

This Week



By Arthur Roberts

NOT READING.—THINKING. JOY ON MARS. YOUNG AT 102. TWO YOUNG MEN.

The World Federation of Educational Associations organizes a world war against illiteracy. For this war the Crown Prince of Japan has appropriated a million yen. China has adopted the slogan "China a Literate Nation in One Generation."

It is preposterous that any human beings, outside of actual barbarism, should grow up unable to read.

But teaching them to read and write is only the first step. The next is teaching human beings TO THINK, which is considerably more difficult and important.

Isn't that what you READ that makes you THINK? It's what you THINK AFTER YOU READ that improves government and civilization.

It takes a Frenchman, and an old one, Camille Flammarion, to say that the people on Mars are much more JOYFUL than we are.

The Martian year is twice as long as ours. A man there fifty years old has lived 100 years, nearly. The climate is better and the planet being smaller, everything is lighter. An ordinary Martian could easily carry his mother-in-law upstairs in his arms, even if she weighed 400 pounds. Millions of years older in their civilization than earth men, the Martians are far ahead of us in knowledge, and that means happiness. In fact it's the only solid happiness.

John A. Stewart, called "Grand Old Man of Wall Street," who knew Abraham Lincoln, and is now head of an important bank, celebrated his 102nd birthday last week. To us, that seems old. A thousand years hence, 125 will seem young as sixty is now. Men will die out gently like fading twilight.

Mr. Stewart continues living, intellectually young, because he

has continued working like a man in his old age. He is all right when he is a man.

After a week of the "Hog" which means don't pay, and don't trouble to get rid of them with muscoides, flies and mosquitoes that Father Noah will have left out of the Ark.

An English scientist demonstrated that rats suffer from eye and mouth disease and, by passing them, infect the other.

Moral for humans, we cannot and cannot keep out the rats.

Clarence Darrow, a lawyer, who thinks and feels, and consequently earns little in proportion to his great ability, tells the Court that to hang the two young men would be a worse crime than they committed.

And that is the truth, exactly. If a red Indian tortured a white man for twenty-four hours, that would not excuse white men for torturing that red man even for twenty-four minutes. The greater the intelligence and respectability, the greater the crime.

This column, too, highly regarded Moses forty years left in the desert with the four-hundred of a small American army, and the one and one-half hour of a flying machine, actual the same desert.

Many writers send learned comment.

Hyman Rodner, of Passaic, New Jersey, says, "You needn't try to get information from Moses in heaven. He kept the children of Israel in the desert for forty years because they were not qualified to possess the Promised Land. They practically all died. The new generation, educated and drilled, led by Hoshama, won their Promised Land by fighting."

Max Himoff, of Long Island City, writer, said that Moses had to let his old followers die off while he raised a new generation "who knew nothing about Egypt and prepared them for their task."

Can anybody give more exact information about the fighting leader, Hoshama?

Divers working ninety feet below the surface have recovered thirty-five million dollars of gold and silver bullion from the steamship *Laurentic*, sunk by a German submarine.

Thousands of tons of "liquid gold" are in the water through which steamers plow as they go back and forth. Some day men may retrieve it.

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He who laughs last is usually the dumbest.

If we could see ourselves as others see us, we'd never speak to them again.

An optimist is a student who expects to get an education without study.

Prohibition is like charity in some respects, long suffering and kind—to the bootleggers.

If war be abolished, what will be substitute for those big crops of swivel chair heroes?

Berlin discusses ancient war responsibilities when it should be thinking of future financial responsibilities.

Lots of folks right now would rather know which teams will be world champions than who'll succeed Coolidge.

DAVIS SHOWS UP REPUBLICAN ROTTENNESS

John W. Davis has been giving particular attention in his recent speeches to the corrupt officials in Washington, as exposed by the senate investigating committee last winter.

One of the important witnesses in the investigation of the department of justice last winter was Gaston B. Means, who was one of the officials of the department of justice while Harry M. Daugherty was attorney general under Presidents Harding and Coolidge and until the investigation showed such rottenness that he was forced out of the cabinet. Harry M. Daugherty wrote a letter to Mr. Davis in sort of a protest against the attacks that John W. Davis has been making in his speeches on this subject and stated that Gaston B. Means had repudiated the testimony he gave. But before the letter reached Mr. Davis, Gaston B. Means had repudiated his repudiation. When Mr. Davis replied to Harry M. Daugherty he tore the hide off. In referring to Gaston B. Means, he said: "It was you (addressing Harry M. Daugherty, the former attorney general); however, who appointed him to a confidential position in the department of justice. You brought him into the circle of your official intimates. You created him a government agent. You gave him his credentials. At the time you did so his character was already notorious. And, if I am not mistaken, there was then to be found in the bureau of investigation of the department of justice a file in which his previous history was fully disclosed. I can imagine no maladministration in any governmental department more vicious than the employment of men of such character."

PRESBYTERIAN AUXILIARY

An enthusiastic meeting of the executive board of the Presbyterian Auxiliary met at the home of the president, Mrs. R. A. Bynum on Monday afternoon of this week. In spite of the downpour of rain every officer was present and winter work for this organization was planned and discussed.

BUSINESS LOCALS

HOG TAKEN UP—On Sept. 14 I took up a hog which was doing damage to my corn, which owner can get by paying damage and cost of feeding. Description of hog: Right ear clipped off, tall bobbed, color red and black spotted, will weigh about 50 lbs. Unless owner calls and gets hog the said hog will be sold at auction, Sept. 27, 1924. Floyd Morgan, Box Harris Farm, King's Cross Roads.

