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GREAT POWER FROM GOD: Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you.—Luke 10: 19.

Condemned for Treason



This is the first picture to reach this country showing the sentencing of a death of the high Greek officials who were held responsible for the military debacle by the military committee of the new government.

Romance of the Seas.

A phantom fleet, sighted off the coast of Brazil, possibly a squadron of Swedish vessels on an instruction cruise, a submarine given to Kemal, but barred from the Straits by allied ships, bobbing up to ships like a modern piratical rover; and Admiral Stark, anti-Bolshevik leader, who fled with his fleet from Vladivostok when the Japanese left, browsing from port to port in China—these are but a few of the romances on the high seas today.

More appealing to modern adventurers, perhaps, is the commercial rivalry, the competition between nations for the trade of the world. Fleet is matched against fleet, ship against ship, and men against men. Not the fastest, not yet the safest, but the surest competitor will win. It is a peace time game for fighting men, with magnificent rewards for the victors and impotence for the losers. The call is loud and clear, but only men can hear it.

The United States is in the contest, but has one foot on the land, as though afraid of the sea. Many of her ships are laid up in docks, rotting for want of capital and men to recondition and put them into service. There is much waving of flags, much talk of patriotism in the demand for a subsidy. Is that what is needed to put an American merchant marine, manned by Americans, upon the high seas? Or are we merely too busy and practical to be lured from our chosen ways by the field of adventure and romance?

The Poet Son.

That wealthy Chicagoan whose will, recently probated, specified that one of his sons, who is a poet, should get a larger share of patrimony than the other heirs, has caused a great deal of discussion by his strange bequest.

Many men make funny wills, but he who in his last testament puts the handicap of wealth on a poetic son flies hardest in the face of convention. The popular idea has been that starving poets produced the best verse in all ages. Thus the ancient Chinese rhyme, so aptly translated to read:

Be cruel to poets, and don't let them think You like their preposterous patterns in ink. For poets write better when not overfed— The time to praise poets is after they're dead.

The lines seem to be written in irony, for was it not a poet who penned them? Goodness knows, most of the poetry written nowadays seems to indicate that the poets are all given to gout and indigestion. It is interesting to recall that the most popular of all English poems, the "Elegy Written in A Country Churchyard," brought Gray never a penny his life long. He thought it was undignified to make money from verse. Modern poets really seem to suffer little from an ingrowing sense of dignity.

After 600 Years.

The last British troops embarked from southern Ireland yesterday and sailed for home. After 600 years the Irish people have the chance to govern themselves after their own fashion, and work out their destiny.

There were tears and cheers as the transports departed, tears and cheers that fused past sorrows in future hopes. Dublin, shell-shocked, but still proud, had forgiven and wanted to forget. That spirit, had it prevailed with leaders on both sides of the channel at any one time, might have solved the problem of Ireland centuries ago.

Ireland is now a free state, in fact as well as in name. It has sacrificed something for its freedom politically, as well as physically. It has given up, for instance, that voice in the affairs of the British empire with which Irish leaders in other years were wont to command attention in the house of commons. But Ireland did not want to help govern the British empire; Ireland merely wanted to govern herself. In that fact we find a key to human nature, universal in its application.

Time was when Dublin would have counted the departure of the last British uniform as a great day for Ireland, but now it's hardly an incident.

Commissioner Landis more than earns his salary with the gossip he furnishes the stove league.

There are times when a man's friends can render him a real service by letting him alone.

Ireland will find that the things to fill Christmas stockings are not hung on ambushes.

Dirty work is regarded as honorable if it is done in tinkering with an automobile.

Sophistication is something the young boast of and the mature try to hide.

The trouble about an income tax return is the frequency of its return.

It is such a rising generation that it is frequently above itself.

The surest thing in betting on a sure thing is the loss.

Editorials From Over the Nation

G. WASHINGTON VINDICATED. Emporia Gazette: George Washington, father of his country, owes a good turn to William Roscoe Thayer, the historian. Mr. Thayer, in a recent biography of the father, has pointed out the fact that not until sixteen months after the death of Washington did men begin to spread the wicked story that he never had told a lie. Mr. Thayer also tells us that Mr. Thayer also tells us that Thomas Jefferson started the story of some sort of a "enjoy" Washington has had a lot of trouble as a historical character, chiefly arising from a kind of orthodoxy of his circles. That orthodoxy has tended to turn what might have been a human and personable man into a hateful plaster saint. The wonder is that Washington has survived. Instinctively we have known the truth, that he was no such thing. Of course, if any one has said he was such a person, the mythic have made Washington, he would have protested in righteous wrath.

Washington was not a contented and constitutional liar. But he doubtless had his weak moments when it was easier to laugh than to explain. Lying is the worst habit in the world, but it is a great social asset and has a great place in the human pharmacopoeia. Washington was not an addict, but there is no reason to suppose he didn't use a necessary lie once in a while to distract a misty attention and preserve the amenities.

