

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible,"
and which contains Four Great Treasures ...

by BRUCE BARTON

ESTHER

The story comes late in the Old Testament chronology, dealing with the period when there were numerous Jews in Mesopotamia, descendants of those who were carried away captive by Nebuchadnezzar in 586 B. C. A hundred years had passed and, while many Jews had returned to Palestine, others were settled in different parts of the big unwieldy Persian kingdom, ruled over by Ahasuerus. Mordecai was plotted against by **Bruce Barton** a politician named Haman, who through misrepresentation caused the king to promulgate a decree of massacre against the Jews. It was at this crisis that Mordecai went to Esther, demanding that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people. She replied that no one was permitted to approach the king without being sent for by name and that the penalty of disobedience was death. In noble words Mor-



decai argued the case, and at length Esther was persuaded. Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan (she replied), and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: likewise, and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. I also and my maiden will fast. The third day came. Modestly but with firm step and head erect, she moved into the inner court where sat Ahasuerus on his mighty throne. There was an awful moment of suspense while the courtiers watched with bated breath to see what destruction would descend upon this girl who had dared to break the law. But her beauty was irresistible. The king held out his scepter, the sign of royal recognition. Esther knelt and touched it and made her plea and won. A new decree was promulgated; the Jews were restored to favor and began promptly to take advantage of their opportunities to grow rich. Haman by poetic justice was hanged on the high gallows which he had built for Mordecai. The finest passage in the whole book is Mordecai's ringing answer to Esther when she hesitated to

approach the king, arguing that her feeble strength and abilities could not possibly prevail in such an emergency. Those words have rung down the corridors of Time as an undying challenge to the courage and faith of youth. "Let no faint-heartedness turn you aside from the duty to which you are clearly called, no matter how hard that duty may be or how much apparently beyond your powers." and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Next week: Mary, the Mother of Jesus) Copyright, Bobbs-Merrill Co.



CANDIDATES ... are mentioned Names of eminent men who might make good Presidential candidates for the Republicans in 1936 pop up in the news almost every day. One of the latest suggestions is for the party to draft Justice Owen J. Roberts of Pennsylvania from the Supreme Court of the United States. This would be following the precedent set in 1916, when Charles E. Hughes was taken from that bench to run against Woodrow Wilson—and nearly won the election. Justice Roberts isn't saying anything. I think it doubtful that he will be the party's leader next year. Not that he isn't a good man, for he is. He would be a good President, but that doesn't mean he would be a good candidate. Some Nebraskans are "prompting" J. R. McCarl, Comptroller-General of the United States, and the only man who can tell the President and Cabinet where to head in. Others are talking about a coalition between Republicans and conservative Democrats and talking of Lewis A. Douglas of Arizona, former Director of the Budget, and Alfred E. Smith, as possible heads of a Fusion ticket. Probably none of the men I have named will be a Presidential candidate, but the fact that politicians everywhere are talking about candidates indicates a decided warming up in the interest in the 1936 elections.

POSTMARKS ... and collectors The appointment of Oscar Phillips as postmaster at Santa Claus, Indiana, suggests the interest which stamp collectors and others take in postmarks. Every year tens of thousands of persons send Christmas packages and cards on to the Santa Claus postoffice to be remailed so they will bear that appropriate address. One of my stamp collector friends prizes the "covers" of letters which he received from the Byrd Polar expeditions—one from the North Pole and one from the South Pole—above everything in his collection. I know one man who is trying to make a complete collection of postmarks, to include every post office in the United States. Counting the sub-stations, there are more than 50,000 of them. He figures that it will have cost him in postage alone more than \$3,000 to make his collection, but believes that when it is complete it will be worth several times that money. At any rate, it is a harmless hobby.

FABRIC ... a magic cloth A new fabric which seems to have revolutionary possibilities has been developed by a New England cotton mill. As described by one technical observer, it utilizes not only cotton but any other vegetable or animal fiber, and is produced by a process which has something of the technique of paper-making and some methods used in rubber goods manufacture. It hasn't any name as yet, but it can be made thin enough for a silk handkerchief or sturdy enough for factory belting. It is described as lending itself to a wider range of colors than any existing fabric and as having the power of absorbing sound when used as draperies. That sounds like magic; but it is merely another example of the new things which industry stands ready to provide when the return of financial stability makes it prudent to invest money in their production and distribution. The re-

