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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. St. Matthew 7:21.

Stalin Speaks

Silent Joe Stalin, dictator of Russia and the several satellites in the Russian orbit, broke his silence last week to make an interesting foreign policy statement which, in spite of the lack of newness in the line of approach, furnished the big news of the weekend.

Hopeful citizens looked for a veiled invitation to negotiate a peace, similar to the veiled invitation prior to the lifting of the Berlin Blockade.

Others looked with interest at Stalin's statement that Russia had been following a policy of steady demobilization, which is in the category of a bold-faced lie.

Obviously, the United States is not likely to be fooled by this statement, and, if anything, the statement will further the policy of sending more troops to Europe.

In all likelihood, the Stalin statement will result in a strengthening of the anti-Russian bloc. Britain, which recognized Red China and has been somewhat mealy-mouthed in its policy, has formally replied to the Stalin speech with a note accusing Russia of obstructing all efforts to build peace in the world and prosperity in Western Europe.

Stalin's terms of peace, which would give the Chinese Reds all they've been asking for, would be a complete victory for Russia. It is hardly conceivable that these demands will be met.

The Korean situation, at the moment, seems well in hand, and it is just possible that the China Red government is not as happy with the situation as it was in November when its invading forces caught the United Nations battalions over-extended. Chinese losses, both to the military and the weather, have been severe.

If anything, the Stalin statement has further unified the anti-Communist nations, and has renewed the belief of free nations that the only language Stalin and Company understands is force.

Wilson's Problems

The walkout of Big Labor over the wage-freeze question is the first real crisis to be faced by Charles E. Wilson, the former president of General Electric company and now the top executive of the nation's economic mobilization program.

It is understood that when Mr. Wilson took the job, he demanded of President Truman full authority and full responsibility, and got it.

Now Big Labor, by its walkout over the question of how much percentage increase to allow in wages, throws in a hefty monkey-wrench. In addition to the immediate question, Big Labor is badly miffed because a top labor man is not running the manpower end of the economic program. The Big Union brass would have been very happy had Mr. Wilson been content to leave the matter to Secretary of Labor Tobin, and well they might, for Mr. Tobin loves Big Labor to the exclusion of all else.

Some may be inclined to side with Big Labor, agreeing with the union leaders' viewpoint that Mr. Wilson's staff is overly represented by men from Big Business. These are possibly forgetting that the tax laws now being drafted will take care of any of Big Business' undue profits.

Few will deny that Big Business generally, by virtue of heavy price increases since last June, can absorb certain wage increases. But too heavy a preponderance of wage increases will mean that the price freeze in other categories will have to be relaxed too. There inflation takes off again.

If Mr. Wilson handles this first crisis acceptably, he may very well be off to a successful administration.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1941 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The "Two Bit" club met Saturday night in Charles Goforth's basement. After a short business discussion, the boys enjoyed a weiner roast in Goforth's backyard.

The Kings Mountain School WPA Stadium project has been approved by officials in Washington according to a telegram received by councilman W. K. Mauney from Congressman Bulwinkle.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Honoring Miss Mary Norma Crook, April bride-elect, Mrs. A. H. Patterson and Miss Dorothy Patterson entertained on Friday evening at their home on Gaston street.
Mrs. H. E. Lynch entertained the Study Club and a few invited friends Tuesday afternoon.
Mrs. J. B. Falls of Vera's Beauty Shop attended a Hair Stylist meeting Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday in Charlotte.
Mrs. George F. Lattimore was hostess to her bridge club at her home on West Mountain street Tuesday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith were visitors in New York City during the weekend.

Member of the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. Isaac McGill Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Willie McGill as joint hostess.

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon
(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

Imagination

This piece is no blood kin to the popular song of the same name which, if I remember correctly, goes something like this: "Imagination, it thrills me, imagination, it chills me..."

But, come to think about it, the song is in order. There is no question but that imagination can be thrilling, or chilling. For instance, a man can imagine himself as becoming a captain of industry, or a merchant baron, or anyone of several seemingly desirable supermen. Or imagination can be chilling. Thus, one can foresee only the bad in the future, financial ruin, bodily harm, travail and trouble. The hypochondriac constantly worries his doctor about every pain. The results of a too-heavy dinner cause him to think that cancer has already arrived, and the indigestion makes him rush for a heart check-up. A sample of this type of imagination was suffered by a Kings Mountain lady recently. She was driving, alone, to Rock Hill and the day was dark and gray. Suddenly she remembered about the Nathan Corn escape and could almost see fearsome figures coming out of the woods along the road. Speed limits were unquestionably broken.

