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BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER Prepared by Radio BIBLE SERVICE Bureau, Cincinnati, Ohio. If parents will have their children memorize the daily Bible selections, it will prove a priceless heritage to them in after years. March 17, 1925. THE CHRISTIAN'S MISSION.—French, saying, The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:7, 8. PRAYER: "O Lord of Heaven and earth and sea, To Thee all praise and glory be; How shall we show our love to Thee Who gavest all so graciously? By serving freely, faithfully, with Thee, for all!

DREAMS COMING TRUE

The dreams of the pioneers in the flax industry in the Salem district are coming true. They were bound to come true in time.— But there are indications that the progress towards their fulfillment will be more rapid from this time on than some of the dreamers of the dreams would have had confidence to hope up to a very short time ago. There are now four or five groups looking forward to participation in the flax and linen industries of the Salem district.— And likely there are others who may be interested in one form or another of this field of development. First, there is the Miles Linen company, now actively at work on the construction of the buildings for the plant; the machinery being manufactured and soon to be shipped, and spinning to begin about the first of July. Then there is the Washington-Oregon Linen company, proposing to install a linen mill at Vancouver, Washington, and promising to be spinning and weaving by the first of June. Proposing also to establish or assist in establishing retting and scutching plants at various points in the Willamette valley, in order to secure the fibers for their operations. Then there are the Canadian and American interests represented by Col. W. B. Bartram, including the Dominion Linens, the largest manufacturers of flax products across the border, and the owners of the only successful flax pulling machine. They will no doubt have a hand in the flax and linen developments here. Then there is still another group of Eastern capitalists looking this way with the idea of participating in this development. There is still another group that may become interested in promoting retting and scutching plants, in order to secure the fiber for outside manufacturers. Then there is Dr. Deimel, who is ready with the machinery to put a factory at Salem, whenever he can be assured of an ample supply of linen "yarn," with which to manufacture his patented linen mesh cloth and towels. Dr. Deimel weaves. He has a plant in Germany and two in England. He does not spin. He buys his spun yarn. He wishes to do the same in the United States, and is anxious to manufacture his American supplies here in Salem. He knows all about the quality of the fiber which we may produce here. He was satisfied on this point years ago.

The dreams are coming true. The next most important step will be the securing of many retting and scutching plants. And then a number of spinning plants.—

For, in the upper circles of linen and specialty manufacturing, the yarn is the raw product. Just as the fiber is the raw product of the spinner, and the straw is the raw product of the retting and scutching plant.

It may be that it will be found practicable for the state flax plant to spin yarn, and to go no further in the manufacturing process. It stops now at the production of the fiber.

A few things are now established, among them these: We can produce as good fiber as any section of the world. There are no exceptions. Not any at all. We can ret flax as well as they can ret it in the Lys river in Belgium, or elsewhere in the world. We can make as fine linens as the best turned out in the world.—

And we can do all this with the factories within eyeshot of the fields, in which we have natural endowments that are unique, outside of a very few favored districts in the entire world.

So our dreams were bound to come true. The important thing for the immediate future is that they are beginning to come true now.

"LEGALIZED LARCENY"

Among the trenchant phrases and epigrams with which President Coolidge's inaugural address abounded was one of which we shall hear more, very often, and in many places, and in state and local even more than in national affairs.— And that was the phrase "legalized larceny," which he applied to all collection of taxes not necessary or not undoubtedly for the public welfare. A century and a half ago America maintained the proposition that taxation without representation was tyranny.—

Today the American President puts forward a worthy companion to it, that TAXATION WITHOUT PUBLIC NEED IS LARCENY.

It would be profitable, were it possible, to analyze all our taxation, and ascertain how much of it incurs that blasting reproach. Particularly would it be desirable thus to deal with the taxation which originates nearest to the people. For it is worthy of note that the nearer to the people taxes are, the higher they are and the more rapidly they are rising; while on the contrary and most illogically, the further from the people they are, the more complaint is made against them.

National taxation is lowest, and is the only form that is decreasing, yet it is the chief object of complaint. Local taxes are highest, and are increasing most, and yet they are regarded with most complacency.

The total of state, county and municipal taxes in 1902 averaged throughout the United States \$9.22 per capita. In 1912 it had risen to \$13.91. In 1922 it was no less than \$32.23. The increase from 1902 to 1912 was more than 50 per cent; that from 1912 to 1922 was more than 131 per cent. That from 1902 to 1922 was more than 249 per cent.

Citizens will do well to consider, and so far as possible to investigate and ascertain, to what extent such increase of their taxes—levied and collected not by the national government but by their state and county and, most of all, city or township governments—was in fact "absolutely required" and did "beyond reasonable doubt contribute to the public welfare." And having done that, they will do well to regard all taxation beyond that limit as "legalized larceny" and call to a strict accounting those who are responsible for such theft. That trenchant phrase of the President's may well be heard in more than one state campaign, and in innumerable city campaigns and town meetings.

