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BIBLE THOUGHT

O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times

New times demand new measures and new men:
The world advances and in time outgrows
The laws that in our father's day were best;
And, doubtless after us, some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
Made wiser by the steady growth of truth.
—James Russell Lowell.

Battles On Home Fronts

PROGRESS in public health can be measured in many ways. Since public health departments and public health nurses have been established in North Carolina, not only have general health conditions been improved, but health education and knowledge of communicable diseases have saved lives and prevented suffering to a degree that cannot be measured.

One of the far reaching benefits of public health service, is the changed attitude towards the regulations necessary to carry out disease preventive measures. The time was—in the memory of many of us—when colds were taken as a visitation of Providence that descended, like the rain, on the just and the unjust; when parents let their children catch the measles, whooping cough, and other contagious diseases from each other "to get them over with"; when tuberculosis was "consumption" that "ran in the family" and when typhoid was a dreaded and all-too-frequent scourge that came to all at some time or other. When mothers died at childbirth and babies of colitis, the frequency was accepted with a sorrowful fatalism as "the Lord's will." Now, all this is changed.

The Southern Tuberculosis Conference held this week is one yardstick of this progress. Before public health consciousness had developed, tuberculosis claimed more lives in the United States than any other one disease. Now it occupies fifth place and the death rate is constantly diminishing. Through the years many scientists in the laboratory and doctors and nurses in the field have fought, often through discouragement and indifference, to conquer this foe. This campaign and others are indicative of battles being won with the weapons of knowledge and organized methods of prevention.

A changed and enlightened attitude on the part of the public is an added factor in the winning of the war on our home front. We have had a demonstration of this in our own community during the past week. Poliomyelitis, commonly known as infantile paralysis, about which little is yet known as to sources of infection, and which has grown to epidemic proportion in many other communities, has shown itself in two cases. Promptly the health department has adopted the drastic preventive measures of closing schools and barring all children under 16 years old—those most liable to infection—from public gatherings. The cooperation of all institutions thereby affected, of parents, children and the public generally in willingness to submit to this regulation, is an encouraging sign of progress in disease prevention and health building.

MAKING THE WARNING CLEAR

AMERICANS as a whole hate war. American mothers in particular do not want war. However, peace at any price is considered by all freedom-loving people as worse than war. Because that sentiment is practically unanimous in this country there has been almost general approval of the President's order, announced in a radio address last Thursday night, that he had issued instructions to the navy, of which he is commander-in-chief, not to wait to be fired on by axis submarines, surface raiders or aircraft, but to "shoot first".

The President gave these orders with the full knowledge of what they may mean. The country knows that they may lead eventually to a formal declaration of war by Congress.

Before making his historical announcement, the chief executive recounted, one after another, attacks upon American ships which led to his statement of policy—the U.S.S. Greer, the Robin Moor, the Steel Seafarer, the Sessa. And to these he added an inci-

dent at sea which had not hitherto been known to the public.

"In July 1941," he said, "an American battleship in North American waters was followed by a submarine which for a long time sought to maneuver itself into a position of attack.

"The periscope of the submarine was clearly seen. No British or American submarines were within hundreds of miles of this spot at the time, so the nationality of the submarine is clear."

These incidents, taken collectively, the President said, could only be regarded as part of a general nazi design "to abolish the freedom of the seas, and to acquire absolute control and domination of the seas for themselves."

With that control in their hands, the next step would be "domination of the United States and the western hemisphere by force", with no American vessel "free to carry on any peaceful commerce except by the condescending grace of this foreign and tyrannical power."

The President also said the navy would protect not only American ships but "ships of all flags" from attack when sailing "in our defensive waters." This promptly aroused speculation whether a convoy system for those areas was in the making.

"We have not sought a shooting war with Hitler," the President said in this world-wide address. "But neither do we want peace so much that we are willing to pay for it by permitting him to attack our naval and merchant ships while they are on legitimate business."—Morganton News-Herald.

Press Comment

TWO OF A KIND

(Asheville Times)
Governor Broughton is right: if Mr. Lindbergh wishes to bring to this state what Senator Reynolds hails as "the message of truth," there should be no opposition; the North Carolina minority (a small one) has the right to speak and to stage demonstrations.

Further revealing his knowledge of what is proper, Governor Broughton explains that he would not attend the isolationist discord rally, since he is opposed to everything Lindbergh says in his speeches on foreign policy.

But please note the aplomb with which your Bob (if you are a near-sighted isolationist in a world on fire) assumes the attitude of Father Reynolds to "my people" in North Carolina. "My people," quoth the daring commander of old Troop B cavalry of pre-Mexico border trouble days, are "now" against Lindbergh, but they are "eager" to hear both sides; and of course Pappa Bob, well knowing what is really best for us, is even more eager for his rival in discredited prophecy and preaching to spread dissension and anti-British feeling among a people who in vast majority still look upon Britain, with all her faults, as the Mother country.

They are a strange pair thus brought together in the endearing bonds of little Americanism, blind judgment, intolerance and false reasoning. Lindbergh does have a glorious past and is still an able technician in his field. Your Bob (if you admire swashbuckling political gymnastics), has a past hardly so glorious.

Both are sowers of the seeds of disunity among the people. Both are discredited prognosticators of things to come. The Colonel, visiting Russia at a critical time in Anglo-France relations to Germany, warned Britain that the Russian air force was hopeless. After France fell, he warned America that Britain would go down in two or three weeks. (See any current newspaper on what the Russian air fleet can do.)

And Bob, just a few days before Hitler invaded Poland, was proclaiming in eastern North Carolina in his windiest style: "There isn't going to be any war, and don't let anybody fool you."

