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THE MESSAGE NEEDED.

The people of Salt Lake are to be congratulated on the opportunity of listening to the eloquent and forcible message of peace and good will of which the Rev. Benjamin Fay Mills of Los Angeles is the bearer. It meets exactly the present needs of the world, We must admit that appearances do not seem to encourage the optimistic thought that the world is about to experience a radical change from strife to tranquility. The recent assassination of the King of Portugal was but a manifestation of the revolutionary forces that seethe and boll under the surface of society. There may be no danger of war between this country and Japan, but the fleets are nevertheless matched in a game of diplomatic bluff. Rloters are demanding manhood suffrage in Berlin. Women are storming Westminster Hall in London. Proconstitutional riots followed the suppression of the first Persian Parliament of modern times. Haiti and Honduras and other little nations are threatened with mid-winter revolutions. Night riders are in full play. The trusts are flourishing. The third duma is about to expire and Finland seems doomed to partition.

Such are the indications of anything but peaceful conditions. A friend wrote from Chicago, the other day: "The wickedness, the suffering, the horrors all about, are appalling. A man is not safe on any street. Street cars are held up right in the center of Stores are robbed and people murdered. ' One seldom finds a man who is prompt in keeping his promise Manhood, true, honest manhood is surely fading away."

But, notwithstanding all that can be said in support of the pessimistic view, mankind is advancing, under the tuition of God, toward the more perfect conditions predicted by the prophets of all ages and races.

AS TO REFORMS.

A friend of the "News," writing from Ogden and commenting on an article that recently appeared in these columns on Socialism, takes exception to a statement in that article, to the effect that the reformers who seek to reach the goal outside the gospel of the Redeemer will fail. Our correspondent says it would be as logical to argue that our Republic could never have been founded and maintained 'without the gospel of the Rethat a thousand other deemer: things that have been done, could not have been done "without the gospel of the Redeemer." Socialism, like Republicanism, is only a temporal plan and can succeed or fall with or without the gospel of the Redeem-

er,'" he says

As long as the spirit of Ananias and Sapphira predominates, Pentecostal conditions only mean death. You cannot successfully establish them, until that spirit is supplanted by the spirit of brotherhood taught by the

THE COST OF PEACE.

gospel.

While our magnificent fleet now in the Pacific is the object of the admiration of our sister republics, it is not inept to consider for a moment what this country pays for military purposes. though we are a nation of peace makers and peace lovers.

Our government costs between five and six hundred million dollars a year. Most people, says the Boston Advertiser, seem to imagine that the bulk of this money goes for running the executive departments, Congress and the White House. But as a matter of fact, these items are not very important. In round numbers the navy gets \$100,-000,000, the war department gets \$100,-000,000 more, and the pension system gets something less than \$150,000,000. For military and naval purposes, then, we have out of the \$550,000,000,000 cr \$575,000,000 spent by this nation, every year, about \$350,000,000 for war expenses in a time of peace. Roughly speaking 60 per cent of all the money raised by taxes on the people goes for war purposes. Every family, on an average, is now taxed \$20 a year to keep the military policy going. Yet the circulation per capita is not much more than \$33. And the worst of it is, that the burden is born principally by the laboring classes, though this fact is hardly understood by them. But

the consumers of food and clothing and all the various necessities of life pay the cost of material and labor as well as the cost of taxes and transportation. and these two items are by no means inconsiderable. Battleships are constantly increasing

in size and cost. A few years ago \$3,-000,000 was considered an extravagant amount to put into one vessel. Since then armored cruisers of the Colorado and West Virginia type have been developed, and the 20,000-ton battleship will cost at least \$10,000,000. The four new battleships asked of Congress are estimated to cost \$9,500,000, exclusive of guns, armor, and equipment.

BAD FOR THE CLUB.

ran.

Years of excellent activity by the Salt Lake Commercial club has led us to look for other results than the formation of political alliances between the club and any faction, or party, in Utah. This fact makes us regard with surprise the recent political activity of President W. J. Hallo-Because of his position as president of a club that has been a meeting ground for all factions in common. and with none coming there to feel the weight of the club's administration for or against it, this activity has possibilities in it for grievous results, in

which the club can be the chief sufferer. Mr. Halloran, as president of the Commercial club, is expected and entitled to receive support and esteem from its entire membership. Mr. Halloran as manager of the Dubois banquet which is expected to "mark a milestone in the progress of the 'American' party," appears in a new role, and it leads to a queery as to how fully his course was anticipated by members of the Commercial club, jealous of its reputation as a free and open forum for the people, when they elected him to office.

LIQUIDATING TIME.

themselves rather than serving their enlistment, George Ade's latest role in modern

American humor is his posing as a supporter of a Presidential candidate. Banker Morse, as is usual with men

of high places who are hit by the mailed fist of the law, occupies his time asserting his innocence. David Hume's widow, the dispatches from Goldfield say, is wealthy and now

the wife of "Gun Play" Maxwell, allas Bliss, allas Seaman. We would say that besides wealth, Mrs. Hume has an unlimited amount of courage.