THE AUTO LAW

Senator Hall writes to call attention to the fact that the new drunken driver law is in effect. It is a mighty good law and one that will have a far-reaching effect over the country. It is the first consideration in curtailing the auto accidents, but it is not everything. There are a lot of people who are not drunk, who never took a drink in their lives, who are careless with automobiles. Last year there were 22,000 deaths and 678,000 serious accidents in the United States caused by careless automobile drivers.

One can not stand on a busy street corner for an hour without wondering how the death rate was kept down so low. Half-breath escapes seem to occur almost every minute. Nearly always the cause is the recklessness or carelessness of some driver who does not pay attention to traffic rules. Wonder grows when the observer pauses to note the disregard of prudence and safety in which nine-tenths of automobile drivers cross railroad tracks without checking their speed or looking to the right or the left. Wonder grows that more accidents do not befall as the penalty of a practice of many car drivers of speeding across street intersections to "make the hill" without shifting gears.

The season is upon us. It will bring tragedies that might have been prevented. It will bring to innumerable homes grief and lamentation. With so many warnings passed unheeded on every street, on every highway, death is lurking to take his grievous toll in 1925—a toll that is not compulsory and can be tremendously reduced by forethought, resolution and conscientious safeguarding.

DOCTORS AGREE

There has long been a good deal of discussion as to what would happen when doctors disagreed, and doctors have disagreed frequently, but there are signs of them agreeing. Medical associations are becoming larger and the doctors are getting friendlier. Dr. Charles H. Mayo, in a recent address, declared that doctors "are not doing their full duty in participating in community life, and idealists and cultists are getting their laws on the statute books." This warning is timely.

The doctors have been accustomed to "denounce new things without investigation. If they operated together in harmony they could investigate every new proposition that came up and absorb everything in it worth while. It is high time for the doctors to reach a common understanding among themselves. Medical advice is mighty important in adopting laws for the physical welfare of the people. They should contribute their experience and conclusions to legislative bodies enacting laws. They should not frown upon new things merely because they are new, but they should be open-minded.

WHAT IS WANTED

A German writing for Americans says that what Germany wants is some one at their head as an authority to whom they can look up. He declares they will not be satisfied with anything less. This writer squints at imperialism but the Hohenzollern dynasty is so discredited before the German people, as well as the world, that it can not come back in the lifetime of those who participated in the war.

It was easy to bring a Bourbon back in France because the French people are emotional, but it is not easy to bring a German Kaiser back because the German people are not emotional. They want calm, sensible solutions to their problems. They really don't go much on halos. They see so many of them misfits. The German people are stolid and substantial—and they are not going to go off on halos or become unduly excited because their government is not as strong as it might be. The

republic of Germany will develop strong men. They have their opportunity for the first time and there is reason to believe they are embracing it.

NOT TRUE

A learned scientist declares that man is growing mostly to brains and that the body will be atrophied. This may sound attractive on its face and it may tickle some people to put brains ahead of everything else, but it is not true.

For the first time in the history of the world physical progress is receiving its proper share of attention. We used to have our gladiators, then our ex-prize fighters, but now we have physical development for all the people who go to school. Every pupil has that as a part of his school life, and he leaves the halls of learning as well equipped in body as in mind. Every child has a right to be healthily born and every child has a right to healthful development—moral, intellectual and physical. All the parents in the country are insisting on that for the children, and forward-looking people who are not parents are also demanding that children have this chance for their lives. We are building up a well-rounded manhood, bodies strong and capable to take care of brains well developed. It is a most hopeful outlook.

TARDY JUSTICE

The American people had almost forgotten that a treaty regarding the Isle of Pines had been hung up for twenty-odd years, but when public attention was called to it there was an insistent demand that the treaty be approved. The Isle of Pines has been nominally ours but actually belonged to Cuba. The treaty has been ratified and tardy justice done.

It will go a long way toward allaying the growing suspicion of the Cubans that American aggression threatened their liberties. Cuba needs more ground for development, and the Isle of Pines offers an opportunity for just that. Of course it will be developed with American capital, but American capital should live under Cuban conditions.

NOT IMPROVING

When the democratic party, through its leaders, announced that it was going to keep hands off in congress and hold the republicans responsible, the country accepted this as an indication that the democratic party was getting some sense and might come back. But, true to tradition and instincts the party did not keep hands off for one day. It has sought every possible way to injure the president and the majority of the senate. It is up to the republican senators to cooperate with the president and form a progressive program of legislation that can be put through. If the republican senators are going to quarrel with the president, especially when he is right, they will face the same condition that strangled legislation the last two years and made the last congress so bad.

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PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, VICE-PRESIDENT DAWES AND CABINET MEMBERS POSE FOR MOST RECENT PHOTOGRAPH



Here are the men who will guide the ship of state for the next four years. In the upper row, left to right, are Andrew B. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury; Harry S. New, Postmaster General; Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior; Frank B. Kellogg, Secretary of State. In the center row, left to right, are John W. Weeks, Secretary of War; President Calvin Coolidge; Vice President Charles G. Dawes; Curtis D. Wither, Secretary of the Navy. In the lower row left to right, are Charles B. Warren, named by the President as Attorney General; James W. Davis, Secretary of Labor; William M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture; and Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce.

