

# BRISBANE

## THIS WEEK

### No, No Cash Money Won Their Reward To Discourage Murder No Surprise Possible

According to solemn agreement, made between "gallant allies," which the British call themselves and us, the United States should receive from Great Britain the sum of \$300,000,000. Another considerable sum on account of "war debts of honor" is due from France. Will these amounts be paid to maintain, spotless, the honor of nations that borrowed in their troubles? They will not be paid. Nothing will be paid. Three hundred and sixty millions of dollars are more important than "spotless honor."

To the announcement that she would pay nothing Great Britain frankly adds that "it would be useless, and therefore unwise," even to attempt negotiations.

Little Finland, on the contrary, announces her intention to pay the installment. Napoleon called England a nation of shopkeepers, which annoyed the English and was inaccurate. Shopkeepers make it a habit to pay their debts in order to keep their credit.

Life convicts have earned freedom by submitting to medical experiments with "tuberculosis vaccine," or "preventive." The "preventive" with which the doctors have experimented on Carl Erlson and Mike Schmidt for months past, is not a tuberculosis cure. It prevents those inoculated from contracting tuberculosis, as ordinary vaccination prevents contracting smallpox.

Members of the National Jewish Hospital, who had worked on the new serum for 15 years past, warned the convicts that they would risk their lives in the experiment, now proved successful.

Both boys' death in hope of possible recovery of liberty as the reward. They have won the reward.

On both sides of the Atlantic attempts are made to discourage murder. President Roosevelt takes the lead here, summoning all forces of the country—state, national and local—to fight private crime, banditry, traffic in narcotics, lynchings, kidnaping, plain ordinary murder.

Private crime worries us here. Doctor Defoe is in New York, first visited surprised reporters note that he shows no amazement when gazing on skyscrapers and canyon-like streets.

Reporters need not have been surprised. Doctor Defoe is the man who introduced the five Dionne quintuplets to the world and broke a new record after they got here.

Doctor Defoe, book specialist, thinks New York City needs a building devoted exclusively to the works of Shakespeare. It is a shame, and he will "school" the city.

For much stock in the Borah proposal because they never have viewed things as the Idaho senator sees them.

The controversy between the several outstanding individuals over what to do or not to do about the Republican party is considered by many political writers in Washington and by many political leaders as being little more than a flash in the pan and unlikely to lead to solution of the problem.

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The engineering society members were grateful. Some of them told me that they appreciated the government's interest in their problems and that doubtless modification of designs would result in many instances, but few of the engineers were impressed with the necessity for the far flung government methods.

They appeared to think that the government's engineers had gone somewhat ahead in making plans to prevent soil washes.

# Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted  
by William Bruckart

### Fletcher Will Stick

Washington.—Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, sometimes denominated as a progressive Republican, has sought out the front pages of newspapers again with a demand for reorganization of the Republican party. He called for the resignation of Henry P. Fletcher as chairman of the Republican national committee and was promptly met with a dignified declaration from the chairman that he had no intention of resigning and, further, that he intended to see what could be done with the present carcass of the elephant that was trod upon so badly in the last two elections.

That declaration would appear to have been enough to stop the Idaho senator temporarily, but it failed and he was back again on the front page with another press statement to the general effect that the present leadership in the Republican party would amount to little more than a huge joke unless there were reorganization, resurrection or reincarnation or something else. It seems, however, that the second blast by Senator Borah was more than an ordinary dose because it aroused Senator James Couzens of Michigan, another individual who enjoys labeling himself as a progressive Republican. The Michigan senator fired back at Senator Borah a challenge that the Idaho senator write something equivalent to a new program for the Republican party.

Senator Couzens said he was not at all convinced that Senator Borah could point the way for revivification of the elephant's carcass and gave every indication, according to the view taken here, that he believed the one successful course for the party lay in offering a constructive program rather than constant criticism of the New Deal without offering substitute for it.

While Mr. Borah's demand for Mr. Fletcher's resignation caused some comment it did not stir the waters like Mr. Fletcher's reply. The chairman promptly showed fight. He said that to step out at this time would "plunge the party organization into confusion." He pointed out that there is machinery by which changes can be accomplished in the party organization through the calling of a special meeting of the national committee. This can be done on petition of sixteen members from sixteen different states and Mr. Fletcher suggested to Mr. Borah that if leadership changes were desired, the way was open to him.

It was in respect of this suggestion that Senator Couzens took a crack at Senator Borah by saying that if Mr. Borah had real plans, Mr. Fletcher should resign and the chairmanship should be offered to Mr. Borah so that his constructive ideas could be carried out.