Thus imagination can be pretty wonderful, or it can be pretty damaging. Like almost everything else, from eating to work or play, temperance is the key.

At any rate, the faculty of imagination is rather imperative to living. It is rather imperative to filling up this column of space 52 Monday mornings each year, and, as anyone can plainly see, the quality of the result varies with the several degrees of imagination. When the imagination bucket is dry, the result is just as dry in direct proportion.

For the development of this imagination on imagination, I was counting on particular assistance from the dictionary man, only to find myself deep in a philosophical discussion, which, I am sure, was meant for the clientele trade in the dictionary department, not for a common newsman's consumption. To wit: "The power or faculty of the mind by which it conceives and forms ideas of things communicated to it by the organs of sense. Imagination, according to Reid, signifies a lively conception of objects of sight. It is distinguished from conception as a part from a whole."

Had enough? Well, there's more: "The business of conception, says Stewart, is to present us with an exact transcript of what we have felt or perceived. But we have also a power of modifying our conceptions, by combining the parts of different ones so as to form new wholes of our own creation. I shall employ the word imagination to express this power. I apprehend this to be the proper sense of the word, if imagination be the power which gives birth to the production of the poet and the painter."

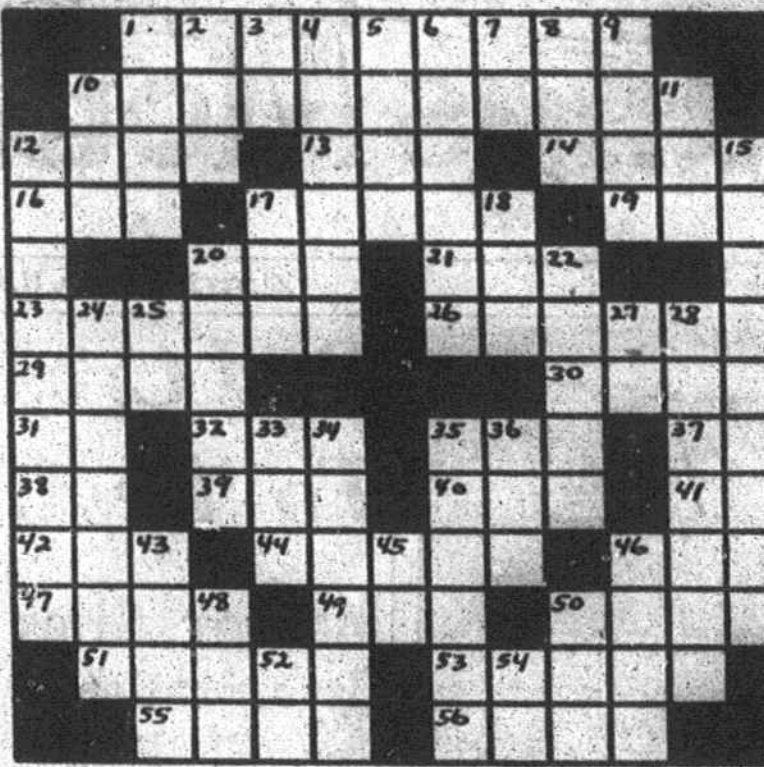
Pretty deep stuff, on that basis, is imagination, but it seems to there are sufficient definitions by example to properly define the faculty. Thus Mr. Bell's imagination led to the monthly telephone bill, and Mr. Edison's imagination led to the monthly light bill. Mr. Ford's mass production imagination led to the monthly car payment. But who would wish for the return of the oil lamp, the horse and buggy, or the pre-telephone days.

There are plenty of examples, too, of the unfortunate results of imagination. There was the ill-fated Hitler, who, while carrying himself into oblivion, took with him many innocent people around the globe. Most folks think we've a new model in Joe Stalin.

For the world, imagination is also a wonderful institution. It is now at work, through the scientists of the world, to ferret out the causes and cures of many dread diseases, and, though the principal emphasis seems to be use of atomic power for destruction, another batch of men are using their imagination to harness it for peaceful uses.

