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Roper Is Encouraging
 Encouragement for those who may have become alarmed over government intervention in business is found in the statement of Secretary of Commerce Daniel C. Hoper in a recent address. Mr. Roper does not believe the present program of the Government is toward the complete socialization of America, the stifling of individual initiative and the reduction of everybody to the position of a dependent of the State.

"The question will continue to be asked," said Mr. Roper, "whether the Federal Government under this Administration plans or proposes to increase permanently bureaucracy and Federal control of business, to the extent of destroying our economic system by eliminating profits in business, and thus submerging and imprisoning human initiative, acknowledged to be the greatest asset in the building of our country and the developing of our trade and commerce. Certainly no one with the proper knowledge of conditions can interpret in the Recovery Program such an intention or objective on the part of the present Administration. To think otherwise is to say that a Government under which people have advanced most and attained most should be exchanged for a form under which people advance least."

As long as the government policy is in line with Secretary Roper's pronouncement, there is no need for alarm. And the Secretary doubtless spoke with the full authority of the President.

It has come to pass in this country that when a girl is worth her weight in gold she is worth \$35 an ounce.—Dallas News.

The woman shorthand champion's speed is two-hundred-and-forty words a minute. Few speakers could keep up with her.—Punch (London).

All of the policies of Dictator Stalin have been unanimously approved by his party congress. There's a congress for you!—Grand Rapids Press.

The average American, says a New York impresario, commenting on these difficult times, has turned toward music in the last year. We thought he'd been facing it for the past three or four.—Boston Herald.

A Shocking Tragedy
 The sympathy of an understanding people goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Blair, Jr. at the tragic loss of their only children. The death of healthy, normal children who have bright prospects of becoming useful men and women always touches the tenderest chords in our hearts. But the means by which the two little children were taken from their home adds to the keen pain felt on an occasion such as this.

North Wilkesboro has not been visited by a more shocking tragedy in years and in their loss the parents and others who are bereaved have the tenderest sympathy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
 By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

JESUS' TESTIMONY CONCERNING HIMSELF
 Lesson for March 4th. Matt. 11 and 12. Golden Text Matt. 11:28.

Our lesson reaches its climax in the glorious invitation at the end of chapter 11. What comfort this brings to a distracted, disheartened world! There is no music like the music of the gospel, and nowhere does that music sound with a sweeter, more wooing note than in this sublime passage.

Now there are four key words in this charming welcome. The first is "Come!" a beautiful, gracious word our Master uttered rather frequently. Jesus is the world's greatest Friend. Here is the note of a wooer, a lover who understands. What we all want today is security, and we get it when we come close to Jesus. He extends His arms of invitation to us, who are burdened and broken-hearted, and we find rest in Him.

The second key word is "Take!" Jesus is the world's greatest Giver. And what are we to take? Christ's yoke! Now there are two types of yoke, the galling, bitter yoke that binds the slave to his hateful task, and the kindly, comfortable yoke that holds the oxen together so that they work easily and harmoniously. It is the latter yoke Jesus plainly has in mind. We are to bear His yoke, with Himself in the traces walking along with us. What a beautiful privilege!

The third key word is "Learn!" Jesus is the world's greatest Teacher. And what do we learn? Nothing less than that life, despite its misery and failure, is a glorious, magnificent experience, rich in heavenly beauty and joy. We learn further the guiding principles of Christian conduct, renunciation, non-resistance, and that personal integrity that includes humility, fidelity, courage, and sincerity.

The final key word is "Find!" Jesus is the world's greatest Treasure-House. And what do we find? We discover the rest that comes through intimate association with the world's supreme character, a rest identical with peace.

Come! Take! Learn! Find! The grace of God in Christ is ours.

This Week in Washington
 Washington.—(Autocaster)—As the year 1934 wears on toward the general election next November, at which every member of the House of Representatives must go before the voters again, and one-third of the Senators find themselves facing the same urgent necessity, politics in its more practical aspects becomes more and more engrossing.