MY MARRIAGE PROBLEMS

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CHAPTER 409.

THE WAY MADGE MET DICKY'S COMPLAINTS AND CENSURE.

Dicky and Harry Underwood evidently had been watching for us at the Nantucket railroad station, for both of them were at the door of the car almost as Brother Bill Boyce threw it open. They helped us to alight while Brother Bill busied himself with our luggage, and Dicky put on his most formal and courteous air when we were all upon the platform.

"My dear," he said, "will you permit me to present Don Ramon Almiraz? We have found that we are quite old acquaintances. Miss Foster, may I introduce Don Ramon Almiraz?" Harry Underwood murmured his responses in so grandiose and composed a manner that no one could suspect him of knowing how inwardly convulsed Dicky and I were. The introductions over, he immediately devoted himself to Clair, with a most impressive air, and I guessed that he was giving Dicky the chance to an uninterrupted few minutes with me.

It was a chance which I did not contemplate with any degree of pleasure. The two men had either emerged from their interview without a quarrel, or else had mended it wholeheartedly before our arrival. This meant that Dicky had received the other man's warning about the danger of my going about alone, without the counter-irritant of resentful anger against the man who had given it. I might expect all sorts of fussiness, I told myself, and of annoying opposition to my work with Lillian.

Dicky did not immediately turn to me, however. Instead he spoke to Brother Bill. Brother Bill helps.

LENTEN TALKS THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST JOHN

Rev. ERNEST H. SHANKS, Pastor of the First Baptist Church

MARCH 17, 1925 John 7:37-53. "The Water of Life." The Living Water Offered. 37-50. Confusion and Questions. 50-54. Officers Bear Witness. 45-49. Nicodemus Defends Jesus. 50-53. Key: "Thirst." Memory verses: 37, 38, 40. THE utterances of Jesus are startling. He is the most sensational teacher the world has ever known. His figures of speech go right to the point, arrest the attention of His hearers. To the woman at the well-side He told of the living water. Now He cried, "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." What heart has not known longing, thirsting, yearning? What thirsty soul ever came to Him and went away unsatisfied? Earth's cisterns do not satisfy. Pleasure, wealth, honor are empty wells. Material things cannot satisfy the soul. The rich fool who thought to delight himself in fatness would have his soul eat corn like an ox. This is so evident that it does not need argument or proof. No wonder the officers came back saying, "Never man spoke like Jesus." No one ever spoke with such authority and with such a message as this. He is still the teacher of teachers, and the leader of men. The thirsty soul on the desert of life will find refreshment in Him. "If any man thirst, let him come unto Me, and drink." "He that believeth on me, . . . from within him shall flow rivers of living water." Some of the multitude said, "This is of a truth the Prophet."

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Bits For Breakfast. More flax development.— But this thing will not be overdone.— Not up to \$100,000,000 a year, to supply the American market. And then there are foreign markets worth going after.— The Czechoslovaks will not only help the Willamette valley to grow the beets, but they will help in financing beet sugar factories. They are thrifty people, and many of them are large capitalists.—

Rattling fenders have their use. You can't hear directions from the back seat.— "God tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" is neither in the Bible nor in human experience.— One thing the world needs is an amplifier for the still small voice.—

Why scold fools? If you are the tallest man in the crowd you don't—cuss those who can't see what you see.— A prominent surgeon asserts that bad eyes are conducive to crime. Yet it is noted that most pickpockets and burglars have wonderful vision.—

Quadruplets born in Indiana were named John, Jean, Jane and June.— If they have a cross word in the family it will have four letters and begin with J.— The patent office took in over \$3,000,000 in fees last year—the biggest year in the history of the division. Looks as if Edison were still working his sixteen hours a day.—

Colonizing Party Pays Second Visit to Salem.— So deeply impressed was the Czechoslovak party by their visit to the Willamette valley that they stopped over in Salem for the afternoon Monday after visiting at McMinnville, Newberg and other Willamette valley points. The party arrived here about 1:30 o'clock and spent the greater part of the time in inspecting nearby points.— B. W. Siller, executive secretary of the American Czechoslovak Chamber of Commerce at Portland, was in charge. Dr. Norris, an eminent member of the eastern organization of the visitors, also paid a second visit to this community. Dr. Norris plans to establish an office in or near Salem in the near future.— While in Salem the group called at the home of Frank Hrubetz.— Village complex: Possessing ten thousand dollars; trying to be modest about it.—

SAP AND SALT BY BERT MOSES

Heroes are men who raised hell at the proper time.

Flattery works better on an old maid than on a debutante.

The main thing in swimming is courage, and the next essential is water.

Instead of telling what should be done, suppose you pitch in and do it.

No boy ever came out of college with brains unless he took some along when he went in.

Some widows have a good memory, others a poor one; anyhow, it seems to make no difference in their ability to repeat.

Hez Heck says: "Poets these days don't seem to get so much inspiration out of ginger pop as the ol-timers got out o' wine."

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