

One Human Shipload A Floating Microcosm Intelligent Mrs. Widener Mrs. Astor and Dr. Carrel On Board the Normandie .- The ancient writer made this admission: There be three

not:

things which are

too wonderful for me, yea, four which I know

The way of an eagle in the air;

What would

eagle in the air; the way of a ser-pent upon a rock; the way if a ship in the midst of the sea; and the way of a man with a maid. What would

Arthur Brisbane

that inspired writer say of this modern ship in the midst of the sea? The biggest ship he ever saw could be hung from the ceiling of the dining salon on this boat or tucked aw.y in a corner of the sun deck, disturbing no one

A modern ocean liner, Queen Mary, Normandie, Rex or Europa, as it crosses the ocean indifferent waves and winds, is a small world in itself, a microcosm, with this little earth playing the role of "Cosmos." If this ship should sail to some new, uninhabited island if Utopia, it might supply everything necessary to start a new civiliza-tion better than the one invented by Sir Thomas More, who has been made a saint since he wrote "Utopia" to amuse himself and had his head cut off for his Catholic faith.

On board, with his friend, George Bacon, is Myron Taylor, head of the United States Steel company, biggest industrial unit on earth. He would supply the ma-terial for skyscrapers, ships, rail-roads and machinery, plus organ-inction ization.

Simon Guggenheim would tell them how to make corporations profitable, by "holding on."

Various newspaper workers on the boat would be ready to start "the New Utopia Gazette"; Floyd Gibbons for war correspondent, plus members of the Edward H Butler members of the Edward H. Butler family, that own the Buffalo News, and the able Abraham Cahan, known to more New Yorkers than any editor in America, with one exception. And, most important to newspaper prosperity, the ship car-ries Mrs. Georg+ D. Widener of Philadelphia, who has traveled up and down in every corner of the and down in every corner of the earth and says to your narrator:

"Mr. Brisbane, I have always wanted to meet you, because I read your articles every day." There spoke the nucleus of a high-

ly intelligent reading public,

Vincent Astor, on her way back from a grouse moor in Scot-land, would resume her real job of promoting deep music, finding co-operators in the passenger list co-operators in the passenger list --Madame Flagstadt, the admirable Norwegian singer, a deep soprano able to make Isolde more impresable to make Isolde more impres-sive than Wagner ever imagined her. On board also is Arthur Bo-danzky, ready to conduct the "New Utopia orchestra." Mayor La-Guardia of New York will tell you how earnestly Mrs. Astor talks to him about her plans for a great musical center. But Mr. LaGuardia will never know what shudders musical center. But Mr. LaGuardia will never know what shudders would sweep from Ward Mc-Allister's pineal gland to his Achilles tendon if he could hear Mayor LaGuardia say of the young lady in question, "That Mrs. Astor is a nice, serious girl, thoroughly in earnest."



France Devalues Franc: Gold Standard Dropped

F RANCE at last came to the con**r** clusion that it could no longer support the franc and Premier Leon decided to

Blum's government abandon the gold standard and de-valuate the franc to between 4½ and 5 cents. The Nether-lands, Latvia and Switzerland immediswitcecting infined ately determined to follow suit. To save the world from a currency war, the United States, Great Britain and France entered into a "iten-

Britain and France entered into a "gen-tlemen's agreement." The exact nature of this agreement was not revealed, but the United States promised to employ its \$2,000,000, 000 stabilization fund to head off the feared struggle. Certain it is that each of the three nations re-serves the right to depart from the next if and when its own interests pact if and when its own interests require such a course. An expected outcome of the now general drop-ping of the gold standard may be an international conference for stabilization of world currencies. " might be held in Washington. This

Blum called a special session of the French parliament to pass the necessary legislation, and his plan was given grudging approval by the chamber of deputies. Its adoption by the chamber, where the "popular front" has a big majority, was taken for granted, but a fight was expected in the senate. The general project was divided into five sections, as follows:

1. Fixes the new gold content of the franc at a point between 43 and 49 milligrams of gold, prohibits the export or import of gold, and creates an equalization fund.

2. Permits the requisition of gold by the government, obliges individu-al citizens to declare their gold holdings, creates a tax on profits made from devaluation of the franc, and obliges market traders to re-veal their operations in foreign exchange since September 2.

