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BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

WORLD'S NEWS EPITOMIZED

Complete Review of Happenings of Greatest Interest From All Parts of World.

Southern.

The new lighthouse service depot for the south Atlantic coast will be located at Charleston, S. C.

Hunt for the treasure the pirate, Jean LaFitte, is supposed to have buried in the swamp lans of Louisiana during his successful operation on the gulf coast has been renewed by two parties.

A large elephant which escaped from a circus train said to have been wrecked on the Seaboard Air Line was killed in the woods about six miles from Hartsville, S. S., by a party of men who, in a long chase, used shotguns, rifles and axes in dispatching the mammal. Excitement was intense and there were many wild, but baseless, rumors of damage done by the beast. An effort was made to have the local militia ordered out to protect the inhabitants from the elephant.

R. J. Taylor, a deputy sheriff of Lex, McDowell county, is dead; A. D. Beavers, a former United States marshal, of Bartley, is in the Welch hospital in a dying condition, with a pistol wound in the abdomen; D. W. Weavers, a deputy sheriff and brother of A. D. Beavers, was shot through the leg, and T. E. Hickey, a non-combatant, was shot through the thigh in a pistol battle on a crowded Norfolk and Western passenger train, between Iaegar and Berwind, W. Va. The tragedy is said to be due to a quarrel that began at Welch.

The United States court of appeals at New Orleans handed down a decision in the case of Haven & Clement, brokers, on the New York cotton exchange, against D. W. James of Blakely, Ga. This suit was brought by the New York brokers in the United States district court at Columbus, Ga., some ten years ago, and has ever since been stubbornly litigated through the various United States courts, reaching, finally, the circuit court of appeals in New Orleans.

General.

Arthur Fisher, a Chicago and Northwestern railroad freight engineer, was shot and instantly killed in the cab of his engine near Manlius, Ill., 45 miles north of Peoria, Ill., by bandits who were surprised while stealing merchandise from the freight train. A deputy sheriff, in pursuit of the band, was shot through the head and may die. The station agent at Langley, Ill., was shot in the arm and the fireman on the freight train was shot through the leg.

Brigands sacked and burned the city of Lao Ho-Chow, China, killed Dr. T. Froyland, a Norwegian missionary, and wounded several other foreigners, including the Rev. O. M. Sama, a native of Norway. A force of 500 brigands obtained entrance to the city by means of treachery from within. They immediately used the torch and sword. They burned the Asiatic Petroleum the Singer buildings and looted the British and American Tobacco company's premises. Afterwar dthey proceeded to the arsenal, where they secured guns and a quantity of ammunition.

Disturbances in connection with the general preliminary elections held in Spain are reported from various places. A riot at Bonagalgon, in the province of Malaga, resulted in the wounding of two policemen and a score of citizens. One policeman is missing and probably was killed. In Bilboa also disorders occurred. The chief of police and a number of rioters received severe injuries.

Suffering with bruised heads and empty stomachs, 1,000 members of the unemployed armies that have been in Sacramento are encamped on the Yolo county side of the Sacramento river, to which they were driven by Sacramento county, California, officers. Not all were suffering from injuries, but all were hungry. Most of them were cold from the drenching given them by the city fire department in routing them from their Sacramento camp.

Information secured, unofficial but from sources usually well informed, indicated that at least two Mexicans were members of the party which exhumed the body of the Texas rancherman, Clemente Vergara, from the cemetery at Hidalgo, Mexico, and returned it to the American side of the border. Eight Americans are said to have been the others in the expedition

Property valued at half a million dollars was destroyed in a fire which swept the plant of the Exporters and Traders' Warehouse and Compress company in East Waco, Texas. The loss includes the $100,000 plant, 5,000 bales of cotton in storage and on the wharfs, eight box cars of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad and adjoining outhouses of the company. Losses were said to be nearly covered by insurance. A big brick warehouse containing more than a thousand bales of cotton was closed and withstood intense heat. Employees in the business district were forced to flee.

