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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

When a man's peace please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.—Proverbs 16:7.

The Teapot Whitewash

Sinclair's Teapot Dome securities advanced \$13,000,000 in value overnight as the result of the decision by federal district judge, T. Blake Kennedy, upholding the lease of the government oil land by ex-Secretary Fall and white-washing the entire transaction whereby the navy's oil reserves were bartered away. The court swept aside all allegations of fraud, altho admitting the lease by Sinclair to Fall "suspicious" but legitimate.

Doheny who loaned Fall \$100,000 and secured the navy oil preserves on the coast was not so lucky as the federal judge in California held the lease fraudulent. However, Doheny is a democrat while Sinclair one of the pillars of the grand old party.

In the final outcome, no one will have to return any money secured by robbing the government of its oil and no one will have to go to jail for corruption. Multi-millionaires always escape the consequences of their crimes or receive a reward of merit. It is the little fellow who finds the way of the transgressor hard.

If Sinclair and Doheny had been country postmasters and taken a few dollars worth of postage stamps, instead of a hundred million dollars worth of oil held for the navy in case of war, it would have meant federal prison for a long term. Justice is quite relentless in such cases.

The moral of course, is that if you must steal, grab big chunks. You can then secure immunity, endow universities, create foundations for uplift work, become a philanthropist, a social leader and a pillar of the church, for "to him that hath shall be given."

Amundsen's Flight

It is hard to understand just what beneficent results will be forthcoming from Amundsen's attempted flight to the pole, news of which is copy-righted commercialized and exploited to the profit of news-fetive syndicates, other than to refresh the public with arctic weather tales during mid-summer heat, and to provide topics for future lectures, magazine articles and books.

If Amundsen proves Admiral Peary a faker, as Peary proved Doc Cook to be, and locates the pole on land instead of a field of floating ice, as Peary claimed, the trip will have been worthwhile, but any such result is improbable as Peary got close enough to the pole to make a shrewd guess, if he did not actually locate it, and Amundsen's airship landed in the same sort of a place, 200 miles away from the pole.

Peary claimed to have "nailed the stars and stripes to the pole" on April 6, 1909, on the last lap of a 600 mile dash made from Cape Columbia, on the northern shore of Grant Land. Remaining in the party were Peary, Henson (the negro), and four Eskimos. Flags were hoisted and the pole claimed for the United States. No evidence of land was seen in any direction, nor was there any evidence of plant or animal life with a below zero temperature.

The utilization of the airship for Arctic exploration constitutes the novel feature of the expedition, Amundsen's flight being the first of several scheduled attempts. The discoverer of the south pole also failed in a similar effort in 1922. Little of scientific value can however be accomplished by these hazardous flights over a barren field of shifting ice.

Tail of a Man

The tail of a monkey, an entirely different sort from the tale related by William J. Bryan, adorns man before birth, and occasionally afterwards, asserts Dr. Adolph H. Schultz, embryologist in the John Hopkins Medical school, in an article in the Baltimore Evening Sun. He declares:

The embryologist has irrefutable and abundant proof to demonstrate that man, long before birth and when measuring but a third of an inch, bears a true external tail one-sixth the length of his body. This tail projects for a considerable distance beyond the place where the legs branch from the trunk. It contains anywhere from seven to nine vertebral rudiments, bringing the total number of segments in the spinal column to as many as thirty-eight. This tail soon becomes completely overgrown by neighboring parts and disappears from the surface. Some of the vertebral rudiments become resorbed so that in adult man there are only four or five of them left—small vestigial bones of the sacral coccyx, at the lower end of the spine, which in adult man consists of only thirty-three or thirty-four vertebrae.

In some apes, notably the orang-utan, the evolutionary reduction of the tail has gone further than in man, since in the former only three, sometimes two, tail vertebrae have remained and the adjoining muscles are still more rudimentary than in man's own anatomy. Moreover, a human being is born occasionally with an outer tail.

The embryologist seeking truth, cannot help noting the striking resemblance between man, ape and monkey in early development which can only be understood by assuming a common origin for both, from which they inherited the tendency for the same growth processes, which have become modified through later specializations.

It is well demonstrated, says Dr. Schultz, "that the human body in a number of points is less removed from ancestral conditions, and hence remained in some parts more original and primitive than have some of man's simian cousins."

But the fiat of fanatics sweeps aside the findings of science and would ban the search for truth with prison bars.

My Matrimonial Vacation

by Violet Dare

JIM'S PLANS

"All right, we'll go for a while, and then I'll take the fellows along with me to a place I want to show them, and you can take Nancy on home with you later," he told Virginia.

I loathed Jim in that flippant mood. But there was nothing I could do to change him. If I hadn't loved him so much, it would have been easy enough for me to make him feel uncomfortable, and had a just revenge. But somehow I couldn't do it.

At the supper table, while the others were dancing, I had a chance to talk with him alone. "I wish

you happiness," I said, "even though you're making me so unhappy."

"I'm making you unhappy?" he repeated, unbelievably. "But I'm doing exactly what you asked me to do—letting you divorce me without a nutmar."

"Yes, because you want to marry Celia," I answered.

With all my heart I wished he'd tell me that he didn't want to marry Celia, that he wanted me. But he didn't say anything of the kind. He just kept still for a moment or two, and then asked me if I didn't want to dance.