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mal can be made out of the G. O. P. elephant. It may be a job for a veterinarian or a face-lifting and skin-stretching job. There are the western groups, there are the Borahs, there are the conservative easterners and there are many conservatives who do not like any one of the other factions. If Mr. Fletcher or Mr. Borah or Mr. Couzens cannot mold a party insignia out of the material at hand political writers generally believe the Republican party can make its presence felt in 1938. If, however, the Borahs, Nyes, Norrises and others continue to pull one way and the Fletchers, Hillises and Requas are found tugging at the other end the chances of this elephant eventually dying seem better than ever.

Two seasons of trial have shown that in the Agricultural Adjustment act, American agriculture has an effective means of adjusting its production to the needs of the market, according to conclusions announced by Secretary Wallace in his annual report for the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Wallace believes that the adjustment program should be continued although he admitted that the enormous surpluses which previously existed have now largely disappeared as a result of drought or from other causes.

The secretary's report shows some indication, in the opinion of observers, of an intention to change the tack of the adjustment program. He suggested that the task ahead may include adjustment of production to a rising demand and that, it was pointed out, will certainly not require crop reduction exclusively. The fundamental purpose, according to the secretary's outline, is to establish a balance between production and consumption, and in describing this program he coined the new phrase "balanced abundance." Unless this is done, Mr. Wallace declared, there is danger of the country "falling into a pit of scarcity economics."

"In 1933," the report continues, "agriculture had enormous surpluses of wheat, cotton, tobacco, and hog products, which had accumulated as a result of war-time expansion, economic nationalism, strangled foreign trade, and reduced domestic consumption. Prices had fallen to 50 per cent of their 1929 level. Merely to avert farm ruin it was imperative to eliminate the surpluses."

"As matters then stood, production control seemed to be synonymous with crop production. But it was never contemplated that reduction once started should be continued indefinitely. It would be a serious mistake to reduce farm production constantly. Such a course would raise prices temporarily, but would restrict consumption, and create new farm competition at home and abroad."

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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### Lesson for December 23

#### THE CHRISTIAN HOME

(Christmas Lesson)

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:8-19; Ephesians 6:1-4.

GOLDEN TEXT—Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.—Luke 2:14.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The First Christmas.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus the Saviour is Born.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Christmas and the Christian Home.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—What is a Christian Home?

It is exceedingly difficult to follow the workings of the mind of the Lesson Committee when they selected these Scripture passages to be treated under the topic "The Christian Home." It is manifestly impossible to deal with these two passages as presenting a Christian home. It will be better, then, to center attention upon these passages in the light of their essential meaning, apart from the topic suggested.

1. The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:8-19). The prophet (Micah 5:2) foretold the Savior's birth about seven hundred years before this time. His birth announced to the shepherds (vv. 8-14).

a. The time of (v. 8). It was while the shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The glorious gospel message was thus sounded forth to these humble men while busy with their common duties. Humble situation in life is no hindrance to the reception of the gospel message.

b. The first gospel message was preached by the angel of the Lord (v. 9). Angels have always had a vital ministry from God to men. Angels are, no doubt, interested in men. Since they are personal beings they know how to sympathize earnestly with fallen and sin-cursed men.

c. The nature of their message (vv. 10-14). It was good tidings because the darkness of heathenism which had so long governed earth was beginning to vanish; the casting out of Satan, the prince of this world, was about to take place; liberty was soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage; the way of salvation was soon to be opened to all; the knowledge of God was no longer to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. Truly this was glorious news, so glorious that a multitude of the heavenly host accompanied this announcement with their song of praise. The Savior's birth manifested the glory of God, and wherever this good news is received and lived there is found good will among men. The sign which was to make real this announcement was the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger.

2. The shepherds investigating (vv. 15, 16). They did not stop to argue or raise questions, though these things were no doubt passing strange to them. They went immediately to Bethlehem where they found everything just as represented. These humble men had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the very Lord of glory.

3. The shepherds witnessing (vv. 17-19). When they beheld the Babe they could not remain silent, therefore went back praising God. Those who really hear the gospel message and come to know the Savior personally cannot be silent. The one who hears good news must tell it to others.

