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The Second Revolution Has Begun

THE first issue of The New World, almost four years ago, announced that what had happened to disturb the world was a plutocratic revolution. The banking classes had taken charge of industry in place of the merchant class, or capitalist class, and there had to be a settling to new conditions.

It will be remembered that just preceding the war there had been a closing down of stock markets all over the world, showing a collapse of what had been known as the capitalist system.

There are still some, especially such as imagine that Marx had the last word on socialism, who fail to see the plutocratic revolution. But most admit it now. The extent to which it has gone is illustrated by some figures recently made public.

National debts of the world have been increased from forty billion dollars to two hundred and sixty billions. This amounts to \$180.00 for every man, woman and child on earth. It excludes state and county indebtedness, also the issuance of industrial stocks and bonds, which probably exceeds the other item, perhaps amounting to twice as much. This calls, not for profits, but for interest. The obligation is placed, not on chance, but on the power of the peoples' governments to levy tribute on the people. It is therefore plutocratic rather than capitalistic in form.

Now, The New World announces the second revolution is on. It has referred to at many times, yet to the present as being future instead of here. The foreclosing of plutocracy on Europe, together with a contraction of the currency, is no longer a theory, but a fact. The people were made aware of it only recently when Mark O. Prentice, chairman of the board of directors of the Bankers' Foreign Credit Clearance House, said:

"The nations of Europe are now trying to devise some form of promise to pay that really partakes of the character

of RECEIVERSHIP CERTIFICATES."

A little later they were informed that America was shipping an average of a million dollars worth of gold to Europe every day. This of course, means a contraction of the currency here.

Mr. Prentice clearly knew what he was talking about when he said: "The financial structure of the world, as we have known it in the past will be **TOTALLY DESTROYED.**" Again: "The money of many foreign countries will be **ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT VALUE** in world exchange."

It was an inverted pyramid that plutocracy built. Each individual in the world has within a few years been placed

"The Destroyers of the Earth will God Destroy."

under debt, which he had no part in contracting, to the amount of nearly \$500. Yet most of the people of the world receive less than \$200 per year for the family. It is no wonder, in view of this condition, that Frank S. Vanderlip, financial expert of New York, recently announced that a panic is coming and that the starvation of millions is imminent. It can't be otherwise. Plutocracy as such, has already crumbled. It is necessary, if the hold of the exploiters of industry is to be maintained, that a new revolution be put through.

It now appears that matters have been moving toward this end for some time. Paper money, consisting chiefly of bank notes, have been issued to the total of something like sixty billion dollars. This is expansion of the currency with a vengeance. But it chiefly is bank money, representing the hold plutocracy is getting on the world. It is the national money that is depreciating. German marks

are listed, now, at a twentieth of their face value. The French franc is down 60 per cent; Italian liras, 65 per cent. Even the English pound, a gold piece, has experienced a drop of 37 per cent in its face value.

And now, the bankers are dealing with European nations, which acknowledge themselves to be bankrupt, with a view to settling on a basis of **RECEIVERSHIP CERTIFICATES.**

This means the most tremendous revolution that the world has ever known. The soviet revolution of Europe was not to be compared to it. Perhaps it will prove but a part of it. More than half of Europe foreclosed on by the banks! Open admission that such is the case! This is not only the creation of a world plutocracy that is supreme; it is also an acknowledgment of the dominance of plutocracy over political government. Plutocracy was created by revolutionary conditions that came with the war. This which plutocracy is supreme. America new move establishes a feudalism in enabled Europe to escape the old feudalism. America is establishing the new and harsher feudalism on the whole world.

Nor will America escape the consequences of the new revolution. For some time one after another of her liberties have been taken from her. Already you can begin to see the establishment of government by commissions, the fixing of terms upon labor, the establishment of real feudalism. Many have thought that the soviet of labor was to destroy political government. From the start I have said that the business soviet would do far more in that line than the workers' soviet; though both are working, unconsciously, toward the same end. The state is being as completely destroyed, except as a figurehead, as it was under the old feudalism. This is the biggest news of the day. And few papers mention it!

Two Dreams and Their Lessons

I DREAMED on the night of February 16, 1920, that with a party of subscribers I was going by automobile over a steep mountain road. The roadbed was firm and smooth but ran by great cliffs and chasms. Finally, we entered a long rock tunnel; but that was light. At length, in this tunnel, we came to the end of the road, I got out and discovered a narrow passage that led to a great cave in the heart of the mountain, where many were. The word sanctuary came to me. We were told to leave our property and enter, that all would be restored to us when we had need of it.

I waked and slept and dreamed again. The same party was traveling on a valley road, and we came to a place where a bridge was out in the railway. We stopped and saw a train approach and flagged it. It halted on the brink of the breach and backed away. Then a work train came, with a freight car, prepared and fitted as a bridge span, at the head. It was backed over the chasm and caught perfectly. We helped the helpers on the train, and it was soon bolted into place and trains passed over it in safety.

We are all in the same condition. There is no turning back. The road may be dangerous, yet it is good to us, and has been prepared by Deity and wise spirits. It may reach a tunnel, but the tunnel will be light. It may apparently end, but there will be a narrow way on. This is personal.

Again, there may be a chasm ahead, which mere man cannot pass. But preparation has been made to bridge this chasm. We may help. And, when all is adjusted, all shall be safe again. This is for the world.

To you is given the message to deliver, Are you doing your best in this supreme crisis? Here are two special offers: 1st, Five six months subscriptions and a copy of Jesus and Barabbas for \$2.00. 2d, Eight 2 months trial subs for only ONE DOLLAR! Get orders for these in EARLY, by March 15, or we may not print enough to supply you.

David Winker, Kansas: My paper has not come yet, and I miss it awful bad. I am getting hungry for it.

Doris E. Myers, Ohio, renewing: Keep the paper coming as there is none better, and the truth shall make them free.

I. S. Wilson: I have just read Hamlet in Heaven, loaned me by a friend. I think it is wonderful. I still enjoy the paper very much.

Mrs. Viola Vestal, Missouri: Enclosed find check for another year's subscription. I don't want to miss a number and am glad to pay the new price.

Jack Billings, Texas: I would be proud to meet you and talk of the future. Your paper remains very interesting. May you live long and accomplish much good.

H. L. Connerly, Kansas: Enclosed find check for one dollar, renewal for my father. He likes the paper fine, and does not wish to miss a copy. I am in love with it myself.

Peter Dickson, Oklahoma: Find enclosed dollar for a year's subscription. I saw a copy of the paper, and read all its contents. I like it so much that I want to read it all the time.

Fred C. Chase, Nebraska: Find enclosed a check for \$2, for sub cards and a copy of Jesus and Barabbas, the only one of your books that I do not already have. Nothing beats The New World,

G. J. Abenroth, Montana: Enclosed find renewal. Please do not fail to send the February number. I could not come across sooner on account of sickness. Your friend in the fight for the new day.

Frank E. Cyr, California: Find enclosed \$1.50 for another sub for The New World and a few extra copies of the last number. I already get your paper, but want this extra sub to pass along to friends. With best wishes for a greater work this new year.

Byron Smith, Missouri, renewing: I cannot agree with you in all your ideas but such publications as yours are needed. I am a believer in phrenology, and think the shape of the skull determines character to a large extent. We can modify, but a leopard cannot change his spots.

Sarah Kinney, Alabama: I have been a reader of The New World almost from the first, but my eyes are getting so bad I cannot see to read its interesting columns. I am sending to each of my daughters a year's subscription, and they can read to me. Ever your friend and well wisher.

Joseph Kossman, Missouri: I don't know how much I am in arrears on my paper, but I am enclosing \$2, and will soon catch up. I am pleased with The New World, especially the last number. I read Mr. Stead's spirit comments with

interest. I knew of him before he went on the Titanic and changed voyage in midocean. I am longing for the coming of the two worlds into closer relationship, so we shall no longer have to go to mediums. I do not care to stay in the A B C class any longer to entertain narrow minds with table moving and silly questions. If you get anything new relative to a mechanical device, let me know.

W. E. Holmes, Kansas, after sending 50 cents for renewal, sends 50 cents more with this word: I sent the 50 cents before hearing of the advance to \$1 a year. I do not wish to take advantage of that, and, appreciating as I do the good work you are doing for the little pay you get, I gladly enclose 50 cents more for the year's sub. Lovingly.

J. L. Kramer, Pennsylvania: Thanks for reminding me of my delinquency. Enclosed find material to insure me The New World for another year. Great things have happened, but greater far, and more surprising things are in the incubator. There is unrest, great nervousness without knowledge of what it means, a feeling of impending disaster, all of which is straight to the line of "as ye sow so shall ye reap." Only a spiritual awakening can save civilization. Great wrongs invite great convulsions and great retribution.

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The World Is Getting On Famously

LET US LOOK at the bright side of the situation. The prospect was never so bright as now.

But the brightness does not consist in a fancy that we may escape the ending of the ages amid great calamities.

Thinking good and planning good may help the individual and community, but they will have no more effect in stopping the advance of the world winter than they will have in preventing the coming of snow in its season.

The brightness comes from the fact that we **MUST** go through the change, not in the fatuous belief that we may avert it.

IF WE COULD avert the complete change, we would have new centuries of wars and storms and drouths and pestilences.

New centuries of struggle to exist; new fights for human rights that are never really won; new madness of the masters.

People would still suffer and die; deceive and be deceived; kill and be killed.

He who hopes for anything short of a new earth has no vision of real good, no hope that is worthy the name.

THE REAL HOPE lies in the evidence, rapidly multiplying, that the old institutions of exploitation are surely going to pieces.

More than all, it rests on the increasing evidence that the wrecked world on which we live is to be completely set aside.

That a literal new world will be built upon the foundation already laid, from material soon to be visible, favorable for rightness.

WHAT if the work does involve danger and difficulty?

"These light afflictions here, enduring only for the moment, work for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

The thicker they come, the more complete the destruction of the old is, the greater and brighter will be the hope before.

WE ARE REALLY getting along famously. We can begin to see results.

"He must reign till he hath put down all rule and all authority and all power. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."

This means that all we may lose now we shall more than regain in the future. Measuring the cycle we are closing by

This month lineotype men combined and quadrupled prices. We must now pay \$3.50 an hour for the work. Our rent was also raised \$10 per month during February. It is all logical to the situation, was all anticipated, and I am not complaining. Even this shows progress, and is therefore, if rightly viewed, encouraging. But what am I to do? And what are you going to do about it?

A Texas friend was so pleased with "Some Accomplishments of Plutocracy" in the January number that she ordered 100 extra copies to distribute--after the edition was exhausted. Let us make the April number a big issue of 5000 extra papers. A special price be made of 20 for 50c or 45 for \$1.00, to one address, if orders are in by March 15. I will not agree to supply orders that come in later or to continue the price.

smaller cycles, we are now at about the hour of ten o'clock at night.

Measured by the year, we are near the middle of December of the world winter.

Measured by the lunar month, we can date the period about the 10th or 12th.

THAT is good progress. And we are yet alive. Less than a fourth of men have died so far.

We are getting along splendidly. There is every reason for hope.

As we go along we are seeing the biggest show that ever fell under the eye of man.

Then, every day, every week, every month we are getting nearer the "top" of the crisis. Soon we shall go over the top.

Every year brings us nearer to the glory of the good that all the world's sages and seers have expected looking longingly for.

BUT YOU SAY, you don't know whether you are going to get through it. You are uneasy about your children.

Bless your heart, you can't help but go through it. Neither can your children.

Yet you say, they may suffer; they may die. Surely.

"That day shall try every man's work by FIRE. If any man build of wood, hay, stubble, it shall be BURNED UP.

"Yet he himself shall be saved--by fire"

No difference how much you may accumulate no man is going to take any property out of this.

The world will have to learn new values. When it does learn new values, then all may have abundance even in life, and evermore.

Your children, in the new, good earth to be will inherit more a thousand fold than you could possibly give them, though it were millions.

YOU YOURSELF shall find the thing that you desire. Lost youth. Good health. Old time friends and mother, brother and sister.

Peace of mind. Joy unspeakable and full of glory.

A chance to do and be the thing that you have long wished to do and be.

It is not far from you now. Just a few more years. Get the right mental attitude of faith and hope in this period of supreme crisis.

Then you will see that the night progresses towards day, the winter towards summer, the trial towards splendid victory.

Oh, we are doing well. The Revelator well called the proclamation of world judgment a gospel--good news,

The Other Man's Viewpoint

Let us try to get the viewpoint of the other person. Each probably believes he is working in the interest of the people of the world.

Those in charge of affairs, let us assume, feel the responsibility upon them, and, knowing nothing except the methods employed of old, believe it necessary to force everything to their plans, that "backward peoples" and mere workers be devoured that the choicer people may live.

They are barbaric, of course, and their methods will wreck civilization, but it is the best they know.

The socialist wonders why all cannot get his vision, and, as far as he knows, seeks to force them to it.

He fails of course, to take into consideration the animal or spirit or God—anything but man—and therefore has a crude conception of a free world. But he thinks his vision splendid, and is mad for its adoption.

The metaphysician knows the real power of thought and sentiment in life, hence depends on the proven, inadequate idea of persuading men to be good and high-minded.

He fails to consider the effect of a

wrecked earth on human conduct, or whether the Christian plan does not involve the setting aside of most of the things he favors.

Because of their incompleteness, all human plans must fail. They may all be sincerely held. But if they succeeded, while God's plan failed, they would only retard the coming good about which all dream.

Politics Means Nothing

They are springing candidate after candidate on the people, but workers fail to enthuse for any.

They even offer to start a third party, and pick the candidate for that. But the workers wonder why their efforts at self expression are suppressed.

Bryan killed one third party, and Roosevelt another. Now they are willing to start another third party—providing they can control it.

But it is all useless. Politics means nothing any more. Under feudalism it never does, except for the masters of industry.

History is vaudeville—foolishness to make people laugh.

Plutocracy's Near Collapse

Plutocracy nearly overdid it. Unless it can add feudalism, it must collapse now.

It discredited national money, and put its own notes in its place. But the people went to barter without money.

Russia's government saw the humor of it, and issued 38 billions in notes. Promises to pay, even by the banks, have become jokes because of overdoing them. Contraction of the currency has to come.

Of course plutocracy may prolong its life through establishment of feudalism. And this establishment is now on.

But if four years saw its end as mere plutocracy, how long will it last, plus?

The Joke of the Crisis

Oh, the pitiful joke of the situation! They deport and jail people suspected of bolshevik tendencies in America, but quit warring the Russian soviets for the sake of trade.

Except for trade with soviet Russia, plutocracy has got itself in so bad that it would crumble tomorrow.

It establishes the business soviet here, while smashing the labor soviet.

Knowing the logical end of its plea, it still insists on its pound of flesh.

Organizing Communities for Freeing Financial Control

IDEAS are promoted by conditions more than they are by agitation. This is why I am so sure that certain ideas, with little to promote them in an agitational way, are sure to come to dominance in the future. People can't help but think of them, when the time comes. Happy will be the man who has thought them out in advance, so that he may guide and instruct when others begin feeling after the new truth.

Robert Owen, the socialist, suggested the labor check as a means of keeping accounts. The idea was enlarged by Bellamy, a later socialist, in suggesting a mere cancelling of obligations through the passing of paper from one to another. A few socialists talked the labor check. It remained for the banker—the plutocrat—to develop the idea to the point where it became universal. He brought forth, not the labor check, but the bank check. He also developed the idea of bank clearances. These two devices have become such factors in practical affairs that perhaps nine-tenths of the business of the world is now done without the passage of actual money,—either by check or by clearances, or a balance of operations.

In private hands, this means that the banks have, in effect, their own money, which has become a greater factor in

commerce than has the money of the nations. It is one of the factors that has put the world under control of the banks, or brought plutocracy into dominance.

But the devices, used in a public way, may be just as efficacious in freeing the people from private rule and profit as they now are in tying them to these things. No community can issue money, just as no individual can do it. But just as the banks avoid the laws against counterfeiting, so may the communities also do the same thing through community checks and community clearances. In doing it they will free themselves of the burden of private control of accounts and of profits.

But they cannot do this until the present control of industry shall have so far ended national life as to have brought universal collapse. In the crisis that makes drastic action necessary in order to save people from the starvation that has already overtaken Austria, the banks themselves, the business soviet and the proletarian soviet, will have shown the way for freedom through community organization that shall include, not wage workers alone, but all the people, employing democracy in the town meeting, and establishing barter on a new and scientific basis. Europe is already finding a return to barter logical; only, it

does not know yet how to do the work in the simple method of community checks and clearances, and suffers from the lack of knowledge.

Please get my points clearly. I say that plutocracy will inevitably destroy itself and drag national life to ruin with it. I say that the wise will not plan to hasten, and will also be powerless to avert, this result. I declare that forces now at work are the blind sensings of the coming need which may, with simple changes, when the time comes, suggest the means that will enable the people to live in the chaos to which exploitation is reducing the world. Both the proletarian and the business soviet, which, between them, are already superceding political government the world around, will then have suggested the line of defence against famine, but it will differ from both in that it will include both, without the idea of personal gain at the expense of the community in any person. Plutocracy will then, have suggested the medium of exchange which may be used for freeing the people, that is, the community check and community clearance, but it will differ from the method now being employed in that it will then be employed as a community tool rather than a private weapon against the producers of wealth.

The Church Prepares for Feudalism

NEVER was there such activity among religious people as today.

The activity doubtless exceeds that of Jesus' day, when he declared that the Jews would compass land and sea to make a convert. But with all the activity, organization in religious lines is breaking down, as it is in every line. Nothing can prevent the coming in of the new.

A friend sends me a long article on the "Centenary World Rebuilding Program" by its founder, Earl Taylor. From him I quote some facts about it. The various churches have already raised half a billion dollars for the purpose of carrying on the work. The first work is to conduct social surveys. Every city of 5,000 in America is to be covered by these surveys. Besides, all nations are to be covered, in a less complete way. The social survey is to reveal the field and the religious plants for occupying the field. Then, the churches are to make big efforts to cover their territory. This "covering of the territory" will cost, without doubt, five billions more. The question naturally arises, where is this big amount to be had?

Of course there will be "drives" on the membership. But the bulk of this money is expected to come from business men. This is made clear in Mr. Taylor's figures of 800,000,000 in Asia who are not buying our goods, while America sells to less than 125,000,000 all told. It is, therefore in the last analysis a business proposition, by a Wall Street man, and there will doubtless be plenty of money for carrying it out.

In contrast with this, there is another movement for community religious self-help that is not so pretentious, yet is gaining considerable headway. It, too, begins with the social survey. But, having obtained the facts, it aims to simplify and cheapen the service.

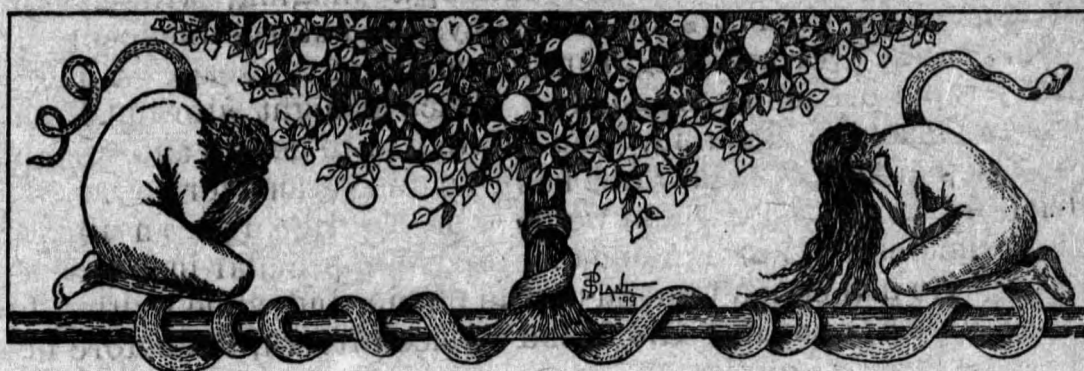
This movement combines various churches into one or a few. It drops doctrinal questions and denominational names. It works without membership, considering its field to supply religious teaching, comfort and sympathy to all. I am unable to say just how extensive this movement is, but it is strong enough to create consternation among religious organizations.

This last has in it the basis of the new religious aspect of things that will come when the big machine collapses, and communities are compelled to rely on themselves to keep from starving. It will then be a part of the community organization, that includes beside this, the employment of all, minors and adults alike.

As a religious factor, dealing particularly with this branch of the work, it will watch out for the sick; care for the dead; instruct in all religious facts; aid to spirit and spiritual experience; and supply all the people regardless of their beliefs, with what might be termed religious consolation and service. This can be done at a fraction of present expense, and much more effectively than is done at present. The effort to convert will be at an end. Instead of that, emphasis will be placed on experiment and exper-

ience. What this will mean is more fully explained in my book "Old Religions Made New." The church will pass in the community religious school.

That the new movement is already in existence means a preparation in nature for the crisis that is surely approaching. When the time comes it will not fail to so modify its work as to become effective for complete religious service, for the first time that has ever been given, because then, sentiment will be strongly for it because of the urgent need.



"The Foolishness of Preaching"

THERE has never been a time when there was so much propaganda as now. It is charged that the workers are sowing the seed; but the controllers of industry are doing far more in this line. Even the churches are carrying on a work of propaganda such as they never did before. It seems to exceed the thing that Jesus commented on: "They compass land and sea to make a convert."

The sowing of seed at the proper season produces results. At year endings or at age endings it might well be termed "the foolishness of preaching." It is tiresome, not only in the church, but also on the soap box and in the daily press. It does not have much effect against natural tendencies, against the ripening of seed sown in the past, against seasonal falling away."

The spread of spiritualism is attracting much preaching from the church. Spiritists themselves make much of their doctrines. Both should understand that these things are not matters for discussion, of explaining, so much as they are data to experiment with until truth that may be applied is ascertained. Talk about them, just as talk about the experience of God, sometimes called "experimental religion," is chiefly "foolishness of preaching."

When the basic facts are ascertained, teaching may have its place. It may be foolishness to speculate about electricity; but one may teach the laws of electricity. It is the "foolishness of preaching" to seek to propagate, at age endings, the theories of socialism, of merchant or cadital control, of church isms

or of spirit communion. At the same time it may be very much to the point to teach how to light your house with electricity; how to experience religion apart from your doctrine, by it yet in spite of it; how to commune with the departed on purely mechanical lines; how to save yourself when the old system of overgrown distribution falls to pieces of its own weight. It is this "foolishness of preaching" that may save in the time of trouble.

The method is foolish. It is helpful only when it comes to concrete knowledge, knowledge for application to a crisis then at parhelion.

Old English Spring (Folk) Song

Summer is y—comen in,
Loudly sing Cuckoo!
Groweth seed and bloometh mead,
And buddeth wood anew.
Cuckoo!

Ewe she bleateth after lamb,
Loweth after calf the cow;
Bull he starteth, lamb doth gambol,
Merry sing, Cuckoo!
Cuckoo!

Rest Your Case and Wait

Don't interrupt the court. Managers of industry, rulers and judges are all on trial before the Judge of the whole earth. The more they demonstrate their mismanagement of affairs, now, the more sure you may be that they will be convicted on their own testimony. The verdict becomes certain.

A Machine That "Sings"

SOMETIME ago I mentioned that Wallace A. Clemmons, the wireless operator, was doing some experimenting in The New World office looking to mechanical communication with the spirit realms. He has been hindered by lack of time, lack of equipment and personal illness. But we feel that his work has not been wholly without results. He has made a delicate instrument, connected with a storage battery, capable of responding with sounds of the Morse alphabet if touched by even slight pressure. This has been left in the office. We have not received definite letters, unless the breaks coming about five times as fast as sent in practical work, and too fast to be read, can have been that. But frequently the "machine" sets up a "singing," without being touched or jarred, stops, begins again, then lays silent for days, and starts unexpectedly again. Sometimes the tone will change over and over, running much of the scale. Sometimes there are definite but very rapid breaks in the sound. Twice at night wife and I have been awakened at night by the machine "singing," and I have had to get up and turn off the "juice" in order to get to sleep at all. The machine has remained silent for hours and then begun vibrating when visitors were present; and we have heard it going from up stairs, when no one was near.

Incidentally, Mr. Clemmons reports a peculiar incident that recently occurred with him. He had called Central on the phone, and while waiting for the number very distinct Morse letters cut in. His friend's voice interrupted before he could get the message.

Aristocracy of the "Saved"

"He shall save the people."

THE Christian Church has been putting on airs, just as the Jewish church did before it. It has assumed that it is to be "saved" and rule the earth. Even Russelites predicate everything on "the little flock."

While there was a promise to the Jews—that they should sire the Messiah—and a promise to the Christian—that he should carry the offer of an election of grace to all the world—the work of neither was to be served or to rule in the old conception of the term. They were merely given opportunity to serve—to save rather than to be saved.

The believer who went through life with a conception of loyalty to organization or creed, or even with the thought that he might "enjoy" religion through conscious development of the spiritual graces, missed the whole purpose of his calling. He who exults that "he shall wear a crown" or that he shall "cast his golden crown before the mercy seat," does not understand the work ahead.

"The rulers of the earth exercise lordship over you," said Jesus, "but so shall it not be with you. He that is greatest among you shall be servant of all." While a little company has been selected from among human beings to rule the earth, in the Kingdom of Heaven that is to supercede all purely man-rule, it is not that they may be considered somedies, but only that they may manage affairs so as to give justice and oppor-

tunity to all, utterly banishing aristocracy and class distinctions. He who after spiritually aligning himself with the Disciples of sensible administration of affairs is preparing himself better for the work before than is he who affects saintship and an aristocracy of the "saved." Indeed, it is of the latter, doubtless, that the returning Lord shall say, "I never knew you."

The Christian church has almost put itself out of it, as the Jewish church did before it, by its assumption of superiority, and its efforts to make people serve it instead of serving the people. Nowhere in the bible is it said that Jesus came to save people from hell. Everywhere it is clear that his mission was to save the people from oppression and from the bad environment of a wrecked world.

Running According to Form

Plutocracy is truly running according to form. Think of refusing duly elected socialists their seats. They are surely strengthening the feeling that political action is futile. Development moves steadily and surely towards the crisis.—Alvin L. Heim, California.

For information concerning the KruseGold Mine at Rogers, Ark., send stamp to I. S. Walker, Rogers, Ark.

How to "Keep Up Heart"

CHANGES in physical nature will have a stronger and stronger depressing influence on all. Increasing perplexity regarding man's relationship each to the other will tend to "distress of nations" and panic with individuals. A strong protection will be that companionship with God and with departed spirits of old friends and wise people passed on, which can be had through observation of the Quiet Hour of the Comradeship Circle.

When you first waken in the morning, give thought to it, sending out and breathing in thoughts of strength, health and comfort. Every Sunday evening, from 7 to 8, join in the silence. If you wish, walk and commune with nature as you commune with souls. Sing gently. Read briefly from the bible or other inspiring work. Breathe out blessing, and breath it in. It will be well, now and then, to utter positive words of confidence and strength.

The time is near when all this will be needed by many. Strengthen and use the instrument now. You may make it fit the old church idea, the mystic habit, yogi philosophy or new thought conception, as fits your mood. All have truths if the controversial elements in them be dropped.

World Wide Epidemic

Influenza has been world wide, affecting literally millions.

New Wonders of Wireless Messages

ONE can hardly be expected to travel in straight lines to an unknown point. The whole world is turning toward wider communication between living beings. It may not seem to look to connecting the human and the spirit mechanically, yet in the end it may reach that very thing; indeed it is almost sure to do it.

Marconi's suggestion that Marsians are seeking to communicate with earth still holds the attention of scientists. The French ministry of wireless service has investigated the idea, and has concluded that the surmised signs from Mars are echoes of thunderstorms on the sun during tremendous hurricanes there. This is an admission that the conclusions of Prof. Porta concerning the recent grouping of the planets were right, in spite of the effort of the newspapers to belittle them. But it is strange that a thunder storm should repeat the Morse letters over and over!

In addition to this speculation, as practical accomplishment, Marconi recently talked by wireless phone from London to Canada. Since then, others have talked in similar way from New Jersey to Paris. A prominent scientist is reported to have said: "Before the summer is over it will be possible to secure wireless service in direct connection with London, Paris or even Tokio."

The press announces the formation of a company to promote wireless telephony between New York and Chicago as a business proposition.

Perhaps not so practical, yet none the less marvelous, is the development of telephoning by means of light. The strangest features of this method is that tones are transformed onto a record, and from the record turned again to speech, song or whatever may be transmitted.

A demonstration of telephony by means of light was given by Prof. A. O. Rankin at the annual exhibition held by the Psychical Society of London and the Optical Society, at the Imperial College of Science and Technology, says the London Times.

The interesting point was brought out by the lecturer, that the main effect of light upon the element selenium—which changes its electrical resistance according to the strength of light thrown upon it—is done by the red rays of the spectrum.

The instrument of telephone transmission is known as the photophone. It consists essentially of a gramophone sound box with a delicately poised mirror in place of the needle, which is actuated in

its vibrations by the selenium. The mirror oscillates in accordance with the fluctuations of the sound, and the beam from the mirror, traveling to the receiver conveys these oscillations with it, the sound being reproduced in a telephone instrument by a reversal of the process.

With sunlight, Prof. Rankin said, there would be practically no limit to the range of transmitting speech through the medium of light.

There is an important advantage in this over wireless telegraphy in the fact that speech transmission between the transmitter and the receiver could not possibly be intercepted.

Photographs of speech recorded by the selenium apparatus were shown, including the vibrations produced by articulating the words "one" and "five". The open vowel sound of the latter was brought out conspicuously.

In a practical test of the instruments later on, Prof. Rankin spoke, by means of the light beam from an electric arc enclosed in a box, across a quadrangle through two closed windows. His words and breathing as well as a whistling solo were clearly heard.

One of Prof. Rankin's conclusions from his experiments with the selenium cell is that the average individual makes more noise in talking than he need to do. "In speaking one goes to a lot of unnecessary trouble," he said, "for we make more vibrations than one's auditor requires, but the ear makes up many deficiencies."

Inventors and scientists are now on the job. They may not travel in straight lines, but they will arrive. The New World has merely been announcer in this as well as in other lines, but its advance information draws nearer and nearer to realization.



The Three Preparations

THERE are three preparations against the "time of trouble" that is still ahead—spiritual, mental and physical.

Of prime importance is the spiritual preparation. It consists, in its lower manifestation, of communion with the spirits. In the higher aspect it involves conscious at-one-ness with Deity. If you reject either you miss a great source of strength and comfort. "Seek earnestly the best gifts." "He that seeketh findeth and to everyone that knocketh, it shall be opened."

The second preparation is mental. A knowledge of periodicity, so that one may know what is coming and what the good outcome will be, will be of inestimable value in settling you in serenity and peace, and in keeping able to comfort and help when others are in panic. This will give the mental poise that is involved in new thought, Christian science and other cults. See that you are "sealed in the forehead."

The third preparation is physical. Building the neighborhood machinery so that it can function when the big ma-

chine collapses, is the best physical preparation that is possible. If you try to go it alone, or if you depend on personal accumulation, you will yet be starving, literally. But you can save yourselves by communities.

I wish that you might not neglect either of these preparations. Remember the old saying "God helps them who help themselves."

The Alabaster Box

How oft do we careless, wait till life's
Sweet opportunities are past,
And break our "alabaster box
Of ointment" at the very last!
Oh, let us heed the living friend,
Who walks with us life's common
ways,
Watching our eyes for look of love,
And hungering for a word of praise!
—Selected

Another Big Earthquake

Siesmographs record the gravest cosmic disturbances of modern time. Part of the disturbance is reported from Chili, South America.

Answers to Questions

They who pretend that God will give us better than socialism seem to me to be traitors to the people.

Scores of others, churchmen included, as well as spiritists, might feel the same way about their isms. Doubtless the visioning of many socialists is very fine and good; but the plans for realizing the vision are crude and not well thought out. That God might improve on them is shown by the fact that they consider man alone, and in providing popular or man-ownership of things, rule all other life from right on the earth, while the biblical basis of socialization—"the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof"—provides opportunities and gives right to all life,

If man's institutions are to be set aside at this time, regardless of his plans, what has become of his free moral agency?

Man is free to choose his seed and to sow it; but, once having sowed it, is out of his hands and in the hands of nature. It is then foreordained that evil must ripen to destruction. Man's centuries of exploitation will not permit him to harvest good. He may now sow acquiescence in God's plan, or even in imperfect human plans of good, and from this he will reap satisfaction, while from old exploitation he will reap destruction. Having scattered the seed, God is not mocked, and he will reap what he has sowed.

Greater Than Emperors

Newspapers carry two stories which show that political imperialists understand that the new power that has put them out of business is plutocracy. One is to the effect that William of Germany tried to arrange with the United States to renounce his imperialistic claims, and become a private citizen of this country, if he might be allowed to operate on Wall Street. The other is that Hungarians are tendering the imperial crown of that country to some American financier, preferably Swift of Chicago. The plutocrat is greater than the emperor.

A Rich Man's Game

Journalism is becoming a chief "property" of millionaire business. Nobody but a millionaire can own a great daily. There is no such thing today as starting a paper on a small scale and building it to greatness. The poor man cannot compete in journalism. It is exclusively a rich man's game. And rich men who own newspapers use them for rich men's ends. That is human nature. That is why at bottom, all of our big newspapers

era conservative. They stand pat the conditions that have proved a good thing for themselves. They may propose liberalism but it is never pushed to a point whereat it will disturb any thing that makes for the comfortableness of rich people.—William Marion Reedy, in Reedy's Mirror.

The World Is Bankrupt

So many declare, now. The roots of the word bankrupt are bank and rupt. Bank means plutocracy. Rupt means to tear apart. There you have it, literally.

The best method of fighting is by absent treatment.



Tragedy of the Controlled Press

THE greatest dramas that the world ever saw are now being played, though inadequately reported by the papers. The plot will not be understandable until near the close, for it is being skillfully concealed.

The drama of Bolshevism is a remarkable one. The French revolution was not to be compared to it in strange, sweeping action. It is a world drama, not a national one. It is a tragedy, yet there are glorious passages in it, and even the most striking humor in caricature of its aims and purposes.

But perhaps the strangest drama, appealing to the people of America, has been the drama of the transformation of the press. It began about three or four years ago. Then the big dailies and the national magazines passed into the hands of a few bankers and business men. The first act was to force America's entrance into the war; and such united propaganda was never known before. Since the first act ended, the action has centered on reducing the press to such as the masters of industry control. Through press censorship, through raising the price of materials except to such as had secret understanding, through boycotts, raiding and otherwise, the radical press has been well nigh killed, while literally thousands, and perhaps tens of thousands of the smaller country papers have ceased to be. Just before this onslaught began, Lord Northcliff, of England, spent several months in America, and it will probably be discovered in time that he laid the plans for this campaign, as well as for the fight on the league of nations, with a view of carrying out the Cecil Rhodes plans for an Anglo-Saxon world. It is doubtful if there ever has been a legitimate shortage of paper.

When I warned my readers, nearly

three years ago, that the press was to be practically destroyed, few would believe that what has already taken place was possible. But the end is not yet. We can only see the result on the press that remains.

The real newspaper has practically ceased to be. The daily press does not publish a tenth the news that it did five years ago. What it does print is almost wholly for the purpose of moulding the public mind to some desired shape. The miscellany that is printed now chiefly concerns royalty or the reactionaries of America, together with movie, theatrical and automobile "news" that is for the most part paid advertising. Now managers are planning the "standardizing" of papers.

So far the result of killing off the small papers has been to increase the circulation of the alleged newspapers that remain. This is because the American people have had money and are not over the habit of reading. Later on, there will be less reading, with higher prices to those who can afford to read. It is all in preparation for coming illiteracy, that the workers may be made the more docile serfs.

The masters of industry foresaw the crisis that was coming when the lands of America and Africa should all have been occupied and exploited, and, seeing it, prepared to meet the situation by a return to feudalistic conditions. One may even give them credit for preparing for this in good faith as the only means open to save the whole world under exploitation; for similar crises have come before and students knew the next step in logic.

However, the natural disturbances due now are introducing new elements, and the outcome of this drama is by them made problematical to such as do not see the full scope of periodicity.

NewWorld Philosophy

Anger never did well.
The mind gives light without heat.
Vision comes when the eyes close.
Force is twice as strong as strength.
Pantomime is never ungrammatical.
No troops charge like merchants can.
Logic is an actor who plays many parts.

If you want to be a book-keeper—don't lend them.

Horse sense consists in being able to say "Nay."

Let what might have been go. Think what may be.

The onion is good—yet what a reputation it has!

We are heathen and the heathen are our neighbors.

Half the great people of the earth were really very little.

When people don't know they don't want others to know.

You can't amend the human constitution by a majority vote.

Commercialism prices everything but values nothing that is real.

Some people help by handing out lemons and telling the victims to make their own aid.

Pantaloons will never do for women. They have the habit of putting them on over their heads.

The wise do not expect too much of men, but trust the higher law with all. The foolish trust men, and, fearing the law in nature and in morals dread to learn it; consequently they fall and fail.

All institutions are for man; that is, to help you. Do not be a slave to any. Do right and you end law, do away with the need of government, and array all forces on your side. The sinner is always a fugitive, though he hide in marble halls. His Nemesis will come to him.

Biggest Graft of All

The exploiters can make any tools serve their ends. A few years ago the income tax was hailed as the great cure-all for economic ills. Administered as its advocates desired, it might do good. But in practice, it has established a partnership between the profiteer and politician. The profiteer may go as far as he likes, so long as the politician gets part of the swag to spend, as he does under the income tax. The liquor interest thought that its partnership with the politician, through being the chief financial support of the government, gave him perpetual licence. But the income graft is so much bigger than the liquor graft that the politician can afford to kick his former partner in the stomach—and he does.

The Test Is the Thing

Catholic authorities are forbidding their communicants to consider spirit manifestations.

Protestant ministers are preaching about them, condemning them as works of the devil.

In some places mediums are being mobbed. They need not think that violence will stop with suppressing the bolshewiki.

These things may retard individual development, but they do not touch the essential facts.

Equally unscientific are some spiritists who refuse to accept experiences of God, but wish to argue the matter, and who fail to take into consideration the big moves in the spirit world, looking to a complete rejuvenation of things.

The supreme demand of the age is to know, and there can be no knowledge without test.

Living Today

Happy the man, and happy he alone,
He, who can call today his own;
He, who, secure within, can say,
Tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.

Be fair or foul, or rain or shine,
The joys I have possessed in spite of fate,
are mine,
Nor Heaven itself upon the past has power.

—Horace, Roman, 65 B. C.

Blessing

Oh, deem not they are blessed alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.

—Bryant

The New World Has the Greatest Contributors of All Ages

It contains stories, essays, poems, etc., purporting to have been given by automatic writing from beyond. But while this is given to good faith, the reader is invited to believe what he pleases about it. It is merely part of the data that has come in every age, but which can not, under personal mediumship, become perfect or convincing to all.

There have already been published communications purporting to be by Shakespeare, Emerson, John and Charles Wesley, Longfellow, Poe, Beecher, Hugo, Hubbard, Riley, W. C. Brann, "O. Henry," J. A. Wayland, Robert Owen, Horace Greeley, W. R. Nelson and others—sufficient to afford, at least, a diverting study in styles.

Spiritual Powers Open to All

It will soon be possible for all to communicate with the unseen world through purely mechanical means, as a matter of scientific fact rather than faith. The Opening of the Heavens in this matter of fact way will be tantamount to the discovery of a new world, and will provide ideas sufficient to employ the energies of the world for another Great Year, thus proving the remedy for the exhaustion of old ideas with which earth is now afflicted.

Paul's Two Jobs

New World Sermonette

"Having authority from the chief priests."
----"A tentmaker"

THE BIBLE tells about them, although you may have failed to notice it. At first Paul starts out, with authority from the priesthood and at the head of a company of soldiers. He evidently has no manual labor to do, and doubtless he gets a good salary.

Then he sees what he terms a "heavenly vision," and the whole tenor of his life is changed. He becomes one of the hardest working men in the world, and gets almost nothing for it. He is "chargeable to no man," he says. Beside preaching, writing and agitating, he works with his hands at tent making. That is his second job.

Paul's labors changed the entire course of his history. But he got mighty little money out of them.

I was reminded of Paul's two jobs by hearing recently, of two young men—who had lost their positions with big corporations, paying them well, and had gone to manual labor, to work with their hands. They are repeating Paul's experience. "Of them the world is not worthy." It owes them more than it can ever repay. But in comfort and freedom from work and care it pays them nothing.

It is always so at age-endings. But what would the world be except for people who value principle above job?

Their Big Profits

Carter Glass, of the federal treasury department, after an investigation, says: "The year 1916 shows profit to coal operators of from 10 to 35 per cent on capital invested. In 1917 all bituminous mines east of the Mississippi show the general average of from 100 to 800 per cent on capital invested. In 1919 the average ranged from 15 to 300 per cent. The profit in the Rocky mountain region were as high as 400 per cent on invested capital." This shows why prices were so high. Yet the operators have not been jailed, mobbed or made to disgorge.

He Means Business

They tried to mob Jesus when he announced that he had come to preach to the poor, to explain the periodicity taught by Jubilee, and to liberate political prisoners. It was really these things they finally "got" him for. But what a descent from this message to the meaningless stuff given out by the churches!

Man's Last Chance

THE feudal ages left the race of men
 Deplorably oppressed. A few were
 lords,
 Living in debauchery; the many
 Were serfs, who scarcely lived at all.
 So mean and miserable the people were,
 Steeped in such ignorance, and subject
 yearly
 To famine, while the private war kept
 men
 In constant danger and uncertainty,
 That history has fixed upon the time
 The one word—Dark. Apparently there
 was
 No hope that men could rise above the
 mire
 In which he deeper sank with every
 struggle.
 It was at this black hour salvation came
 From unexpected sources. 'Twas as
 though
 Superior races of invisibles,
 Directed from one source, since all was
 done
 In perfect harmony, had opened eyes
 To what no man expected. First a cry
 Of a wild monk, who claimed the spirits
 urged
 Saying "Arise, go forth." The people
 rose and fought,
 Then sank the deeper; only, now they
 had
 New vision and a hope. Then mind of
 man
 Began to rouse, and made the movable
 type,
 Gunpowder also, which seemed little
 things
 Yet in potentialities were great.
 The soul of man began to question
 things;
 In which there lay awakening of art,
 Renaissance; the awakening of hope,
 The Reformation; and the awakened
 strength,
 Revolt, with guns:

II

Under the morning star
 Adventurers went forth into the world.
 The stormy cape they called the Cape of
 Good Hope,
 For so their hope had risen. Then a
 man
 With greater vision and more daring,
 sailed
 Westward, to find what lay beyond the
 waters;
 And a great continent was quickly open-
 ed
 To the use of man. It was his last Great
 Hope;
 Perhaps the thing that urged unconsci-
 ous Paul

To push so energetically forth. And
 what
 Could have preserved this freeing land,
 and sent
 Columbus toward it, save the spirit
 world,
 Pitying its neighbor and near kin? I
 think
 It was the plan of him who went to
 Heaven,
 Minded to save the world and bring it
 freedom,
 Bestowing upon his fellow workers now
 This splendid heritage, that, if they
 would,
 They might prepare to save themselves
 when came
 The cataclysms that should remake the
 earth.
 "How often" said he, weeping, "I had
 gathered
 The world beneath my wing, to give it
 safety,
 But that ye would not!" Had men un-
 derstood,
 And husbanded the wealth bestowed on
 them,
 They might have made each individual
 Free of all care and over toil and hunger,
 And, if twere possible for man to save,
 Have salvaged earth entire. Or, if it
 were
 Needful to remake the earth, when man
 Had learned to build in concrete and
 chilled steel,
 And to preserve his food indefinitely,
 And to store oxygen for later need,
 To have prepared against calamity,
 And almost saved the whole race.

III

What a mess

They who usurped authority did make
 Of all this opportunity! There has been
 Shameful mismanagement in every age;
 But never such colossal, criminal
 Waste and assumption as when all this
 good
 Was opened to mankind. First of all,
 A king allotted half the continent
 To a few favorites. Mad adventurers
 then
 Rushed to despoil the aborigines,
 With utmost cruelty. Privateers were
 licensed
 To rob the robbers. Full a score of wars
 Were fought to gain advantages across
 The ocean. Vain attempts were made
 To plant the feudalistic state abroad.
 Negroes were kidnapped in the African
 wilds,
 Taken to America and sold,
 With their descendants, into slavery.
 The Indians were butchered and made
 slaves;

And the poor whites of Europe were in-
 dentured.
 Beasts of America were trapped and
 hunted
 For sport and furs. Fish and oyster
 beds
 Were raped to glut the lusty. The sperm
 whale,
 The buffalo and maverick were run
 Extinct through madness to acquire
 wealth.
 Coal fields were rifled; forests were de-
 stroyed;
 Soils were exhausted. Latterly the oil
 And gas were taken from the bleeding
 earth
 Till she became sick.

IV

Oh, there were gains:

The magna charta and the constitution;
 Religious freedom; freedom of the press;
 Free speech; the public school. The re-
 formation
 Swept in revivals on until it washed
 Intolerance and superstition off.
 Renaissance brought an age of litera-
 ture.
 And all were turned to readers. The re-
 volt
 Brought revolution and a freer state.
 Spirits, directing Puritans and Quakers,
 Old colonists and others, gave impulse
 That, though perverted, never was de-
 stroyed.
 Invention made strange laborers, and
 took
 Forces of nature to do work of men.
 Accomplishment in what was done, was
 great
 Beyond imagination of the past.
 Within five centuries the world was tam-
 ed
 And changed and occupied, as had not
 been
 Through long millenniums before. Al-
 though
 Injustice still persisted, such great gains
 Had been made, that the seers looked
 with faith
 To final good established, and were sure
 The world would never be turned back
 again
 To olden ignorance and misery.

V

Then, in a day, it came. War, famine,
 loot
 Suppression and the wiping out of all
 The centuries had gained. With all the
 wealth
 Created by the toilers with the wild
 Welter of waste, there had been no pro-
 vision
 Against a future crisis, so it was
 A universal mystery what had

"In Planting Soil We Sow Both Food and Flowers"

Presumably by Spirit William Shakespeare

EARTH PEOPLE want the gossip of the skies
The generalities of happiness;
They care not for the plans that we devise
For bringing the sick world from its distress.

Why should we stop our labors of import
To chatter with the children of the lust?
Let baby souls have their diverting sport
To keep them from our way, far play they must.

If they but knew that their familiar ways
Would soon be buried under spread of clay,
They would be panic-gripped. We near the Place,

Hurrying but not hurried, while they play,
That we may work the fall into a step,
Till that cast down shall lift the people up.