Boys flying a big cord kite with a long tail and cutters on the end of it, put Atlanta in darkness for more than forty minutes and threatened to tie up traffic. It was between 3:30 and 4:30 o'clock when the lights went out. Investigation by inspectors of the Georgia Railway and Power company showed that the switches at the Ashby street station were burned out, possibly because of the extra heavy load thrown on them when the kite pulled down wires in the neighborhood of the Davis street school.

A London militant suffragette inflicted severe damage on the famous Velasquez picture known as the "Rokeby Venus," which hung in the National gallery, Trafalgar square. The picture was purchased for $225,000 in 1906, and presented to the nation. Art experts have estimated its present market value at $500,000. The woman entered the gallery and attacked the picture with a sharp knife. The perpetrator of the outrage was the notorious militant suffragette, May Richardson.

Washington.

The president and Mrs. Wilson have announced the engagement of their youngest daughter, Eleanor Randolph, to Hon. William Gibbs McAdoo. This announcements was issued at the white house by Secretary Tumulty.

To benefit farmers, the rural credit commission has recommended to congress that banks with a capitalization as low as $2,000 be allowed to become member banks of the new federal reserve system. The commission contends that the present limit of $25,000 prevents the benefits of the system being extended to a large degree to the farmers. The commission recommended that the states authorize the creation of credit unions and crop credit associations.

Amabassador Walter Hines Page received from Secretary of State Bryan notification of the resolution of the United States senate in regard to his speech on the Panama canal and the Monroe doctrine delivered before the Association of the Chamber of Commerce in London. Ambassador Page says the senators had been misled by the excessive condensation of his remarks in regard to his interpretation the Monroe doctrine.

Two regiments of infantry were ordered by the war department to the Mexican border. The seventeenth, now stationed at Fort McPherson, at Atlanta, and the ninth, stationed at Fort Logan H. Root, Arkansas, will go to El Paso and Laredo, and relieve the cavalry now there. Col. John T. Van Orsdale is eligible for retirement, and his successor has not yet been named. Lieut. Col. Henry D. Styer will be temporarily in command of the regiment. Colonel Van Orsdale's number will fall to Col. George W. McIver, now stationed at Manila, Philippine Islands.

Secretary Bryan, speaking before the Maryland legislature, declared he hoped that not only would the United States bororw the initiative an dreferendum as it had borrowe dthe Australian ballot, but that in time it would adopt the postal vote. An initiative and referendum bill is pending before the Maryland legislature. The postal vote of New Zealand allows a citizen, though away from home, to cast his vote on an election and have it counted. Secretary Bryan said he believed there is more virtue in the people than ever finds expression in their representatives.

Future annual reports of the census bureau on the quantity of cotton ginned will not, as heretofore, include the quantity of linters in the total production of cotton for the crop, but will relate only to lint cotton. This change in the method of publishing the statistics of cotton was announced by Director Harris of the census bureau, and will be effective, beginning with the next report on March 20. Information as to the production of linters, however, the director states, will be given in a foot-note.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield, in an address before the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, in New York City, urged the enactment of more liberal laws to permit the United States to regain its maritime trade. To prove the prosperous condition of the United States, Secretary Redfield presented statistics showing the United States cultivates twenty-seven acres of land for every person employed, as compared with five to seven in Europe. He says that out of our progress has grown a sense of the solidarity of man, and says deposits in savings banks would pay national debt.

Senators are discussing with unusual interest Senator Tillman's declaration in his address on his non-smoking resolution, that he believed he could lengthen the life of every man in the chamber "if I could only get them to believe what I tell them and follow my advice." The South Carolina senator asserted his colleagues ate too much. "Since I was paralyzed four years ago and read my own obituaray," he said, "twenty-one senators, including Vice President Sherman, most of them younger than me, have died."

Officers of the United States army who resigned their commissions to give their services to the Confederacy will be reimbursed for their pay and allowances they sacrificed by such action, under a bill offered by Senator Overman of North Carolina, which has passed the senate. It will go to the house. Among those who will receive back pay and allowances are the heirs of Jackson, Longstreet, Pickett and many other famous Confederate generals who were in the army service when the South seceded. More than twenty-five years ago the Supreme court held that one Walker had a just claim.

