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So live that if everybody followed your example the blackmailers would starve.—Springfield Union.

With these knee-action cars, you never would notice a bump at all if it didn't yell.—Muskogee Phoenix.

In spite of the hundreds of fine libraries over the country, the old-time dime novels now costs \$2.—Florida Times-Union.

Protesting against sugar quotas Hawaii insists that it is part of the United States.—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

Red "hunger marchers" go on strike in Hillsboro (Ill.) jail. If the "plutocrats" will not make them hungry, they will starve themselves.—Chicago Daily News.

Reading where armies of caterpillars stopped trains in Ontario, a Duluth furniture man gives the following definition: A caterpillar, he explains, is an upholstered worm.—Duluth News-Tribune.

Rural Rehabilitation

Just what may materialize from the present plans of the organization to promote rural rehabilitation in North Carolina remains to be seen, but from what we can learn at this stage of the game, it looks as if the rural rehabilitation program is going to be one of the most beneficial movements of the year.

Some work has already been done, such as finding homes for people, repairing homes, and assisting many relief cases in such manner as is approved by the emergency relief administration of the state.

The objective is to encourage people to make a living and for the relief cases a better living than they have been making.

War Clouds Loom

For the reader of the semi-weekly newspaper it is almost impossible to follow in detail the threat of war that now looms over all Europe.

Germany is ruled by Hitler, Nazi dictator, Austria has an independent Fascist government and Italy is ruled by Dictator Mussolini. Chancellor Dollfuss, of Austria, has been assassinated by Nazi rebels in that country and reports have come from Europe to the effect that Nazi Germany planned the overthrow of the Austrian government.

In the meantime a civil war has broken out in Austria and Italian troops are on the border ready to help preserve the independence of their neighbor.

The situation is well summed up by the Cleveland Star as follows:

As we look west over the cotton fields this afternoon, we can see, with little imagination, movements in the war clouds that have darkened Europe since the signing of the Versailles treaty—a treaty that was, it now appears, a virtual declaration of war. It is not coincidence that the slaying of Chancellor Dollfuss came precisely 20 years after Austria and Serbia cancelled relations and began the great World War.

It is not coincidence because the history of Europe (and this almost applies to the United States) shows that a war is fought every twenty years. That is to say, after a major conflict, it is necessary to wait this long to raise a new generation and to mature it for bayonets and gun powder.

Per se, the presence of a new generation, of course, doesn't logically mean war; but in the tangled affairs of Europe, this is a fair enough gauge. Especially is this true in Germany, where the new generations have for the past decade revolted against the hard terms of the treaty which ended their fathers' folly. Revolt against the sins of these parents and against the greed of France, these young people have made the regime of Hitler, who gave them the necessary nationalization, possible.

A quick glance at the war possibilities seems to show this: that Germany and Italy both imperatively need Austria. They need her wealth, her man-power and her frontier. Revolution in Austria will mean that either Italy or Germany, or both, will simultaneously attempt to gain power there. And that will mean objections from France, cock-of-the-walk, who will be jealous and fearful of any such move. Drawing France into the picture necessarily affects England.

One good thing stands forth: Italy's destinies are plainly tied to England's for Italy (as Mr. Lippmann pointed out yesterday) is virtually an island and is therefore in dread of England's sea power. And England is probably the only major power in the European zone that doesn't at this time crave war.

Defrauding Themselves

"What the man on the street thinks" is a topic that is becoming more popular with writers in this fast moving age. To pick out men at random on a crowded street and ask them about various questions of public interest is an entertaining pastime.

Not so long ago we heard an influential man in a street corner conversation deploring the attitude of many people on the question, "Does the government owe me a living?"

In this connection he pointed out that the number of people who are becoming dependent on the government is not decreasing nearly so rapidly as it should.

Just why any man should consider that the government owes him a living is beyond comprehension. Of course, there are such exceptions as disabled war veterans who gave their earning ability as a sacrifice to their country.

There is a class of people more numerous than those who think the government owes them a living and that is the class who is willing to defraud the government in order to get money. In other words they would betray their nation for a "few pieces of silver."

"It is hard to understand," stated the man on the street, "why good men, honest and upright in the daily life, should think that it is not wrong for them to get something from the nothing."

Yet, that seems to be a trait of a large class of people. They would not cheat their neighbor, their community or their country, but they would get money from Uncle Sam in almost any way they can.