THE WORLD was built and laid to definite plan,

High beings aiding when occasion brought
The means at hand to serve the artisan

In working into fact his ripened thought.
Thus on the bare foundation were there cast
The earlier stratas; and the reptiles came,
And birds, to life; and the poetic past

Saw progress in the torrent and the flame.
The foolish wasted and destroyed and marred,
Till, when the building days came on the chain,

They were sniped and pent in rock and sward,
Save such as served and plucked from ruin gain,

With each new coating from the Heavens,
poured

Upon the earth, some fuller good was reared.

THE vertebrae of earth were spread of yore
In mountain chains, strengthened and
ribbed of rock,
Its blood of waters through its arteries pour,
Then through the clouds of Heaven is carried back.

The nervous system of the world, complete,
Tingles above, below. But these are still
Uncovered with the flesh of soil; the beat
Of storms on them brings agonizing chill.

The Earth has been sick for millenniums;
Her peoples catch her fever and are crazed.

They irritate her till destruction comes:
And one reflecting may well be amazed
That she should still be fair and kind by mood.
If she were whole, then might all things be good.

NOW we approach the means to clothe Earth over,

Healing her sores and curing fever-chill;
Comes now the soil-flesh with which we may cover

Her bare bones and her open veins. The ill
Of such a treatment is so meager-great

That, since the means so seldom do appear,
It would be criminal to not create

The Earth anew, and give her health and cheer.

We but complete what was begun long since;
The olden plan was good, and so is our's.
In healing Earth we cure experience.

In planting soil we sow both food and flowers.
God giveth life according to the fitness:
That whole Earth will mean whole life, all things witness.

Beginning of Persecution

There is no telling how far this thing may go.

It started with suppressing the I. W. W., and has got to the C. L. P., the Socialist party and craft unionism.

Republicans show the disposition to suppress democrats by force, if they ever get the chance.

Catholics may yet massacre protestants, and protestants catholics, in the United States.

The American Legionnaires did; and look at the persecutions that came then.

Persecutions always come at age endings. In speaking of the final age ending Jesus belittled "wars and rumors of wars" as merely the "beginning of sorrows," and emphasized persecution as much worse.

It is for this reason it is necessary for Elijah to come, as a spirit, to restore

better feeling among men, lest the coming of the Lord be compelled to "smite the earth with a curse."

The neighborliness of community organization would do more to foster good will than any other possible action.

The Little Machine Is Effective

The country gentleman never cares whether the street cars run or not; he is not concerned with the electric light plant or the water supply, having his reliable kerosene lamps and a good well in working order for emergency use. He is not afraid that four hundred thousand of his townsmen will run out of coal at once and freeze to death, because the old grove on the east forty is capable of furnishing his fuel should his supply of five cords of sawed and split wood that he has in the woodshed become depleted. —Seattle Post-Intelligence.

Lords Sell Their Lands

There is something mysterious in the way that English lords are turning loose of their big landed estates. During the past year something like 100,000 acres in these big estates have been sold in small tracts. There may be a double purpose in it. One may be that the lords wish to cash in that they may belong to the new plutocratic class. Another may be that the tendency towards disintegration may be sensed, and an effort is being made to enable England to partly supply its own food when the collapse comes.

The Two H. C. L.'s

H. C. L. is not obnoxious solely because it stands for high cost of living. It is also the initials of Henry Abot Lodge.

Industrial Lords Approach Close to Treason

THIS is the time when the world is being revolutionized into feudalism. Of necessity it involves big plots, and of equal necessity these plots must be carefully concealed. The mysterious illness of the President may have come from attempted assassination. The bitter feeling that is being stirred against him now is as bad as that which led to the killing of Garfield. Lansing was dismissed from Wilson's cabinet, probably, because he was negotiating a secret treaty with England and was falling in with the plots to force a war on Mexico. It is announced that twice Marshall was asked to take Wilson's place, although that act would have been unconstitutional. These are only a few flagrant instances in this country alone. But they show the trend. Labor is rapidly being subjugated. All is done in the name of patriotism, of liberty and democracy, and the criminals are crying, Stop, thief! at others; but the work of perverting old institutions of liberty is proceeding very rapidly, the world around.

Simple Ways to Realize

A FRIEND who has investigated spiritism for many years, and seen some of the finest possible manifestations, is convinced of the fact of the phenomena, but disgusted with the trivialities received, and that he personally can get nothing.

To him, and others like him let me suggest that you try simpler methods. Sit alone for communion with Deity, not for physical manifestation, but for soul comfort. "Everyone that seeketh, findeth." "Draw near to God and he will draw near to you." Get comfort in your souls. After you have sought the kingdom of heaven and its righteousness, all things else shall be added unto you.

Then write a good friendly letter to a departed friend, giving it a sort of permanence by manifesting your thought on paper. Do not ask too many questions, but tell him about yourself. Lay the letter away and forget about it. See if, sometime, that friend does not pop into your thought, with consciousness that you two are together in spirit.

Let me warn you: There will be persecution of mediums. Church people are rapidly reducing the new movement to a talk fest even Lodge falling into the error of discussing matters instead of working for mechanical communication. If we do not watch, the general interest will subside, and then there will be left only universal obsession, with a few who get great messages and no hearing for them.

Based on Profiteering

It is a baby act to prosecute and fine a single individual for profiteering, when we are all guilty, or would be if we had the chance. Our whole system of business and juris-prudence is based upon speculation. We cannot correct a rotten system by tampering with trifles. Debt

is the foundation of modern business, and if an attempt was made to collect half the principal of the debt, the system would collapse within a week. The world is practically bankrupt now.—J. B. Gay, Texas.

The Good Sport

New World Fable

A T. B. Germ stopped in his work of devouring his Victim long enough to remark: "This fellow is a good old sport. I get my living from him and he is still cheerful and hopeful. And I must say he feeds me pretty well."

—Soon after this the Man died and the T. B. was ousted from his feast by the Worm.

Making High Class Scenarios

Sometime ago Fred G. Andrews was manager of the famous Roycroft Inn at East Aurora, N. Y. He resigned from that position and went west. I have recently heard concerning him and his wife, Mrs. Gertrude Andrews, that they are now in Los Angeles, making scenarios of a new and higher type. The latest in which Mrs. Andrews figures as creator of the play, and Mr. Andrews as leading actor, is entitled, "Brothers Divided." It treats of the economic situation with more sympathy and understanding than is usually shown and is a great play, both in its lesson and in its presentation. If you ever get a chance to see "Brothers Divided," know that opportunity is knocking at your door.

Some people help by handing out lemons and telling the victims to make their own aid.

Importing the Hares

New World Parable

SOMEONE took a few English Hares to Australia and turned them loose. It was heralded as a wise and good move. In course of time Hares became so numerous in Australia that they devoured the crops, and to save themselves the people were compelled to conduct Drives and to kill the Hares by thousands.

Under such conditions, what would you think of men who would import more Hares?

—The Immigrant Problem in America was created by the Lords of industry, who are now alarmed at its proportions, but who are meeting it by importing more immigrants,

Mysterious Antagonisms

Mysterious antagonisms have developed between England and America. They are probably due to the effect on the part of England to assume olden claims on America, such as brought on the war of 1812, and to America effort to foreclose on Europe. It may be spirits also are engaged in propaganda to prevent the threatened alliance of the Anglo-Saxon races for world dominance. Part of it, too, is probably a blind to conceal the cementing of the alliance.

The Heart's Desire

Ah, Love, could you and I with Him conspire

To grasp the sorry scheme of things entire,

Would we not shatter it to bits—and then

Re-mould it nearer to the Heart's Desire?

—Rubiayat, Persian, A. D. 1500

Lenine Talks by Wireless

IT IS SIGNIFICANT that the first "wireless interview" ever made should be of Nicholas Lenine, premier of soviet Russia, and that it should be made by Karl H. VonWiegand, a recent "enemy," and published in America by papers taking the Universal service. It is of such historical importance, apart from its contents, coming 5,000 miles, a thing unprecedented to this time, and something that illustrates the new conquests in the line of vibratory knowledge, that I herewith print extracts taken from the Kansas City Post:

"You ask our plans in Asia. They are the same as in Europe—peaceful neighborly life with all peoples; with the workers and peasants of all nations awakening to a new life—a life without exploiters, without panhandlers, without capitalists, without merchants....."

"Let the American capitalists leave us alone. We shall not touch them. We are even ready to pay with gold for any machinery, tools, etc., useful to our transport and industries. We are ready to pay not only with gold, but with raw material too..... There are no obstacles to peace between Russia and America except imperialism on the part of American capitalists....."

"We have received the people deported from America. We are not afraid of revolutionists in this country. As a matter of fact, we are not afraid of anybody, and if America is afraid of a few more hundreds or thousands of its citizens, we are ready to begin negotiations with a view to receiving any citizens whom America thinks dangerous, with the exception, of course, of criminals....."

"Send us over all your landlords owning more than 100 hectares of land, and all your capitalists owning more than \$20,000 capital, and we shall educate them to useful labor and make them break with the shameful, base and bloody rule of exploiters and instigators of wars. Wars will then be absolutely impossible."



Sixth of Earth Controlled by Socialists

THE Red Horse is running well. Opposition to the Russian soviet has broken down, leaving a sixth of the territory of the world in possession of socialists. It looks like socialism too in its day of judgment is to have its trial or test. It can hardly do worse even in a crude form than the present industrial system has done. But it remains to be seen whether, at this period of "falling away," it can satisfy the people and continue.

The Whole World Is Talking of Mechanical Communication

WHO would have believed, four years ago, when The New World first announced it, that by this time socialism and spiritism would be the chief topics of the world, yet on an entirely new basis from the old discussion? Who would have believed that by now the possibilities of interplanetary communication, possibly spirit communication, would have set the scientists of the world to talking? Yet even that has come to pass.

The papers have been full of discussion of signaling from outside the human plane of life. Marconi, inventor of the wireless, set it to going, when he made the statement:

"We occasionally get very queer sounds and indications, which come from somewhere outside the earth. We have had them both in England and America. The Morse signal letters occur with much greater frequency than others, but we have never yet picked up anything that could be translated into a definite message.

"The most familiar signal received is curiously musical. It comes in the form of three short raps, which may be interpreted as the Morse letter 's', but there are other sounds which may stand for other letters.

"I must insist, however, that no connected letters hit in, and therefore nothing like a message intelligible to us has been received.

"I should be a bold speculator were I to declare positively that one or more of the planets are attempting to send us some kind of a message, but it is as equally futile to deny that such a thing is possible, in view of our incomplete knowledge of such a profound subject.

"What is certain is that wireless stations are periodically receiving wierd signals of uncertain import and indefinite origin."

Nicola Tesla, the Italian electrician, confirms Marconi's statement of fact and fell in with his thought that possibly Mars was seeking to signal the earth. Charles P. Steinmetz, the American electrician, took a hand in the discussion, stating that it was not in the least beyond the range of possibility. Some suggested that possibly the people of Venus rather than Mars were seeking to attract the people of the earth, Venus being nearer than Mars. Others scouted the theories as ridiculous, while still others gave them possible credence. Practically the whole world of science is

publically taking part in the discussion. Innumerable publications have referred to the matter editorially.

It may well be conceived that if communication with the supposed people of another planet be possible, then electrical communication with spirits who reside within our atmosphere would be far more possible. Indeed, it is hardly conceivable that inhabitants of Mars or

that are "on." He further suggests that spirits on the earth are now engaged in so shifting the magnetic pole of earth as to be able to steer earth through it to the right place in the nebula. The shifting of the pole is another remarkable thing that has recently been observed by scientists, a new expedition now being in search of its new location.

There is still a further possibility. It might be that some neighboring planet might have figured out the course of earth, with certainty as to what it was coming to, and wished to give the people here fair warning of what was about to happen to them. This would be news big enough to stir them to superhuman effort to impart it.

Anyhow, the fact remains that communication with forces beyond the human is now being seriously considered by scientists of reputation the world around. It is another confirmation of the truth from which The New World argues. I think you understand that I claim no credit for bringing the facts to light, only announcing them in advance, and announcing them in accord with laws of nature that have been operative for centuries yet that have been neglected in our calculations.

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Venus would be able to send us by wireless letters from the Morse code.

Now comes a spirit contributor of The New World with still another and it seems to me plausible, explanation of what is now generally received as substantiated fact. He says that the signals do not come from either Mars or Venus, but from the nebula towards which the earth is speeding, and are from earth spirits who have been sent thither to explore and find the best entrance into the field of world-stuff, and that the signals are in code, sent to other earth spirits, still connected with this planet, for the purpose of instructing them what to do, without letting man know the big things

Invention Seems to Be Turning Toward the Little Machine

The Big Machine Going

A 19-year-old youth, named Alfred M. Hubbard, it is claimed, has invented an "atmospheric power generator," which without wires or engine, small enough to fit in the top bureau drawer, will supply a house with heat, light and power. The big machine, even the big socialized machine, is going.

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Return of the Asiatics

THERE is something deeply significant in the suggestion, purporting to come from the Apostle Paul, that the returned Lord of the whole earth, in order to save the people of Christian nations from their own folly, is about to turn from Christianity to peoples who are not so entangled in the meshes of commercialism. Until the message on page 12 came, the idea had never entered my head. But I can now see that Paul, who advised the move, is the greatest tactician of all time, and why Jesus from the spirit found it needful to knock him into service.

The white peoples, where Christianity has its chief hold, are materialistic by long training. The church does not believe in great Divine manifestation at this time. Even spiritists do not lend themselves to actual miracles and big messages. Though told that every spiritual power and gift any man ever had is now open to all, regardless of beliefs, few have taken the message seriously.

But the yellow, brown, red and black people are not so materialistic. Should this message come to them, it is likely to bring demonstration and enthusiasm unparalleled in history. The East might arouse from long slumber, from consideration of its own dead books and dogmas to supernatural power.

Already, I am told there are signs of such an awakening. The feeling that it is near is everywhere. Half of Russia's awakening is oriental. Thomas Stewart Ryan, writing from Russia, says: "The end of the white man's time is at hand. Now comes the yellow race." It is a whisper throughout the east, like the rustle of prairie grass before the old Mongolian horsemen of Attila, Genghis Khan and Tamerlane. Along Russia's border you can scent the nearness of the east, an echo from regions beyond where dervishes are howling and outlandish rites are performed and millions bide their time."

An officer in the Swedish army recently said: "The yellow man sees the white man's world is cracking. The danger is not from Europe but from Asia. Moreover, there are 300,000,000 of Islam, already stirred. And India is ready to revolt."

This might seem to point to attempt to crush the white people. Rather, the awakening of the east is more likely to be religious. The tendency toward a breaking up in Asia as well as elsewhere, is likely to defeat the ambitions of any nation for wide conquest. The same tendency is likely to break religious castes. But the east is awakening, and is likely to affect the western world even more than the Interchurch movement is to affect it.

The big things are that great tacticians are at work from the spirit, and that God is at work. Failure in overthrowing oppressive systems and establishing the Divine good is impossible.

The New World Suffers from the Plot

IN RENEWING his subscription, Ernest King, of Los Angeles, first compliments The New World, saying. "Your catch line, 'Nothing like it, you will like it,' covers the bill. It is multum in parvo, much in little." Then he adds:

'Free speech, free press and free-dom, for which we old stagers battled so long, are being given such vigorous doses of knock-out drops that the poor little things seem likely to succumb at any time. I hope the paper shortage does not put you out of the running.'

It would be idle to say that The New World has not been hit by the unprecedented newspaper situation. Though receipts for its fourth year, just closing, were the best in its history, because the cost of production has more than doubled, in the last six months the paper has barely paid running expenses and I have made our living outside. Now we can hardly get paper at any price. Unless receipts are such that I can buy a year's supply in May, it is probable I cannot get enough paper to run a full year. Even then I will probably have to cut the size of the paper. I regret the situation but these are facts not mere alarmist propaganda.

The lesson is so clear you can't fail to see it. I am not going to urge you to do a thing. But if you want to save the paper for another year you must act act generously and at once; and you can do it. I guarantee to protect you from loss in anything you do. If you do not think the paper is worth saving, I shall accept the verdict in perfect good humor and go down, as thousands of other papers will go down, with colors flying.

Letters Like These Make Me Think You Want The New World to Live Another Full Year

H. L. Connerly, Kansas: I am filing every number of The New World, and I have every number from the first, except the one that was suppressed. I do not want to miss a copy.

J. Baunin, California: I am much interested in the plans of community co-operation. Recent events have convinced me that your reading of conditions is right.

J. Stanley Foland, Kansas: I have just sent out the last of my slips advertising The New World. Will soon be in a position where I can use many of them to advantage.

Mrs. Cora Barr Howe, San Francisco: We assure you that our interest in the "magazine of magazines" has not abated one jot, and we hope to do more for it soon.

George W. Shilling, Ohio, in subscribing: I have read after you for years, and seem to be personally acquainted with you, although I have never met you. And I have faith in your work.

Guy B. Stone, Florida: Am glad that so far The New World has not been molested and hope that it may not be. It would be a calamity were it for any reason forced to suspend.

W. C. Metier, Oregon: We have received our April bundle and made good use of them. I

am enclosing \$2 for renewal and for two of your books. We failed to get two numbers of The New World, and miss it so much.

Edd Ryan, North Dakota: I shall distribute the papers for which I send where I think they will do good. I think you may look for new subscribers from them. I shall send you the name and address of each one who gets the paper.

D. Edson Smith, California: I enclose \$2 to advance my subscription to The New World. I cannot now see to read anything. But I hope to find someone who will be willing to read me your interesting paper each month.

C. S. Simmons, Louisiana: Spiritual forces are in evidence here, especially with me. They do materialize through me, when I am alone, when I am superconscious. They have given me a force and power that makes me tremble for fear that I may possibly misuse it. I am conscious of the war in the Heavens as it is on earth. I fully believe that Jesus, the Christ, is the great and only emancipator.

W. H. Sanders, California: I am so busy fixing up a home in the golden west that I have been unable to do much for my favorite paper, but will distribute some for which I send pay where I think they will do the most

good. I am impressed that the advice given through The New World is correct, and hope to raise much of my living direct from the soil.

Mrs. Pearl McComb-Perman, Alabama: Your little paper is such a help to us who believe in spiritual helpers and advisers; and surely all who sense the injustice of present conditions all over the world need a stimulant mentally and spiritually. The discussion of "How Plutocracy Conquered the World," in the April number, is wonderful. I find the Quiet Hour beneficial.

Anna Taylor Shippey, Florida: Yours is the best little magazine ever. Best because it is different. It causes you to sit up and wonder what next. It makes you think, no matter how cobwebby your brain may have become. Your vision, as outlined in The New World, seems to me the only ray of sunshine to those of us who see the great necessity of change, yet do not know in what manner it is to come or in what place to look for our work. Your words of encouragement have been a great help to me, giving me a clearer vision and a more trustful spirit, willing to wait while doing what lies before me, without counting it a sacrifice but rather a privilege to be here and in this work.

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Even Strong Strokes Against the Current Count for Little

THE CAVE MAN is coming back. Coming to America. Just as the masters of industry are making certain kinds of food scarce in order to lower the world's standard of living and so fix feudalism on the world, they are refusing to build houses and are putting rents so high that the workers are going to be forced to burrow into the ground for places to live. They are purposely making fuel so scarce that the workers will live in dark holes in the ground so they will not require fuel. A return to barbarism for the masses is deliberately planned in order that the few at the top may continue to live in comfort and luxury.

It is a poor bank that hasn't been robbed.

Don't call this a do-nothing congress. It did you.

It is not Americanism that the masters are seeking to maintain, but exploitation.

The world has lost faith in the wages system, and stock holders are trying to bind it to the old with strings of gunpowder.

The old cannot be saved. Neither need it be attacked. The living new will merely push the leaves of the dead past from the earth, by growth.

IN alligning itself with Big Business protestantism has prepared the way for it to crumble when commercialism falls. As Catholicism has all the feudalistic machinery intact from the old feudalism, including the "holy" orders, it would appear that it is destined to return to universal power. It doubtless would be so, were it not for possible geological changes. These would modify the entire trend, yet emphasize all the more the need of community co-operation.

All the "out" bosses are agreed that the "in" bosses are bad—until they get in.

Mr. Bryan announces that he will "run if he has to." That is the way the Germans did.

Before a man uses a tool he tests it. Before God selects a man he tries him.

When one is ashamed for not having been ashamed, then he may cease to be ashamed.

The crisis has not been met or the problem of exploitation solved. We have merely repressed and tamped in new explosives.

Agitators scratch the sore spots and for the most part merely relieve the itching. Only when they tear the scab off do they do mischief.

THE Interchurch world movement is a big thing. Paul's missionary journeys were nothing to be compared to it. Well may it enthuse many. Yet, in alligning itself with the thieves, murderers, traitors and hypocrites of Big Business, it is really working for the complete destruction of the church, repeating what the Jewish church did at a former age ending, when it compassed land and sea to make a convert, and when it made him he was more a child of hell than he was before.

A good many men seem ready to serve as "wet" nurses for Columbia.

Today is our savior, often crucified between two thieves, yesterday and tomorrow.

The "war to end war" being over, the world is now preparing for the next war.

Having cornered the gold, it is only natural that Mr. Rockefeller now wants to measure everything by his golden rule.

Plutocracy might be laughed out of existence as Cenventes laughed chivalry out, because it consists of nothing but papers and faith.

A co-operative farm paper urges farmers to raise less, because it "does not pay to raise big crops." So little is raised now that starvation threatens, yet even co-operation, when it is for business purposes, cares

nothing for starvation, but only for profits.

Nothing, it seems, will do except for the people to hang a few profiteers. While they are about it, they may hang a few editors who tried to turn the nation into a mob for getting the workers.

The world's business can be done without the big distributive machine. Doing it in this way will automatically cut off half our exploitation and solve half our problems.

DO NOT FOREGO your full right because some say, "This way," and others, "Do not go to excess." I tell you that whatever your belief, if you have faith, spiritual ecstasy, spiritual gifts, conscious communion with God, instantaneous healing, the power to triumph when you seem to fail, are open to you. You cannot go too far, so that you go toward the right. You may go in the path that opens to your feet. Only, go on. Any experience, any spiritual power, anyone else ever had, in any age, is open to you now. Believe and you will receive.

It seems to be a case of three strikes and out.

France seemingly prefers to do as she would have been done by.

You can starve yourself to death by refusing to eat things that are higher than they ought to be.

Let society cherish her sore spots, and not knock them. Under them is being formed the new skin that shall renew men and make them well.

It looks like the people will yet have to tear down the jails in order to free the true patriots that hypocrites have incarcerated on the ruling of appointed judges.

Let the husks go, but get religion—that is, experience, demonstration and power. If you miss these you have lost indeed. If you get them you have everything that is worth saving.

Going Beyond

There are ever two opposing forces in nature, centriugal and centripetal. If there is materialization, there is also dematerialization.

Too much effort is made to induce spirits to materialize, and too little in an effort to spiritualize our mortal bodies.

If spirits can visit earth, men can visit the spirit realms. Virgil, Dante, Mohammed and Paul claimed to have done it.

There are numerous records of adepts in the flesh appearing in the astral body at great distances away. There are authenticated instances of levitation, that is, of human beings dematerializing in one place and then materializing in another.

Enoch "was not; for God took him;" instead of dying, he dematerialized. Elijah "went up into Heaven in a chariot of fire"—another case of dematerialization.

I do not urge extremes of dematerialization, yet I do urge a spiritual life by people in the

flesh. It is better even than to make spirits more gross by materializing them.

A Practical Suggestion

Here is a practical suggestion that may be easily understood.

Can and dry everything possible this summer. Save the waste of natural growth for possible fuel.

Children saved Kansas from depopulation in old days by gathering buffalo chips. Considerable fuel may yet be gathered during the summer at almost no money cost.

Next winter is likely to prove the hardest in American history. If crops are good, the food trust will so corner them that the poor can hardly buy.

If they are bad, there will be actual starvation in plenty, even in the United States.

Through a little forethought we may in part head off the profiteer. It is the next best thing to community organization, and the crisis has not yet become acute enough to force the people to that.

Argument Does Not Work

Sir Oliver Lodge came to America to argue spiritism. In doing that he placed it in question. He should have appealed to demonstration.

He did not come to argue about his scientific discoveries. They prove themselves, and are final.

The only argument for spiritism is spirit manifestation. If that manifestation is not convincing, the proper attitude is to put it on a more scientific basis.

When spiritism made appeal to argument, the press made fun of it, and has almost ridiculed it out of consideration.

The attitude of argument, followed by the attitude of superiority, laughing at the claims, has put the whole problem where nothing but demonstration can touch it.

Mechanical communication with the other world has become a necessity. The fact has not been touched one way or another by argument. But the fact must be presented as undeniable fact. And it will be.

Opening of the New Aquarian Age

ASTROLOGY is older than astronomy. The wise men who came from the east to visit the infant Jesus are supposed to be astrologers. It is something that astrologers are united in proclaiming an age-ending at our doors, the beginning of a new age due now, based on the position of the stars. You know I have never claimed that the idea of periodicity was new to me, but only that I am seeking to revive old wisdom that extends beyond any one branch of ancient science.

I quote from George W. Carey, of Los Angeles, an astrologer, among other lines of work:

"About every 2,000 years the solar system passes through one of the signs of the Zodiac. During a period of 2,000 years, ending about the year 1900, the solar system was in the sign Pices, the fishes, a water sign. For 2,000 years we were in a water-world age. The fish was the sign of early Christianity, and fishermen preached the gospel. Then came navigation, Columbus, Watt, Fulton, and finally submarine navigation.

For 2,000 years water ruled the world.

"Then the solar system swung into the air sign, Aquarius. Now it is the airship that rains fire upon water ships, and, 'Alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all who had ships in the sea, by reason of her costliness, for in one hour she is made desolate.'"

"Aquarius is the only human (or man) sign of the twelve signs of the zodiac. He is the 'sign of the Son (or sun) of man in the Heavens.'"

"The revolutionary planet Uranus entered the sign of Aquarius in February, 1912, to remain seven years, or until February, 1919. Some say Uranus will not pass from Aquarius until October, 1919. (The author explains that the foregoing was first printed in 1900.)"

"Commercialism, wage slavery, child slavery, competition, the traffic in liquor and traffic in the bodies of women are due to receive their 'deadly wound.' Food conservation, vegetarian propaganda and clean living are coming to the fore

everywhere. One can see the end of the world of sin and ignorance that have dominated man for ages.

"All operations of Divine wisdom are threefold. First, the Heavens declare future manifestations. Second, these operations appear in the commercial world. Third, man realizes their ultimatum in his physical organism."

I have often wished the viewpoint of the astrologist. Here we have it, in clear language. It is a view that might have been written a thousand years ago, because it is based on the law of periodicity in the Heavens. I do not think it is complete. Yet it is old wisdom applied to cosmic matters rather than individual fortune telling, and to say the least is interesting.

Due for An Explosion

Chicago.—"The United States is bucking its way through an era of false prosperity and unless vital changes are made in the industrial situation we are due for an explosion."—Frank A. Vanderlip, banker.

Barbed Wire

R. Dyberg, California

ABOUT fifty years ago, in a wire mill in Worchester, Mass., there worked a poor mechanic. He brooded over the success of others, and set about to succeed at any cost. In those days the mad craving for big fortunes had begun to take possession of the minds of many.

With a small model of a machine and a sample of its product, this ambitious worker appeared at the office of a local capitalist. They reasoned and debated.

"This is just the thing," the inventor said, "for the pasture, the garden, and even the back yard. It will open the flesh of any trespasses, be it animal or man."

After further conversation, the machine was put into operation to show how it worked. Then the capitalist arose from his chair and said:

"You are showing me quite an ugly thing, but I think there is money in it. I will back you in marketing it."

Then and there the mechanic was made a financial success. Later he became a millionaire. In spite of his wealth, misfortune heaped themselves upon him. His family was cursed by sickness, divorces, insanity and suicide.

So barbed wire, one of the most cruel devices man ever invented, was put on the market. The whole country became a network of wire fences, barbed. Cattle, and horses especially, were caught in the barbs and tortured horribly.

A certain man complained to a judge that one of his horses had been ripped and spoiled by a neighbor's wire fence. "Damn the horses," the judge replied. "They must learn to keep away from the fence."

Barb wire reached its climax of terror during the recent war. It created an inferno, in which thousands of brave men were caught and tortured. But the steel trust made money from the increased use of the wire.

There is an old saying that "evil as well as good is eternal." Perhaps the good angels are unable to enter the "land of the

free" because of barb wire entanglements. With barb wire gone, the people might open their hearts to understanding and good will.

The Ghosts of Shakespeare

Shakespeare knew spiritism as the modern spiritist movement does not know it. His spirit manifestations are not confined to ghosts or haunts, though he has them. Macbeth is haunted by the wraith of Malcomb; Claudius by the ghost of the elder Hamlet. Julius Caesar in spirit visits Brutus, yet less in anger than in sorrow.

But Shakespeare deals in spirits other than of decarnated human beings. There is the elemental in Calaban, the tree spirit; the air sprite in Ariel; the fairy in Queen Mab; the bright created spirit, enslaved, in Puck. If you will read the references to their appearances, you will find the whole lore of a phase of spiritism that is ignored by the modern movement.

Shakespeare knew of an "affable, great ghost," and of being "by spirits taught to write above the mortal pitch." But he also knew of the haunting presence of Diety, as revealed in Woolsey's soliloquy.

I have seen the spirit of Hamlet presented on the stage by a great tragedian, but it seemed to me cheap and foolish. He did not understand the spirit world, just as many spiritualists do not, but as Shakespeare plainly did.

Opening of the Heavens

From "Jesus and Barabbas," the new drama of an old age ending. 5 acts

Jesus.—The Heavens are opening now.

They always open

At periods like this. Not only are The higher spirits struggling after freedom,

But Heaven is in the grip of violence, And passionate poor souls sieze on the bodies

Of human beings to use them for a purpose

Or are enslaved by men to trivial tasks, Finding lost goods or telling personal fortunes.

The problem of deliverance is greater Than looking out for man alone, or money.

The pay of teachers could readily be raised if the pay could be raised.

Eight Classes of People Who Will Escape the Cataclysm

YES, you may get out of it. The book of Revelation mentions eight different classes of people who shall "overcome." Overcome might well be written, come-over, or pass from one age into another. Each has its own reward.

First is the churchman. His reward is, the right to eat of the tree of life. Rev. 2:7.

Second are the persecuted. "They shall not be hurt of the second death." Rev. 2:11.

Third are those who are not led astray by false doctrines and baleful spirits. Their reward is to "eat of the hidden manna." Rev. 2:17.

Fourth are those "who are careful to live my life to the end." To them is "given authority over the nations." Rev. 2; 26-27.

Fifth are those who "are on the watch." Of such it is said: "I will confess his name before my Father and before the angels"—surely a fine introduction in spirit life. Rev. 3; 5.

Sixth. "Because you kept in mind the story of my endurance, I will keep you in the hour of trial that is about to come upon the whole world, the hour that will test all who are living upon earth." Rev. 3; 12.

Seventh are those who are "in earnest and repentant." Their hope is to "feast with the Lord" and to share in his victories.

Eighth, people in general who "conquer" both conditions and themselves. "They shall inherit all things," even the new world to be. Rev. 21; 7.

This is a broader promise, including a greater variety of people, than most of us as individuals would allow. There is room for you. Begin to make the spiritual preparation now.

John D. Rockefeller, jr., beat the Interchurch drum while his agents were pulling off the fake rebellion in Mexico. What a hypocrite he is!

Congress seems to be good at finding fault but not at finding remedies.

After betraying their members, the union heads call them "outlaws."

Opinions of Others

Christ-Like Debs

What Christ-minded people like Gene Debs and Kate O'Hare might accomplish if they were not imprisoned or killed! I am reminded of the lines:

Ask God to give thee skill in comfort's art,
That thou mayest consecrated be and set apart
To a life of perfect sympathy;
For heavy is the weight of ill on every heart,
And comforters are needed much
Of Christ-like touch.

Moses knew, Joseph knew, Jesus above all knew, and Gene Debs knows.—R. Agnes Clark, Kansas.

A Case of Thought Transference

I believe that our thought can reach out for what we want. On two different occasions I have been enabled to save life by being summoned by telepathy. Once I sprang out of my chair late in the evening, raced three blocks up the street in my house clothes, ran up two flights of stairs in a rooming house and got into a room just in time to stop my friend from drinking poison. She told me later that she thought of me strongly and longingly just as she was nerving herself for the act. Today she is a very successful physician.—Dr. Ethel Lynn, San Francisco.

Foresaw the Photophone

Max Stauffer, a New World booster of Fort Worth, Texas, writes that the photophone, mention of which was made in a recent issue of this publication, was described and named by him in a book he published in 1912, entitled, "Humanity and the Mysterious Knight." Seems to parallel the account of the sinking of the Titanic by an iceberg several years before the Titanic was sunk, told about in a story by another author.

A Crazy Bunch

Did man ever see a crazier bunch at the head of things than now? "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad"—insane. Orlando is out, Clemenceau is out, Wilson is down, and Lloyd George almost at the end of his rope. I believe every man guilty of framing that monstrosity of a treaty is being visited

by Divine judgment, by the law of retribution.—J. L. Kramer, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Eddy a Seeress

The eyes of the enlightened are seeing that our only hope lies in co-operation, where we may "conserve everything but good nature." I can hear the thunderings of evil, yet do not fear, for I know that "the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Mrs. Eddy also was a seeress, as her writings show.—R. Agnes Clark, Kansas.

The New World Revives Forgotten Knowledge of Periodicity, with Data

Nature ever restores equilibrium by making things new. She awakens the world from darkness and sleep with a fresh day. She ends the darkness of the weeks with the full moon. She overcomes barren winter with beautiful, growing spring. When the old ideas and ways are exhausted at the end of an Historical Age, she brings, somehow, new vision, and often a new world, as when America was discovered, sufficient to occupy the energies of man for another Great Year. When exhaustion has become more pronounced at the ending of a Geological Age, she brings in an entirely new order, with a complete change in earth conditions, creating practically a new world out of the old. This is the thing that this paper announces for the not remote future. It is the culmination of the Christian message, yet is not Christianity, being a real change rather than preparation for the change. Under the new order the spirit will be developed beyond anything ever known before; and with an ending of seas, zones and seasons, the problem of living will become simple, and socialization possible, while happiness and goodness will be natural conditions.

A Vision of the End

On a night in November, 1919, I had a dream that was so vivid it seemed a vision. There was a great, puzzled crowd in confusion. Something strange had happened and no one seemed able to understand what.

The scene changed to a great stock market. Messengers and clerks were trying to arouse enthusiasm in the work before them, but to no avail. Nobody would buy or sell. There was marked depression, and time on all obligations was extended.

The scene shifted to a big church, where a congregation was demanding of the minister what the new conditions meant. There was alarm and confusion, mingled with fear.

While in my dream I was pondering on what the dream might mean, I seemed to hear a voice saying, "In such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." And I awoke.—Edd Ryan, North Dakota.

Out of the Sticks

New World Sermonette

"Can any good come out of Nazareth?"

NAZARETH means a wooded place. It was surrounded by woods in Jesus' day. Perhaps Joseph settled there because he found it a locality in which raw material for wagon making was abundant, and on the principal highway of the land, at a time when the fisheries of Galilee were beginning to be exploited for commercial purposes. Even today Nazareth is said to be situated in the woods.

Asking whether any good could come out of Nazareth was equivalent to asking if a big thing could come out of the sticks. It is a sneer that is heard today. Yet the city is kept alive by the new blood it draws from the backwoods.

We have evidently had a wrong picture of Jesus. He was a backwoodsman. Picture the lumber jack; picture Lincoln; then think of Jesus, for all are of the same type. He came from the backwoods, the sticks. Yet Jesus is remembered while the rich and powerful of his day are forgotten. So it often is, and has been, and will be in the future.

He Likes Hamlet

H. A. Zeckendorf, San Francisco: I enclose money order for \$2 for six copies of Hamlet in Heaven. I wish to avail myself of the opportunity to congratulate you upon this most valuable contribution in the advancement of science, literature and philosophy. The preface is rendered in a spirit worthy of the immortal author. Would that occultists everywhere might maintain the admirable poise that you demonstrate in setting forth the facts relating to the production of this play. If they did, the advancement of spiritual knowledge would be promoted to a degree little dreamed of at the present moment. I shall esteem it a privilege to recommend this gem to all of my friends, and if you should have other productions from the same source that you have for sale, I would be pleased to purchase them. I wish you Godspeed in your work for the uplift of humanity.

The Road to Romany

Beautiful Poem which I wish to share with You. By Fenton O'Malley. Sent in Manuscript from Texas

OUT along the prairie lands, over hill and hollow.
Runs the road to Romany that Gypsie lovers follow.

Out along the prairie lands, toward the ragged mountains,
Where lazy clouds are loitering beside the primal fountains,
And all along the roadside, what a world of treasure
Mother Nature lavishes without stint or measure!

Pine tree and palm tree, orange tree and beech,
Daffodils and daisies and violets in reach;
Moonlight and starlight, gloaming and the dawn,
With a dewy mine of diamonds gleaming on the lawn.

Wildwood and wilderness, meadow land and town;
Pleasant dales and canons where nimble creeks leap down—
Leap from crag to boulder, and guy the rooted tree
With a merry elfin laughter and a naive childish glee.

And the road runs through the desert to the lands
beside the shore,
Where an orchestra of waters booms a paeon evermore,
Booms a mystical hozanna to the Spirit never old;
But the ears of men are deafened by discordant chink of gold.

And their eyes have grown myopic from eternal civil wars
Which alike enslave the conquered and the conquerors,
Till they see in mighty forest but lumber in the bark
And behold in primrose sunsets but the coming of the dark.

But the road runs ever forward, wherever men have hives,
And worry out their little time in narrow, stinted lives;
Through hamlets and villages and over crowded cities,
Wherein society creates conditions that it pities—

And builds enormous hospitals to shield the wounded brothers,
Yet all the while for profits vile maims a million others.
But out along the roadside the world spins fast and free,
And there my Love is waiting, and she is calling me!

So out to join her then I go. 'Tis better far, she thinks,
To neatly cut the cameo than neatly carve a sphinx.
Out along the prairie land, over hill and hollow
Runs the road to Romany that Gypsie lovers follow.

The lover mentioned is Nature.

Nature is Disturbed

A Month's Proof of Abnormalities

The worst sand storms in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado in years. In many cases growing crops were swept out, and trains were stopped by dust drifts.

Cyclones in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and southern states, in one day. Several hundred were killed and property loss ran into the millions.

Half of America, at Easter time, involved in the worst snow storm and freeze of the winter. Nothing like it is on record.

Worst blizzards ever known at the season visit much of the United States the latter part of April. A great deal of stock is killed.

Cyclones in Mississippi, latter part of April take a toll of 150 lives.

Man has by bad management deranged nature, as microbes may make a man ill. Beside, we are probably approaching a position in the Heavens where elements are being disturbed by new planetary

conditions. It may be that, in approaching a great nebula, north end first, the arctic ices, "reserved against the day of judgment," as Job puts it, may be melting and cooling the air. Possibly a new glacial drift is needed to save the world from burning when the collision really comes. Never were there such confirmations of forecasts of abnormalities in nature. And if my reading be correct, they are likely to greatly increase.

Said by Debs in Prison

The United States supreme court has declared that the United States Steel Corporation was not a trust and annulled the anti-trust law.

It declared there was no tax on stock dividends and the government lost a billion dollars that would have paid its soldiers' bonuses.

A. Mitchell Palmer's compromise let the packers escape anti-trust prosecution.

What better campaigning could I have than this?

Almost World Panic

Switzerland shut tight all her borders in order to readjust her finances.

Japan is in such a bad way that she has prohibited all dealings in futures and on the stock market.

Wall street had the biggest selling of stocks known for years, and a nation wide scare seemed near.

It was the collapse of plutocracy as pictured last month. Plutocratic feudalism must succeed it.

Odd Twist in Mexico

It looks like the secession of Sonora from Mexico was engineered by the same American capitalists who have been trying to force a war of conquest for fifteen years. They appear to be trying the Texas route of 1845.

The humane society has well adopted this slogan: "Be kind to animals; you are one yourself."

The Church as an Institution Now on the Side of Big Business

How Does This Appeal to You?

Washington, D. C., March 24, 1920.—Directors of the Interchurch World Movement announced yesterday that "big business," and "Wall Street" are behind their Nation-wide movement against bolshevism and "redism," and that Wall Street's wealth, "represented by the chief multi-millionaire groups," has been pledged to insure success of proposals to cope with the "reds" and kindred evils. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is reported as being particularly interested in the anti-Bolshevist movement.

"John D. Rockefeller, Jr.," says the official statement issued by the Interchurch World Movement directors, "called here on business at the treasury, conferred with interchurch officials and pledged the support of 'big business' toward the new world movement of relief and education. Speaking for himself and a group of his associates, including former Justice Charles E. Hughes, Cleveland H. Dodge and Alfred E. Marling, he declared that the present interchurch survey, directed against radicalism, is 'the most thorough, comprehensive and far-reaching ever devised to stem the tide of evil now rampant in Europe.'

"Mr. Rockefeller and other industrial leaders, it was said, have assured interchurch officials of their support without stint in the present big undertakings. Business leaders, eager to check the spread of anti-government doctrines from abroad, consider the interchurch world program far more practical in its immediate educational effects than any project heretofore initiated.

"Men who control the purse strings of gigantic business fields frankly confess themselves alarmed at the partial failure of government agencies at home to cope with the 'red' evil. They fear it is merely lying dormant. By methods which would Christianize and Americanize the elements weak enough to accept the doctrines with which central and eastern Europe is now inflamed they urge that no cheese paring

policy be followed. They heartily endorse vigorous action."—United Press.

A Vision of What True Religion Might Accomplish for Man

Call It the Creed of the Carpenter

I SEE a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth. I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and wave, frost and flame, and all the secret, subtle powers of the earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

"I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilling, while lips are rich with words

of love and truth; a world in which no exile, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward; where work and worth go hand in hand; where the poor girl, trying to win bread with a needle—the needle that has been called "the asp for the breast of the poor"—is not driven to the desperate choice of crime or death, of suicide or shame.

"I see a world without the begger's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn. I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, married harmony of form and function. And as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth; and over all, in the great dome, shines the eternal star of human hope."

—Robert G. Ingersoll.

Some of the profiteers seem to be 1,000 per cent American.

Deathbed of Civilization

THE MAKER of the good we've gained
Was growing old and gray;
What civilization had attained
Was soon to pass away.
Burdened with many wounds and ills,
And fainting on the bed,
The builder of the West lay still
And soon he would be dead.

And did the skilled and wise of men
Seek to allay distress,
To bring the world to peace again
And give it happiness?
Ah, no! They plunged the world in war,
His property to sieze;
Spreading disaster near and far,
And famine and disease.

The patient, breathing hard, though weak,
Trembled, with palsied hand,
And managed in distress to speak
What few would understand.
"For centuries," he said, "I strove,
And fought with strength and will;
The feeble and the meek I drove;
The strong provoked to kill.

"And under spur great deeds were done,
And golden stores were piled
In coffers of the few who won
As others were dispoiled.
The mighty called me proud and great,
The victims were afraid;
And so I ruled in splendid state,
And fabulous wealth displayed.

"But now that I have been bled white,
My children do not care,
But as I taught them, rush to fight,
To sieze my land and ware.
They wound me by their gross neglect,
Attacking me when weak,
And it is torment to reflect
On what their crimes will wreak.

"Soon I shall pass away, I know,
And Barbarism come;
I cannot help it being so;
And all the strong are dumb.
The savings of the years will then
Be spoil for who can take,
And slavery be the lot of men,

"From ages dark I came, and trod
A bloody way of loot,
And now return unto the sod,
The same as any brute.
To darkness I give back the earth;
Death and despair await
To strangle, as of old, true Worth,
And Justice violate."

And civilization gasped, while rang
Without the shouts of men
Eager for power, fierce of fang,
To poison earth again.
In vain a few plead for the Right;
The masters would not heed,
But strove to loot with feint and might,
With Civilization—dead.

Running the Machine

New World Essayette

SOMETIMES we make development of the spirit seem hard because we do not connect up with man as he is now.

The man within functions through purely physical organs. And it functions apart from conscious effort.

There are physiologically located nerve centers, plexes or ganglia that govern certain organs, without the conscious mind directing them. One of these directs the beating of the heart; another sees to digestion; while another sees that breathing does not stop even when the conscious brain sleeps.

These little brains that run certain machines without our having to think about it constitute, when taken together, what is known as the subconscious mind, the inner man.

It is possible for the superintending mind to direct these smaller centers to do things they do not ordinarily accomplish. For example, one may direct his inner brain that supervises digestion to physic him, and teach it to obey. He may direct the nerve center in charge of the heart to purify the blood and cast out matter that causes disease. This is more than suggestion; it is the getting hold of yourself. It is using your soul, your will.

But you can do more. You may submit to this consciousness problems that worry you, with direction that it shall work out the solution. Thousands do this. The answer comes in the form of an illumination that does not require thought, yet is obviously the right thing.

It is a great deal to establish harmony between your conscious self and the little brains that do things without you thinking about them. This establishes at-one-ment. It makes man a unit. It is perfectly rational. And it is not hard.

Learn to use yourself, for you are a better machine than you have thought; and the element that runs the life machine has all the universe to draw from.

The Middle Class Doomed

Now it is the worker who is being reduced to serfdom, and the middle class is helping to subdue him. The middle class itself will come next. Rider Haggard, of England, recently warned that the middle class was on the road to ruin. But his attitude toward the feudalizing tendency was shown in his comment: "The working classes are getting too much of what they

produce." Who else should get any of it?

"Holy" Free Love

Paris.—Many dangers threaten the American tourist who would visit Europe. Floating mines is one.

But floating mines is but a secondary peril. The most dangerous awaits the tourist on European soil. That is the man hunt. Millions of European women are left husbandless by the war, and if they can find their mates among the tourists to come they are going to do so.

They are hoping that the number of bachelors among the tourists will be a large one, but if not who knows whether marriage will stop them? Polygamy has frequently been suggested as a remedy for the destruction of men — but American women would undoubtedly prefer polygamy to be exercised by European men instead of loaning their husbands to the husbandless European sisters. But whatever the solution, travelers in Europe had better be prepared for attacks as difficult to resist as the fiercest battles of the war.



Probably the devil is afraid the plutocrats will go to hell.

Trucks Serve 65 Towns

Just how far the smaller machine is already superceding the big machine is disclosed in a recent announcement that trucks running in and out of Kansas City daily serve sixty-five towns. The railroads are losing eighty-five tons of business daily to these trucks, which cover a radius of forty miles. Should there be a big railroad strike the service would doubtless be doubled in a very short time.

Promoter of Disease

Note how vast a quantity of lives one's stomach absorbs, devastator of land and sea. No wonder that with so discordant a diet disease should be everywhere.—Seneca.

The Five Horsemen

Much is being said about "the four horseman of apocolypse." Even The New World has alluded to the big race now on between the four elements seeking world dominance.

It has defined the first of the horsemen as the nation, making what it terms righteous war; the second horseman as revolution; the third horseman as natural changes — cataclysms and pestilences; and the fourth horseman as spirit forces.

