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THE DEVIL QUOTES SCRIPTURE. Professors in the University of Berlin have found a new indictment of America.

Women and sex life dominate news in America. It is becoming a feminine nation. For proof the professors, it is told by the correspondent Von Wegand, point to American newspapers.

It is not a difficult undertaking to pick a nation or religion to condemn on the score of that which appears in the press—provided one selects one's own material and discards all that counterbalances the evidence in support of whatever one attempts to prove.

Not is it a novel practice. Upton Sinclair in the "Garden of Eden" just what he wants and nothing else and convicts the American press of strong capitalistic leanings and other crimes. But the practice is far, far older than the day of Sinclair or the Berlin newspaper.

"Mark you this, Bassano," quoth Antonio, "The devil can cite scripture for his purpose."

Four good typical American newspapers, consisting of the New York World, the New York Times, the New York Herald Tribune and the New York Sun.

The figures given by Colliers' are doubtless a fair average as to quantities of the different newspapers furnished day by day. At particular times the figures would vary. "Bigamy and divorce," with a Stillman and a Stokes case on trial at the same time, would show a greater number of newspapers.

The newspaper selects its news not wholly on the basis of what the public wants. News is not made by the newspaper. The newspaper is a dispenser of news.

Yes, indeed, Bassano, "Whatever one desires to believe about us we can prove, in a quantitative way, by employing a clipping bureau to send him all the supporting material it can find in the press on the subject—and nothing else."

SAVING A MILLION LIVES. The report of the Near East Relief for the year ended December 31, 1920, makes an amazing showing for the organized benevolence of Americans.

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Germany and later between Russia and Poland. When the bolsheviks had crushed Denikin, they made a dash for Baku, the metropolis of the Caspian field.

In this race the United States and Britain are the chief contestants, for they have the greatest merchant marine, the best railroad systems (if the British empire be taken as a whole) and the greatest industrial systems.

THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIM BOY. Of course, when the Mayflower sailed she carried along other items, certain little folk—boys and girls.

It is of course that newspaper which most often lectures others on the evils of partisanship.

THE SUPREMACY OF THE SUPREME COURT. The supreme court has reversed the conviction of the defendant in the case of William Bradford Huie.

It is also heard from democratic newspapers, big and little, that Attorney-General Daugherty was the arch villain in Albers case.

THE WORLD RACE FOR OIL. The note which Minister Phillips sent to the Dutch government in regard to oil concessions in the Dutch East Indies has an importance far beyond that of immediate field.

DEATH OF CYRUS H. WALKER. Cyrus H. Walker, who died at Albany yesterday, was the first male white child born in the Oregon country between the Cascades and the Rocky mountains.

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The Listening Post. What is Heard Under City?

THERE are many strange things buried under the city of Portland. A cross-section of one of the streets would contain an array of pipes, mains, conduits, sewers and wires that would astound the layman.

Many years ago, when Portland first began to show signs of becoming a city, a progressive firm installed a set of hydraulic pressure mains for elevators.

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Those Who Come and Go. Tales of Folk at the Hotels.

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Inland Route is Questioned. Mr. Friede Believes Better Location Can Be Had to Road.

PORTLAND, May 5.—(To the Editor.)—The Oregonian's Sunday edition showing the definite location of the inland route to California is exceedingly interesting to one who has gone over the proposed road.

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More Truth Than Poetry. By James J. Montague.

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