I was perfectly wretched. I tried

to think of Bill Ewing, and read.

I wondered if he was thinking of our honeymoon, when we got to the old chapel at West Point where we'd been married and went to a little town up state where I was so hot that even the natives could hardly bear it.

I hadn't minded that hot weather at all!

"I hope you didn't mind my having my bags sent right up to your room at the hotel; I didn't think to mention it before," he said presently. "I'd rather those things, who come with me didn't know anything about our plans for a divorce. I'll all come out in time, of course, but just now I'd rather it didn't."

"Why don't you stay right here? Virginia and I can go together, and you could take my room," I suggested.

"No, I'd rather not," he said. "I'll move down the hall; I spoke to the clerk about it, and it's all arranged."

He seemed to have some right about it, and settled everything. But then, I'd brought it all down on my own head, I reflected. It was my own fault, and if I didn't like it, why, nobody cared!

When he and his friends left our supperparty, leaving me to go home with Virginia, I asked him when I'd see him.

"I'll come in in the morning," he told me, in a low voice, so that nobody would overhear. "We can arrange everything then."

Monday—A Scene in Central Park.

My heart was so heavy it was like lead.

"Celia likes living in Europe," he went on—as if I cared where Celia Eaton wanted to live! "And I shouldn't mind it myself, for awhile."

I didn't answer. I was afraid that if I tried to speak I'd burst into tears.

He went on, telling me that he'd really had a jolly time in the Philippines; that he'd been able to spend a good deal of time in Manila, which was very gay, and had planned to go to China for a few weeks if he hadn't been transferred and sent back to the States.

"You ought to go out there some time, Nancy," he told me. "You'd like the islands, I'm sure."

"You forget that I can't stand extreme heat," I replied. "Of course Celia's much stronger than I am—she can stand anything!"

"Yes, I had forgotten that you don't like hot weather," he answered.

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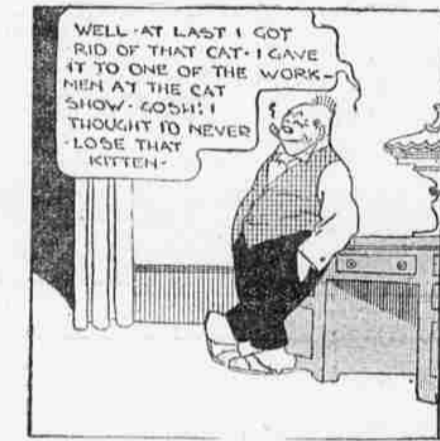
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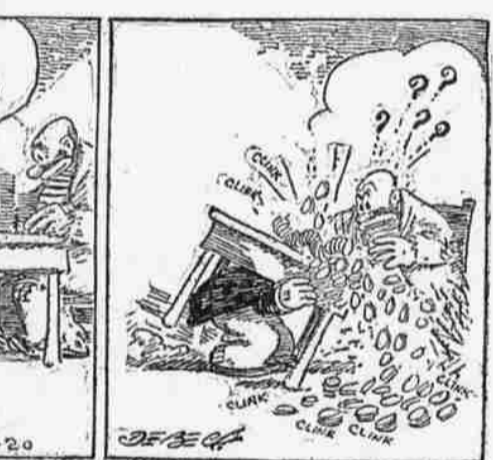
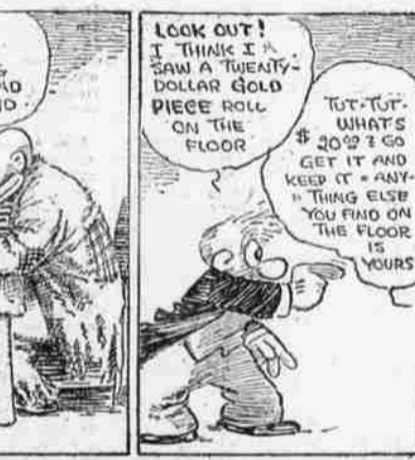
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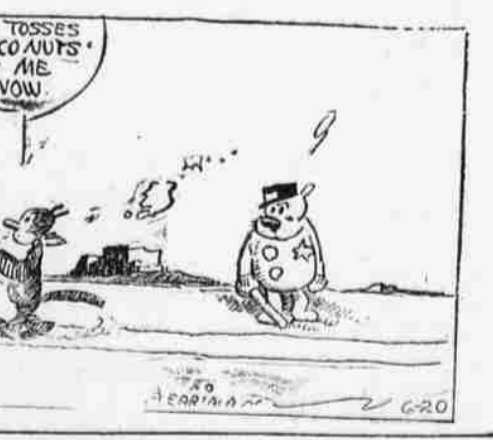
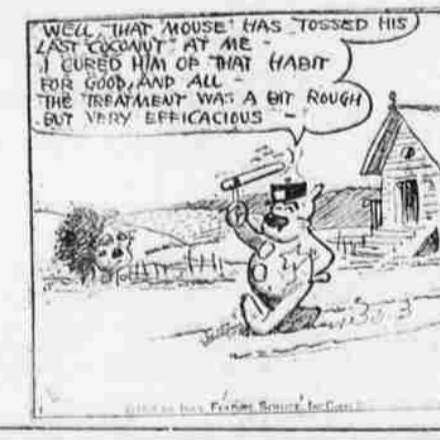
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