According to the present program, in "American" ranks, Jake Raleigh is to be pronounced snow white in his official capacity, Councilman L. J. Wood therefore is beginning to "fidget" about in his aldermanic chair.

What, with a deadlock in its legislature in the day time and marauders riding about at night, Kentucky must be an ideal spot to go to for the person seeking unusual diversions. Railroads as yet have not advertised it as a feature of the country to which they are tributary.

After hobnobbing with crowned heads across the water, J. Pierpont Morgan is back in his home country to lobby for the Aldrich bill-indeed, J. Plerpont is following up his boom as the savior of his country in the last panic in truly strenuous style that should bring low to our Teddy's heart.

The experiences of William Grable of Elgin, Ill., in securing a mail order bride are receiving wide mention. Marion Goodenough, who furnished brides in wholesale quantities is not good enough in her business, according to the disappointed bridegroom's wailings.

Mrs. L. Kilcrease, living at Pine Mill, near Fort Worth, Texas, is said to be 182 years old. She was born Feb. 10. 1776, in Halifax County, North Carolina, and lived there 100 years before she came with her family to Texas. Her daughter, aged 98, and grand-daughter, aged 63, live with her. Mrs. Kilcrease, it is said, still enjoys good health and is able, by the use of a cane, to walk about the house. She saw George Washington and she likes to relate stories of the stirring times in which he lived.

MARITAL MIXES.

Harper's Weekly.

Harper's Weekly. Plain people sigh when they read of a American heiress and a European of title, What the title may be, or what they may happen to know about the contracting parties, signifies little. They distrust these marriages and are apt, when they hear of a new one, to think that another American girl is about to make a bad bargain. We must remem-ber, however, that the international al-liances that turn out disastrously and end in the divorce court are those that whose antipathies race differences have no part. Furthermore, some of our girls who have married titles have accepted with them men of such dema-not hance of living happily with them, such women had not sense enough to make good marriages anywhere.

NEIGHBORS WORTH CINCHING.

New York Tribune.

A SERMONET FOR WORKERS

[For the "News" by H. J. Hapgood.]

A young man secured, one Monday, an appointment for an interview at ten o'clock the next day with the proprietor of a large celluloid factory in Newark, N. J. During the intervening twenty-four hours the chap, instead of loafing his time away, made active and painstaking preparations for the interview just as if he were a soldier drilling for parade inspection.

The afternoon was spent in looking up advertising matter used by the firm, and jotting down suggestions for improvement in the style and contents of copy. Inasmuch as the young man was applying for the position as assistant advertising manager, that, it seems to me, was the most important thing he could do. The evening found him chatting with his friends about the business and methods of the house, which served to round out his ideas of its policy. And in the early morning, while the air was crisp and snappy, he took a long walk, thinking up catch-words and advertising phrases applying to the job he was after. After thus priming himself for that keen, little five-minute test, during which employers usually make up their mind for or against an applicant, this young chap, who combined a good appearance with a good head, had no difficulty in getting the position. He is now, after less than three years' work, advertising manager for the leading house in the celluloid trust.

Of course, the average man can hardly be relled upon-if, indeed, expectedto take all this trouble for the sake of getting a job. The average job, like the average applicant, is not quite worth while. But to the man who is anxious to obtain a first class position, to serve him as a stepping-stone for a future worth having and holding, the preparatory method, including priming up to the very hour for the decisive interview, is the only safe and logical plan to follow.



The Latest Method.

"Yes, Brown is always getting the cart before the horse. "My dear boy, don't be old-fashioned. Nowadays we say getting the smell be-fore the motorcar."—Philadelphia In-quirer.

Doing Pretty Well.

Patience-I thought you could keep secret! Patrice-Well, you didn't say how long you wanted me to keep it. I'm sure I kept it until I got home.-Yon-kers Statesman.

Too Great a Strain.

"But why did you leave your last lace?" the lady asked of the would-be place?"

place?" the lady asked of the would-be cook. "To tell the truth, mum. I just couldn't stand the way the master an' the missus used to quarrel, mum." "Dear me! Do you mean to say that they actually used to quarrel?" "Yis, mum, all the time. When it wasn't me an' him, it was me an' her." -Everybody's Magazine.

Out of the Mouth of Babes Teacher-Give an example of cause and effect. Pupil-Marriage and divorce.-Phila-delphia Inquirer.

No Time for Fireworks.