But who has considered the fifth horseman? That is the winning horse. Americans will understand the phrase, "It is a dark horse." That is, it does not appear until away along in the book.

Then it is revealed, because, quoting from the Twentieth Century New Testament, "The Heavens lay open." It is spiritual in nature.

It is also white—truly pure. "There appears a white horse. Its rider is called Faithful and True. Righteously does he judge. The armies of Heaven follow him on white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure."

The rider of this genuinely white horse bears a name, "King of kings and Lord of lords." "He shall rule with an iron rod. He treadeth the grapes of the wine of the Wrath of God." This marks him as the destined winner.

He is accompanied by spiritual armies of good. This indicates a great new spiritualism to come. "Out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword." This suggests new revelation. With it he is to "smite the nations."

This is he who "must reign till he hath put down all (other) rule, authority and power."

What Will Kill the Church

Thinkers are agreed that the support of Constantine caused the fall of the power of early Christianity. The new attitude of the church, as stated by Roger W. Babson, the financial writer, shows a trend that will mean the ending of the modern church. He says: "The value of our investments depends, not on the strength of our banks, but on the strength of our churches."

Three Ring Circus

A. Kenoyer, California

SOME SHOW all right, on this little revolving stage of ours. I feel like the country lad trying to see everything in a three ring circus at the same time.

There will be something doing whenever humanity awakens to the fact that they have been Billy Sundied out of their birth-right. Thoughts are live things, and when they are denied expression, they will manifest in deeds. In deeds, they destroy the power that suppressed their speech. Thought force, used collectively, is dubbed public sentiment.

Orthodox religion can always be depended on to furnish the clowns, and they seem to have passed the Punch and Judy stage, and are going to give us something both funny and suggestive.

As acrobats and contortionists, the politicians are going to give us some splendid mental gymnastics. Both the orthodox staging and the political scaffolding seem to need reinforcing and some better underpinning, but why should I worry?

The truth is, the world has been wrecked, and they are all out to see how much salvage they can get.

But there is not going to be any salvage for anyone, and they had just as well know it now, as later on. YOU said it.

The long delayed day of reconing has arrived, and with mixed feelings of love, amusement and revenge I watch the suckers run for cover.

Government Has Broken Down

The European peace is as terrible as war, and perhaps more unintelligible, at least as the newspapers tell about it. All we know is that government has broken down because the people have lost faith in it. Indeed, government has lost faith in itself. It is opportunist and expedientist rather than principled. It professes but does not practice trust in the people. The peace has shown that all the professions of the peace-makers were lies. The people, exhausted by war and confused by many counsels, cannot overthrow the governments, and the result is a slow agony of starvation and wreckage and

slaughter in guerilla fashion. The situation is horrible in its hopelessness. The innocent suffer more than the guilty. The guilt is or was government's. —Reedy's Mirror, St. Louis.

The New World Proclaims the Kingdom of Heaven Near on a New Basis

The coming of the Kingdom of Heaven is predicated on periodicity. When the solar system is passing through a certain roadway in the Heavens it experiences the same general characteristics that prevail during the annular winter. At another point the entire system experiences what may be likened to the yearly summer. The kingdom of Heaven comes whenever the summer condition arrives. The whole cycle embraces what is known as the Geological Age, its records being in geological "systems." The new order will be the Kingdom of Heaven for two reasons: 1st. It depends upon the position of the solar system in space. 2d. It will be the age of the spirit, as the age just closing has been the age of physical man. Jesus in his day, coming at the closing of an historical age, made the new order, which involves a making over of the earth, the hope of the world. And he spoke from personal knowledge of previous geological age, though his teaching is but meagerly understood.

Now a Matter of Test

With a sixth of the territory of the world now in control of socialists, the question of future domination rests more on test than on argument by either side.

If socialists make good beyond the present dominating forces, then socialism will increase in power. If it does not make good, then it will lose.

It is a strange fact that conscription of labor is beginning in socialistic Russia. It will give Russia an advantage. She is likely to enter next winter in better financial condition than any other nation.

Other nations will be driven to conscription of labor. But they will find that there is a difference between forcing people to speed up that they may be personally placed in better shape, and forcing them to speed up that some may make greater profits.

Yet in either case it is conscription of labor. That is the basic element of feudalism.

Perhaps the feudalistic element may bring dissatisfaction with socialistic management even from socialists.

Possibly, the tendency in nature, now toward disintegration, will bring a falling part in even socialistic nations.

Man is a comedy, but life itself a tragedy.

He Is Hog Tied

New World Parable

BANDITS of Big Business tied Uncle Sam fast, and had fun going through his pockets. "You know we are the patriots," laughed one, as he rifled a pocket filled with wealth. "We are for you all the time," chuckled another, taking some joolry. Lookers on demanded a share, one as wages and others for food. A third bandit abstracted two dollars from Uncle's pockets and tossed each of the beggars a quarter.

—And Uncle merely grinned.

It Was a Pity

New World Fable

"POOOR DEVIL!" soliloquised Pilate, as he washed his hands.

"I pity him; but it doesn't matter what becomes of people of that stripe. He was so impractical and such a failure. Yet he had ability of a certain kind, and might have been somebody if he had not gone wrong. Oh, well, the world simply has to push such people out of its way and then forget about them."

—But who today would have known of Pilate if it had not been for that "failure"—Jesus?

Eating the Corpse

I marvel of what sort of feeling or reason that man is possessed who was first to pollute his mouth with gore, and to allow his lips to touch the flesh of the murdered being; who spread his table with the mangled forms of dead bodies. How could his eyes endure the spectacle of flayed and dismembered limbs, his sense of smell the horrid effluvium? — Plutarch, Essay on Flesh Eating.

The Real Hope

The hope of the world, at this age-ending, as it has been at every age-ending, lies in community self help. And there never was a time when the possibilities of this simple co-operation were so great as now. It will not mean the rejection of all machinery, but only the discarding of an overgrown and burdensome machine or what might well be termed plutocracy.

Old Vision of It

The Norse legends of the Twilight of the Gods--the Gotterdamung of Wagner's operas--or the end of the world, are surprisingly like scriptural references to the same thing. They date from remote antiquity. Donnelly gets his idea of Ragnarok from them. I paraphrase from the Voluspa, the Prophecy of the Sibyl, from the Eddas:

The sun turns pale.

The sea engulfs the spacious earth.
From Heaven fall the lucid stars.
At the end of time the vapors rage,
And playful flames involve the skies.

Then from the sea, a second time
The earth arises---green completely.
All fields appear sown, with new seed.
All that seemed evil is removed.

A plane of gold that dims the sun
Roofs over earth and all is good.
The strong of spirit dwell on it,
And it is a delightful place.

The Idea Sublime

The New World continues to be absorbing in a profound way. The article on the Nebula in the February number refers to the one in Orion, which is a vast body of limedust found by spectro analysis to exist in that portion of the Heavens. Very sublime these objects are, bearing evidence of being debris of former worlds. These are two large, elongated, dark objects between us and the Andromeda nebula that are mysteries. The Great Red Dragon may now be in our path, but not luminous enough to be visible. The New World is clearly right about the social crash coming prior to the pyrotecnics. The New World's dream of turmoil is one that has crossed my mind. I have thought of the caves of Luray, W. Va. Maybe we will be near some of the Ozark caves to there find refuge from the storm. I have not much choice in passing the crisis with my body or leaving it on this side. I am confident that spirit communication will be a blessing within the reach of all in the new world to be. The angels will mingle freely with this material stage after it has been fumigated and cleaned.—Alex Cummings, Florida.

S. B. Weaver, Indiana: I assure you I do not want to miss a copy of The New World. To a spiritualist and Socialist it is like a beacon light, especially to those who do any real thinking. Some of our spiritualist papers would

lead one to think that the spirit world is not concerned about the tremendous problems that are confronting the entire civilized world today. You could not tell from their attitude but that the spirit world stood sponsor for the present financial regime that is engulfing earth. How different was the attitude of the so-called primitive or ancient spiritualists, among whom were Christos, Heronimous, Pythagorus, Apolonius and Plotinus! Our planet must establish human justice, as it is known on other planets in the solar system, or else serious natural cataclysms are inevitable. The Morgans, Lansdowns, Rockefellers and Rothchilds are dictating the financial and governmental policy of the largest portion of the civilized world. But they forget that we are in the power of the spirit world, and other planets in the solar system that have already established universal brotherhood.

It Is Proving Out

WHEN the New World was young, its statement that socialism was about to disintegrate created a sensation in the radical world. Yet you have seen it come. Six months ago it looked like Republicans were sure to win in 1920. But disintegration is apparent even in that party, as well as with the Democrats. It is because we have arrived at the time for the "falling away." Strong as the British empire is, powerful as seems the church, both are filled with elements that are tearing down faster than they can be built. It is simply time for such things. No man is to blame for them, any more than man is to blame when the time comes for leaves to fall from the trees.

A Remarkable Book

Dr. George W. Carey, Los Angeles, is author of a very attractive book of unusual originality, entitled, "Wonders of the Human Body." Every page is crowded with striking fact and deduction. It treats of the world body as well as of man's, sociology, astromoy, and hidden scriptural meanings. The price is \$1.50. Chemistry of Life Co, Los Angeles.

Good morning. Has your automobile been stolen yet?

NewWorld Philosophy

When nations die the people are born.

Exclude but one and there is no universe.

When stock is fenced in man is fenced out.

What nobody can prove everybody accepts.

Many good things are made to serve bad ends,

The best workers of the people are really wonder workers.

Whoever heard of an appointed judge who decided for the people?

The event that is not recorded may be the beginning of a new era.

The judicial poise of which we hear so much seem to be related to avoidupois.

Deportations seem to have resulted merely in an exchange of radicals.

If you have the courage to speak out you must also have patience to be kicked out.

It is strange how much better some eleven year old authors write than the old timers do.

There is one advantage about not owning a motor car. The car you haven't got cannot be stolen.

Comradeship Circle

Let us promote this revival by getting in touch with all the saints of past ages and races, who are now here to forward the work. I appoint

Every Sunday Evening, from 7 to 8. as Comradeship Circle hour, to sit in groups of twos or threes, or even alone. Let there be no cabinet, no medium, and no appeal for trivial messages. Sing devotional hymns softly. Repeat the Lord's prayer. Read or repeat scriptural promises. Talk briefly of your own deep soul experiences. Sit in silence, asking for the "one thing" on which you have agreed, and stay with that one thing week after week until you get it. Every month I will suggest "one thing" for the work in general, on which all should concentrate for five minutes at each Comradeship Circle hour. It is the most revolutionary message among

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Above the mortal pitch."
- Shakespeare, sonnet 86.

The Spirit Press

Contributions in this department are presumably by the spirits, whose names are attached to them. Believe what you please about them.

Spirit News Service

This department is supposed to come from the spirit, from service managed by Spirit Horace Greeley. The New World does not vouch for the truth of any statement made herein. Individuals and groups wishing to use this service must have character and common sense and sit for information. Personal news will not be given; neither will attempts be made at forecasting events.

THE MASTERS are fumbling. They know well the psychology of apparent confidence and apparent knowledge. But they do not see the way out, and they differ as to what ought to be done. If you could visit, as spirits can and do, their secret conferences, you would be astonished at their alarm and confessed impotence.

But you need not think from this that they intend to abandon their plans or their exploitation. They know something must be done, and they are a unit in determination to hang on to the last. Managers feel their responsibility for dividends, and are willing to let the reckless and reactionary "bull" their way on, for immediate returns.

Yet with all there is what scripture aptly calls a "fearful looking forward." They occupy exactly the position of the nobles before the French revolution, who dismissed the thought of danger with the words, "After us the deluge."

There will therefore be more desperate repression than there has been. Prison, deportation, war, the black list, a money pan-

ic, assassination and death to rebels of every sort are all talked in their conferences as possible weapons. So far there has not been such persecution as always come at age endings; but it will come. What the early Christians suffered, what the reformers of five centuries ago endured, the workers and agitators of today may expect. The masters realize that they have steered the world well on to the rocks; yet they shudder and keep on their hell-bound way.

Debs for President

Presumably by Spirit J. A. Wayland

THE FINEST THING the Socialist party of America ever did was to nominate Debs and O'Hare at this time.

It will be worth while to vote for them, merely because it will begin the rehabilitating of the right which the exploiters sought to crush.

Doubt not that in this case you will win. Children of the people who helped to shut this splendid man, this noble woman, in prison, will erect monuments to them.

In earth life I never met finer specimens of humanity than they. In the spirit I delight to honor and visit them.

They do not know how many of the worthies of the past are with them, counting it freedom and honor and joy to commune with them.

Thousands are today glorifying the prison as Jesus glorified the cross. After awhile the prison, that relic of barbarous autocracy, will be abolished.

But it could not come until the good had lighted the dark ways of it by passing through it.

Claims It Has Been Done

The Kansas City Star publishes a report of a trumpet seance recently held in Kansas City, in which the spirit was asked if strictly mechanical communication between the two states of life was possible. The reply was affirmative. The trumpet added that a great American inventor had already perfected such an instrument, and while his name would not then be announced, the inventor himself would before long give it out.

The Apostle Paul Leaves Christianity for a Wider Work

Presumably by Spirit Paul

WHEN the Master from the spirit made urgent appeal to me to save the movement for which he had given his life, it was in a bad way. For appeal was being made almost exclusively to the people who had crucified our Lord; and it was made known to me that not only did the future center in Europe, but also that this people, my people, were to be scattered among the nations.

Therefore the logical thing to do was to make appeal to the races that were to dominate, races which, to that time, had had no promise or inspiration. Beside, in preparing this people to accept the Hebrew scriptures I was not only enriching them, but was also preparing a reception for my people when they should be scattered through the earth. So I was truly serving my people even when accused of deserting them.

Filled with this vision, I energetically pressed, not only to Rome, but also to outlying provinces, which I foreknew were later on to dominate the life of the world. And, taking advantage of a provision of the All-Seeing, made long before in the law of Moses, that the Hebrew people, while forbidden to take interest or profit from their brethren, might do so from strangers; Israel has been able to maintain herself amid hostile surroundings; to spoil those who despoiled her; and, being without government, to influence the nations. So was my reading of events proved to be correct, and Israel was truly saved.

And consider what Europe would have been under the influence of the barbarians and their religion, and where the Jews, turned helpless in their midst, would have been, except for the gospel of the Christ. For even though they did corrupt Christianity, yet Christianity softened their harsh ways.

Now, at the end of this age it has come to pass that the Christian movement, not discerning the times and that which is to come, is seeking to make the white man's commercialism control the earth, choosing its exploiting materialism in place of present power and inspiration. It becomes necessary, in or-

der to save the greater work that the Lord designed, to repeat the tactics of twenty centuries ago and discard the instrument that is no longer usable. Yet we do not indeed but only apparently abandon the white people, and that for their salvation. For the message is so broadened that whosoever will may now partake of spiritual power and joy, whatever he may believe.

It is only fair that the yellow, the brown, the red and black races should have their chance: therefore we turn to them; and the white people cannot be saved without them or while dispoiling them.

Many in the east shall catch the light that has now gone round the world, and the barriers of caste and tradition and dead teaching shall be melted down before it. There shall be yellow and brown, red and black teachers and prophets and healers, and they shall do wonders that the white Christians would not believe; and the light in the east shall shine to the west and bring the world a new and freeing hope.

The new hope shall be neither Christian or Buddhist, Mohammedan or pagan; for in the fullness of time these are ready to pass before living experience and spiritual power. And he who was the Christ—who is now the blessed Lord of all—will, with all the glorious teachers of the past, scatter new seed from the Heavens upon the earth, and shine that it may grow. But the old forms and creeds and institutions are accursed, and he gives you freedom from them. Also, he will make you economically free.

Let not the old boast itself, for the Christ that was has abandoned Christianity as it abandoned him, and the apostle to the white Gentiles has become an apostle to all races, that both the Jews and white Gentiles, after they have been rebuked, may be enabled to enter on a broader and juster life of brotherhood.

PAUL.

The Lust of Blood

From whence, oh, mortal man, this lust of blood?

Take not away the life you cannot give,

For all things have an equal right to live.

So nourish life with vegetable food,
And shun the sacriligious taste of blood.

—Pythagorus; translated from Ovid.

Napoleon Claims to Have Done Much and Promises More

Presumably by Spirit Napoleon Bonaparte

SOON AFTER the war began I recognized a crisis that might enable me to accomplish what a century before I had barely missed doing, and announced in an early issue of The New World that if I could find someone I could use I would overturn autocracy and make over the map of Europe.

The chance did not come until Foch, a student of the Occult, came into command, and the American troops who, in a boyish spirit of adventure were susceptible to suggestion and had the initiative to carry it out, came upon the scene. Then within two months' time, all the plans of the professional soldiers were set aside and the hitherto victorious Germans were utterly routed. Surely the Little Corporal never did more brilliant work than this.

Recent events have shown how a stupid General when uninspired, may blunder and almost wreck what inspiration had accomplished through him.

While the war was yet in progress I declared, through The New World, that if I could find a usable force in Russia I would free her and give her opportunity. I have found that force. It must ever be a mystery of history how, within six months time, veteran armies were melted down before a rabble that had no trained generalship.

I have been avenged on the Romanoffs, the Hohenzollerns and the Hapsburgs. Again I have swept aristocracy before me and brought freedom in spite of holy alliance to pose. The Napoleonic code was ever liberal; and Napoleon was nev-

er an autocrat, except for strategic reasons.

One alone remains unrebuked of all that united to defeat my work of freedom a century ago. That is England. The purpose of this message is to declare my intention, if a way can be made, to loose the bonds that have been thrown upon sea and land and to humble the tyrant that has kept so many peoples from exercising the right to govern themselves.

NAPOLÉON.



Bad Use of Suggestion

Any good may be turned into an evil, if wrongly used. Suggestion, which might normally heal and help, has but recently been employed in unprecedented deception.

The whole blame for conditions has been thrown upon the president and the league of nations, because the thought has been dinned into ears by the press and speakers for months.

As a matter of fact, the failure to have peace has come because of the senate doing nothing.

The league was an effort to get away from secret diplomacy. The fight on the league is an effort to substitute secret alliances for it.

So strong has suggestion been that Orlando and Clemenceau have been driven from office, Wilson is driven, and even Lloyd George, one of former day's leaders, holds.

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The New World is Promoting a Remarkable Scientific Proposition

The New World is stirring things in its effort to secure the invention of a scientific, mechanical means of communicating with the beyond, that shall make communication open to all, unquestionable and as common as telephoning now is.

2. Scores of forecasts of coming events, in the light of periodicity and data, have been fulfilled, almost without variation, to the astonishment of many. These things, however, merely give basis for faith and hope.

For a Guest Chamber

By Lincoln Phifer

PUT OFF your burden with your robe tonight,
And in the darkness know that God is light.
Trust him in whom you rest when sound asleep
To wake you from a slumber that's more deep.

Quiet the night, peace be unto your heart.
He who is here is with the friend apart.
God give you rest, and bring you through the Night,
And waken you to greater Life through Light.

Why People Flock to the Cities

IT IS NOT the prospect of getting better wages alone that is causing the drift to the cities. People leave the country because it is lonesome there, because there is "nothing doing" in the country, because so many of the rural people are backward in their thoughts.

The drift to the cities is the culmination of the building of the big machine. The provincialism of the country is the result of exploitation. Now matters have progressed to the place where starvation threatens even America. And there is no way to get the people back to the farm under the present system, because city rewards continue bigger and its attractions greater than the country can offer. Beside, it grows harder and harder to get a hold on the land.

The only outcome, apart from bloody revolution, is to let things drift until the logic of events brings the inevitable collapse, forcing new adjustments. Next winter is likely to bring hunger to millions even in this country. If it does, it will teach people that he who dries and packs things on the farm, and saves waste growths for fuel, is the safest man in the land. This will be a beginning of education.

If the fight on labor becomes

strong enough to bring a panic, then thousands will leave the cities for the farms. We may see the looting of the farms as described by Jack London in his "Dream of Debs." When this comes, country and country towns will simply be forced to adopt measures, not only to protect themselves, but to provide for future need. This will force a consideration of community organization for self help.

The thousands who will leave the cities to wander over the country will bring new ideas, being proletarian teachers in the biggest university earth ever knew. They will show how the small machine may be built up from material at hand, and operated by people who are present, that will take care of all and sidestep big business and the power of the trust. The new ideas of simple co-operation will awaken the country town to its possibilities, and relieve the stagnation that caused bright young people to leave the cities. Then economic salvation will be near.

Constitution Haters

When the people elect a socialist to office the "paytriots" refuse to seat him. But what do the paytriots care for the people or the constitution?

Answers to Questions

I have just been ill. While lying helpless I found but little consolation in the thought of catastrophe coming on the world.

The use of the knowledge does not come from do-nothing brooding. When one faces death, it perhaps means but little to him except that he must see beyond the inevitable calamity to great future hope. The thing that will comfort him personally is conscious touch with Deity. Even spirit manifestation, which may weaken the body, cannot equal this in sustaining power. And one may have it, even in sickness, regardless of beliefs, just so there is belief and a reaching out for it. "I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also." Get the personal element—Jesus, God. This is what you need.

Why is it that so many families are scattered? Surely that is not the work of involution, about which you talk.

It is not hard to trace the scattering of families to the need of finding work—to the commercial system. When involution has progressed so far as to cause communities to live within themselves, the process is likely to be reversed, at least in part, and families to gather together again, to live simply from the soil, and to be comforts to each other in the trying days ahead.

How do you observe the Quiet Hour?

In many ways. All paths that lead to him are good, but no one is the essential, the only, path. I have observed it merely by sitting quiet, with mind clear and soul suffused in light, even in company, even in church service. I have observed it while walking in the woods. I have done so in prayer; in reading. The mind and heart are bigger than we have thought, and the simple, childlike way is very good.

The "Falling Away"

The disintegrating forces are already at work. Rejection of the league of nations, the practical falling to pieces of old alliances, is evidence of it. The whole big machinery of exploitation may go to pieces, as the Revelator, suggested "as in a day," "as in an hour."

May Refuse to Sell Paper to All Radical Publications

THE February New World contained an article, presumably by Spirit Horace Greeley, suggesting that much of the alleged news shortage was camouflage, designed to prepare for refusal to sell to radical papers and so get rid of them. Confirmation of this big news story has come more quickly than I anticipated. The Appeal to Reason, The New York Call, the Milwaukee Leader, the Non-Partisan Leader and other radical publications have been refused their customary yearly contracts. In addition, the Paper Trade Journal openly says: "If you want to effect a genuine cure for red, revolutionary radicalism, you just wipe out the source of supply. There is no law, constitutional or otherwise, that hinders the manufacturer or dealer from choosing his own customers. We urge that someone in the trade immediately take the lead, and we believe that co-operation and support will quickly respond. Let us choke off the paper supply to these enemies of government of law and order, and of our daily bread." The excuse given is scarcity of timber from which to make paper, and this scarcity is real. Radicals are proposing to meet the problem by uniting to buy and run a paper mill; but this remedy is inadequate. The raw material would have to be found, and in shipping either timber or paper they would be at the mercy of the very people who are manipulating this scheme. For I believe it is a deliberate plan to kill off half the papers of America and bring illiteracy, in order that the people may be the easier controlled. Just as it was necessary, in maintaining the old feudalism, for the church to be the sole source of information, and for it to keep the people in ignorance, so now, if the new feudalism is to be maintained, it will be needful for plutocracy to absolutely control the press and to bring illiteracy. The best paper earth ever had was papyrus, made in Egypt four thousand years ago, out of weeds, without machinery. Rag weed is of the same family of flax, from which the choicest linen paper is made, works into excellent paper, and can be raised every year in quantities sufficient to meet all requirements. The paper trust knows this, but by exhausting the timber, and then pretending that there is nothing else from which paper can be made, it exercises a tyrannical power over the intellects of the people. It is the big machine again, and even here the remedy can be applied in local self help whenever the people understand and are ready to do it.

World Wide Protest Against Feudalism

THE STORM that has been threatening for over a year broke this month, and there has been almost a world wide revolt, in the way of strikes, against the coming feudalism that labor senses merely as "an effort to enslave labor." Opposition in America centers around the Kansas industrial court law, which is really the beginning of conscription of labor and that the beginning of feudalism. In the Switchmen's strike we had the unexampled spectacle of the union heads trying to defeat their own men. Strike leaders in numbers were jailed. It became evident that Debs and others were imprisoned long ago, not for what they said or did then, but what they might have said and done now, when the show-down came on the plot to establish feudalism. There will probably be spasmodic fighting for some time: but the inevitable has happened, and it was a comparatively easy victory for the masters.

Consider the logic of all this. If they can refuse to sell paper to radical publishers, later they may refuse to rent houses or sell groceries and clothing to radicals "in the ranks." The chief characteristic of the scriptural Man of Sin or Sin of Man, to be "revealed" "in the last days," was that he should "forbid (certain persons) to buy and sell" and also "forbid them to marry." Perhaps those who made the forecast had been through a former age ending and knew how it was then. Perhaps we are to pass through it now. Possibly the mysterious scarcity of sugar, potatoes and other articles of food and clothing is a feeling out of the people to see if they will stand for it. If they show signs of revolt, a panic will be forced, as almost happened on Wall street this month. The leeches are determined, one way or another, to reduce the workers where they will submit.

Books Along Very Original Lines

Current Events Are Giving Them New Timeliness

Old Religions Made New Made "New" by the In- ter-Church Movement

This work shows that, as nature renews herself through spring and the new age, so the re-vival, the re-naissance, the re-surrection, re-storation, all point to new aspects of re-ligion that make the old fresh and better than it was, through fulfillment rather than antagonism. All is involved in the word re-ligion—the tie again. It was thus that Judaism came with a freshness to the old world; thus that Christianity came with a new message at the end of the Jewish age. It is thus that the everlasting gospel is due, according to scriptural forecasts, as a fulfillment of Christianity, and at this time. The book also shows the unity of the religious impulse; the unity of experiences, of faiths. It points out the enlarging messages, from the old, until now we are ready for a world expression of re-ligion, bigger with power, open to all, regardless of their faiths, but according to their faith. It really makes old conceptions new, without antagonizing any of them. It is rational. It is scientific. Yet it is devout and full of promise of better things for the individual and for society. One who read it, bought several copies, to lend out, and in these books she pasted this typewritten thought:

What Others Say of It

Mrs Lillian E. Bullard, Kansas

"You who read this book must realize that it is written by no common author. You may not agree with him, but you must acknowledge that it is an uncommon message for this jaded old world. I warn you that you will get thoughts so original and revolutionary that your whole life may be changed by their wonderful appealing force. If this book comes to you as it did to me, as a benediction, a 'peace, be still,' a relaxation in the tenseness of this awful night, it tells you by indication that the radicals need no longer carry the burden, but that God rules and in the blackest night the world ever knew Infinity is at the helm. If the book brings you into conscious personal touch with Deity, and impresses the great truth that anyone, regardless of religious beliefs or of no belief, can commune with God, and that all religious experiences are socialized, then the purpose of the book will have been accomplished. Do not omit the poem at the top of the pages in *Old Religions Made New*, two lines to the page.

David Bobspa in Los Angeles Citizen.

Lincoln Phifer, editor of "The New World," has favored me with "the first off the press" of his "Old Religions Made New." It is a significant book, with the sanest interpretation I have yet read of the meaning of the new spiritual awakening of the world.

To my study have come many within the past two years who have turned from materialism to a search for the inner temple. Companions in the office have paused abruptly in their work to ask me questions about the spiritual meanings of life. Lincoln Phifer is a pioneer in this realm of intuitive investigation.

Much of the best of his philosophy is embodied in "Old Religions Made New."

"It is not enough to know there is electricity," writes Phifer, "and that it can be applied to lighting and the giving of power; the practical demand is for light and power. So with truth. It is absolutely a waste of time merely to criticize your playhouse called philosophy or belief. The thing is: Have you results, or are you worried, afflicted, oppressed? If you have not good you have not truth, for 'the truth shall make you free.'"

Big Things Done in Big Way Become Themes for Many Social Dramas

Eugene Ware remarked in one of his poems that there are just three states that will live in history—Virginia, Massachusetts and Kan-

Each New World
book opens a new
field of literature
that a few others
are beginning to
sense.

sas. Whether or not this be true, it is true that Kansas has a history that is older than either of the two other states mentioned, and that she has done many strange things in a big, dramatic way that is characteristic of a people with strong initiative. These stories have been put into the form of thirty dramas, each complete within itself, not told as a play, yet working into a dramatic climax, and published in a 200-page, cloth bound, illustrated book, selling for half the price of the first edition, or for 50 cents.

The Dramas of Kansas really present a new thing in literature—that is, the development of the social story, showing its progress through epochs, into a complete dramatic form. It makes history a new thing, giving it purpose and understandability. The new form, which is a fore-gleam of the New World literature, is already attracting imitators in high sources. The book has been commended by men and women of undeniable reputation.

Debs Writes a Book to Boost the Circulation of The New World

A Splendid Little Book.

From the Press, Girard, Kansas.

Eugene V. Debs has written three excellent

articles, which Lincoln Phifer has had published in a neat little booklet, with the title, "The Debs' Trilogy." The subjects of the articles are, "Man," "Woman" and "Child."

In one of these prose poems he says:

"Great is the hand of man. He smites the mountain ranges and they smooth out into plains; he strokes the ocean and it carries his craft in safety; he shakes his fist at the night, and creatures of steel come forth to do his bidding. But if the hand of man is strong to do, the hand of woman is greater still, because it is softened and skilled to comfort and heal. If the hand of man is magical with accomplishment, the small, white hand of woman has even greater magic in that it soothes and blesses ever. With the touch of her fingers she changes the hard sick bed into down and dreams. With the stroke of her palm she banishes the tears of childhood and gives smiles for sobs."

It is a splendid little book and well worth reading. It is not offered for sale but is given as a premium with subscriptions to Mr. Phifer's paper, The New World.

A Strange Book--Author and Characters Spirits, All Scenes in Heaven

Within a month's time, in 1914, I received, through automatic writing, from what purports to be Spirit William Shakespeare, a five act, thirty scene play, entitled, "Hamlet in Heaven." It takes up the various characters in "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," and traces their experiences after they reach the spirit world. It will be remembered that many of them were represented as dying during the action of the earlier play, under varying circumstances, the result being that the new story gives unusual scope for discussing, in drama form, the conditions of the dead. I did not notice the fact at the time, but this contribution came just before the 400th anniversary of the death of the distinguished author of "Hamlet" apparently being his contribution to the world-celebration of the event. The play is in blank verse, and contains many strong passages. There are extremely humorous situations, dramatic portions, beautiful scenes, and poetical passages. Actors, authors, newspaper men, lawyers, doctors, ministers, many of them with national reputation, have read the book and commended it as real literature. Among them, the famous Society of Psychical Research pronounces it the best piece of automatic writing it has examined. Metropolitan Magazine devotes a page to it; the New York Sun, Chicago Tribune, San Francisco Bulletin, Toledo Blade and other papers a column each. Shakespearean actors tell of reading from it, attributing the work merely to "Shakespeare," and never being detected. One affects to find in the work a cypher, though I as the writer knew nothing about it. Another medium tells that the book has been published in Heaven, creating a furore there, being attacked by various critics, and, strange to say, defended by Ignatius Donnelly, the man who in the flesh attributed the Shakespearean works to Bacon. To say, the least, it is a strange book, of wide scope and deep thought, and well worth the attention of thinking men and women. The price is 50 cents.

Jesus and Barabbas Tells What Happened at Another Age Ending, and History Is Repeating Itself

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The Great Red Dragon Comes

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO I read the bible through carefully three times in order to discover its true teaching relative to hell. It soon became apparant, from contexts, that many, if not most, of the passages that had been quoted as referring to hell, really dealt with the terrors of the closing of the geological age.

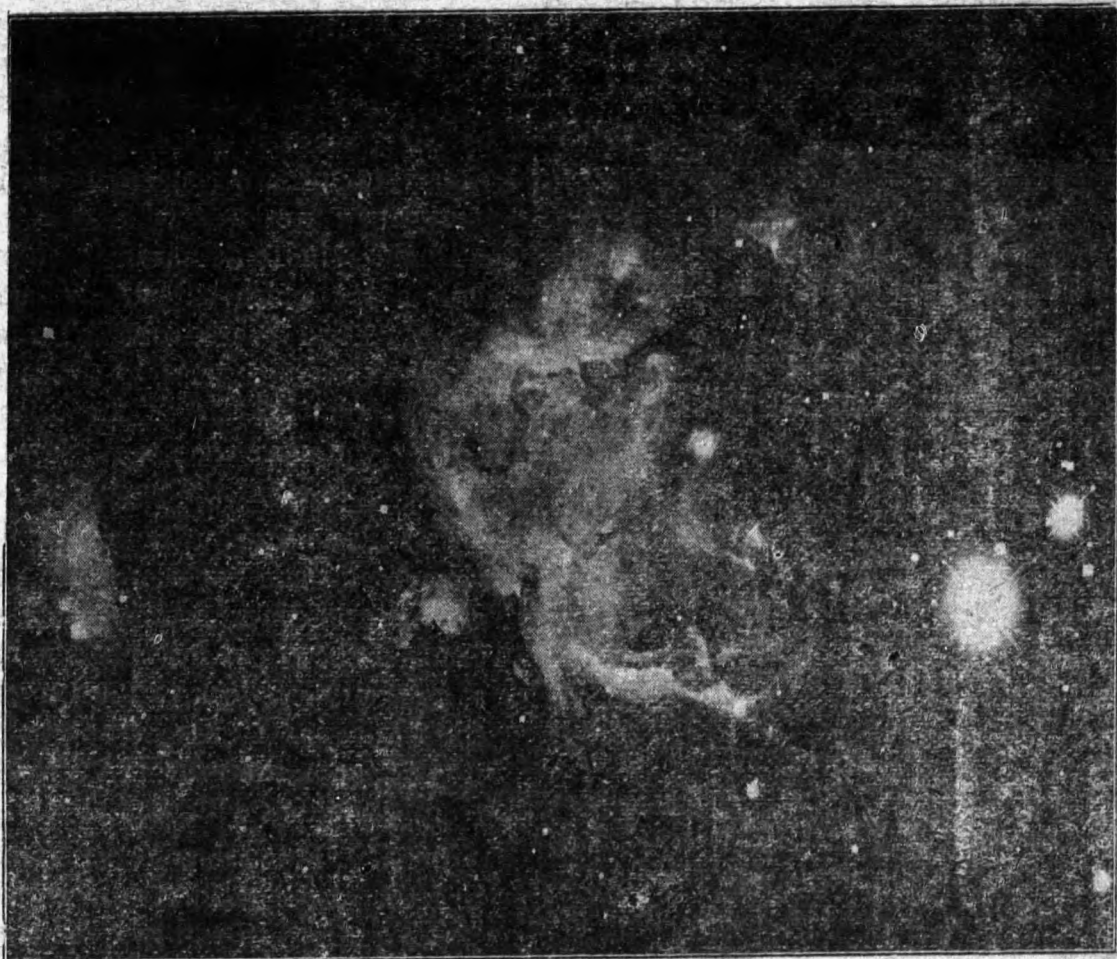
It was not until much later, however, that the Great Red Dragon mentioned by the Revelator (Revelation 12-13) as appearing first in the Heavens, then re-appearing on earth. told, as plainly as astronomical knowledge would permit, how the earth was to be made new by a fall of nebula upon it. This did not come to me until after I had studied many dragon legends of many peoples. Then I found that the term Great Red Dragon, was in common use, always referring to nebula or a comet in the Heavens. The Yellow Dragon of China is more plausibly explained on the assumption that it commemorates the last visitation from this monster. The stories of dragon heroes in many lands are vivid recitals of how some overcame the monster and escaped.

With these preliminary words, suppose you read the story in Revelation and see how it clears, without my comments. A literal beast with seven heads and ten horns is preposterous. The interpretations of theologians become fanciful and ridiculous; But if you will study the picture of a great nebula, printed herewith, you can see the heads and horns, and will hardly know what to call them except heads and horns. Indeed, astronomers do speak of the heads of comets, and have found as high as three heads to one comet.

The visible presence of such a monster in the Heavens might well be said to rule or dominate all earthly thought. It would look like it might indeed destroy the new order about to be born. It might well appear to be the devil and Satan. But it is cast to the earth. Then the same general contour appears "rising up out of the sea." It too has seven

heads and ten horns. Mariners, contrary to the classification of the geographers, are wont to speak of the "seven seas" or great oceans of earth. There are also some ten great "horns" of salt water that project into the earth, like Hudson bay and the like.

The new "beast" "rises up out of the sea." In other words, the deposit from Heaven fills it up. That is why "there is no more sea." This is how the material comes for making "a new earth", just



as it has come several times in the past. What becomes of the water of the sea? The dragon in falling causes it to be "cast out"—probably upon the land. But "earth opens her mouth and drinks it up." The circulatory system of the new earth is to be buried, like the circulatory systems of animals is today. Then there will be no more drouths.

The "beast" next appears as a part of the earth. For a time—3 1-2 years—there are disturbances and conditions impose hardships on men—for many escape all this. Then, the millenium will have come,

The Time May Be Very Short

A SHORT WORK will the Lord make, is the Divine promise for the final end. Unless he did no flesh could be saved. But things are moving even faster than I anticipated. It looks like the crisis requiring community organization may be on us very quickly. There is not much time left in which to spread what may mean life or death to millions. You are responsible for your community. I am sure you will gladly accept responsibility and will do your share in this greatest work of all time. I am going to make it easy for you to do it. I will put on the list for six months FIVE names furnished by you, for TWO DOLLARS, and in addition will give you FREE one copy of the great book telling of a former historical age ending, 'JESUS AND BAR ABBAS.' Did you know they had a great food trust in that day of Roman conquest and that Jesus showed how to reduce the cost of living? Here is your chance to learn these things FREE, and at the same time do HIS PRACTICAL WORK of saving the people now. Remember—two dollars—this month—FIVE six months subs--and a Fifty Cent Book FREE!

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Mrs. M. E. Thomas, Indiana: I feel I cannot do without The New World.

Online Thatcher, Florida: I certainly think you are justified in raising your rates.

Mrs. I. S. Wilson, Texas: I am convinced that you are showing us the best way, now.

Sola M. Potter, Oregon: Your magazine is a wonder of the age. I don't want to miss a copy.

Jerry M. Mincher, Idaho: I enclose renewal, and hope when we get settled to be able to push The New World.

Fred J. Lotto, California: I enclose money for five six months subscriptions. The paper is immense and most highly prized.

Nellie McCormick, Kansas: I enjoy the paper and get many an uplift from its pages. I pass it on whenever I have the opportunity.

Walter Gordon, California, ordering ten copies for the Spiritualist church of which he is leader: We have the greatest regard for your work.

Mrs. Gerrish Mallet, Maine: I feel I am the loser when my subscription expires. It is wonderful how psychic truths are coming to the front.

Mrs. Eva T. Eisert, Missouri: I am glad you have advanced the price of The New World. We don't feel so much like profiteers when we subscribe now.

D. R. Durham, Idaho: Enclosed find five dollars for four names. Use the rest of the amount for sending the paper to some one who may not be able to pay for it yet wants it.

J. M. Barr, California: I would have to hide my eyes behind glasses every time I read The New World if I took advantage of you by sending only 50 cents for renewal before December ends.

W. C. Grove, Missouri: Enclosed find one dollar. Extend my time for one year. I would like to do more for the paper than I have done, although we

have done our utmost. We never tire of the good paper.

Mrs. Lillian K. Bullard, Kansas: I am glad you raised the price of the paper. Those who really want it will pay the dollar as quickly as the 50 cents. I must order more dramas. Dick is sending each of the teachers one for Christmas.

Dr. W. M. Yates, California: I enclose money for renewal. I can't read much of The New World because of poor sight, but I want it near me just the same. A neighbor reads it to me. Perhaps by the time this subscription expires I may be in my new world.

David Winkler, Kansas: I enclose five dollars for which extend my subscription for two years, and for remainder send me two 'Dramas of Kansas', and three copies of 'Jesus and Barabbas.' I think you were wise in raising the subscription price of the paper.

Mrs. Elsie Grady, Kansas: I have all your books and consider them gems. I was one of your first subscribers, and consider the paper fair and sensible, void of prejudice. I look to it as a guide for the future, as I know it has not missed it very far in the past. I know you must truly commune with God.

Dr. J. J. Finn, New York: You will notice the envelope is yellow with age. It was addressed to you two years ago, and laid up to be taken to postoffice, with sub enclosed. But it was mislaid for the time, and I came across it a few days since. I am sending subscription for two years, and a Debs Trilogy.

Margret Winstead, Arizona: Long may you live to give your message to the world. I hope to be able to send you in more subs soon. I do not understand how you have been able to keep the price of The New World at 50 cents for so long when every other paper has been raised in price long ago. Was glad to see that the price has at last been raised.

From a California comrade, whose name for obvious reasons I do not mention, I have this note: "I regret very much that I am unable to renew my subscription to The New World, as I am an inmate of the county farm and have no money and no way of getting any. Will miss The New World very much." His name has been continued on the list from the fund provided for sending the paper to such as appreciate it but cannot pay for it. Last week I received in one mail, a letter asking that the paper be sent from this fund to a widow who formerly was a teacher but is now very poor, and from another who enclosed extra sub for whoever wanted it and could not pay for it.

Comradeship Circle

William Penn

Let us choose to commune
Where there is the warmest
Sense of Religion;
Where Devotion exceeds Formality
And Practice most corresponds with
Profession;
And where there is at least
As much Charity as Zeal:
For where this society is to be found,
There shall we find
The Church of God.

Calls It Unique

The New World grows by leaps and bounds. It is such a unique paper that it certainly keeps one practicing mental gymnastics to keep anywhere near your real meanings. I envy you your seership, I certainly do. I have been watching you very closely for the past years, and find that many of your wonderful prophecies are being fulfilled to the letter. Keep up your good work, and all good luck to you during 1920.—May Lawson, Kansas,

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The Partial Collapse of a Panic Seems Near

THERE is sure to be a panic. It may come in 1920.

Bankers are already reported to be discussing the matter in their conventions.

Loans are being curtailed. Contracts are being cancelled, "due to labor conditions."

Roger W. Babson, financial expert of New York, says: "A financial panic is pending."

BABSON says the panic threatens because labor and capital will not agree.

He should say, Because the financial masters are sore that labor objects to being perpetually robbed.

Sooner or later the whole financial system will topple; nothing on earth can prevent it.

But if a panic comes this early it will be that it is forced by the financiers. Five big bankers can do it.

If it comes, it will be treason and crime worthy of death; but they will try in advance to lay it on the people.

THE process of bringing a panic is through what is commonly called "contraction of the currency."

Business has for five years been conducted on inflated values. That is why there have been high prices.

After the civil war there was inflation, then contraction of the currency.

Both were alluded to as "great financial conspiracies" in Populist days.

Many can remember the panic of 1873. Then is when the tramp came to America.

Millions were out of employment and suffering was general.

THE NEXT PANIC will be far worse than the panic of '73, because, plutocracy now being universal, the panic will be worldwide.

Millions would be out of employment. Cities would be dead. Literally millions would starve to death.

If the panic comes now, it will

not be because even business men want it, but because the big fellows mean to bull it through and to beat labor into line.

They doubtless figure that a nation without work would be ready for war or anything else that would give them something to eat.

Those with ready cash would be able to buy anything at their own price, and would reap fortunes.

REPUBLICANS are desperate for power. They want to be "in" when the next war comes, knowing that will bring in new territory to exploit.

It is figured that a panic before election would discredit the Democrats and turn them out.

Plutocracy wants a bold championship that will not fumble, but will give it everything it wants.

THE big fellows have accomplished about all they need to do before they spring contraction like a trap for catching wealth.

War saw the nations heavily bonded. In peace the counties were persuaded to go in debt for roads and the like.

Millions of workers were gulled into buying homes on credit at high prices.

The latest is the issuance of new floods of industrial stock and bonds—Something like a hundred billions of them must have been turned out. The old stock watering was nothing to be compared to it.

Contraction of the currency would in effect double this indebtedness; it would make it twice as hard to pay as now.

This would bankrupt nations, counties and the people.

The controllers of money can foreclose at any time they see fit. When they do foreclose, it means the panic.

DOUBTLESS the big bankers think they see means of recovery from the stagnation that the panic would cause, else they would

not bring it—if they could avoid it.

The recuperative power of the people is great—or they could not have stood exploitation for so long.

There are "backward peoples," like the Mexicans to conquer, and their countries to exloit.

There are new gold fields to be sprung. There is worn out machinery of production and distribution to be rebuilt.

If the thin ice just ahead can be passed, the masters think they see safer footing ahead.

And the coming panic may give them a little longer life, just as the great war enabled the closed stock markets to recover.

BUT masters of industry know very well it will not be the old order that will emerge.

They know now that, just as the short period since 1812 has been dominated by plutocracy, the next order will be a plutocratic feudalism.

Bright, educated men have been on the job, and the program is made out.

Every movement that is being made, now, looks directly to this end.

WHAT are you going to do about it? Wiseakers say, Economize and save.

But when the panic comes your savings will not be safe in the banks or hidden away.

You can't protect either your job or your business.

No difference how much you may have now, it may all go. You can't save yourselves through individual action.

If the communities were organized to function when the big machine breaks, then the crisis might be adequately met.

To teach the people how to do that is the most practical work to be done to save oneself as well as the world.

It will help in the panic coming from the foreclosing on the world and establishment of feudalism.

The Collapse Is Coming

The men and policies that within five centuries exhausted a world that had been thrown on their hands to exploit, cannot maintain "law and order" much longer, upon the few resources that yet remain to them.

Neither, for that matter, can the workers who vision only a continuation of commercialism under working class management. The machine is too big and must go to pieces, as the world machine always does at age endings.

The League of Nations was a device for assigning to different members of the league various "backward peoples" to alone, or hunt in packs of their own might live the longer. If they are not assigned under the league, while others keep hands off, then each or all will go alone, or hunt in packs of their own choosing.

It is the only way in which exploitation can be continued along the old, antiquated lines. And the supply of victims cannot last long.

Wilson Is Too Late

President Wilson has had his time, but his time is past.

During the war his fine phrases were

good to rally the people on, but now that the war is over they no longer apply or are needed.

What is required now is utter contempt for human rights, and respect only for profits. Republicans are doing their best to qualify for supplying the new need.

The old hypocrisy that made pretense of being liberal and just is obsolete. The new hypocrisy is blunt and openly for loot, and shouts that might is right.

Fear Drives Them

The insane ferocity of the masters of industry is due to fear.

They have come so close to the chasm that they realize any little thing may plunge them into universal panic and general chaos.

Therefore they suppress any thing that disturbs them, while they plunge madly on.

Their fear should be sufficient warning to the people to prepare themselves for the inevitable.

