

# TODAY and TOMORROW

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**FACTS . . . . . important**

Nothing is harder than to get people to look up the facts of history before they try to discuss them. Lately we have heard much talk about the Supreme Court thwarting the will of the people by declaring Acts of Congress unconstitutional, and many point to the famous Dred Scott case as a glaring example.

The fact is that Chief Justice Taney, in the decision of 1857, upheld Congress. The Missouri Compromise Act of 1820 had prohibited slavery anywhere north of Missouri. But Congress, in 1854, passed the Kansas-Nebraska law, permitting those territories to vote on the question of slavery, and specifically repealing the Missouri Compromise. So when the owner of a fugitive Negro slave, Dred Scott, brought him back from a free state and the question came before the courts as to whether he was still legally a slave, the Supreme Court held that the Missouri Compromise law which had set him free had been repealed, and added that it had been unconstitutional, anyway, though that was not the major question before the court.

In that celebrated case the Supreme Court upheld the latest Act of Congress on the subject.

**CHRISTIANITY . . . . . united**

I can see no good reason why all Christians cannot unite in a single church federation for the defense and propagation of our religion. I see many reasons why it is particularly necessary at this time. I was greatly pleased when I heard John D. Rockefeller, Jr., over the radio, call on all Christians to unite in a league or federation on the same basis that the states united to form the United States of America.

The plan indorsed by Mr. Rockefeller,

who is a Baptist, was proposed by the Rev. Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a missionary to India. He would call it "The Church of Christ in America."

"Only a united Christian world," said Mr. Rockefeller, "can stem the rising tide of materialism, of selfishness, of shaken traditions, of crumbling moral standards. If we who call ourselves Christians could catch the vision from the mountain top we would see that there all roads meet."

**CHEESE . . . . . a cave**

Roquefort cheese is one of those things, like parsnips, which one either likes very much or positively detests. I am very fond of Roquefort, with its threads of greenish mould running through it.

Roquefort cheese gets its name from a town in France, near which are some caves in which the temperature and moisture do not vary the year around. The fable is that a shepherd boy who went into one of the caves for shelter left a piece of cheese from his lunch pail inside. Returning some months later he found it mouldy but ventured to eat it and liked the flavor. Soon all the farmers and villagers began to take their cheese to the caves to ripen, and a great industry was born.

Lately someone discovered that an abandoned coal mine in Pennsylvania has the same temperature and humidity as the Roquefort caves, and plans are afoot to use the old mine for ripening cheese.

**OIL . . . . . from North**

Every so often we hear that the oil reserves of the world are petering out, and people begin to ask what we will use for motor fuel when the oil is gone. But just about as often we heard of new oil discoveries of vast extent, so perhaps we are not in imminent danger.

The latest oil report comes from northern Alberta, in Canada, up toward the Arctic circle. Geologists have found there great deposits of oilbearing shale, calculated to yield as much oil as all that is now being produced in the world.

Canada's enormous mineral wealth has as yet hardly been tapped. A high proportion of the world's gold, silver, cobalt and nickel, and the

**To Study Weather at North Pole**



NEWARK, N. J. . . . Commander Clifford J. McGregor (above with wife), of the Newark Airport Weather Bureau, sails next Spring for 2 years at the North Pole, there to accumulate data essential to long-range weather forecasting. He is shown at the wheel of the General Greely II, the three-mast schooner he will sail into the North.

largest part of all the radium produced comes from Canada.

**HOLE . . . . . heat**

Twenty-five years ago Sir Charles Algernon Parson, famous British engineer, proposed to sink a shaft several miles deep to tap the semi-molten rock stratum and pipe the heat of the earth's core to the surface, to supply power and heat for industry. The cost would have been tremendous, yet the project was declared feasible and probably would have been attempted but for the World War.

Now an American engineer has demonstrated to an engineering convention a drill which will cut a five-foot vertical shaft to any depth, as far as the heat will permit. It goes through the hardest rock, and is the most economical method yet

devised for boring a big hole in the ground.

It would not surprise me if some practical application were made of Sir Charles Parson's idea. How handy it would be to heat your house with a pipe from a five-mile-deep hole in your back yard!

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to take this means of expressing our deep appreciation for the sympathy and kindness extended to us during our recent bereavement in the death of A. M. Shope.—BY HIS FAMILY.  
14p—(adv.)

Investment of capital in new chemical industry plants in the south has totaled \$85,000,000 in the last three years

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