COMMITTEE CHOSE CONFLICTING DATE

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION CALLED AT TIME OF MEDICAL MEETING—WILL CHANGE.

LATE STATE CAPITOL NEWS

Review of the Latest News Gathered Around the State Capitol That Will Be of Interest to Our Readers Over North Carolina.

Raleigh.

The State Democratic Executive Committee a few days ago elected Thomas D. Warren of Newbern chairman to succeed Charles A. Webb of Asheville, resigned, and selected June 17 as the date for the state convention and Raleigh as the place. Other business of importance to the party was transacted during a three-hours session.

The roll-call of the committee membership showed 52 members present in person or by proxy.

Next morning the people of Raleigh and remaining delegates awoke to the realization of the fact that the committee had been allowed to name a date for the Democratic State convention, June 17, that is in direct conflict with the State Convention of the North Carolina Medical Society that will have 600 or more delegates here June 16, 17 and 18.

The managers of the hotels insist that it will be impossible to take care of both conventions at the same time and the representatives of the Medical Society here insist that it is next to impossible to change the date for their convention on account of all arrangements being made for the state board to hold the examinations for medical licenses at that time and all stationary and other arrangements are made with relation to National and other related organizations.

The remedy for the tangle that seems most likely is one suggested by C. A. Webb, retiring state chairman, who suggested to Chairman Warren that he write to all the members of the State Democratic Executive Committeed for their proxies to be used in a special meeting to fix another date for the state convention, this to be most likely June 24.

Chairman Warren and his advisors would look into the matter of dates and name the one deemed most generally satisfactory. Some suggest that it be held Thursday, June 11, the day after the unveiling of the Horne monument to the North Carolina Women of the Confederacy. No definite announcement can be made at this time, as everybody seems completely "up in the air" in regard to the matter.

The North Carolina Manual.

The State Historical Commission has just gotten from the press a North Carolina Manual 1913 that is a valuable publication of 1,053 pages substantially bound in cloth and admirably indexed and with subdivisions running up to "Part XVI." Some of the most notable features of the subdivions are "The Legislative Department," "Executive Department," "Judicial Department," "Administrtion Department, Boards and Commissions," "State Educational Institutions," "Register of Colonial Officials 1663-1776," "Register of State Officials 1711-1813," and "North Carolina in the Federal Congress." There are also grouped the names of North Carolinians who have held Federal office from this state and those native North Carolinians who have held such offices from other states.

Corn Clubs in Wake County.

Wake county at the present time has 215 boys enrolled in the corn club who will compete for prizes this year. This number is more than fifty more than any other county in the state, Richmond and Buncombe coming next in the order named. There are now more than three thousand boys enrolled in the clubs over the entire state.

Short Line Railway Men Meet.

There was an all-day conference here a few days ago of the North Carolina division of the Short Lines Association of the Railroads of the Southeast that was formed a year ago at a preliminary meeting in Atlanta, John E. Hancock of the North & South Carolina Railroad, Hamlet to Pee Dee, being the vice president for this state. The conference selected H. B. Edwards of the Atlantic & Western as secretary of the North and South Carolina division. There are 33 railroads that are members.

Press Association Meets June 24-25.

Raleigh.—The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Press Association in special session here decided to call the annual convention of the association for Wrightsville Beach, June 24 and 25, and to recommend to the association that the midwinter session be held in Raleigh. Committeemen here were Maj. H. A. London, Pittsboro; H. B. Varner, Lexington; J. J. Farriss, High Point. Absentees were Secretary J. B. Sherrill, Concord; R. R. Clark, Statesville; D. T. Edwards, Kinston; J. H. Caine.

N. C. Wins Freight Rate Victory.

Special from Washington, says the interstate commerce commission granted the application of the Southern Railway, Atlantic Coast Line, C & O., Norfolk & Western and Seaboard Air Line to establish through rates to North Carolina from Ohio river crossings and St. Louis, to take the place of rates now in effect to the eastern part of the state based on the through rate to Virginia cities to North Carolina; and to the western part of the state based on the through rate to Paint Rock, a point on the Southern Railway on the state line between Tennessee and North Carolina cities.

