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Perpetual motion has not been invented but the falling of the French cabinet comes perilously close to it.—Dallas Morning News.

Jim Farley to run for governor of New York in 1936! Just like New York to try to hog Santa Claus.—The Chicago Daily News.

The Dionne quintuplets will plan their own lives, say the parents. That should mean at least five different cigarette and cosmetic endorsements.—Indianapolis Star.

Maybe if finger prints as well as signatures were required on further treaties involving navies, it would show whether the fingers were crossed.—San Francisco Chronicle.

General Johnson recently was laid up in a hospital with a sore foot.—News item. See anything of the Blue Eagle in the emergency ward, General?—Thomaston (Ga.) Times.

It is estimated that the federal government is spending more than \$20,000 a minute for all purposes. It would be a great saving if we could only stop the clock for a while.—Miami Herald.

## The Republican Dilemma

During the past two months pages have been written concerning the Republican party and speculation on its future. Possibly there are more diversified opinions on this subject than any other before the public eye today.

Many leading Democrats, including the national chairman, are apparently firm in their belief that the national Republican party was "killed to death" in the Democratic national landslide in November.

Republicans, however, do not see such a dark picture for the party that has held the reins of national government over two-thirds of the time since the days of Lincoln and declare that their party is not dead but is only waiting the call of the American people should the present controlling party fail.

The Republican dilemma at the present time is not a question of being dead or alive, because the general opinion is that no organization of such dimensions as the Republican party can be killed suddenly, or even in four years' time. Some Republicans made the mistake of thinking that the Democratic party was killed in the defeat of Alfred E. Smith in 1928.

There is a growing radical element in the Republican party calling for reorganization with more progressive tendencies. This group is headed by Senator Borah, of Idaho, a national figure if there ever was one. He, with the other western progressives who still claim affiliation with the G. O. P., are downright against National Chairman Fletcher and are demanding a reorganization along liberal lines with a progressive program.

The more conservative element of the Republican party is in the east and this group is solidly behind the present national organization, which will not concede anything to Borah and the other progressives who say the party is dead unless it follows a different course.

With a national election only twenty-two months in the future, it appears that the Republican party will be disastrously defeated unless the two groups come together on some sort of program that will be satisfactory to the entire organization.

It is too early to predict how the scramble will end. Many are predicting that Borah, being more widely known than the national chairman, may hold the upper hand and may even be called upon to lead the party. Some of the same group think they see in Borah's statements of recent date a bid for the Republican nomination in 1936.

The element sticking more closely to the present national Republican leadership and agreeing with its views and policies, see nothing in Borah's activities but his desire to be against something. However, they do not fail to concede that the Idaho senator has a powerful influence, not only in his native state, but throughout the nation.

## Crime and Politics

Before the National Crime Conference in Washington last week stood national leaders who uttered an eternal truth when they said that law enforcement could be brought about on an efficient basis only by separating the various departments of justice, courts and law enforcement from politics.

If such a feat is possible in this nation organized crime will end and criminal endeavor will be reduced to a minimum. These speakers advocated a reform that is above the comprehension of the average individual.

We earnestly believe that there is less politics connected with the United States department of justice operatives than any other branch of the government, and we can readily realize the fruits of this freedom from political maneuvering by a glance at the results department of justice agents have experienced in their work during the past year.

It is on this basis that we have been advocating a larger number of men for this department, selected on the basis of ability and training. No person who has been very actively connected with politics should be selected for the group.

Of course, practically all good people vote each election, but this does not mean that they hope to make their living or make a fortune through political endeavor. There are millions of able and intelligent people who vote their sentiments but are not politicians. From their behavior on election day you could not judge to which party or faction they belong.

From this class of men should come the law enforcement officers instead of selecting them on the basis of what they can do for their party or faction.

## The Book

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains four great treasures.

By BRUCE BARTON

### PAUL MEETS HIS FATE

After about two years, as we suppose, the case against Paul was dismissed for lack of prosecution, and he made another journey of which we get scattered glimpses in his two epistles to Timothy and the one to Titus. He had been in Crete and other islands and again at Troas. There is a verse which seems inconsequential, but it is luminous; it comes in the sad but triumphant ending of his last letter to Timothy, pleading with him to come to Rome and help care for him, and to bring Mark. Paul had learned that Mark was a better than he had thought him.

Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments.

When had Paul been at Troas? The only occasion on which we saw him there was in 51, and this was 58! Was he asking for a cloak that he had left seven years before? No, he must have been out of prison and making another great swing around his circle, when he was arrested a second time.

His second imprisonment was very different. No longer was he in his own house but, if we may trust tradition, was in the Mamertine prison. The difference was that the first offense was only against the Jews, while now Christianity had grown so fast that the Roman government had begun to fear. How long his second imprisonment lasted we do not know, but there came the dark day when they led him out and killed him. Peter, if we are to believe tradition, had also come to Rome and when sentenced to die asked to be crucified head downward, deeming himself unworthy to be killed in the same manner as his Lord—a magnificent touch of sentiment in a rough old saint.

