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### CANDID AND HONORABLE

Baron Shidehara, Japanese minister of foreign affairs did his duty as a statesman and a discourager of discord between his country and ours when he bluntly replied to a jingoistic question by a member of the Japanese deit: "The American naval maneuvers are not our business, and I desire to refrain from commenting on the question. The maneuvers do not violate the spirit of the four power treaty."

It required some political courage to make such an answer, for many members of the deit took violent umbrage at it. But the truth remains the truth. We have a perfect right under the four power treaty and under international rules to send our fleet to Australian ports. We offered to send it on a friendly visit to Japan. Japan declined the courtesy. Australia does not decline it. No offense can be rightly taken by the Japanese at the fleet's training cruise merely because it extends into waters on the other side of the Pacific, which, at that, are a couple of thousand miles or more distant from the "mainland" of Japan.

The Japanese public has been told by jingo agitators that the American fleet is to maneuver jointly with the Austrian squadron of the British fleet. This is an invention out of whole cloth. The Japanese government knows better. It can see no violation of the four power compact in what our navy department has planned to do. It is an encouraging manifestation of candor and good international feeling for a Japanese foreign secretary to tell native critics of our naval practice program that they are on an entirely false trail.

### DOGS AND MEN

A very pretty sentiment, in an editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle, asks "What of the Dogs?" in telling about the carrying of diphtheria serum to Nome. It declares that due credit will be given to the men that took the burden and to the radio that was used. "But what of the dogs?"

So sentimentalist, a thousand miles or more away, will note what is due the dogs, as will these dogs' owners, if they have any decent spirit and self interest, as well as that love of dogs that most men have.

But what we, who are far away, and may not be sentimentalists except about the dogs that we know and love, will get from this is that dog faithfulness and loyalty and strength and astuteness are themselves very weak and very inconsequential. Men have succeeded in being themselves, where dogs only succeed in being something attached to men. The men who are worth while are men who can "do", not the men who can be done with.

That is the difference between a good dog and a mediocre man. The poor man, even, is worth something to himself. The dog is worth something, to others.

### HOLLYWOOD WILL FIND IT EASY TO UNDERSTAND

When Gloria Swanson becomes the bride of Marquis James de la Falaise et de la Gaudray, she is reported as having said to the correspondents:

"People said the French marriage laws will make it hard for me to marry again. Pish and tush, and a couple of more tushes. Where there's a will there's a way. Wonder how Hollywood will like that?"

Judged by the current fashion in film circles there—the assuming of the marriage relationship and the shedding of the same with equal sangfroid—Hollywood will have a perfect understanding of how Miss Swanson feels. In that circle the man who has had only one wife and the woman who can claim only one husband are hopelessly passe.

And it is a poor day in the news which does not record the appearance of some new candidate for the ranks of the divorced elite.

### OFFICERS MUST BE ALLOWED TO FREELY GIVE VIEWS

Just how effective airships will be in naval operation in the next war is a matter of a vast difference of opinion.

Yet because of this very difference of opinion it is the solemn duty of congressional committees, having to do with naval and aircraft appropriations, to secure the best available testimony on the matter, to listen to every officer who has made a personal study of effectiveness of bombs when dropped from airplanes, and kindred problems.

But reports from Washington indicate a certain clique in the war and navy departments is determined that this shall not be done; that any officer who dares to go contrary to the accepted opinions of his superiors is to be disciplined; be sent off to Guam or exiled to some other distant spot.

For example, in a statement before the house aircraft committee the other day, Chairman Stephens said three such officers personally had requested him that they

be not summoned lest they be made the victims of such treatment.

Even although what they have to say may be of vital importance to the nation's defense, they must not express their honest opinions.

That is a situation which the committee should not for a moment tolerate.

It has the right, and the country has the right to know what is the condition of its air defense, and how best they may be built up, to protect it from peril and attack in the future.

### OREGON STARTED SOMETHING

The gasoline tax originated in Oregon in 1919, when a 1-cent a gallon tax was levied by the legislature. At each succeeding session of the legislature this tax has been increased until at the present session a proposal is made to raise it to 6 cents. Various other western states show the same record.

It is inevitable that the taxes accruing from the sale of gasoline will increase at the present rates of taxation, because more cars are constantly coming into use. In California, it is estimated on good authority that the increase for the next ten years will be 5 per cent per annum, which will mean that more than \$400,000,000 will be raised by gas taxes during that period, a sum considerably in excess of that said to be needed.