3. Creates a movable salary scale nd makes various readjustments and in the civil service, pension rates,

4. Provides for readjustment of certain specific taxes such as those on oil, coffee, pepper, tea and sugar.

5. Makes certain changes in the debt structure of such public insti-tutions as cities and communes ne-cessitated by devaluation.

From the Chicago Journal of Commerce is taken this plain state-ment as to what France's action means to the ordinary American citizen:

"Reducing the amount of gold represented by one franc will mean that the average American will mean that the average American will be able to travel cheaper in France than for the last two years. French wines should be cheaper in this country and women should be able to buy French perfume for less. That should be true of nearly every That should be true of nearly every thing else that France exports to the United States—unless this coun-try hikes the tariff on French ex-ports or French prices boom out of proportion to devaluation. Indirect-by france devaluation may be ly, franc devaluation may keep Americans from war as the act may be a wedge for currency stabiliza-tion the world over and more brotherly relations between all nations. But don't lose any sleep over i' unless you are getting an income from omeone in France, **Russia Hotly Denies** Morgenthau's Charge S ECRETARY OF T ECRETARY OF THE TREAS-URY MORGENTHAU excitedly told the correspondents that soviet Russia attempted to upset the "gen-tlemen's agreement" between the United States, Great Britain and France. The state bank of Russia, he said, moved to drive down the price of the pound sterling by or-dering the sale in New York of 1,000,000 pounds sterling "at any price." He said he frustrated this price." scheme by buying the pounds of-fered with money from the Treas-ury's stabilization fund. The Soviet State bank declared Morgenthau's assertion as to the bank's purpose was without foundation and a nonsensical invention; that the transaction was an ordinary banking operation. The secre-tary's statement, the bank contin-

equilibrium and the value of ster-ling, but had some other aims."

Harry Woodring Named Secretary of War

H ARRY H. WOODRING was named by President Roosevelt to be secretary of war, filling the vacancy caused by the death of George H. Dern. This is a recess appointment, for the place had to be filled within thirty days. It may be the President will submit the be the President will submit the name of another man to be permaname of another man to be perma-nent secretary early in the next session of congress. Those most often mentioned for the place are Gov, Paul V. McNutt of indiana and Frank Murphy, commissioner to the Philippin-s, who is running for governor of Michigan.

### Spanish Fascists Capture City of Toledo

GEN. FRANCISCO FRANCO'S furious Spanish Fascists reached the ancient city of Toledo and drove out the government troops with shell and bayonet. The rebels fought their

and bayonet. The rebels fought their vay through strong defense and as they reached the center of the city there was a great shout from the Alcazar. Out of that battered citadel rushed the r a g g e d, battered and half-starved ca-dets who had with

Gen. Franco dets who had withstood a terrific siege for almost ten weeks. This heroic garrison joined the insurgents in charging the defenders and finally the Socialist troops scattered and fied south-ward over the Tagus river. Their way to Madrid was blocked by Franco's columns.

Fascist bombing planes made sev-Fascist bombing planes made sev-eral destructive raids on Bilbao, killing a large number of the citi-zens, smashing innumerable build-ings and damaging two warships in the harbor. The enraged govern-ment sympathizers demanded that Fascist hostages held in the city ve executed in reprisal, and finally a mob of anarchist amazons swarmed mob of anarchist amazons swarmed aboard a vessel on which many hostages were kept and brutally slaughtered 210 of them after put-ting them to the torture.

That the Spanish government re-alizes its precarious situation is evi-denced by its proclamation ordering Madrid to prepare for a siege, fol-lowed by a manifesto calling on everyone, women as well as men, to rally to the defense of the capital

## Spain Warns Nations Not to Interfere

S PAIN'S representative in the League of Nations, Foreign Min-ister Julio Alvarez del Vayo, sol-emnly warned other nations mem-bers of that body that they must not interfere with the Spanish civil war, which he said forbode a future war, not between states hut between po not between states but between po-

"The bloodstained soil of Spain already is the battlefield of world war," he contended in what other deegates construed as an attack on Germany, Italy and Portugal for allegedly arming the Spanish Fas-cist insurgents. He assailed the European nonintervention agreement as "direct and positive interven-tion in behalf of the rebels" and as a "blockade of the lawful Span-ish government."