It is almost certain that Nero blotted out both these lives. We have an epistle of Peter's written from "Babylon," by which we suppose he meant Rome, and at the time of writing it he seems not to have been in any immediate danger. But the test came, and he met it gloriously. As for Paul, he died triumphant.

For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness.

And nobly had he won it. But to the end he wanted books, and white paper; and he besought his young friend Timothy not to forget them. More knowledge to gain, more epistles to write! His conquering soul went marching on.

So we end our glance at the Epistles.

### Borrowed Comment

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS  
(Winston-Salem Journal)

A little boy, his eyes bright with thoughts of Christmas, asked, "How many seals will ten cents buy?" When given an estimate he said, "I have a dollar and I want to buy a whole dollar's worth, because I like them so much."

As if in answer to his wish, the mail brought to the family one hundred tuberculosis Christmas seals. He insisted that he be allowed to spend his one and only dollar for the seals.

The seals this year are unusually attractive. But, of course, the idea back of them, rather than their aesthetic appeal should make them readily salable. The funds derived from the sale of the seals are used to carry on the fight against tuberculosis. Christmas is the children's season, and it should be remembered that many of the victims of the dread disease are children. The purchase of these stickers is helping children everywhere and is thus in keeping with the spirit of Christmas.

## Today and Tomorrow

### TODAY AND TOMORROW

**BRAINS . . . . . they're scarce**  
In the long run, brains rule the world. The principal thing that holds humanity back from perfection is that there are not enough first-rate brains to go around. The world has produced few original thinkers. Those whose thoughts have been preserved have exercised far greater influence and for longer periods than all the rulers, armies and builders put together.

At a social gathering the other night the question came up as to who, by the power of his brains alone, had most widely influenced the course of mankind. Leaving the past 100 years out of consideration, for it is still too soon to evaluate thoughts so recent, I picked as my list Confucius, the Chinese philosopher; Aristotle and Plato, the Greek thinkers; Euclid, the father of geometry; Galileo, first to imagine that the world was round and to guess that there was another side to it; and Shakespeare, the universal interpreter of human nature to itself.

If I were to come down to recent times I would add Karl Marx and Charles Darwin, as the foremost brains of our times. But I can't see far enough ahead to guess whether they will be as influential a thousand years from now.

### IDEAS . . . . . put to work

The value of original ideas is that they set so many unoriginal people at work trying to see whether the ideas will work or not.

An idea is no good unless it is put to work, no matter how original it is. Clerk Maxwell, the English mathematician, originated the idea that all matter, visible or invisible, moves in rhythmic waves. He set down the idea in a mathematical formula. Herz, the German physicist, took Maxwell's formula and discovered that the idea was sound. There were waves of space. He wrote down his proof of that. Then Marconi set himself to the task of putting those waves to work for the transmission of signals, and wireless telegraphy was the result, with its offspring, radio broadcasting.

One idea of an obscure mathematician has thus given work to millions, cut down time and space, and gives enjoyment and information to hundreds of millions. In its field it has changed the customs and thoughts of the world.

Everything that we call progress got its start in the mind of some original thinker.

### TOOLS . . . . . aid to muscles

Brains and their product, ideas, are tools. The highly-skilled, highly-paid workers of the world earn big pay because they add those tools to the mechanical devices with which the ordinary worker has to do his daily job.

Industrial progress began when men began building brains into the tools of production, making machines which could be operated without the use of brains. That made it possible to set men of little brain-power at work turning out the most perfect mechanisms. And since labor, in the long run, is always paid in proportion to the value of its product, by multiplying the number of perfect products the worker could produce in a day the brain-treated tools made it possible for him to earn more than he ever could have earned with his unaided muscles.

And, on the whole, the product of the machine is far better than the product of the hand-working craftsman.

### PATENTS . . . . . and ideas

You can't patent an idea. All that you can patent is the machine or device that make the idea work. Ideas, once made public, are common property for whoever can make use of them. My friend, the late Glenn Curtiss, had an idea which would make it easier for an airplane to fly. He tried it, it worked, and he got a patent on the device. The Wrights sued him for infringement of their patent, though the airplane they had patented was quite a different application of an idea that was far older than either Wright or Curtiss. They thought they had patented the idea of flying.

Inventors frequently claim that someone else has stolen their idea. What they mean is that some other man beat them to it making a machine that would work. And even then, the inventor has to give everybody the right to make his invention after 17 years. The word "patent" means to make public. Government protects him in the use of his device for 17 years in consideration of his making it public. Otherwise, he could keep it a secret forever.

### COPYRIGHT . . . . . its purpose

There is a big row brewing over the rights of authors to the profits of their brain work. Under the copyright law the author of a book, a story or a song, or the composer of a piece of music, can copyright it, and sue and collect damages if anyone uses his material for profit without his permission.

That is the fairest sort of a law, but the radio broadcasters and the motion picture people don't like to pay for the right to use popular music. So the authors and composers got together and are charging a small fee to picture theaters and broadcasters.

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Indications are that eastern Carolina cotton growers will vote almost unanimously for a continuance of the Bankhead cotton control Act.

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