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Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God; but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.—III John 11.

BARUCH'S PLAN

Prompted to speak, no doubt, by the agitation since the World war for the mobilization of capital, labor and all other national resources in the event of war, in the manner that fighters are drafted, Bernard M. Baruch, who was chairman of the War Industries Board during the war, is advocating a new and novel scheme for carrying this into effect.

Not convinced of the feasibility of the capital and labor "draft," he suggests to the war policies commission that the government control all prices should the country again be in a state of war, that there be no profiteering either in dealing with the government or with the people.

In brief, he proposes to establish the whole price structure "as it existed on some antecedent date near to the declaration of war;" this to be accomplished by an executive proclamation.

While the plan seems plausible enough, it would place an intense strain upon legislative control, and put the patriotism of finance, industry and labor to a severe test.

To be sure, some way to end war profits should be found, and the best means is to prevent war.

SYNTHETIC VOICE

This is the synthetic age! Synthetic foods, synthetic beverages, synthetic fuels, synthetic wood and synthetic metals are in common use, and now appears the synthetic voice, the achievement of an English inventor.

It was done by copying with careful accuracy the sound track of a talking film, photographing it again and reproducing it in an artificial voice which spoke in a deep bass, although it was originally spoken in a higher tone.

His discovery would permit the changing of the tone of voice and music in talking and sound moving pictures. Moreover, analysis of the delicate curves of sound as they are recorded by the phonograph disc or the talking film would permit the writing of the oral accompaniment to a screen picture without the actors or actresses uttering a sound.

This discovery will no doubt be destined to remain for some time in the category of things that are interesting and informative but as yet of very little practical value.

Sixteen thousand of the reasons why the nation was so eager for congress to adjourn were the 16,000 bills that died with adjournment.

There must have been a fair and open mind once upon a time, since someone had to invent that saying about there being two sides to every question.

Grafting changes the character of plants, but it reveals that of man.

Sophomores At Union to Stage Play on Mar. 20

Cheerfulness, like muscle, can be developed by systematic exercises. A very pleasant social evening was enjoyed by the members of the American Legion and the auxiliary Monday evening when they met in the dining room of the American Legion.

THIS WOMAN IN 4 WEEKS LOST 17 POUNDS OF FAT

She's a letter written October 21, 1929, by Mrs. Fred Barringer of Lew-Brown, Missouri, that ought to be read by every overweight woman in America. "Condemning: I started taking Kruschen every morning at breakfast and was very much overweight and wanted to reduce."

An interesting account of "The Children" written by Edith Wharton and Mrs. Will Vogel reviewed Martha Tenney's "The Young May Moon." A general discussion followed the reports. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hal Rees on Tuesday evening.

Edward Richard Davis returned Monday evening from Oakland, Cal., where they were called two weeks ago by the death of their father, Chas. E. Davis. Their mother returned with them and is visiting her brothers, Sam, Dick and George Benson.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Delaney Monday evening. Their home is in Hog Valley but they moved to Union to spend the winter.

Catherine Woodruff of Portland, who has been at Hot Lake several weeks taking treatment for rheumatism, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Mary Woodruff.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gatchell and Mrs. Smith drove here from Home-Steer, Ore. to attend the funeral of Dr. Phyl. Mrs. Anna Romig, of Baker, was called down to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Goss and her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Haller, former residents of Union arrived from Los Angeles Monday evening to visit Mrs. Alma Rohrig and her sister, Miss Agnes Brienne, both of whom are in very poor health.

Mrs. Roy Conklin and son, Roy, drove over to Wallawa for a visit with her mother last Sunday. Oscar Graham, of Covey, visited Saturday with his sister Mrs. Donald Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Hess drove to Portland Wednesday afternoon.

MRS. FOWLER ON STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

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rest me they will have a sweet time finding any money." "I don't think I said it."

Mr. Smith then questioned her further, asking if she hadn't said a good many things for which she thought she should not be held accountable. The answer was "I certainly do."

Questioning after that went into various stories alleged to have been told by her as to the whereabouts of the money after she returned to La Grande. Mr. Smith asked if she said \$40,000 was in a safety box and \$39,000 on deposit in Portland. She answered that she didn't remember.

Questioned again about the shortage, she said in reference to the slip found in her books, "But it was only a working slip, it never amounted to a thing to me, and it wasn't worrying me a bit."

Smith said: "Then you were not concerned about the fact that your books showed shortage of \$112,252.02?" Mrs. Fowler answered: "Not at all."

Courtroom observers, following her testimony, were of the opinion that her case was greatly weakened by her statements. The state made some telling points against Mrs. Fowler yesterday afternoon before it rested its case at 4:30.

Mrs. Raymond Gaudin, wife of a Pendleton deputy sheriff who had previously testified, told the jury that on the day she was arrested Mrs. Fowler said to her "I'll take my job and let them finish it."

Knowles Testifies J. W. Knowles, circuit judge for Union county, made a most impressive statement for the state. While he was on the stand the court room was more silent than it had been during the trial. Judge Knowles said that Mrs. Fowler went for him while she was in the county jail at La Grande and said to him, "I will get the money and books." He reminded her that she had been previously quoted as having said that they were in the United States National bank at Portland. "Yes, I know I said that but it wasn't true."

She then said she had seen and agreed to go to Portland and get them with Sheriff Brubaker and the county nurse that night. Judge Knowles agreed that she would be a good plan but was later advised, so he said, that Mrs. Fowler had seen her attorney and had made other plans.