However, it all comes back to them. They may say that they do not pay income taxes, tobacco taxes or any other form of federal taxes, but they are helping those who do pay them. Taxes will be distributed among all people, regardless of where they are levied.

"Soak the rich" is a favorite expression in regard to taxes. "Soak the rich" and the rich "soak the poor" to get money to pay the "soaking." And there you are.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

ELISHA HELPS THE NEEDY

Lesson for August 5th. 2 Kings 4. Golden Text: Matthew 25:40.

What a contrast is Elisha to his fiery, two-fisted, flint-like predecessor Elijah! Elisha is a gentle, gracious person who devoted himself, like our Master, to deeds of mercy. He truly lived in accord with the meaning of his name, "God is Salvation."

Our chapter opens with an appealing story of help administered by Elisha to a poor widow whose husband had been a devoted prophet. He found her burdened with a heavy debt, her creditor, in his impatience, actually demanding her two sons in payment of her obligation.

Now note that Elisha did not give money to the woman, but wisely enabled her to help herself. "What hast thou in the house?" was his inquiry. One is reminded of Peter and the lame man who sat at the gate of the temple. The apostle had no funds, but he gave the poor fellow something much finer, namely life itself. Thus he lifted him to a plane of self-help where he was able to work and earn in self-respect.

And what was the widow's reply to the prophet's query? "Thine handmaid," she said in despair, "hath not anything in the house save a pot of oil." No doubt she thought this oil was hardly worthy of mention. But the Bible is never tired of assuring us that the weak can become strong, that the small can grow into the large. Here we have a graphic illustration of this truth. Elisha instructed the widow to borrow vessels from her neighbors, to shut herself up with her sons, and then pour oil into the vessels. She obeyed. And with what results? The oil miraculously increased so that there was enough to fill all the vessels!

The lesson here taught is obvious. The woman had little. But spurred on by Elisha she put that little to work. And to her amazement it multiplied many fold! We grow through using what little capacity God has given us.

Borrowed Comment

THE MARCH OF RECOVERY
(The New York Times)

Trade and industry in the Detroit area closed the second quarter without an appreciable let-down in the sale of consumer-goods. The June total volume was approximately 15 per cent ahead of the figures for the corresponding month last year, according to the New York Herald-Tribune.

Business, aided by billions from federal and state governments, appeared to have pulled itself 40 per cent of the way out of the depression which began five years ago this month, according to the federal reserve board.

A 75 per cent gain in automobile production in the United States for the first half of 1934 as compared with the corresponding period of last year, was reported by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, which placed the total output for the 1934 period at 1,802,442 vehicles against 1,031,839 a year ago.

Banks and trust companies, which have been the largest class of borrowers from the RFC, had repaid, up to June 30, \$1,007,647,802, or 63 per cent of the \$1,606,571,866 advanced since February, 1932.

IT HAS EVERYTHING!



Laurel and Hardy and Lupe Velez appear in "Hollywood Party," the picture that "has everything." "Hollywood Party" is showing today and tomorrow at the Liberty Theatre.

Tag Sales Heavy

Raleigh, July 30.—The motor vehicle bureau of the state department of revenue has already sold 3,286 more automobile and truck license plates so far this year than during all of last year, according to figures made public today by Director L. S. Harris. Total sales through today amounted to 412,381 license plates as compared with a total of 409,095 for all of last year. With more than five months still to go, Director Harris is hoping that sales will eventually amount to at least 425,000 for this year. Sales so far this year are more numerous than since 1929.

Up to the corresponding date a year ago only 251,509 plates had been sold as compared with 412,381 sold so far this year. This is a gain of 160,872 so far this year to the same date last year, Mr. Harris pointed out.

Ban Sex Films

Calcutta, India, July 30.—Following the lead of Bombay, Karachi and Calcutta now have joined the "American Decency League" against showing sex films. Whole congregations have taken the pledge to fight these pictures. Hindus and Mohammedans are co-operating.

Thresher Kills Eight

Niort, France, July 30.—Eight farm hands were killed by an explosion of a thresher on a farm near Beaulieu-Sus-Bresuire tonight. The bodies were buried 300 feet.

Assists in Revival

Rev. James T. Nichols returned to his home at Purlcar today from Thurmond, where he had been assisting in a revival meeting at Center Baptist church.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to take this means of thanking our many friends and neighbors for the kindness shown us during the illness and at the time of death of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Ann Elledge.
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