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Bible Thought. For Today

PRAYER ANSWERED—I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.—Psalm 34:4,6.

Guardianship for Germany.

Chancellor Wirth of Germany, addressing the Reichstag, announced amid applause that the German government must decline the latest proposal regarding reparations, because they implied "financial and economic guardianship."

"This," he declares, "is incompatible with the dignity of the nation and is opposed to the spirit of democracy which we founded at the Entente's behest. Such an invasion of a sovereign state is also a violation of the principle of self-determination."

Now, the particular terms laid down by the allies may possibly be unwarranted by existing conditions, though that remains to be proved. But the thing likely to strike the average reader is the curious state of mind the German chancellor reveals.

Here we find the "spirit of democracy" which the Germans have usually held up as a genuine evidence of merit and progress on their part, referred to as something merely assumed to satisfy the allies.

Such frankness is unexpected, but no less odd, is the ensuing condemnation of the allied proposal for a moderate control of German finance as "an invasion of a sovereign state" which "violates the principle of self-determination." Assuredly it does that, but what condemned criminal, while serving his penal term in explanation of his crime, ventures to lay claim to full self-determination?

Surely if any nation involved in the World War has demonstrated its need of guardianship, it is Germany. If that country had had a responsible guardian before the war, during the war or since the war, she and the rest of the world would be far better off.

Particularly her financial adventures in the last three years, which have reduced the mark to about the value of waste paper, show as great a need of financial guardianship as exists anywhere outside of Russia.

The Epicure of Slang.

The "vocabulary of slang" which seems to be characteristic of the neuritic life of a certain class of young Americans is deplored by a popular writer, who seems to think this is a disease, when it is only a symptom. After pointing out that many of the expressions in vogue had their origin in the gutters of experience, he expresses the view that if these "smart" young people could realize how low in the society they mimic they would blush in shame.

This is taking the matter entirely too seriously. That vagabonds and rogues use phrases current in the transient vocabulary of slang concerns the average youth not at all. Boys and girls of today are very much self-complacent, self-contained and self-sufficient.

There should be no alarm. Slang here and always, of course, and not all of it will be objectionable or useless. The present tendency to indulge in an orgy of activity

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



SOME CITY MAN PAID DANIEL COTTON FIVE DOLLARS FOR THAT OLD CLOCK THAT'S BEEN HANGING IN HIS STORE FOR FORTY YEARS.

THE OFFICE CAT



JAZZ. A tin dishpan and an auto horn, A squeaky fiddle and a rat eating corn, A baby's rattle and a puppy's whine, A baby's ratt hit Anxo. (Sneez, Jye?) A cowbell jangle and a rosined twine— That's jazz.

A saxophone, an exploding bomb, A locunative whistle and a big bass drum, A yowling tomcat and a frightened fowl, A ripping seam and a hound dog's howl— That's jazz.

A callope and a whirlingig, An alarm clock tattoo and a squealing pig, A heathen Chinese saying his prayers, A monkey in a china closet falling downstairs— That's jazz.

There is \$1.05 worth of silver in a dollar and 80.30 worth of steak. HE WAS A "WISER." "I suppose you will take friend wife to the automobile show this year." "No sir, I haven't the price." "What are you talking about, it will only cost you a buck to get in." "That's all right; but it would probably cost me a sedan or a roadster to get out."

There's always room at the top for cream. It takes a drug store to make the girls blush. The report that Babe Ruth struck out twice during a practice game caused more excitement at our house than the recent conference did.

We have noted, from our past experiences, that a whole lot of folks sort of run to seed about this time every year. Watch your step. OUR LEISURE CLASS. "You have no leisure class in America," said the Englishman. "Oh, haven't we?" returned the American. "Did you ever see one of our plumbers at work?"

A magazine writer hails Moser, Mellon and Schwab as our leading speakers will enable the fans to sit at their dinner tables and hear the concrete and "radio dinner invitations" are eagerly accepted.

SPRINKLERS ON TRAIN SOON

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 11.—Travelers passing through the Coachella and Imperial valleys of southern California on the Southern Pacific train will no longer be discomfited by the heavy dust clouds caused by the passing of the trains, according to a statement by Passenger Traffic Manager Charles S. Fee here recently. A water sprinkler will be pushed before all passenger trains across the dusty stretches, Fee said. This is said to be the first time this scheme has been tried out but tests have proved it to be entirely satisfactory, according to Fee. Owing to the fact that the soil in those valleys is silt filled on by the spring overflow of the Colorado river, for thousands of years, scientists say, the movement of the trains passing over this area stir up clouds of dust which the silt leavy. Experiments with oil as a means of laying the dust have not proved successful.

TOY CARS 800 MILES. ROME—A toy which sent up at Therapston, England, to advertise the town's shopping week came in a car which carried 800 miles away.

"financial revivalists." Won't Billy Sunday be jealous?

