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A QUAKER REPORT ON RUSSIA

Seven British Quakers, described as business and professional leaders, recently made a journey to Soviet Russia on a "peace mission." Because of the reputation of their order for opposing war, the visitors were given free movement and frank interviews. They spent two weeks in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev as guests of the Russian government.

The report of the visitors is that the Russians are "contented and adequately clothed and fed" but completely ignorant of conditions outside their country. The standard of living is described as being about equivalent to that of England. The people, says the report of these visitors, have been told, and believe, that business interests in the United States and Great Britain want war, or a state of near war, because it is profitable to them.

The Quakers report that their delegation

attended two church services and "never have felt as close to the presence of God. The Russians have a religious instinct which may well confound those who look to the complete secularization of the Soviet Union."

While asserting the right to reject what they deem to be wrong with Soviet policies and practices, the Quakers say that "we might recognize what is good in its aspirations and achievements, and in particular, the solid progress that has been made, despite an exacting war, towards the economic and social betterment of its people."

We call attention to this report because of the excellent reputation borne by the Quakers for not meddling in politics and world affairs and because the report comes from individuals who have nothing to gain by expressions other than honest impressions.

CLASSIFIEDS RECRUIT WORKERS

Defense work and a general industrial expansion are beginning to put the squeeze on labor and there are reports from areas telling of the difficulty in finding suitable employes.

It may be too early to predict such a shortage in Mecklenburg county but it may develop. Consequently, it may be interesting to employers to hear how one large company managed to find suitable personnel.

Walter Emmerling, office manager of a soap manufacturing company, with headquarters in Cincinnati, says that "help wanted" newspaper ads are what do the work for his company. Before the development of a shortage of labor, it was not necessary to advertise for workers, but last year, the company recruited a third of its applicants through newspaper ads.

One of these days, the ideal political race will be staged and every candidate will win.

Our idea of a pleasant life is to have more income than expense and little or nothing to do.

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GOLDEN GLEAMS

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Hebrews 11:1.

Faith is a knowledge of the benevolence of God toward us, and a certain persuasion of His veracity.—John Calvin.

No man has power to let another prescribe his faith. Faith is not faith without believing.—Thomas Jefferson.

In the affairs of this world, men are saved, not by faith, but by the want of it.—Benjamin Franklin.

How many things that were articles of faith yesterday are fables today.—Michael de Montaigne.

Faith affirms what the senses do not affirm, but not the contrary of what they perceive. It is above, and not contrary to.—Blaise Pascal.

BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaister of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote."

- 1. Where is this verse found in the Bible?
2. Who was the king?
3. What was he doing at the time?
4. Who interpreted the writing?

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WISE AND OTHERWISE

Representative Allen of Louisiana says he will retire at the end of his present term and "take life easy" on his farm. Many a farmer would tell him he can take it a lot easier right where he is.—Arkansas Gazette.

There is only one point in the current economic situation concerning which all of the economists seem to agree. Money saved for a rainy day buys a much smaller umbrella than it used to.—Davenport Times.

Remember that your wife still enjoys candy and flowers. Let her know that you remember. Speak of them occasionally.—Corryer.

C. E. G. B. Goad, candidate for alderman in Hertford, England, voted for his rival and lost by one vote. Just goes to show that politics is no place for chivalry.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Many men have thought they had a girl on the string only to find out too late they have hold of the end with the hook.—Gosport.

Women should shine as statisticians. They are "naturals" at shaping up figures.—W. O. W. Magazine.

We armed the Russians to whip the Germans, and maybe we'll arm the Germans to beat the Russians. And, we ask you, could anything be fairer?—Roosevelt Utah) Standard.

One reason why banks succeed is that they let relatives take the poor risks.—Ellaville (Ga.) Sun.

WHO KNOWS

- 1. What was Moses' sister's name?
2. Who was the first director of the WAACS?
3. In what manner did Sir Walter Raleigh, English courtier, writer, explorer and colonizer, die?
4. Who is the discoverer of penicillin?
5. What battle ended the era of armored knights?
6. For what was the Louvre, Paris' most famous art museum, first used?
7. What is a printer's apprentice usually called?
8. Does air have weight?
9. When was the first transcontinental telegraph line completed in the U. S.?
10. What proportion of the 48 States must vote in favor of an amendment to the Constitution to ratify it?

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THE WORLD IS MINE

Today, upon a bus, I saw a lovely girl with golden hair.

I envied her, she seemed so gay, and wished I were as fair.

When suddenly she rose to leave I saw her hobble down the aisle;

She had one leg, and wore a crutch; and as she passed—a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I have two legs. The world is mine.

And then I stopped to buy some sweets:

The lad who sold them had such charm

I talked with him, he seemed so glad

If I were late 'twould do no harm.

And as I left he said to me: "I thank you,

You have been so kind, It's nice to talk to folks like you.

You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I have two eyes. The world is mine.

Later, walking down the street,

I saw saw a child with eyes of blue.

He stood and watched the others play;

It seemed he knew not what to do.

I stopped a moment then I said: "Why don't you join the others, dear?"

He looked ahead without a word,

And then I knew he could not hear.

O, God, forgive me when I whine.

I have two ears. The world is mine.

With legs to take me where I go,

With eyes to see the sunset's glow,

With ears to hear what I would know,

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I'm blessed indeed. The world is mine. —Dot Aaron.

DRINK HAS DRAINED MORE BLOOD

Drink has drained more blood, Hung more crepe

Sold more homes, Plunged more people into bankruptcy,

Armed more villains, Slain more children,

Snapped more wedding rings, Defiled more innocence,

Blinded more eyes, Twisted more limbs,

Dethroned more reason, Wrecked more manhood,

Dishonored more womanhood, Broken more hearts,

Driven more to suicide, And dug more graves

Than any other poison scourge that ever swept its death-dealing waves across the world.

—Evangeline Booth.

Defense is your job, too!

SAYS GENERAL MATTHEW B. RIDGWAY



"I am a member of the United States Army.

It has been my privilege to share service with your sons in battle in Korea.

You can be very proud of these men. Men from every walk of life and from every corner of America.

I have seen them fight with indomitable courage.

I have known their strength of soul and spirit.

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