Foreign Minister Anthony Eden, in a rather pessimistic ad-dress, said his government stood for an amendment to the league covenant to enable the league to to intervene in the early stages of dispute. He also proposed: Negotiation of regional pacts, separation of the league covenant from postwar treaties, measures to restore international trade; inquiry, under league auspices, into the question of access to raw materials, and re-duction and limitation of arma-ments and publicity for armament expenditures Minneapolis Strike of



oners. JUNIOR TOPIC-Heroes in Prison. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-C-How May I Become a Christian. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC -How to Become a Christian. 10

The conversion of Lydia and her gracious growth into usefulness as a Christian is in striking contrast with the experience that Paul had with the demon-possessed damsel (Acts 16:16-18). A satanic power of divination had made her profitable to unscrupulous men. Such men have not perished from the earth, and there are still those who make merchandise of silly and sinful women.

Paul commands the demon to come out of her and at once the issue is drawn.

I. Christianity versus Crooked Business (Acts 16:22-24).

As long as the missionaries were at the place of prayer and in the home of Lydia they were not turbed. But as soon as dis they touched the illegitimate gain of these "business" men who were making money from the misfortune of the

Cunningly combining the plea of false patriotism and anti-Semitism with the ever-potent argument that business was being hindered, they raised a hue and cry which re-sulted in the beating and imprison-ment of Paul and Silas (Acts 16:14-21).

We live in another century, but men are the same. Let the church and its members only go through the motions of formal service and present a powerless religious philosophy, and the world will applaud and possibly support its activities. But let the pungent power of the gospel go out through its life and ministry, and deliver devil - possessed men and women, let its God-given grace expose the hypoc-risy and wickedness of men and there will soon be opposition.

II. Down, but not defeated (vv. 25, 26).

The preachers landed in jail, beaten, bloody, and chained to the stocks. What a disgrace it would have been if they had come there because of their misdeeds. How ashamed we are when professed Christian leaders sin and fall into the hands of the law.

But "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake" (Matt. 5:10). Little wonder that they forgot their bruises and their chains and began to sing and pray,

even at midnight. Note that "the prisoners were listening to them." The words we speak, the songs we sing, our every action, speak either for God or against Him. "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

As they pray God speaks, chains fall away, prison doors open. Men can lock doors; God shakes them open.

The jailer, cruel and bold when he put them into prison, but now in fear, is about to kill himself. But God has better thoughts con-cerning him. Paul cries out, "Do thyself no harm" and he experi-

# III. Salvation Instead of Suicide (vv. 27-34).

Thank God for the earthquakes



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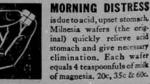
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To make this list complete, P. G. Wodehouse is on board, one who could and should describe this one shipload of "important humanity going nowhere in particular, for no reason in particular, some in the steerage, some "tourist" and some, with cabins on the sundeck, whose names break up passenger list con-tinuity to make room for the magic "maid, valet and chaufwords

The contest between modern ships for the "Atlantic blue ribbon," or ocean championship, held at this moment by the British Queen Mary, supplies most amazing proof of modern engineering efficiency. Consider that, in a race cross 3 000 miles of water, the Queen Mary, after being beaten several times by the French liner Normandie, beat the latter and took the Atlantic blue ribbon by a margin of less than half a mile. across 3,000 miles of occan. Whing Features Syndicate, Inc. WNU Service.

# Mill Workers Ends

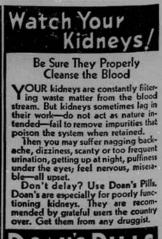
A BOUT 1,800 mill workers of A Minneapolis returned to their jobs, their strike having been set-tled. It had lasted for a month and had paralyzed the great milling innary banking operation. The secre-tary's statement, the bank contin-ued, "appears to be an undignified anti-soviet attack which is not based on defense of international currency

ir lives which bring us to him. The jailer, being rightly exer-cised by God's dealings with him, asks the greatest and most imasks the greatest and most im-portant question that can ever come out of the heart of unregene-rate man—"What must I do to be saved?" Reader, have you asked this question? Then you, too, are ready for the answer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The closing verses of our lesson present the personal testimony of Paul that he had surrendered

IV. All for Christ (Phil. 3:7-14). All was but loss to him compared All was but loss to him compared with what he gained in Christ. We speak of surrendering all for Christ, but as a matter of fact we lose only what is of no real value and make infinite gain. Paul as are all great followers

Paul, as are all great followers of Jesus Christ, was a "one thing" man. All that he had or was or hoped to be, every ounce of energy and love, went into his pressing "toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."



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