1. The Mutual Relation of Parents and Children (Ephesians 6:1-4).

1. Responsibility of children (vv. 1-3).

a. They are to obey their parents (v. 1). The ground of this obedience is the fact that the parents stand in the place of God to them.

b. The child should honor the parents (v. 2). Obedience to parents is limited to the period of immaturity. When the children take their place in the establishment of new units in society they are no longer under obligation to obey their parents. "Honor" means to have in reverence. This obligation rests upon children during the lifetime of their parents. Prosperity and long life are the rewards of God to the children who discharge their duties to their parents.

## Just a Little Smile



### THE TROUBLE

Two negroes were boasting about the merits of their respective motor cars, both worn, shabby, old wrecks. One of them said, "Deys ju' one reason why Ah can't run dis cah o'mine 100 miles a hounsh." "An' what's dat reason?" asked the other. "Da distance is too long fo' de shortness of de time," said the first.

### Being Cute

Little John was busily watching two little girls sitting behind him in church. After the service a woman who had noticed him and admired his big blue eyes, said to him: "John, I think you are about as cute as they grow, aren't you?" "Well, I ain't as cute as the two little girls who were behind me," little John replied.

### Had Heard About That

Little Johnny, aged seven, had been taken to the zoo. He stood before the leopard's cage for a few minutes staring intently. Then, turning to his mother, he asked: "Mother, is that the dotted lion that everyone wants dad to sign on?"

### Unreasonable

Hank—Had your telephone removed, Hi? Hi—Yes—th' fools said I couldn't cuss over it! How could I tell Josh Medders his cows was in my corn without cussin'?—Lorain Journal and Times-Union.

### BEYOND HIM



Wife—I think I'll wear a cross-word skirt to the dance. Hubby—I know you better than anyone else—and I can't solve you.

### Redoubled Effort

"What do you think has been the result of cutting the value of the dollar in half?" "It has stimulated our energies," answered Senator Sorghum. "Everybody seems to feel that he'll have to hustle twice as hard to get the old results."

### Something Wrong

Guest—Do you operate a bus between the hotel and the railroad station? Manager of Ritzy Hotel—No, sir! Guest—That's strange. All my friends said you would get me coming and going.

### Safety First

Gardener—Is this your ball in the garden here? Boy—Are there any windows broken? Gardener—No, sonny. Boy—Oh, that'll be my ball, then.—Pearson's Weekly.

### You Can Start Small

Doctor (ecstatically)—Sir, yours is a case which will enrich medical science! Patient—Oh, dear, and I thought I wouldn't have to pay more than five or ten dollars.—Boston Evening Transcript.

### Blown Up?

Man—I understand that Bill was the victim of a powder blast. Friend—Yes, his wife was furious when she found the evidence on his coat.—Chelsea Record.

### Painting Collector

"I am told that you have paid \$50,000 for a painting." "Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Star. "The make-up of a stage beauty has cost me even more than that."

### Death and Personality

Every man who ponders long the worth of life as it finds expression in personality and who in addition has spiritual fellowship with Christ, will reach the conclusion that personality persists beyond the grave.

### A Gospel to Live By

Take the Gospel, not as a mystic creed for recital, but as a rational way of life. Take it to your heart with gladness, for it brings good things.

## House Dress That Gives Slim Effect

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If you ever have to be careful about choosing slenderizing lines in the clothes you wear, then you always have to be careful. Never choose a thing that isn't becoming. Select a house dress like this! You will agree that it is attractive and it does very nice things for the figure of its wearer. That pointed front closing is much more alluring looking than a straight one, the paneled skirt is excellent, and the neat flat sleeves, whether you have them long or short, are exactly right for you. The scallops, with their smart pretense of buttoning down, make them very chic. Nice in a gay cotton print.

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### SLIGHT MISTAKE

"I just congratulated Doctor Brown on marrying one his patients, and he seemed quite annoyed." "That isn't Doctor Brown, you idiot. That's Doctor Smith, the lunacy expert."—Vancouver Province.

### Sporting Suspense

"Is the election over in Crimson Gulch?" "Not yet," answered Cactus Joe. "A lot of the boys are still bettin' on how many votes there will be in the ballot boxes after a recount."

### The Old Question

"They say every Jack has his Jill." "Yes, but I bet some of them would rather make a pint."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

### A TICK IN THE CASE



Bug Sleuth—At last I have discovered the mystery of the disappearance of Mr. Black. He's imprisoned in that watch case!

### Acting Upon the Word

Mistress—Did you put my evening frock in a sack as I told you? "Yes, mum, but I could only get \$2 on it!"—Pearson's Weekly.

### New She Took It

Husband—It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives. Wife (pleaded)—Oh, what a flatterer you are, darling.

