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BIBLE THOUGHT

Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away.—St. Luke 21:33

Do today's duty, fight today's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them.—Charles Kingsley.

And Now, Finland

WE are learning a lot about the geography of Europe during these tragic days.

Anxious and heartsick, we look for Finland on our war maps as the radio and press bring us news of another unprovoked attack by a great predatory power upon a resisting little country.

As part of the Scandinavian peninsula, Finland's eastern boundary is Russia, with only the narrow waters of the Gulf of Finland on the south defending her southern boundaries where Russia covets her open ports and island fortifications. Dangerous proximity indeed, as the Russian bear reaches out to seize that which Finland refuses to surrender and dares to defend.

For centuries Finland was a part of Sweden, occupying the position of a buffer state between Russia and Sweden. Then, for more than a hundred years as a duchy of imperial Russia, Finland was one of those minority racial groups that emerged as an independent nation after the World War.

Yesterday, on December 6, this young nation came of age. But this twenty-first birthday was celebrated with a different kind of fireworks and parading than in the other years while growing up.

A wave of indignation and horror—even greater than that caused by the destruction of Poland—has swept the civilized nations, as protests and denunciations have gone forth from this and other governments.

Perhaps most of us have had a limited knowledge of this little land lying partly in the frozen north of Europe's Arctic circle, but one thing we all know; that Finland, of all the nations engaged in the World War, is the only one that has met her debt payments to the United States when they fell due. In spite of her present plight, the State Department has received notice that the payment due December 15 will be met. President Roosevelt has expressed the sentiment of many in his declaration that he will request Congress to set aside this money for aid of the Finnish people.

On all sides there is public expression of the hope that more substantial aid in war necessities will be extended this gallant people in their sore need. The fact that this is not a declared war may exempt Finland from the provisions of the neutrality act, it has been pointed out.

The Finns are a people inured to hardship, of sturdy character and high intelligence. Their accomplishment in building their nation and democratic form of government, as well as way of life, over the short period of a decade, has been unparalleled in the history of any people. Finland's resources are limited, her wealth being chiefly in her forests and water power. The population have made up in thrift and business acumen what they have lacked of nature's gifts, and have built up a balanced economy upon these assets.

The paper upon which these words are printed is newsprint imported from Finland. When this supply is exhausted the newspapers of the United States will have to pay a higher price for their newsprint.

As the capital city of Helsinki, with many buildings of surpassing beauty of architecture and modern in every way, is threatened with destruction, we remember that here, in the great new stadium, athletes and fans from all over the world were to have gathered for the Olympic games in 1941. Instead, many of the flower of youth of Finland—noted for their physical prowess—will have perished.

Will the neighboring nations, menaced by this new terror, bring effective help in time to stop Stalin's outnumbering hordes? Or will the red-revolution sweep on?

An American correspondent in Finland reported last week seeing a stone memorial on the Russian border to 200 Finnish peasants who repulsed a thousand Russian troops in 1555. This shrine is today inspiring Finland's defenders who believe that their nation cannot die.

Just in Case—



The United States coast guard at Miami, Fla., takes no chances. When foreign submarines were reported to have been sighted in Florida waters, coast guard officials painted a large American flag on the underside of the wing for identification purposes.

Committees

Named for Macon County N. C. E. A. Chapter

Mrs. Helen Macon, president of the Macon County Chapter of the North Carolina Education Association, has announced the appointment of the following committees for 1939-1940:

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Tellico

Samuel Jenkins, from Swain county, who has been working up North for several years, has come back to Macon county with the intention of purchasing a farm.

Jeff Cabe, who has been ill for some time, is slowly improving.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Ardenia Ramsey, who underwent an operation at Angel hospital, is able to do her work again.

W. C. Hennessee, from Sylva, was in this section on business recently.

Misses Lola and Jessie Ramsey were in Asheville Friday.

John DeHart, who has been sick for some time, is slowly improving.

Raye DeHart, Glenn Smith and Claude Justice were in Winston-Salem last week.

Vance DeHart and son, Creed, were in Sylva on business recently.

Sanford and Leonard Smith were visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, recently.

Raye DeHart and family have moved on Robert Ramsey's farm.

The home demonstration club met with Mrs. Ardenia Ramsey November 27. Everybody reported a nice evening.

Clippings

(From The Charlotte Observer)

THE GOVERNOR'S RACE

Lieutenant-Governor W. P. Horton is formally running for the Governorship now. He has made statement to this effect to the people of the State, but the full force and effect of the announcement is broken because of the general understanding of his intentions in this regard.

He, like half dozen or more of other potential candidates, withheld his official notice at the request some weeks ago of Governor Hoke, to the entire convey of would-bees not to be in too much of a hurry about getting out.

Mr. Horton will be a formidable candidate.