Judge Link yesterday afternoon changed a previous ruling and permitted a summary of Accountant Condit J. Nam's attempt to go to the jury for their information after looking up authorities covering the point.

City Manager A. B. Cherry introduced in evidence a slip he took in Mrs. Fowler's safe after she went to Pendleton February 3 in which there appeared an item of "credits to come in bonds, coupons and receipts in banks \$112,252.02," which is the exact amount of the alleged shortage except for a \$50 error in her books later discovered by the auditor, who had been by the wife that Mrs.

Fowler thereby admitted that she must account for this additional sum which Mr. Cherry testified she had never done. Court Denies Motions After the jury had been dismissed for the day counsel for the defense presented two motions, both of which were denied after extended arguments.

Attorney Hess moved that the state be required to select which of two lines along which it would proceed to prove its case. This Mrs. Fowler had embezzled the money over a period of time and not as one single offense, or that the crime consisted of failure to account February 3, 1931. The state alleged that regardless of when the money was wrongfully converted a crime occurred when the defendant failed to turn it over on demand of the city officials. The court denied the motion.

A strong showing was made by defense attorneys Green and Hess for a directed verdict on grounds that the amended information on which Mrs. Fowler is being tried alleged failure to account for money alleged as the testimony showed that at least half of the shortage and possibly more had been in bonds and warrants which are not cash. Attorney Smith argued for the state that regardless of what form of property was taken he said the state did not know whether bonds or warrants or other taken and that the testimony introduced by the state didn't show, that Oscar Graham, of Covey, visited Saturday with his sister Mrs. Donald Gale.

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Man Shoots Sister And Commits Suicide

LAWRENCE, Kas., Mar. 19 (AP) — Mrs. Robert Steele, wife of a prominent farmer and former Douglas county commissioner, was shot and killed yesterday by Charles Steele, 50, brother of her husband, who then committed suicide.

Mrs. Steele and her brother-in-law had engaged in altercations over the reserve water for their adjoining farms southwest of here.

Joe Hunt, who was one of the leading quarterbacks in Southwestern conference college football a few years ago, is an outfield candidate with the St. Louis Cardinals.

RUSSELL PRICE RETURNS HOME

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to Toulouse on the border of France and Spain. Toulouse was the gateway to Spain for Mr. Price, for from there he crossed the Pyrenees, (which are mere knolls, he states), and went into that country and Madrid, Toledo, Cordova, Seville, Valencia, Barcelona because realities. He was in Spain during the beginning of the present uprising and saw the places where battles have been held since.

Arriving at Barcelona at 3 o'clock one afternoon, he found that at 1 o'clock a pitched battle had been staged in the streets between the police and the labor union. The fight started because the garbage haulers would not remove the garbage, and when at the end of three days the police hired someone else to do so, the labor unions began a battle.

To understand the present uprisings in Spain it is necessary to understand the Spanish temperament. Mr. Price feels they are hot-blooded, impulsive, and blow up, and after one understands the temperament the uprisings seem natural. Big business in Spain is run by Germans, he adds. After spending two months in this country he left Spain and walked around the coast of France to Nice, Monte Carlo, and Monaco. Germany and Italy are the most expensive countries to travel in. Mr. Price states, and feeling that he would rather see not so much territory, but to see it better, he sailed to Corsica in a "tubby" sort of a boat.

Corsica is more like this country, he believes, because the mountains are craggy and several quaint little towns are set among the crags of the Corsican mountains, many of which he visited during his stay. The Corsicans are a strange mixture of Italian and French.

First Seasickness Returning to the continent from Corsica, he had his usual experience with seasickness. Eating caramels to pass the time away before sailing proved to be a very unwise thing to do, for riding "sur le pont," or on the deck, is a cold business, he declares, and the way who said that at first he was afraid he was going

nothing but hoots and cries against the Illinois parole board. Another chorus of jeers greeted Warden Hill when he walked, unarmed, into the yard and ordered the convicts back to their cells. The prisoners stood their ground. At the warden's direction two shots were fired by guards over the prisoners' heads, but still they refused to move. There was another order for the men to disperse. This likewise was refused and the guards fired.

Shooting Ends Affair The shooting put an end to the affair. Prison gates then were opened to admit members of the Joliet fire department who put down the flames. The rule of sternness invoked by the officials included a bread and water diet at Stateville which they planned to keep in effect for ten days, in addition to which all except trusted men will be kept in their cells until there is no further sign of trouble. Neither will any of them receive any new clothes for weeks as the supply depot as well as the

bakery were burned. Water had to be brought from Joliet, about five miles distant, as the supply was exhausted in fighting the fire. Thousands of loaves of bread had to be brought from Chicago because of the damage to the bakery.

Two Chicagoans Accused Two Chicago convicts, Albert and George Reinhardt, sentenced on robbery charges, were accused by Deputy Warden Frank Knoes as the ring-leaders of the uprising. They were involved a year ago in an attempt to escape. Their conduct records as well as those of the other prisoners were reduced to zero by Warden Hill. The latter won the praise of Col. Frank B. Tripp, state superintendent of prisons for his handling of the situation.

The rioting prevented the transfer from the old to the Stateville prison of Nathan Leopold, co-slayer of Bobby Franks. He was on his way to Stateville in a bus with 20 other prisoners, but was taken back when the outbreak began.

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