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THE ONLY HELP.—For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.—Isaiah 41:13.

BIBLE THOUGHT
—FOR TODAY—
Bible thoughts memorized will prove a priceless heritage in after years.

"AL" SMITH NOW MORE POWERFUL THAN EVER.

Senator Walker was elected Mayor of New York by a plurality of more than 400,000. Practically the entire Democratic ticket was carried into office with him.

Senator Walker had the backing of Tammany, which means he had the backing of Governor "Al" Smith. Anybody with such backing can be elected in New York City.

However, the influence of Governor Smith on the campaign cannot be minimized. He was the man with power and he swept his friend into office on waves of popularity such as he alone can arouse in the Empire State.

Governor Smith not only aided in the election of his friend, but he seems to have put across four amendments. While it is true that the amendments were not accepted as a political issue they were made such an issue by some of the Republican leaders, simply because Governor Smith sponsored them.

The election leaves Governor Smith with more power than ever. He is the dominating political figure in New York State and one of the leading politicians in the United States. Of course many persons insist he will never amount to anything because of his religious views. Many persons frankly admit they will not vote for a Catholic to be president of the United States.

That fact alone makes it probable that Governor Smith will never be President of the United States. He would secure the Democratic nomination in a walk were he a Protestant and we doubt if there is another man in the United States who would secure as large a vote as he could were he a Catholic.

In this connection it is interesting to note that a Democratic Catholic in Virginia was elected in a campaign against a Protestant Republican. The Democrat's religion was made a big issue in the campaign and although he received fewer votes than did the other Democratic candidates he was elected by a big majority.

We are almost convinced that the same thing would happen should "Al" Smith be a candidate for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket. People talk about not supporting a Catholic but when the voting started we believe enough Democrats in the South would vote for Governor Smith to give him the "Solid South." He would certainly carry New York and some other eastern States.

WE OUTLAW AND MANUFACTURE GAS.

Practically all of the nations of the world have outlawed poison gas as a weapon of war, yet we find the United States and many of the other nations no doubt, making new gases as hard as they can.

The Charlotte News says "mingling around in an atmosphere of war tends to make men inhuman, uncannily fatal," and then goes on to discuss the case of Major General Fries, who supports his contention that the United States should make gas of a kind and that this gas should be used not only in war but in other instances as well.

General Fries apparently takes delight in pointing out what he terms the "virtues that lie within this instrument (gas) of human destruction." "Probably the quickest way," he says, "to appreciate the power which the presence of poison gas has is to picture the fear which a human being has of having his breathing interfered with by smothering or choking and the instinctive dread of losing his vision." This quotation comes from the instruction book issued by the General's Department over his name. The little book is explicit in the kinds of gases, from the comparatively harmless tear-gas to "white phosphorus," the "burns" from which "are extremely severe on the body" and "exceedingly painful." Nor does the Chemical Warfare Service lose sight of the fact that poison gas is useful not only in wartime but in time of peace, for the prompt dispersal of mobs and for rendering uninhabitable any given locality for the space of a week or so.

Collier's and The New York World went after General Fries for his report and he became angry that one should question him on the matter. "Any man," he says, "if he is honest, cut not but decide with us that the world needs gas more than anything else to preserve law and order."

Why outlaw gas one day and then keep right on experimenting with it? Generals, Admirals and other persons trained for warfare usually can be counted on to favor anything that smacks of warfare.

Government Must Be Operated Like Big Corporations.
"Unless our government is reorganized until it resembles the ruling body of a corporation," says N. S. McClure in an article in McClure's Magazine for November, "crime and lawlessness in the United States cannot be reduced to the proportions found in civilized nations."

The only successful method whereby a mass of people, hundreds, thousands or millions can organize to carry on a common enterprise, is to appoint a committee subject to definite terms of service and to certain policies, described in charters or constitutions. They appoint permanent or qualified officials, who in turn employ qualified experts to carry on the common enterprise.

This method of business organization used by all corporations the world over, is used by the leading civilized nations in organizing their own governments. The exceptions are the United States and the South American republics.

England had the best method for electing a national government. The people elect a committee called Parliament, which in turn elects a Board of directors, who appoint the officials entrusted with the task of enforcing the laws.

In Germany they have the best method for electing a city government. In the city of Frankfurt, the voters at the polls once in six years. There are no printed ballots. Every man writes his own ticket. Of course, there are outstanding figures who would be considered. Eight days later, the voters go to the polls again and vote for a choice between the two candidates having the highest vote. There are no political parties.

Armistice Day.
Charity and Children.
It makes the wonderful difference voters or is good. The boys who were on the western front November 11, 1918, and their loved ones in this country who were afraid to look at the casualty lists in the papers each morning, regarded that as one of the tremendous days of their lives. It is because that firing ceased then that many of them are still alive. Therefore, when the state salary and wage commission proposed to begin trimming legal holidays by cutting out Armistice day, the soldiers regarded it as tantamount to a declaration that the state doesn't consider the fact that they won the war and got back alive anything worth celebrating. George Washington and General Lee might be cut out without anyone feeling a sense of personal insult. But not Armistice Day. It is a pity that the commission fell into that trap, because its main idea unquestionably was a good one. Twelve holidays in the course of a year give to each state employee an extra two weeks vacation. The average taxpayer is thankful if he can manage a single fortnight, plus Christmas and perhaps the Fourth of July. If political officeholders work harder than the average taxpayer, nobody has noticed it. Why they should have two weeks more vacation than anyone else we are unable to see. But the effort to reduce the number of holidays unfortunately started with a slap at the American Legion, and that is an organization not to be slapped with impunity. Any effort that touches a political situation in any way must be carried out with reference to the fact that in politics, especially, it makes a tremendous difference whose ox is gored.