They should learn how to organize by communities to employ themselves and cut out profits when the big machine goes to smash of its own reckless ponderosity.

The End of The World

We have recently witnessed the panic that siezed upon the people at fear of the "end of the world."

Having been taught that within twenty four hours time, without warning, without reason, all things will be wound up, and bad individuals be sent to hell, the people fall into terror at the least sign of natural disturbance.

That we are closing an historical age now is generally accepted. That we are also closing a geological age is becoming more and more evident.

There will be things to terrify in plenty. But it is time that we should study the laws of these things and prepare ourselves to meet conditions wisely and without fear.

We must get away from ecclesiastic nonsense, from the foolish fancy of incompetent rulers, and get to know that the law holds here.

The changes coming are all for good. Evil will be destroyed, but good will survive. Don't be alarmed, but study causes and effects, and get in with the forces of salvation.

Everybody admits it is more blessed to give advise than to receive it.

When the Community Begins to Function

SAID an English poet: "Events to come cast their shadows before." The dim outlines of the future community organization are already appearing in the world. They are not the thing that shall be, yet bear something of its shape.

First of these shadows is soviet rule. Second is what might be termed the business soviet, or rule by commissions.

That both should come into existence is evidence that the time is ripening for real community organization or the simplifying of the machine. Yet both are failures, in a way, because the time is not ripe for the real thing, and the one looks to profit and the other to rule by labor, therefore neither has got beyond class rule.

When plutocracy shall have ceased to function, then the organization of the right community help will be easy, and the way to do it, while differing from either form now in existence, will have been measurably pointed out by them.

When the social survey shall have been completed; when the classification and planning of industry shall be finished; then must come the third stage, or the selection of managers. By that time the pressure will be such that profit will not be tolerated, nor will exclusive union control be permitted. Men and women of experience, common sense and probity will naturally be chosen as managers.

The old town meeting may be revived, and true democracy prevail under the community organization. Yet there will be chosen heads, who will serve the community as managers or foremen. And service will be required of them. They must make the most of all the resources of the community for the good of all. Then, everything will be available for use, regardless of ownership. Then there will be no cunning tolerated, because it will be a life and death matter for all. The budget system is even now coming into play. When community organization becomes an urgent need to save the people from death, the budget will be extended to cover, not expenditures so much, as employment of all, production of all community needs, and the supplying of housing, entertainment and instruction for the community. Everyone will gladly work at productive labor; for all superfluous employment will naturally be eliminated under the full operation of the budget system.

When the time comes for all this to be done, the big commercial machine will have gone to pieces. The community will be the natural unit. Nations will have disappeared. States also will be no more. The community will probably adopt such laws or rules for the keeping of order and adjustment of differences from enactments of the past, as deemed

best to maintain order and secure justice to all. This will be the law in force then. It will doubtless be administered for the community by such persons as the community trusts, who will devote only as much time to this work as may be required.

The prime work, however, will be administrative. It will lay out and supervise community work. The nation being at an end, money will probably pass naturally. Exchange will probably be effected through barter, or rather, on a basis of clearances, much as banking is done now. Any one who works, therefore, will have means at his disposal of providing for his needs; and the managers of industry will see that the opportunity is open to him, at all times.

Saved

"We tried to buy some rope to hang a profiteer."

"Well?"

"But the dealer wanted too much for it."—Dallas News.

Return to Barter

I liked your article, "Return to Barter System Has Begun." This will rapidly develop, and will before long become so general that money lords will be having Belshazzar agues.—Joel P. Stephens, Florida.

Before the Plunge Into the Nebula

I DO NOT fully understand the second apocalypse of John, beginning, as identified by Revelation 10: 11, with chapter 11. Of one thing I am certain: that it refers to the destruction of the old world and the beginning of the making of the new. It is a good deal like a man being told of something he never saw before; he cannot understand it now, but it will be made plain when he sees the things in actuality that at first were shown him in picture only.

First, we have a commission given the Revelator to measure the new Heaven and new earth. It shows that the blue print of the work in hand was prepared even in the days of the apostles, and that already intelligences were in training to carry it through.

Then, there is a reference to two witnesses and their fate. Much has been written of them that seems ridiculous to me, chiefly because they are not located at the time of the end. I believe this to be a promise that, before the final plunge into nebula, God will send two prophets, and commission them with special gifts, so that they may perform miracles, so called. They are to witness for three and a half years. But their warning will give offense rather than being heeded, because they are to be murdered. After having been killed they are to arise from the dead and ascend to Heaven in the sight of many.

Notice the many references to three and a half years in this third apocalypse of John. The prophetic warning of these two is to be given for 1260 days. For forty and two months (the same length of time) the holy city is to be trodden under foot. (Rev. 11: 23). When the new order is born, it is nourished in secret for 1260 days or three and a half years longer. (Rev. 12:14). Power is given to the beast that arises from the sea to dominate the earth for 42 months. (Chapter 13:5.) Suppose you take the time periods as literal. It will keep you from being frightened into expecting a wind-up of affairs in a day or two. It is after human institutions have crumbled through their own folly that this drama opens. Therefore, its beginning is doubtless several years hence. After the big collapse, and before the worst natural calamities open, three and a half years are allotted to warning, education and preparation. This is the time in which community organization may be effected and the teaching I give out may be made to do practical service. Then, after the Great Red Dragon (the nebula) appears to human eyes, the

new order is protected from its destructive forces for another three and a half years. After the Red Dragon has disappeared from the sky and reappears on the earth, still other three and a half years elapse in which it exercises a controlling influence on all life, and all life conditions, before it is finally over come and the kingdom of Heaven comes into actual control, with all the good that favorable conditions can produce. This is more than ten and a half years after man's efforts shall all have failed. Because of these figures you need not be stampeded in utter fear at every demonstration from the Heavens.

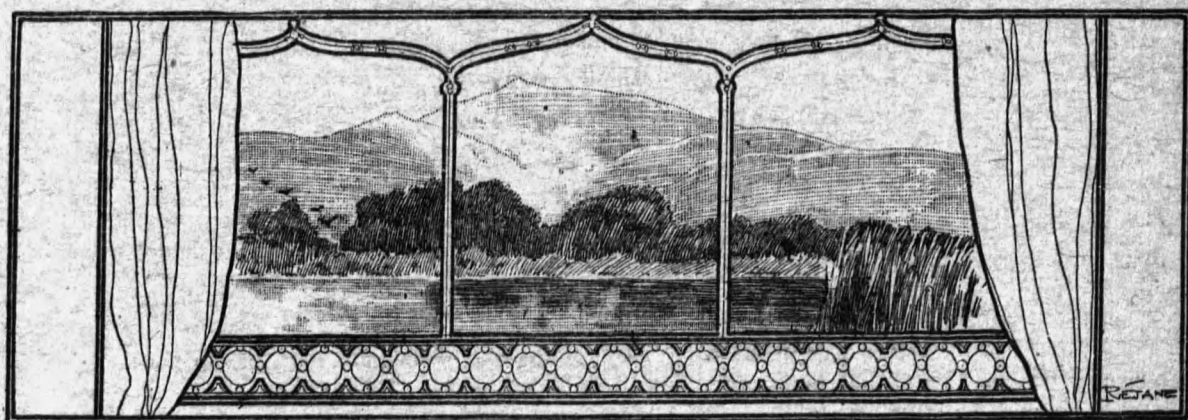
Already I have suggested that the Great Red Dragon refers to the nebula into which the earth is to plunge. This is not a new name for it. Tradition, as pointed out in Donnelly's "Ragnarok," is full of the name, always referring to a visitor from the skies. It is probably the thing that made former deposits on earth, as manifested in geological "systems." The description of it as having several heads and ten horns would be utterly fantastic if referring to an animal, yet may be taken literally relative

to nebula. A deposit from this body of solids would at once destroy the earth as it was and at the same time lay the foundation for a physical renewing of earth.

Notice that when the Great Red Dragon disappears from the sky, it appears on earth, still with the seven heads and ten horns, rising up from the sea. Here we have the promised ending of the seas by filling them up. Strangely enough, man figures out that there are seven seas or oceans. Ten horns, or projections, in addition to the seven heads, would probably fill the ocean, and in doing that would lay the foundation for new continents, for the reception of much more life than exists today, and for a really new earth.

Naturally, after such a fall from the Heavens, it would require some time to prepare the new deposit for habitation. That it should be accomplished in three and one half years seems marvelously short. Evidently, many intelligences would be required to bring about such a result in so brief a time.

What a drama this is! But it is only the terrifying part of the play. The good features of it remain for other telling.



Americans Are Only Youths Yet

BELITTLING of the other fellow is always a prime preparation for war. This misunderstanding is often serious. The southerner, before the civil war, was taught that the northern "mercenaries" would not fight and the northerner thought that the southerner would be easily defeated. Both learned that the other side could and would fight. Germans in the recent world war belittled America's warriors, with the result that they were beaten.

Foreign born residents of the United States misjudged the character of Americans, with the result that they are now in the grip of a madness that is crushing them. In a like manner, they who are fostering the madness do not realize they are letting loose forces that may in the end destroy them.

The American people are young. It means tremendous power. They enter into every enterprise like it was a game. It was so that they played and won the world war. They are like the Greeks at Thermoplae, who pitched quoits before they went into the battle that meant their annihilation. When Americans are in a game—any game—you had best get out of the way of them, if you do not wish to be run over. Yet woe to those who play the game with them in a crooked way, or try to "jip" the childish hearted "good fellows" and "good sports" that constitute the bulk of the American people! In tomorrow's game the people may be on the other side, and then nothing will defeat them in their determination to win against the "bad sports."

The Whopper

I

THE PIONEER delighted in the "whopper."

'Twas this that made a Davy Crockett famous;

This was the stock in trade of Eli Perkins;

Lincoln employed it; it gave reputation To Marco Polo of the old explorers, With his fantastic tales of animals, The more ridiculous since told in earnest.

The yarn about the leaping frog gave fame

To Mark Twain, who in this fixed on the whopper

As humor that is most distinctively American of all. But Captain Bridger employed the art with such appalling vigor

almost ruined him. He as a youth With Lewis and Clark went to the Oregon country;

but when they turned back to the eastern lands,

Bridger remained for years, hunting and trapping,

until he had explored the Yellowstone and all the northern region.

II

Back he went

his Missouri home. His old companions

soon regaled with stories of the west surpassing wonders of the Arabian Nights.

One day", said he, "I saw an elk ahead, took aim and fired. But he did not budge

when took such deliberate aim I felt could not miss him. Still, he never stirred.

aising my rifle, on the beast I charged, intending to club him to death; but soon came upon a wall of solid glass.

I saw the elk was on the other side. However, the thick glass was a great lens,

he was really ten miles away."

neighbors guffawed. Bridger then continued:

opposite a certain camp there was a ledge

threw an echo back, but not until hours had passed away. When I lay down

sleep at night, I used to shout at it, to get up! After refreshing sleep echo came back and awakened me."

his was encored, Bridger spoke gain:

There is a mountain in the west that was

ed by a medicine long years ago, everything was suddenly petrified.

forms of life were left in attitudes held when struck. Elks and buffalo,

The twigs and flowers, all of natural tints,

The feathers of the birds, the leaves of trees,

The hair of animals as they had been, But turned to stone. Even the torrents stand

In stone, with stone mist rising. Birds As they were flying—solid stone.

Sounds fill the air, All petrified. Even the rays of light Fallen upon the landscape are of stone."

III

But he had over done romancing. Came a time

When he desired to tell the government The truth of wonders that he had described

In the great west. He told of springs that lay

Almost together, one of boiling water And one ice cold. He told of Alum creek,

Where alum covered all the arid ground Several feet deep. He told of streams that were

Hot on the surface and beneath were cold;

And added he was wont to fish for trout, And having hooked them in the lower waters,

In bringing them to earth he found them cooked.

He told of guysers of the west; of great Black hills far north. But though this all was given

As sober truth, the gaunt Missourians, Wishing to be cited, laughed at all,

As "Bridger's lies."

IV

This attitude became

Annoying to officials. So they sent An expedition out to find the truth.

The guysers and the black hills were discovered,

The petrified forest, the hot springs and cold

Lying together, and the alum creek. But the Missourians were obdurate.

They laughed because the tales had taken in

Government agents.

V

Time passed and Bridger died.

Many discoveries that he had made, Seeming impossible, became, in time,

Accepted as the truth. The liar was Cleared of aspersions that he had provoked,

And reckoned as a great discoverer. And then he was forgotten. Strange to say

All that remains is not the truth, his service,

Not the ripsnorting takes in which he figured,

But his own "whoppers." Some day all the "whoppers"

Will be collected as a folk exhibit,

And made a permanent contribution to The nation's literature. When 'tis done The greatest of the pioneer romancers Will find a resurrection form his grave And be a humorist of lasting fame.

Obsession Coming Back

NOT ONLY is the fifth horse of Revelation being ridden by Death, but "hell follows after." We are shortly to witness the beginning of a revival of obsession, of the black art, of reliance on charms, amulets, curses and witchcraft.

Since these things ceased to play an important part in earth's affairs, with the breaking of the power of Satanic rule on earth, they have come to be classed as superstitions, and are regarded as unrealities. Now they are to become real again, facts that must be reckoned with. There will be false prophets, according to scripture, speaking fancies and personal forecasts rather than things based on natural laws of causation. Ambitious spirits, (the dead) are to participate with war, revolution, plutocracy and famine, in the great race for supremacy—all engaged in the same race, yet each seeking victory for itself.

Under such conditions, the true spiritualism that sees the Divine plan will naturally oppose the black spiritism. And in the confusion of the times some will probably brand all as demonism and seek to suppress it, even with violence.

Scripture is filled with references to this condition at the "time of the end." It always manifests at age endings. See how it was in the days of Moses, and again in Jesus' day. You have a picture of how it will be now in the book of James. In Revelation and elsewhere you will observe allusions to vast movements originating in the Heavens and being transferred to earth. Some of these are by good spirits, others by evil spirits. In the spirit wave that is soon to sweep the earth it will require clear perception to determine which is which.

Another Big Meteor

Joplin Mo., —Much excitement was caused in this district by the bursting of a meteor in mid air near Carthage, Mo. the past month. The celestial body, according to persons who saw it, plunged to within 100 yards of earth and exploded in a blinding flash. Buildings in Carthage, Webb City, Carterville and Joplin were shaken by the concussion.

Record Broken

P. W. Meredith, Oregon: Oregon has just had its deepest snow and lowest temperature in weather bureau record. California is trying to curb the "truck menace" to the railroads by legislation. Thousands here have a world end idea, but cannot interpret it.

What Ails President Wilson?

In the "Spirit News Service", written January 8, and printed on "the first side," on page 14, on January 17, appears the following:

"The full story of President Wilson's illness has not been told. It involved an attempt on his life that almost succeeded in overthrowing the republic except in the bare skeleton framework, and the substitution therefor of business government that would have left the people practically no liberties."

The Associated Press of January 22 carries a cablegram from Paris, which says: "The President's malady, according to the newspaper, L' Eclair of Nice, was caused by a mysterious poison administered by a Balkin blackhand last June."

Now the President is sent to a milder climate to promote recovery. What does it all mean? Has the press that still remains, suppressed the story of an attempt on the President's life? Is the bitterness against him an echo of it? And is the madness against radicals an effort to shift responsibility against possible disclosure? What does ail him?

Growing More Timely

The New World books grow more timely every day. The very style of The Dramas of Kansas, telling stories of social import in big acts, is being widely imitated. Hamlet in Heaven is being considered by several big producers, for the screen. The story of Jesus and Barabbas is being repeated before your eyes at the ending of this other historical age. You can, if you have the key, see Old Religions Made New as you witness the progress of events.

If you have failed to read these beginnings of the new literature, you should do so at once. The Dramas of Kansas is a cloth bound, dollar book, for 75c. The rest are 50c each.

The Buzz Saw

New World Parable

THIS Buzz Saw is immoral," screamed the Agitator, "having no reason and no regard for the rights of others," "How so?" asked a Passerby, smiling. "I had a friend, a high visioned, clean young man, who merely lifted his hand against it, and the Buzz Saw crippled him for life. Like this!" The Agitator put his own hand against the Buzz Saw, and lost it in a jiffy. The Passerby remarked:

"You may have a good argument, but what avails it when you have lost your hand?"

Effect of the Hold-Up

Washington, D. C. — Twenty thousand persons in the United States are now rated as millionaires, the new income tax reports show. More than 12,000 new mil-

lionaires were created in this country in the four years of the European war.

They Fool Us

How many ways the gods make sport of man!

How strangely do they fool us in our dreams!

Even in sleep they will not let us rest.

—Plautus, Roman, 229 B. C.

Big Government Expenses

Washington, D. C.—The estimated requirements of the United States government, not including anything for the railroad administration, for the next fiscal year, are placed at 13 billions 230 million dollars. This sum represents a per capita tax of \$47.

The Debt

Death is a debt that all mankind must pay.

None knows if he shall be alive tomorrow.

—Euripides, Greek, 480 B. C.

What Broke the Strike

It was neither the court's action or the operation of strip pits by the state, according to my estimation, that ended the strike. Counting the cost of guardsmen, every ton of coal taken out by the state cost \$50 to produce and deliver. The farmers who had strip pits and coal pockets found they could operate them and make big money at \$12 per ton. Two weeks more would have enabled them to supply the demand completely. The operators of deep mines saw that if this competition of the "little fellows" continued, it would ruin their business, and the deep coal miners saw that they, too, would be ruined by it. So the warring factions readily patched up their truce, to save themselves. Again, the community demonstrated that it was master of the situation, whenever it chose to act.

Says Spirits Have It

In this soul world there has been perfected an instrument which will enable every individual to have direct communication with the dwellers of the various zones. This instrument will in the near future be found in nearly every home on earth, to the same extent that they now have the phonograph and the telephone. It will be considered one of the necessities, and a greater comfort and benefit than even the telephonic or telegraphic systems are at the present time. For many years we have been waiting to give this to the material world, but the world must first be fit for its benefits.

This instrument will wipe out all superstitions, all hindrances and obstructions that have made for ignorance for ages.—A spirit message recently published in a book by Mrs. Dollinger of Los Angeles.

Says Complete Destruction Is Near

Washington, January 23.—Owing the United States 18 billion dollars, Europe is bankrupt and probably never will pay its debts, is the opinion of Mark O. Prentice, chairman of the board of directors of the Bankers Foreign Credit Clearance House.

"The world is sitting on a volcano that may start eruption at any time with the result that the financial structure of the world, as we have become accustomed to it, will be totally destroyed," Mr. Prentice said.

Mr. Prentice said foreign exchanges were likely to continue their decline until they reach the vanishing point, the money of many foreign countries being absolutely without value in international exchange, possibly within the next few weeks.

"The nations of Europe," he said, "now are trying to devise some form of promise to pay which shall really partake of the character of receivership certificates. There are few men who really have any hope that any part of the international debts will be paid."

Answers to Questions

I can by no means go with you or some of your contributors from beyond. For example, Spirit "Gath" says that millions who lived on earth have ceased to exist. They are only re-embodied in earth life.

That is one theory to account for the fact that many have disappeared from the spirit. It may be true and still many may have ceased to be. It is impossible to prove immortality. There is no proof, even in what is claimed for transmigration, that any considerable number of spirits are ever reincarnated.

I am a spiritualist, not a spiritist. I make a distinction between the two words, which you do not seem to do. If someone should call you, a medium, a spiritist, you would no doubt feel insulted. It seems to me that many others feel the same way. Personally I am not offended, because I feel you do not mean offense.

Both spiritist and spiritualist are good, honorable words. I try to use them according to their meanings. If you will consult the dictionary you will find that spiritist means one who believes in or practices spirit communion. It never means anything else. Spiritualist, on the other hand, means one who is spiritual, and only in a secondary and recent sense has any reference to spirit communion. Many are both spiritists and spiritualists. On the other hand, many spiritists are far from being spiritual or genuine spiritualists, while others who are not spiritists are spiritual.

Badly Treated

Why don't you attend church?" asked the minister of the non-church-going man.

"Well, I'll tell you, sir, The first time I went to church they threw water in my face, and the second time they tied me to a woman I've had to keep ever since."

"Yes," said the parson, "and the next time you go they'll throw dirt on you."—Ladies Home Journal.

Mind and Passion

A mind might ponder its thought for ages and not gain so much self knowledge as the passion of love would teach in a day.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

A New Book

Spirits and their return to earth! Is it possible? Read the new book, "The Truth About Spiritualism," by William J. Bryan, M. D. Ethical; plain language; illustrated;

positive, convincing book. One dollar by mail. Alberta Publishing company, Dept. W., 333 E. 17th St., New York City.

Disturbed the Dancing

New World Fable

"OUR COUSIN KATYDID prophesies the end of the world," said one Grasshopper to another on a bright morning in autumn, "and see what a fine day it is. He is a false prophet, proven so, and disturb our singing and dancing." "Perhaps he did not mean that the world would end in just a few minutes' time," suggested the other Grasshopper. "Well, how else could it end?" was the reply. "I shall see to his case."

—Whereupon he stirred the neighborhood that it should lynch the Katydid, which was done on top of the rock that had been named in honor of his forefather, the prophet of a other days.

The Coming Age Ending

Written by a priest of Chili, probably 1,500 years B. C., paraphrased.

Eat while there is bread, drink while there is water;

A day comes when dust shall darken the air,

When blight shall wither all plants,

When a cloud shall obscure the universe,

When a mountain shall be flung to the earth,

When ruin shall fall upon everything.

Then shall there be a universal death, And people shall be scattered through the forests.

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Like Wild Beasts

Riders of the "five horses" of Revelation have power to kill by sword and by hunger and by "wild beasts of the earth." Probably the "by" is the wrong preposition and it should read "like wild beasts of the earth."

The Greatest Mystery of All

There is no mystery so great as misery.—Oscar Wilde.

New Drama of Kansas

THE civil war really began in Kansas. It seems strange that the contest between the slave and capitalist systems should be begun in a state that had nether a slave or a capitalist. It is explained by the fact that Kansas was the frontier of a kingdom both hoped to win.

A new Drama of Kansas seems to be opening. It is nation wide, if not world wide in scope, but interest appears to center here. It is in Kansas that the doctrine was proclaimed that membership in a tabooed organization is a crime. It was a Kansan who was first to be jailed for refusing to call off a strike. It was a Kansas legislature that first made striking crime.

That a farming state, which has no big city or centralized industry, should thus begin the battle for the still newer order seems anomalous. But Kansas is a farming state, farming has recently become a business rather than a vocation, and land is at the base of feudalism, the very word feudal coming from field. After all, it is fitting the new contest should open in Kansas.

Better get a Dramas of Kansas, 75 cents. read of the big things done in the past in this unique state, and then you can the better keep track of the new drama, Toward Feudalism, as it progresses.

Quiet Hour Circle

As the stress increases you will need spiritual powers, now open to all. Reports indicate that many are receiving comfort, power and healing from participation in the Quiet Hour Circle every Sunday evening from 7 to 8, and for ten minutes early each morning. Don't fail to "enter the silence" with me on those occasions.

"The Sunshine Special"

I am the joy man. I am a sunshiner. I am the conductor of "The Sunshine Special." Our schedule is regular. Our equipment is dependable. Faith is the track. Hope is the headlight. Love is the engineer. A smile is the fare. I am the conductor, and I love my job! I am the richest man in the world. I possess the secret of happiness.—Galen Starr Ross.

Good Chance for Some One

I have 100 acres of Ozark (Missouri) land, almost all available for cultivation, for sale at a bargain.

New World Philosophy

People who kill time are killed by time.
Happiness never looks in the mirror.
All truth is but part, and all part
truth is all truth.

Fools rush in where they have no idea
of going.

"What a piece of work is man! How
unreasonable he is!

A little while may after awhile affect
things for a great while.

People just naturally look up to any
one who looks down on them.

There are five senses and an unlimited
amount of nonsense besides.

Flattery is so sweet it some times
makes one sick at the stomach.

A woman will be told ten times that
she is pretty, to once that she is good.

Anamolous as it may seem, a follower
of fashion must not be behind the fashion.

Dress may not make the man, but the
woman who wears the dress generally
does.

A man who thinks much about what
people think of him don't think of much
else.

When John steps into office from your
shoulders, beware that he don't kick your
eyes out.

The man who gets mad is wrong in
gettng angry and probably wrong in
his quarrel.

Every man is the axis of the Heavens;
the zenith is straight above him and the
nadir below.

In this world we generally frighten
the bigger fish from our hooks by too
much talking.

Every man imagines his conscience
would give him no peace if he had lived
other than he did

Truth is beautiful for herself alone,
and not for the mighty works that have
been done in her name.

It is probable a great many people
couldn't stand prosperity, but they
would all be willing to try.

Round heads for business, oblong for
musicians and literary men, bullet heads
for bull dogs but the best head is that
which gets ahead.

New Age Coming

J. L. Brown, California: I fully agree
with you that there is no hope for the
world aside from Divine intervention,
and that we are in the very dawning of
a glorious new age in spite of the appar-
ent darkness that covers the earth. I
cannot say that I sympathise with med-
iumship or the effort to connect with the
spirit world by mechanical means. It
seems to me too much of "seeking to the
pirits that peep and mutter," as Saul
trying to reach Samuel through the witch

of Endor. However, I have read enough
of your writing to wish for more. I look
forward with pleasure to reading your
books, and also your magazine for ano-
ther year.

The Gloomy Aspect

Walter DeVoe, Boston

Hear, O earth, behold
I will bring evil upon this people,
Even the fruit of their thoughts,
Because they have not harkened unto
my words,
And as for my law, they have rejected
it.

LINCOLN PHIFER, the medium-
prophet of Rosedale, Kansas, quotes
the above scripture and states in
his magazine that we are entering into a
spiritual winter time. He sees selfish-
ness dominant, aggressive, and con-
quering by might of money and militar-
istic means, all those who labor and seek
for betterment of living conditions.
Later he sees plutocracy dethroned,
earthly cataclysms, and society reduced
to small communities, like the feudal
cities of the dark ages.

Truly earthly affairs are chaotic. The
future looks very dark and disturbed to
those spirits who see human affairs
from the spiritual world of this planet.
The world is reaping the fruitage of
ages of selfish thoughts and feelings.
The thousands of millions of human
spirits who helped create the selfish
quality of mind and government which
rules the earth, are all involved in the
mental chaos. They have not yet become
attuned to the dominant purpose of love
for all which holds the angelic heavens
and all the universe in harmony.

The New World Has the Greatest Contribu- tors of All Ages

It contains stories, essays, poems, etc., pur-
porting to have been given by automatic writ-
ing from beyond. But while this is given to
good faith, the reader is invited to believe
what he pleases about it. It is merely part
of the data that has come in every age, but
which can not, under personal mediumship,
become perfect or convincing to all.

There have already been published commu-
nications purporting to be by Shakespeare,
Emerson, John and Charles Wesley, Longfel-
low, Poe, Beecher, Hugo, Hubbard, Riley, W.
C. Brann, "O. Henry," J. A. Wayland, Rob-
ert Owen, Horace Greeley, W. R. Nelson and
others—sufficient to afford, at least, a divert-
ing study in styles.

Spiritual Powers Open to All

It will soon be possible for all to communicate
with the unseen world through purely mechan-
ical means, as a matter of scientific fact
rather than faith. The Opening of the Heav-
ens in this matter of fact way will be tanta-
mount to the discovery of a new world, and
will provide ideas sufficient to employ the
energies of the world for another Great Year,
thus proving the remedy for the exhaustion
of old ideas with which earth is now afflicted.

Stubbornness of Men

New World Sermonette

And men repented not of their deeds.
—Rev. 16:11. And men blasphemed
God because of the hail.—Rev. 16:21

THE FIRST incident comes after the
famines, pestilences and tumults of
the last days have been succeeded by
natural calamities to the extent that it
has become recognized that the world is
really completing a geological age. The
second memorandum of man's attitude
comes after "the cities of the nations
fell."

It all indicates how tenaciously men
hang on to their preconceived doctrines
and plans. If they were not so head-
strong, half the terrors of the last days
might be averted. But the exploiters
will want to continue exploitation, ec-
clesiasticism will want to dominate re-
ligion, and socialists will still hope to
enforce their purely human plans. For
these reasons the terrors of the last days
are forced upon the world. Nothing less
would force man to let go.

I appreciate the fine spirit behind
many who hope to bring an ending to the
world winter by their good thoughts. But
you might as well try to stop the next
storm by being cheerful. If the world
spring consisted only of mental condi-
tions, then it would be a pitiful remedy
for our ills. It involves a natural
change that shall make right thinking
natural and easy.

The one hope of the time is that the
change will be complete and final. If it
is of God and in retribution for man's
wreckage of his earth, then less than
this cannot come, and ought not to come.

Hurricane Follows

Nature has been on a rampage. At
least the people living in the district a-
round the great lakes must think so be-
cause soon after the reported falling
of a meteor in Lake Michigan, that part
of the country was swept by one of the
greatest hurricanes it has ever had.

Reports from Toronto say the wind,
which blew at seventy five miles an hour
snapped off trees and shattered houses.
All over Ontario the storm did much
damage, one person being killed and sev-
eral injured. The property loss in To-
ronto alone is said to be about \$200,000.

In Detroit scores of industries were
shut down because of the damage done
to the factory buildings. Throughout
Michigan the storm raged, six persons
were killed and hundreds reported injur-
ed. The hurricane then seems to have
traveled eastward toward the New Eng-
land states, largely spending itself be-
fore reaching Boston.—Kansas City

Triumph of the Corporations

In the
The Hudson Bay Company is offering
the first of the great corporations.
The second
Charles,
Of England, issued charter to the gov-
ernor
and Company of Adventurers for trad-
ing
"Hudson Bay" Adventurer
was and at that time for the licensed
pirate.
Being now near related business
to highwaymanship. "The charter
granted
them absolute ownership of all the land
Of North America not claimed by other
Nations of Christians"—which meant
Protestants.
Not only did the company own the land,
Upon no higher basis than the word
Of a monarch who had never seen
it.
But this same autocrat bestowed the
power
Upon the "Governor and Adventurers"
To make laws and enforce them, appoint
judges,
And rule for profit. Being the govern-
ment,
It paid no taxes.

II

Into these far regions
The company penetrated, getting for
themselves
Of the wealth they
ships indescribable. They
bought
Furs from the Indians with "firewater,"
Guns, powder, trinkets. When the pio-
neers
trading posts, poor work-
men
from Europe to farm com-
pany made to
armed with guns now,
spleen
in harrassing them.
What hard and lonesome lives the peo-
ple lived!
How were their candles snuffed, and no
one knew!
The profits to the safe "adventurers"
Who never left their homes, were so
immense
They founded fortunes and "nobilities"
Surviving to this day. But what they
reaped

Tempted the other nations. France sent
forth
Adventurers fired by religious zeal
Who founded trading posts by the
St. Lawrence,
Around the Great Lakes, down the Miss-
issippi;
And these in time became competitors
That the "adventurers of Hudson Bay"
Regarded with suspicion. There came
a war.
They called it war 'twixt France and
England; truly
'Twas to determine which "adventurers"
Should reap the wild crops of America.
Three bloody struggles came. The last
of these
George Washington precipitated; for
"Adventures of Virginia" felt aggrieved
That what was given to the Jamestown
people
Should now be claimed by the adven-
turers
Of Hudson Bay" and France; and Wash-
ington
Was sent to make surveys and build a
fort
As challenge to the French. The contest
waged
Throughout the world, and England won;
which meant
That the "adventurers of Hudson Bay"
Now were the masters of America.
The beneficiaries of the Plymouth and
The Jamestown companies, (which were
now defunct.)
Had won the right in battle to receive
Consideration from the mother country,
And when it was denied they forced re-
bellion
And a new nation had its birth.

III

This meant, of course,
That the "adventurers of Hudson Bay"
Now lacked support of England for their
claim
To all America. Having gained this
much,
With Bonaparte, who was then warring
England,
The new republic made negotiation
For purchase of the Louisiana country,
And so became indeed a mighty rival
For the "adventurers of Hudson Bay."
That there was rivalry most keen was
shown
By fact that when the two great inter-
ests
Clashed in the Oregon country, there
arose
A ringing cry throughout America,
"Forty-four-forty or fight." The Hud-
son Bay
Adventurers gave up. To make up for
lost prestige

"Adventurers of Hudson Bay" began
Encouraging settlement. They even fi-
nanced
The Northern Railway. Everywhere the
settler
Built up a town, the great "adventurers"
Started and maintained a store. The
managers
Became the rulers, judges, everything;
and not a man
Could buy a foot of land without consent
Of this big corporation. This continued
Until our civil war. The settlers then
Revolted 'gainst this private rule. They
won,
The company yielded right of govern-
ment
And gave up more than nine-tenths of its
land.
It held, however, parts of every section;
And as there came increase in population
The fortunes of the "noble" absentees
Increased from year to year.

IV

The company,
Surviving all its old contemporaries,
The Plymouth and the Jamestown com-
panies,
The Mississippi company and the East
India company,—became the greatest
Mercantile power in the world.
It dominated the fur trade of the earth.
It ruled the trade of Canada. It came
To overmastering influence in
The politics of half America
And even in Europe. Prince Rupert's
land,
As it had been—named for the "Gov-
ernor"
Of the "adventures"—as Canada,
Grew lusty, although only half develop-
ed;
And still the company of adventurers
Controlled it through the edict of a king
Long in the land of shadows.

V

Now it comes,
When the new corporations have con-
trol
Of the United States and rule so harshly
That thousands chafe beneath it, that
this old
Rival from the North begins to offer
Its lands for sale to the Americans.
Thousands are buying as their last re-
sort
To get cheap land; and thousands risk
the cold
In hope of finding freedom greater than
they have
In this land ruled by younger corpor-
ations.
But the Adventurers of Hudson Bay
Have eyes out for their chance. The sale

That will enhance the value of the land
of lands
For which they paid no price will bring
them money
Almost beyond belief, and give them new
Standing among the rulers of big busi-
ness.
They make attack on the United States
In business way, and win them citizens
They still retain.

Oh, the romance of it;
The gaudy glory of "adventurers"
Dating from the ideas of the pirates;
The hard and barren lives of untold
millions,
Because of this edict of foreign king,
Long centuries before some saw the
light!
I wonder if the spirits of the victims
Are not astir now, seeking retribution.



Two Periods--A Parallel

THE CLOSING of the historical age about the time that Jesus lived in the flesh, witnessed tendencies that appear at this time.

In the first place, commerce grew great and was promoted by wars and conquest of "backward peoples." Then, Rome became a military nation, as most of the nations of the world are today, and soon developed into the "mistress of the world," much as England now is assuming the aspect of world empire.

The republic of Rome was gradually subverted, until it became an open empire. Julius Caesar was never anything greater than president in title, yet later ages have termed him first emperor, and so strong was his influence that ever afterwards the emperors were called Caesars, the name surviving in the word kaiser of Germany. Our republic is as much subverted now as the republic of Rome was when Julius Caesar first became its president.

Soon after the Caesars came in, persecution of the Christians began, on the ground that they were opposed to what was then termed civilization and demanded the release of political prisoners, while recognizing Jesus as superior to the emperor. Also the army assumed control, mobbing whomsoever it pleased, even the emperor, and setting at the head its temporary choice, by force. Nero, for example, was only a musician that the army made emperor, and when he failed to please the army he was killed by it.

Graft in that former age ending was open and common. Conquered people were looted, and the spoil was taken to Rome and absorbed by the politicians and soldiers. There never was such lavish entertainment as then, never such

pursuit of pleasure, never such disregard of personal liberty. Surely some of these characteristic appear today.

Blessing

Oh, deem not they are blessed alone
Whose lives a peaceful tenor keep;
The Power who pities man has shown
A blessing for the eyes that weep.
—Bryant

Passing of Internationalism

WHEN a Socialist paper, three years ago, adopted the name Internationalist, and wrote me, among others, asking how I liked the new name, the editor was grieved because I told him that internationalism was about past. Yet events have shown my estimate to be right. Of course the paper, Internationalist, went out long ago. The Socialist International has also passed. Even the League of Nations, which in its conception was a political international, has so far gone to pieces as to be little more than old alliances. It is as much as England, the biggest empire earth ever knew, can do to hold together. She can not very much longer. The Socialists are split in seven groups. Labor cannot unite on a party. The Democratic party is almost crumbling, and even the Republican party shows evidence of dissolution. Reason for all this is that age endings are periods of breaking up, just as the ending of the annual year is a time when leaves fall and social life returns to the family. Because the impulse behind all this "falling away" is natural and psychological, one may rely on its proceeding farther than it has done at present.

Use of Capital Letters

Let me quote from Molee's Wanderings, a book without "caps", by Elias Molee, Tacoma, Wash.

that capital letters are not needed can be seen from the fact that many great languages do not employ them: as hebrew, sanscrit and arabic. we have no "caps" in shorthand, nor in telegraphy, nor in the arabic figures, nor in the musical notes.

the old romans had but one kind of letters, that is, capitals only. now, if whole pages can be written with all capitals, then we can certainly print and write whole pages with small, or lower case letters.

if we are to continue to use specially formed letters to be employed at the beginning of certain words, and under certain circumstances, then all school children will be compelled to memorize thirteen abstract rules of grammar in order to know where to place the capital letters correctly. Only learned grammarians can place them correctly under all circumstances.

some say "it looks better to employ capital letters." "looks", however, depend mostly on habits and education. no less an artist than hogarth says "the curved line is the line of beauty." capital letters consist largely of straight lines, even at the top and bottom, making a monotonous appearance. the lower case or small letters, on the other hand, are some of them short, some deep, while others run above the main line, thus forming hills and valleys with diverse configurations. capital letters, therefore, cannot be called beautiful, in any true artistic sense.

The author, in addition to advocating the discontinuance of capital letters, also suggests twenty abbreviations, such as bn for been, cd for could, cm for come, e for the, hd for had, n for not, etc. He argues that these abbreviations and the discontinuation of the use of capitals, "would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars to every great nation, every year for all future ages. all books, pamphlets and circulars wd become cheaper, education wd become easier."

Do Thy Work

Do thou thy work; it shall succeed
In thine or in another's day;
And if denied the victor's meed
Thou shalt not miss the toiler's pay.
—Whittier

Making Their Own Case

The savagely insane masters of industry need not disturb you. They are only testifying against themselves before the Judge of all the earth, and they couldn't make their case worse than they are doing.

¹ By spirits taught to write
Above the mortal pitch."
- Shakespeare, sonnet 86.

The Living Dead

Contributions in this department are presumably by the spirits whose names are attached to them. Believe what you please about them.

Tradition Shows It

Purporting to be by Spirit George
Alfred Townsend

I HAVE PREPARED several articles based on conversations with Spirit Wapeloogo, a former inhabitant of America, who declares that the region of the Rocky and Andes mountains was created by a fall of a vast amount of solids from the Heavens, the visitation ending his own human life.

He insists that before the event, on a level much lower than the present surface of the earth, the red people had an advanced civilization, and that it all was buried in this sudden visitation from above. The level on which the former civilization rested, according to Wapeloogo, is now the basis of modern oil finds.

According to this ancient inhabitant of America, numerous individuals escaped from the tomb in which they were buried, and, on newly made land, under most unfavorable conditions, began building anew; the tribal relationships of the red people coming from so many families that escaped from the fall of the rocks.

He has insisted that Indians record the plain facts in the case in innumerable legends. At his request I have been looking up some of the legends, with the following result:

The Tahoe Indians of Nevada say, according to the historian Bancroft: "The frightened people fled to the Humboldt river, and, getting into boats, paddled from the awful sight behind them; for the land was tossing like a troubled sea, and casting up fire, smoke and ashes. The flames went up to the very Heavens, and melted many stars, so that they rained down to earth." You will observe the reference to the raining

down of stars to the earth. But there is more. "The Great Spirit threw the people into the recesses of a cavern." The tradition relates how they later emerged from this cave. The whole region of Nevada, Utah and Arizona even today has the appearance of a bed of ashes. The Humboldt river disappears in what is called a "sink."

The Tupi Indians of Brazil say: "The Divine fire burned all that was upon the face of the earth. In places mountains were raised. The Great Spirit sent a deluging rain that quenched the fire." Once more, some of the people were engulfed in a cavern, from which they escaped after great hardships.

The Tacullies of British America report: "The earth became peopled, and so remained until a fierce fire of several days' duration swept over it, destroying all life, with two exceptions, one man and one woman, who hid themselves in a deep cave in the mountains."

The Yurucaries of Bolivia, says Bancroft in his "Native Races of America," attribute the destruction of the world to a general conflagration which swept over the earth, consuming everything, except a few who took refuge in a deep cave."

The Navajos, living north of the Pueblos, say that at one time the people lived under ground, in the heart of a mountain near the river San Juan. Their food was meat, which they had in abundance, for all kinds of game were closed with them in the cave.

The Toltecs of Central America say that "the people were destroyed in a rain of fire, and everything, including their houses, was consumed. * * * There was a rain of gravel."

In the legends of the Leni Lenape, or the Delaware Indians, mankind was at one time buried in the earth, says Donnelly in his "Ragnarok," and they owed their release to the wolf, who scratched the soil and dug himself out, thus showing man a means of escape.

The Root Diggers of California were, according to their tradition, similarly buried by a rain of solids from the Heavens, but a coyote, which had been buried with them, scratched his way out and enabled them to escape.

The list might be extended much more. The almost worshipful regard that Indians possess for the fox, the wolf, the coyote, the owl and other creatures seems to rest largely on service rendered tribesmen during their cave life experience and when escaping from it.

The confirmation of the statement of Wapeloogo is sufficient to warrant an investigation of the lower levels, say the levels on which the oil pools are found.

Spirit News Service

This department is supposed to come from the spirit, from service managed by Spirit Horace Greeley. The New World does not vouch for the truth of any statement made herein. Individuals and groups wishing to use this service must have character and common sense and sit for information. Personal news will not be given; neither will attempts be made at forecasting events.

NOT ONLY have bankers, merchants and business men organized in secret to run down radicals of every nature; this much is now admitted; but they have also selected, in all the dominating communities of America, committees of their own numbers, which can at any time practically set aside constitutional authority and take over the government themselves. They have already demonstrated that this can be done in periods of crises; and, while civil law has hitherto been permitted to resume its sway when normal conditions returned, there have ever been reservations that admitted of further usurpations in the future.

If all that is said about the evil of bolshevist plans be admitted as true, yet the bolshevist revolution is still a dream in this country, while the business man's revolution is an actuality. If half a million "reds" are really plotting to change the American government, fully ten times that many business men are engaged in a far more dangerous conspiracy against real democratic government, along constitutional lines, in America.

Yet, while the bolshevist is convicted for merely being a member of organizations that the press belonging to the

The New World is Promoting a Remarkable Scientific Proposition

The New World is stirring things in its effort to secure the invention of a scientific, mechanical means of communicating with the beyond, that shall make communication open to all, unquestionable and as common as telephoning now is. The accomplishment of this would be tantamount to the discovery of a literal New World, would give knowledge for faith, and would open up new history, new literature and new sciences. Then, every paper would print news, views and literature from the Heavens.

One Thousand Dollars Reward

Mr. Lincoln Phifer, Rosedale, Kansas.
In furtherance of your ideas, published in The New World, permit me, as an incentive to increase the effort, to offer one thousand dollars reward to the first person who will invent purely mechanical and practical communication with the spirit world in a way that will satisfy a committee of three practical mechanics that it is genuine. I to select one; and these two to select a third.

Yours for Progress,
D. EDSON SMITH.
505 W. 17th St., Santa Ana, Calif.

business interests declares are dangerous, the business conspirator is encouraged by the press for violent and overt acts. One need not be sympathetic with—he may in fact be opposed to—bolshhevik aims, in order to be genuinely alarmed over the real accomplishment of revolution by business interests.

The full story of President Wilson's illness has not been told. It involved an attempt on his life that almost succeeded in overthrowing the republic, except in the bare skeleton framework, and the substitution therefor of business government that would have left the people practically no liberties. The continued bitterness of attack upon him, the studious mis-education of the people on one line while all opposed to it is carefully suppressed, indicate a purpose that has not been abandoned. The danger to America is real and great. The ship of state, in an effort to escape the rock of Scylla, is being dashed to pieces upon the coast of Chabdaris.

They Can Kill

Presumably by Spirit J. A. Wayland

THE MASTERS of industry see no way out except to kill. They kill by war and through starvation.

Being unbelievers, except in name, they do not know that this slaughter merely augments the spiritual force that is fanning fires of unrest through all the world.

They do not understand that the spirits of the victims are placed in positions where they can work unseen and unhindered in the interest of freedom and true democracy.

They will not believe that natural laws are unfailing, and that they must reap the harvest of their long sowing of exploitation.

Because they are so blind, there is

no hope for them. They may wreck the world, but they cannot save themselves.

When they come to the spirit—and now they may be summoned at any time by the disembodied spirits of their victims—it will take them a long time to escape from the webs that they are now weaving, and to find freedom for their own souls.

The Broader View

Presumably by Spirit Atlanta Phifer

MOTHER and I often talk of our old conversations of thirty-five years ago in the house by Crane's in California, Mo. You then told us many things that have but recently come to pass as certain to come upon the world. Mother was still in gloom over the possibilities of an orthodox hell, though beginning to get from under the shadow. Things that had been connected in our minds with the thought of the condition of the dead in general, were beginning to shape themselves into the feeling that they really had reference to the ending of the age.

But not until we came to this side of death and learned how father and others were shaping your thought even then, did we understand how you had come to know these things. Nor, though you and I, since mother passed, had arrived at the conclusion that the reaping of centuries of misrule was at our doors, did I have a clear idea of what it meant, until the great war came, followed by the world unrest and almost universal threat of starvation.

Had all this come upon us thirty-five years ago, we would have been appalled by it. I believe it would have killed mother. But, happily for us, we both passed before the terror opened, so that, when it did come, we had the viewpoint of this side as to what death really in-

volved, as well as further instruction on the work ahead, and were in consequence prepared to meet the crisis with hope as well as sorrow.

Were I still in the flesh, still without my present understanding of death, I should be intensely worried over conditions on earth, and apprehensive lest the timid masters of industry should impale you also in their blind stabs at disturbing factors. We have lost none of our regard or care for you or for others, but we understand some things better than we did. We know, now, what is on "the other side." We know that in the larger plans of God the right cannot be beaten, and there we rest the case of the world.

But it all reminds us that, for us, it was better that we came over when we did.

Our greeting for the New Year is all of hope. Darkness can only hide the great verities; it cannot destroy them. The right shall win. We shall meet again. Life shall be good for all, and we shall be able yet to do the fine things that we wished but failed of to the present.

Get Ready For It

It took eight years for newly established commercialism, often called "capitalism," after the civil war, to run its course of graft and high prices and precipitate the terrible panic of 1873, when the tramp came to America. It will not require so long now for plutocracy to bring the far greater collapse. They are talking of the depreciated dollar now. That is preparation for contraction of currency.

I don't wonder that people once spoke of "getting things by heart" when they meant committing them to memory, for memory's home is the heart.