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Our annual revival begins with the service Sunday. We invite all the Christian people of the town to cooperate with us in this common cause. Sermon Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Services every day next week at 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. C. F. Steidley, singer, Bible teacher and personal worker, will have charge of the singing, beginning Sunday, and also the morning services at 10 o'clock.

The Washington District Federation of Woman's Missionary Societies meets Tuesday at 10 a. m. with a special message at 10 a. m. by Rev. F. S. Love, pastor First church, Wilson. The public is cordially invited.

Because of the evangelistic services at the Methodist church we will come rally with us.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH N. N. Fleming, Jr., Pastor.

W. G. Sheppard, superintendent of Sabbath school.

Next Sunday at 10 a. m. we will observe Rally Day. The program includes:

Announcement of the theme for this year's Rally Day by the superintendent. Special exercises by departments and appropriate songs by all.

"What Is Sunday School Extension," by John Hill Paylor, assistant superintendent.

Special music by the choir, "How Holy Is This Place."

Solo by Miss Mary K. Jerome, "Behold Thy King, Oh, Jerusalem."

Sermon by the pastor, "The Man Who Was Too Busy to Stop."

EPISCOPAL CHURCH Rev. J. W. Hayes, Minister

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity. 9:45, Church school. Supt. Mr. J. L. Shackelford.

Adult class leader, Mr. W. R. Hooper. Subject: Anglican Conversion.

7:30, evening prayer and sermon. Subject: His Only Son.

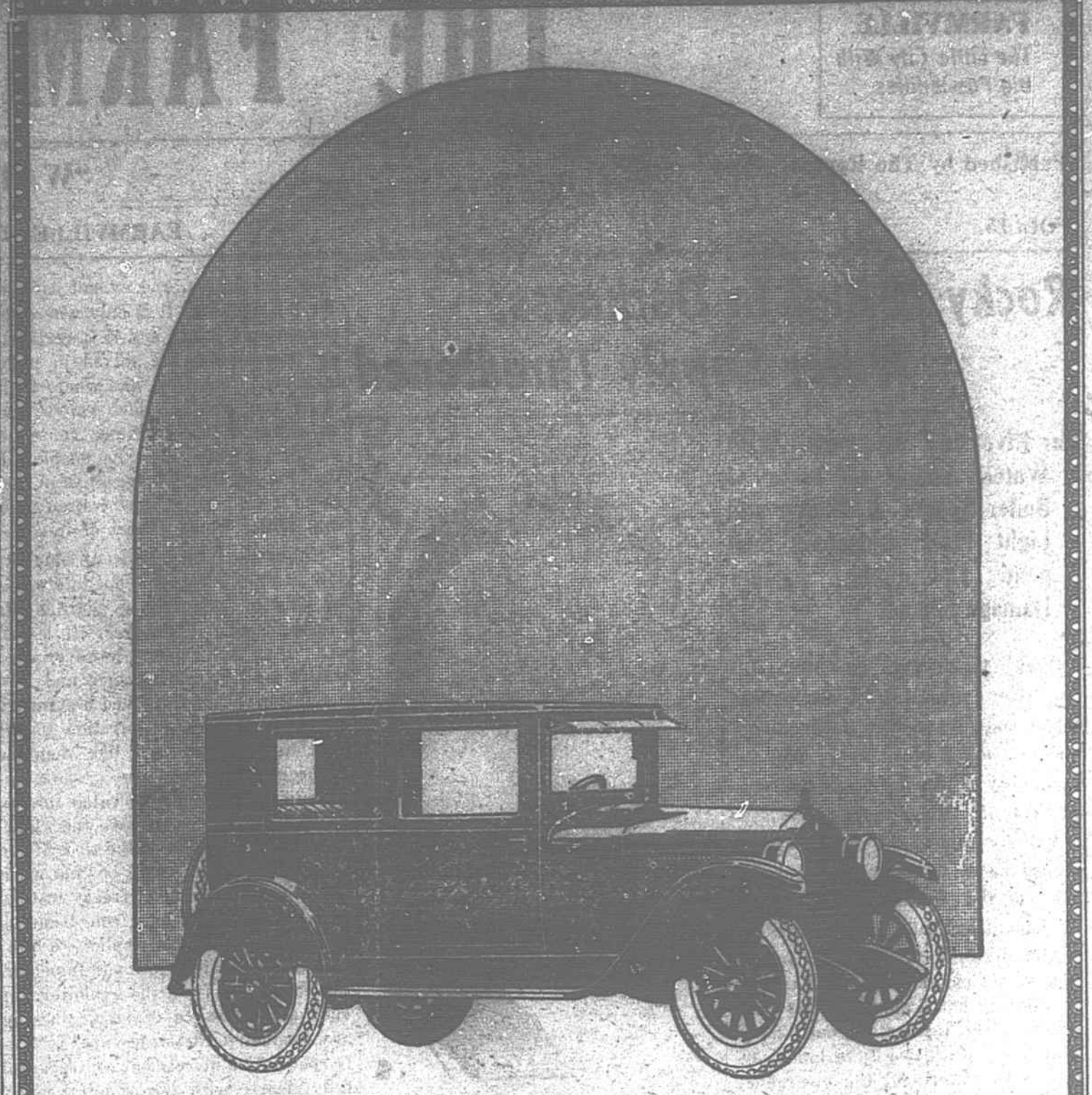
Young Peoples' Service League at 6:30.

Mr. Hayes will preach in Snow Hill at 11 a. m.

Bible school Sunday school at 3 p. m.

Confidence Rests

Never let a man imagine that he can pursue a good end by evil means without sinning against his own soul! Any other issue is pitiful; the evil effect on himself is certain.—Southey.



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