The commission in its decision states that the proposed rates will effect reductions averaging 10 per cent.

The commission decided, however, the rates proposed through the Memphis gateway will be established as proportional rates only, applicable on business originating in territory west of the Mississippi river, and so limited in their application as to prevent increase or discrimination against intermediate points of origin.

This, while not giving the exact rates desired, was declared to be satisfactory by both the state commerce commission and attorneys for North Carolina shippers and the railroads when the suggestion was offered by the commission at the hearing.

Officials of the Southern Railway declared that they believed they could arrange to put the new tariffs in effect within 60 days.

This would require the publication of the proposed new rates and their filing with the commission within 30 days, as the law requires 30 days' notice of new rates.

Tobacco Sales For February.

..Loose leaf tobacco sales on the North Carolina markets dwindled to 9,912,700 pounds for February, this year, a big reduction from the January sales, but more than twice as much as the total sales for February of last year, which totaled only 4,354,145 pounds. Winston-Salem led with 2,851,990 pounds and Durham was second with 961,427.

Other notable sales follow: Roxboro, 735,077; Oxford, 782,077; Reidsville, 641,294; Henderson 648,708; Rocky Mount, 442,936; Wilson, 454,169; Walnut Cove, 301,503; Warrenton, 265,732; Mount Airy, 275,758; Madison, 236,085; Mebane, 184,766; Louisburg, 184,689; Creedmoor, 150,739; Greenville, 170,866; Stoneville, 131,174 pounds.

Medical Society Cannot Change Date.

The executive committee and other officers of the North Carolina Medical society conferred at length as to the possibility of the society changing the dates of its annual convention here in June so as not to conflict with the date of June 17, that the Democratic State Executive Committee has chosen for the State Democratic Convention, and finds that it is impossible to change the dates from June 16, 17 and 18. This means that it is up to the State Democratic Executive Committee to get together at least a "proxy meeting" and name another date, probably June 24, for the state convention.

Three North Carolina Men Promoted.

Special from Washington says the Secretary of the Navy recently sent to the President with approval the reports of the examining board, recommending promotion of three North Carolinans from the grade of commander to captains, Victor Blue, chief of the bureau of navigation; Thomas Washington, member of the inspection board, and Archibald H. Scales, commandant of naval training station at Norfolk.

These three North Carolinans occupy three of the most important positions in the naval service. Commander Blue, who is head of the Bureau of Navigation, ranks as an admiral and is carried now on the lineal list as a captain. He is an extra number because of distinguished service in the Spanish-American war.

Some New State Charters.

The Doughton Mercantile Co., Doughton, Wilkes County, capital $50,000 authorized, and $6,000 subscribed by J. T. Miles, G. W. Lyon and others.

The Cabarrus Union Supply Company, Concord, capital $25,000 authorized and $5,800 subscribed by J. L. D. Barringer and others.

The Waynick Paint & Oil Co., Greensboro, capital $50,000 authorized, and $5,500 subscribed by J. M. Waynick, L. A. Wachler and others.

The Royal Land & Investment Co., Charlotte, capital $75,000 authorized, and $20,000 subscribed by M. G. Hunter, W. D. Wilkinson and others.

The Deep Ford Rod & Gun Club, Lake Toxaway, chartered without capital by W. E. Breece, Charles E. Orr, J. W. Tinsdale, Jr., and others.

The Rosebud Mercantile Co., Roseboro, Sampson County, capital $20,000 authorized, and $1,400 subscribed by W. H. Howard and others.

Governor Issues Requisition.

Governor Craig issued a requisition on the Governor of Tennessee for C. D. Jones, who is a fugitive from this state under sentence from Mitchell county to 10 years in the state's prison for manslaughter in the killing of William Mathley in 1907. He served five years and escaped to Tennessee. He is applying to the Governor for a pardon on the ground that he has been sufficiently punished and that he really killed his victim while in an insane condition and after Mathley fired at him repeatedly.