Mother in Heaven

Presumably by Spirit James Whitcomb Riley

THOUGH you work so, son of mine,
Sonny Boy, you're doing fine.

Though you work and worry so,
Though so few may care or know,

You are doing better far
Than mere money makers are.

Fret not that no more be done;
Deem not that you are alone.

There are always at your side
Some to comfort, some to guide.

Mother comes to brush your brow;
Don't you feel her presence now?

All who loved you love you yet;
And the dead do not forget,

Any more than humankind
Banish all the dead from mind.

Though the burden may not lift,
In the clouds there comes a rift.

Look above, and see the shine
From the Heavens, son of mine.

Though you may not mete the sky,
Still you know that it is nigh.

Sonny Boy, we care for you;
Do your best, and that will do.

Affection Is Not Destroyed by Death

Purporting to Be by Spirit Robert G. Ingersoll

HOW DEATH cuts short the quivering ties of life! The flesh may heal around dissevered parts, but it feels the unseen spirit of the lost that comes in dreams with pain. The spirit part knows it has lost, and longs for olden organs, feeling the need of them. Facts are more than faiths. Oh, deem not affection is destroyed by death. The

ties, tender and sweet, reach through the darker years to draw dissevered loves together. If the soul may not return to earth, if dull ears of the flesh catch not low whispers from it, then our dear and loving common mother, Nature, comes and bears the Left away, to be with friends beyond, in long reunion sweet as summer eves when birds are singing.

Family Ties Beyond

The average man will need his wife in Heaven

To have his breakfast ready in the morning

To lay his clean things out on Sunday morning,

To 'tend to patching, darning and the like.

The average wife will want to look out for him,

Seeing he is so helpless. She will want To pet her children and to always mother The younger people. Every stripling man

Will want still to be coddled; every girl To cry at times; and every growing boy To be tucked in for sleep. There are many things

That can be done in shelter of the home Can not be done outside; and therefore must

The family circle be maintained in Heaven.

No one is perfect, and each needs the other.

Economic Orthodoxy

Luthur McIntyre, West Virginia: It has been a long time since I believed man alone, along material or theoretical lines, could assert a permanent policy for the new order. But I am just as emphatic in my belief that no messiah or special promise of organized spirits can successfully depict the details of a renewed earth without a corresponding consideration of what man desires or prefers in the matter, because that would be destroying the strongest tradition of modern thought, free moral agency. Neither do I take stock in the new impulse of bible prophecy. The late Charles T. Russell carries that plan to its zenith, and the rich and kept press helped him just enough to betray the humble masses into the pitfalls of Cain and Constantine with their "something better" than socialism. That ought to finish the bible mystery in the minds of the toilers. I believe that community organization is becoming more practical,

but it will have to be guarded against the cunning influx of old time, not new, plutocracy.

Power of the Spirit

Walter De Voe, Psychic and Healer
Brookline, Mass.

I HAVE realized for years the tremendous battle that reactionary spirits have organized against the forms of light. I have been well protected by spirits of the Almighty, but I have seen the destructive forces working through the undeveloped elements in the minds of my friends—jealousy, fear, bigotry, etc.—trying always to hinder and destroy.

But now the angels of the Almighty have a magnetic as well as a spiritual foundation in a mighty group of schooled psychics, and the Lord Jesus, captain of the world's purification, stands with us to bless and save the world. As fast as the mind of the world is purified of the thousands of millions of spirits who cloud the thoughts of mankind, the brain and soul of man will vibrate to more benevolent and freer impulses.

The Master is saving the world from the forces of darkness and selfishness. His dominion is an everlasting dominion and his kingdom shall have no end.

The Church Failed

During the strike union revival services were held all over America to help stem the unrest, the evangelists plainly declaring that business people put up the money because they were at their wit's end. Still, they wonder why the workers do not flock to the church and speak against class control.

The Same Old Tactics

After the civil war the Republicans disfranchised the whites of the south and kept that region under military control for twelve years that they might rule and fasten the new wages system on the land. Plutocracy is adopting the same tactics of force and misrepresentation to secure its control now.

In Heaven and Hell

I AM in receipt of a letter protesting against The New World claim that all who die go to Heaven, the place, and also to hell, the state or condition of the dead, and that people in the same place may be in many conditions, just as they are on earth. The writer says:

"I have always thought that Heaven was a place for those that have failed on earth; the discouraged, disgusted, the down and out fellows, those that have played the game of life and lost out, and have got the worst of the deal, such it has always seemed to me were the Heaven bound people, as a reward for being failures."

There is no reason for a man to be rewarded for being a failure, and we do not find he is on earth, which is obviously under the administration of natural law as much as Heaven is.

At the same time, they who have been oppressed and for that reason been deprived of their natural development, might in Heaven, have the means of development, if they would use the means. On the other hand, those who have got rich or secured places of power on earth at the expense of others will, we know, lose their money and their positions when they die. They might also, for their failure to develop spiritually, and for their ignoring of the rights of others, find themselves backward on the road to advancement, under the law of retribution. All might be in Heaven, and the beggar, as Jesus suggested, be happy, while the rich man, within sight of him, would be "grievously tormented" through his own lack of development. But they who are poor on earth will not be advanced in Heaven unless they are able to employ the opportunities that will develop them.

Likes Llano

C. S. Simmons, New Llano, Louisiana: I came here three months ago barely able to stand, but began a very rapid change, and now have better health than I have had in thirty years. I think most of it is due to mental conditions. I had worried, but here I found not only congenial companions, but also one who is a student of mental healing, and he has helped me. I think there are great possibilities here.

A Bucket of Ashes

I speak of new cities and new people. I tell you the past is a bucket of ashes. I tell you yesterday is a wind gone down, a sun dropping in the West. I tell you there is nothing in the world but an ocean of tomorrows, a sky of tomorrows! —Carl Sanberg.

Death is Driving Hard

INTEREST in a horse race is maintained by its uncertainty. It looked like the red horse of revolution was forging ahead, and many were again ready to risk their all on it. Then the pale horse ridden by Death, a sudden spurt to the lead. Influenza is again a world wide epidemic. In Japan there are a million cases. The epidemic is also affecting the Russian victories are largely due to it. It is also spreading in the flu, which is causing a great deal of suffering and death. Prices in Chicago are 5,000 cases of influenza. It is also spreading in other epidemics are prevalent. Kansas is affected, and is suffering in the grip of a sleeping sickness, but not the African kind.

Financier Says World Faces Famine

THE widely known financier of New York, Frank A. Vanderlip, is reported to have said: "I think the world is confronted by one of the greatest crises in history. There is acute food shortage in Europe, and before the next crop is harvested the area of shortage will be very large. There are extreme difficulties in moving supplies, even if they could be had. Transportation is disorganized and financially broken down. The financial difficulties are far more serious. How some of the starving countries are to obtain foreign credit is a question not yet solved. It is humanly impossible to avert a shortage of food in the world. A certain amount of starvation cannot be avoided. Where there is hunger there will be revolution. Europe's food supplies will last till the close of February. After that a crash may come at any time. And it will be the greatest calamity humanity ever experienced. It will cost millions of lives and bring in its train no one knows what social and governmental changes."

Mexico Experiences Very Severe Earthquakes

Six states in Mexico have experienced a succession of earthquakes of the past month. In the first 3,000 persons were killed, twelve seriously injured and millions of property destroyed. Subsequent tremors have greatly increased the losses, destroying numerous villages. The first tremor was followed by the disappearance of several rivers, as though they had found an underground passage to the ocean. Two or more mountains also were leveled. The Oregon country also had an earthquake.



Don't Let It Be Good Bye

Many six months subscriptions have been placed on the list, paid for by friends of the recipients. Some expire this month. Yours may be one. Better renew and become familiar with this new-old gospel of rational universal and immanent salvation. It will pay you,

A Nation That Is Devoured

MRS. PHILIP SNOWDEN, wife of the English labor leader, recently spent several weeks in Austria and has this to say of conditions there:

"The misery I saw is beyond description. I saw children who had lost all semblance to childhood. They had ceased to cry of hunger. They were beyond that. They sat with their starved little bodies huddled up, rarely moving, never speaking, just staring into vacancy with big dark eyes. That was when mild weather prevailed. What conditions will be in mid-winter passes imagination,

"Food is unattainable. The people are begging scraps from the restaurants, where only the rich are able to get anything to eat. Three-quarters of Vienna factories are idle. The coal shortage and widespread unemployment are accentuating the troubles of the afflicted city.

"The state grant is insufficient to purchase even the scantiest rations. A suit of clothes costs \$500 and shoes are \$75. A slice of meat, if attainable, fetches \$5. The merchants are returning to the barter system, because money is worthless. Fierce epidemics are raging. Vienna, once the gayest capital in Europe, is now a tomb of the living. Hospitals are closing down because they have no coal, no food, no medical supplies.

"Two and a half million men, women and children are slowly starving to death. The city is without hope. Laughter never rings where funerals are so numerous that they continually block ordinary traffic."

This is a vivid picture of a nation that has been devoured—devoured, first, by blockade, until its big machinery could not function; and then by its own profiteers. It is a condition that will be forced upon one "backward people" after another, until the whole world is starving.

They Are Considering the Panic

Chicago.—According to bankers, economists and others who look into the future, and insist we might as well look facts in the face and begin digging in now, the country is in for hard times, beginning next fall. These long-headed men say a crisis is due—that the bottom will drop from the present economic situation, prices and wages will fall, employees will be thrown out of work and bankruptcy will prevail. Men now taking big wages, who are spending their money like drunken sailors, with no thought for the future, will find themselves in the soup and bread line next winter. —United Press.

The Business Conspiracy

Chicago.—The drive against the so called radicals resulted from an organized campaign of merchants, bankers and business men. The campaign has been under way for nearly five months. The business men have been meeting secretly for several months. Plans for the raids were made at these meetings. A fund was raised to pay the expenses of a thorough investigation of conditions. More than \$40,000 was spent in this investigation. Operatives of a private detective agency made a complete check of the leaders of the radical movement, their publications, print shops and principal propagandists. —United Press.

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Feudalistic Conditions Are Here

Special Correspondence of The New York Sun

THERE ARE in Berlin communities of sandle-shod people living in thatch-roofed houses of uncooked clay, like the adobe huts in the uncivilized portions of Central America and Africa. Large communities of them are being established in different parts of Germany. Four million people are jammed together in Berlin with not room enough for three million, and these primeval structures are the only kind of dwellings being built.

The mud houses afford only one of a hundred indications that the retrogressive movement is already in active process in Germany, and Darwin and other ethnologists assure us that when devolution once sets in the backward course is far faster than the evolution had been. The pictures of the "new art," of which Berlin is the chief exponent, might well be mistaken for replicas of the Stone Age drawings which excavators have dug from numerous cave dwellings. Utter demoralization of the social life seems to have set in. Divorces are ten fold more in number than ever before, but one would think them quite unnecessary. Marriages are falling off as alarmingly as divorces are increasing. They, too, seem unnecessary.

The Germans, by nature big eaters, became ravenous in their greed. The knife and fork are often laid aside for the fingers, or perhaps for the spoon as a more servicable tool for cleaning the plates, and at times in private homes the tongue is brought into play..... Food in the restaurants is weighed to the gramme. If one guest receives more than another, there are angry glances, often followed by strong invective against the serving maid or favored guest and sometimes by personal encounter..... Napkins and table cloths are widely discarded. Paper was used as a substitute, but these have often given way to the bare table. Often people sit on stools and boxes in the kitchen and eat their meals off bare kitchen tables and shelves and I have seen them eat direct from the cooking pots and pans on the stove.

Most of the common people have stopped wearing shirts and underclothes. In the country boys and girls up to fourteen and fifteen years of age go barefoot in warm weather and without underclothes of any description. I have seen many barefoot people even in the coldest weather. Thievery, highway robbery and murder run rampant. Gambling flourishes everywhere. Barter has become common. If conditions continue as they are it is as certain as the sun sets that the time is not far removed when we shall find here in Germany a large population living almost as the savages live—nearly or quite naked, sleeping in tents in summer and mud houses in winter. The manners and morals of the people, which show an even more precipitous decline, would be more than proportionately primitive. If other nations show anything approaching like symptoms, the return of the Dark Ages may be upon us very soon. Ruskin declared that wealth that comes of trade is mostly poisonous. If he was right, the social discontent may not end short of the total destruction of our great cities and our great industries. It is a time that calls for seers, for heroes, for martyrss.

pledge relative to this one thing, made that party dominant all those years.

Then something happened. They who saw, acting on the hints given in Helper's "Impending Crisis," organized the Republican party. But it needed votes and bid for them. It lifted from the old Socialist platform, word for word, the demand for free homesteads, and it also took up the demand of the old Workingman's party against chattel slavery. It adroitly changed the old mercantile demand for "protection to American manufacture" into "protection to American labor." This suited both the mercantile and the wage working class. In this way, it won the support of the old-time Socialists, they whose ancestors had given us free roads and free schools, and was swept into power with a rush. Capitalism was the ruling force; but the bankers

greatest empire the world ever knew. The triumph of the gold standard meant an international victory for banking or the plutocratic class, and put it in sight of its goal, that is, world dominance.

Then came the modern Socialist movement with its attack on "capitalism." It was a German movement and utterly ignored all the facts pertaining to America. It was philosophical or speculative. It said nothing of the banking proposition, devoting its attention solely to the capitalistic or mercantile proposition. It couldn't have done differently, for it knew nothing of plutocracy. The bankers, whose experts studied the movement, smiled, and used it without it being aware of the fact. It fought capitalism, and nearly overthrew it; so nearly so that stock markets were closed. The plutocratic class did not care, as this gave them their chance. It merely set the small merchant and farmer and the Socialists against each other and awaited its chance.

Plutocracy Gains a Hold

LAND GRANTS, stock jobbing and other forms of exploitation brought great public scandals. So reckless was the newly dominant "capitalism" that it kept the south under military dictatorship for eight years after the civil war ended, and then brought on a panic that created the tramp.

The panic of 1873 was followed by a rapid development of the new power of "capitalism." Big cities grew rapidly. Meat packing was taken from the farm to the city. The development of machinery, logical to an age of commerce, brought in an age of manufacture. This in turn gave new dignity and power to the merchant. The independent farmer and free worker became more and more subjugated to the new interests. I have not the inclination to even sketch through a development that produced an age of cities, which can be remembered by many now living. It came to a stop and almost complete collapse in 1893.

It was then that Morgan, the banker, a descendant of the pirate Morgan, began a reorganization of industry. The trust was born. Stocks were issued against existing plants, on the

basis of possible earnings rather than actual values. This gave the manufacturer and merchant a prepondering influence in industrial life. With every stock issue, there was also an issue of bonds, that cash for running the collapsed industry might be obtained. This gave the banker a hold on every industry, and was the beginning of plutocratic control.

Were all features of the development of the two interests, the merchant and the banker, capitalism and plutocracy, given their proper setting, they would constitute at once a great drama, a wonder story of fact, and a poem of surpassing scope.

Plutocracy Comes Into Its Own

THE WORLD WAR gave plutocracy its opportunity. It taxes credulity to suppose that the big financiers at the head of the world's com-



A Sign of Plutocracy

smiled, knowing that they had prepared the way for their own dominance in the end.

With what followed you are familiar. The workers were betrayed, and the public domain was given, not so much to actual settlers as to railroad and other promoters—to bankers. In the stress of the civil war the national bank was chartered.

Labor Sensed the Danger

THE Populist rebellion was very frankly directed against the banking class, which was denominated "Plutocracy." It was freely believed that there had been, up to that time, "seven financial conspiracies," each of which had given the banking class greater power.

You are familiar with how the Populist revolt ended in the adoption of the gold standard. While the fight outlined was in progress in America, Europe had been waging a similar battle, though varied as to details. The house of Rothschilds had arisen to continental power. The bank of England, a private institution, became the power behind the



What Plutocracy Turned Loose

merce, advised as they are by close students, did not prepare in advance for the revolution that was in order at this time. The secret diplomacy of pre-war days, except as it refers to Russia and Germany, has not been published. Anxiety to fix the blame on one race of a few individuals alone, and punish certain people of this race, evinces an evident desire to cover up something.

Long before the war began the nations began arming. This created millionaires and made war parties everywhere. The nations became more and more tied up to bankers and big manufacturers. Every expenditure for war was a step, though possibly on the part of most people an unconscious step, toward feudalism.

During the war the world was bonded for 140 billions dollars. The annual interest on this amounts to about 10 billions. It was a definite bondage, and established plutocracy as a world dominant factor in industry, with feudalism following closely after in natural sequence.

Beside, civil constitutional gov-

ernment was largely set aside during the war, by appointed directors and commissions, in which bankers largely featured. Conscription, the basic characteristic of feudalism, became a world condition as a war necessity. Railroads were seized, in form a so-

cialistic proposition; but returns were guaranteed; and prices were fixed on farm products as well as on many articles of manufacture and for public service—which are thoroughly feudalistic provisions. These things did not cease with the ending of the war.

Indeed, the war established plutocracy in control of industry and laid the foundation for a plutocratic feudalism. When the war came to an end the tendency was strengthened rather than arrested.

How Plutocracy Conquered the World

Some Accomplishments of Plutocracy

IN THE LESS than four years of its domination of industry, from the revolution accomplished by the war to the present, plutocracy has accomplished marvels.

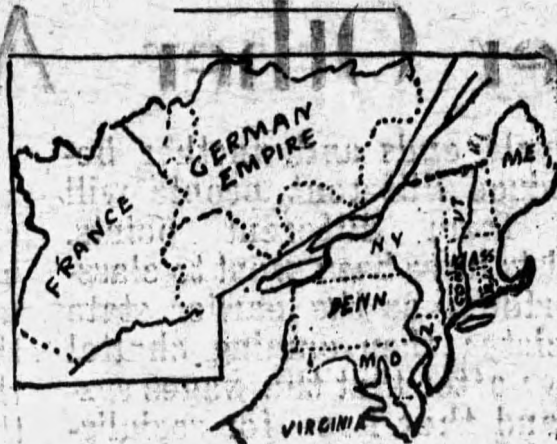
It has paid the highest wages ever known. It has given the merchant the highest prices in history. It has provided adventure for millions, and enabled millions to see the world. It has piled up greater fortunes for more people than was ever done before in the same length of time. It has created 17,000 millionaires in America alone. It has lifted farming from a precarious occupation into a business, making money. It has, through the income tax, and prohibition, made the government dependent on it and its profits for the means of functioning.

Through it all it has vastly strengthened its position. Debts have been increased almost beyond belief. Most cities and counties have been bonded for roads and public buildings. Millions have been induced to go into debt for homes, for automobiles and even for clothing and furniture. Oil and industrial stocks and bonds are being issued in far greater volume than in old stock watering days that gave plutocracy its first hold on industry. It has been estimated that every man, woman and child in all the world has, during the last five years, been put in debt to the amount of \$600, most of which he had no part in creating. And the average earnings of each family is only \$200 per year.

Plutocracy has further strengthened its hold on the world by almost retiring national money with bank notes, and by transacting nine-tenths of the business of the world with bank checks and bank clearances.

It has so managed that govern-

ment money over half the world is at a discount; that the public postal system is almost wrecked and filled with spies; that the public roads are used chiefly by automobiles and are bonded to the banks; that the public schools are given to conscripted students and the best teachers are driven from service, while billionaires pay college professors what the public cannot pay; that public service corporations, instead of serving, exploit the people to the limit, even in violation of pro-



Amount of Land Given Raitroads

visions of their legal franchises, on order of appointed commissions and appointed judges. Free speech, free press and free assemblage are denied the people, by mobs that are encouraged by a plutocratic press.

Government itself has been perverted by unconstitutional attachments. Appointed commissions are being created to function in the place of elected officials, on rulings made by appointed judges, rather than on enactments in accordance with constitutional provisions. Injunctions and interpretations and court orders from appointed judges have largely taken the place of constitutional legislative procedure. Navies are used as collection agents for bankers. Foreign countries are invaded without official orders or declaration of war, to "protect" speculative interests.

There has been dissatisfaction.

More than 250,000 have been hunted and prosecuted for seeking to evade the beginnings of conscription, and most of this after the war ended. Many have been imprisoned for the crime of belonging to organizations that appointed judges merely declared to be illegal. More than 20,000 radicals have been deported. Open warfare has been made on unions. Compulsory arbitration laws are revived from enactments of feudalistic days. Spies are everywhere. With the war at an end for more than a year, the treaty is held up in order that war laws may be continued and labor leaders kept in prison until plutocracy shall have had opportunity to fasten its rule on government and the people. A third the newspapers of America have been killed, and most of the publications of large circulation have fallen into the hands of bankers and big manufacturers. Thousands of tons of food have been destroyed or held from the market in order to advance prices.

The people are conscious that the fortunes that have been made by so many have merely taken from their own pockets. They have almost reached the end of endurance. Since the war ended, the world over, five million men, women and children have been starved to death through blockade and high prices.

These conditions cannot be continued much longer under "free" labor. Therefore the force of conscription of labor into production, the beginning of a new feudalism, has become a necessity of exploitation.

When the Second Change Was Made

REVOLT was threatened and prepared for. But all things favored the coming of the new feudalism. Since the war ended, four million negroes

legislative enactments; and conscription of labor is to become universal. These things give a good foundation for plutocratic feudalism.

Long and elaborate preparations.

of which the fight on radicalism was a part, was made to suppress possible revolt when the change was made. But it passed without the people suspecting it.

The machine is wound up for an-

other run. But the crisis is not out of the way. Indeed, it looms bigger than ever because nearer than ever. The final collapse is as certain to come in only a few more years as the night is to follow day,



Feudalism After Other Age Endings

What Feudalism Means

WHEN the Roman empire began to go to pieces under the invasion of the German horde from the north, the Feudal system commenced development in Europe. It grew slowly, but finally embraced all Europe. There being no manufacture then, except on farms and in villages, land constituted the basis of wealth. This was seized by soldiery and parceled out among the strongest. The landowners constituted themselves royalty and nobility. The workers were conscripted and made to work, at first for wages, but later on for merely their "keep" when serfdom came. This conscription of labor was after all the leading characteristic of feudalism, other factors being merely incidental. The church, through being the spiritual adviser, the educator, and posing as the vice-gerent of Christ, became a mediator between contending factions, first a sort of industrial court, and then an adjudicator of differences between rival robbers. In time the clergy became known as the first estate. The feudalism of the period might well be termed church feudalism after the dominant interest, just as the growing feudalism of today, dominated chiefly by bankers, may be termed plutocratic.

In a wheel or cycle every end is also a beginning. It is therefore difficult to say just where

one cycle ends and another begins, since different people will count from different points. Socialists have been wont to classify serfdom as the earlier state of society; then coming chattel slavery; after that the wages system; and they hope for socialistic society to follow the wages system. I would place slavery or the rule of force as first, followed by the wages system, and serfdom as that which follows the collapse of the wages system. Serfdom, the state of the worker under feudalism, is the means that enables the world to live, after a fashion, after exploitation has almost wrecked society.

The Earlier Feudalisms

WHEN feudalism is mentioned the tendency is to revert in thought to the Dark Ages of Europe, and assume that the social conditions during that period constitute the only feudalism earth has known.

As a matter of fact there have been feudalisms in many ages and many lands. Indeed, hardly a nation has attained wealth and fame because of its accomplishment which did not in the end go into feudalism. That seems to be the penalty that nature inflicts for centuries of exploitation. That seems to be the only means in which a people can exist after they have been so long exploited that expropriation is no longer possible.

The fact that feudalism is an old condition is proved by the ancient game of chess. There you have the system complete. There is royalty, the king and queen; the nobility, the knight and castle; the church, the bishop; and the pawn. It is intimated in the more popular and far more ancient game of cards. There is the king, queen, the jack and the ace; there are also diamonds, clubs, hearts and spades. In other words, the grades of society, the caste system that goes with feudalism, appear in the game that is and has been played in every land and age.

The feudalism of Europe lasted for only about five centuries. The feudalism that stagnated China and gave India her casts continued for many times that number of years and has not been broken yet. The reason that European feudalism went to pieces and the feudalism of China and Japan remained is that Europeans found an outlet in the continent of America and later in Africa, while Asia did not have the new world to ease the bonds under which her peoples were held.

The finding of America, in addition to affording that outlet for cramped abilities that broke up the feudal system, inaugurated naturally a commercial age. It is this great fact that led to the development of merchandising, which, as it grew, developed capitalism; and the capitalism gave birth to banking interests or

plutocracy. Yet it required two centuries to really establish the new order in America. No less than three nations of Europe attempted to plant feudalistic states in America, but it was impossible where there was so much free land. Instead of America becoming feudalistic when settlement was made, the fact of settlement set Europe free of feudalism.

Beginnings of the Merchant and Plutocrat

WHEN church feudalism controlled Europe, the merchant was a peddler, the banker a pawnbroker. Both were despised, yet used. Scott preserves a picture of their status in his "Ivanhoe." Shakespeare pictures the old time banker in "Shylock."

The contempt then held for the merchant and banker has extended in the form of prejudice to this day. The Jews are and long have been both merchants and bankers. In Europe they have been subject to persecution for centuries, not so much on account of their religion, as because they were merchants and bankers.

Feeling against the banker especially has been so intense and persistent that it is not explainable by his exactions during the Dark Ages. It is probably an inheritance from a former age, be-



fore the world of feudalism came, in which he dominated earth as he is coming to do today. Ancient Persia had the same prejudice against the two classes, expressed in the proverb, "A nation of

merchants, a nation of thieves."

The merchant and the banker became respectable when the opening of the new world introduced a commercial age. Yet the beginnings of both were far from creditable. The first merchants were pirates, chartered to rob. Their expeditions were termed enterprises, and the loot they took was called a prize. From prize we have derived the word price.

Under feudalism, instead of the state as the complete social organization, they had the estates. There were three of these estates, the church, the royalty and the nobles. But the genesis of the state was the estate. As the people, under the freeing influence of the American continent, acquired greater wealth, they also secured more influence in the state. With the development of the big estate, represented chiefly now by the merchant and the banker, they naturally exercised more and more influence on the state. The coming of a new feudalism is predicated on a condition in which price shall again mean prize and the estate shall be more powerful than the state.

Romance in Growth of Plutocracy

First Modern Plutocracy

THE FIRST plutocracy of modern times was organized by John Law in 1714. Law was a reckless "adventurer" who laid before various European monarchs a comprehensive plan for reorganizing their finances. Finally the king of France approved his scheme, and gave him full control of the vast territory of Louisiana, bordering the Mississippi river in America.

Law issued stocks in various projects, and the people of France went wild in speculation in them. His company assumed control of Louisiana. But his American managers had small vision. Instead of developing the vast resources here, they spent three and a half years in trying to subjugate a single tribe of Indians, with the result that the stockholders in France began to clamor for dividends that were not made. The king of France canceled Law's charter, and all went to pieces.

The scheme is now alluded to as the Mississippi bubble; but Law anticipated practically every plan that Morgan and others have made successful in the creation of fortunes, including the issuance of stocks and bonds, stock watering and stock jobbing.

Plutocracy in United States

WHEN the government of the United States was organized the first institutions that were chartered were private banks. This was the beginning of the corporation. It was the following up of the John Law ideas which he had made clear sixty years earlier. They were chartered by states, not by the nation. It was freely questioned then whether the state had the right under the constitution to issue such charters; but the agitation was not strong enough to arrest the tendency and plutocracy thus won its first victory. Then the private banks

applied for national charters. The Workingman's party, the first Socialist party in the world, opposed the issuance of national charters, and fought the battle with success, but almost alone, for more than thirty years. Then the fight became too strong for it. It entered into an agreement with the Democratic party to join it and elect Andrew Jackson president, if the Democrats would aid in preventing the banking class from getting control of money and public credits. The agreement was faithfully carried out on both sides. You are familiar with how Jackson fought the chartering of private banks, and was punished by a panic for doing it. You are familiar with how the Democratic party fought the national charter and remained in power for fifty years because of doing that. But you may not realize that it was American Socialists who were behind the battle, and who, because the Democrats kept their

A Little Letter to You

HUNDREDS of you are receiving this number of The New World because people who have read the paper like it, wished to pass it on to others, and thought of you. They did it all as a free will offering, averaging more than one extra copy, paid for, by every subscriber I have. Is it any wonder I am proud of the best bunch of subscribers in the whole world?

Someone saw that you got the paper. Give it careful reading. Of course some of the contents of the magazine sound strange to you on the start. This is the very reason why you should look into it farther. If I am right, this is the most important message before the world today: It grows on you as you understand it better. It shows the way out, socially and individually—scripturally, rationally, scientifically. Yet it is seeking to build no party, church or organization—merely proclaiming the new gospel of Judgment.

On pages 14 and 15 you will find a long article about The New World and its books, written by a subscriber and published in another magazine. Someone is always doing something like that. I want you to read especially that reference to "Jesus and Barabbas." There is one book not mentioned there—"The Debs Trilogy," three essays, Man, Woman and Child, written by Eugene V. Debs especially to boost the circulation of The New World. It is not for sale but is given with one new sub. Now listen.

Send two dollars, subscription for yourself and a friend, and I will send you a present, one copy of "Jesus and Barabbas," 50 c. Or, send your own subscription, one dollar, and I will give you a copy of "The Debs Trilogy." It is not often that you get bargains these days, but The New World is different,

Of course, dear old subscriber, you can come in too. I want to thank you for your good work in the past. Join in the Quiet Hour Circle. Many are getting good from it. It is even proving a channel of healing. "All things are yours."

Extracts from Just a Few Good Recent Letters

I. S. Walker, Arkansas: We can hardly wait for our paper. It seems so long from one issue till another arrives.

Mrs. Mary A. Thompson, Texas: I am pleased to note that subscription price of your valuable paper is advanced, giving it a chance to survive.

Mrs. E. Morrison, California: I enjoyed the last number of the New World very much. I do love to read the truth. Am also interested in the silent Circle.

D. R. Durham, Idaho: Enclosed find \$1.50 for copies of the April number. We sure do look forward for the next issue to the big little paper.

Jerry F. Mincher, Ohio: I am glad I got The New World message during these trying times. I believe nature will do wonders for us. I will try to get Bedelia a bundle of hay.

R. Agnes Clark, Kansas: Here is a dollar for 1920. Your effort to give us a worth while paper is worth whatever may be left from the last amount sent in.

Mrs. M. Elbe, California: I suppose someone has subscribed for

But I find it quite interesting, and when I get more time will write more fully my views relative to its teaching

Jaques Bounin, California. I send a dollar for a copy of "Hamlet in Heaven" and extras of the April number. Go ahead, brother. You are doing just the kind of work I would do, combining economics with the spiritual. One without the other is of no value.

George W. Hollinger, Pennsylvania: Send me extra copies of the April paper for enclosed money. The New World has long since become a part of my life, and I look forward to each succeeding number with inexpressible anxiety. To be without it is to be lonely.

Owen Bell, Oklahoma: I heartily agree with you that a great panic is likely to be pulled off by the bunch of profiteers who have usurped power in America. I received my first copy of the New World last month, and like it fine, I am subscribing.

Oscar Holmes, California: I subscribed for the New World in September of last year, sending only 50 cents, which was then the price. The New World is well

worth \$1, and even more; in fact, it is almost priceless. I enclose \$1 in this letter. Forget about the other 50 cents and let this dollar apply for the year 1920.

Mrs. M. J. McAllister, West Virginia: How true it is that we can sense each other's souls, tho far apart we be! I never realized this so strongly as today, when I read Mrs. Bullard's reference to your farewell message. It occurred to me that this world would not be the same without Lincoln Phifer. I hope The New World may have many years of prosperous life.

A Good Comrade Drops Out

Edson Smith, California, writes of failing health, and says he regrets very much that he will have to withdraw his offer of \$1,000 reward for mechanical communication with the Heavens. He must have his money to meet pressing personal needs. Mr. Smith's liberal offer stimulated much effort and he all alone held the light to the world for two years. Now that it falls from his faithful hands, what good comrade will take it up and carry it to victory?

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Some Former Forecasts of Feudalism

The Crisis on the World, as I Told About It in the 'Coming Kingdom,' Published in 1910

EUROPE in four hundred years has consumed the Western continent, half of Asia, Africa and the isles of the sea. She has dispossessed and slaughtered the Red Race, dispossessed and enslaved the Black, and is now dispossessing the Brown and Yellow. She has destroyed the forests and mines and ruined the soil of states. With all this almost incredible opportunity before her, she has been unable to support a fourth the people decently, has butchered millions in war and permitted millions to starve. With all this, in order to obtain enough to eat now, she has mortgaged and enslaved to debt unborn generations. What is to become of our children and how are they to live? We start them burdened with our debts. There are no new continents for them to discover, and if there were, it would require ten worlds the size of this to support Europe and her progeny under the same method of living for four more centuries.

As the result of false social living must be social death, we may expect the circle to complete itself by a return to the condition that prevailed in Europe during the Dark Ages.

The game of competition is blocked. Every movement along the old lines will prove it so. Hereafter, when a nation or a race came to this pass, it relapsed into stagnation, until competition, flaming in another people, fell upon and devoured it. Now, however, the whole world is concerned. If history repeats itself, the entire world will stagnate.

The end is nearer than many think. You may yet see the money power destroy political government and establish a plutocratic feudalism instead.....The con-

must soon bring slaughter for markets.

The First Revolution--"Capitalism" Collapses, and Plutocracy Assumes Dominance of Industry.

BEFORE the big war began there was such a collapse of capitalistic securities as to cause stock markets to be closed the world around. It was the crisis, due to

Twentieth Century Feudalism

It will be seen that while each chapter is a separate article, they connect into a complete book that if so published would be priced at about 50 cents.

all that had gone before, that caused the collapse of "capitalism." That precipitated the war. War started industry again, by putting the future under bonds and placing plutocracy in control of it. That constituted the first revolution. In the second issue of The New World, four years ago, I said:

"A bewildered world puzzles itself to know what has happened. Let me suggest that two things have happened: First, the commercial age, beginning with the

covery of America, has, by its policy of exploitation, occupied with European peoples America, Africa and the islands of the sea, and finds itself without further means of life unless it shall either abandon exploitation and conquer and loot other peoples. Second, in this crisis, the money power, centralized in the banking system, and well designated as plutocracy, has secured dominance over the merchandising class, beginning a new era, with a new method of exploitation leading all other methods, that promises great things for a brief time, and then sudden and utter collapse."

But this merely postponed and strengthened the crisis and did not remove it. Within four years European money was at a discount, industrial stocks were nervous and a panic was threatened. It was evident the machine had to be wound up again.

The Second Revolution--Plutocracy Retains Its Mortgage--Death Grip--on Industry, but Strengthens Itself with Feudalistic Forms.

THERE HAS BEEN a second revolution. Not a bolshevik revolution. Not a revolution confined to one nation alone. Political only by incident, yet destined to transform political institutions. A world revolution, effected so quietly that but few marked it, by people who were loud in denouncing revolution for the purpose of concealing their own plans.

The discounts of money of various nations shows the fainting away of the nations under the stranglehold of plutocracy. The stock markets are steady again, and talk of the panic is ended. It will probably be found that bank money is largely to take the place of national money; that appointed commissions are largely to take the work of

have left the southern farms for northern industrial fields. In New York state alone more than 20,000 farms have been abandoned while the owners went to the cities. Advance reports on the census show a uniform increase in the population of cities and towns amounting to from ten to fifty per cent. It all means the building up of the manufacturing and distributive machine to still vaster proportions. The result is already shown in lack of food. In the cities it manifests in inadequate housing and high prices, so that, with all the big wages, the standard of living is deteriorating, many of the foods that were once common having disappeared from the tables of the people. The same tendency in Europe is bringing actual starvation.

Under these conditions, with the elaborate preparations that had been made to suppress revolt, all labor's efforts have been and must be half hearted and inadequate. Labor must be conscripted back to the farm or it



The Amercian Worker

will be death to millions. One might say that feudalism is forced on plutocracy by conditions that preceded it; and labor itself senses the tendency so plainly that the revolution has been easy. Should it resist, a half dozen

bankers might bring a panic and put ten million workers out of employment. Should the workers try to unite at the polls, a few big industries might so shift population just before election as to disfranchise millions and win over the toilers. If the workers should elect their men, experience has proved that the elected officials might be denied their seats. If any organization becomes strong, appointed judges may rule it to be illegal, and on this ruling any member may be sent to the penitentiary. Under such conditions the revolution to feudalism, dominated by plutocracy, is inevitable; and the people vaguely sense it to be so. They may not give it a name as yet; but they feel that the revolution in industrial affairs, is an accomplished fact.

New Dark Ages Are Upon Mankind

It All Takes Time

BECAUSE I say that plutocratic feudalism is already set up in the earth, you must not try to compare it with church feudalism after the latter had been in existence for five centuries. That would obviously be unfair.

Plutocratic feudalism, even from its bare inception, is less than five years old. The changes it has already brought about are remarkable. As I figure it, it has already come to its second aspect, wherein actual feudalism rather than free plutocracy predominates. Another five years, at the same rate of progress, will make it clearly feudalistic, with fixed prices, conscripted labor, restriction of the number of exploiters through "forbidding to buy and sell," and may bring in the third aspect, in which government, already subjugated to the new force, will begin to break up into smaller units in an effort to get out from under. Already the tendency toward a breaking up or "falling away" is beginning to manifest. The proposed league of nations cannot hold together. Even states in America are repudiating prohibition, and courts are upholding their right to do it. Let the tendency continue, and we may see the nations

broken up into small units, as they were under the former feudalism. In time actual serfdom may come.

Probably the different stages of development manifested as the old feudalism was created.



Evidence of Serfdom

Probably students who advise the masters of industry know the processes and show the way in which, following the natural tendency, advantages may be gained, and new forms be devised as the old threatens to collapse.

Workers wonder "how they put it over." They do it because natural development was making such action logical to the time. Workers failed because they were trying to run counter to the current.

But you must not expect every feature of the old feudalism to be repeated. The castle with its moat and the knight with his armor are only manifestations of the need of the times and feudalism may exist without them. The modern serf need not wear an iron collar declaring him to be bound thrall; his number and the punched clock may answer instead. Modern feudalism may use the machine, which the old feudalism did not have, and may employ the manners and customs of today, with many of the forms of present day government, and still be actual feudalism.

As much was done in the last three years as was accomplished in a century when the former feudalism was fastened on the world. The same speed already attained might bring in twenty years a return to almost the same conditions of reckless wealth on the part of some and utterly hopeless poverty and degradation on the part of many that one instinctively pictures when mention is made of feudalism. But it is too early

to look for the more pronounced and rigorous features yet, even though feudalism is an actual condition now.

That Which Comes With Feudalism

AS Thomas' Payne said, "I know of no way of judging the future except by the past." Of all books of history, so called, the bible comes nearer furnishing available data than any other.

In Egypt, in Joseph's time, after the pharaoh secured control of all money and then of all land, thus creating a plutocratic feudalism of Joseph's planning, all Israel became serfs. They were



The Gobbleuns will Getcha

freed only as they emigrated and found a new land which they were able to conquer and occupy.

The book of Daniel tells of a dream of the "golden head" of a plutocracy that had followed the capitalism of old Babylon. A "stone cut out of the mountain without hands" struck the clay feet that upheld plutocracy and the whole thing crumbled. Crumpled absolutely. And Babylon is now a waste and ruin.

Coming to profane history, the commercialism of Rome led to the plutocracy headed by profligate emperors; that brought stagnation; then the German barbarians poured upon Rome and conquered it.

The Aztecs and Toltecs of Peru and Mexico had socialistic feudalism, stagnant but rich. They went out through conquest.

I know of no instance of a recovery from feudalism except through the discovery and opening of new lands, as Europe was saved when America was discovered. Feudalism ends otherwise, either in conquest, as in Mexico; in degeneracy and ruin, as in Babylon; or in stagnation, as with China.

The socializing of industry does not prevent destruction, though it may ameliorate conditions. Witness, Mexico. The socialism of Russia will lead to feu-

dalism rather than to the socialistic state, simply because the time is ripe for harvest and the harvest of exploitation is not of good. Giving full credit to motives of all, still we find Russia already accepting the czar's debts; inviting foreign trade; and giving bankers and capitalists concessions in Russia. We find the workers everywhere fighting for better conditions or co-operating to build the distributive machine all the bigger, thus working toward destruction, though doubtless meaning anything except that.

Progress Through It All

I HOPE you catch the full significance of a few statements I have made. The declaration that only feudalism can maintain the whole people, after a fashion, when events have reached a certain ripeness in exploitation, suggests something beyond the words themselves. It intimates that feudalism is an advance over the wages system. Theoretically at least, it reduces loot to a science. It sees, in theory, how much robbery the people can stand, and manages affairs as one man manage a hive of bees in such a way that the bees may live yet yield as much honey as is possible. Conscription of labor would therefore end unemployment. The wages system cared nothing for idle workers, but feudalism, in theory, would bar idleness as wasteful.

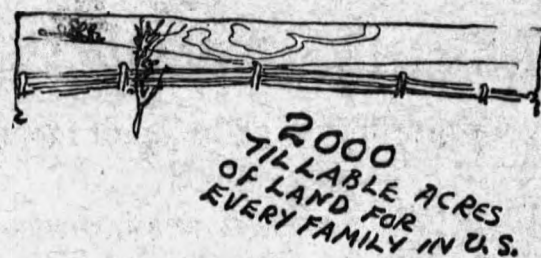
Feudalism, therefore, would attempt to find you a place. Economic management, which it is beginning to urge, would suggest that it "forbid to buy and sell" such as are nearly failing in business, and set the "little fellow" at productive labor, thus providing for him and making greater returns for the big man at the head. The theory of feudalism makes room for all and would let all live.

In practice, however, the ignorance and greed of irresponsible individualists is likely to disturb the order of organization. Left to itself, autocratic management might develop much of the benevolence manifested under Montezuma in Mexico, but we have already seen the collapse of bare plutocracy, due to the running wild of the greedy. If it was compelled to take on a feu-

dalistic form in order to save itself this early in the game, later on it may have to adopt more rigorous measures that came in China and India long ago.

Strangely enough, all efforts of labor at this time are merely disturbances of logical development, yet working toward it after all. Strikes, threatened revolts, can but cause the newly crated feudalism to be more severe. Where they win, as they have done in Germany and Russia, they but develop the big industrial machine further, and therefore lead toward feudalism rather than social action.

Nor will relief come from shifting employment or location, or



But It's Fenced In

even from co-operation in colonies or business. All these things build only the big machine. It might be wise to change from the big city to small tracts of land, well watered, almost anywhere, so that simple methods of living may be employed when the great need comes. But if you can't win in business or get a livable job where you are now, you can scarcely do it by changing locations.

Living Under Feudalism

PEOPLE have existed under feudalism and can again. Indeed, experience has shown that they who understand may sidestep its worst features. If we are to enter again into world-wide feudalism, it is well to study the lessons of history.

The labor unions that existed before church feudalism came upon Europe maintained themselves as guilds during the Dark Ages. They practiced co-operation, not in stores that made lands adjacent to the "free towns" they bought, running little industries and raising what they ate. The lands they bought not only enabled them to live and maintain a degree of enlightenment during the blackness of the

are seeking, rather, to establish spirit communion with men along purely mechanical lines, as a help toward freeing the world economically, religiously and politically, and placing it on a higher plane of living. They are working along the true conception of Jesus' kingdom of Heaven or dominance of the spiritual. Sensing the geological crisis as well as the historical age ending, these are also preparing to meet the crisis when it comes, and turn it to the advantage of conscious life.

Each of these movements from the spirit is reflected on earth with a striving of the minds of men.

Meet the Apostle Paul

Purporting to be by Spirit Henry M. Stanley

PERHAPS he is not as impressive as you expected to find him. He never was a man to "put on." Really great people seldom are. Paul always was a student, quiet and unassuming.

Of course, when it came to considering great problems, he could argue with the best, and never did hesitate to lay on heartily. He was always powerful and this quiet man is today one of the greatest forces behind the telling movement in the Heavens that is affecting earth.

Soon after Paul entered on the spirit he saw that Rome was about to crumble before the wave of semi barbarians from the north. Indeed, much of the superb energy he put forth while in the flesh was in an effort to prepare against this invasion, first, by appealing to Rome, and then, by seeking to influence the barbarians to better living. This was the meaning of his mission to the gentiles. In the spirit he sought to save the world from barbarism, but to no avail. It is whispered that after his failure he became morose for a time, and questioned his whole philosophy of life and the final cataclysm.

Then he disappeared from the Heavens. It is said that he spent literally centuries in travel and study on other planets. When he returned he had little to say concerning his absence. But in the fifteenth century he began stirring his fellow spirits to stir Europe, that America might be discovered and the people among whom he had toiled might be relieved. Again his energy was phenomenal. He be-

Heavens. With his close friend Jesus, the former backwoodsman, he engineered the whole renaissance and reformation until the tension in human affairs was eased.

Then Paul once more relapsed into the student and recluse. They say he again made a great missionary journey to distant planets. Only recently he resumed activity in human affairs. Just as he, a Jew, at one time turned to the gentiles of Europe with a vehemence that changed the world's history, so now he is assisting that the white race, having failed in its mission, the new appeal must be made to the red, yellow and black races.

His influence in affairs is already telling. But when asked for an interview concerning his plans for man's amelioration, he declined to talk, saying he would write a statement which I might give to The New World.

When It Falls

The strong and venerable tree
Withstands the tempest. It is while
the sun
Shines in a still air that it crashes
down,
Leaving a bare place, mourning,

Four Horsemen Riding Hard

THE four horsemen of Revelation are whipping up. The race grows exciting.

The white horse whose rider bears a sword and conquers—war affecting to be righteous—is showing in England conquering the Turks.

The black horse of plutocratic feudalism appears in the work of the profiteers the world around. In America it is dealing in European exchange at bearish rates, and seeks advantage for the nation by defeating the league of nations. To Europe it is bringing famine.

All this has led to a new spurt by the red horse of revolution, especially in Germany. There have also been pogroms against the banker Jews.

Through it all the white horse of spiritism, with Death for its rider, whips on. There are pestilences, along with new and startling spirit manifestations.

As in every big race there are people who risk their all on one of the horses. And they will all lose.

You have not failed; you have only not succeeded.

A New Thing in World Journalism

Guy Bogart in Colony Cooperator, Newllano, La., February, 1920

The New World

Economics, Spirit J. A. Wayland
News and Views, Sp. Horace Greeley
Literature, Sp. William Shakespeare

AS ONE of the regular staff-contributors of The New World, I confess that at first there was an eerie sensation in contemplation of my spirit-conferees of this Kansas magazine. Lincoln Phifer, however, is one with us in the flesh (and I am "manifesting" over a very substantial Underwood instead of a ouija board). Mr. Phifer belongs to the distinctive group of editors and writers that has given to Kansas its record for originality and progress.

