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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

But now, O Lord, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand.—Isaiah 64:8.

The Mexican Crisis

President Calles of Mexico has replied defiantly to the rather insolent warning issued by Secretary of State Kellogg in which the latter asserted that the administration will support the government in Mexico "only so long as it protects American lives and American rights" and "complies with its international engagements and obligations" as "conditions are not entirely satisfactory."

President Calles accuses Secretary Kellogg of assertions contrary to fact and asserts it his duty to "rectify said statements as required by truth and justice." The Mexican government is "determined to comply with obligations imposed by international law" but "no nation may pretend to create a privileged situation for its nationals in Mexico," nor will this government accept any foreign interference "contrary to the rights of the sovereignty of Mexico."

As both communications were given to the press before being delivered, this threatened breach cannot be blamed on secret diplomacy, other than the secret pressure of American exploiters in Mexico upon the administration, and the secret pressure being exerted upon Calles by radical forces responsible for his election.

Back of the controversy lies on the one side the antagonism of the American oil, mineral and other big business investors to any administration interfering with their exploitation of Mexican resources. Throughout the Taft, Wilson and Harding administrations they clamored noisily for armed intervention by the United States to protect American property and lives declared in danger, with the object of annexing the southern republic to insure security for the American dollar.

On the other side is the latent hostility of Mexicans for the hated "Gringo," the patriotic cry of Mexico for Mexicans, lest the nation be robbed of its freedom by the republic to the north, and the radical and socialistic influences that have confiscated the large estates and given them to the people, and have passed restrictive legislation designed to restore national resources also.

With these two conflicting forces at work, each seeking its own ends, a clash between the two nations is likely any time hot-heads of either can control their respective governments.

School Failure

Over one percent of the total population of Salem graduated from the high school this year—which reflects the increase in education which is crowding educational institutions from primary to university. Yet the increased schooling has not made for increased efficiency or increased mentally or improved citizenship, for education is not a substitute for intellect and industry. Indeed it is a debatable question whether education, above fundamentals, does not mar more than it makes.

In addressing the graduating class of the University of Colorado, Secretary of the Interior, Hubert Work, arraigned the jazz spirit of the day as responsible to a degree for the failure of education. He remarked, among other things:

College graduates are becoming criminals in alarming numbers, either because of meager mentality, superficial schooling or lack of moral stamina. * * * Not long ago education was looked upon as insurance against the vicissitudes of life, now university presidents consult each other to discover reasons for the failure of the educated. * * * College neither makes nor mares boys, it only speeds them on the way they have already started. * * * Preparation for life's responsibilities is not made at 4 o'clock teas, jazz parties at night or unrestricted social congregation of the immature.

All that education can do is to train a person to make the most of his or her abilities. Intellect is a product of heredity rather than environment and schooling is not a substitute for brains. We expect too much of our schools when we expect them to make good inherited mental limitations, and so, much of the educational efforts is sheer waste.

It has always been a favorite illusion of democracy that all mankind are created equal mentally and all that society had to do was to supply schooling to insure brains, a theory whose fallacy our expensive school system has convincingly proven.

MY MATRIMONIAL VACATION

by Violet Dare

ANOTHER MESSAGE
The next day I received a note from Nathalie Jordan. She had sent it to the apartment, and Frank Harrison brought it to the hotel and left it there for me.
"I can't understand your saying that you didn't ever want to see Bill again," she had written. "What's your excuse for that? He will be here very soon."
She had signed it "With love, Nathalie."
Realized that I ought to see her, but somehow I couldn't. Nothing mattered but Jim's death.
Virginia had so many things on her mind, because of her reconciliation with my father, that she bothered very little with me. But when I told her that I had heard from Nathalie she immediately took the time to discuss my affairs.
"You say Bill Ewing wants to marry you?" she said. "Well, unless you've completely lost your senses you'll marry him—after a decent time of course. Don't be silly, Nancy. Remember, you were quite willing to stay here with me when Jim went off to the Philippines. You just think you care more for him than you really did. I can't blame you; having him die so suddenly would make you feel that way, of course. But, after all, you'll get over this before long. And Bill Ewing has lots of money; his father was old Colonel Ewing, and was worth millions, and Bill inherited half the fortune he left."
I just couldn't answer her. It

seemed incredible that she could talk that way. But Virginia had always considered the main chance before anything else.
"After Jim's funeral you might go away somewhere," she went on. "You'll find that it won't be long before you'll be very glad indeed to see your old friends. Now, let you, and ask her to come in this afternoon for a little while. You owe her that because she's been such a good friend to you."
She went to the telephone, and I left the room. I couldn't quite understand how it happened that Virginia, mercenary as she was, had left town just as Frank Harrison was about to propose to her, and was back to my father, whom she had divorced. She had always quarreled with him bitterly; I couldn't believe that there was much real affection there.
He was due to arrive in a few days. I couldn't help wishing that I knew him better, and could really talk with him about my own affairs. Virginia said that he and she were going abroad, on a sort of second honeymoon, so I'd be left quite alone. I might as well have been an orphan. I told myself, so far as any real help from my parents was concerned.
Frank Harrison was more of a friend than anyone else. I decided to ask him to help me. I'd made up my mind that I wouldn't go away, as Virginia suggested, but would see if I couldn't get some kind of work to do. That would do more than anything else to take

Mentioned in the News



SECRETARY MELLON & JAMES B. DUKE.
Below: DOROTHY ELLINGSON & CLARENCE DARROW.
Secretary of the Treasury Mellon has established a Summer home in fashionable Southampton, Long Island, where it is expected Belgian diplomats will meet to arrange war debt funding. James B. Duke, tobacco magnate, has given \$2,000,000 in addition to a previous gift of \$6,000,000 to the Duke University building fund. Dorothy Ellingson, facing trial in San Francisco for the slaying of her mother, was operated on for appendicitis. Clarence Darrow, in New York to confer with John T. Scopes, Tennessee biologist, said he expected Nathan Leopold would follow Richard Loeb in losing his sanity.

