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BIBLE SELECTION AND PRAYER

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THE HOPE OF HUMANITY
The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.—Habakkuk 2:14.
PRAYER—Lord, for this great accomplishment we would live and labor continually.

THE HEIGHT OF FUTILITY

The preparatory disarmament commission of the League of Nations, sitting at Geneva, has decided that neither poison gas nor disease germs may be used hereafter in any wars.
This agreement beyond doubt, will presently be ratified by all of the world powers, from Abyssinia to Uruguay, and the peace-loving people of the world will tell themselves that another great victory has been achieved.
Well-intentioned gestures of this kind sound very nice. It is really too bad to be obliged to admit that they don't mean a thing.
To begin with, no one but the most hopeful of optimists would suppose that such an agreement would really be binding in time of war.
If one thing in this world is certain, it is that any nation, going to war now or henceforth, will use every weapon it can lay its hands on. Poison gas may be prohibited by treaties enough to fill a library; nevertheless, the next war will see poison gas used on a greater scale than ever before. There simply is no any doubt about it.
Disease germs may be another matter. It is quite possible that they will not form part of the properly-prepared nation's arsenal. You see, they are hard to use effectively. Chemicals work better than bacteria. They kill more people for the same amount of effort.
But poison gas will be used, just as high explosive shells and machine guns and airplanes will be used. And treaties of the kind just promulgated at Geneva may conceivably, in the long run, do much more harm than good.
No one ever gets anywhere by kidding himself. And when we go to a lot of fuss and bother to "outlaw" the use of poison gas in war time, we are kidding ourselves in a big way.
We are blinding our eyes to realities. Even the dull-est man can see, in what happened between 1914 and 1918, that war on a

TODAY
By ARTHUR BRISBANE
Our Turn Now
That Debenture Plan
Ford on Finance
What Will Bankers Say?
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WASHINGTON reports that President Hoover has ordered our representatives at Geneva to keep out of questions that concern Europe only. Americans will thank him for that. We should not meddle in Europe's affairs, or Europe in ours.

THE president says our sea strength must be on a parity with that of Great Britain. That is putting it mildly, but it will not suit Britain. That noble country, for mysterious reasons, thinks itself entitled to rule the oceans. When Britain could AFFORD it, she DID it.

THE senate may put through the "farm relief" debenture plan in spite of the president's protest. That is good news for middlemen. They would buy farm products, export them and get a bonus on exported products.

THE farmer would get the bonus if he could ship wheat or cotton direct to Liverpool. But he cannot do that. It is "hoped" that giving a bonus to exporting middlemen will "automatically" increase prices paid the farmer.

Silly hope. Paying the middleman twenty cents a quart for milk does not increase the four or five cents a quart paid the farmer.

HOWEVER, the debenture bonus would put money in circulation, even if it did the farmer no direct good. Also it would add to the rich man's taxes and make that resourceful gentleman say to himself, "I must think up a way to solve that 'farm problem'." Expensive labor compels production of new machinery, expensive farm care-all will make financial intelligence interest itself in the farmer.

HENRY FORD has an idea for government financing that may interest you. "Respectable" bankers will call it bolshevism and anarchy, worse than Trotsky's, however. Respectable lively stable men once called Ford's "gas buggy" outrageous nonsense. Nevertheless, the buggy runs better than it did when a horse pulled it.

FORD wonders why government creates banks, prints money, then pays the banks for lending the government some of its own money, valueless, except for the nation's credit. It's like a father borrowing from his infant child.

HAVING made a billion or two, keeping on hand a few hundred millions in cash always, Ford is entitled to his opinion on money, even if you disagree with him. large scale is simply too hellish to be borne. And poison gas, which can wipe out whole cities full of non-combatants overnight, is one of the things that make it so.

Now, when we declare that we will not use gas any more, what are we doing? Just this: we are telling ourselves that future wars won't be so terrible, after all—and so we are taking away one of the great arguments that should make us work to avoid war altogether.

It wouldn't be so bad if the anti-gas prohibition would work. But it won't. Fooling around with it simply prevents us from mobilizing our full strength for the fight for continued peace.

Patching up rules for war is the most futile occupation imaginable. War will abide by no rules. In trying to devise some we are merely kidding ourselves.

TODAY IN KLAMATH'S THEATRES
AT THE ORPHEUM
Karl Dane and George K. Arthur, wandering through mysterious grottoes, amid weird mummies, sinister shadows, and secret traps...

AT THE PELICAN
Junior Orpheum Vaudeville
The Junior Orpheum vaudeville show at the Pelican today and tomorrow offers five acts of talent presenting song, dance, and novelty numbers.

AT THE LIBERTY
"You Can't Beat the Law," that romance of the underworld which points the finger of warning at those who believe they can outwit the law and escape punishment for crimes committed, has as its star Lila Lee, that dainty little artist of many a successful photoplay...

AT THE PINE TREE
Announcement was made today that the next attraction at the Pine Tree theater will be "The Little Yellow House," by Beatrice Burton's serial story of the same title that ran in McCall's magazine. It will open today.

Christian Science Churches
"Everlasting Punishment" was the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, May 5.

DR. RALPH W. CHEYNE, of Carnegie Institute, is planning on a complete and exhaustive study of fossils around Bend. He did it not be better for the eminent doctor to go over in the Willamette valley in search of fossils?

THE silly twaddle coming from Multnomah county relative to a recall of Senators Moser, Bailey and Corbett, because they voted against the telephone measure when the last legislature met is in keeping with the active condition of Portland and her immediate surrounding country.

CARACAS, Venezuela, May 6.—Gen. Juan Vicente Gomez, dictator of Venezuela for 21 years, remained adamant today in his refusal to accept the presidency of the republic once more. The entire membership of the senate and the chamber of deputies will go to the general's home near Maracay on Thursday to insist upon his acceptance.

STATE Game Warden, Harold Clifford, wants to trade a bunch of antelope over in Lake county for a bunch of buffalo with any state in the union where buffalo may be obtained. We doubt if Game Warden Clifford

RICH GIRL & POOR GIRL & RUTH DEWEY GROVES
CHAPTER XXXII
As Harold opened his mouth to yell for help Huck viciously clapped a hand to his lips. The boy fought desperately but ineffectively. It was too late to save himself now.

When he let himself down again they all agreed that Harold could hardly have jumped from the window without touching the woodwork with his hands. "It's a safe guess he didn't slip," the third man remarked, looking at the thick carpet under the window.

His glance then fell upon the table that held the ash tray with the butt of the cigar he had smoked. Huck was too wise to smoke a special brand by which he could be traced, but he knew that Harold did.

Harold's body was discovered soon afterward. A guest on a lower floor had glimpsed a falling object as it passed his window and instantly called the office to report his belief that it was a body.

Mr. Dazel himself rushed to the roof of the adjoining building after a glance from the nearest window. But first he stopped to send word to the house physician.

Mr. Dazel sprang to his feet. "Call the police," he ordered his assistant. "And you, Cummings, fetch some blankets."

The man who left that thumbprint was the last man to see young Judson alive. Inspector Markeson said in assigning men from the homicide squad to the case, "It looks like a tough job, boys, but I want you to clear it up. Good luck to you."

Word was brought to him by one of his own lieutenants, the waiter who was on duty for room service during what he called the "nalk wagon watch."

Huck asked a few questions and convinced himself that the police were still on a false trail.

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