VILLA'S AMBITION TO BE PRESIDENT

REPORTED HE WILL CONTINUE FIGHT UNTIL HE IS "DEAD OR PRESIDENT."

BEEN DICTATOR FOR MONTHS

Will Remain Supreme Commander Through Rebellion and Victories Over Huerta and Prestige Will Win Him Place of Power.

Chihuahua, Mexica.—"Villa, the one time bandit, will be the next President of Mexico. That is his ambition and despite all reports to the contrary, it will remain his ambition until he either is dead or president."

That declaration was made by a friend so close to General Villa as to give authority to the assertion. It was prompted by reports that the coming to Chihuahua of General Carranza, recognized as the civil head of the revolution, was to bring about conditions more satisfactory to foreign governments and to place in the seat of authority better advisers than General Villa appears to have in handling complictions growing out of the killing of William S. Benton, a British subject. That Villa and Carranza might publicly embrace as an evidence of their perfect harmony was given out as a possibility. Carranza is now on his way overland from Sonora and a magnificent marble building has been prepared as the official residence in which he is to perfect the details of government. But it was stated emphatically that the coming of Carranza was not to lessen in any way the power now welded by Villa, who for months has been a dictator.

"General Villa will remain supreme commander through the progress of the rebellion," said one of his advisers. "His succession of victories against the Federal Army; his sweeping away o fthe Huerta soldiers from teh north of Mexico, while Carranza remaied in compartive obscurity on tne Pacific slope have so exalted him in the minds of his soldiers as to make his subordination to any one else improbable.

Adamon Warm on Canal Tolls.

Washington.—Statements that government vessels would be compelled to pay tolls if the Sims bill repealing the exemption clause of the Panama Canal act were enacted, were characterized as "monstruos perversions of the truth and the most foolish enunciated since fools were discovered,"

"Such vessels are not mentioned in the canal act nor in the Sims bill and ought not to be," the statement continues. "They are owned by the same owner who owns the canal and passes its vessels by right of ownership according to treaty. Owning both warships and canal, the government could pay tolls to nobody but itself, which would be concentrated nonsense."

1,000 Perish in Russian Village.

Ekaterinodar, Russia.—More than 1,000 persons perished in the inundation of the towns of Stanitza and Achtyrskaja by a tidal wave from the sea of Azov. The wave struck the towns during a violent hurricane which swept the Province of Kuban.

More than 150 pesons also were drowned in floods in Yaznkaja.

A dam collasped in the town of Temryuk on the Taman Peninsular, 98 miles northwest of this city, flooding the greater part of the city and drowning many persons.

The sea washed away thre hundred and eighty buildings in Achtyrskapa.

No Income Tax on Partnerships.

Washington.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborn notified collectors of customs that partnerships are not subject to the income tax, but ae required to file certificates of ownerships of bonds, etc., to prevent withholding their income at the source.

Individual incomes from partnerships, it was explained are subject to the tax.

Kelly's Army Makes Demands.

Sacramento, Cal.—Two ultimatums from the army of unemployed camped on the Yolo side of the Sacramento river were delivered to the Sacramento Citizens' Committee. Both demanded food and the privilege of continuing their journey eastward in units of 50. One ultimatum was from "General" Kelley's main army; the other from the opposition, or union faction. The latter was modest in its demands, agreeing to travel to the Nevada state line on foot if supplied with food.

Thaw Appeal to N. Y. State.

Concord, N. H.—Harry K. Thaw has addressed to the people of the state of New York, in whose name is being conducted the contest to return the slayer of Stanford White to the Matteawan asylum for the criminal insane, an appeal to end the case against him. A statement of the case was telegraphed by Thaw to newspapers and press associtions calling attention to resolutions which have been introduced in the New York Assembly by John B. Golden, demanding that the prosecution be terminated.

STATE ITEMS

OF INTEREST TO ALL NORTH CAROLINA PEOPLE.

