

This Week

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Revolution? No A Fight in Technocracy More Debt Talk One 6-Year Term

President Edward A. O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau federation startles you with this: "Unless something is done for the American farmer, we will have revolution in the country in less than twelve months."

And John A. Simpson, president of the Farmers' union, says: "The biggest and finest crop of revolutions you ever saw is sprouting all over this country right now."

Mr. Simpson says he has seen "revolutions against the courts."

This is the first real talk about revolution, and it is just as well to have it. That which is freely discussed rarely happens.

This country is too big for revolution, and too sensible. It would be foolish to shoot, when you have the ballot. Ballots should make bullets unnecessary, except among idiots.

But, there may be unpleasant rioting, and here and there farmers dominating a state, and controlling its legal machinery, may nullify the claims of those that have mortgages on farms.

Experts on technocracy in a fight have expelled the "grand high panjandrum" named Scott. That's a good deal like a fight among ghosts in a ghost story. There isn't any technocracy, only a foolish system of selfish industry, computed with utter recklessness, whose only thought is for profit. There is no limit to production, but every limit to distribution, based on lack of buying power. The present condition had to come, as a similar condition must come when a little boy eats more green apples than he can take care of. But it doesn't kill him, usually.

Cardinal Hayes, sailing for a short rest in the West Indies, utters a timely protest against Jeremiahs of technocracy, rebuking them for trying to frighten the people with a word.

The word will not frighten the wise, but it frightens many, including some men that ought to know better.

This country will once more talk over Europe's debts to Uncle Sam.

They owed and did not pay. America revised the debts, reducing all, canceling every dollar lent to France while the war was on. They promised solemnly to pay according to revision; now they default, and we proceed to talk it over again.

Some business friends have a saying, "He talks himself something in." Uncle Sam reverses it, and "Talks himself something out."

Neville Chamberlain, able Britisher, intimates that the British will force us to slash the debt by stopping importations from the United States.

Such threats are foolish, in view of the fact that this country could be completely self-supporting, whereas the British islands, as they learned in the war, would starve to death without foreign supplies.

Senator Pittman wanted a constitutional amendment limiting Presidents to one term of six years, no second term.

In favor of that idea, it is said that a President, as soon as he is elected, concentrates attention on a second term, instead of concentrating on the business of the hour.

There is another thing to consider.

With only one term, the President would have nothing more to expect from the people, whereas he might have a great deal to expect from corporations and special interests, treated kindly in his six years.

That would have no influence on some Presidents, but might have influence on others.

Lines that will appeal to many Americans, who thought they were rich and find they are not, appear in the diary of our old friend, Boswell, its first sixteen volumes now available. The sad Scotsman wrote:

"There have been many people who built castles in the air, but I believe I am the first that ever attempted to live in them."

Perhaps he was the first, but many thousands of Americans, with the "get-rich-quick mania," have also tried it. It cannot be done.

If your business has dropped off in our "little depression," it may, although it should not, comfort you to know that other businesses have their troubles.

For instance, the paid attendance at professional baseball games has fallen off one million five hundred thousand in two years.

This has temporarily reduced the value of home runs, but that value, like everything else, will come back.

Sing Sing reports "no depression." Industrial employment is increasing, sales are bigger, profits are growing in the state prison industries. That does not sound pleasant to men that are out of prison and out of work.

Paderewski says "machines destroy culture," and deplores "erazy production." He forgets that the piano, to which he owes his fame, is a machine, and very complicated. Without that machine, he would be playing the tontom or the banjo, and there would be no Paderewski.

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THE LIVING BUDDHA



The almost traditional figure of the Panchen Lama (or the living Buddha), has emerged from his seclusion in the fastnesses of his native Tibet and established the headquarters of his religion in the Tai-Ho Tien, the hall in Peiping where foreign envoys were received in the days of the Manchu dynasty. The above exclusive photograph is the first picture to be made of the man who rules over the religious fervor of approximately 500,000,000 people.

Legendary Vineta City Found in German Town

Berlin.—The legendary city of Vineta, which for centuries was believed to exist only in fiction, now, has been located by a German professor.