Deceitfulness, according to old belief, is the falling of those whose birthday occurs in November.

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CHAPTER XXV
"You really must do something for this boy Pierce Phillips," Mrs. Cavendish spoke with decision. The newspaper which the colonel was reading was barely six weeks old, therefore he was deeply engrossed in it, and he looked up somewhat absentmindedly. "Yes, yes. Of course, my dear," he murmured. "What does he want now?"

"Why, he wants his liberty! He wants this absurd charge against him dismissed! It's a shame to hold a boy of his character, his breeding, on the mere word of a man like Count Courteau." Colonel Cavendish smiled quizzically. "You, top, eh?" said he. "What do you mean by that?"

"Why, you're the fourth woman who has appealed to me since his arrest. I dare say I'll hear from others. I never saw a fellow who had the female vote so solidly behind him. I'm beginning to regard him as a sort of domestic menace."

"You surely don't believe him guilty?" "When her husband refused to commit himself," Mrs. Cavendish exclaimed. "Rubbish!" "First Josephine came to me," the colonel observed. "She was deeply indignant and considerably disappointed in me as a man and a father when I refused to quash the entire proceedings and apologize, on behalf of the Dominion Government, for the injury to the lad's feelings. She was actually peeved. What ails her I don't know. Then the Countess Courteau dropped in, and so did that lady dealer from the Rialto. Now you take up his defense."

"The speaker paused thoughtfully for an instant. "It's had enough to have her fellow hanging around our quarters at all hours, but Josephine actually suggested that we have him fired with us!" "I know. She spoke of it to me. But he isn't hanging at all. He's in his case, just as I am, because—"

"My dear! He's a weaver in a ploom, a gambling-house employee. Do you think it wise to raise such a just about him? I like the boy myself—can't help liking him—but you understand what he's been doing? He's been cutting up; going the pace. Never knew you to countenance a fellow—"

"I never saw a boy toward whom I felt so—motherly," Mrs. Cavendish said, with some irrelevance. "I don't like wild young men any better than you do, but he isn't a thief, if that's your sure." "Look here," Colonel Cavendish said down his paper, and there was more gravity than usual in his tone. "I haven't told you everything, but it's evidently true. I did. Phillips was mixed up with bad associates, he very worst in town—"

"So he told me." "He couldn't have told you what I'm about to. He had a most unfortunate affair with a dance-hall girl—one that reflects no credit upon him. He was on the straight path, and then he went on a gallop, drinking, gambling—everything." "All the more reason for trying to give him. Remember, you were wild yourself."

"Wait! I don't say he's guilty of his charge; I want to believe him innocent—I'd like to help prove it. For that very reason it occurred to me that Laure—she's the dance-hall girl—might throw some light on the matter, so I put her to work on it. Well, his report wasn't pleasant. The girl talked, but what she said didn't help Phillips. She confessed that he'd been stealing right along and giving her the money."

"Mrs. Cavendish was shocked, in-reddulous. After a moment, however, she shook her head positively and exclaimed, "I don't believe a word of it." "She's going to swear to it." "Her oath would be no better than her word—"

"Good Lord!" the colonel cried, testily. "Has this young imp completely hypnotized you women? The Kirby girl is frightened to death, and the Countess—well, she told me herself that her husband's jealousy was at the bottom of the whole thing. Rock, is behaving like a mad person. I dropped in at the Rialto this evening and she asked me what was the worst Pierce could expect. I made it strong, purposely, and I thought he'd faint. No, it's a nasty affair, all through. And, by Jove! to cap the climax, you and Josephine take part in it! I flatter myself that I'm democratic, but—have him here to fine! Go! That's playing democracy pretty strong."

"It isn't fair to imply that he's anything more than a ladies' man. They're detestable. The men like Phillips, too." "True," Cavendish admitted. "He has the God-given faculty of making friends, and for that alone I can forgive him almost anything. It's a wonderful faculty—better than being jolly lucky or rich or handsome. I'm fond of him, but I've favored him all I can. If I thought Josephine were seriously interested in him—well, I wouldn't feel so friendly." The speaker laughed shortly. "No. The man who claims that girl's attention must be clean through and through. He must stand the acid test."

DINNER STORIES

Why the "We?"
"Pa," said a newspaper man's son, "I know why editors call themselves 'we.'"

Free Ad.
"So you were on sentry duty in the front line trenches?" asked the old lady.

Dick had had his first lesson in astronomy, and when he came from school he began to enlighten his little sister on the mystery of the stars.

Out of curiosity a farmer had grown a crop of flax and had a tablecloth made of linen. Some time later he remarked to a visitor at dinner, "I grew this tablecloth myself."

The guest promised. "Well," proceeded the farmer, "I planted a napkin."

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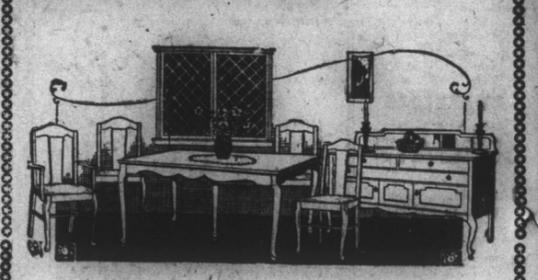
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