The mountainous waves threatened to enguif the struggling ship at any mo-ment. The captain ordered a box of skyrockets and flares brought to the rall, and with his own hands ignited them, in the hope that they would make known his distress to some pass-ing ship.

ing ship. Amid the rockets' red glare a tall, thin, austere individual made his way to the rall and reproved the captain as follows:

The Last Stop.

d by Z. C. M. L Drug Dept., 112-4 Main



We fail to appreciate the force of this reasoning, as directed against our contention that reform plans outside the gespel must fail. This Republic would never have been founded and maintained without that gospel. That is to say, the founders, divinely inspired, built upon principles taught and successfully neglected to put it nowhere but in the Bible. Neither pagans nor infidels, nor morally corrupt men could have built this Republic, nor maintained it. And should the time ever come that the work of the founders is undone, our Republic will nave no more security for its existence than the ancient world powers that fell, when frivolity, extravagance, violence, and moral corruption became prevalent. A socialistic state under such conditions would have no better chance than corrupt Rome.

Our correspondent proves the truth of our contention when he says that conditions that prevailed after the Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit was Socialism. What was it that made this Socialism possible, if we admit that the division of property mentioned in the Acts was Socialism? Why, the proclamation of the gospel and the outpouring of the Spirit. Our correspondent remarks that this was "a most delightful condition and the only brief breathing spell in the history of the race." So it is clear by his own reasoning that the only "brief breathing spell"-meaning Socialismwas the result of the acceptance of the gospel. But that is exactly our posi-We believe that the great problems of our age, social, moral, and economic, will be solved only as men are influenced by the principles of the gospel of the Redeemer.

In order to build a good, solid building you must have good material as well as a good plan. The story of the bridge builders illustrates this truth. Time and again the structure they had reared, fell, as soon as the supports were taken down. The plans were gone over again and again, and changes were made, but with the same result. Finally a practical mason came along and examined the material. The bricks were so soft that he could crush them between his hands. "You can never build anything with such material," he said. Your plans are good enough, but you need better bricks."

And that is pretty much the case in all reform movements aiming at the betterment of social conditions. The plans may be good enough, but if the material is not equally good there will be failure every time. Men and women must experience that change of heart which the Scriptures call generation," as on the day of Pentecost, and then it may become possi-ble to "have all things in common."

If you have taken any money from your employer, make it right. If "ou have held out any from your collections, turn it in.

Employers are not so busy selling goods in these slack days as they were when you kept the money, or took it, back. This situation has a consequence. It is that the employers are going over their books more rigidly now than ever they did.

All the dark corners are coming to the light. The situation that the Dinwoodey Furniture company unearthed a few weeks ago, which had its ending in the arrest of an employe for distributing presents of furniture among his various friends, has many parallels in other lines of business.

Not always does an arrest follow.

Discharge from the firm with an ugiy rumor to trail the clerk wherever he may go, is the more common treatment.

Here is what is said to have happened in a well known firm the other day. The investigation of the books developed the fact that one traveling man was \$150 short in his returns, and that another was short \$40, and both were matters of long standing. Inside the house, which handles edible material, a man was found who for a long time had purloined articles to supply his household. The man was discharged, and he was

not told the reason. Then he went out among the other employes alleging mistreatment, and tried to stir a sympathetic movement in his behalf. When the movement reached the proprietor it was more than he could stand just then, and the man was plainly given a record of his past sins and failings. He

New York Tribune. There are other states down there upon which our fleet will not be able to call. It is a somewhat impressive fact that Argentina, which within our own time has been regarded as little more than a wilderness, produces each year 5,000,000 tons of wheat, 6,000,000 tons of corn and 1,250,000 tons of lin-seed and maintains 115,000,000 head of livestock. Paraguay is a small coun-try, lying inland, with a foreign trade of only about \$7,000,000 a year, of which, thanks to our own faults the United States has practically none. But Uru-guay another small state, regarded as a commerce of more than \$50,000,000, of which this country enjoys perhaps as much as 5 per cent. It may also be worth observing that a few days hence an international conference of Ameri-can students will be held at Monitevideo, the Uruguayan capital, at which repre-sentatives of the student bodies of col-leges and universities from all Ameri-can countries will discuss some fifteen topics, only one of them relating to ath-letics, the fourteen others dealing with

can countries will discuss some fifteen topics, only one of them relating to ath-letics, the fourteen others dealing with matters as state and private universi-ties, examinations, electives, uniformi-ty of courses and degrees and student preparation in university administra-tion. Decidedly a surprising conclave for the capital of a country which is terra incognita to most Americans out-side of geographical societies. Our southern neighbors are well worth getting acquainted with, partly for their own intrinsic value and partly to save ourselves the reproach of know-ing so much less of the world than the world knows of us.

BURNING THE MONEY. New York Tribune,

New York Tribune, Who says hard times are here? The country has money to burn. Within forty-eight hours Chience had two fires, involving losses of \$300,000 and more than \$1,000,000. Indianapolis enjoyed one conflagration which licked up \$500,000, and Kansas City treated herself to one of like proportions, while a dozen small-er towns did the best they could with their limited means, having got rid of as many business blocks and factories. each worth \$25000. A country that can go on a pyromaniacal spree like this and keep up the pace week in, week out, certainly must be immensely rich.

THE VANISHING ART.

New York World.

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