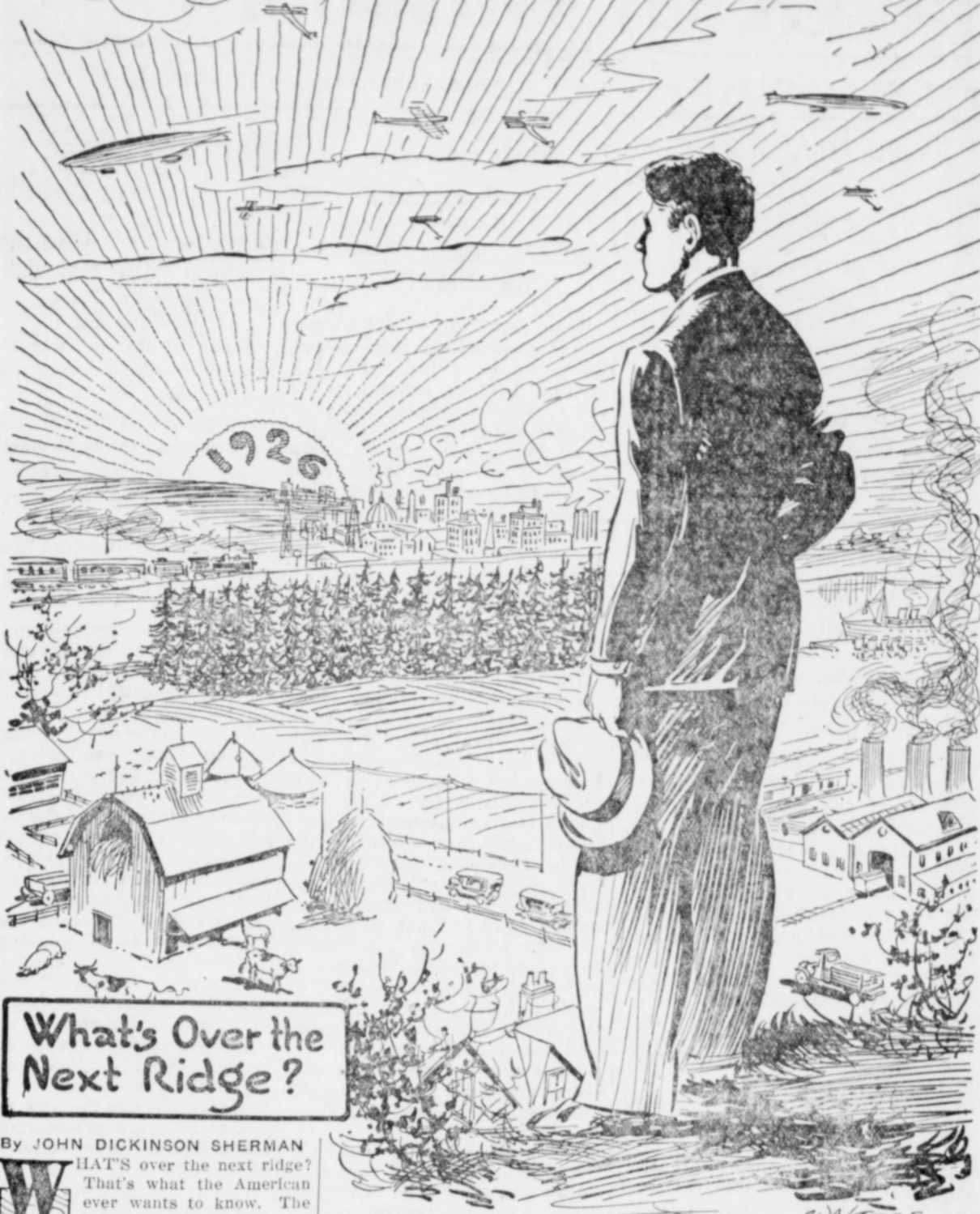


# The NEW YEAR



## What's Over the Next Ridge?

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN

WHAT'S over the next ridge? That's what the American ever wants to know. The level way may be beautiful to the eye and soothing to the mind, but in time its very perfection tires. But let a ridge rise across the way and faded attention springs to new life.