Build $25,000 Club House.

Not many people, however familiar with the beauty of the chains of mountain which fringe the horizon of Morganton are aware that there is accessible within four miles an elevation which is 50 feet higher than the city of Asheville and 1,000 feet above the town of Morganton itself. On such an eminence there is to be erected in the near future a club house that will cost $25,000, accompanied by such development as is expected to concentrate there the interest of several hundred people throughout this and other states. The site is southeast of the town. The High Peak Park Association is the name of an organization which is now in process of formation and in which some of Morganton's most promient and wealthy citizens are financially interested. Five hundred lots have been laid off and an automobile road will be constructed from the town to the summit of the development, this road to be completed by the middle of May or earlier.

Schools in Surry County.

There is no better indication of the moral and industrial growth of a section than figures that demonstrate the increase in both educational institutions an dthat spirit that charactrizes a healthy growth in educational sentiments and a review of the accomplishments along that line speak well for Surry county. Twelve years ago Prof. J. H. Allen became county superintendent and his reports shows a wonderful increase in those things that tend to further the sentiment favoring education of the masses and the facilities for promoting the work.

Women Suggest to Aldermen.

Following a meeting of the women of Forest City recently the mayor and aldermen were called into extraordinary session to consider a general cleaning up of the town and some needed ordinances. Among the things the women asked for was the extension of the water mains to the graded school building, the removal of trash and rubbish from the streets, and back lots, an inspector to inspect each month the back yards, stables, etc., and a curfew law.

Rush Asheville-Spartanburg Highway.

County Road Supervisor P. F. Patton is completing the survey of the last link of Asheville-Spartanburg Highway, which passes through Hendersonville. Polk county is spending $100,000 in road building and will soon complete its portion of the highway whcih passes through Salu a and Tryon.

NORTH CAROLINA BRIEFS.

Mayor Bland of Charlotte a few days ago mailed a circular letter to the mayors and other officials of North Carolina towns and cities, inviting them to have their municipalities represented in the giant exhibit to be held in Charlotte on the occasion of the convention of the association of North Carolina mayors in May. These letters go throughout the state.

Practically all of the reports of the commissioner of labor and printing have been mailed out from the office at Raleigh. Commissioner Shipman stated recently that copies had been sent to nearly all of the people and libraries over the state and the nation who are on the mailing list.

The Appalachian Interurban Railway Company is again endeavoring to condemn waterpower sites of the Hendersonville Light & Power Co., and was heard recently in the Henderson county superior court.

The Catalogue number of the Davidson College Bulletin has just been issued from the press. It shows a total enrollment for the year 335, applicants for A. M. 2; for A. B. 138; B. S. 151. Seniors number 45, juniors 45, sophomores 85, freshmen 115, electics 44.

Highland Lake Club, a popular resort three miles from Hendersonville, will be converted into a school for boys and the first session will be held here next winter, opening in the fall after the close of the tourist business during the Summer.

The Citizens National Bank of Gastonia has purchased the $100,000, 30-year, five per cent Gastonia bonds.

The Shelby Ice & Fuel Co. at Shelby is placing material with which to double the capacity of the ice plant. At present the output is 10 tons daily and a brick addition is being built and new machinery installed so that the daily capacity will be 22 tons.

Succeeding R. W. Scott as superintendent of the Edgecombe county test farm, J. F. McDowell arrived in this city a few days ago to assume his new duties. Mr. McDowell comes to the local farmers' institution from Mecklenburg county and is highly recommended by the state department of agriculture.

T. A. Cole, the new farm demonstration agent, announces that the boys' corn contest this year is to be the biggest in point of number entering, in the history of Lexington county and he hopes to make it the biggest in results.

Dr. E. A. Hennessee and Mr. W. D. Pitts, responsible men who prominently participated in the Glen Alpine fight last year, were each fined $100 and taxed with $500 costs. Each was required to give bond in the sum of $2,000 to keep the peace for five years toward each other and all other resident of North Carolina.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Director of Evening Department, The Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.)