For the individual, imagination is imperative. He must plan his own progress, avoiding the pitfalls of day-dreaming, whereby he never takes any action to carry out his imagined improvements, and he must avoid the rose-colored glasses, whereby he fails to foresee the looming dangers of the new projects. Sometimes the dangers overshadow the potential gains. But we'd be in poor shape without imagination.

CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS
 1—Ancient military genius (poss.)
 10—Ancient Greek physician, known as "Father of Medicine"
 12—To lean
 13—Insect
 14—Another term for an historical achievement
 16—Elongated fish
 17—Pertaining to the feet
 18—Negative
 20—To feel undisposed
 21—Lair
 22—Italian city, rich in history
 26—The old Latin form for star
 29—Measure of length
 30—Is sorry for
 31—Southern U. S. state (abbrev.)
 32—To wander
 35—Prefix denoting "for"
 37—Division of the Bible (abbrev.)
 38—Exclamation
 39—Boin
 40—French article
 41—Greek letter
 42—To realize a profit
 43—Famed French novelist

DOWN
 1—A mound
 2—Lively
 3—Latin abbreviation meaning "unless before"
 4—Famous inventor of dynamite (abbrev.)
 5—Frozen
 6—Staff of life (plural)
 7—American Analogy (abbrev.)
 8—British abbreviation appearing at the end of firm names
 9—Observed
 10—To hasten
 11—Watery expanse
 12—Author of "Lays of a King" (poss.)
 15—Races founded by ancient kings
 17—A desert
 18—Permit
 20—Man involved in a famous romance in the early days of the Pilgrims
 22—Ancient Roman ruler (poss.)
 24—German city, scene of a prolonged siege during recent war (poss.)
 25—A paté (abbrev.)
 27—Chemical symbol for lutetium
 28—Former Belgian king
 33—A color
 34—German-English founder of a famous news agency
 35—One of the most famous ancient Grecian philosophers (poss.)
 36—In law, the thing
 43—Little children
 45—Par-rial nickname
 46—Disarranged printer's type
 48—Sorrow
 50—Skill
 52—Personal pronoun
 54—Three-toed sloth

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Other Editor's Viewpoints

ALAS, POOR CABOOSE

(Idaho Sunday Statesman)
Among other once common phenomena which are vanishing from the American scene, there are three in particular that cause us a genuine measure of regret. All have to do with railroads. One is the familiar smoke-piped caboose riding at the end of freight trains, and another is the whistle of a steam engine. The third is the abandonment of depots, as at Kuna and Horseshoe Bend.

The caboose, it appears, will soon give way to a fancy, up-to-date club car for the crew, who run the trains, made of aluminum, streamlined, and looking a great deal like any Pullman. All of which may be very satisfactory to the trainmen, interested as they naturally are in comfort on the road, but it will change things for inveterate train watchers.

Train whistles are another matter deserving of grave concern. The advent and increase of the Diesel engine has spelled the doom of the "iron horses," with all its puff and banhee scream. Instead, there is sleek power, and a honking horn . . .

How, for example, hearing the 10:15 come roaring in, with horn blaring, could any writer of folk songs wax lyrical? Could the lines have been made to read, "The people know, by the Diesel's moans, That the man at the throttle was Casey Jones." We reserve the right to doubt it. And as for depots? Where can a lot of small town folks go now, when for years they have been going down to the depot to see the train go by.

MONEY NOT EVERYTHING

(Christian Science Monitor)
To hear some people talk, you'd think that if they just got their hands on a dollar bill they wouldn't care where it came from. But when you see the way they act, well— In Memphis, Tennessee, the

other day, a young filling station employee lost a roll of bills containing \$132. He did not discover the loss until considerably later. Meanwhile the wind began blowing the money around, and people at a busy intersection began surprisedly picking up \$1, \$10 and \$20 bills.

A newspaper learned the story when Bill Minshew placed a classified advertisement about the money. Next day finders of the bills had returned \$131 of the \$132 to Bill. The missing \$1 may still be blowing around.

It reminds a person of the story told a while ago in the Reader's Digest about a blind veteran who operates a small restaurant in Charleston, S. C. He had asked a customer the denomination of a bill for which he was to make change.

"Do you ever have trouble with people giving you ones and saying they're fives?" the customer asked.
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