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THE LIGHT THAT IS DARKNESS—Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine. Job 18:5.

That open door in China is doing a lot of slamming.

New York now has a new law by which the police may padlock offensive theaters just like saloons. Still, they don't padlock many saloons.

Earl Carroll is going to jail at last for perjury in his celebrated bathtub stunt, and the whole company that played "Sex" in a Broadway theater is sentenced to jail. Drama is improving.

Order of historical events in China: First you grab a Chinese seaport; then you make China sign a treaty legalizing it; then, when the natives get restless and unreasonable, you bring a fleet of warships and fight for your rights.

The equality between the sexes that women have been demanding for some time is gradually becoming thorough. In Wichita, Kan., the other day a husband threatened to go home to mother if his wife didn't stop beating him. The threat worked. The wife, in the presence of two witnesses, signed a pledge not to hit or in any way injure her husband, the father of her children, so long as they live together. It looks like a step toward justice and equality to have an abused husband get away with this old threat—if he really can get away with it. But there may still be a catch. This sort of equality hasn't yet progressed quite far enough to insure the husband who really does go home to mother against prosecution for desertion.

### HAMPERING PREJUDICES

Speaking at the dedication of the new building of the Baptist church in Cleveland, O., of which he was a member some years ago, John D. Rockefeller Jr. made a fine plea for human cooperation for the common good.

He pointed out the fact that men of many different nationalities and different religious faiths had been employed in the construction of the building. The only thing demanded of them was good workmanship. Yet the physical structure of the church is as beautiful, as well suited to its purpose, as soundly made as it would have been if only Baptist contractors and masons had been employed, of American birth and Nordic ancestry.

"If then," Mr. Rockefeller concluded, "men of many nations and many creeds may unite in building a church, why may they not work together sympathetically and to the advancement of the common good in the building of a city, in the development of government, in the working out of questions of international trade and world relations?"

It is worth thinking about. Prejudices are freak things, anyhow, but their holders rarely realize it unless they check up on them in some such way as that used by the speaker. If we do not draw racial and religious and class lines in one place, why draw them in another? If forgetting them and working together for the accomplishment of a specific end is effective in erecting a church, why not try forgetting them and working together for all sorts of other things of even greater importance within the church and throughout the national life?

### Bathing Habits Of U. S. Spread Abroad

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Bathing conveniently and often is no longer an American idiosyncrasy, it is disclosed in commerce department figures on plumbing material exports.

For five years prior to 1924, such exports averaged 12,000,000 annually, but advanced in that year to \$2,229,999 and a further increase is regarded as likely this year.

In Latin America, bath tubs are not in great demand, but the department's trade specialists find a good field there for shower equipment.

Great Britain, on the other hand, takes little shower bath material. Canada, Mexico and Cuba are considered markets for the latest type fixtures.

As a rule, the bath tub manufactured for export is the old style, walled iron affair which stands up on four legs. Purchasers in Norway, however, demand that the legs be detachable, and the Chinese want earthenware tubs called "soobow."

### CLAIMS OLDEST SONGBIRD

BALLYMORON, Ireland—John Sparks has a skylark that has sung in his cage here for 21 years.

## Ford Is Beaten In Fight to See Sapiro's Records

DETROIT, Apr. 12 (AP)—Henry Ford's attorneys and counsel for Aaron Sapiro in his \$1,000,000 libel suit against the motor manufacturer battled today over the Ford demand for the right to inspect Sapiro's records of income, and Ford law.

At the end of a long argument in the absence of the jury, Judge Fred M. Raymond decided that he would not issue an order giving the Ford counsel the "right" of access to the books which have been in the court room daily but would trust to the opposing attorneys to argue upon a time and place for inspection of the books. They cover the period of 1917-1924 inclusive.

### Lighting of Airways Chief Expense Item

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Establishment and operation of lighting systems to permit night flying is the chief item of expense in the maintenance of airways.

W. P. McCracken Jr., assistant secretary of commerce in charge of the government's efforts to speed development of commercial aviation, has ascertained that the required number of lights can be installed at a cost of \$337 a mile, and maintained at an annual expense of \$127.39.

His figures are based on the cost of lighting parts of the 119-mile airway from Chicago to Dallas. Air mail contractors who are operating on the route are taking in about \$100 a day, and McCracken expects the business to double during the year.

### Senator Refuses Investigating Job

WASHINGTON, Apr. 12 (AP)—Senator Fess, republican, Ohio, today declined to accept appointment as a member of the Reed campaign funds investigating committee to succeed Senator Guff, republican, West Virginia, who resigned.