search workers in the laboratories are not standing still, but are working steadily on new marvels, many of which we as yet have no inkling of, but which may be the commonplaces of ten years from now. **DIAMOND** ... the largest The largest diamond ever discovered is coming to the United States. A year ago the world was amazed by the news from the South African diamond fields that a flawless diamond as big as a hen's egg had been found by a poor farmer named Jonkers. The fortunate finder sold it for something like \$100,000 to one of the big diamond companies, which has been holding it for the market until somebody was ready to pay its real value. It is reported that the American purchaser paid \$750,000 for this stone, which is still uncut. Probably when it is properly cut and polished it will be worth a lot more than a million. What interests me, however, is that there is still money in such huge sums ready for investment in diamonds. The diamond market is looking up. Many who formerly hoarded gold are now putting their money into diamonds, as the safest portable investment and one which can be turned quickly into cash at any time, besides holding the reasonable certainty of becoming worth more as the purchasing value of the dollar goes down. **CRASH** ... stunter's fault The biggest airplane ever built, the "Maxim Goriky," crashed over Moscow the other day, killing every one of its 42 passengers and crew. It was no fault of the big plane, however; it was a collision with a

small plane which was doing "stunts" too near it. Nobody knows yet the safe size limit of airplanes, but in general, aviation engineers tell me, the bigger they are the safer they are, if they are properly constructed. Russians were building bigger and better airplanes than anybody else, long before the Great War. If you want to get a peep into the future of aviation, get hold of H. G. Wells' book "The First War in the Air," published thirty years or so ago; and Rudyard Kipling's "With the Night Mail," of about the same date. Those two writers are authentic prophets, and what they foresaw so long ago is beginning to come true.

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NOTICE

North Carolina, Macon County. In the Superior Court. The Federal Land Bank of Columbia, vs J. C. Strong and wife, Maria Strong, et al. The defendants, J. C. Strong, Maria Strong, Thomas M. Grist, Helena Grist, the American Agricultural Chemical Company, W. R. Brown and Myers Dry Goods Company, take notice that an action, as above entitled, has been commenced in the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, to the end that the plaintiff may foreclose a mortgage covering lands in which the above named defendants have an interest, and the above named defendants will take notice that they are required to appear within thirty days in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Macon County, North Carolina, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 18th day of May, 1935. HARLEY R. CABE, Clerk Superior Court, Macon County, North Carolina. M23-4tc-J&J-113

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12457 and runs north 65 E 70 poles to a chestnut oak; thence S 16 1/2 E 62 poles to a hickory; thence South 65 west 155 poles to a chestnut; thence North 35 East 110 poles to a chestnut oak; thence N 50 West 5 1/2 poles to the beginning, containing 40 acres, more or less. This 6th day of May, 1935. J. O. HARRISON, Administrator Of Estate of J. T. Berry, dec'd M16-4tc-JOH-J6

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Macon County. Whereas, on the 22nd day of January, 1929, John B. Haskett made, executed, and delivered a mortgage deed to J. T. Berry, covering the property hereinafter described, which said mortgage deed is recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, in Book No. 32, of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust, page 56; and Whereas, since the execution of said mortgage deed, the said J. T. Berry died intestate in the County of Macon, State of North Carolina, and J. O. Harrison has been duly and regularly appointed Administrator of the Estate of said J. T. Berry, and is now acting as such Administrator; and Whereas, default has been made in the payment of the amount secured by said mortgage deed and it is now necessary that the power of sale contained in said deed of trust be exercised: NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of J. T. Berry, deceased, will, on the 7th day of June, 1935, at the courthouse door in the Town of Franklin, Macon County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock, noon, sell to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy the amount secured by said mortgage deed, principal, interest, and cost, the following described tract or parcel of land: In Millshoal Township, beginning on a mountain oak, corner of No.

ADMINISTRATRIX C. T. A. NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix C. T. A. of Theodore S. Munday, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 18th day of April, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 18th day of April, 1935. MARIETTA MUNDAY, Administratrix C. T. A. A25-6tp-M30

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of Mamie Slagle Patton, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 8th day of April, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 8th day of April, 1935. R. A. PATTON, Executor. M9-6tp-J13

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator of Lon England, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of May, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 17th day of May, 1935. CLIFTON ENGLAND, Administrator. M23-6tp-J27

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Henry A. Hall, deceased, late of Macon County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May, 1936, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement. This 25th day of May, 1935. BUNIA VESTIA HALL, Administratrix. M30-6t-J4

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