Prof. Dr. Adolf Hofmeister of the University of Griefswald claims to have discovered the mysterious city of Vineta, once the thriving port of a mighty Baltic kingdom.

The little town of Wollin in Pomerania, the German professor states, is the spot where the ancient legendary city once was located. He bases his assertion on old chronicles, just discovered by him.

According to these, Vineta once was ruled by an old Viking king. In 1100 it was destroyed by the Danes, against whom the Vikings were carrying on a bloody war. The city was famous for its marvelous architecture and streets. It even is said to have possessed a lighthouse, the only one believed to have been in existence in the Eleventh century. The real name of the city was Jumneta. By the mistake of a chronicler who wrote its history, the name was changed to Vineta.

Professor Hofmeister is firmly convinced he has found the remains of the legendary city in Wollin. An expedition now has gone there to carry out excavation works.

Rural Postmen to Feed Hungry Birds

Nature Lovers of Country Will Supply Grain.

Hartford, Conn.—Official co-operation of 40,000 rural-free-delivery postmen has been enlisted in a nation-wide "Feed the Birds" movement, with the full approval of the first assistant postmaster general in Washington. Nature lovers throughout the country will supply grain for "Mr. and Mrs. Hungry Bird," and the rural letter carriers will scatter it at places along their routes, where birds can find it.

The movement, under the leadership of Thomas H. Beck, chairman of the Connecticut state board of fisheries and game, is an effort to save the wild birds of the country from the starvation which threatens them as a result of the snow blanket now covering most of the northern and eastern states.

"The best bird food, under present conditions," says Mr. Beck, "is the grain known in feed stores as 'tailings and sweepings,' which can now be purchased in 100-pound bags at about a penny a pound, the lowest price in recent years. Any public spirited citizen who wishes to participate in this campaign to save the nation's bird life may purchase a bag of this grain and address it to 'Mr. and Mrs. Hungry Bird,' in care of Rural Carrier, R. F. D., with the number of one of the rural routes in their neighborhood. The rural carrier will then see that the grain is emptied in suitably sheltered spots where the birds can readily find it."

Packages of anywhere from five pounds upwards may be sent in this way, with the usual parcel postage attached.

In Connecticut, the movement is already assured of complete success, thanks to the leadership of 69 sportsmen's clubs. In other states, it will have the co-operation of the Boy Scout organizations, the 4-H clubs, the game clubs and members of the Audubon societies.

The leaders of the movement make

Learns to Fly by Selling Own Blood

Chattanooga, Tenn.—C. H. Franklin, who sold a pint of his own blood five years ago for his first flying lesson, finally has realized his ambition and has taken his first solo flight.

When a pre-medical student at the University of Alabama Franklin sold a pint of his blood for \$25 for a blood transfusion, and spent the money for his first flying lesson.

He has been taking flying lessons at various times since then.

NICARAGUA HAS ANOTHER RAILWAY OUTLET TO SEA

Opens Way for Products of Mountainous Interior.

Washington.—With the opening of a 17-mile railroad between San Jorge, on Lake Nicaragua, and San Juan del Sur, on the Pacific coast, Nicaragua now has a second rail outlet to the sea for coffee, cattle, sugar, and other products raised in its mountainous interior.

"The new line pierces the Continental divide at one of its lowest points and cuts diagonally across the route of the proposed Nicaragua canal," says a bulletin from the National Geographic society. "At its narrowest point this strip of land between Lake Nicaragua and the Pacific is about 14 miles wide. The railway parallels the route of a stage-coach line that in 1849 carried hundreds of prospectors to the California gold rush."

"Nicaragua also has come into world news lately with the gradual withdrawal of forces of American marines, who have been maintaining law and order in the former revolution-torn nation."

"Nicaragua is the largest of the Central American republics and many acclaim it the most beautiful. It has vast forests of precious woods, untold resources of valuable minerals and soil so fertile that it has been said, 'If you tickle the ground with a hoe it smiles back with a yam.'"

"After a century of almost perpetual civil war Nicaragua has settled down to comparative peace in recent years and already has begun to reap the dividends in amazing progress toward prosperity."