Washington was a big man, whose greatness arose in the centuries full away from him. And he will grow greater and greater as the years roll off. The memorable words of a leading biographer are: "Washington put on him the burden of making a man out of a most engaging old boy. Mr. Thayer of Boston in his 'Biography of Washington' has done his country a service in revealing away the crust and giving us the man of the man. After all, God has been rather more generous in making great men than in making great myths. Which brings us to the question: Did not God make great men and did not posterity spoil them by dubbing the great men over the own hypocrisies and so smear out the divine twinkles in their eyes that God put there as his beacon by which men should see their way around the earth rather than gaze at a hard-painted path to Heaven?"

In the Day's News. Since Don Ignacio Calderon, who sails for home today, has had a career of sixteen years as the diplomatic representative of Bolivia at Washington. He is the dean of the South American diplomats in years of service in the United States; in fact, but one diplomat of all those accredited to the United States has occupied his post longer than he—the ambassador of France. Ambassador Calderon made his first visit to the United States as a special representative of Bolivia to the American centennial in Philadelphia in 1876. He was greatly impressed with the country, then, traveled extensively through it, and later married an American woman whom he met during that visit to the United States. Both at home and abroad, he has a high reputation as a financial expert and before being sent to Washington he had served his country for some time as minister of finance.

Today's Anniversaries. 1114—Gen. Jackson received an advance of the British at Chalmette plantation, on the Mississippi river, a few miles below New Orleans. 1813—Empress Alexander granted to the Russian peasantry the right to establish manufactures. 1824—James Hayes Slater, United States senator from Oregon, born at Sanguon county, Ill., died at La Grande, Ore., January 25, 1899. 1859—Thomas Babington Macaulay, historian, essayist, and poet, died in London. Born October 25, 1800. 1870—Marshal Prim, Spanish soldier and statesman, shot in Madrid; died two days later. 1872—Cincinnati voted \$1,250,000 to aid the construction of the Chesapeake and Cincinnati railroads. 1882—Ferdinand Paul Jules Cruesy, elected president of the French Republic. 1894—James G. Fair, Wyoming millionaire and former U. S. senator, died in San Francisco. Born in Belfast, Ireland, December 2, 1811.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Centenary of the Birth of Gen. William B. Talleferro, a noted commander of the Confederacy. One hundred years ago today Jeremiah Morrow was inaugurated in the governorship of Ohio. The Roman Catholic church throughout the world today begins an observance of the third centenary of the death of Saint Francis de Sales. Dr. Ignacio Calderon, for sixteen years the diplomatic representative of Bolivia at Washington, sails from New York today for home. A state-wide movement in behalf of Americanization is to be inaugurated at a two-day conference to be opened today at Ann Arbor, Mich. The Casino theater in New York, famous for two generations as the home of light opera, today celebrates the fortieth anniversary of its first opening. Today will be observed throughout the United States as Woodrow Wilson Day by friends of Mr. Wilson and contributors to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. The completion of a \$250,000 Danville Highway bridge over the Mill-lamette river, said to be the largest reinforced concrete span west of the Rockies, is to be celebrated today with a grand fête at Oregon City. A four-day program of exercises and festivities in connection with the inauguration of Governor Alfred E. Smith will be opened at Albany today with a public reception and a parade of democratic marching clubs.

NOSE CLOGGED FROM A COLD OR CATARRH

Apply Cream in Nostrils To Open Up Air Passages. Ah! What relief! Your clogged nostrils open right up, the air passages of your head are clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, sniffling, mucous discharge, headache, dryness—a struggling for breath at night, your cold or catarrh is gone. Don't stay stuffed up! Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic cream in your nostrils, let it penetrate through every air passage of the head, soothe and heal the swollen, inflamed mucous membrane, giving you instant relief. Ely's Cream Balm is just what every cold and catarrh sufferer has been seeking. It's just splendid.

THE WICKED WORM

Cuthbert had been listening for half an hour to a lecture from his father on the evils of late nights and late risings in the morning. "You will never amount to anything," said the father, "unless you turn over a new leaf. Remember, it's the early bird that catches the worm." "Hal! Hal!" laughed Cuthbert. "How about the worm? What did he get for turning out so early?" "My son," replied the father, "that worm hadn't been to bed all night; he was on his way home." Personally we have an idea that the longer skirts won't be much worn until some of the shorter ones are worn out.

BRIEF PUNCHES

Greenville Piedmont: Two robbers boarded an Ohio train, but the porter brushed them off. Philadelphia North American: Now it isn't only the German mark, but the German government that's worthless. Richmond Times-Dispatch: The army air service is perfecting an airplane which will fly without a pilot. And the chances are that, for a while at least, it will fly without a passenger.

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