The Administration is lending a helping hand to its Democratic supporters in the Lower House. Naturally, Mr. Roosevelt doesn't want to have any of his legislation defeated in the House. But likewise he does not want to throw any stumbling blocks in the way of loyal Democratic members who feel that to vote with the Administration might endanger their chances of re-election in their home districts. So the word has been passed out that all members are free to vote as they please on any measure, so long as they see to it that not enough of them vote in opposition to put the President in a hole.

Letting Down the Bars
 "Vote the way that will do you the most good with your constituents next fall," is the message they have all received. This is expected to result in an apparently strong sentiment among Representatives for more favorable action in regard to the soldiers' bonus, for example. Members from districts where the veterans' vote is well organized will feel free to vote for more liberal treatment of the ex-service men, first cautiously making certain that there are enough votes that will be cast on the other side so that their apparent defection will not result in anything the President doesn't like being done.

That is merely one phase of practical politics, as it is played in Washington. It doesn't mean a thing except that the gentlemen in Congress want to stay in Congress, and if they can get re-elected by making every class of voters in their respective districts think they have their interests at heart, they will go the limit to put that idea over.

To be sure, there are other considerations that actuate a high proportion of members of Congress, and the inference should not be drawn that they are working for their own pockets all the time, any considerable percentage of them.

New Party Proposed
 On the other side of the political fence there are beginning to be heard more rumblings of an approaching storm which may put the old Republican party completely out of the picture and lay the foundation for a new line-up. One of the most astute of Washington's political observers, has come out boldly for the formation of a new party which he would call "Constitutional Democrats," as opposed to the present Democratic party, which he terms Socialist Democrats.

Probably neither the name nor the scheme will get very far, and nobody thinks that Mr. Lawrence expects his plan to be adopted. But the attention that is being paid to the idea itself, of trying to line up those who still believe in the rights of the individual as superior to the rights of the state, in some form of effective opposition to the tendency to regulate and control all human activities by a paternal government, indicates the possibility that a new "bloc" if not a new party may be built around a nucleus of forward-looking Republicans and conservative Democrats.

Cleveland and Bryan
 Those with long political memories are recalling what happened to the Democratic party in 1896, when it was hopelessly split over Free Silver and other Populist issues; so completely split that a powerful faction, headed by none other than President Cleveland, refused to follow the party's candidate, Mr. Bryan, and put their own "Gold Democrat" candidate in the field to contest for the Presidency. That marked the end of the old party control, and a high percentage of those who had called themselves Democrats became adherents of the Republican party in the course of the next few years.

Now, these old-timers say, the Republican party is in the same fix. The "Old Guard" is completely discredited. The public believes that too many men got rich because of their political affiliations, or that too many rich men had the say in the party's affairs. Any new political lineup must leave the "Old Guard" out completely, in the position that the Gold Democrats were in forty years ago come next Presidential election.

The opposition to the revolutionary program of the Administration, to be effective, must be built on new lines that will admit anyone, whether he has pre-

Looking to Mid-West
 Those who feel that way, and among them are some who are always factors to be reckoned with in national politics, are looking away from the two coasts for leadership and trying to find a figure in the Middle West, somewhere between Pittsburgh and Denver, who can be put forward as a symbol around which to rally those who dislike the present drift of things. Some of the names suggested and seriously discussed are those of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, and his brother, Governor LaFollette of the same state; Senator Gerald Nye of North Dakota; and Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska. To those who object to those names as having rather too radical a connotation, the names of Senator Borah of Idaho and Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas are offered.

So far this is mostly talk, but out of it may come conclusions as to just what sort of leadership the people who prize the rights of the individual above the rights of the Government might be willing to accept, and what sort of a program or statement of policy could be framed that would appeal to enough of that sort of people to start something moving toward the formation of a new political party.

Guard Fatal Rock
 Brussels, Belgium, Feb. 25.—The rock in the Marche Des Dames from which the late King Albert fell to his death was surrounded by barb-wire today to protect it from the depredations of thousands of curious visitors.

Rosario, Argentina, Feb. 25.—Blanco, the first to finish the nine spectators at the finish of the Gran Premio National automobile race were killed today when they rushed into the path of the car driven by Ernesto



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