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WEEKLY BIBLE QUOTATION

"And there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ; and he shall reign forever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God."—Revelation, Chap. 11.

BEGINNING OF THE END—FOR ITALY

"Mussolini Resigns"—the startling headline in Monday's newspapers—and Marshal Pietro Badoglio, an anti-Fascist, so to speak, succeeds him, with "full powers" to do "what is best for a war-shattered and weary country!" Now isn't that just too sad? After slaughter of innocent women and children by thousands upon thousands, the destruction of cities, with no respect for churches, hospitals or homes, when the tide was running high for the Fascist Murderers, and Hitler and Mussolini were in high spirits and glee—NOW—will this ARCH MURDERER be permitted to retire, and Italy under some guise of peace be allowed to save her BELOVED AND SACRED ROME? It may be wrong, from a religious viewpoint, to want to see retribution come to those who have destroyed lives, homes, our sacred spots, paid back in like coin, but that has been our wish, and in this case an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" is not bad medicine. While things were going good for the Axis Murderers, lamentation came not from Rome, or from Italy; but in defeat, when bombs begin to fall on the homeland—and the "OLD HOME TOWN," with its "art," "culture" and "historical edifices," religious and otherwise, up goes a great hue and cry for the "preservation of Rome!"

The Associated Press tells us that what has just happened "MAY BE THE OPENING OF ITALIAN PEACE MOVES," and doubtless it is, but a price should be demanded by the Allies, and paid by Italy and Germany—in full—for the spree of bloodlust and carnage that has been thrust upon this war-torn world. Not

HOW BRITISH NOBILITY FIGHTS

By DANIEL J. TOBIN

When I entered the British Embassy in Washington one Sunday afternoon recently to confer with Prime Minister Churchill, I saw one of the most handsome young men I had seen my privilege to look at in recent years; red cheeks, curly golden hair, cheerful, smiling countenance, about twenty-two or twenty-three years of age. He was in a wheelchair and as I looked at him I noticed that both legs were off above the knee.

He greeted me with a smile and shook my hand and said that he was happy to meet me, that his father was not present. I was stunned and shocked at what I had seen, yet thrilled with the music of the words of welcome from the young man in the wheelchair.

He was the son of Lord Halifax, and he had lost his legs in the war, across the water. His brother, who was also an aviator, had been killed a few weeks before—shot down by a German plane.

Here was the product of nobility of England, the pure blooded, fighting type, the class that has been condemned by reformers and revolutionists.

Perhaps they deserved to be condemned in the years that are past, but in this war the so-called best blood of England has been giving everything they have, all they love in life, to preserve civilization.

They are fighting not only for the freedom of themselves and their class, but for the freedom and the future protection of the lives of the other millions throughout the world.

When I left the young man—and he was still smiling, bidding me farewell and hoping to see me again some day in England—I was depressed, somewhat upset, and could not concentrate on what I had to say to the Prime Minister.

I thought of what an ingrate I was because of my rebellion against some of the slight inconveniences I have to experience during the war.

If every member of organized labor could see this young man, who asked for no sympathy but said it was splendid to be in the fight, to help to save England and the world, we would realize how little all of us are doing in comparison to the sacrifices made by him and thousands of other families throughout the world whose loved ones have been destroyed by death or left behind crippled and mangled. Think it over.

one of those in high places should be held guiltless, and "SURENDER WITH RETIREMENT" should never enter the minds of those "making this peace."

The Italians have Mussolini and his "Cabinet" interned, says Rome reports, and Italy is preparing to sue for peace—that BELOVED ROME may be saved.

Following is an AP story under date of July 26, which gives a partial list of destruction of church edifices destroyed by the FIRM of which Italy was one of the active directors, namely "AXIS, Inc." This does not give any account of the thousands of lives of women and children snuffed out in these edifices, or of the children's homes and orphanages, Red Cross hospital units, etc., bombed by the War Corporation of which Italy was one of the controlling stockholders and should be clipped and kept for future reference:

WASHINGTON, July 26. — Axis airmen have bombed thousands of churches, monasteries and other ecclesiastical buildings in Great Britain, France, Poland, Norway, Greece and other United Nations, the Office of War Information said today.

Describing its reports as incomplete, the OWI told of many instances of widespread damage to religious edifices by Axis bombers. The full story may not be available until the war ends.

Herbert Morrison, British home secretary, has estimated that 13,895 churches, monasteries and other religious buildings in Great Britain have been damaged or destroyed by Axis bombs. The lists include 4,100 churches, 22 of them designed by Christopher Wren.

Available information indicates that France's more famous cathedrals escaped bomb damage, but churches in several French towns, including Gisors, Les Andelys, and Samur, were bombed during the Nazi campaign in France.

Dutch sources report that five large churches in Rotterdam were destroyed by air attacks and that churches in Vlissingen, Rhenen and Delzigl also were bombed.