Russia claims we owe her several million rubles. That's almost a dollar.

THE RULING PASSION. Percy: "Now that we've been all through the exhibits, what has pleased you the most in the show?" Polly: "The ladies' gowns, old dear."

The most needed auto accessory is a bank balance.

"NO, HE WOULDN'T LOOK." "Did you ever see a salad dressing?" Inquires a waggleh correspondent in the Boston Transcript.

PREHISTORIC SIGNS FOUND

Lava Rocks of Owyhee County Indicate Civilization Thousands of Years Old.

(By Associated Press) BOISE, Idaho, Apr. 11.—Symbols and signs, chiseled, it is believed, ages ago, were discovered recently on lava rocks in a remote section of Owyhee county, southwestern Idaho. Discovery of the inscriptions, which are said to be a mine of archaeological treasure, was made by Robert Lambert, a Boise taxidermist. Their exact location will not be made public until they are examined thoroughly this summer by a number of scientists who are coming here.

The volcanic rock, on which the inscriptions are carved, is scattered over a thirty-acre sagebrush flat. In the immediate vicinity are several large caves, around the entrance of which the rocks also are inscribed. It is believed these caves never have been explored. Possibly, it is said, they contain many relics of scientific value. Two distinct types of carvings, ideographic and pictographic, have been noted. Archaeologists believe the ideographic antedates by many years the pictograph. Both systems have been found together on one rock and near them can be discerned what appears to be a third system, supposed to antedate both of the others, but which has weathered beyond possibility of deciphering.

Clear bits of this prehistoric writing are found on one huge water-worn lava boulder 25 feet long, 11 feet wide and 5 feet high. Near the center is a series of triangles believed to indicate Indian topees, and next to them are rows of dots and dashes, thought to be numerals. Resemblance of many of the inscriptions to the characters of the Chinese alphabet, was taken by some to substantiate the theory that the North American natives descended from a race which came from Asia by way of Bering Straits. Indians now living in Idaho, when questioned regarding the carvings, say the more modern or pictographic, are the work of spirits.

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DOG FAITHFUL TO HIS MASTER

(By Associated Press) TACOMA, Wash., Apr. 11.—Spot, a little fox terrier, may not be able to read the calendar, but he always knows when Saturday comes around when, without being told, he trots eight miles to Eatonville to meet his master, Charles Motstker, a Tacoma school boy, who goes home to Eatonville each week-end. Spot lives with the boy's grandparents when he is not on the road.

RAGS Wanted at The Observer.

RADIO MUSIC WITH MEALS

(By Associated Press) SAN FRANCISCO, Apr. 11.—Pacific coast radio telephone fans with amplifying sets and loud speakers are now able to have music with their meals as the radio telephone broadcasting schedule of the San Francisco Examiner calls for a concert daily except Sunday from 5:30 p. m. to 6:45 p. m. Radio fans with but a crystal receiving set who live in the San Francisco bay region also will be able to listen in on the dinner hour concert. The Examiner began broadcasting for the first time Saturday, April 1.

The amplifying sets and loud speakers will enable the fans to sit

Fascinating Modes For Easter Week!



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Winter has lingered with us a bit too long—has shown itself reluctant to leave us. But now that Easter is here and it is time for the spring attire, the warmer days cannot be far off. We're tempting—daring them to come now. Not for a moment will they find us unprepared. Our windows smile a welcome that will lure all the beautiful things we're showing this week. We invite all to see them, for they are more beautiful than ever and at the height of the season now.

"LA FRANCE" SILK HOSIERY

Black, Brown, White. Just Received.

—We know this is good news for Easter shoppers, for so many are waiting for the best of our silk hose and know that in La France they may put every trust. —We received these just a few days ago—just enough to last for Easter. Black, brown and white. Order by phone. Priced \$2.50 pair.

Hats

About the Town! Have you been noticing the hats about town? They're getting brighter every day, just to prove that all gay headwear doesn't go south. If they are black they are shining black, or trimmed with brilliant stiletto, they are colored, they are fuchsia, canna, periwinkle, tangerine or jade. —A new hat adds a lease of life to the glad Easter time. Come and see the ones we have assembled especially for this week. —Millinery department in balcony.

The New Tan Oxford

For Growing Girls and Women \$5.50

—Made of fine lightweight calf skin, low heel, rubber tipped, genuine good year welt sole, insuring excellent wear. This Oxford is in all sizes and widths for misses and women who desire the very low heel. It is priced at \$5.50. —Others are by degrees up to \$10.00.

—Children's patent sandals, Mary Janes and one straps are ready for Easter Sunday. Prices from \$1.50 to \$4.25, graduated according to size.



Men!

A New Cap and a Knit Tie

—They're essential for Easter Sunday, and we've just received a host of new ones. —Caps platted all the way round or of light imported Scotch tweeds and tan shades of soft materials. The shapes are big and the models very new. Come in and look them over: they're \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.50.

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