At this stage, this is all that can be safely and assuredly remarked in the form of a prediction. It seems to have gotten out that Mr. J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, is at this moment in the lead in popular favor and will likely be the man for the successful candidate to defeat.

The field will possibly have as many as six candidates from whom to choose, unless several of those who have the notion at this time, persuade themselves, or will be persuaded by their friends later, not to make the race.

In addition to those who have been virtually assured of running for this office, two others have more lately been projected into the possibilities by their friends.

One of them is Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, who will have the farm vote in his pocket should he decide to enter.

Another is H. E. Stacy, of Lumberton, one of the strongest men who have been mentioned as possibilities. The school people would like for Mr. Stacy to announce.

All in all, therefore, the situation is thoroughly complicated because of the large number of possible entries.

Usually, when the race is to be between no more than three men, as has often happened, one could get a reasonably fair idea of the direction in which public sentiment is swinging even thus early. But not so now. Truth is very few people seem interested at all in the Governor's race so far.

EARLY

Due to the extremely dry fall, Swain county farmers found it easy to save Korean lespedeza seed as early as the middle of October, says Farm Agent W. B. Nesbit.

EXHAUSTED

So many farmers are seedling rye in Granville county this fall that practically all supplies of seed have been exhausted, reports Assistant Farm Agent W. B. Jones.

Macon Theatre

Night Shows 7:00 and 9:00
Matinees 3:30 P. M.
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO 11 P. M. SATURDAYS

PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8
Gangway for Adventure and Romance

"COAST GUARD"
With: RANDOLPH SCOTT
FRANCIS DEE
RALPH BELLAMY

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
Two-Big Shows
"STOP, LOOK AND LOVE"

With: JEAN ROGERS
WILLIAM FRAWLEY

And
"HERITAGE OF THE DESERT"

With: DONALD WOOD
EVELYN VENABLE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11
GARY COOPER IN
"THE REAL GLORY"

With: DAVID NIVEN
ANDREA LEEDS

It's Full of Real Action and Romance

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
JOHN GARFIELD
PRISCILLA LANE IN
"DUST MUST BE MY DESTINY"

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
JOE E. BROWN
MARY CARLISLE IN
"BEWARE OF SPOOFS"

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14
IRENE DARE
EDGAR KENNEDY IN
"EVERYTHING ON ICE"

If you want our weekly program mailed to you, please leave name at Box Office.

Nantahal

By MISS GRACE YONCE

A daughter, Phyllis, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Zell Haynie, of Kyle, November 27.

Dewey Waters, of Detroit, Mich., visited his wife and children at Kyle December 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cochran were week-end guests at the home of Mrs. John Pendergrass.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Guffie and daughter are moving into a new home at Kyle.

E. N. Evans started the NYA work at Kyle Monday, November 27.

Miss Lolita Dean and Mrs. Paulina Cable, teachers at Kyle, spent the week-end at their homes on Iola and Burningtown.

John Steppe, son of Craig Steppe of Aquone, now has a bad case of measles.

Imogene and Harold Hall, of Kyle, who have been going to school at Andrews, spent the

Thanksgiving holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Gaynell Wilson, and young son are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Duvall, at Kyle.

Mr. and Mrs. James Grant and young daughter, Carolyn, of Ellijay, Ga., have been visiting Mrs. Grant's parents at Kyle.

Wayne Jones, of Aquone CCC camp, spent the week-end with his father, J. W. Jones, at Kyle.

Mrs. Fay Owenby, who has been very ill at the Angel hospital, is improving.

Opportunity Knocks

READ the ADS

ASHEAR'S

For Your Christmas Shopping

In our store we can fill your entire list with useful gifts—gifts any one in the family will appreciate

Guest Towel Sets

(Two in Box)

50c

Bath Robes

For Men and Women—Satin Trimming
Each in Christmas Box

\$2.95

Also One Lot of Robes at

\$1.50

Bath Robes for Children

50c and \$1.00

Men's Gloves

For Dress—Rabbit Fur Lined

\$1.95

Kid Leather as Above

\$1.00 and \$1.50

Coats and Jackets

Sport—for Men and Women
Genuine Woolrich—Stripes and Checks

\$4.95 to \$12.50

Genuine Army Blankets

They Won't be Here Long—Get Yours Now

\$2.00

Cannon Turkish Towels

Extra Heavy—Size 24x46

25c

Flannels

Men's Pajamas \$1.00 and \$1.50

Ladies' Pajamas and Gowns 50c and \$1.00

Children's Pajamas 50c to \$1.00

Children's Coats

All Wool Flannel—Sizes 3 to 14

\$1.50 to \$4.95

Men's Suits and Overcoats

Stripes, Checks, Plaids and Solid—In Greens, Blues and Many Other Colors

\$9.95 to \$22.50

Bed Room Shoes

To Fit the Whole Family

39c - \$1.50

Joseph Ashear

"We Clothe the Family"

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