What's over the ridge? He asks. He starts to find out. He may find the climb steep and the going hard, but he presses on to gain the crest. Curiosity plagues him. Imagination incites him. Expectation spurs him on. "Anticipation is better than reality," may be true, but he must see for himself.

It was this urge "for to see and know" that marched the American people across the continent, from frontier to farther frontier. That march is now accomplished. The United States is now the richest and most prosperous and most powerful nation of earth. The physical frontiers are gone, but in their stead are new things "over the next ridge" in industry, in science, in invention, in politics, in life. And as the Old Year dies and the New Year is born it is more than ever the question, "What next?"

THE New Year bids fair to spring an international surprise as stupendous as that of the World war of 1914 and that of the Armistice of 1918. If "coming events cast their shadows before," the passing Old Year foreshadows action by the nations of Europe likely to result in concord, co-operation and solidification which have until now seemed unthinkable. Lo, carnal, with its documents there intailed, is a shadow of tremendous import.

"Who won the war?" Certainly no European nation. It has at last come home to victors and vanquished alike that the World war was disaster for them all, individually and collectively. Europe has lost its domination of the financial and economic world. Its political prestige has diminished to the breaking point. No one nation has the resources to regain its lost position. The nations must "hang together or hang separately." No need to assume a spiritual regeneration. It is a plain case of self-preservation and its price is combination and co-operation—an unbelievably united Europe against the rest of the world.

OUR country is almost unbelievably prosperous. No official statistics are needed to prove it; the fact is patent to all who have eyes to see. For example, a glance at the football

games of a November Saturday shows that twelve intercollegiate games out of a total of 116 were seen by 470,000 spectators, which means an expenditure of many millions on one day in ready cash for a luxury. Material conditions of living for the American people during 1925 have been the "highest in all history," Secretary Hoover declares in an economic review made public as part of the annual report of the Commerce department. Factors listed by the secretary as contributing to this condition included a virtually complete absence of unemployment, high wages, continued growing efficiency in management and labor, efficient railroad operation, an equitable balance of prices as among the greater producing groups of the population and a gradual return to stable currencies and normal business operations among the nations abroad. The best of it all is that no voice is heard predicting anything but continued prosperity for 1926.

IF THE dear old Congressional Record is not among the "Best Sellers" in 1926, it will not be for lack of exciting material. Congress will be in session until the beginning of the congressional campaign next fall. And tentative program is full of potential thrills. Tax reduction is important, though not exciting. But look at the possibilities in war-debt settlements, the World court, reorganization of the executive departments, the shipping board, agricultural co-operative marketing, consolidation of the railroads, the coal strike and military and civil aviation development. And, for good measure, there are the row between the forest service and the western live stock men over grazing fees; the education bill for a new department with a cabinet officer; the public shooting bill and investigations galore. And finally, there's always the chance of a mixup between Vice President Daves and the senate!

WOULD it surprise you if congress should start the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution on its way, as is quite likely? No; it will not abolish tobacco or coffee or candy or jazz. It has to do with the mechanics of government and will establish the principle of immediate legislative responsiveness to contemporary opinion. The amendment, in short, permits the terms of the President and members of congress to begin January 1 following election, March 14, 1924.

the food, not alone for themselves, but for all members of the colony, particularly for the little ant children of the queens that are at the head of the colony.—Ohio State Journal.

**Puzzles Archeologists**  
It was almost 200 years before Hernando Cortez dropped anchor in the Gulf of Mexico that the Aztecs founded the present City of Mexico and called it Tenochtitlan. Like their predecessors, the Toltecs, who, according to anthropologists, wandered into

the senae passed such an amendment by the significant majority of 63 to 7. In the house, owing to various reasons, it did not come to a vote. Washington wiseacres predict that the Sixty-ninth congress will pass it. Its passage would simplify a situation that has argued pro and con ever since 1795.

