

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

Competent Mrs. Simpson If Edward Has a Son The Latest Gang Killing Goose and Gander

"Mrs. Simpson purchases villa on the north coast of Africa, looking out on the blue Mediterranean, for her 'royal honeymoon' with the former king of England."



Arthur Brisbane

Here you see the capable young American woman; she buys the honeymoon villa; if she married an American she would have expected him to buy it.

This incident helps to explain how Duke Edward came to rely on the Baltimore girl. The former English King Edward in his "instrument of abdication" declared his "irrevocable determination to renounce the throne" for himself and his descendants. All very fine now, but suppose Edward should have a son, and the son should grow up, a man of power and ambition, as he might, with an American mother. He would by inheritance be the rightful occupant of the throne of England, and might reasonably say that his father could not deprive him of his right before he was even born. That might be embarrassing if in troublous times a weak English king or a nervous queen were on the throne.

Europe will turn from important matters to read about the latest American gang killing. Joseph Scaduto, aged twenty-eight, was shot down two months ago while having his shoes polished in New York city. Night before last his brother Dominic, who had hurriedly moved from New York, was with 13 other men in a Chicago pool hall.

Three gunmen entered, herded the 14 into a back room, motioned to Dominic Scaduto to step out from the crowd and stand against the wall. He did so, and was riddled with bullets. The executioners were old for their trade, thirty-six to thirty-nine; young killers, usually, do that work.

New York city ordered \$126,795 worth of typewriters, union labor complained that manufacturers were "unfair," and the purchase was stopped.

As far as New York city was concerned that was done to get votes; no New York citizens are involved in the alleged "unfairness."

If all makers of typewriters signed an agreement not to sell a typewriter to New York city for 50 years, and never to repair one, that would not embarrass the city; for the courts would punish that as conspiracy. What is sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander.

H. G. Wells, who has influence in England, was "brought up in a simple, sentimental, low-church English home." Referring to the archbishop's slurs on Mrs. Simpson, he writes: "I learned to think the proper treatment of men who insinuate shameful vague things they cannot specify or substantiate about a woman is horse-whipping." The archbishop of Canterbury hardly expected all this, or half.

Congressman Fish of New York wants members of the Republican national committee to abdicate, that a liberal Republican party may be built up.

Does anybody imagine that a "liberal" Republican party could have held back the political Johnstown flood last November?

If the Republican party turns liberal now, it may find in 1940 that it has done so just in time to miss carrying an election that conservatism might have carried.

The world would like to know more about the Baroness Eugene de Rothschild, hostess of the duke of Windsor, former king.

She was Miss Catherine Wolf of Philadelphia, has been three times married, and when the king amuses himself with bowling in her castle, she beats him, and all the other men players. Plenty of energy there.

Our good neighbor Chile, anxious to keep gold at home, decided to restrict "luxury importations" and unwisely included automobiles, including trucks, among "luxuries." As a result Chile's industries face heavy losses, her network of modern highways will fall into decay.

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Current Events in Review

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Steel Workers Swing to the Lewis Forces

UNDER the general leadership of John L. Lewis the war for unionizing the steel industry and destroying the company unions is now under way. Some 150 company union representatives from the Pittsburgh, the Cleveland-Youngstown and the eastern districts met in Pittsburgh and were told by Philip Murray, chief aide of Lewis and chairman of the committee for industrial union, that a strike in the \$5,000,000,000 industry might result "if the industry continues to employ its dog-in-the-manger attitude," in dealing with trade unions.



John L. Lewis

Thereupon the delegates adopted resolutions unanimously condemning the company union plan as a "farce," and establishing a new organization called the "CIO representatives council," with this "declaration of principles":

1. All steel workers be organized into a national industrial union.
2. Employee representatives use their influence to enroll the steel workers into the steel workers organizing committee's campaign.
3. All steel workers be thoroughly informed by employee representatives who know from experience that the company union is a device of the management and totally unable to win any major concessions for the steel workers.
4. CIO employee representatives remain inside the company union for reasons obvious to all. The wage demands are: A \$1.24 a day increase for all employees receiving over \$5 a day. A 30 hour, five day week. Paid vacations of one week for employees of two years' service and two weeks for employees of five or more years' service. Time and one-half pay for overtime within the regular working week. Double time for Sundays and holidays.

Flat Glass Industry Paralyzed by Strikes

EXTENSION of the glass workers' strike to plants in Toledo, Charleston, W. Va., and Shreveport, La., brought the flat glass industry almost to a standstill. The closing of these factories is directed against the automobile industry, but the Ford company is equipped to produce its own glass and the other automobile makers are said to have enough glass in stock for a month. It was estimated that 14,300 men were idle at the plants of the Libby-Owens and Pittsburgh Plate Glass companies.

Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota Dies

PETER NORBECK, United States senator from South Dakota since 1920, died at his home in Redfield, S. D., at the age of sixty-six after a long illness from heart disease and cancer of the tongue and jaw. Norbeck, a Republican with radical tendencies, entered politics in 1908 as a member of the state senate. Later he was lieutenant governor and governor of his state and then was elected to the United States senate. In that body he was an insistent advocate of agricultural relief measures.

Hundreds Are Killed by Earthquake in Salvador

EARTHQUAKE shocks accompanied by volcanic eruptions devastated large areas in central Salvador, killing more than two hundred persons and injuring about four hundred. San Vicente, a city of 26,000, was the center of the temblors, and it was reported to be practically destroyed. Several thousand persons there were participating in a religious procession when the first quake came, and many of them were crushed under falling walls. Other towns in the stricken region were wrecked. Roads from the capital were broken up and communications were destroyed, so that accurate information was slow in coming out.

All of the towns affected by the quake are in the vicinity of the San Vicente volcano. The area, important in manufacturing and agriculture, is in the rich tobacco and indigo-growing region. Gen. Maximiliano Martinez, presi-

dent of Salvador, hastened to the scene of the disaster to take personal charge of relief measures, and physicians and medical supplies were rushed from San Salvador.

Pope Has Fainting Spell and Grows Weaker

HOPE for the recovery of Pope Pius dwindled day by day. He suffered a fainting spell and was reported to be exceedingly weak. His illness was complicated by high fever and there was danger of influenza. Senator Nicola Pandolfi of Rome, widely known as a specialist on the ills of old age, was summoned by Dr. Amanti Milani, and both agreed that the pontiff must have complete rest. His visitors were limited to the ten cardinals who are prefects of executive bodies of the church and they were permitted to enter the sick room only one each day to obtain the pope's authorization for their most important decisions. The customary Christmas eve audience for cardinals and diplomats was canceled, and the pope also had to abandon his plan to celebrate mass on the 57th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Nanking Army Fighting to Rescue Chiang Kai-shek

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK not being released by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang within the specified time, the Nanking troops moved against the Sianfu rebels. Two of the mutinous battalions were captured and disarmed at Huh-sien. It appeared that Marshal Chang really was reduced to negotiating for his own life and safety, and there were reports that he was willing to surrender the dictator and quit the country, as has many a rebellious Chinese war lord before him. T. V. Soong, who is Chiang's brother-in-law, went to Sianfu to attempt to arrange for Chiang's release. American and British governments were concerned over the safety of their nationals in Sianfu if that city should be besieged by the National army. There would certainly be a distressing shortage of food and fuel, and to this would be added the dangers of probable bombardment by artillery and airplanes. Discipline among the mutinous troops is known to be very poor and already there have been many instances of murder and looting.

Chang Hsueh-liang

Japanese military authorities charge that Marshal Chang's revolt was part of a deliberate plan to line up western powers, including soviet Russia, against Japan. The Chinese ambassador to Tokio was told by Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita that the Chinese government would not be permitted to enter into any accord that would make it appear that it favored war against Japan. Arita made it plain that Japan would abandon its waiting policy if Nanking compromised with Marshal Chang.

President Gomez of Cuba Breaks With Batista

PRESIDENT MIGUEL GOMEZ of Cuba and his administration are at outs with Col. Fulgencio Batista, chief of staff and the "strong man" of the island republic. Batista has been insisting on a bill for a 9 cents a bag sugar tax designed to produce \$2,000,000 revenue annually for rural schools to be operated by army sergeants. Gomez and his crowd have opposed this legislation, fearing it means the rise of fascism; but it is warmly supported by the farmers, tobacco raisers and cane field workers, thousands of whom marched to Havana to demand the passage of the bill. These people call Batista "defender of the common people."

The sugar tax bill was passed, but President Gomez persisted in his opposition, and vetoed the measure. The Batista followers demanded his resignation and also prepared to have him impeached by the house of representatives. At this writing it is expected Gomez will quit his office.

Several months ago Batista was quoted as saying he would not be afraid to head a dictatorship "if it were necessary for the good of the country." He may soon be called on to assume that position.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for January 3

THE SON OF GOD BECOMES MAN

LESSON TEXT—John 1:1-18. GOLDEN TEXT—And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. John 1:14. PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus' Home. JUNIOR TOPIC—The Boyhood of Jesus. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—God Coming to Us in Jesus. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Fact and Purpose of the Incarnation.