Open Forum

Contributions to this column must be plainly written on one side of paper only, limited to 300 words in length and signed with the name of the writer. Articles not meeting these specifications will be rejected.
To the Editor: No great thing is ever accomplished without optimism. Let's apply a little optimism to the Willamette valley. Draw a circle, representing fifty miles in diameter, letting the circumference take in all of Salem and all of Portland, nearly to the Columbia river.
With a map on a scale of 40 miles to the inch a silver half dollar will very nicely aid in making the circle. Notice the cities located in the circle. There is Oregon City, Hillsboro, McMinnville, Newberg, Silverton, Scotts Mills, Woodburn, Aurora, Gervais, Wolalla, and two or three dozen other smaller places. Now fifty miles is the distance across a large city.
At the ratio of increase in population such as would naturally be expected in the next ten years, this valley home circle could easily become almost a city with paved streets, factories, electric street cars and flying machines; and in ten years more—is it a dream? Think what has happened since 1860, when Portland now stands, was offered in exchange for a logging outfit. See what has taken place in Salem and in Silverton even in the last ten years. Look at our automobile method of travel and transfer of goods that has suddenly sprung up. Wake up Mr. pessimist and know that the "world do move," and that land in this circle that now sells for \$150 per acre will soon sell for more than that per lot. Millions of people will come to this home valley as soon as they know that this is the most logical place on the Pacific coast for a

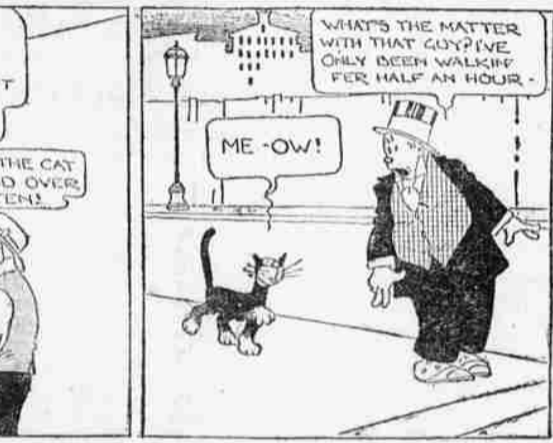
real city. Men of money and of energy are coming. Producers of wealth will come from every county under the sun. We will learn the lesson of cooperation, and, with our ocean trade increasing every day with the orient, with our wonderfully rich supply country, north, east and south of us, with a climate, better than that enjoyed by any other large city in the United States, with no destructive heat, cold or storms, with our garden soil, with our pure water, with our most luscious fruit, with our water power, with our timber and with our many untouched resources, our great city of the valley will be built.
Optimists, you are the only kind that can build a city. Get busy—"sow the seed; withdraw the curtain; clear the way!"
—J. E. HOSMER.
Silverton, June 12.
EPISCOPALISMS HERE CONSECRATE CHURCH WITH CEREMONY
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ceremony of burning the notes will be staged. The notes are the last of those issued to pay for the church, and amount to some \$6000. The church was built at a cost of approximately \$30,000, most of the architectural work being done by Rev. Mr. Chambers.
In addition to Bishop Sumner there are a number of visiting Episcopal clergymen in the city, who assisted with the ceremonies yesterday. Among those here are Archbishop J. C. Black of Portland, Rev. John Dawson, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Portland, who read part of last night's service; Rev. P. C. Taylor of Astoria, who took part in the service last night; Rev. O. W. Taylor, rector of Grace Memorial church of Portland, who presented yesterday evening's sermon; Rev. Charles H. Powell, former rector of the local church and now

rector of St. Luke's church of Vancouver, Wash. Rev. Mr. Powell took part in last night's services. A number of other visitors were expected to arrive in Salem this afternoon.
COLLEGES GRADUATE MANY CRIMINALS CLAIMS H. WORK
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way they have already started," he said, but warning the graduates that "that preparation for life's responsibilities is not made at four o'clock teas, jazz parties at night or unrestricted social congregation of the immature."
Speaking of the proposed child labor amendment to the constitution, Secretary Work said, "the alarming organizations of youth-crime are not being recruited from working boys nor do working girls become a prey to sex reactions. Federal activity should not be concerned with domestic relations, but confine itself to the administration of the nation's business."
Touching on the evolution controversy, Secretary Work said: "The evolution of man may well be taught as a theory, not necessarily in antagonism to theology which accepts the evolution of the spirit leading to a higher life; nor in refutation of the teaching of the Bible prescribed in many schools."
19,500 JAPS ARE OVER 90
Tokyo, Japan.—In connection with the imperial gifts distributed to persons over 90 years of age, on the occasion of the royal silver wedding, the authorities found 19,500 persons in Japan who were eligible. Sixty per cent of these were women. Two women, 111 years of age each, held the longevity record.

BRINGING UP FATHER



BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG



KRAZY KAT



MUTT AND JEFF



By George McManus

By Billy de Beck

By Herriman

By Bud Fisher