Has Lacked Atlantic Doorway.

"The country has about the same area as New York state, but its total population is only a little larger than that of Pittsburgh, Pa. It has two mountain ridges which nearly inclose the 'Great Lakes of Central America,' Lakes Nicaragua and Managua. There is also another railway line connecting its three chief cities—Managua, the capital, Leon and Granada—with the Pacific port of Corinto."

"A glance at a Central America map tells the story of Nicaragua's backwardness in bygone years. Costa Rica, to the south, and Honduras, to the north, are accessible from the Atlantic ocean; all of Nicaragua's important cities are near the Pacific, although they stand on the long Atlantic watershed. At the foot of the mountains lie her lakes, but she presents to the Caribbean a very unprepossessing 'back yard,' with the world's

Routing Reds at Roosevelt's Home

Policemen wading into the mob of 2,000 Communists who attempted to storm the New York city home of President-Elect Roosevelt while the nation's sixth head conferred with congressional leaders. The Reds bore placards proclaiming demands for jobs and relief,

U. S. Confiscates Planes of Border Alien Runners

Seattle.—For years your federal government has been confiscating automobiles used by smugglers and others, but not until recently—in the Northwest, at least—has Uncle Sam confiscated airplanes on the count of smuggling. Two airplanes, belonging to Van Bendsil and Alfred Waterbury, were ordered forfeited, following trial of the men for smuggling aliens from Canada to the United States. Each machine was valued at \$1,500.

Coons Hunt Hunters

Tracer, Iowa.—The coons are hunting the hunters in these parts, John Cochrane, farmer, heard a strange noise outside his house. Investigation revealed two large raccoons in the dooryard. He and his dog captured the animals, the larger of which weighed close to 35 pounds.

Passenger in Pilotless Plane Lands It Safely

Chico, Calif.—Elmer Scott, assistant fire chief, is no airplane pilot, but when he found himself in the air without Pilot Billy Weischke, he grabbed the controls and landed the plane safely. Scott was sitting in the cockpit and Weischke had just whirled the propeller when the plane took off. Scott maneuvered the ship over a grove of trees and power lines and landed it without mishap in a field a mile away. It was his second trip in the air.

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"Today, with Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle to tap her markets, Nicaragua's Pacific frontage is a blessing. But yesterday, when the Atlantic ports of North America and Europe were doing the world's shipping, she was severely handicapped."

Named for Indians.

"Curiously, too, her Mosquito coast was appropriately named by error. The appellation was not intended for the insect, which abounds there, but is a corruption of the name of the 6,000 Indians, the Misskitos, whose descendants make up most of the population of the region."

"The country's northernmost Caribbean headland, Cape Gracias a Dios, is a headline of geography. Columbus explored the Central American coast on his last voyage and, cruising east from Cape Honduras, was compelled to take shelter from a storm at a point where the coast abruptly turns to the south. He named the cape 'Thanks to God' and took possession of the country for Spain."

"That was in 1502. A century before the Mayflower touched at Plymouth Rock, the Spaniards were established along the lake region in far western Nicaragua, despite unwelcome volcanic outbursts. The most sensational single eruption, however, occurred within a century from our day—when Cosequina blew off its head in 1835. For days a black pall obscured the sun, dust blanketed the fields and forests, and animals died by the thousands, succumbing to thirst and hunger."

"At the foot of Mount Masaya is a lake of that name, and near the lake is the little town of Masaya. Were it not so remote one might suspect the writer of a once popular American song had stolen the cry of the women fruit vendors who drone: 'I have oranges, papayas, jocotes. Melons of water, of gold, and zapotes. Will you buy?'"

"But Nicaragua also has bananas—she exports between a million and two million dollars' worth yearly. Only one other crop nets her more. It is coffee."

"Nothing in Bible About It" Refuse to Pay Tax

Lancaster, Pa.—Because "there is nothing in the Bible that says women should pay taxes," wives of Warwick township farmers refuse to pay per capita levies until forced by liens.

This was revealed by Jacob G. Conrad, township tax collector, and W. T. Wabls, state tax collector, after they filed liens against the properties of four women.

