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One lesson of the Morro Castle inquiry: SOS should be PDQ.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"Byrd Polar Party Led by June Finds Vast Ice Plateau." What did they expect a banana plantation?—Norfolk Virginia-Pilot.

If silver gets much higher, it'll soon be up where it can line those clouds.—Louisville (Ky.) Times.

A new gas is claimed capable of putting an army to sleep. Maybe that's what somebody has been using on the Liberty league.—Dallas Morning News.

The intelligence peak is reached in the twenties and thereafter dwindles, says a biologist. Naturally the senate wonders about seating a member who is only 29.—Detroit News.

"Live for something, have a purpose, And that purpose keep in view; Drifting like a helpless vessel Thou canst ne'er to life be true; Half the wrecks that strew life's ocean If some star had been their guide, Might have long been drifting safely But they drifted with the tide."

Work and Relief

News from Washington would indicate that the government will need to spend billions of relief during the coming year. It is a recognized fact that relief must be extended to unemployed and destitute people. There is little argument on that point but the main question is how will the funds be distributed?

We never have been in sympathy with the dole system and some gratification is gained from the news from Washington to the effect that more work and less direct relief will be the order of the administration.

There should be no excuse for paying an idle, able-bodied man cash. He should be made to work for his livelihood. Of course there are some cases who are not able to work and giving them cash or food and clothes orders is the only way out.

Employment through public works will give the people benefit of the pay-rolls and the country the benefit of what they accomplish with their labor.

The Right to Kill

In some parts of the world there are those who would give to the medical profession the right to take the life of a person suffering with an incurable disease. To this movement there are many objectors who say that it is not man's right to take life, even to end suffering.

While they say it is not a physician's right to kill under the circumstances outlined above the general public has "blood in its eye" when nations go on the warpath for wholesale slaughter.

Under the laws of man it seems that people are all muddled up about their rights but conscience is the real guiding factor in determining right and wrong. This yardstick often fails when people who are apparently utterly devoid of conscience work their machinations upon the human race.

Today the world is in another stir over the right to fight and to kill. Disarmament conferences are scenes of hostilities over squabbles for naval agreements, with every nation wanting just a little more fighting material under the proposed treaties.

Ever since the human race advanced far enough in numbers to provide armies there have been wars and yet war is the silliest and most brutal happening conceivable. Millions in lives and billions in dollars are what each great war costs but the human race is so constituted that wars will follow wars before the bodies of war victims have decayed into their mother dust. Is it because we forget too quickly or is it greed that throws nations at each other's throats?

Murder and Killings

It is interesting to note the comparison the Greensboro Daily News makes of murder with firearms and death by automobiles on the highways.

As an instance the editor called attention to the gruesome and cold blooded killing of Cashier T. C. Barnes by four men in the Taylorsville bank. Four men went there as the result of a conspiracy to rob the bank and one banker was killed and another seriously wounded. The law says that the four men are guilty of murder and there is no criticism on that point for their trial has been fair and they have been found guilty. They face the chair.

After reviewing this crime and the penalty asked the News editor comments on another kind of killing as follows:

"From this point, the Daily News is disposed to move into the realm of automobile deaths and the judicial handling of those who are responsible for them. Patently, there is no conspiracy involved, nor is a highway death, occurring in what we choose to call an accident, which may after all be a misnomer, on the same footing as a murder. But a fatal crash is equally serious in that it no less takes a life, a man at the wheel of an automobile is handling just as powerful a weapon as, more so than, the individual behind the trigger of a gun; and the toll which he takes, in the aggregate, is far more staggering than the murder rate. But that is going astray; a person who participates in a bank robbery is responsible for whatever happens, any killing which occurs therein, while an individual who gets under a steering wheel, speeds, drives recklessly, takes too many drinks or otherwise violates the law and kills some one while so doing is ruled to be an involuntary slayer, finds his offending reduced to a misdemeanor and enjoys lenient police court treatment along with chicken thieves and crap shooters.

"The comparison, with its many points of difference, may be far-fetched; but no more so than the legalists themselves frequently offer in their day-by-day interpretation and application of the statutes."

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

THE CHRISTIAN AS TEACHER

Lesson for December 9th. Matt. 7:24-29. Golden Text: 2 Timothy 2:15.

The church, more than in the past, now recognizes that religion is not simply something to be believed or experienced. It is also a body of truth to be taught. This is why we revere Jesus as Teacher, and call His followers, in harmony with the New Testament, disciples or learners.

It is to be regretted that the church has failed to fulfill its teaching function. The first reason for this failure is sectarianism, with its heated controversies between sects. The second cause is the church's dependence upon revivals. Since the Reformation its history has been largely a succession of remarkable evangelistic awakenings, with periods of arid depression in between. A third factor in this forgetfulness of the educational ideal is an unenlightened ministry. The majority of our ministers have not had a full college and seminary training, and are therefore not truly cultivated.

But we are happily entering a new era. Roused from her lethargy, the church is repenting of her mistakes, and is now fully alive to the vital necessity of educating her constituency. It is a stupendous task, for two out of three of our Protestant children and youth receive no formal religious instruction.

Undoubtedly a place must be found for religious instruction in our public schools, for the burden cannot be borne alone by the Sunday schools, with their poor equipment, untrained teachers, and inadequate time. But the responsibility of the home is central. Parents should read the Bible regularly with their children, and talk with them simply and frankly concerning the meaning of the Christian faith, and the grandeur of the Christian society. Most fathers and mothers are grossly negligent. Let us labor for the day when every child will be reached for Christ both by consecrated parents and trained teachers.

If France and England are drifting apart, what will the channel swimmers do?—Omaha World-Herald.

Some people are born mute then others get elected vice president of the United States.—Greensboro (Ga.) Herald-Journal.