Where is the justice in continually raising the rate of taxation in one product, the benefits of which taxation are derived by every citizen of the commonwealth? Is this equal taxation?

### BUILD ON THE OLD FOUNDATION

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### REPORT OF LECTURE GIVEN BY A. H. MACMILLAN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, LOCAL BRANCH, IN THE WINING THEATRE, SUNDAY, FEB. 8TH

#### JEWS RETURNING TO PALESTINE, AND THE SIGNIFICANCE TO CHRISTIANITY

##### Jerusalem and Other Points Bechives of Activity

The Jews have been without a homeland, for over twenty-five hundred years. Their last king, Zedekiah, was dethroned in 606 B. C. The prophecies of the Bible indicate that "seven times" or 2,520 years, should pass over their heads before they would be rehabilitated in the land given to Abraham and his posterity and receive again their national power. This returning favor from God began in 1878 when Lord Beaconsfield, a Jew, prime minister of Great Britain, succeeded in having a clause written into the Berlin Treaty of that year permitting the Jews with equal rights to possess land in Palestine. The World War broke down other barriers, and since 1918 great strides have been made toward reclaiming the Holy Land for the ancient people.

The restoration of Israel does not mean that commercialism is to be enthroned, nor that higher criticism is to be a dominant factor in the new government to be established in Palestine. Not every one who claims to be a Jew is a Jew. A Jew from Jehovah's viewpoint is one who is the offspring of Abraham and has the faith of Abraham. The restoration of the Jews at this time is by divine favor and nothing can stop it.

God made two promises to Abraham: One was that in his

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lent and punishing them when they were going astray. The Lord through the prophet Amos says: "You only have I known (favored) of all the families of the earth." But the time came when because of unbelief they were to be chastened "seven times" (Lev. 26:18,24), which allotted time terminated in 1914.

When Zedekiah was dethroned Jehovah sent him word through the prophet Ezekiel (21:25-27): "Thou profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity (apparently sanctioned by me) shall have an end; thus saith the Lord God: Remove the diadem, and take off the crown; this shall not be the same. . . I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it (the kingdom) shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him." The prophet Daniel clarifies the matter by saying (7:27): "The kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him"—the composite Messiah.

That the kingdom is to be established under the whole heavens means that the ruling power will be spiritual; therefore the seed of Abraham must be spiritual. This was stated by Jehovah in symbolism, thus: "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven." And that the land was to be rehabilitated and the kingdom of Israel restored and receive the long-deferred blessing from the exalted "star" class, Jehovah said: "And as the sand which is upon the sea shore." That the Gentile nations are going to seek the favor of God through this agency, God's covenant continues: "And thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."—Genesis 22:17, 18.

Because of these promises Jesus confined His preaching to Israelites; and His disciples were not permitted to go to the Gentiles until the "seventy weeks" of Daniel's prophecy had fulfillment, when St. Peter was given a vision teaching him that Gentiles were now privileged to be fellow-heirs of the spiritual phase of the Abrahamic promise.

The Jews were given a jubilee system to govern their national affairs, and there were to be seventy jubilees. This totals a period of 3,500 years, beginning with the year 1575 B. C., and therefore terminates in the Fall of 1925. Thus we have chronological information showing that between 1914 and 1925 are years of preparatory work among the

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true Israelites, for them to lay the foundations upon which shall be built the superstructure of a permanent government for the blessing and uplift of all tongues nations and peoples. But first the Jews who are to be honored in the world's uplift must recognize the source of their blessing and exaltation; and if they cannot recognize that the composite Messiah is Christ and His Church changed to spirit beings and that the New Testament Scriptures are as much sacred writings as those of Moses and the Prophets it will be necessary for God to mete out to them other punishments, which may be very severe because of the shortness of the time they have to recognize divine power working in their behalf.

It is not necessary for the Jew to become a Christian and to accept the doctrines of the confusing creeds to have God's favor. True Christians must experience a change of nature in the resurrection, but the masses of mankind shall live upon the earth; five under their own vines and fig trees, build houses and inhabit them, and long enjoy the work of their hands. The earth is to become like Eden, and the human family will be restored to mental, moral and physical per-

fection, and if faithful to the truth, be privileged to live forever. Thus shall come the kingdom for which we have been taught to pray: "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." The reason, then, for the rebuilding of Palestine is that "out of Zion (the glorified Church) shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." (Isaiah 2:3) And the radios are being installed upon the house tops to receive the message. Adv.—135-14

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