In declining Senator Fess said he believed that investigations of elections should be conducted by the regularly constituted standing committee of the senate and that he was not in accord with the views of a majority of the special committee.

### PROTESTS ORDER

NEW ORLEANS, Apr. 12 (AP)—United States District Attorney Henry Zweifel of Fort Worth, Tex., today applied to the United States circuit court of appeals here to set aside an order releasing Dr. Frederick A. Cook from heavenworth prison on a five-year probation period.

Wm. Penn—5 cents—A Good Omen

## COMMUNISTS VICTIMS OF CHIANG GUNS

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press the radical element of the Kuomintang, or Cantonese political organization.

The labor unions ordered the workers to leave their posts as a protest against General Chiang's action in ordering raids yesterday on Labor Union hall. Labor leaders said the call was heeded immediately by 50,000 workers, and they expected many others would join the movement.

It was made clear by the labor organizations that the strike was not aimed at foreigners but was purely intra-Kuomintang—a movement by the communists to bring about the overthrow of General Chiang, commander in chief of the Cantonese armies. Chiang's move against the labor unions was logged upon as definite confirmation of an irrevocable decision not to become reconciled with the civil and radical wing of the Kuomintang, having its headquarters at Hankow.

The strike was only partly effective today in the international settlement. The trams were running on restricted schedules, the workers had gone out in some mills and tobacco factories, but the riksha and omnibus service was normal.

### Following Successes

The North Chinese troops, who turned suddenly several days ago against the Cantonese, appeared today to be following up their successes. An official report was received that they had entered Pukow, on the northern bank of a bombardment and without encountering opposition from the Cantonese. The report said that Cantonese flags on the side of Nanking facing Pukow had disappeared.

Further east in the Yangtze valley general Sun Chuan-Fang, original defender of Shanghai, assembled his troops in a drive on the grand canal, reaching a point opposite Chinkiang.

Northern authorities in Peking, in an official account of the last week's raid on soviet buildings in the Peking embassy compound, announced that among the documents seized were detailed plans for military operations, the soviet government to supply and organize cavalry in Mongolia and Manchuria.

Bolsheviks Blamed

The American consulate general in Nanking made public a statement signed by 17 American missionaries, who were residents of Nanking at the time of the massacre there.

"It now seems the all established opinion both of Chinese and foreigners that those responsible for these outrages were of the communist wing of the nationalist government, which is dominated and directed by Russian bolshevik advisers," the statement said.

### SOS FOR RATCATCHERS

MOSCOW—All the best ratcatchers in Russia have been summoned to Moscow to exterminate a plague of rats which have destroyed hundreds of valuable documents.

## Woman On Trial In Hillsboro On Murder Charge

HILLSBORO, Ore., Apr. 12 (AP)—C. W. Barick, district attorney of Tillamook county, presented the state's charges against Mrs. Eva N. McGee today in her second trial on the charge of slaying her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee, Nehalem, Ore., physician, who died last August.

Facts upon which the state will rely as outlined by Barick, were practically the same as those brought out in her first trial at Tillamook, in which the jury disagreed. Purchases of poison by the wife while Dr. McGee was ill at her rooming house recovering from an accident; changes in the beneficiaries of life insurance policies, and arrangements for the

funeral two days before the death of McGee were the main points stressed by Barick.

Walter Toomey, of McMinnville, of counsel for Mrs. McGee, followed Barick, attacked the state's charges.

The jury was completed late yesterday. It includes eleven men and one woman.

### CARROLL COLLAPSES

GREENVILLE, S. C., Apr. 13 (AP)—Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, enroute to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta today collapsed on the train shortly before reaching here and was removed to a Greenville hospital.

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Bostonian Shoes and Oxfords in kangaroo and genuine imported Russian calf—regular \$10.00 and \$12.00 values, going out at—**\$3.87 to \$5.89**

## Men's Wear GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

## How to start the Day Wrong

EVERYTHING'S BRIGHT AND ROSY WHEN YOU DASH FOR THE MORNING SHOWER

BUT WHEN YOU LIGHT A CIGARETTE AFTER BREAKFAST IT TASTES SOMETHING AWFUL!

- AND THE SECOND ONE STARTS THE OLD THROAT TO TICKLING.

- AND YOUR SPASMODIC FITS OF COUGHING HAVE EVERYBODY STARING AT YOU

- AND FINALLY YOU COUGH THE BIG BOSS RIGHT OUT OF YOUR OFFICE BEFORE YOU CAN MENTION THE LITTLE RAISE YOU WANTED.

- AND SO THE DAY IS UTTERLY RUINED.

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