What do you think of the staff of the New World? Those mentioned are but a few of the spirits Mr. Phifer has summoned from the world beyond to assist in editing one of the most uniquely interesting and valuable publications that comes to my review desk from month to month. Mr. Phifer has answered a Shakespearean question—He can summon the spirits from the yeasty deeps—and they do come.

Both in mental and spiritual life Phifer has been unusual and has made his influence count big in the special

editorial fields he has chosen. Like Joan of Arc, he heard voices from childhood, and talked with invisible playmates. For thirty years he received automatic writings from the world's greatest philosophers and authors. None of us suspected this fact until Fred D. Warren saw one of his manuscripts and insisted that it be published. "Hamlet in Heaven," purporting to be from Shakespeare, was the book. This little volume has challenged a respectful hearing in both Europe and America, receiving wide praise from critics and professors of distinction. Roosevelt devoted a page of the Metropolitan to its discussion. The play has been printed, reviewed and commented on in the spirit world, creating more attention even than on this plane of life.

Since that work, Mr. Phifer has released scores of his other communications in his own and other publications—stories by Dickens and Scott; essays by Emerson; sketches by O. Henry; poems by Shakespeare, Riley, Longfellow, Poe and a score of others, besides miscellaneous communications of a varied nature. They reveal an astonishing power and versatility of style. If they are the work of Lincoln Phifer, it is a greater tribute to his ability and skill in mimicry than if he received them through automatic writing.

Lincoln Phifer, Apostle of Humanism

Guy Bogart, of Los Angeles, California, in *The Colony Cooperator*, New Llano, Louisiana

MR. PHIFER has the idea, shared by an increasing number, that the world trembles today in the throes of a new birth, and his magazine, *The New World*, is a preparation for this new earth.

"I thrill," said Phifer to me, "with the thought that the action of my life has been cast in the most romantic and poetical period in history. Yet, commercialism has made the people unable to understand poetry, and the voicing of moods and whimsicalities in short verse is not poetry at all."

Phifer's own writings are palpitant with the spirit of the dawning age of Humanism that is sweeping the mountain-top men of spiritual discernment. The man himself is cast in heroic mold, writing mighty epics that will interpret this age to future generations. He is a prophet—and like all prophets, a rebel—but ever constructive and in the forefront of human pioneer thought. I sing such prophet now whom history will later "discover."

PHIFER'S POETRY is not confined to the social drama form. This man is one of the most voluminous and versatile writers in the editorial game. He has essayed the hymn, some of his songs being used in churches today; a few of his songs have enjoyed popularity on the stage; the drama proper has grown under his touch. In his prose works as a propagandist his words have been widely quoted in every part of the world. He has published many short stories, but has never attempted to dress in novels in cloth. Phifer explains. "I will not confine myself

to the 'love story' or conventional forms." But much of other types from his pen has found its way into the press of more than one nation. Phifer is in good form as an essayist. "St. Nicholas" has used his nonsense verses for small children, and the International Syndicate for years used his children's stories. As a paragrapher his sayings (mostly uncredited) have seen service around the world.

The poet is now publishing "*The New World: Lincoln Phifer's Paper-Magazine*," monthly, in Rosedale, Kansas. The magazine is in the fifth year and is unique in the magazine field. There can be no question of the quality of the poems, sermons, philosophy, paragraphs, essays, stories, sermons, parables, fables—all his own—which the editor prints.

Even these, however, are not the most important features of Phifer's magazine. His first proposition is that there is sufficient data to prove the existence of a future life. Mr. Phifer is seeking, in view of his belief that the desiring additional data without acting on it is superfluous, to promote the discovery or invention of purely mechanical communication with the other side, that shall do away with the necessity of mediumship and make the connection unmistakable. "This," he claims, "would be tantamount to the discovery of a new world and would have a more striking effect on conditions than the discovery of America did."

Then comes the second proposition that the discovery of mechanics and

vibratory powers make the first proposition entirely possible, and the result will be to give knowledge for faiths, and to provide a new religion that will be practical and scientific; that the learning of the geography, literature, science, and other features of the world of spirits will be sufficient to occupy the attention of man for several centuries. This, he argues, would save the world from stagnation due to the exhaustion of old ideas, and would for the first time acquaint mankind with all phases of life and make brotherhood possible; it would place the spirit dominant, thus fulfilling the vision of Jesus of the kingdom of heaven on earth.

Whether all this is true or merely Phifer's greatest poem, it is attracting the attention of thinkers, especially among those who had almost lost hope. The boldness of the claim has for a time kept the knowledge from wide-spread publicity in many directions, though here and there in special fields Mr. Phifer's work has been the subject of careful study.

Who knows but that all Mr. Phifer advocates is, in reality, the beginning of a great movement that shall make him recognized, in time, as one of America's great poets and philosophers? Queer? But as today, so stood the populace of that other old world four centuries ago when the fall of Constantinople spread the leaven of Oriental knowledge into European centers, and the voyages of Columbus opened a new hemisphere.

The old world began to pass in 1914. What of the new world?

Some of Mr. Phifer's Recent Books

The Dramas of Kansas. Stories of the oldest state in the union. 200 pages, cloth bound, illustrated; regular dollar book. 75c.

IT IS in the general field of literature, in the stirring activities of pioneering that Phifer has done some of his striking creations. Much of his philosophy of poetry is expressed in the introductory essay to his unique "*Dramas of Kansas*."

"The treatment of this book," he writes, "is a revolt against word juggling and the tinkling verbal cymbals so commonly accepted as poetry; and on the other hand an assumption that all the people are poets, and need only such simple expression as they can understand, and see through, to the vision behind it, to enable them to develop the gift that is next to religion in dignity and comfort."

"The preparation of this book is predicated on the following ideas: (1) Poetry is never in words but always in visions which words may inspire

in the reader; therefore, simile and metaphor, jingle and juggle, are no necessary part of poetry. (2) When all poetry was lyrical, for song or chant, rhyme was a necessary form for poetry to assume; but now that most poetry is read silently, there is little need for rhymes or even alliteration, except in songs and hymns, and that form is best which, while preserving the meter that makes the stop easy, and a certain elegance of expression, suited to the psychic senses, so closely resembles prose as to be easily read. (3) People like poetry as much as they ever did; and the reason it is supposed to be a decadent art, and made the subject of jest, is that it has been assigned to a poetry-making class and cut to meet the needs of unimaginative editors, with the result that it has become a mere polishing of words, rather than an appeal to the imagination of the many. (4) Overdressing of verse is as vulgar as overdressing of the individual." (Phifer gives several more points along lines kindred to those quoted)—"Poetry is not in

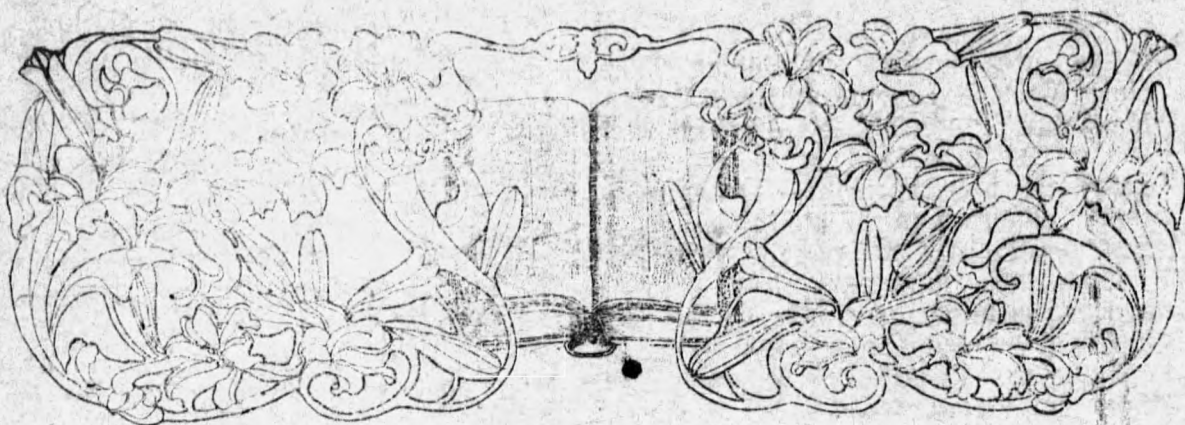
words or form; though like religion, it is expressed in words and forms. It is in the mind and sentiment of the reader. The bigger the theme, therefore, the greater is likely to be the poem."

However his philosophy of poetry, may seem, Lincoln Phifer is able to write his own kind with a virility that should give it long life, especially in this epic poetry of middle-western development. With his conception of art-linked-to life (fully outlined in the essay above referred to) he has evolved what may be termed a new poetic form. It is the social drama that Phifer has perfected in which are taken up great social movements, the development of machinery, the growth of cities, etc., and the treatment of each as a drama told in acts or cycles. He has confided to me that he has more than two hundred such dramas, few of which have been released for publication. "*The Dramas of Kansas*" is the most conspicuous example in book form. The epic of Kansas lends itself for magnificent

This Gives Meaning to History

"When man was young he tried experiments
With nature; so he learned. Something suggested to him
An idea, and the entire race worked out that idea
Until it reached an end. Most oft that end,
Because man was experimenting and failed
To grasp the true and natural way, was evil;
Yet he learned by it. Ere it passed away
That idea formed seed of another idea,

Which was the determinism in all things,
As economics is of this last age. There is a Great Year in which ideas ripen,
Come into fruition and decay, just as Plant life develops in a solar year. So may we know when any age is ending,
Just as we know when winter is approaching.
And as the winter is a Judgment Day
To vegetation, so each Greater Year Is followed by a judgment and then Spring."



Man Was Created to Care for Forests

Before man was
The flowers and trees made earth both beautiful
And wholesome, without strife; and east of Eden,
The bible says, God planted with his hands
A splendid garden. Man was made, to tend it—
The tree that first was pleasant to the sight,
And after that bore fruit, of every sort.
But man, assuming that the world was made
To serve him, rather than he serve the planet,
And in his sweat eat bread, God's first commandment,
Went slaughtering forests and erecting cities.
How often God rebuked him by destroying
The cities he had built, and bringing desert
Where there had been a garden! But headstrong
Man would not learn; and now the world is wrecked.

There used to be one born every minute, but indications are that the birth rate has been raised since the war.

When They Cooperate

New World Fable

"THE RATTLESNAKE is not an agreeable companion," commented the Prairie Dog to a Neighbor. "But there are compensations. He certainly does protect us in the winter." "Why do you admit him to your home?" asked the Neighbor.
—"Suffering and need," was the reply, "force co-operation even between natures that are antagonistic to each other."

There Is a Limit

New World Parable

A VIOLINIST who was anxious to reach a very high note tightened the string until it broke.
—"There is such a thing as going too far."

Positive Commandments

The decalogue is largely negatives, But God gave man two positive commandments.
Obeyed, they would have banished all our evils.
The first of these is, Earn thy bread with sweat:
The second, Thou shalt love.

Better a small city of great men than a great city of small men.

The Seed Men Sowed

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

THIS seems most obvious. Every year, in the language of Gautama Buddha:

"Corn ripens to corn; darkness and silence know."

Yet financiers and profiteers act as if they thought it was not the Law. Today many are assuring us that we can reap good from five centuries of exploitation; that from suggestions of deceit we shall garner truth; that suppression will lead to peace. But these things cannot be. Man may be hoodwinked, but "God is not mocked."

The wages of sin is death. They who sow to the flesh shall of the flesh reap destruction. Only such as sow to the spirit shall reap life everlasting. In this harvest period many 'deceive and are being deceived.' But the Law does not swerve an inch. As we measure and have measured to others it shall be measured to us.

What a Spiritism, This!

When plutocracy finally collapses, it will carry down with it the nations it has made subservient to it. The people will then have to begin over, and they must begin with the community. With this they may survive, because they will be rid of the big exploiting machine. The bible forecasts it. Babylon is to fall "within the hour." And "no man buyeth their merchandise any more." They will not need to. Spirits will help to stem the crisis. This is the meaning of the coming of Elijah—the real and only Elijah, coming, a spirit, to instruct and inspire. What a spiritism this is!

A Good Fellow

Some there are who tell
Of One who threatens He will cast to hell
The luckless pots he marred in making—Pish!
He's a Good Fellow, and t'will all be well.
—Omar Khayyam, Persian.

The Enforced Slowing-Up

There seems to be little one can do in the coming months but to try and get the light to the chosen few who are ready for the message, as you are doing. I am doing little writing now, but if the opportunity comes, as I think it will in the next few months, I hope to do a bit more writing.—Guy Bogart, Los Angeles

God said "Let there be light" and when it came, stepped into the shadow.

"By spirits taught to write
Above the mortal pitch."
— Shakespeare, sonnet 86.

The Living Dead

Contributions in this department are presumably by the spirits whose names are attached to them. Believe what you please about them.

An Indian Spirit's Story of the Buried Cities of Yucatan

Purporting to be by Spirit George
Alfred Townsend

WHAT is the meaning of the buried cities of Yucatan?" When I asked Wapoolego, the Indian who lived in America before the last cataclysm, he answered:

"They are the remains of the Indian plutocracy of a far distant age. Big cities are always an accompaniment and evidence of commercialism. Therefore the fact that there were cities in Yucatan is sufficient evidence that commercial life had once developed there. My statement of fact is therefore proven in advance by relics of the past. That plutocracy had developed is evidenced by the stores of gold and silver that led Spanish adventurers to the 'South Seas' when America was discovered, followed by the pirates of other nationalities.

"Plutocracy brought feudalism, and feudalism destroyed society. Then came the cataclysms. The stormy Caribbean, with the gulf, are but two bites that the earthquake and ocean took out of the continent. Under the sea are remnants of other cities as great as those now being unearthed in Yucatan.

"Many of the people fled to the north. There they established the civilization that Cortez found in Mexico—a feudalism recast from that which had been before, tempered with socialistic features,

"Those farther north, who had escaped the fall of solids from above, were so strongly impressed with the fate of cities, those ripe fruits of commercialism, that they would not build them, taking occupation of the earlier man, the care for the garden, wherein were all manner of trees,"

New Age Economics

Presumably by Spirit J. A. Wayland

THE economics of this age are not and cannot be the economics of another age, past or present. It were idle to attempt to force the Europe of Columbus' day into the life we know now.

In like manner it will be impossible for the world to return to the economics of before the war. Just as impossible as it is for the grown man to become a boy again. They fitted well then; the proposed changes argued well at that time.

But a new order has come into being. Man cannot return to the old. Neither can he travel far from the old into a still newer order: because the old is now non-existent.

He must now pass from the new into the newer he dreams. In doing that he must proceed from present condition, not from conditions of forty years ago.

No people in the world need readjustment more the socialists do. This is beginning to come and will come. But socialists need to read old books less, and think more of what has happened, is happening and is likely to happen in the future.

Spirit News Service

This department is supposed to come from the spirit, from service managed by Spirit Horace Greeley. The New World does not vouch for the truth of any statement made herein. Individuals and groups wishing to use this service must have character and common sense and sit for information. Personal news will not be given; neither will attempts be made at forecasting events.

WHEN a great crowd surges back and forth, it is hard at first to understand its purpose. But after a little, one begins to find order in the apparant disorder. For several years, now, the spirit world has been greatly stirred. Only recently has the commotion assumed definite meaning.

There are approximately three great movements here, touching people in the flesh. First is the mass movement, of common souls

resembling the mass of the people of earth, interested in what some might term commonplace things. These souls are responsible for the great revival of spirit manifestations on earth. Grant that they talk nonsense that is calculated to repel more than it attracts; grant that they are given to personal fortune telling, and that no one, man or spirit, can often hit it in specific forecasts; still they talk the things that interest most men and spirits too. Many are comforted by these simple things, though great knowledge may not come from them.

Then, there come the spirits of educated, of rich, of priestly, of privileged spirits of other days on earth. They understand better than the masses of spirits what they term government and history. Let us say that they believe regulation of the irresponsibles (and there are many such in spirit life) is needful. They are consciously helping toward the establishment of feudalistic conditions on earth. Many of them participated in the old feudalism. Many were Jesuits. They would suppress what they term irresponsible spirit messages in favor of church agitation. They are at the same time strongly influencing human effort from this side, their unsuspected inspiration accounting for much that is mistakenly attributed to human propaganda.

A third element is too busy to care for the ordinary spirit message, and at the same time opposed to the tendency toward feudalism as being opposed to advancement in either the flesh or the spirit. They

The New World is Promoting a Remarkable Scientific Proposition

The New World is stirring things in its effort to secure the invention of a scientific, mechanical means of communicating with the beyond, that shall make communication open to all, unquestionable and as common as telephoning now is. The accomplishment of this would be tantamount to the discovery of a literal New World, would give knowledge for faith, and would open up new history, new literature and new sciences. Then, every paper would print news, views and literature from the Heavens.

Spiritual Powers Open to All

It will soon be possible for all to communicate with the unseen world through purely mechanical means, as a matter of scientific fact rather than faith. The Opening of the Heavens in this matter of fact way will be tantamount to the discovery of a new world, and will provide ideas sufficient to employ the energies of the world for another Great Year, thus proving the remedy for the exhaustion of old ideas with which earth is now afflicted.

time, but to have cities without taxation for centuries thereafter. These "free cities" remain to this day, and, singularly enough, have been pictured as examples of socialism by many.

The whole struggle of the people, and especially of the unions during this period is told by Eu-

gene Sue in his "Mysteries of the People," a succession of stories illustrating conditions at various times, translated into English by Daniel DeLeon, an American socialist.

In history we have record of what awaits the world now. History repeats itself by cycles, just

as harvests do. There is one thing that is assured, amid a variety of social conditions that are possible under feudalism: that is, a hardening, a crystallization of society into castes, and a universal stagnation, with learning and property and pleasures for the few alone.

History Tells Us What We Should Do

"How Shall We Escape?"
THE REMEDY is always the same, though varied in application through the customs and usages of different peoples at the time that feudalism closes in on them. The wearing of armor would be archaic under twentieth century feudalism; so the real commune would not "fit" the needs of the masses when the worst oppression comes and the institutions of the past go to pieces. Yet the commune had in it the same idea that will serve the world now. And we judge of future aid by noting the things that served in the past.

When Jesus saw a very similar crisis approach in his day, he instituted the communal meal, which was enlarged to the point where "they had all things common;" and that this served rests on scriptural testimony that "neither was there any among them that lacked." But the idea was prolonged into a rite, after the need of it had passed, and the Lord's supper has become meaningless, while "communities," out of their proper setting and season, have proven to be failures.

Out of European church-feudalism, various "orders," making vows of personal poverty, which meant of general wealth, came into being. The members lived simply in co-operative communities, where all worked with their hands, and got along very well, being the means of preserving to the world all the literature and learning that we possess from the remote past. To protect themselves from violent robbery by the "nobility" of the day, the members of the orders invented the conception of a burning hell for disbelievers, and it served. But the church orders, out of their former setting, seem out of

place, while the idea of a burning hell under twentieth century understanding becomes ridiculous.

Much the same device has enabled the higher castes in India and China to live well through the stagnation of their feudalism. Co-operation, organized by the higher castes in Mexico, under the Aztecs, even though the heads of the feudalism received a third of the products of



Next in Order

all the land, enabled the people to live so well that there was no poverty and no unemployment.

The age just closing has at the bottom been commercial. It has developed mutualism and machinery. The same thought that saved in other age crises will do the needed work now; only, it must take the forms that are suited to the people's modes and thought today. This form must be community self help.

Community Self Help

THE REMEDY is in principle always the same, but the application varies according to the usages of the age and people making the application.

There is in feudalism the germ of breaking up into community life. All the evils from which we suffer come from an overgrowth of the manufacturing and distributing machine. When we send our goods over all the world and get other goods from over the whole earth, we open the way for

control of these things, and for innumerable tributes. We cannot escape so long as the big machine continues; for cities do not produce many needful things, while they do keep many doing unnecessary labor. The remedy lies near us. Almost any rural community might, through using the resources it has, produce what is needed to feed, clothe, warm and house all, without it being a burden to any. In these days, when packing, canning, refrigerating and storing have become sciences that can be applied in a comparatively small way, this becomes the more easy. The bank check and bank clearance have given hints of a community check and community clearance that will enable all this to be done in very simple manner. When the crisis becomes so grave that thousands are threatened with actual starvation, then the people will be ready to consider community self help. Blessed are those who study out the problem in advance, so that they may be able to direct thought to the simple road that leads to easy salvation.

The plan that worked out then, and in similar world crises before, was that of community self help. No other plan did work. It is prophesied that it will be efficacious in the last great crisis, probably the one in which we have now entered. Why should it not be?

Scripture Forecasts It

IT IS REMARKABLE that the way out seems to be forecasted in scripture. It does not matter whether the record is inspired, or whether it was made by scientists who were familiar with the laws of periodi-

city on their own violation; it matters not whether it was for the end of a former historical age or for this one, since all such ages are much alike. The great fact remains that the apocolypse of Revelation tells of the fall of Babylon—confusion, the seat of a former world wide plutocracy, as a future occurrence. This Babylon is "burned out" "as in an hour."

It is in strange keeping with this idea that the fortunes now being piled up are purely paper fortunes and might be destroyed without really destroying any wealth.

Following this declaration the merchants are pictured as weeping and saying, "No man buyeth our merchandise any more." It is as though the people had learned to co-operate in canning, storing, etc., and had no need any further to buy tinned and carton-ed stuff at forty times their real value. If the people only understood, why should they "buy their merchandise any more?" The word is near thee, in thy mouth and in thy heart." The thing to do is to apply it, not by fighting the old, but by creating the new.

The Missing Element

THROUGHOUT this paper to the present I have left out of consideration one element of my findings on the law of periodicity. This is because several have asked that it be done. I suspect that they thought if I omitted this consideration, the future of the world would be pictured brighter than I had made it; as though one could sweep aside the tendency of centuries!

The missing element leaves something lacking in my former interpretations, and in interpretations I expect to make in the future. But it does not nullify what I say here, though it may modify it.

The missing element is the consideration of the geological year. I have argued that we are closing an historical year or era or cycle, embracing approximately 480 solar years, and must repeat, in general, the same things that came at the closing of several historical cycles that preceded this. But, so far, I have failed to consider that we may at the same time be ending a far bigger cycle, the geological year,

with much the same general happenings that came at other geological age endings. Such an event would be literally a judgment day—period—and would involve the making over of the earth, with the destruction of the old physical aspect, and the creation of new outward aspects.

I shall not at this time enter into discussion of the new element. Old readers of The New World will know of it, and new readers can learn of it by subscribing. But there is one fact, to which I have already alluded, to which I would direct your thought. I refer to the rapidity of movement now. As much is being done in five years now as was done in a century when the old feudalism was in power. To



Situation in Europe

my mind this is one of the strongest evidences that we are closing a geological age. It is as though we are approaching tremendous new forces, and they are accelerating events; as hot days in summer may ripen the wheat more than all the spring period did before them. Perhaps we near a point in the Heavens that will make possible the rebuilding of earth, and already feel the influence of it.

The average man does not need a goat gland; he only thinks he does.

Soul to Soul May Hie, E'en Here

CHANGES in physical nature will have a stronger and stronger depressing influence on all. Increasing perplexity regarding man's relationship each to the other will tend to "distress of nations" and panic with individuals. A strong protection will be that companionship with God and with departed spirits of old friends and wise people passed on, which can be had through observation of the Quiet Hour of the Comradeship Circle.

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NewWorld Philosophy

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Let's care for men and God will care for us.

You can't go to heaven in a railroad car.

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They don't seem to be able to get enough oil to smooth all the troubled waters.

The average man will give up any liberty except that of making a fool of himself.

We do not need preachers to speak for God; for God can speak for himself.

Where one man works ten men are set to watch that man and keep record of him; no wonder we starve.

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ning, from 7 to 8, join in the silence. If you wish, walk and commune with nature as you commune with souls. Sing gently. Read briefly from the bible or other inspiring work. Breathe out blessing, and breath it in. It will be well, now and then, to utter positive words of confidence and strength.

The time is near when all this will be needed by many. Strengthen and use the instrument now. You may make it fit the old church idea, the mystic habit, yogi philosophy or new thought conception, as fits your mood. All have truths if the controversial elements in them be dropped.

Mr. Phifer's Recent Books--The Dramas of Kansas--Continued

Guy Bogart in Colony Cooperator, Newllano, La.—See Preceding Page

It is difficult to judge "The Dramas of Kansas" by extracts, for the rugged mass effect is what gives them their chief distinction. The setting for the pictures begins:

"Kansas is a stage set in the midst Of the United States. It slopes From the high mountain chain of Colorado,
Which forms a fitting background; in the center
A city on a hill; at the left front
A mighty river with its slyvan scenes;
As if prepared and set to give the world,
Eastward, view of great dramas.
There is not
A state in all the union that has staged
So many social tragedies. They were
Made up and played without rehearsal."

Newspaper men will be especially interested in the part the makers of the early Kansas papers played, as dealt with in the Dramas. We get, for example, the picture

"There is no stronger nor more picturesque
Character in American history
Than was the country editor who so Believed in his town that he made men think
It was the center of the earth, and by
Persistent faith gave it both place and power."

And this tribute to the power of the press:

"Kansas was founded on the printing press.
Her ramparts are half paper, constantly
Renewed and strengthened, till they have become
Impregnable; her siege guns, linotypes,
Manned by the printer and the editor.
Through early stress and storm, the tender plant
Of that great state was kept from death because
'Twas wrapped in paper."

Jesus and Barabbas. A drama of a former age ending, with surprising resemblances to this 50c.

FOLLOWING his theory of the periodicity of history, and the conception of the present age as an illustration thereof, Mr. Phifer in the summer of 1919 recast in his play, "Jesus and Barabbas," a drama of a former age-ending with its lessons for this. The drama was written and printed in Social Thought, Rich Hill, Missouri, in 1905. It has been but slightly changed to make it application to the "present age-ending" more clear. Somewhat in the

style of Max Ehrman in his "Jesus: A Passion Play," Phifer presents real human beings. Some liberties the theologians may dispute are taken but an age is reconstructed such as real men would be supposed to have lived in. Jesus was the proletarian leader, and Barabbas is made the scion of Jewish aristocracy, a gifted young man who, with the help of the priests, builds up a powerful and wealthy syndicate. The five acts move swiftly from the formation of the syndicate in the first and the dissatisfaction of the people in the second, to the entrance of the Agitator in the third, the plotting against the young leader and the springing of the trap and the seeming triumph of the syndicate through the last two acts. Abruptly the drama ends with the sound of the lash on the quivering back of Jesus and the cry of the mob as the whipcord drips with blood. The play

Hamlet in Heaven. A five act, drama, purporting to be by Spirit William Shakespeare. 50c.

THROUGHOUT "Hamlet in Heaven" occur such Shakespearean expressions as "astigmatism of the soul," "thy bluff, tender hands," "he is richest who can appreciate most;" and such words as lancient, dystome, cressate, inkle, peed, ominante, nubigenius and ensoin. The play describes the awakening of Hamlet and other characters of the tragedy, in the other world, and of their reconciliation. In it we are told many details of the realm hereafter. The play has the full Shakespearean atmosphere, and if not the work of the Bard of Avon, then there is living in Rosedale, Kansas, a man of Elizabethan powers as a dramatist. Mr. Phifer, by the way, is a skilled dramatic writer, which is probably one reason the spirit of William Shakespeare found him a good medium for the transmission of his plan in honor of the tercentenary celebration.

Here follow a few of the typical passages from "Hamlet in Heaven":

"Perhaps no man is fully sane; perhaps
But few, even in the spirit, have such poise
They spin in perfect order, like a top
Newly struck out, nor wobble as they move."

"What sorry sight
His stomach is, when one may see therein!
Men are not beautiful beneath the skin."

"Turn to the future, there is life.
Behind
Is memory, and its twin, forgetfulness."

"Thou has indeed cut through the isthmus

That separates the that from this—"I am related to the universe

And shall pick out my children as I choose."

"Oh, life is the most lavish, the most foolish
The most enduring and persistent thing,
That counts itself by events and possessions
And so doles out its days."

"I see a purpose in the struggle; there's
A drama full of action and design
Playing before me, every character
Thinking he makes his speech, yet but expressing
The thought the Great Designer meant should come
Out of the situation. As they act,
Each in the way he thinks is his alone,
The play grows to a mighty tragedy,
With by-plays full of laughter; and I hear
A hidden, universal orchestra
Make music on the smitten hearts of men."

Old Religions Made New. Revealing the new religion. Cloth bound. 50c.

IT IS in the realm of the spiritual—the spiritual with both feet on the ground and entirely divorced moshere, and if not the work of the from flights of the metaphysical—that Lincoln Phifer has done some of his best work. I quote his paraphrase from "Les Miserables":

Victor Hugo on Religion

"The great religious fact is not the church:
It is the opening of the rose, the breaking
Of the clear dawn, the nestling of the bird.
It is in nature, holy and eternal,
Not to understand is not a reason
For disbelief, but rather for belief.
If you should place a blind man in the sunlight
He would declare, 'Though I see not nor hear it,
Yet I am warm.' So do we feel and know
The Absolute Being is the warmth of God.
Knowledge of God is given to no one;
Notion of God belongs to everyone.
Prove God—we can; explain Him—man cannot."

"Old Religions Made New," (1918) contains the cream of Mr. Phifer's later philosophical researches. There is no attempt to create a new cult, sect, or 'religion,' but a restatement (sadly needed) of religious faith in present day terms. The little book is a valuable contribution to the constructive devotional literature of an age just turning to the spiritual view of life.

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Are Ford and Edison Working for a Mechanical Medium?

THE Canadian Society of Psychical Research, Toronto, has recently issued, under the title of "The Voice of the Spirit," a little volume, giving a record of six seances, held by Hugh Gordon Burroughs. I give quotations from the records of trumpet messages bearing on mechanical communication:

"Spirit Murphy: There is every possibility of a mechanical medium becoming a marvellous success in the near future. I may say, however, that there are some intricate difficulties yet to be bridged but which no doubt will be ultimately surmounted. You in the flesh are spirits just as truly as we are, only, plus a physical body. Your thought must be accurately attuned to the vibrations of the mechanical medium, just the same as the desires and wishes of the communicating spirit must be, or there is danger of confusion in transmission, the thoughts of one crossing and fouling the other—much like the corresponding difficulties which developed in the incipient stages of the telegraph and cable systems, and later with the Telsa and Marconi systems, before they were ultimately and triumphantly perfected."

"Spirit William T. Stead: I tell you confidentially what will soon be proclaimed from the housetops, that a well known multi-millionaire of Detroit, in collaboration with another eminent inventor, whose name is on everybody's lips, is at work now, upon a recording disc which, when perfected, will record every word and sound of the seance room. These next few years are going to be epochal between the two worlds."

The references are clearly to Ford and Edison. I do not know whether they are really

working on mechanical communication. But I do know that the subject has been presented to both of them. Anyhow, coming from other people and another country, the statement becomes interesting, to say the least. It is a good opening for the new year,

Claim by Swiss Inventors

DR. WM. J. BRYAN, of New York city, sends me a copy of Leslie's Weekly of November 15, which contains an article from which I quote as follows:

"By means of this instrument, they have been enabled to obtain 'communications' direct from intelligences, apparently 'spirits,' without the aid of any medium whatever. Incredible as it may appear, the inventors, Doctors Matla and Zaalberg van Zelst, make this claim; and the results they have obtained by means of this instrument have never been explained. The machine was placed in a room by itself,—nothing and no one near it; and long 'messages' or 'communications' were spelled out by its means. The essential parts of the instrument are: [1] A clock work device, by means of which the letters of the alphabet appear in turn at a small opening in a wheel; [2] a 'key' which could be pressed with a very light touch—this key consisting of a drumhead of parchment; and [3] a mechanism for printing letters on a tape, whenever the key was pressed. Thus, suppose the letter D appeared at the opening, and the key was pressed at that moment, D would be printed on the tape; and if the letters E-A-R followed, we should have the word DEAR spelled out and printed. In this way long communications were said to have been obtained."

The Raise in Rates Meets Most Generous Response

THE RAISE in the subscription price of The New World has met a most generous response. You have made the last by far the best month in the paper's history. You understand. I thank you from my heart. I want you to have this whole page---and it will not nearly contain extracts from all the good letters received. You will find my letter to you on the inside of the last cover page.

Mrs. S. Marten, California, in renewing: We should hate to miss it.

Mrs. M. A. Worsley, Illinois: I am very much pleased with the magazine.

Dr. William J. Bryan, New York: Enclosed find two dollars for two years subscription, dating from January, 1919.

Fred J. Lott, California in renewing his subscription and sending four more subs: Your paper is greatly prized. We all think it is immense.

S. E. Weaver, Indiana: I could not do without The New World. You are one of the real thinkers in this age of greed, avarice and priestcraft.

Wm. McEwen, Oklahoma: I am rarely interested in your work, and believe you are working along right lines, although I may not see some things just as you do---yet.

Dr. Van Zandt Rowe, Kansas, in renewing: I like your paper, though some times I get well out of patience with some of your prophecy. Yet I don't want to miss a copy.

Peter Swenson, Texas: Please send me one of each of your books, and renew my subscription to The New World for one dollar. Enclosed find three dollars to cover same.

Mrs. Sarah C. Emery, Ohio: Find enclosed the necessary money to bring The New World another year, and not miss a number. It is different from other papers and I like it.

W. C. Weber, Washington, in coming back on the list: I missed The New World and feared it had been suppressed. I am grateful to know that my fear was groundless.

A. S. Bell, Texas: I am sending you a dollar for my renewal and for my brother for The New World. May you live long and do lots of good for poor, suffering humanity.

David Winkler, Kansas, sends two dollars and insists on his name being credited only two years in advance. "The New World is worth it," he says. In addition, he sends three dollars for books.

John N. Larson, Pennsylvania: I am not a good solicitor, so I am not able to do much for your interesting magazine. But I know that you do now and then get subscriptions on my account, for I speak good words for The New World.

E. C. Blanchard, Kansas: J. W. Whed-

bee recently in a speech forecasted the speedy coming of an instrument for communicating between the worlds. I got him interested in The New World. He promised to mention the paper in his future speeches.

Dr. M. H. Owen, Oklahoma: I wish you great success in your undertaking to demonstrate the truth. I am trying to do the same thing. Our lawmakers are blundering in the dark, and are wholly ignorant of what is going to happen in America.

Lorenz Peterson, Texas, asks price of 1,000 folders containing first article of The New World on community organization. I have printed it with a brief advertisement of The New World on it, and will send to any one, free, as many as he tells me can judiciously use.

Adah McCarty, Ohio: The New World is well worth the price of a dollar, and I do not believe you will lose any of your subscribers on account of increased prices. After the holidays I expect to send for several "Hamlets in Heaven". With best wishes for the new year.

A. O. Griggsby, Kentucky: I never approved of your fifty cent rate on The New World, and I have on intention of taking snap judgment by getting your paper two years for a dollar before January. To make good, I enclose one dollar for a year's subscription, and for full measure add 50 cents for "Jesus and Barabbas."

Joachim Fritz, Florida: The last issue of The New World got lost, either at the post office or on my way home. In the case of almost any other paper this would amount to but little, but not so with The New World. It truly is a regretted loss to me. I therefore enclose you one dollar, asking you to favor me with another copy. I am one of your disciples of creedless religion.

Mrs. Lillian K. Bullard, Kansas: I read your "Jesus and Barabbas" to Dick. I read the fourth act and was about to leave the fifth for another reading, but he begged me to finish the reading. He was very much interestd in the last two acts. Once when I read something about Jesus he called to me softly and said: "Mama, perhaps Mr. Debs is Jesus in another form."

W. E. Holmes, Kansas: As I was away from home for several months, I did not keep track of my subscription expira-

tion. I herewith renew. I would like to get the December number, if possible. We have your "Dramas of Kansas," "Hamlet in Heaven," "Old Religions Made New," and "The Debs Trilogy." I want another copy of the Trilogy, for a friend.

A. A. James, Capetown, South Africa: You are walking in a very lofty road, and if you in God's will succeed in accomplishing what you have in view, the world will owe you a great debt. I do not think a human being before you ever thought of practical applications of old suggestions that you make.

Mrs. Lydia M. Dimmett, Nebraska: I take several magazines and papers, but none suit me like The New World does. It seems to be getting better all the time. It contains just the information that people can't get elsewhere, at this important period of the world's history. Enclosed find \$3, for which continue The New World to me and put on your list the enclosed names.

A. O. Griggsby, Kentucky: I am pleased that your New World venture is still living, and I hope is destined to live until humanity is on the sure road to more rapid spiritualization. I have been practically confined to the house since 1910, but hope to fully recover. My health is improving, and when I can get around I will celebrate by doing something for The New World.

George D. Coleman, Tennessee: I notice the advance in the subscription price of The New World, and the warning that those who wanted the old price must hurry and come in out of the rain. Well, I don't care whether it rains or not, and I am not afraid of the rain. The New World is worth the new price, and then some, and when my sub expires I'll put up the difference and say thank you for giving me so much for so little.

Mrs. Cora Barr Howe, San Francisco: I send \$2 for the December issue. I hope to get you many subscriptions from the efforts put forth. If it becomes necessary to raise the price of the paper, do so. I cannot imagine a greater calamity than for The New World to go under. Beside, the true worth of the paper is not to be reckoned in dollars and cents. Mr. Howe, in boosting the sale of it, states that it sells for the ridiculous sum of five cents, but is worth about two dollars and a half.

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Some Accomplishments of Plutocracy

PLUTOCRATIC or bank control of industry has proceeded far enough for you to judge whether my estimate of it, in the first five issues of The New World, was right.

I told you it would do wonderfully big things and be very oppressive.

No other industrial system has begun to equal it.

IT HAS piled up such national debts as the world had never known.

It has in a time of inflation of prices induced hundreds of counties in America to bond themselves heavily for roads and public buildings.

It has induced millions of workers to buy homes, on debt, while prices were high.

It has sold automobiles, furniture and even clothing on credit at enormous interest.

It is now engaged in issuing vast new blocks of industrial stocks and bonds, in spite of the water that is in them already.

These things are what have put plutocracy in power. They mean inevitable bond-age.

ALREADY plutocracy has piled up greater fortunes for a few than the world ever knew before.

It has created a thousand new millionaires in America alone.

It has lifted farming from an occupation into a business, making money.

It has paid the workers the highest wages and let the merchants sell at the highest prices ever heard of, in any age.

It has enabled millions to travel, and has given them adventure in abundance.

THESE are big things, but they were not accomplished by magic.

The people in general are only too conscious that the money has been taken from their pockets and given to the profiteers.

They know that their children's

future has been gambled on that there might be a big splurge now.

They see that the few remaining resources are being wantonly wasted by the managers of industry, and that if the tendency continues only a little longer the masses will be left utterly propertyless.

FEARING the people, the masters of industry have raised a cry for Americanism, and at the same time have almost set aside constitutional government with rulership by appointed commissions.

Orders and injunctions have largely taken the place of legislative enactments.

Things the people gained for themselves through a century of bitter struggle have been almost wrecked within three years by hypocritical shouters for democracy.

Plutocratic control of industry, through agitation and influence in government affairs, has almost wrecked the postal system and filled it with spies.

It has turned the public roads to the automobiles of the rich, and bonded them to the bankers.

It assumes control of the public schools, opens them to military training, and has driven thousands of the best teachers from the profession.

PUBLIC service corporations have become oppressors instead of servants of the people.

Courtesy has almost disappeared from business.

Adulteration is rampant, in utter violation of law.

A third the newspapers of America have been forced out of business. It is announced that a third more is to go.

THE PEOPLE are on nettles of apprehension, though they try to be cheerful.

The masters of industry must know their weakness and are frightened, because they seek to beat down all opposition and criticism.

They have organized lynchers to terrorize such as fear for the future of America.

Constitutional guarantees of free speech, free press and free assemblage have been overridden.

Industrial unionism is proclaimed a crime, and men have been sent to prison merely for being members.

Open war is being made on craft unionism. Its leaders are sent to jail and its funds are withheld from it.

A thousand aliens, who once were imported to break American labor, have been deported. Yet more are being brought in now than have been for years, repeating the crime that is causing the trouble now.

DESPITE high wages the standard of living of the workers is deteriorating.

Many articles which were until recently on every table are now almost banished from the home through high prices.

Because I am not speaking of the government, but of universal plutocratic control of industry, we may look abroad as well as at home.

It has been estimated that during the past three years millions, men, women and children, have starved to death the world around.

And thousands of tons of food are being destroyed or held in cold storage for higher prices.

Millions are starving, in many lands. A score of wars are in progress.

There are numerous revolts. Unrest is general and is being increased by persecution.

Europe is unable to pay the interest on her debts, yet is asking more loans.

SURELY these are great accomplishments, in three years time, by those who are managing industry.

One cannot help but wonder what will be the accomplishments of the next three years.

Where the Crisis Lay

This publication has often said that at the present time the world is living by consuming earth itself and the future of humanity.

The coal crisis proved it to be so.

The fight was over coal and oil, two things that men do not produce but that are portions of the earth itself.

The monetary crisis was over stocks and bonds, or mortgages on the future.

There was almost a panic on Wall street, and English money, with all the great empire behind it, continues to decline.

The Business Soviet

During the coal strike chambers of commerce and business men took charge of affairs and made orders that were enforced as laws.

They did not invite the workers, or the "public" or "consumers" into conference, but in effect set aside civil government with a class government.

It was in its operation a business soviet. And the people willingly submitted to it.

Sowing the Wind

Assuming that I. W. W.ism embodies all the bad things that are said about it, the old law will apply, and that which is persecuted will grow.

It will grow, if for no other reason, because craft unionism has broken down.

The railroad unions had voted to strike, and with them striking everything would have been won. But the union heads failed to call the strike.

Now the railroad unions, betrayed by their leaders, are being punished by a tie-up almost as extensive as they contemplated.

Under these conditions, there is nothing left for craft unionists to either lay down and be run over or else join the one big union.

I. W. W.ism may be bad, but the masters of industry have unwittingly promoted it.

Recurrence of Beggary

One of the surest signs of the recurrence of feudalism is the coming back of a begging class.

European feudalism developed the begging orders of the Catholic church, under vows of poverty and chastity, neither of which was strictly observed.

Feudalism in India developed the religious mendicant, who remains, in a degenerated form, until now.

Modern day beggary takes the form of organized charity, with a religious cast but business instinct.

It conducts drives, and often courts, without any semblance of law behind them, sentence people to pay to it.

It pays salaries and in some instances profits. It is headed by the rich and makes no accounting to the people.

All organized charity has been needed when it was organized. But it was needed to fill a hole which, without exploitation, would not have been there.

Community Planning, Apart from Exploitation

THE social survey, preliminary to community organization, should be followed by digestion and classification of the information gathered. Neither process is so rare, even now, that it should present great difficulties.

There should be an estimate of the number of food articles, of fuel, of clothing, and of other things that will be needed to provide for the community need. There should also be an estimate of the number of days' labor it would require to provide these articles. Moreover, there should be an assignment of the people of the community to the work each is best fitted for, the second and third choices of labor being considered in case there are too many to do one kind of work and too few to do another kind.

The raw materials available should also be classified. It should be determined how much land there is, not already in use, that is available for production. When the crisis arrives, this land may be used without serious objection from anyone, because the need will be so urgent trifles will count as nothing before it. The machinery, the buildings, the work animals, the means of transportation, should also be classified and plans made for utilizing them to the best advantage. Where there is a lack of any

one thing it should be noted, and plans suggested for correcting the lack. Where there are more engaged to any line of service than are required to do the work, means should be considered for putting the overplus at other work, where the supply is limited.

It will doubtless be found that in most communities there are more engaged in distribution than are needed to do the work; as profits will not be tolerated then, those not needed here will be assigned to productive labor. The same is true of many professional people. Unessential labor will be rigidly weeded out. The codifiers of the information previously gained may be of great service in their recommendations.

In most communities will be desirable to provide for saving and canning or preserving the surplus fruits and vegetables that are raised, and for cold storage of meats and vegetables in local warehouses belonging to the people of the community. When community planning is really forced on the people by general need, it will be easy enough to provide for all these things. It will be easy to produce, in the average rural community, everything that the community really requires; to house and feed and clothe the people entire; and to em-

ploy all; if the matter is carefully planned and well carried out.

Even the communities that have no coal and but little wood may, by conserving wild seasonal growths, largely supply their own fuel. Especially may this be done if it is converted into wood alcohol and from that converted into gas. All this should be carefully planned.

The water supply should be carefully studied. As there are sure to be drouths, provision should be made to haul water from lakes, rivers and ponds near in such a way as to secure a crop. Where these are not available surplus labor should be used in sinking many deep wells. Lack of an outside market, and of water, will largely end the breeding of animals for slaughter. But this will only give more land and soil to man, and more water for the crops that he can consume. It will greatly simplify his problems.

I do not pretend to exhaust the subject of community planning. Indeed, I merely give hints of its possibilities. I have not the least doubt that you can think out many more important things. When it becomes a matter of life and death and people are eager for it, many alert and enthusiastic minds will quickly bring out its full possibilities. It will not be hard to do the work, then.

The Four Horses of Revelation Are Now All on the Race Track

THE book of Revelation has been called the apocolypse. As shown elsewhere, the bible contains several books of like nature. Beside, Revelation, instead of being one vision, contains a number of apocolyses.

The first apocolypse is found in the first three chapters. The revealer in this case is Jesus. It contains instructions relative to the historical crisis then on the world. A picture is also given of Jesus as a spirit, which ought to silence those who expect him to return in the flesh. Christianity would have been crushed, if Jesus had not, after his death, returned first to Paul to get an able and energetic propagandist; second, to Peter, to broaden him up; and third, to John to instruct and warn the church that had assumed control of the movement Jesus had inaugurated. They who try to make the first apocolypse extend beyond that age reach many ridiculous conclusions.

The second apocolypic vision is found in chapters 4 to 10 inclusive. It is revealed by "an angel" and shows things that "shall be hereafter," possibly after the period covered by the former apocolypse. It opens with a vision of Heaven where Jesus formally assumes control of the universe. (Chapters 4 and 5). After his trained followers are in readiness, he begins sending compelling influences on the earth. This is the larger spiritualism which I have been announcing.

The first carrier (chapter 6) is figured as a white horse, whose rider carried instruments of war and went forth conquering and to conquer. This I conceive to be war, affecting to be holy.

The second carrier was red; and power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth and that they should kill one another; and there was given unto him a great sword. This I conceive to be revolution.

The third carrier was black; the rider carried balances and fixed prices on wheat, barley and other foods. This appears to me to typify plutocracy, showing no quarter.

The fourth was a pale carrier and

the rider was Death, while evil spirits followed in swarms.

The four beasts enter separately, but, being here, they go together. "To THEM (plural) was given power over a fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword and hunger and with death."

The three beasts, I think, have already entered. The fourth is about to come. With it will come more deaths than were ever heard of before and a tremendous demonism.

Read again what "power" each of these has, and therein see your reason for holding aloof from all. Notice that the power is "given" to each by earth's one authorized Ruler to do a certain work, and thereby understand that the "unrest" cannot be allayed.