WHAT'S next in radio? Make a 1926 guess for yourself; your guess is as good as anyone's—provided your imagination is going strong. In the meantime you can get anything from President Coolidge's message to congress to a dictum by Overseer Volviva in Zion that the earth is flat—which is more than you can say of his music. You can get religion of any selected variety; also politics and information. Turn the dial and take your choice: the markets; a lecture on hog cholera; a college education. All the world is listening and learning as never before. In snowed-in cabins in the silent places none go insane from loneliness whom the radio keeps in touch with the world. Today the radio is boiling water in a kettle on ice; is stopping head-on trains through emergency brakes; is making the diagnosis for a surgical operation. Next!

HERE is a new "Prayer for Our Country" that is soon to be heard in public worship—it would seem that any good American, irrespective of race and creed, can join in the petition:

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage; we humbly beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endure with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy laws we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fall; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Mexico from the north in the Seventh century, the Aztecs were skilled architects. While for four centuries the Toltecs raised their gigantic columns and built their palaces of huge blocks of stone, adorning them with elaborate stone carvings, their successors, the Aztecs, erected public buildings and dwelling places of similar design. And these ruins still endure to confuse archeologists intent on discovering just where Toltec craftsmanship stopped and Aztec craftsmanship began.

## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

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### Lesson for December 27

#### REVIEW—FROM ATHENS TO ROME

REVIEW—From Athens to Rome. GOLDEN TEXT—Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.—Rom. 5:1. PRIMARY TOPIC—How Paul Helped the Poor. JUNIOR TOPIC—Helping Others by Our Gifts. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Paul, the Missionary. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Paul the Christian.

The lessons of the quarter gather about Paul. The review therefore will be to do with his character, service and teachings. A good method of review is to study the salient points with the leading teachings of each lesson. The following suggestions are offered:

October 4. Paul took advantage of the opportunity to preach the gospel to the Jews in the synagogue at Athens, and to such of the Gentiles and Jews as were found in the market-place, calling upon all to repent because of God's appointed day of judgment by Jesus Christ.

October 11. Though compelled to work for a living while getting a foothold in Corinth, Paul zealously preached the gospel even in the face of violent opposition. In this time of his great need God encouraged him by giving him a vision. God always comes to the help of His servants in their greatest need.

October 18. The Spirit's best gift is love. It is best because of its essential qualities and also because every believer can have and exercise it.

October 25. Paul with dauntless courage preached the gospel at Ephesus, and here his preaching resulted in a glorious awakening. Where the gospel is preached in the power of the Holy Spirit men will believe in Christ and turn from their wicked ways, even giving up wrong kinds of business.

November 1. The Christian has a strong enemy to fight, a personal being called the devil. He must meet him in offensive and defensive warfare. His strength and armor are from the Lord. The way to get strength to wage the conflict is by prayer to God.

November 8. Paul with undaunted courage pressed on toward Jerusalem, knowing that bonds and affliction awaited him. As he took leave of the Ephesian elders he warned them of the false teachers who would arise among them, and assured them that he had declared the whole counsel of God.

November 15. Despite Paul's eagerness to conciliate the people in Jerusalem, he was arrested. Because of his passion to preach the gospel, he witnessed to the angry mob which was striving to kill him.

November 22. Though falsely accused and arraigned before the wicked governor, Paul with becoming dignity and courtesy defended himself in such a way as to win the favor of Felix.

November 29. Paul defended himself before Agrippa and so wisely and confidently used the Scriptures as to almost persuade Agrippa to become a Christian.

December 6. Paul's behavior on the voyage and during the shipwreck displayed his sublime faith in God as well as his remarkable bravery and common sense.

December 13. Upon Paul's arrival in Rome he was greatly heartened by the reception given him by the brethren who came to meet him. Paul was intensely human. He, like his Lord, craved human fellowship.

December 20. If the summary of Paul's life was the lesson used on this Sunday, the review should be the vision of the veteran soldier of the cross, near the close of his life, declaring, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; there is therefore laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me at that day."

If the Christmas lesson was used for this day, the method of review should be to picture the wise men seeking Jesus, Herod seeking to kill Him, and the finding of Jesus in Bethlehem.

#### Our Thanks

Our thanks should be as fervent for mercies received as our petitions for mercies sought.

#### Must Enjoy Work

No one who does not enjoy work can truly enjoy anything else.—Raymond.

