THE M. J.**  
If home folks had more in their heads and less in their pocketbooks they would realize that plain ordinary humans can do without many things (autos, for instance) but not without at least one fire day.

**JUNIUS.**  
One after-dinner speaker we should heed is the one at our back door.

**POPE.**  
I know about the golden hours With diamond minutes set— That time is far away the most important stuff we get. I know that there's no time to waste; I know it well—and yet— I want the spring to come again, The foolish little flowers Will lure me far from home again. To while away the hours— Though chances come and chances go, I'd like to waste a year or so.

## M. E. Crippen Passed Away Saturday Night

M. E. Crippen passed away Saturday evening at about 11 o'clock. Mr. Crippen is an old timer in this section. He joined the Blue Lodge of the Masons in 1894 and is a retired O-W employee. The funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Snodgrass and Zimmerman chapel under the auspices of the Masonic lodge. The remains will find their final resting place in the Masonic cemetery. Mr. Crippen is survived by a step-son, M. Palmer, of Vincent, who arrived in La Grande last night on the branch line train.

## Found a Cure for Indigestion.

"I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried, and I have used many different medicines. I am nearly fifty-one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to, now," writes Geo. W. Emery, Rock Mills, Ala. These tablets contain no poison but strengthen the stomach and enable it to digest the food naturally—adv.

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"that the players who get the lowest scores are not those who swear."  
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snorted the gloomy golfer as he dug up another slice of turf.

**FAST COMPANY.**  
Los Angeles Times: The proprietors of two livery stables situated alongside each other in a busy street have been having a lively advertising duel lately. The other day one of them stuck up on his office window a long strip of paper bearing the words: "Our horses need no whip to make them go."

This bit of sarcasm naturally caused some amusement at the expense of the rival proprietor, but in less than an hour he neatly turned the tables by pasting the following retort in his own window:  
"True, The wind blows them along!"

## MELLON MAKES ATTACK ON BONUS BILL

**Declares That There Is No Shifting of Burden from Shoulders of the Tax Payers.**

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—The new soldiers' bonus bill as drawn by House Republicans, was attacked Sunday night by Secretary Mellon as involving "a dangerous abuse of government credit."

Replying to a request for the treasury's comment on the new bonus bill, Mr. Mellon in a letter to Chairman Fordney of the house ways and means committee made public Sunday night by the treasury, sharply criticized the features of the proposed measure providing for loans by banks upon adjusted service certificates as indirect and "forced" borrowing by the government. He suggested that the "direct and regular way" to provide for a paid endowment insurance feature would be to issue certificates with provision for direct policy loans to be financed by the government. Mr. Mellon contended that "it is both dangerous and unwise" to attempt to avoid the cost of the bonus for the time being.

**No Shifting of Burden.**  
"There is no way," he said, "by which the American taxpayer can avoid the burden, and if a bonus is to be imposed, it is far better for all concerned that it be placed upon a definite basis and paid for each year out of current revenues. To do this at this time will necessarily mean the imposition of additional tax on the public."

The secretary estimated the cost of the bonus under the bill considering each of the possible choices offered to veterans, at more than \$1,200,000,000 by January 1, 1926. Whatever form the bonus measure might take, he asserted, would mean a cost to the government of from \$100,000,000 to \$400,000,000 for the next three or four years and possible continuing liabilities thereafter of more than \$200,000,000 a year until 1943.

Secretary Mellon's letter, in part, follows:  
"The bill makes no provision whatever for sinking fund, authorization or other reserves against either the liability that would be thrown upon the government in 1925, or against the liability on the certificates at the end of 20 years, nor does it make any provision for the payments which would accrue in ordinary course from year to year on account of the death of veterans."

**Direct Cost Evasive.**  
"The direct cost to the government of a bill carrying these provisions for about 4,500,000 ex-service men is almost impossible to estimate because of the uncertainty as to which of the plans will be chosen and in what proportion."

"From the point of view of the banking system and the general financial situation, it would be far better if a bonus is to be financed by borrowing, for the government to resort to direct borrowing and to provide for direct policy loans on adjusted service certificates from the outset. If congress concludes to adopt a soldiers' bonus with paid up endowment insurance as its chief feature, the direct or regular way would be to authorize insurance certificates with provisions for direct policy loans and the amortization or other reserves that would be required as a matter of sound busi-

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**Future Burdened.**  
"On this basis and insurance plan standing by itself, would cost at the minimum about \$400,000,000 a year for the next few years. It is clear from these estimates that whatever form the soldiers' bonus may take it will cost from \$300,000,000 to \$400,000,000 for the next three or four years, and may involve continuing liabilities thereafter of over \$200,000,000 a year, until 1943."

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