Upton Sinclair is a strict vegetarian, but spinach doesn't seem to have helped him as it does our Mr. Popeye.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

It is reported that the remaining public enemies are clamoring for the employment of Frank Buck to replace Melvin H. Purvis as chief of the department of justice agents.—Atlanta Constitution.

Record of George W. Sale In War Between the States Is Reviewed

Mr. George W. Sale, who for the 60s. Would we have the number of years was Commander of Camp Stokes of Wilkes Valley Guards, Confederate Veterans, enlisted in the Confederate army in September, 1861 and became an orderly sergeant in Company F, 37th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. Mr. Sale's first Captain was W. M. Barber, of Wilkesboro—he was killed in battle, another captain was W. A. Redding who was killed also—his last captain was T. B. Petty, son of Col. Petty. Mr. Sale considered C. C. Lee, Colonel of the 37th Regiment one of the best men he ever knew, as well as a good officer. In relating his war experiences a short time before his death in 1930, Mr. Sale said "the first battle I was in was at New Berne, and Bill Carmichael was killed. Then the 37th Regiment went to Virginia and threw up breast-works along the Potomac. I was in all the important battles of the war up to the time I was captured. I came home to Wilkes once in 1862 for some of our men who had deserted. They were scattered over the country and not all were found. I waded the Potomac five times. I marched to Maryland and back twice and then went to Gettysburg, but was taken prisoner by the Yankees and did not come back that way. I was in prison at Point Lookout from August, 1863, until March 10, 1865."

In the same prison with Mr. Sale was an Alexander county man, Jay Gwaltney, who later became a preacher, and is remembered by many for his work in that capacity. Some of Mr. Sale's other friends during the war were Capt. John T. Forester, Bill Mastin, Doctor Lawson Harrell, Capt. Company 1, 56th Regiment, Capt. A. H. Martin, and Sergeant James F. Mastin, of Company G, 54th Regiment. Mr. Sale said he saw Generals Lee and Jackson every few days, he said, "I was within a few hundred yards of Jackson when he was shot at Chancellorsville. If it hadn't been dark I would have seen him fall." Quite often we wonder what our reaction would be if we had to suffer the privations that the Southerners did in

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Doughton Is Ready To Study Taxation

Ways And Means Chairman Arrives At Capital to Begin Work With Committee

Washington, Dec. 4.—Representative Doughton arrived here today and will join a special committee of the ways and means committee, of which he is chairman, in a study of tax matters. Mr. Doughton said there will be no increase in taxes, unless it should become "absolutely necessary" to provide additional revenue for the treasury.

Mr. Doughton said he would confer with President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau shortly to get their views as to what they thought will be needed to run the federal machinery during the next fiscal year, and then his committee would shape its program accordingly.

Mr. Doughton will be here until the week before Christmas in connection with his work with the special committee on taxation, and other routine departmental work connected with his office.

Asked as to his position on the cash payment of the bonus, Mr. Doughton said he would like to see a plan worked out for paying the veterans, especially to the needy ones.

To Begin Revival At Mountain View Church

A series of revival services will begin at Mountain View Baptist church Sunday evening, seven o'clock, with Rev. H. A. Bullis in charge. The meeting will continue for 10 days or more. The public has a cordial invitation to attend.

Wilkesboro's First Cage Games Coming This Week

Wilkesboro high school basketball teams will begin the county title race on Friday afternoon, 2:30, when the boys and girls meet the teams from Ferguson High School on Wilkesboro's court.

Two hundred 4-H club boys and 20 club girls have filed records of their year's work with the county and home agents of Stanly county.

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Big Subsistence Homestead Plan To Extend Five Years Is Now Under Consideration

Government Program Calls For Expenditure of Over Billion Dollars

Washington, Nov. 27.—An unprecedentedly large subsistence homestead program, calling for federal spending of between \$500,000,000 and \$1,500,000,000 over the next five years, was reported under serious consideration today as part of a new public works program.

The proposal would furnish opportunity to Secretary Ickes to carry out his government-financed housing idea. The PWA chief's recent exposition of a federal low-cost housing plan brought so strong an objection from James A. Moffett, housing administrator, that White House intervention was necessitated. At that time, however, Ickes did not mention the homestead plan as what he had in mind.

May Spend Big Sum

Reports of the subsistence homestead plan were heard coincidentally on Capitol Hill and in the executive section of Washington. In one government quarter it was said that a billion and a half development was under consideration.

Representative Fulmer, Democrat, South Carolina, said he had heard of a proposal to spend \$100,000,000 a year for five years in this work. He said he believed it would receive hearty congressional approval.

Meanwhile, Ickes' already operative subsistence homestead organization was disclosed to be selling homes to families in the low income class at 3 per cent interest, giving them 30 years in which to pay.

The present efforts of Housing Administrator Moffett to encourage home building with private funds are based upon government insured 5 per cent mortgages. He had declared that Ickes' previously expanded plan would wreck the national housing act.

Adult Teachers Meet

A meeting of the teachers of adults in Wilkes County was held Tuesday at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, at which time Mr. Sorrels, district supervisor of adult education, addressed the group and discussed their problems.

Grasshoppers can be hatched from unfertilized eggs; these fatherless insects are always female.

Fairlains Baptist Church Is Scene Of Big Revival Meeting

A two-weeks revival meeting is now in progress at Fairlains Baptist church. The meeting began on November 25 and will continue through this week. Many conversions have resulted in the services, which are held at 11:30 a. m. and seven in the evening.

Rev. A. E. Whitts, the pastor, is doing the preaching and is assisted in the song and worship services by Rev. H. A. Bullis.

Two new 4-H clubs have been organized in Union county recently by County Agent Tom Broome.

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