



BLASPHEMY

The Lord Chamberlain of England, who has the final say as to whether any play may be shown in English theaters, has banned "The Green Pasture," the play which received the Pulitzer Prize when it was produced in New York, where it is still running.

The ground of the objection is that in the play one character represents God, and that is forbidden on the English stage. True, the character is merely an ignorant Negro's conception of God as "somebody that looks like the Reverend Mr. Dubois," and the whole play reflects the simple, literal interpretation of the Bible story in terms of their own race and experience, by the primitive Negroes of the lower Mississippi Valley. But that makes no difference in England; "The Green Pastures" can't be shown there.

The reasoning back of that seems

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as wrong-headed as most of the reasoning, or lack of reasoning, back of some efforts in America to keep religion from being taken lightly. Any religion which can't stand up under caricature or parody must be pretty weak stuff.

WAR

The movie magnets are falling over themselves to produce films showing war scenes. That is quite all right—war is mankind's greatest adventure—always has been and always will be. But when they talk, as some of them do, about such films as "All Quiet on the Western Front" and "Hell's Angels" as being calculated to turn the minds of youth away from war and toward peace, they are, speaking in the vernacular, all wet.

Youth doesn't mind dirt and blood and danger and horrors, if there is the thrill of action attached to them. Youth cannot visualize the social and economic losses caused by war—if it could, it wouldn't be youth. As well try to talk girls out of loving as to talk boys out of fighting. And the more war pictures are shown on the screen, the more eager will the generation which was too young to fight in the last war be for a new war in which they, too, can share in the excitement of battle.

AUSTRALIA

Australia has made one more step, and a long one, toward complete independence of the British Empire. The King of England has appointed a native Australian, Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, as Governor General of the Commonwealth.

The theory of the British government of its colonies in the past has been that while the people might elect their own legislative bodies the head of the government must be somebody sent out from "home." No Canadian has ever been the Governor General of Canada, no Indian Governor-General of India.

Great Britain is having plenty of trouble keeping what it has, and rather than risk a revolt which would set up Australia as a completely independent nation all precedents have been broken.

POSTAGE

The Postmaster General wants to increase the rate of postage on letters from two cents to 2 1/2 cents each. Probably nobody would mind it very much. Nobody made a great fuss when we went to three-cent postage during the war. The main difficulty would be in making change.

The Post Office cost the taxpayers of the United States nearly one hundred million dollars last year. That is what we paid over and above postage stamp payments. More than half of the loss comes from carrying free mail matter for members of Congress and Government departments.

The cost of postal service ought to be paid by the people who use it. The business house that has a stamp bill of thousands of dollars a week is getting something for nothing from the taxpayer who writes only one letter a month. Moreover the business house is using the mail for purpose of business—that is to make money.

Christmas Dollar Goes Further This Year

Washington.—The Christmas dollar promises to go further this year than it has for thirteen or fourteen years.

In most places dad's necktie, Johnny's shirt, Mary's host and the family dinner will be cheaper.

Government statistics indicate that the average wholesale price for all commodities is the lowest since the spring of 1916.

Six months ago the average retail price for these commodities was the lowest since December, 1917. Figures on retail prices will not be computed again until February, but statisticians of the labor department point out that the trend has been downward since last summer.

Using 100 as the index number for prices prevailing in 1926, the wholesale price of all commodities dropped to 82.6 in October this year.

Figured another way, the 1926 dollar had a purchasing power of \$1.21 a few weeks ago. In October, 1929 the same dollar would buy only \$1.03 worth of goods.

Food, men and women's clothing, household furniture, fuel and lighting cost less. Surveys made by business bureaus in some of the larger cities show a drop of as much as 20 per cent. in retail prices since 1929.

The reduction in dresses is reported as ranging from 10 to 30 per cent., of fur coats from 50 to 30 per cent., of shoes from 3 to 33 per cent. and of hosiery from 15 to 30 per cent.

Men's suits and overcoats were said to have dropped in price from 9 to 20 per cent.

Poultry, beef, pork, lamb, potatoes, fresh fruits, coffee, sugar, butter and eggs range from 3 to 33 per cent. cheaper.

Government statisticians say that while retail prices of commodities cannot be forecast accurately, the prospect is that living costs will remain low throughout the winter.

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NOTICE—VALUABLE LAND FOR SALE

By virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Surry County, as Commissioner, I will sell at public auction in the town of Elkin, in front of the Elkin National Bank, on the 3rd day of January, 1931, at three o'clock P. M., the following real estate lying in Surry County, N. C. First tract adjoins the lands of John E. Childress and others being in the north part of what is known as Chatham Park and lying on the north side of a new street and fronting thereon 100 feet and of that width expanding back in a northerly course 200 feet, beginning at a stake 100 feet west of Chatham's line, the southwest corner of John E. Childress' lot and running thence a northerly course parallel to A. Chatham's line along John E. Childress' line 200 feet to a stake, then a westerly course parallel to said street 100 feet to a stake; thence a southerly course parallel to said Chatham's line 200 feet to a stake; thence an easterly course along said street 100 feet to the beginning, containing one-half acres, more or less.

Second tract: Adjoining Elkin Land Company and others, lying about one and one-half miles north from Elkin, N. C., on the south side of the Dobson road. Begins at a white oak, Bryan Gwyn's corner, and runs south 526 feet, more or less, to a stake in Hendrix line to a sourwood at the corner and continuing east 150 feet to a stake; then north on line between J. W. Willard and Calvin Harp 1089 feet, more or less to Dobson Road; thence in a southerly course with the meanderings of said road to the beginning, containing 13.03 acres, except one acre lot on which is situated the public school house for the colored people heretofore conveyed. This is known as the Mary Elizabeth Martin land and is sold for division. Terms of sale one-third cash, one-third in six months, remainder in 12 months.

This, the 21st day of November, 1930.

A. W. CRAVER,
Commissioner.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power contained in a deed of trust, executed by J. A. White and wife, Sarah White, dated the 22nd day of February, 1928, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, of Surry County, in book 84, page 316, to the undersigned trustee, default having been made in the payment of note secured by said deed of trust, and at the request of the holder of same, I will offer for sale at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the Elkin National Bank, on January 9th, 1931, at 3 o'clock, p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: Lying and being in Marsh Township; Beginning at a point in West side of old Little Richmond-Burch Station road, 10 feet east of small black oak and running thence through a small black and a tulip poplar; North 86 degrees west 639.7 to a stake in bank of fill on new sand clay road, running from Burch Station to Elkin; thence north 26 degrees west thence north 13 degrees east 114.5 feet to an apple tree stump on steep bank along a branch; thence with said branch north 67 degrees 30' east 231" to a point on branch; thence easterly 76" to a stake in branch street (Map of K. M. Allen, dated May 4, 1912); thence with branch street south 3 degrees 30' west 410" to a point on alley; thence south 86 degrees 39' east 510" to a point in west side of old Little Richmond-Burch Station road; thence with said road in southwest-erly direction 118" to the place of beginning and containing in all 3.45 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a stake 50 feet from center of Southern Railway Main Tract, runs south 18 degrees west 6.19 chains to the river; thence with said river North 50 degrees west 10 chains, north 38 degrees west 3 chains to mouth of branch; north 8.5 degrees east 5 chains to a stone; thence south 81.5 degrees east 5.28 chains to a poplar; south 11.5 degrees west 5.72 chains to a stone on south side of Southern Railway right of way; thence with said right of way 5.58 chains to the beginning. Containing 6.8 acres more or less.

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