#### Faithful

"He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much."

### Can't Always Find Market for Wisdom

"Learning is a drug on the market nowadays," said President Sumner of Talladega college.

"A fairy," he went on, "appeared to a young mother in a vision and said:

"I offer your child wealth and wisdom. Which gift do you choose for him?"

"Wisdom, of course," the young mother answered. "With wisdom you can obtain wealth, but wealth will never give you wisdom."

"The fairy vanished. The boy grew up. He was so wise and learned that his treatises on philosophy, biology, mathematics, history, art, literature and science were translated into ten languages, and by the time he was fifty he occupied the most important chair in one of our most important universities. Nevertheless, in order to get the wherewithal to attend an educational conference in Switzerland last summer he was glad to undertake the correction of the orthographical, grammatical and other errors in a movie magnate's memoirs at the modest rate of 25 cents an hour."

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#### Great Conceit

Gen. Sir Frederick Maurice told at Williamstown a story about a snobish and conceited nobleman. "When Mrs. Langtry," he said, "was in the full flower of her beauty and popularity, she found the nobleman at her side one evening at a dinner party.

"Why, Lord Dash!" she said. "This is the third time we've met today!" "Yas," drawled the nobleman. "This seems—aw—to be your lucky day."

#### On All Teams

Head Coach Lou Young of the University of Pennsylvania was talking about a certain football player.

"He reminds me of a story," said Mr. Young. "It's a story about a farmer's wife who bragged at the sewing circle that her son now played on his college football team. "What's he play?" a second farmer's wife asked. "Drawback," said his mother proudly."

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#### He Did

Her Father—But, young man, do you think you can make my daughter happy? Her Sultor—Do I? I wish you could have seen her when I proposed!

#### A Good Reason

Uncle—I never married because I never met a girl I could not exist without.

She—In other words, you've always had sufficient to live on, without getting married!—Judge.

#### Stand Back, Stand Back

Party—I just got a check from home. Rough—Pay me the five dollars you owe me, then. Party—Wait till I tell you the rest of my dream.—Wisconsin Octopus.

#### Suspicious

Wife—Dear, you're looking so well these days. Husband—Listen, I don't want to play bridge again tonight.—Life.

#### Mother Was Still There

"It's no use waiting for mother to return." "Why not?" "She won't. She hasn't gone out."

#### Boy or Tomboy

From a jacket—"This is a book to delight every man or woman who was ever a boy."

#### The Big Question

Hewitt—My wife is a great bargain hunter. Jewett—Did she get you cheap?

#### More Economical

"You keep a dog, don't you?" "No; if we hear a noise in the night we bark ourselves."

## Why have RHEUMATISM?

OH, what a wonderful feeling to be free from that miserable rheumatism. To know again the joy of limber joints and active muscles—freedom from that agonizing pain! How often have you longed for some relief as you suffered torture from swollen, inflamed muscles and joints—how often have you said you would give anything in the World for a few hours comfort! But you didn't know that all you had to do to get real relief from this nerve wracking misery was just to build rich, red blood, did you? You didn't know that rheumatism had to be stopped from the inside by destroying the impurities that cause it—by building millions of red cells in your poor, weak blood, did you? Until you fill your system full of healthy, rich, red blood you will never end your rheumatism. S. S. S. will surely help you. That's because S. S. S.

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"How gloomy the world would be without sunshine!" he soliloquized, and gazed rapturously at the effect of the transparent dress as it came between him and the golden rays. "And to think that winter is so near at hand!"

**A Compliment**  
Young Author—Do you really like my story? Editor—Yes, it's better than the original, I think.—Denver Parakeet.

**Grasshoppers a Plague**  
Grasshoppers have been much more prevalent than usual this year in New England, the Middle Atlantic States and the Ohio valley.

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### The Ant in the Colony

Scientists find continued enjoyment in studying the social habits of ants and consider them extremely interesting little people in the world they inhabit, with a diversity of habits and tastes much the same as human beings. Some are hunters, some agriculturists, some collectors of food, some slaves to care for the young in the ant colony, and some just plain workers, toiling hard and long, bringing in