Thereupon the women paid the \$4.20 per capita tax, and an additional \$2.40 each for costs.

Conrad explained there is a strong faction of Mennonite farmers in the township, headed by Christian Landis, which fights continually against payment of taxes by women.

"They claim," said Conrad, "that the Constitution of the United States is based on the Bible, and that nowhere in the Bible can they find any record of any woman having to pay taxes."

"This group will not pay until forced to do so, as a matter of principle."

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for February 12

JESUS TEACHING BY PARABLES—FOUR KINDS OF HEARERS

LESSON TEXT—Mark 4:1-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—Herein is my Father glorified, that ye hear much fruit: so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Story Jesus Told.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Right Way to Hear.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How to Hear.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Fruitful Christian Living.

In order to understand why Christ at this time began teaching in parables, we must consider the nature of the hour in his ministry. Opposition to him was becoming more definite and hostile. The parabolic method was not employed by Jesus until the rulers had set their hearts against him. When in the light of his wonderful works they turned against him and attributed his works to the devil (Mark 3:22), he denounced them in scathing terms and began to teach in parables in fulfillment of Isaiah 6:10.

A great multitude gathered to hear him at the seaside (v. 1), so that in order to escape the pressure of the crowd he was obliged to enter a boat. From the boat as a pulpit, he taught many things in parables. In the parable now under consideration, the sower and the seed are the same in all instances, but the results are entirely different. The difference lies in the condition of the soil. The central purpose of the teaching of this parable is to show that the results of preaching the Word of God depend upon the condition of the human heart.

I. The Wayside (vv. 4, 15).

The wayside means not the road but the tract between the fields beaten down by the hoofs of animals and the feet of men. Because the soil was unbroken and uncultivated the seed could not get underneath the surface, and therefore was devoured by the fowls that came along (v. 4). The great truth taught here is that the heart unbroken and hard is not fit soil for the gospel. Such a heart it penetrates not, but lies loosely upon its surface. The gospel is not given recognition by such hearts as God's means for restoring them unto himself. Because of this condition the evil one finds some way to snatch away the truth (v. 15).

II. The Stony Ground (vv. 5, 6, 10, 17).

This means not stones mixed with soil, but stones with a thin layer of soil on top of them. With such condition the seed springs up quickly and likewise scorches quickly because it has no depth of earth. The great lesson is that hearts superficially impressed receive the word with joy, but when affliction or persecution arises, for the word's sake immediately they are offended. They wither away and die.

III. The Thorny Ground (vv. 7, 18, 19).

In this case the ground is good but has thorns in it. It is mellow enough and has sufficient depth but has not been cleared of the thorns. Such really hear the Word, but "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful" (v. 19). The thorny ground hearers of this world are those:

1. Who are so immersed in worldliness, business and anxious cares that the good seed cannot come to fruition.

2. Who are rich. Anxious care in business brings riches and the effect of riches is to blunt the spiritual perception of men and women, thereby rendering them unsusceptible to God's call to higher things in life.

3. Who are running after the pleasures of life. Many of the enjoyments of the world may be innocent in themselves but they attract so much attention and consume so much energy and time that Bible reading, meditation, and prayer are crowded out. "These things choke the Word."

IV. The Good Ground (vv. 8, 20).

This ground is different from all the rest. It is soft and mellow, and deep and moist. Therefore, it is capable of bringing forth fruit—some one hundred, some sixty, and some thirtyfold. This indicates that even the good ground, the honest hearers, gives forth different degrees of fruitfulness. In the measure that the heart is kept free from worldliness, riches, and pleasures, the good seed matures.

Continuing Love

One cannot think that any holy earthly love will cease, when we shall be like the angels of God in heaven. Love here must shadow our love there, deeper because spiritual.

Trust in God

God will not take away our immortality, because we have so little enjoyed the hope of it. Rest your head, childlike, on the one visible arm of the Paternal Deity, though you cannot see distinctly where the other and outstretched arm is pointing. That lends not wrong.—W. Smith.

The Sabbath

I feel as if God had, by giving the Sabbath, given fifty-two springs in every year.—S. T. Coleridge.

WITTY KITTY

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM



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