After all this there is a vision of the spirits of all who have died in these visitations asking why there is not Divine intervention to stay the oppressors. The answer is that the "beasts" must complete their work, and a final persecution of advanced souls must come.

I think someone may ask if the manifestations on earth as recorded above might not come at the ending of almost any historical age. Possibly. But what follows could not.

With the opening of the sixth "seal" that hides the contents of the book of life from man's eyes, there is a great earthquake. Stars fall from heaven like leaves shower from a tree. The atmosphere is rolled together like a scroll and passes away. Islands are swallowed up in the sea. These physical demonstrations convince many that the judgment day has really come. Kings, rich men, famous men, seek refuge in the wilderness. This doubtless means the collapse of government and of plutocracy. But the common people also are in terror. But you need not fear, for the end is not yet. Now comes the time for your work. It is to prepare you for it that I am printing this. Carefully lay this away for future reference.

In chapter 4 we have another vision of Heaven. The new Ruler of earth, still invisible to man, having

accomplished the overthrow of human institutions, begins constructive work. There is a lull in the tempest until the right people can be "sealed" in their "foreheads." Perhaps the putting forth of the knowledge of what is to be will constitute the "sealing." Out of what people get in their foreheads, assisted by neighborliness promoted by Spirit Elijah and his fellow workers, according to prophecy, will come wise neighborhood organization, after the old rule shall have crumbled, as suggested above, and thus make logical the promised protection when the old physical order is being torn down.

Having made this preparatio, the natural calamities that involve the destruction of the old take place—all under angelic direction and control. Read chapters 8, 9, and 10. There is a great earthquake; fire falls from Heaven and burns up a third of vegetation; a "mountain, burning," falls into the sea and fills it up; a star falls from heaven and changes the river system; another falling star brings new animals to earth, and the "bottomless pit" (probably the nebula) is disclosed; smoke, fire and brimstone kill a third part of men; the approaching end is announced, probably just previous to the plunge into nebula. And many are preserved through it all. Will you be one of them?

The ending of the drama of the destruction of the old, vicious order is indicated by John, who is told he must prophecy AGAIN. The new vision is constructive, showing the making of a new world.

John saw all this as a series of pictures. Wouldn't it make a magnificent "movie?"

Quiet Hour Circle

As the stress increases you will need spiritual powers, now open to all. Reports indicate that many are receiving comfort, power and healing from participation in the Quiet Hour Circle every Sunday evening from 7 to 8, and for ten minutes early each morning. Don't fail to "enter the silence" with me on those occasions.

The Problem of Sickness and Pain

Three months ago I had a paraletic stroke. My voice failed. For two weeks my stomach rejected food. For the first time in my life my heart is inclined to be weak. But I believe in my own life forces, and so long as I can retain my mental poise I shall employ mental science. My appetite has returned and I am improving right along.—A. O. Grigsby, Kentucky.

I am sending you a marked copy of the California Medical Journal. The amount of disease spoken of there is as nothing to what exists. Insanity alone is increasing at such a rate that in this state we can hardly build asylums fast enough to accommodate them. Syphilis, in Europe especially, is growing by hundreds of thousands of new cases yearly; and so it goes. I am anesthetist in the University of California Hospital, and what I see daily makes me wish that the end of the world would come speedily, and that none of our present stock would be saved. So far as I can see, the world as it is—physically, I mean—would be all right if it were not for the people themselves.—Dr. Ethel Lynn.

THEY CALL them doctors—learned men. They have,
More than all people, preyed upon
the victims
Of ruined earth.

I

At the first, conceiving
That spirits had provoked the curse on
man
And possibly with reason of tradition,
They made resort to charms and amulets,
In hope of exorcising evil spirits,
Or else placating them. For every turn
They had their mummary. Perhaps suggestion
Healed even here. Doubtless there
were some
Who by their ministry alleviated
The sorrows of their patients. But from
this
Came superstition in the world; the
"spell,"
The curse, black art, found place. In
time the healer
Sought more heroic treatment to placate
Offended deities.

II

For in that day
Resort was made to sacrifice of beasts.
How many million animals have died
To bring redemption to the stricken race
And give man health! When one who
had disease
Found him deliverance in gratitude
He made his offering. From all this
effort
Priestcraft was fastened on the world.
It held
Until the Great Physician came to heal,
And healed with powerful words and
ministry
Of consolation. Why it passed away
Perhaps no man can say. But when it
passed
'Twas necessary that appeal be made,
Because the people still were sore afflicted,
To new specifics.

III

And then dosing came,

Beating and bleeding. Ah, what nasty
philters
The chemists of old time rammed down
men's throats
And how ridiculous they were! Hygiene
And even anatomy were still unknown,
The circulation of the blood undreamed
of.
Disease was half witchcraft; the medicine
Was to allay the spirits venomous
Who caused diseases. There was no isolation
For the infected, and incurables
Were deemed accursed and driven to the
fields.

IV

With lifting of the night, men dimly
saw,
Yet still the efficacy of herbs
And minerals in cure of the disease
Held through the centuries; and what
doses
The old apothecaries and the new
Medical doctors did spoon out to us!
It is no wonder all who swallowed them
Have passed away! The ignorant Indian
Was greatest in the finding of specifics.
The patent medicine gripped all the
world
And grew to basis of big business.
Granted that many sacrificed themselves
In nursing patients; granted that the
doctor
Served need as he beheld it faithfully;
Still, how the stomach suffered from the
doses,
The mouth from pulling teeth, the human
system
From surgical operation! Small wonder 'tis
There came revolt 'gainst patent medicines,
Till remedies were pressed in little tablets,
And that suggestion, setting of the
muscles,
Dieting and seeking of new climate
Began to eat in on apothecaries.

V

This made another system necessary,

And it assumed a scientific cast.
It cut the dead up to discover life,
And killed the living searching after
death,
Assuming that disease was caused, not
by
The spirits, as of old, but by the germs
So infinitesimal the eye could not
Discern them, lensless, serums were concocted
Of rotted matter to destroy the germs
And were injected in the blood, instead
Of swallowed down the throat. Appeal
was made
To government to force the people, when
suggestion
Had brought an epidemic, to submit
To treatment of the knife. But after
symptoms
In advertising of old formulas
Had made all women of the world diseased,
So now there never were such blood disasters,
Never such breaking down of nerves,
and never
Such pestilence and famine. Be it granted
Contageon had been minimized, it might
Well be attributed to better nursing
And more hygienic habits, rather than
To serums and the superstitions new.
For be it known that still the world's
afflicted,
And they who call themselves the learned
men
The doctors, do not know the remedy
To keep all healthy three score years
and ten.

The Great Physician

Why, in your estimation, has Jesus been called the Great Physician?—Indiana.

JESUS they call the great physician.
Why?
He used no rigmaroles; he cured without
The priestly sacrifice; He did not give
Tablets or pills; nor did he fill the veins
With rotted serums. What, then, were
his methods?
Entitling him to name of Great Physician?
I think they were five fold.

I

He healed by faith.
When people came to him expecting
health,
He said to them, "According to your
faith,
And they were instantly relieved.

II

He healed

By power of suggestion. When they brought
Demoniacs, with strong authority
He bade the evil spirits go away,
And what he said, being believed, produced
Instant results. His words were positive,
And there was power in them.

III

And he healed
Through hygienic measures. When the blind,
With dirty face and filthy eyes, appeared,
He bade them wash. This act, when it was strengthened
By their obedient faith, brought quick results.

Perhaps these things are base of all.
The healing that the world has ever known:

Suggestion that the rite or medicine
Or serum may prevail; faith in the doctor
Or what he does; and sympathetic nursing
Amid improved surroundings, have done more
Than all externals could.

IV

But there were other
Methods but partly touched, yet hinted at,
That meant a healing of disease in all,
The ending of all sorrow. First of these
Was spiritual health. The mental attitude
Is recognized today as being a factor
Of comfort, every way. When Jesus was approached
To heal the body he declared; "Thy sins
Forgiven be;" and spiritual restoration
Brought physical cure; but this personal

In application. In his larger plans
Jesus designed the healing of all souls,
Which would involve the healing of all flesh.

Perhaps obsession may not be today
The basis of disease, yet what disorders
Come of a mental strain or bias, what
Are psychological! And now a soul restored
To normal functioning might make all whole!

V

But more than all, Jesus devised a plan
For healing earth, till all environment
Would be good for the bodily functioning.

This is the greatest and the final method

That made him the Physician over all.
Today the rich are told to rest, or driven
To better climates; and today they drain
The swamp to heal the fever. 'Tis the plan

Jesus devised in larger way. He said
He would remake the earth, and when 'twas done

There should be neither sorrow, death or pain,

Nor torrid zone, nor winter, nor the heat
That kill the germs life and reduce life tenure

Of every creature. For disease is clearly

Result of wrong conditions, as all forms
Of treatment hint at, and the body should,

If all were normal, function without friction.

None other planned to make the world anew,

To make conditions favorable for life.

And Jesus therefore is the Great Physician.



Getting On

The New World Spirit

The old world is dying around us Let it also die in us. Once more in the history of the human race we hear the great creative Spirit utter these tremendous words: "Behold I make all things new". Old ideas of wealth, of property, of class and social relations, of international relations, of moral and spiritual values are rapidly changing. The old political formulas sound hollow; the old landmarks by which we used to steer are disappearing beneath a great flood. The furnace through which we have passed has melted the hard crust of our life, and the old fixities and certainties are fluid once more.—General Jans Smuts of Boer War Fame.

The Day Of The Lord

Gather you, gather you, angels of God—
Freedom, and Mercy and Truth;
Come! for the earth has grown coward
and old—

Come down and renew us her youth.
Wisdom, Self-Sacrifice, Daring and
Love,
Haste to the battlefield, stoop from
above,

To the day of the Lord at hand.

—Charles Kingsley

Country Papers To Suspend

A convention of small town publishers recently held in Kansas City went on record as saying that "Hundreds of print shops will close down in 1920 unless some relief is found from paper shortage."

Running the Machine

New World Essayette

SOMETIMES we make development of the spirit seem hard because we do not connect up with man as he is now.

The man within functions through purely physical organs. And it functions apart from conscious effort.

There are physiologically located nerve centers, plexes or ganglia that govern certain organs, without the conscious mind directing them. One of these directs the beating of the heart; another sees to digestion; while another sees that breathing does not stop even when the conscious brain sleeps.

These little brains that run certain machines without our having to think about about it constitute, when taken together, what is known as the subconscious mind, the inner man.

It is possible for the superintending mind to direct these smaller centers to do things they do not ordinarily accomplish. For example, one may direct his inner brain that supervises digestion to physic him, and teach it to obey. He may direct the nerve center in charge of the heart to purify the blood and cast out matter that causes disease. This is more than suggestion; it is the getting hold of yourself. It is using your soul, your will.

But you can do more. You may submit to this consciousness problems that worry you, with direction that it shall work out the solution. Thousands do this. The answer comes in the form of an illumination that does not require thought, yet is obviously the right thing.

It is a great deal to establish harmony between your conscious self and the little brains that do things without you thinking about them. This establishes at-one-ment. It makes man a unit. It is perfectly rational. And it is not hard.

Learn to use yourself, for you are a better machine than you have thought; and the element that runs the life machine has all the universe to draw from.

The Orient Winning

The Caucasian population of the world is doubling its number once in a hundred years; the dark skinned races, which now outnumber the white population two to one, are doubling their numbers every twenty-five years. At the present rate of increase the Caucasian element in the world's population will have shrunk in a hundred years to scarcely 5 per cent. The Oriental demands male children, as many of them as he can produce.—Far Eastern Review.

Which?

WITHIN my earthly temple theres' a crowd.

There's one of us who's humble, one who's proud.

There's one who's broken hearted for his sins,

And one who unrepentant sits and grins.

There's one who loves his neighbor as himself,

And one who cares for naught but fame and pelf.

From much corroding care I would be free,
If I could but determine which is me.

Swapping Jobs

I'D swap jobs with the Devil for a spell,
And make him a plain citizen of Hell.

Then, there are tyrants who have all things good,

Whom I would burn a little, if I could.

How I would grind oppressors into dust!

How I would sear the judge who is unjust!

I'd lift the burdened people from the pit,
And plunge the rich and arrogant in it.

So tell him, if the Devil you should see,
I wish he'd swap jobs for awhile with me.

Answers to Questions

Among the writings of the late Pastor Russell he says spiritualism is demonism. What do you think about that?

Pastor Russell did a great work in many ways, but he had his human weaknesses. The bible does warn against demonism, but to assume that all spirits are evil is akin to assuming that electric phenomena are evil because lightning kills now and then. As Jesus manifested in the spirit after his death and even after his resurrection, Pastor Russell's position logically accuses Jesus of practicing demonism.

Our preacher says the bible word translated world, in speaking of the end of the world, is aeon and should be rendered age—that the bible doesn't teach the end of the world. Is he right?

Yes and no. The word translated "world," in speaking of the end of the "world" is "aeon," which means age. The same word "aeon" is used in places which speak of everlasting punishment—"age lasting"—and the preachers have built up a horrible dogma on it. The end of the historical age is a favorite biblical theme. But so is the geological age. "The present evil world is reserved unto fire," and "we look for a new Heaven and a new earth" do not refer to the 'aeon' ending.

I marvel at some people who do not seem to feel a tingle of the surge that is upon the world. I wonder if they do not really feel it.

Perhaps all feel the nervous tension, but only a few have an idea of what it means.

The Oriental View

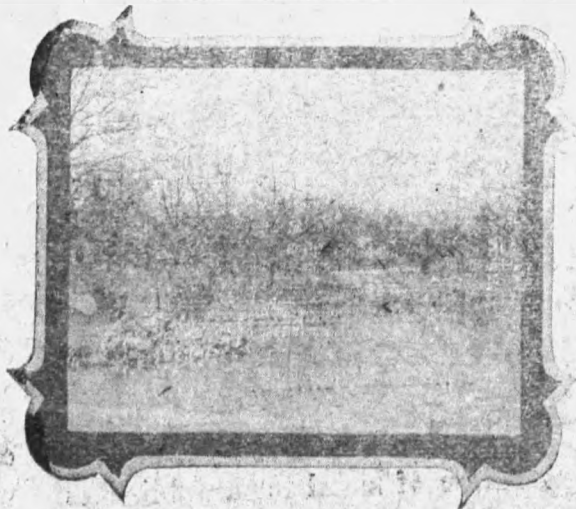
I recently received an oriental work that is along your line of thought. They

said a great crisis was upon the world. Western civilization had thrown over the teachings of Jesus, calling them impractical, when the fact is, they have never been tried. They were against debt making, telling people to save all they can, husband their strength and keep well if possible, and prepare for the coming crisis by getting in touch with people of advanced thought. They speak of the great cycle that is now completed, using an oriental term for the great year.—Lillian K. Bullard.

The Day Of Doom

From 2nd Esdras, 8: 43-45. Esdras appears in the apocraphal books of the old testament, though Catholics accept it as canonical. It was written about 625 B. C.

The day of doom shall be the end of this age and the beginning of immortality to come, wherein corruption is past, intemperance at an end, infidelity is cut off (in knowledge), righteousness is grown and truth is sprung up. Then shall no men be able to save him that is destroyed, nor to oppress him that hath gotten the victory.



Good Chance for Some One

I have 100 acres of Ozark (Missouri) land, almost all available for cultivation, for sale at a bargain.

NewWorld Philosophy

It is hard to reorganize the old band.

The paper dollar seems to have gone up, too.

The heart says Give, but the mind says Get.

Many a man is a plague-o-write who is a plagiarist.

What we fear we hate. What we conquer we dispise.

People settle theia bills easier than they do their differences.

Why not revive the old fashioned housewarming—if you can afford it?

The alarm clock goes off just when you are in the midst of a fine dream,

The boy may wear his dad's old clothes, but dad wears his when he gets a little older.

Smile if you're fat and smile if you're thin; smile if you're happy, and if miserable grin.

Did you ever reflect on how much is expended in getting the tin needed to sink in an oil well?

Mothers are remembered chiefly for how nicely they tucked the kiddies in bed on cold nights,

The secret you guard the closest is the one about the investment that turned out badly.

Daughter calls the galley in which we dump type the "pi" pan. At that she isn't so far wrong.

Christms cards are useful in making one feel little for not sending cards to all who sent to him.

The Round

Some one wrote on a water tank: To work is hell. One who followed scribbled No work no eat. A third added: No eat, no live: and a fourth completed the circle with the word: No live, hell.

"From the Woodlands Now a Music"

George F. Hibner, Idaho

FROM the woodlands now a music!

Or is it from the crest of the hills?

Or from the fair clouds resting there in the sky?

From somewhere—oh, outdoors, everywhere—it comes, it comes!
As a breath out of the heavens, touching the woods, it breaks into song.

Each tree-crown, each hill-curve, each cloud-wave, is but a reed it sets to play.

It bids, "Peace."

It bids, "Patience."

It bids, "Haste not."

It hails, "All's well."

From the woodlands now a music!

The Little Machine Is Running Away from the Big One

PLEASE to notice how the crisis is being met even now. When the car service breaks down the jitney supplies the need. When the railroads fail the trucks come in. When the light plant shuts down lamps are resorted to. When a coal strike comes people burn wood or do surface mining. When the big system of business collapses, the simple forms are resorted to. In every case it is the big machine breaks down. In every case it is the small machine that saves the day. All our complications come from enlargement of the manufacturing and distributing machine. The masters of the machine make it more effective for them, in enlarging it to where it controls certain products, and there is an increase in the price of those products. The workers for wages combine to make things better for them, and prices go up. The response of the masters of the machine is naturally to beat down labor and to eliminate the small dealer.

The logic of experience is that the commercial machine is too big, and that our salvation from the evils it entails lies in community organization that shall enable communities to supply their own needs apart from profits.

Visions The Good

Wife and I have a vision of what is coming to the world. We are not alarmed or discouraged, and believe with you

that things are moving as they should move, all things considered. We know the bible says that "Where there is no vision the people perish."—W. B. Holmes

Tricks in the Trade

New World Parable

THE POLITICIAN confided to his understudy: "You must always beat the people to it. If they insist on a reform adopt it as your own, and then manage it so poorly as to make them think it impractical. If they threaten to expose you accuse the other fellow of the same thing they are about to accuse you, but make a lot of noise and the people will merely stand and gawk. If they are about to desert you, proclaim that you stand for your country and your home, and you can get them to lynch your opponent."

——How often have you seen it done!

Leaders of the People

New World Fable

THE Goat and the Goose that were elected to lead the crusade did not know they were leading it. They thought they were being driven.

——But many men who imagine they are leading the people are only being driven by them.

When a Friend Prompts

Now and then a friend prompts, and then these empty shells become laden days; the scattered tones about unite into music, and the good of music cannot be named.—George F. Hibner, Idaho.

The Ancient Hebrew Visions That Came at Age Endings

THE ANCIENT SEERS were able to forecast future world events because they either understood the law of periodicity or were informed by spirits who did understand it. Without exception they spoke at age-endings and discussed age endings. The Hebrew scriptures are not the only but are the most consistent and complete of any records of this nature that the world has. They are misunderstood chiefly for three reasons: 1 They are interpreted by people who know nothing of periodicity. 2 The symbols employed are interpreted with loose fancy, to fit certain theories. 3 The historical age ending and the geological age ending are often visioned in close proximity, leading to confusion.

The Hebrew records are best, because they alone developed that form of literature known as the apocalypse. Apocalypse means a revealing or uncovering. It is usually told in the form of visions. The book of Revelation is the most notable example, though Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Esdras and others gave apocalyptic utterances. Modern theology regards the visions as pertaining only to the ages in which the writers lived and rejects the long range applications given by some. Others try to make the visions cover all time, instead of age-endings, with equal absurdity. If the law of periodicity be considered then it may be assumed that the seers did vision their own age-ending, yet, because age endings resemble each other, what happened then becomes lessons to us now. The same lessons, however, may be gathered from a study of historical ages in general records. In one thing alone do apocalyptic records excel historical data; they go back to other geological ages. Some of this information may be gathered in fragmentary form from tradition; some is revealed by geology: but only the seer, enlightened from beyond, is able to explain why the changes came and to forecast the next change and give instructions on how to meet it.

In studying apocalypses in the light of periodicity much valuable information can be gained.

First the Maine, then the Lusitania Now what?

The World Is Going Bankrupt

AMERICA is warned that Europe is on the verge of starvation. Sir George Paish, of England, warns:

"Her people have not anywhere near enough food to get through until the next harvest can be gathered and the next crop will not be equal to supply Europe's needs."

In spite of England's dominance of world markets, her money, in common with the money of most European countries, is depreciating on exchange. Such is the condition of European finances that American holders of European securities have agreed to defer collection of interest for three years.

To meet the needs of Europe this country will have to sell to Europe during the current year some eight billion dollars worth of goods. She will buy back less than a billion dollars worth of goods.

This will provide what is known as a "market" for another year and

means inflated or high prices for that long, at least.

But it is credit business. The goods will be sold to peoples who are unable to pay even the interest on the debts which they already owe. Their economic future is therefore anything but bright. Nor is it safe business to send real wealth in the form of foods, machinery, etc., in exchange for representative wealth, like securities or money to people who are already practically bankrupt.

Millions are already so near the

starvation point in many countries of Europe that, in addition to sending abroad our real wealth, sold on credit, this country will be appealed to for fabulous gifts to tide these millions over, with little prospect that they can rally in one year or two or three years.

The outlook, therefore, is not encouraging, even from sound business considerations alone. The world is living on its future prospects—and has none. Some day there must be an accounting. What will happen then?



Christmas Remembrances

The most precious feature about The New World work is not the money that comes from it, but the warm friendships that grow out of it. From all over the country have come appreciative and appreciated Christmas cards. And some one, whose name I have not yet learned, but mean to, sent me 1,000 sheets of print paper, worth about \$8.00.

Mexico Not a Plutocracy

From The Mexican Review I learn that there is no paper money whatever in Mexico. This means that bank notes are unknown. Moreover, though we belittle the Mexican silver dollar, it is worth so much more than its face value that it is being melted up and sent to the states as boullion.

Much Unemployment

Herbert Hoover, food controller, is reported as saying there are 15,000,000 unemployed in Europe.

Two Prominent Subjects

War and SPIRITUALISM are the two prominent subjects now. Read the new book, "The Truth About Spiritualism," by Wm. J. Bryan, M. D. One dollar, by mail. Get

posted! Illustrated; plain language; scientific, logical, ethical. Alberta Publishing Co., Dept. W, 333 E 17th St., N. Y. City.

Opening of the Heavens

From "Jesus and Barabbas," the new drama of an old age ending. 5 acts 50c

Jesus.—The Heavens are opening now. They always open

At periods like this. Not only are The higher spirits struggling after freedom,

But Heaven is in the grip of violence, And passionate poor souls sieze on the bodies

Of human beings to use them for a purpose

Or are enslaved by men to trivial tasks, Finding lost goods or telling personal fortunes.

The problem of deliverance is greater Than looking out for man alone, or money.

Fine Christmas Number

Robert C. Kroll, a St. Louis subscriber, sends me a magnificent Christmas number of The Trades Council Union News of that city of which he is associate editor. It consists of 28 pages, on book paper, full of good reading matter and beautifully set advertising.

The Things That Fail

From "Old Religions Made New," Folio couplets at top of pages. 125 pages cloth bound, 50 cents.

The strata leaves of nature tell the tale

Of violence that caused the earth to fail; Of creatures that once dominated all Destroyed or rendered minor in their fall The fishes once filled water with their war;

But shells remain to tell us what they were.

The reptiles once ruled earth in gluttonous strife,

And for their sin lost dominance and life. Birds were supreme on earth through one long age,

But were reduced for their voracious rage.

The giant beasts that ruled the world one time

No longer terrify with killing crime. Tradition tells that races of mankind Lived, ruled and warred, and after passed form mind.

The Aryans have not learned; none have so drowned

The earth in blood, none are so violent found.

The logic of the serpent we pursue, And even now his fate appears to view.

Signs of the end of the age:
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How Planetary Positions May Affect the Weather

Alex Cummings, Florida

EVIDENCE that a relation exists between planetary positions and seismic, meteorologic, magnetic phenomena is plentiful. The mechanism of this relation is considered unknown.

With some hesitation I venture on this unknown path. The solar system, being a group of electrified bodies, all the members are controlled and their affinity maintained in equilibrium by the same laws. The earth develops a magnetic current along its equator in a direction opposite to its axial motion. This is evident from the fact that all storms arising within the torrid zone are moved along a westerly course till diverging to about 23 degrees of latitude, when they come under the influence of the temperate atmospheric currents and are moved easterly.

The variation between the North magnetic and geologic poles is nearly 20 degrees of latitude, and for the corresponding South poles 15 degrees. The longitudinal difference is much greater between the magnetic poles; that is, they are not diametrically opposite. The

magnetic needle indicates the flow of electricity to the magnetic poles. The lines of auroral streamers appear to converge at a point over the magnetic poles. So our planet may be described as a rotating, electro-dynamic body producing a magnetic circuit along its equator and a magnetic discharge from its poles. These currents are extended indefinitely into space.

Applying these terrestrial facts to the sun and its system it is seen that each planet in its orbit passes near to four disturbing points, directly through the sun's equatorial circuit at the equinoxes, and exposed to the polar discharges at the solstices, which points we pass in March and September. Earth is exposed to the North pole of the sun in March, and to the South pole in September. At these points we have our equinoctial storms and most violent atmospheric disturbances.

The sun, being an enormous and energetic dynamo, transmits its discharges into space, at least to the limit of the

system, with a volume and intensity corresponding to its magnitude.

The number and magnitude of the bodies passing these points at or near the same time will determine the energy of the accompanying phenomena, as quakes, hurricanes, auroral display, telegraphic interruption, sunspots. As the giant planet of Jupiter passes his equinoxes we observe his equatorial belts broken up and his steamy cloud surface violently agitated. The maximum of sunspottedness corresponds to the orbital revolution of Jupiter, or 12 of our years. As the spot maximum alternates with a minimum this is circumstantial evidence that the solar magnetic poles are situated relatively as on the earth; also that one of them nearly intersects the orbital path of the planets, oreliptic.

Jupiter, Earth, Venus, Mercury and probably an intra planet affect magnetic phenomena. Saturn equinoxes are observed to be favorable to pestilential epidemics. No records exist of Uranus and Neptune; their periods are too far apart.

How the Soul May Glorify the Body

Aurelia Taylor, Oregon

When the physical organs of the spiritual sense awaken, the beholding consciousness shifts its positive polarity from the physical to the spiritual plane. Normally we are awake on the objective or physical plane, and the subjective or spiritual we are awake on only through our intuitions or in our sleep. But through devotion to spiritual truth and purifying of the life here, we gradive reality. Isaiah reached this point when he said, "I see the earth dissolved before me." His consciousness shifted its positive functioning to the higher plane of existence. Mary Eddy undoubtedly had a similar experience when she saw matter become unreal and the kingdom of divine mind take objective reality.

Matter or spirit are real or unreal according to perspective of the beholder. Swedenborg saw the New Jerusalem—the reality of the celestial city. Jesus beheld ever the kingdom of the Father, but he said that between him and others was a gulf fixed. That gulf is a refraction process of the human principles that few souls heretofore have passed through. Most of humanity lies down on this side of that gulf and we call them dead. The ones who pass through alive are alive forevermore in their inner etheric body which death cannot reach, for it becomes so quickened in its vibra-

tion that it is above the law of death. The gross physical may afterwards be put off, but the consciousness fully polarized in the etheric body within, is not hurt of the second death. The experience endured incident to the transformation of consciousness is the first death. It is the subjection of the mortal self to the divine.

This passing through death alive is the overcoming referred to in Revelation. The participant—the actor in the drama—stays right here and beholds the same face of nature he has always viewed, only now some what higher and more refined.

The Best

I have no talent,
I have no pelf;
I have nothing to offer
Except myself.

I would gladly serve,
I would do my part,
But I've nothing to give
Except my heart.

God in Heaven
Valued the rest,
But love and the spirit
He deemed the best.

Terrible To Live Forever

From "Hamlet in Heaven," the 5 act play presumably written by Spirit William Shakespeare. 50c

Hamlet.—How terrible it is to live forever!

In Jutland, by the desolate North sea,
Where sand dunes drift and heather
chokes the heath.

I oft have stood in the raw weathering
air

And shivering, felt the world was desolate,

A ruin cursed by God for Adam's sin
In doing things at crossways to the purpose

Of the great Planner. But it seems to me

Exuberant Heaven is more desolate.
I must do something or I cannot live,
Now that I am unable to expire.

Barabbas the Profiteer

In "Jesus and Barabbas" you have cornered a profiteer. Henceforth I will always think of the profiteer as Barabbas. God and his people are after them in this age, and their utter destruction is coming. "For the sighing of the needy now will I arise, saith the Lord. I will set him in safety from him (the Barabbas character) that puffeth at him."—Mrs. R. Agnes Clark, Kansas.

Grafting the Soul

A Story, Presumably by Spirit
"O. Henry"

WHEN Dan McKeever, driver of the dynamite wagon, went to glory, his body was well disseminated over several acres of territory. His fellow workmen did their best to collect the remains for burial, but naturally failed to get all the fragments. Some parts were disseminated in too fine particles to be collected even with a spoon, and the inhabitants of a neighboring hog pen were seen champing their jaws after the explosion in a highly suggestive manner. There ought to be a magnet with an attraction for human flesh, to be used on an occasion of this kind.

Dan McKeever had not cultivated his spirit life very extensively. Eating, sleeping, smoking and working had been his principal occupations in life. At the time of his demise, therefore, his soul and how it was scattered! A bit of was, you might say, in its infancy. it went with every shred of his flesh. Talk of the difficulty of getting his body in shape for the burial! It was not to be compared to the job the Red Cross angels had in saving his soul. When they had finished their work and he lay on a couch in the heavenly hospital, he was still far from complete.

The attending physicians put an advertisement in the Morning Breeze that read:

"Dan McKeever has arrived from earth with several parts of his soul missing. Who will volunteer to graft part of his soul on Dan McKeever's?"

The response was astonishing. There were no less than twenty applications. This shows how big of soul the climate of Heaven makes mere people, after they have been here for some time. Better come across.

The doctors selected one and questioned him.

"Do you know it is a painful operation?"

"I do; but who could refuse to do that for Dan McKeever? I am an Irishman meself."

The grafting process occupied a week. The volunteer submitted patiently to the painful process of losing portions of his soul to Dan McKeever, and while in each other's company the two Hibernians had many pleasant talks over old times in Ireland. You may have guessed that when the work was over the volunteer departed on crutches, a badly crippled soul. Well, he didn't by any means. The parts that he had given away were more complete than they were before. You know the law: "He that loseth his

"By spirits taught to write
Above the mortal pitch."
- Shakespeare, sonnet 86.

The Living Dead

Contributions in this department are presumably by the spirits whose names are attached to them. Believe what you please about them.

soul for another's sake shall save it."

As for Dan McKeever—well, what about him? A miracle had happened. He had lost all taste for whiskey and beer—and he an Irishman!

Playing the Game

Presumably by Spirit J. A. Wayland

HAVING entered the game under the new deal of plutocracy, you had best sit in to the end.

Say little, play your best cards, and smile.

It is a crooked game, of course, and hundreds will lose to where one wins, but—if you try to break up the game you will be shot.

Every one who believes he may win will be your enemy, if you raise a disturbance.

The game will play its self out before long. Then there will either be a new deal or a new game.

Then will be your time to have your say about an honest game.

How It Seems to Him

I am a common old clod-hopper. What will happen after I am claimed by death I do not know, further than that my body will go to naught. The spirit of life of my body. I do not know where it will go I am willing to trust that in the hands of some power outside of man. I am not afraid to risk my case with him or whatever it may be, for all things that have been done outside of what man has done are done well and fittingly. These are times of great happenings. A terrible effort is being made to crush out the very existence of right. But I feel highly elated and that every day we are one day nearer the dawn of better things.
—A. S. Bell, Texas.

Spirit News Service

This department is supposed to come from the spirit, from service managed by Spirit Horace Greeley. The New World does not vouch for the truth of any statement made herein. Individuals and groups wishing to use this service must have character and common sense and sit for information. Personal news will not be given; neither will attempts be made at forecasting events.

SAN FRANCISCO was recently visited by a severe earth quake that shook down several buildings and destroyed much shipping, but the press suppressed or minimized the news of it for business reasons.

More is known of the great meteor that recently fell into Lake Michigan than is published about it. In view of the unrest as manifested in strikes and the alarm that was felt over the statement of Dr. Porta relative to December 17, it was deemed inadvisable by the controllers of the news to tell the people of the meteor. So, after the first report, that slipped in before censorship was established, the story was suppressed. Ordinarily such a phenomenon would have supplied news stories for a month. There were several deaths from the churning of the lake when the visitant fell into it, and the shock that the wonderful demonstration gave to many susceptible ones caused other deaths.

Spirit Napoleon Bounaparte, having, as he expressed it, been revenged on the Hapsburgs, Hohenzollerns and Romanoffs, is now laying plans for further European complications. In a recent interview he said: "I always was a reformer and a radical; that is why Europe united against me. From this side I can do things for the oppressed that I could not do in the flesh. The great work of Napoleon is in the future, not in the past."

It is known on this side that many men in high positions are being psychologically assassinated by spirits. Some of those engaged in this work boast that they can end earthly complications very quickly and reduce the powerful to nothingness in this manner. You may find diversion in counting the cases that bear symptoms of this work, and in watching developments that are sure to rise in the future.

As Spirits View It

Supposedly by Spirit Isaac Newton

WE in the Heavens, having superior facilities for observing the stellar regions, are more intensely interested in recent aspects of the celestial orbs than are people in the flesh.

These aspects are numerous and unusual. The solar system is hurrying through a region of space that it has not traversed before since man began writing history. The recent position of seven of the planets in relation to the earth was so remarkable that we are not surprised at the storms, the unrest, the excessive nervousness that manifested among men. Think not that spirits escaped any of these experiences. As the atmosphere is more easily affected than the solid earth, so we are more strongly surged by cosmic influences than men in the flesh could be.

Our calculations lead us to believe that we are headed toward the great nebula that figured in tradition of all peoples as having changed the course of events in the past, though it will be several years before we reach it, if we are not able to escape it altogether. But the mass of matter that recently fell into Lake Michigan, we are satisfied, was pulled from the outlying regions of attenuated matter surrounding the nebula, by the influence of the correlated planets at this time. It will be a surprising thing if there are not larger missiles from the Heavens hurled to earth within the next few years, perhaps many of them.

Old spirits tell us that the same region of space was traversed by the solar system ages ago, and the spirits assisted men in the geological changes that came upon the earth then. There is considerable preparation under way now to give aid in case celestial phenomena were to manifest dangerous tendencies. For this reason there should be no especial alarm with mortals. To the action of the guardian angels may be attributed the fact that the recent areolite fell into the lake rather than wiping out some populous city in its descent.

The New World Has the Greatest Contributors of All Ages

It contains stories, essays, poems, etc., purporting to have been given by automatic writing from beyond. But while this is given to good faith, the reader is invited to believe what he pleases about it. It is merely part of the data that has come in every age, but which can not, under personal mediumship, become perfect or convincing to all.

There have already been published communications purporting to be by Shakespeare, Emerson, John and Charles Wesley, Longfellow, Poe, Beecher, Hugo, Hubbard, Riley, W. C. Brann, "O. Henry," J. A. Wayland, Robert Owen, Horace Greeley, W. R. Nelson and others—sufficient to afford, at least, a diverting study in styles.

Spiritual Powers Open to All

It will soon be possible for all to communicate with the unseen world through purely mechanical means, as a matter of scientific fact rather than faith. The Opening of the Heavens in this matter of fact way will be tantamount to the discovery of a new world, and will provide ideas sufficient to employ the energies of the world for another Great Year, thus proving the remedy for the exhaustion of old ideas with which earth is now afflicted.

Work of Climate and Retribution

Presumably by Spirit James Clark Ridpath

STRANGE is the influence of climate on human action; strange are the ways of retribution. When Montezuma reigned in Mexico, he came of a race of foreign conquerors, but found himself head of an autocratic feudalism, with many socialistic features. The government owned everything, and the ruling class absorbed a third of all products; yet even then there was an abundance for all and the people lived at ease and in peace. But peace and the climate made them soft, and the rulers rich. Both tempted the avaricious. A hardy people from Europe, used to the cold, armored in leather and riding horses, came, and through force, cajolery, tricks and betrayal took possession of the land and despoiled the rulers. The Montezumas had paid for their oppression; the climate had destroyed them. Yet the last despairing, half whispered words of the ruler embodied a desire for retribution on his conquerors.

Retribution came and is coming. The ruling class in the republic to the North, wishing means for extending and maintaining its slave rule, provoked a war with Mexico. But the descendents of the Cortez could not resist, and half of Mexico was wrested from their hands. Climate and retribution had again done their work. Almost before the only war of conquest that America had waged was at an end, gold discoveries determined that a people from the still farther North should take the land, and the doom of the slavery system was sealed. Again there was retribution and the work of climate.

Seventy-five years passed. Mexico had fallen under domination of foreign capitalists. Her people were serfs, her rulers were feudal lords. There came a revolt. Partial socialization was established. Again the neighbor to the North looked upon her with jealous eyes, because the new order interfered with her commercial interests. The dons, who for centuries had fought for personal aggrandisement, seem about to be deposed. The retribution whispered by Montezuma appears to be ready to come upon them: Climate has done its work with them.

What next? Will the Americans, submitting to the influence of climate, reap in time the same softness, and fall victims to a harder people from a more rigorous climate, so bringing upon themselves the retribution that nature called

on them to inflict upon others in a former age?

Silence and Faith.

Walt Whitman. From "Leaves of Grass."

I do not know what follows the death of my body,
But I know that whatever it is, it is best for me,
And I know that whatever is really me shall live just as much as before.
I hear you whispering there, oh, stars of Heaven!
Oh, suns! oh, grass of graves! oh, perpetual transfers and promotions!
If you do not say anything, how can I say anything?

A Beautiful Mess

What a beautiful mess the social band wagon has been pushed into. It is tragic but amusing just the same—at least to an optimist, to a philosopher. Since the blame thing will have to die any way, why try to either stop or kill it?—Wm. V. Fischer, West Virginia.

The Stupid Masters

From my outlook the future is brighter than ever. Nothing can reach some people but a touch of persecution. Fortunately, the powers that be are so stupid as to imagine that force will roll back the coming waves.—A. C. Grigsby.

The Needed Message

The world is in a sad crisis which is felt this side of the grave as well as on your plane. The message of reconciliation and harmony was never so much needed as today. Guy Bogart's Spirit Control, Los Angeles, Cal.

The New World is Promoting a Remarkable Scientific Proposition

The New World is stirring things in its effort to secure the invention of a scientific, mechanical means of communicating with the beyond, that shall make communication open to all, unquestionable and as common as telephoning now is. The accomplishment of this would be tantamount to the discovery of a literal New World, would give knowledge for faith, and would open up new history, new literature and new sciences. Then, every paper would print news, views and literature from the Heavens.

One Thousand Dollars Reward

Mr. Lincoln Phifer, Rosedale, Kansas.

In furtherance of your ideas, published in The New World, permit me, as an incentive to increase the effort, to offer one thousand dollars reward to the first person who will invent purely mechanical and practical communication with the spirit world in a way that will satisfy a committee of three practical mechanics that it is genuine. I to select one; and these two to select a third.

Yours for Progress,

D. EDSON SMITH.

505 W. 17th St., Santa Ana, Calif.

Beer In Heaven

Recently found in an old Egyptian tomb about 3,000 years before Christ.

Though thou in death shall sleep, thou shalt awaken.

Thy bone shall knit together, and thy heart

Be set in place, thy head put on thy shoulders,

Thy mouth adjusted. Then thou shalt shake off

The dust of earth in which thou hast buried,

And find a ferry o'er a skyey river Thou shalt come to the region of the pools,

To place of peace, where there are fields of green

And living trees, and tranquil lakes of life.

Thou shalt live with thy loved ones over there.

There thou shalt eat roast cutlets and drink beer

That never grows stale; fresh bread shall give

Thee olden strength. Perhaps thou shalt become

A scribe for mighty ones of former days,

Opening his chest of papers, sending his dispatches.

Perhaps thou shalt raise spelt and barley there.

Tokens Of The End

Esdras, 8, 26-28. Esdras is a book of the apocraphal old testament, written about 623 B. C.

The days shall come that these tokens that I told thee of shall come to pass, that the bride shall appear, and the coming forth shall be manifest that now si withdrawn from the earth; and whosoever is delivered from the foresaid evils shall see my wonders. For my son Jesus (this is the only place on record where Jesus is named before he appeared on earth—Ed.) shall be revealed with those that appear with him, and they that remain shall rejoice within four hundred years.

They Make It Rich

One needs the part of food he cannot use

And throws off in affluvia. Perhaps Evil and sin are only the affluvia

Of wholesome good, and, when cast off, make rich

The world in dying.

A Book Without Capitals

I am sent by the author, a peculiar book, printed entirely without capital letters. The title, as it appears on the book, is as follows: "molee's wanderings, an autobiography with many surprising

adventures and doings, by elias molee, ph. b." It is published by the author at "1911 market street, tacoma, wash., u. s. a." at 50 cents. The book is well written and the author makes a serious and really strong argument against the use of capital letters, as being inartistic, hard to understand, and in the long run, expensive.

In some future issue I shall make brief quotations from the book giving the leading arguments in the style of the author, without capitals.

Restraining Influence

Dr. Ethel Lynn, San Francisco: Aside from Buckle's History of Civilization, there is nothing that I have ever read that has caused me to engage in so much deep thinking as The New World Buckle's history caused me to make comparisons between the work of emotion and of reason in upbuilding civilization—to compare the results of martyrdom with the reason as applied to invention, education, etc. and I must say that reason had the best of it. Had it not been for that, I surely would have got into jail during the war, for it took all my reasoning power to hold down my emotions at that time. Now I am prevented from working for the Socialist party as I otherwise should by your prophecies and words regarding sowing of seed in the winter. And my conscience is not altogether easy about it, either when I think of Gene Debs in prison Germer indicted and all the others who are suffering. I have done what I could to help them, but at times it seems I must drop everything and go out, on foot if necessary, to try to rouse the people. And then my reason—or is it superstition?—takes a hand, and holds me back. I admire martyrs, but I hate waste, and there you are. And you are largely responsible for my indecision. Yet The New World is the one paper that I do not want to lose.

Remedy In Rag Weed

It has been known for years that rag-weed makes a fine grade of print paper. It ought to, because rag-weed is of the flax family and from flax linen is made. The claim that the paper shortage is due to a failure of wood is obviously false.

Old Eighteen-Eight

The St. Louis Republic, the oldest paper west of the Mississippi, founded in 1808, has been absorbed by the Globe-Democrat. This leaves the Democratic party of Missouri without a metropolitan organ.

Oldest Writing In The World

Pharaphrase of Precepts of Ptha-Hotop, Egyptian, about 3366 B. C. Said to be the oldest writing in the world. Notice how Solomon in Ecclesiastes seems to have copied some of the ideas. Ptha-Hotop claimed to have lived to be 110.

From old doth wisdom make the weak man mighty,

And knowledge giveth freedom to the seeker.

Wisdom cries aloud, if thou wilt hear her;

But ears are never satisfied with hearing.

Honor the wise, and yet respect the simple

The gates of art to no man have been closed.

He who enters them desires perfection, But it never yet hath been found by any.

If one should rail against thee answer not;

Thy temperance shall win thee victory.

No one can recognize adversity,

And none prosperity, when they appear.

Honor thy wife, love her exceedingly;

Fail not each day to greet her with caresses;

Softly entreat her, she will do thy will;

Open thy arms and she will come to thee.

Apply thyself to thought before thou speak;

If thou canst not speak wisely, hold thy tongue.

So shall the wise give audience to thee, Thy lips shall grow a fruit that shall sustain thee

Others Are Hindered

Your recent article "Hindered" was of particular interest to us because our own guides have recently complained about interference from the other side with the work of the Scientific Research Circle. In fact, this hindrance was so serious for a time that it was almost impossible for our spirit teachers to get anything like success.

It appears from this that the reactionaries on the spirit side are also putting forth every effort to retard progress. Being aware of this great conflict of forces, we should work to overcome its influence and work together to assure progress by doing all in our power to make easily available the important messages and discoveries of Spiritual Science.—Mrs R. C. Kroll.

The soul cannot move, awake or open the eyes without perceiving God. We perceive God by the soul as we feel air by the body.—Joseph Joubert, 1754-1824.

The Raise in Rates

AS most of you know, the subscription rates of The New World were on January 1st raised to \$1 per year. Canadian prices are the same. A Debs Trilogy goes with each annual subscription, as a premium. It is our only premium. The Dramas of Kansas, a cloth bound book, has been raised to 75 cents. Old Religions Made New, Hamlet in Heaven and Jesus and Barabbas remain at 50 cents each.

I think you understand the newspaper situation and that the raise in rates was made absolutely necessary by conditions. I believe you want to share the burden of giving out this message. You have responded splendidly. But do not let your interest flag for the coming month and months.

The new year opens with the world astir as never before. Something of The New World analysis and explanation is becoming appreciated. As days pass and the darkness deepens, they will give light that will be needed. You are the light bearers. The message is now familiar to you. First, personal, that all spiritual power and comfort, including communion with God and spirits, is now open to you, regardless of your beliefs. Second, universal, that, at this ending of this historical and geological age, God and spirits are making all things new, and that you do not have to antagonize any person or any system. Third, particular, in the crisis ahead community organization is the sure and natural relief, and when the time comes will be easily effected if the people are instructed in advance.

Of course, under the new rates, the old special offers are withdrawn. But here is a new special offer: Five Six Months Subs for Two Dollars and one copy of Jesus and Barabbas thrown in. Here you have a fine working proposition. Get busy.



Let Us Smile a Little While

Good Word for Pussy.

Brave Little Bob has received many injunctions to be "manly," the word being used to mean to go about his business bravely and quietly and in a self-respecting manner. The other day Bob's pet cat was suspected of some weakling misdemeanor and Bob rose to the rescue in a hurry. "I'm sure she never did it, mamma," he exclaimed indignantly. "She'd never think of acting in such a manner. She is a very manly cat."

History of the Melon.

Melons were first extensively cultivated in France early in the seventeenth century, but were known to the ancients from the commencement of our era. The Egyptians grew them. ~~They~~ are said to have been carried to America by the Portuguese.

History Repeats Itself.

Briggs and Fowler were talking of the great wars fought in the days when the world was considerably younger. "You know," said Briggs "it always seems to me that those old warriors were very much like our modern financiers." "What do you mean?" asked Fowler. "Well they were always investing some one else's capital, weren't they?"

Much Gold in Wedding Rings.

More than 7,000 pounds of pure gold are required each year to supply the wedding rings for English brides.