Why does this minority Senator from North Carolina feel free to advertise us thus by taking it on himself to invite Lindbergh to address "my people"? Well, that is just your Bob, if you happen to belong to the shilly-shallying, invertebrate minority which today in America resembles the leaders and followers who finally wrecked and almost destroyed great France.

Letters to Editor

Dear Editor:
I am sending you my subscription to the Press, I hope in time to get my subscription this week. . . I really and truly cannot do without the dear old home paper, for all my people live back up there. Many thanks for all past favors.

Yours truly,
Mrs. O. E. Snyder
Cornelia, Ga.

Clippings

HOW FAR AWAY IS YOUR HORIZON?
The critical situation of our world today is in need of men in all countries whose horizon extends way out into the future, way be-

yond the horizon of the people who apparently are not sufficiently interested in helping to correct the evils of the world—men whose horizons go beyond the hatred, bitterness and selfishness of the spirit created by war—men whose horizons carry them beyond all of the things of a temporary nature, who are willing to combine their efforts and give the best they have toward planning a road to permanent peace, after hostilities have ceased.

The horizon of peace must not be blurred by the close up horizon of the present world situation. All roads leading toward the horizon of war have always been paved with fear, greed, jealousy, superstition, personal ambition, hatred and lack of consideration of others. The road leading toward the horizon of peace must be paved with tolerance, fairness and justice to all, regardless of race, creed or color; justice to the minority countries and to the minorities within countries; it must make accessible the natural resources, food and clothing of the world to all nations, small and large, on the same fair basis.

After the war we must be as liberal in spending the necessary money to maintain peace by correcting the economic inequalities, as we are willing to spend money to prosecute the war.

The keystone of the arch which we must pass through on the road leading to the horizon of peace must be the golden rule: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

The horizon of which I am speaking is one which the younger men and women of the world are seeking, because their vision causes them to realize the great equity that they have in the world, represented by all the years in front of them that the older people have behind them. They need the guidance and advice of all who can extend their horizons far enough to think and work for the realization of the ideal in which all human beings are entitled to participate.

The world needs a group of young and old who have the same far-sighted, uplifting horizon and who are willing to stand out in front, regardless of precedent, and say to the world these things can be done.

Thos. J. Watson,
N. C. Christian Advocate.

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NOTICE OF SALE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

North Carolina
Macon County.
Whereas the County Board of Education of Macon County has determined that certain lands heretofore used for public school purposes are no longer necessary for the maintenance and operation of the public schools of said County; and whereas by resolution has duly ordered said lands to be sold.

Now, therefore, pursuant to said order of sale of said lands I will, on October 20, 1941, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, at the Court-house door in Franklin, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder for cash the following tracts or parcels of land, to-wit:

TRACT No. 1: Located in Smithbridge Township, and BEGINNING on a stake in the line of the school property 135 feet from the Southeast corner of the said school lot and runs in a west-ward direction 60 feet to a red oak; then westward 130 feet to the Southwest corner of the school property to the BEGINNING. The foregoing being property heretofore used and occupied by the Mulberry School.

TRACT No. 2: Located in Nantahala Township, BEGINNING at an iron pipe on the West bank of the Nantahala River, runs S 81-15 W 460 feet to a stake; thence N 2-54 E 234 feet to a double chestnut, the Southwest corner of the Aquone cemetery and a corner of the Campbellite Church lot; thence with the South line of the cemetery N 76-27 E 236 feet to a stake; thence S 3-07 W 55 feet to a stake on the bank of the branch; thence down the branch in a southerly direction to a service on the North bank of the branch near the West bank of the Nantahala River; thence to the thread of the Nantahala River; thence up the center of the river 155 feet, more or less, to the BEGINNING. Containing 2.1 acres, more or less, and being the property heretofore used and occupied by the Aquone School.

TRACT No. 3: In Smithbridge Township and consisting of three (3) tracts as follows.

LEGAL ADVERTISING

(a) Adjoining the land of R. B. Bradley, R. S. Norton, et al, and BEGINNING on a poplar, runs S 75 W 36 poles to a white oak near the bank of the road; thence N 4 W 10 poles to a white oak in the forks of the road; thence N 52 E 18 poles to a dogwood; thence S 85 — 16 poles to a stake in the bank of the road; thence S 12 E 10 poles to the BEGINNING. Containing 2 acres, more or less.

(b) BEGINNING on a black oak at the forks of the road near W. P. Garland, runs N 84 E 13 poles to a Spanish oak; then N 48 W 24 poles to a stake; then S 48 13 poles to a stake; then S 48 E to the BEGINNING.

(c) BEGINNING at a black oak, the beginning corner of school lot, runs S 41 W 2 poles and 8 links to a stake in the road; then N 54 W 28 poles to a stake; then N 48 E 19 poles to a stake; then S 48 E 4 poles to a stake; the Northwest corner of the school lot; then S 48 W 13 poles to the corner of school lot; then S 48 E 24 poles to the BEGINNING. Containing three-fourths of an acre, more or less. The foregoing lands being the property heretofore used and occupied by the Mountain View School.

TRACT No. 4: In Ellijay Township adjoining the lands of John T. Henry and H. M. Hall and BEGINNING on a sassafras near a spring and John T. Henry's corner, runs S 20 W 10 1/2 poles to a poplar on the bank of a branch; then N 52 W 22 poles to a stake at the wagon road; then up the road with its meanders and John T. Henry's line to the BEGINNING. Containing 1 1/2 acres, more or less, including access to a spring South of the above lands. The above being the property formerly occupied by the Ellijay School.

The above tracts of land will be sold separately. A deposit of five per cent (5%) will be required of the last and highest bidder on each tract.

All bids are subject to confirmation by the County Board of Education.

This the 17th day of September, 1941.

G. L. HOUK, Secretary
Macon County Board of Education.
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