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**DECEMBER 29, 1925**  
**SELF-MASTERY**—Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer. Psalm 19:13, 14.

**PRAYER**—  
"O for a heart to love Thee  
More truly as I ought;  
And nothing place above Thee,  
In deed, or word, or thought."

### GREEN DENOUNCES SOVIET

President Green of the American Federation of Labor has taken formal notice of the new intrigue between the Soviet authorities of Russia and certain trading interests in New York which are seeking to make a bargain of mutual benefit, without reference either to the American government's moral attitude toward Russia nor to the permanent trading benefit of the American people. Green denounces the propaganda that attempts to convey the impression that the Soviet is a "labor government."

Strange that he should even be called on to do so. But there still be American liberal groups that have the impression that the Russian government represents the wishes and the intents of the Russian people.

As it is, the sale of the accumulated capital of the former Russian empire still goes on. Jewels are peddled abroad, as a means of maintaining a trade balance, and the Soviet administration uses this fund as directly as it can to maintain its military force and at the same time satisfy the more pressing demands of the people.

As between a Czarist tyranny and a Soviet tyranny, there may be little to choose. But it is to be profoundly hoped that, in spite of either, the Russian people may some day acquire self rule.

### DO DEGREES TELL THE TRUTH?

Dean Woodbridge, head of the graduate faculty of Columbia university, is correct neither in his premises nor in his conclusions when he talks about "worship of academic degrees." Firstly, it is not true that degrees are largely regarded as of more importance in educational circles than is ability. And secondly, if it were so regarded, it would be the fault not of either the students nor of the instructors in colleges, but in the administrative systems of which the dean is a part.

In fact, the dean was just looking around for something to swat, in his annual report, and observing the primal truth that the "phenomenon is greater than the symbol," he proceeded to generalize to the discredit of his fellow collegians. This sort of reasoning from interesting conclusion to non-existent fact is not uncommon even in academic circles.

The fact is that never before has there been so much demand upon institutions of higher learning to give to their students something that will make them able.

The fact is that never before has there been so little regard to the particular degree with which a man or woman emerges from college.

And if it were true, that the degree itself is not a truthful symbol of the trained ability of the man or woman emerging from academic life, let the college educator himself administrator himself get busy to correct it.

### AUSTRIA CAN

Mrs. Elsa Briggs went from New York to Italy on some trading mission. What it was is not definitely known. Whether it was legitimate or otherwise does not appear. The Italians accused her of being a German spy, possibly on no other ground than that she appeared to be of German mannerisms.

She was kept under arrest for some time in Italy. And then she was released. Why? Because her innocence was shown? Not at all.

The Austrian consul intervened. He had had it brought to his attention that the lady was the daughter of an Austrian citizen.

In spite of the enmity between Italy and Austria, Austria has diplomatic influence in Italy today. Apparently the United States has not.

## The Fuse



**SAP AND SALT**  
BY BERT MOSES

Nobody expects a garage man to be on the level.

Life to many people is only three meals a day and a dance at night.

Why is it that men with great ability so often lack great honesty?

When lovers quarrel, they have before them the supreme joy of "making up."

No calamity is greater to a woman, perhaps, than being loved by the wrong man.

Her Heck says: "Common sense is something you don't get until you have run up against the Real Thing at least twice."

**TOM SIMS SAYS**

Enough silk stockings will be given for Christmas presents to keep skirts short another year.

All this Mitchell talk about war is disquieting. We might get the same top sergeant next time.

Sympathy is great stuff, unless it makes you want more of it.

Only one more umbrella and two pair of gloves until spring.

In New York, when a man wakes up about he wonders if it was his wife or a burglar.

Reading the New York dispatches indicates her great white way is really her great fight way.

**STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTERS**  
By CHARLES P. STEWART  
NEA Service Writer

**WASHINGTON** — That the Gerald Chapman case is a queer one probably nobody will dispute. If Chapman makes good his refusal of President Coolidge's pardon, in order that he may be hanged, it will be queerer yet. At the justice department they're saying they don't believe it's generally realized how extraordinarily queer, in that event, it will become.

Here's the situation: Chapman is under sentence to 25 years in the Atlanta penitentiary. He broke out, committed a murder—was found guilty of it by a Connecticut jury, anyway—and sentenced

to death. When he raised the point that he was entitled to serve out his 25 years in Atlanta first, it temporarily was regarded as a joke. Attorney General Sargent, however, looking into the matter, decided it wasn't—that Chapman's contention was sound.

Still, Sargent thought he saw a way out of the difficulty. The president could commute the Atlanta sentence to take effect immediately. Then the Connecticut hangman could get busy. Sargent so advised. The

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president acted accordingly. The Chapman refusal to be set free — as he thought — was the result. Unquestionably he will take the question of commutation to the federal supreme court, which insures his neck for a year or two, at least.

If the courts finally hold that a pardon is something a convict can't turn down, that will be a peculiar controversy and Chapman will swing. Suppose, however, they hold the other way. He'll become automatically expiration-proof for 25 years. True, he'll be returned to Atlanta, but he can escape, as he did before. Then, for so long as he remains at liberty, up to the 25-year limit, he can commit anything he likes with impunity. He'll bear a charmed life.

**WEST CROWA ARRIVES SAFELY IN JAPAN**  
PORTLAND, Dec. 29—(U. P.)—The steamer West Crowa, battered about, rudderless, in the North Pacific for nearly a month, arrived safely at Hakodate, Japan, the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company was advised by cables today.

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**FINANCER FINED**  
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