In their invasion of Norway, Norwegians report, the Axis bombed all the churches in Kristiansand, Molde, Bode, Steinkjaer, and Namsos, as well as a 400-year-old church in Gudbrands-Dalden, a town north of Oslo.

In Belgium the Cathedral of Tournai was reported gutted by fire and many churches around Antwerp, Liege and Kassel were destroyed by bombs. In Scotland alone 121 churches have been hit by Nazi bombs and seven of them destroyed.

The number of churches blasted in Poland was tentatively estimated at 1,000, with almost every church in Warsaw damaged or destroyed. Saint John's cathedral built in the 14th century, the 18th century Church of St. Xavier, the 17th century Church of St. Cross, an 18th century Lutheran church in Warsaw, and the great synagogue of Warsaw were demolished.

Other Axis partners have followed the example of the Nazis. The Greeks have accused the Italians of deliberately destroying the ancient Greek Orthodox church of St. Sophia, described as the oldest church in Christendom. Greek churches have also been destroyed on the island of Crete and in many other Greek cities.

Reports from Yugoslavia said the Bulgarians had bombed and pillaged scores of churches in Serbia.

In the Pacific, the Japanese have destroyed or damaged several historic Catholic institutions in Manila.

London churches destroyed or damaged by air raids, according to the British informational services, included:

Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's cathedral, St. Martin-in-the-Fields, St. Clement Danes, St. Giles, St. Swithin's, St. Augustine, St. Dunstan-in-the-East, St. James', Austin Friars, St. Margaret's, Christ church (Westminster Bridge road), St. John's (Smith square), St. John's (Kensington), Our Lady of Victory, Westminster cathedral, St. Marks, St. Mary's, The Temple church, St. Alban's, St. Johns (Horsleydown), St. Mildred's, St. Nicholas, St. Olave's, St. Anne's, St. Althege's, St. George-in-the-east, St. John the Divine, Holy Trinity, All Souls and the Chapel of the Ascension.

Roane Waring, national commander American Legion, wants to expel Johnstown Post 673 because it adopted a resolution apologizing for voting for Roane Waring.

DON'T SELL THE WORKER SHORT!

Here and there, a newspaper editor calls for a square deal for labor. For example, the following from the Chattanooga (Tenn.) News and Free-Press, under the heading, "Other Side of Labor Picture," is worthy of praise:

"There is great danger to the cause of American labor in the tendency of popular indignation against the mine workers' strike to extend to all labor organizations.

"We are not privileged to name the factory, but in one Chattanooga plant a few days ago, a group of organized workers requested the management to transfer them from the private business section of the plant to the government contract section—where they would make less money! They were eager to make the sacrifice in order to make their contribution to the war effort.

"The AFL unions can point proudly to the Bureau of Labor Statistics estimate that only six-tenths of one per cent of working time has been lost through strikes on war contracts.

"The amazing total of war production shows that the workers of the United States have been working!

"As written in these columns some days ago, the miracle of ship construction wrought by Henry Kaiser and shipyards on the Pacific Coast has been possible by cooperation on the part of AFL union members.

"Don't sell the American working man short on his patriotism."

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Heil Pegler! Heil Hitler! Heil Hell!

The New Orleans States edited by the more-or-less well-known Jim Crown tips its hat and heils Westbrook Pegler in a maudlin acknowledgment of that gentleman's services to the country at large.

The States says: "Pegler has done more to keep organizations of both labor and capital within bounds than any other writer. As long as he lives the 'common man' will have a champion."

We have heard Pegler called a LOT of things. The States is the first to label him "Champion of the Common Man" . . . perhaps the States figures that the members of the National Association of Manufacturers are merely "common men."

The Peglers, Von Kaltenborns, and Hearsts . . . rabid labor baiters to a man . . . have NOTHING in common with the individuals who DO the world's work. Give them their way and the union man would soon be goose-stepping to work and "heiling" every two-bit boss on the job. Heil Pegler . . . Heil Hitler . . . Heil . . . H-E-L-L!!!!

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**R. R. Brotherhood
Withdraws Its
No-Strike Pledge**

DETROIT, July 27.—President E. E. Milliman of the Railroad Brotherhood Maintenance of Way (A. F. L.) was authorized by the union last week to withdraw its no-strike pledge to President Roosevelt any time he deems fit.

The authorization was given at the concluding session of the week-long convention of 500 delegates in a resolution also empowering Milliman to order "whatever further action" necessary to enforce wage increase demands.

Originally, the union demanded a 20 cents an hour increase. An eight cents and hour award from a special railway labor panel was denied by Fred M. Vinson, director of economic stabilization. The Maintenance of Way Brotherhood claims 300,000 members.

"Life is no brief candle for me."—George Bernard Shaw.

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