The opening of a new year always brings with it a sense of solemn responsibility for one's life and service, and at the same time a thrilling expectancy. No better way can be found to begin this year of our Lord, 1937, than in the study of God's Word, not only by ourselves, but in the fellowship of others in the church and Sunday school.

The series of lessons outlined for the year gives us the eagerly apprehended opportunity of studying during the first three months the Gospel of John. Space does not permit of a suitable introduction to that study here, but we trust that no one will fail to read John 20:31, which states the purpose of the apostle in writing.

Three great and fundamental questions are answered in chapter 1:1-18, namely, (1) Was Jesus Christ God or man? (2) Does it matter how we regard him and relate our lives to him? (3) Is there suitable evidence upon which we may rest our faith in him?

I. Jesus Christ Is God (John 1:1-5).

"In the beginning" of Genesis 1:1, Jesus Christ already "was" not only "with God," but he "was God." He is the living "Word," the complete and final revelation of God. He is infinite, eternal, divine, both the Creator and Redeemer. He is both the Life and the Light of men. That Light shines in the darkness but the darkness does not comprehend it.

II. Men Are Either Believers or Unbelievers (vv. 6-13).

There are only two classes of people who will read these lines—the saved and the unsaved. What a solemn thought! To which class do I belong?

The Lord of Glory, the Creator of all things, came to his own world and it "knew him not" (v. 10). How tragic is that fact, but how much deeper is the stab of the next verse, his own people "received him not." The Light still shines in the world, and it is still all too true that men love "darkness rather than light because their deeds are evil" (John 3:19). Such men are lost, "dead in trespasses and sin" (Eph. 2:1).

But, thank God, there are those who "receive him" (v. 12), and to them he gives the power or authority, to be the sons of God. This change is expressly declared to be

a. Not by reason of family, or heredity, "not of blood";

b. Not by natural instinct or development, not "of the will of the flesh"; and

c. Not by human volition or will power, not "of the will of man, but of God."

These are important matters and some one may well ask, "What evidence is there for these things?" Faith is not a venture into the dark. We have the strongest of all foundations in the sure Word of God. The evidences of Christianity are many, thoroughly full, and satisfying to any honest inquirer. We refer to but one.

III. Our Faith Rests on the Testimony of Eye Witnesses (vv. 14-18).

John the Baptist and John the Apostle both beheld the "glory as of the only begotten of the Father" in the One who as the "Word was made flesh and dwelt among" them.

The law was "given by Moses" (v. 17), that is, God sent the law through a human messenger. "But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." No messenger, no matter how great or worthy, would do to bring the gospel of the grace of God. His only begotten Son brought it; it came by him.

Waste Not

Waste not the smallest thing created, for grains of sand make mountains. Waste not the smallest time in imbecile infirmity, for well thou knowest that seconds form eternity.—E. Knight.

Growth of Friendship

Friendship is no plant of hasty growth; though planted in esteem's deep-fixed soil, gradual culture of kind intercourse must bring it to perfection.—Joanna Baillie.

Household Questions

Add chopped pickles, pimientos and olives to regular cabbage salad and you will concoct a tasty relish suitable to serve with fish, fowl or meat.

Parchment shades, if they are shellacked and varnished, may be washed with white soap and water. A little furniture polish applied after washing helps to brighten them.

A little salt added to an egg before beating makes it light and easier to beat.

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Ask Me Another A General Quiz

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1. By what country were doubloons coined?
2. In politics, what is a referendum?
3. Who was father of Mary Queen of Scots?
4. What was a corvette?
5. What are the two chief islands of New Zealand called?
6. What is the atlas bone?
7. What is an Eurasian?
8. Who was Pluto's wife?
9. What president of the U. S. had Rutherford for his first name?
10. What is a collect?
11. What is a foot pound?
12. Who won the Battle of the Pyramids?

Answers

1. Spain.
2. The reference of some question to a vote of the people.
3. James V of Scotland.
4. A wooden war vessel.
5. North Island and South Island.
6. The top-most bone of the spine.
7. One of mixed European and Asiatic blood.
8. Persephone (or Proserpine).
9. Hayes.
10. A short prayer.
11. The work required to raise a pound-weight one foot.
12. The French under Napoleon.

Alligator and Crocodile

The alligator is so closely allied to the crocodile that some naturalists have classed them together as one genus. It differs from the true crocodile principally in having the head broader and shorter, and the snout more obtuse, in having the fourth enlarged tooth of the under jaw receded, not into an external notch, but into a pit formed for it within the upper one; in wanting a jagged fringe which appears on the hind legs and feet of the crocodile and in having the toes of the hind feet webbed not more than one-half the way to the tips.

The names "alligator" and "crocodile" are often confused in popular speech, and the structure and habits of the two animals are so similar that both often are considered under the heading "crocodile."

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