LESSON FOR MARCH 22

LESSONS BY THE WAY.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 13:18-35.

GOLDEN TEXT—"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my father who is in heaven."—Matt. 7:21.

The paragraph selected for our study is wisely entitled "Lessons by the Way," and easily falls into three sections. There are two parables about the kingdom, a reply as to who shall be saved, and an answer to the advice given Jesus about Herod seeking after his life.

The first section is properly a portion of the preceding paragraph which relates to the incident of the woman healed on a Sabbath.

I. What the Kingdom of God is like, vv. 18-21. The word, "therefore" (v. 18, R. V.), links this section with the lesson of last week wherein we observed the effect upon his adversaries when Jesus worked his miracle of healing upon the woman (v. 13), and they were "put to shame," v. 17. With this fact in mind it is easy to reconcile the principles advanced by the two different parables, viz., the fact of intense opposition on the part of his enemies, and that of rejoicing on the part of his friends.

Symbols of Evil.

The faithful servants of an absent but expected Lord are to watch for him that they may give him suitable welcome when he comes. This kingdom is to be outwardly prosperous and grow to that extent that it shall be a shelter to the birds, which represent the nations, Ezek. 17:23. But at the same time there is to be an inward growth as well, one of leaven (yeast), putrefaction. See I. Cor. 5:67, also Gal. 5:8, 9. A mustard seed thus growing large is abnormal; the birds are symbolic of evil; so Jesus teaches us here as elsewhere (Matt. 13:24-30), that the kingdom is to be of a mixed character, an intermixture of good and evil, opposition and victory. History has abundantly fulfilled these predictions, though at the time Jesus uttered these words nothing seemed more improbable than such a suggested development, either of outward prosperity and power, or of such a possibility of finding evil within.

Common Question.

II. Who shall be saved, vv. 22-30. What is more natural in view of these thoughts than to ask this question, a question that is a most common one still. Notice, he did not answer in a way to satisfy idle curiosity, but directed each to his own duty, to see if they themselves had entered the kingdom rather than be concerned about how many are to be saved. The secret then is still a secret. He told them to "strive" (contend earnestly) to enter in. Soon the door will be shut, now they are able to enter, then not at all. He is the "door," John 10:9. There is one form of work which is essential to the salvation of the believer, see John 6:29. "Works," altruistic service, is an essential part of Christianity, being an evidence of faith, James 2:17, 18, but altruism is not the whole of religion as some seem to imply. We do not drift into the kingdom, Acts 14:22; I. Cor. 9:24-27; Heb. 4:11; 2 Pet. 1:10. All one needs to do to be lost is to do nothing. To be saved calls for an honest, earnest effort. Jesus again suggests his return as he reveals the kind of seeking which fails to find an entrance. In another passage (Matt. 7:13, 14) Jesus states this same thought. The way of unrighteousness is broad, easy to follow and many walk therein. Whereas the way of life is narrow, straight, and few choose to follow it. To be even so familiar as to have eaten and to have drunk in his presence, or to have lived on the same street, will not suffice, and will not merit an entrance. In another connection (Matt. 25) Jesus taught that even if admission is claimed on the basis of actual service rendered there was still lacking one thing, viz., the Lord's knowledge of them. To be casually, superficially familiar with him is not enough—they did not know him. Many of our "first" people will then be "last," when that door is closed, and they find themselves without. "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

"Word and Work—the two W's. You'll soon get spiritually gorged if it is all word and no work, and you will soon be without power if it is all work and no word. If you want to be healthy Christians, there must be both word and work."—D. L. Moody.

III. Warning about Herod, vv. 31-35. Why the Pharisees gave Jesus this warning is hard to tell. They were not interested in his safety particularly and perhaps only wanted to frighten him and thereby limit his influence and activity, see Neh. 6:9-11; Amos 7:12, 13. There is no doubt, however, of the truth of their words and we know that Jesus never needlessly incurred danger. He had his work to do and could not be killed until it was done, John 11:8-10. The mention of the usurper called from Jesus a revelation of his compassionate love for the city of Jerusalem.