Uncle Eben Says—

"Chillun must be a heap smarter dan dey once was. It's pufficky beautiful de way dey makes deir parents obey."

Only One.

A little girl had a twin brother and sister. Now, she was used to the cat having kittens and only one of the kitten family being kept. So when her father brought the twins down to show her she gazed at them earnestly for a small space of time, then said, "Daddy, I think we'd better keep that one!" Pointing, as she thought, to the prettier one!

Remarkable Change.

Newspaper Article.—"He allowed himself to be drawn, as if by some supernatural centrifugal force, toward the center. . . . Centrifugal force acted in just the opposite manner when we were studying—but, of course, everything is upset nowadays.—Boston Transcript.

A Great Meteor Falls

ON Thanksgiving Day newspapers everywhere contained sensational stories of a great meteor that fell into Lake Michigan.

It came at night, according to the report, with a rush and hiss like a terrific wind, illuminating the heavens more brilliantly than the sun could do. The meteor was observed to fall with a trail of light behind it. As it fell, inhabitants of cities on both sides of the lake, a distance of two hundred miles in all directions from the place where the meteor seemed to fall, felt a tremor like an earthquake, the reports say. Window lights were broken and fragile walls were shaken. The great aereolite is supposed to have fallen into Lake Michigan.

After the first report the papers became strangely silent. A few did carry a story to the effect that scientists were investigating the phenomenon; but that was all. The coal strike was on, and many were showing uneasiness over Dr. Porta's predictions of December 17. It is presumed that publishers thought best not to agitate the public mind at this time. But it is remarkable, if the meteor really fell, that a news story, which ordinarily would have been a sensation for a month, should have been so completely suppressed. If it was a hoax, it was equally astonishing that it was not exposed.

"The Little Visitors"

THE grouping of most of the planets of the solar system in the East during the month of December was a great spectacle for him or her who understood its magnitude. It was like a family reunion at Christmas time, the other members of the sun's system coming from all points of the compass, where they might be seen at close range, at one time. Such a gathering has not come before in 3,000 years.

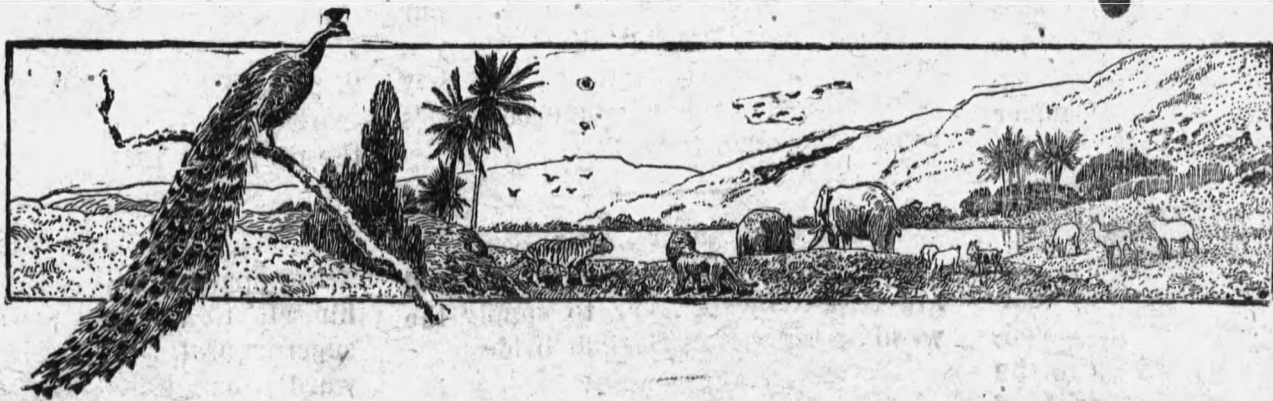
The chief effect, as I anticipated, seems to have been psychological, just as a family reunion stirs the emotions. The increasing unrest seems to show considerable agitation. How deep earth's emotion may yet grow remains to be seen.

I put it this way in "Annals of the Earth," published in 1880:

"Gaze on the moon and stars; behold, the sun,
Those changing marvels, for ye may not long.
New order doth succeed them."

Halley's Comet Said to Be Coming Back

ASTRONOMERS announce that Halley's comet will probably appear again in 1925. Donnelly thought the Chicago and forest fires of the '70s were caused by that portion of earth being swished by a comet's tail.



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Coming Back

The Roof the World Is Falling In

THE FIRST FEW chapters of the bible tell of the "firmament" above the earth, and explain that it was identical with what was afterward called "heaven." At the time of the flood "the fountains of the great deep were broken up," and "the waters which were above the firmament" were poured on earth. Previous to the flood there was an invasion of earth by many spirits, as though they sensed a collision that might destroy their plane of existence and sought refuge on the plane below. Noah alone saw that, while the firmament might be "heaven," the fall would likely consist largely of water. He proved to be right. The oceans that are on earth at this time probably fell to it when the firmament was "heaven" or broken up.

There is much in legend to support this conception. Hindu tradition is full of it. The North American Indians say that earth was first surrounded by a plane that hid the sun, moon and stars from sight, and that this plane was broken and cast to earth. Vail, the American scientist, argues for such an "expanse" or "canopy," and suggests that these canopies come and go, there having been several, according to tradition, and likely to be others. The word "heaven,"

both in English and the original bible tongues, means literally something that is heaved up or wrecked and is the abode of spirits only by implication. That it was very substantial is proved by the original name for it—firm-ament. An arch bending every way would necessarily be firm. It has its natural type in the shell of the egg, the hull of the nut, or even the outer skin of animals and fruits, the surface we know corresponding to the inner skin of these things.

What Remains of Heaven

That all this expanse or canopy did not fall to earth has been argued by many. A few years ago a man named Wiggins adduced much data to show that there must be a "dark moon" which influences earth's affairs. The latest to argue for an irregular series of objects in earth's vicinity is Charles Fort, with a mass of data in support of his theories. "Not far above the earth's surface," he concludes, "is a region that will be subject of a new science—a super geography." He produces data to show that there is really what tradition calls "Monstrattor, a spindle shaped world, about 200,000 miles along its major axis," very near to earth. Irregular "islands of the sky" have been repeatedly seen crossing the

discs of the sun and moon. It is possible that the so-called sun spots appearing often are not blemishes on the sun, but fragments of earth's "heaven" firmament crossing the face of the sun at not a very great distance from us.

Geography of Heaven

One might speculate a little and reach very strange conclusions. He might argue that the continents and islands of the earth represent the solids that have fallen from this firmament to our surface of the earth when it was "heaven" by clashes with "nebula" or comets. Then, the portion remaining as the abode of spirits would correspond, in size and shape, to our oceans and seas, and would contain about two-times the surface that our plane of existence does. In this assumption we are getting to a possibility of really mapping the continents of Heaven. It is a possibility that I suggested in the earlier issues of *The New World*, which now appears to be much nearer realization than it was then.

The proof seems to be that heaven is as solid and definite as earth itself. And spirits, normally, are very substantial, the shades we know about being psychic projections that are possible to both carnate and decarnate people. The fragments of the firmament still remaining probably cup the poles and hold the cups together over the Atlantic and Pacific oceans without covering them entirely.

When the Arches Break

The bible tells us that in the last days "the heavens shall be rolled together like a scroll and pass away with great noise." If it represents, in general, the portions on earth that are covered with water, we

see how it might remake earth by dropping down to it, and make it so "there shall be no more sea." It might fall as the firmament was "heaven" and fell, in part, at the time of the flood. because it "waxed old like a garment and was changed," being knocked down by a collision with a comet or nebula, part of which might fall with it. Fort says that it is already falling. He believes that "some so-called tornadoes are objects hurtling thru earth's atmosphere, not only generating disturbances by their suction, but crushing with their bulk all things in their way, rising and falling and finally disappearing." Many earthquakes, he thinks, are reflexes from such falls.

Again: Almost all cyclones are represented as being accompanied by funnel shaped clouds. Why might not these be the visible part of the solid? When it strikes the earth, there is apparently an explosion; then the ball (sometimes visible as a ball) bounces onward, never with the speed of lightning, doing damage only as it strikes.

Phenomena of "Ball Electricity"

Ball electricity, which electricians do not understand, seems to correspond with the phenomena of the cyclone. A recent article in the *Kansas City Star* says:

"On the 8th day of October, 1919, in the early evening, citizens of Salina, Kansas, beheld, at one of the most frequented street intersections of the town, a ball of fire, as large as a wash tub, floating low in the air. It struck a building at the corner of Santa Fe and Iron avenue about midway to the top, tore out some bricks, demolished a window, and then burst with a loud noise, filling the air with fireballs as big

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Your "Vote" Registers No

YOUR LETTERS have been magnificent the month just past. Not one has complained. Not one has asked money back. Several have sent money, although I requested that it be not done. The full \$500 has not been pledged, and therefore The New World will suspend, temporarily, to resume later on. The pledges are also not binding now. But, unless you notify me by July 15 that you wish your back subscription returned in books or cash, it will be taken for granted that you agree it shall remain to your credit until resumption comes and paid in regular papers. The pledges are as follows:

Fred G. Chase, Nebraska...	\$25
David Winkler, Kansas.....	20
Eva T. Eisert, Missouri.....	10
Lillian K. Bullard, Kansas...	10
Wm. V. Wheeler, W. Virginia	25
Elora Wells, Indiana.....	5
Franklin E. Parker, Mass...	25
Joachim Fritz, Florida.....	5
Geo W. Hullinger, Penn.....	2
Dr. W. J. Bryan, New York...	10
R. Agnes Clark, Kansas.....	3
S. B. Weaver, Indiana.....	2
Geo W. Shilling, Ohio	5
Wilson Iler, Canada.....	2
Mrs. I. S. Wilson, Texas.....	5
Mr. and Mrs. Conwell, Kans.	5
L. Rodemeister, Kansas City	5
Ernest King, California.....	25
W. D. Harp, Florida.....	5
Andrew Allan, Florida.....	1
L. S. Anderson, Washington	4
Anna Taylor Shippey, Florida	5
Lyndon B. Phifer, Ohio.....	10

P. W. Meredith, Oregon.....	5
D. H. Thomas, Kansas.....	5
E. C. Blanchard, Kansas.....	1
John Tullett, Kansas.....	5
Mrs. Bowles, Kansas City...	5
H. C. Fulcher, Texas.....	2
H. J. France, Ohio.....	2
Lorenz Peterson, Texas.....	3
Oscar Holmes, California.....	2
Alvin Heim, California.....	10
B. W. Poor, Texas.....	10
Edith Cottee, California.....	2
Dan R. Simpkins, Arkansas	2
Dr. Yates, California.....	5
C. F. Eisert, Canada.....	3
Mrs. Rilla McClung, K. C...	1
George A. Thiel, Oregon.....	5
James A. Barr, California...	5
Cora Barr Howe, California	5
H. L. Connerly, Kansas.....	2
Mrs. A. Grossen, Idaho.....	2
H. H. Eshliman, Ohio	2
J. Holler, California.....	3
Mrs. Adah McCarty, Ohio...	5
John J. Shoeni, Oregon.....	1
Richard Dyberg, California...	1
A. M. Mohr, Indiana	2
W. J. Riordan, Oregon.....	3
Total.....	\$307

I WISH I had room to print the many kind words from people that have written the last month. without a single unkind word. They would almost fill the paper. Above all things I treasure your appreciative and appreciated letters and the friendships I have formed thru The New World. But many of my best friends, in expressing their re-

gret, say the paper should suspend for a time. I shall let Dr. Ethel Lynn, San Francisco, express what has been the sentiment of many:

"I do appreciate and love The New World, which has had a great influence on me. It is my appreciation and comradeship that prompts me to advise you to conserve your strength and resources against a time of greater need."

Even more strong is the advice of Dr. Wight, also of California, who says: "Suspend at once, as soon as you can, until the great crisis is past, then resume. Stop now or you will lose all. No amount of cash can save you, as the mails will soon be closed to you. Your guides are right. Suspend at once."

SO The New World loses its life, to save it. My plans, as far as I know, are: Ten days' rest with my son in Cincinnati; return to Rose-dale and to work to make a living, just as you have to do; nights and Sundays for meditation and writing just as I had on the start, before conditions forced too many other burdens on me. I am spoken for to write half a dozen books. I anticipate such illumination as I never had before. Give me your frequent thoughts for it. The crisis ahead is the greatest the ages have known and we shall all need spiritual preparation to be able to adequately serve. You too are to prepare.

ONE FRIEND fears that if The New World suspends it will not be able to resume. It seems to me that after the press has been killed there will be no occasion to continue the fight on it and The New World can easily resume. Also, men will be more eager for the message than now. I want you to keep a file of the paper near you,

examine it often, critically, to see if its forecasts are fulfilled, and tell others your findings. Remember, I shall miss The New World more than you will. I am not taking a lay off for fun, but to prepare for infinitely bigger things. And there will be a place for you in the new work that is coming.

WHEN The New World resumes, my thought in the matter was expressed by Franklin H. Parker, of Boston, and Ernest King, of California, both former publishers. They said The New World should be published by a stock company, with enough capital to do the work right, publisher, manager and printers making it so I could concentrate on the one work of producing literature. If it must be a monthly, I have in mind the model before you, condensed and handy to file away. But it ought to be a weekly paper. It is feasible. The first test, with my own limited resources, came in an entirely new field and at an extremely hard time to run a paper. Now it is known the field exists and it is getting ripper for harvest every day. The foundation laid is broad and strong and intact. It would not be surprising, if the crisis I anticipate does come, if the revived New World is prepared to do the work right, should it jump into an immediate big success. Think much of this and pray that God may send a manager who can command capital.

NEW WORLD BOOKS are still on sale. As I want to resume under new conditions, I will SELL what copies I have left of the Debs Trilogy at 25c each. Tell Socialists. I will also do job printing for you in good shape, as reasonably as I can in these days of high prices. And now, Good bye. God bless and keep you.

Inscribed Stone Curios Come from Oklahoma

WHAT is the meaning of this strange thing which all who seen it declare to have been made by hands rather than by nature? Mrs. R. Agnes Clark, Kansas, sends me a box of curios, saying "there are thousands of clusters of these discs to be found in the sand along Gyp creek, near Buffalo, Okla. No one can tell how they came there. They are found nowhere else in the vicinity. Perhaps there was a shower of them there." The curios consist of numerous flat discs, ranging in size from 1-8th to 1 inch in diameter, and each clearly had originally six angles, but

they have been so melted and fused that while some are perfect, others of the smaller are partly buried in the bigger ones. In color they look like taffy candy. They appear to be soft enough to crumble between thumb and finger, but are as hard as flint. Under the glass the edges of the larger discs appear to contain several lines of inscriptions in letters that are unfamiliar to me. Possibly they were rained down in the effort of another planet to communicate with earth; or they may be the money of Heaven, the broken but very substantial plane or expanse above the earth.

Mystery in the Revolution

LONDON, according to press advices, considers that the Mexican revolution was inspired by American interests. At any rate, the new president of Mexico, in direct violation of the Mexican constitution, has approved the old Diaz concessions, assumed the fraudulent debts of the country, opened the doors wide to foreign capitalists, and agreed to deliver to America all political refugees from this country. Whether or not Carranza was assassinated at the instigation of American interests will probably remain unsettled until after those interests destroy themselves, along with the other problems of whether those interests made an attempt to assassinate President Wilson when he was touring the country in behalf of the league of nations.

Why Should You Contend?

Let others argue, and while one affirms
And one denies, hold you profound communion
With God and the departed.

Begin to See the Light

The following news story from the Kansas City Star sounds like an argument lifted from an old issue of The New World:

CHICAGO, June 24.—Organization of communities and villages in such a manner that every inhabitant would have employment, tending to make the community self supporting, was urged today by Geo. L. Bowen, Illinois' superintendent of charities, before the conference of the American association of Public Officials of Charity and Correction. Mr. Bowen declared that under such a plan the entire community would become self supporting, thus "forever banishing the high cost of living."

Beg to Amend

'Twixt optimist and pessimist
The difference is droll;
The optimist grabs the doughnut,
The pessimist gets the hole.

That is what makes him a pessimist.

The New World Editorial Section

The American Legion, in its mobbing tactics, is following the footsteps of the Roman legendaries that destroyed that republic.

Perhaps few plan for a panic. But when the bankers begin to close in, a condition is created that may bring a panic at any time.

Asking for help is beggary and degrades. Asking for strength and wisdom that you may help yourself is manly and builds character.

You begin to see it already. The Republican and Democratic parties will disintegrate just as the Socialist party has done. It is the world season for the "falling away."

Do not be elated when your crowd or belief seems to gain a victory. It is merely called to judgment, to trial, and it must make good before all-seeing God and a jury of men or receive an adverse verdict.

The pendulum will yet swing as far out of plumb one way as it is now the other, and the present masters of men be hunted even as they now hunt others. The whole man hunt will cease in Divine control.

Perhaps you wonder why my guides permitted me to make the test I did. Well, it showed them how loyal you were to the cause. And they had their way just the same. Remember, this the judgment "day" or the time of testing.

Good and bad people alike get cold when the thermometer is low. We are all liable to nervous fits of passion in these days when changing natural conditions are pressing on all men. Be clothed with patience and love and so guard against them.

God cannot expect anyone to be really good when the pressure of a ruined world is on him. Remember, when the oppressors stir you,

that they are insane. Because they are insane, do not expect leniency for you will not get it. But the weight of the world is about to be lifted from the shoulders of Atlas, then he may stand erect and free.

We have come to the point where other papers are talking mechanical communication. The momentum already attained will likely carry it through to success. It would probably have been realized before this except for opposition from reactionaries beyond. It is strange that anyone should oppose advancement, but we see how strongly it is done, on earth.

The quality of The New World support is shown in generous ways that go right to the heart. Anna Taylor Shippey invites wife and I to recuperate as her guests in her fine sanitarium in Florida. P. W. Meredith would have us rest at his home in Oregon. Dr. M. M. Yates, offers us living and office rooms rent free as long as we want them, if we will move to California. It does not seem practical to accept any of these generous offers, but our hearts are deeply touched. Who said The New World had failed?

The Christian Science Monitor reports that in France paper is 10 times as high as it was three years ago and may go 20 times as much. Already most of the papers of discussion have succumbed. Hal Caine the author finds a similar situation in England. The American congress has officially reported the stringency to be largely artificial. It is simply a world-wide plot to kill the people's press and reduce the world to ignorance that feudalistic slavery and the caste system may be the easier fastened on it.

"Bind the Wheat Into Bundles"

Because I speak most of the failure of nominal Christianity, you must not suppose that Theosophy, Bahaism, new thought, spiritism or any other cult will escape a winnowing.

Christianity will pass, but they as cults will pass with it.

The doctrinaire and speculative inheritance from the past, on which they have predicated businesses, will be blown away like chaff.

The truth in them, like the truth in Christianity, will be gleaned into the new free "religion." But the external, the partial, will pass clean away. The grain will be saved but the stalks are ready to die.

Insofar as the cult was a crutch to help you into the path, they served. But as finalities all creeds and organizations are idols and curses.

God works with living organisms, not with dead organizations.

I Am Not Discouraged

A good friend in a distant state seeks to hearten me with these appreciated words:

Do not be discouraged. You have not failed.

I am not discouraged and I know I have not failed.

The New World has merely been an announcer. It has cried fire when the world was threatened, but it did not hope to save the world.

Not one of the old prophets but gave warning. Not one saved the people from the calamities at other age endings. But they did not fail.

Jonah thought God was not acting soon enough, and pouted. Yet in time Nineveh was destroyed.

Jeremiah suffered torture, Isaiah was distressed, Daniel was threatened. All were discredited and abused. But they did not fail.

Nor have I failed, although I

know I have done the work very imperfectly.

Another Test Has Failed

Things are proven true or false by test, not by argument.

Evolution is again proven a failure apart from involution and devolution.

The potato has been propagated for so long from "eyes" rather than through sex, that it is becoming tasteless and is running out.

The naval orange, without seeds, is losing flavor and is decadent.

The same decay is shown in numerous grafts. Stock "bred" through enforced adultery will run extinct. Caponizing and producing infertile eggs will destroy poultry.

Man may bind nature to his wish for a time, but she recoils, flees back and slays him in the end.

Rest---You Need Rest

Moses was not only in the wilderness for forty years before he delivered Israel, but he went alone with God for forty days before the law came.

Elijah gave part of his message, then went into hiding for three and a half years before his greater work was done.

Jesus was not only forty days in the wilderness alone before he began his work, but he spent a night in prayer by himself ere he was transfigured.

Warning of the historical age ending has been given. There is a bigger work before. We all need rest and preparation for it. Withdraw with me from the world's affairs "until the day of pentecost is fully come."

Perhaps none of us can rest from physical labor; that isn't so essential. But we do need to "find rest unto our souls."

Political Paragraphs

FOR PRESIDENT

EUGENE V. DEBS OF INDIANA

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

SEYMOUR STEADMAN OF ILLINOIS

The Northeast nominates.

Proctor soap makes dirty politics.

Republicans have shown the workers where to kiss. Kick!

And now the Democratic donkey will try to make asses of the people.

Beer may not be on tap this election, but plenty of other barrels will.

The country is now safe against democracy. However you vote you lose.

It has been discovered what the elephant carries in his trunk. It is boodle.

Mr. Bryan has constituted himself camel keeper for both menageries.

You take your choice of the two great frame-ups and keep your mouth shut.

If they can keep the women from mixing in this year they will promise anything for next.

The interests never lose. If it is reported that Harding was picked by them five months ago.

Suppose they should pardon Debs and not restore his citizenship—on whom would the joke be?

The convention merely enabled the rank and file to spend their money and play at democracy, and then the interests acted.

Great issue it is. Democrats want a league of nations. Republicans don't want a league, but an "association" of nations. Socialists want neither, but a "league of peoples" functioning through the nations. Tweedledum and tweedledee.

Mr. Gompers had better quit striking on the industrial court or plutocracy will cut off the "perquisites" of his office.

Great Consolidated Show Is Coming

The Republican bosses, who recently staged the Successful Sham Battle at Chicago, and the Democratic bosses with their Big Show in San Francisco, have Pooled Their Interests and will, Between Now and November 4, present the Most Elaborate Mock Battle that the world ever witnessed.

The Menagerie includes Elephants and Donkeys, Camels and Monkeys. Friends of Labor, Masked and Bearing Clubs. War Lords, Mounted. Orators, Operators by Concealed Wires. Investors in Mexico, Few but Noisy. Workers and Women, wailing, with hands tied. The Farmer as a Goat.

Wonderful Harmony. Big Processions. Spectacular Fireworks. The Saintly Twins, Ass. Press and Sup Press, tied together with ticker tape of propaganda. A. L. making this country unsafe for democracy. Big Business, with copyrighted flag and patented patriotism. Profiteers and appointed courts overriding the constitution.

The roaring farces. The Leg o' Nations and Prosecuting the Profiteer. See the Politicians Eat Crow—very funny. Plenty of suckers—one born every minute. Hi Cost o' Livin', higher than ever. Inflated Promises. Funny Clowns. Trick Donkey and fancy kicking.

No Expenses Spared. Big Prizes to Successful Contestants: The Presidency for Sale.

Don't Interrupt the Program. You See the Show First and Pay Afterward.

Solomon the Plutocrat

Bible Study, of Data Rather Than Texts

READ the whole story of Solomon in 1 Kings, observing the following data: David found his people in primitive condition. He conquered and encouraged trade and inaugurated capitalism. Solomon was shrewd (wise) enough to see new possibilities. He bought timber from Hiram of Tyre, had it transported across country to the Red sea and built a fleet there. This biggest thing in Solomon's history is told merely casually in 1 Kings 9: 26, in few words, but is there. It was costly business and put the nation deeply in debt. But it put him several thousand miles closer to the gold reefs and diamond mines of South Africa than any other nation was. It made him a billionaire plutocrat, in "gold and silver, ivory, precious stones, monkeys and peacocks," besides giving him knowledge of geography, botany and zoology that other men did not have. His rule was so oppressive that when he died the people begged relief of his son, but the young man was given vision of greater conquest, costing more, than his father had made, a thing that seemed possible. The people would not stand for it, plutocracy crumbled in a day, the nation was divided, there was civil war, and finally King Solomon's treasure was looted by another race, and two-thirds of Israel disappeared from history. How we are paralleling old data, and what a lesson for us! The periodicity in these events and in the age preceding and age following is pointed out by Matthew, 1st chapter: From Abraham to David was 420 years; from David to the carrying away into Babylon was 420 years; from the carrying away

into Babylon to Christ was 420 years.

"Realtors" Illustrate It

PLUTOCRATIC control of industry is illustrated and proven by the new attitude relative to land. The old real estate agent has become a "realtor." In a recent convention of realtors it was declared and assumed that building for rental was over, although a million are unable to obtain houses in America. Houses are to be sold to the occupants. The many deposit money in the bank. The few borrow to build. The money is spent and returned to the bank, to be reloaned at new interest. The buyer has repairs and taxes to pay, and may lose all he paid in. Under the old system the investor got from 6 to 8 per cent and a great deal of trouble. Under the new system he avoids all trouble and may make 100 per cent. A big realtor declared that people would have to buy or move into hotels. Breaking up the family, you see, and making land the basis of enslavement, as in feudal days. You can also see that the banker is in control of the new scheme of things. How childish helpless are they who cling to the old idea of capitalistic control of industry!

"Until Endued with Power"

The Comradeship Circle need not be suspended. I will join you in it; and you join me. In this breathing spell of preparation for strenuous work ahead, it is especially desirable that we become filled with the Spirit. Expect demonstration and power. Miracle and healing are ahead. Get ready for big things. "Tarry at Jerusalem."

An Old Parable

YOU remember Jesus' parable about the man who gave his property in charge of others and went into a far country. They mismanaged affairs and abused the messengers the owner sent to them. At last he returned and took the property entirely away from them. He did not give it to other men but assumed charge himself. Jesus alluded to his "return" and the end of the age, hence was not alluding to the Jews but to man-rule in general. It must all go, as reptile rule went at an earlier age-end, because it has proved a failure. They who hope that others will be forced out in order that they may step in are working against God's plan. You will avoid trouble if you do not participate in the useless struggle.

When They Learned

THEY SAY the birds never learned to soar and sing until after they quit trying to run the world.

—Maybe man will in time learn to be wise and glad.

The Difference

The wise man is pleased when his inner consciousness applauds, the fool when the people acclaim.

Cities and Treasures

A New Drama of Kansas

I.

THE LEGEND of the Indian Seven Cities Was the first thing that greeted the explorers

From Europe in this land. From Mexico The story lured old Coronado northward, He founded Santa Fe, and then pressed on Until he reached the junction of the Kaw And the Missouri. Here he spent a season With the Quiveran indians, who, tradition Declared, had built the cities, but turned back To Mexico, with mission unfulfilled. Onate came afterward but did not find them. On the Atlantic coast their fame was known. Ponce DeLeon passed from Florida, Not searching so much for the magical fountain

That would impart perpetual youth, as for The mystical seven cities. Later on DeSoto, seeking for them, journeyed westward,

Across the Mississippi, forging iron Near Meramec, sending an expedition To the Boone Lick country, even coming To Sni-a-bar, o'erlooking present site Of Kansas City, and then turning back. A disappointed man, to find a grave In the great Mississippi. Tragic journey Made by Evangeline was far outdone By this trip of DeSoto's. It is strange That three should start, from opposite directions,

Ere settlement of Plymouth or Jamestown, And meet at the same point, then turn aside From unsuccessful search.

II.

The legend of them

Runs on this wise: The most enlightened people

Of North America were the Quiverans. They had a true republic in the region Embraced now in the eastern Kansas country And west Missouri. They conducted commerce

South to the Rio Grande, and to the east As far as Florida. This much is certain.

of the Old Quiverans

Lincoln Phifer

The legend is that they had seven cities, where silver was so plentiful 'twas used for home utensils, and their gold was coined and made in jewelry. The buffalos were their domestic herds, held common property; and no one lacked. 'Tis generally assumed the precious metals came from Colorado, yet the old searchers for it met at point near Kansas City. Just ere Coronado came north and east, the old Quiveran people were subjugated by the Kansa tribe, and either wrecked their cities or they were razed by their enemies. They degenerated, and while there have been suppositious sites discovered, over all the west, no one is certain where the seven cities were.

III

When walking on the hills about Rosedale, I have discovered seven hills that are terraced a half way up. It looks like work of human hands. In one place down a valley there is a covered culvert of loose stones of unknown origin. 'Twas clearly made to carry waters of a mammoth spring, still flowing yet half choked with earth. At foot

Of the declivity are piles of debris, As though the washings of an ancient mine. The terraced hills are of peculiar rock, And look as though they had been worked. I dream

Of caves beneath the hills; and water witches Have told of hidden pools and caverns there. When Joseph Smith, directed by Moroni, An Indian spirit, sought the promised land, He led his followers to Independence, But a few miles away, and even today Thousands who follow revelation given From these supposedly red sources look To this point as their New Jerusalem. Think of the romance and the tragedy Of people of the old republic, wrecked Through greed of gain, as spirits, leading some

Away from their old treasure, others to it, Through centuries of struggle until now.

New World Philosophy

Wanting much leads to much want.

To get out of a tight place work out.

If God can't see, how did he make eyes?

It is sometimes easier to forget a friend than an enemy.

Many men can take things as they come who howl when they begin to go.

Thoughts are like four leaf clovers—you seldom find them when hunting them.

One has to continually review the lessons of experience to keep from getting rusty.

Speaking of crooked steps, the man whomakes any other kind is knock kneed.

Just as soon as a girl learns to really play a piano she gets married and quits practicing.

The Hold-Up

MR. Average Man had been held up by the Profiteers, and was recounting his experience. "The robbers were arrogant and acted like they were doing me a favor," he said. "They seemed to think they had a right to rob, and when I protested they laughed heartily. They seemed to enjoy the work, and were very cheerful; but I didn't enjoy it and felt aggrieved."

—What else could you expect?

IV

Might it not be that when the old Quiverans
Saw they were beaten, and their leading city
In this vicinity was soon to fall,

They bore their treasures to the caves, en-
larged

By mining operations, stored them there,
And closed the entrance? Might it not be
That when the Kansa's came they found a
wreck,

And in their madness, after torturing
Leading Quiverans in a futile hope
Of making them reveal the hiding places,
They were so rigorous with the remainder
That quickly they reverted to a state
Of savagery? Ah, here is speculation
That rounds a poem. But I will not tell
All that I think I know.

V.

It may seem strange
That thousands should pass by and not sur-
mise

What is revealed to me. It may seem strange
That with this hint there should not come a
rush

To gut the hills and overflow the city
With new tide of humanity. It may
Appear strange that the combination to
The treasure chamber is not given me.
But there is greater purpose behind all.
It would be shame to take the price of blood
For personal ends, and they who fought away
DeSoto, DeLeon and Coronado
Would hardly yield to me. It would be shame
Where Walter Thomas Mills dreamed of a
refuge

For workers in a house of Mission style
Like California Indians designed,
And negro Exodusters found them homes
Upon the hillsides, to worse desecrate
The Vale of Roses than the packing houses
Have done already, with a vulgar rush
And tearing up of nature. Of what worth
Would gold and silver be, the little time
Commercialism has to live? Beyond such use
The caves may serve (if there be really caves
And this be true) when cataclysms come
For refuge to the many, and be opened
By spirits of Quiverans who had closed them.

Learning to Go Alone

"It is expedient that
go away," said Jesus
in his farewell address.
"If I go not away the
Holy Spirit will not come
unto you." The care of
the mother for her child
looks to the time when
she may wean it. The
work of the teacher is
toward graduation and
the end of school life.
You have been given an
insight into things that
you may apply the prin-
ciple for yourself. Until
the child leaves home it
is not likely to "depend
on itself." Other com-
panionship may exclude
the essential thing—the
communion with the Spir-
it. The law of compensa-
tion applies—when you
lose you gain. Go to the
woods, the lake, the prai-
rie, the stream, and sit
alone. In communing
with nature you may
learn to be with God.
From him comfort and
strength will come—not
from a man or a spirit,
but from the Spirit, God.

Just Thought

Winning means gam-
bling.

Hearts soften, very of-
ten, only as heads do.

Say mean things to
morrow.

God is not moved by
prayer to be partial to
you.

What is the use of try-
ing to get a message
from Mars? Germany
got one, and look at her.

Answers to Questions

The Russellites say the trying times will end in 1925. What do you think of it?

I think they are wrong. They interpret everything figuratively, as, destruction of the heavens is not literal but refers to the church, hence they have no conception of what is involved in a geological age-ending. Even if God hurries the work, I think things will grow worse for 10 years yet before the final catastrophe. If we are closing an historical age only, we are in for at least two centuries of degeneracy and barbarism before man again advances and then'twill be under a race but newly awakened. Exploitation is a far more serious thing that most people suppose.

The Oklahoma Leader, by investing \$50,000 in a paper mill, figures that it can get its paper at six cents per pound.

There is more than one way to kill a cat. You must count interest on that \$50,000 and the running expenses of the plant, difficulties in getting out timber, high freight rates and freight delays, in all of which one is at the mercy of others. Then, the paper might be suppressed and the whole investment lost. The paper might in the end cost 50c or even \$1 a pound.

Reads Like a Story of the Old Loves of the Angels

CHICAGO, June 4.—The naming of a ghost as a correspondent won a divorce here for Charles H. Green. The ghost's name was "Billy," and, according to the testimony, he had the power to condense himself into material form when visiting Mrs. Green, and vanishing back into astral nothingness whenever Mr. Green appeared. She met her spook paramour through a medium Mr. Green testified.

Great Meteor Falls in Oklahoma

MUSKOGEE, OKLA., June 8—A meteor, whose flight to earth was watched by hundreds here for nearly a minute, fell in a field one mile west of this city about 9 o'clock to-night. All roads leading to the spot where the meteor fell, and which is still blazing, are clogged with motor cars loaded with people hurrying out to watch the meteor burn. It appeared to travel from west to east and seemed to be only a few hundred yards above the earth. It was of a bluish-green color, and was followed by a wedge shaped tail. As it approached the earth, the head apparently separated into four parts, which, however, remained close together, and during the last few seconds of the fall the southern sky was lighted with a blue-green flash.



Picture by Ryan Walker

The latest fictional nightmare to disturb the dream of the exploiter is the Russian spy.

Fortune Tellers

From a satire by Emmius, Roman, 146 B. C.
Quoted by Cicero. Translated by Henry Thompson.

I value not a rush your Marsian augurs,
Your village seers, your market fortune tellers.

No prophets they, by knowledge or by skill,
But superstitious quacks, shamless imposters,
Who tell fine stories for their proper lure,
Teach others the highway and cannot find
A by-way for themselves; promise us riches
And beg of us a drachme. Let them give
The riches first and take the drachme out.

Plutocracy Begins Community Organization

THE Saturday Evening Post of June 5th contains an article showing how community organization has already begun at Donora, a steel town of Pennsylvania.

So long as the profit system continues, everything that is done must be tainted by exploitation. Community organization to specially aid the few is likely to be urged by the interests in order to head off real self help. Nevertheless, even so imperfect an effort as that at Donora, and equally imperfect experiments that will doubtless yet be made, are starts in the only path that will lead to positive relief later on. The effort to do things, even to the very mistakes made, may be educational, and at its worst organization for self help cannot be so bad as exploitation without effort to combat it. You will learn by doing things, and it may be wise to cultivate your neighbors, get together, and practice team work, even though the first efforts be absurdly crude. By "boring from within" you may be able to assume leadership later on. It is only when the profit system collapses of its own weight, which it will do in time, and self help becomes an imperative necessity, with the exploiters fully discredited, that full relief may be wrought, but any training you and others may get before that will be helpful then. Even where community organization is used to get the people farther into debt, the masters of industry will be working themselves out of possession of real wealth, into possession of mere papers. Any plan that contemplates wholesale moving of population, as to a colony, is impractical. Besides, if you can't work with your neighbors

where you are, you couldn't work even with people who believe much as you do, for all average about alike. Necessity will force community self help, but there must be knowledge, executive ability and the confidence of your fellows in order to be able to direct it aright.



Picture by Ryan Walker

Before election: Whoop and yell,
After election: Go to hell.

A Lot Come Back

MY FRIEND, W. A. Redding of Colorado, a true seer, is publishing a series of articles in the Aquarian Age of Los Angeles, Calif., in which he brings a surprising number of scriptural references showing that not only Elijah but also many biblical worthies are to be on earth during "the last days." He believes they will be or are here in the flesh, Abraham, David and a host of others. I do not see why a spiritual but actual presence might not fulfill scripture. Yet I hold that not only ancient Hebrew worthies are here, but they are mentioned in the bible because the book was written chiefly for the Hebrews, and "as innumerable company" "from every nation and kindred and tongue" is also here. They are spirits but not mere shades. The spiritism that sees only the commonplace these days is blind.

Soon ripe, soon rotten.

Getting Filled Up

When the Spirit is present in you, you KNOW. We may truly become temples of the living God. The essence of true religion is co-operation in good. Before the energies of the Divine Spirit in man the forces of evil are melted down. Except for them, the malignant and subjugating forces would win completely. Yet it is not of human plan that the work is done; for different aspects of truth may be told by different men in different ways; yet they all fit together. When you shall become a clear medium for the expression of the Spirit of Truth, then your influence will extend further and further and the word shall not return to you void.—R. Dieberg, San Francisco.

Little Lines from Letters

The great show is on. I would not miss any part of it. Write as you never did before. I know you can and I know you will.—A. Kenoyer, California.

We have started a community club in our own home and I am trying to work up the great truths you present.—Mrs. Pearl Perman, Alabama.

Periodicity is the thing. We are in a variety of cycle endings, big and little. It is going to smash all things to rags to go through it. You see the desperate things now coming on the world in a more correct light than anyone else who writes to me.—W. A. Redding, Colorado.

About Some Good People

I. S. Walker, Arkansas, has prospective silver mines and oilwells,

located by spirits, which he wishes to organize to test. If interested in such things enough to help, write him at Rogers, Ark.

Max Stauffer, author of the prophetic story, Humanity and the Mysterious Knight, mention of which was made last month, lives at 918 Terrell street, Fort Worth, Tex., to whom orders should be addressed for the work; price \$1.50.

Wallace A. Clemmons, Kansas City, has been of inestimable service to The New World, in pacifying Bedelia when she grumbled, and otherwise displaying his skill as a machinist and electrician. There are few finer men than this experimenter for mechanical communication with the beyond.

Trees

The wind in our hair!
We toss and we toss,
Standing still on our feet;
We drink in the sweet
Of the forest and heat;
We hear the wind whisper,
And the beat of her feet;
We quiver and stir
With the wind in our hair
And feel the sap purr
Through our limb and our leaf,
We are full of its music,
We are full of its grief,
We are full of its thunder
And its murmurous beat,
And we toss and we toss,
Standing still on our feet,
—Christian Science Monitor.



Picture by Ryan Walker

The devils are said to be alarmed lest the profiteers who are crowding their domain corner the brimstone and make the price prohibitive.

Projected Astral Body

'Dawn of the Awakened Mind' is the title of a 450 page book, with 20 illustrations, by Dr. John A. King, founder of the Canadian Society of Physical Research, a New World subscriber. To my mind the most noteworthy parts of its contents are not the many reports of seances, or the philosophy of life and the spirit advanced, but the seemingly well attested facts that Dr. King projected his astral body, on five different occasions, so that his wraith, he living and in a trance miles distant, was seen and talked with friends sitting in a circle. The book may be had of the James A. McCann Co., publishers, New York, at \$4.

News from Heaven

Dr. Hyslop, head of the American Society of Psychical Research, died the past month. Prominent sitters in Canada claim to have received a message from his spirit, which the press features. The message concludes with a statement that Spirit Dr. Wm. Crookes and other scientists and inventors beyond have for months been working on a machine for communicating with the material plane, have it almost completed and will soon give it to the world.

Big Machine Breaks Down

Investigators report Europe is going to pieces. "Mid-Europe has broken into a group of little states, each suspicious of the others. Transportation has gone to pieces. Banking is in collapse. Millions face starvation. The great distributive machine has broken down." That last sentence tells the cause of the war and all of Europe's trouble.

Upper Cuts

It is a contest for pie a la mode.

The money of the rich is blood money. They sold the world for that.

It seems the elephant is able to make an ass of himself. Now can the donkey crow?

With the high price of food the farmer ought to be getting rich, but look at the increased railroad rates.

They Knew

Papers of June 22 announce a new drive impending, this time on "moderate radicals." It looks like my guides knew what they were talking about.

One Aspect of Plutocracy

It is estimated that Jewish bankers' one per cent. of Europe's population, controls 40 per cent. of Europe's money.

Perhaps They See

At night, they say, the cattle rise from sleep And look around, as though an angel passed.

Why Get Muddled

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The Spirit Press

Contributions in this department are presumably by the spirits whose names are attached to them. Believe what you please about them.

Judgment on the Masters

Received in 1907. Notice how present day conditions were pictured 13 years ago.

SAY to the Men with Plans: With the same judgment that ye measure to others will I judge you. You would not hear but that your ways are right. You would not admit that your party or church, your creed or policy is wrong. You would bend all to your plans.

Now, therefore, I declare your party, your church, your creed, your plans, your ways, are narrow and wrong.

If you were illiberal, I will be illiberal with you. If you demanded that men come to your ways, I will demand that you come to my way.

Some of you persecuted people who preached against your wills and ways, and some tried to suppress the teaching that did not suit them. Now I will plague you who do not yield to me, and I will suppress your propaganda and missionary work.

Your agitation will I oppose with an agitated earth, trembling in earthquake and tempest. Your speakers and preachers and press I will oppose with tongues of flame and flowing waters, that shall silence all other themes.

Your policemen and armies and prisons I will oppose with terrors in nature, by night and by day, until you shall tremble before me as you have made the poor to tremble before the master and judge.

When you speak I will silence you with thunder. When you write

with pen, I will write with fire of lightning. Men shall refuse to consider your themes and will talk only of the deeds and desolations of the Lord.

If the people were thrown in terror by you, so shall ye be hurled into terror by the things I shall do. If you oppressed by threat or curse, by injunction and imprisonment and club, I will suppress and repress and terrorize you by the power of my deeds and the show of invisible force.

What! Will you say that this is wrong in me? Was it then right for you? In judging the terror of the Lord you condemn your own deeds; and the agony of the earth for centuries testifies against you, crying to me continually.

But I have the right and you had not the right. I am the Lord and you are usurpers. You have taught men to obey you; now you must obey me.

You must no longer seek to work your way or will, or to make earth after your plan, for so have you spoiled it, and now I will make earth after my plan, and once again shall all things be good.

EARTH'S RULER..

Spirit News Service

This department is supposed to come from the spirit, from service managed by Spirit Horace Greeley. The New World does not vouch for the truth of any statement made.

IT IS NOT by accident that the reactionaries are assuming an air of arrogance and oppression. They know they have won, and you will find it out.

You may look for a crushing of radicalism of all kinds; for open robbery in prices; for crude lying and deception; for assassination, for starvation; for crime of the most flagrant kinds, under forms of law, by people who assume to

represent the people they help to rob and oppress.

Do not be discouraged when reactionaries are in the saddle and riding hard, but turn aside from the contest and rest in God.

The masters, the rulers and the judges are on trial, and a pretty case they are making for themselves. Already the verdict is clear in the minds of you, the jury. But do not interrupt the proceedings by shooting the arraigned, lest you be in contempt of the great Judge. The Judge of the whole earth will attend to matters when the case is heard. Trust him!

"The day cometh that shall burn as an oven, and all the proud, yea, all that do wickedly, shall be stubble, and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root or branch." Take this literally.

If you still wish news from the spirit, of the inside of the things, not forecasts but what is happening and not reported, sit for it in silence, asking specific questions, written or spoken, and then be discrete with what you receive. H.G.

Stirring Times Ahead

THE NEW WORLD was first to announce a transformation of socialism, and it has come. The change is not over yet. Even in Russia there will be further modifications.

It seems indeed that the reactionaries are in full control. But only by being so can they destroy themselves. Their time is only for a few years yet.

The last four years have been trying but glorious. The world has been schooled in liberty thru experiencing oppression.

There is no occasion for despair, but rather for hope. I am glad to

have in a measure advised you during the last four years. For a time I may be silent. But lose not heart. The right shall win, and sooner than you think.

J. A. WAYLAND.

I Grow as Plants

Translated from the very ancient Egyptian Book of the Dead by Spirit William Shakespeare.

I GROW as plants: though cast in to the mud,

Though buried in the dust,
The seeming evil turns to real good;
For, dry as must,

And hard and dead before, then do I live,

And find my life in what I thought was death.

So truth in losing gains, to get doth give

And what it hath not hath.

—WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE.

The Skull Speaks

The Chinese tell the story of a skull, Bleached, and the man who had it all forgotten.

That to a question asked it about death Made this reply: In death there is no ruler Nor any subject. The work of the four seasons

In death is unknown. The dead do not fear death,

Knowing they have not died.

Why He Is Radical

I am asked if I do not consider it preposterous that Shakespeare should be a radical now. I do not. For four centuries he has been belittled because he was of the common people and self educated, seeking to steal his marvellous works and give them to various "nobles." No man ever had greater reason to become radical than Shakespeare since his death. When will people learn that Shakespeare is supreme because he was a genius, and that genius means inspired by spirits?

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as base balls, which floated away in all directions. Some of these balls followed trolly and electric light wires. An electric switchboard on a cross street was ripped open, leaving the town in darkness."

Earth's Roof Is Falling In

Cyclones are increasing in number. At least, reports of them are. If they are caused by portions of the "islands of the sky" being jarred loose by nebula, then, truly, the roof of the world is falling in. Even though there is no special acceleration of these things over the past, still, the fact that fragments of the "heaven" firmament have fallen through the centuries suggests a possibility that some day a proper jar from some outside forces, such as striking a nebula or comet, might precipitate the whole thing to earth. If shingles should drop from a house for ten years, you would have reason to believe that the whole roof was a wreck.

Further Hints of Wreckage

Denials from organized knowledge, so far from being assuring, are really the more alarming. What they say is as much speculation, in an effort to explain facts, as this is. If science, anxious to explain ball electricity and static or stationary electricity, makes elaborate preparations in a nominal attempt to hear from Mars, and then does actually hear tremendous knocking and pounding, all its denials that things have fallen from the skies in abundance count for nothing.

You who have read Donnelly's description of the Chicago and forest fires, which he attributes to the swish of a comet's tail, will remember how his findings coincide with all that has been told in the foregoing. Fort suggests that many cases of forest fires and so-called spon-

taneous combustion may be caused by a fall of burning stuff from the heavens.

Possibly, also, the waterspout is a similar phenomenon. The falling solid creates a vacuum in its wake that acts like a tube or syphon, and through this the water rushes upward.

How the Islands Are Sustained

That there might be the remains of the old canopy yet suspended in heavens, from 100 to 500 miles above the earth, that are classified by some as islands of the sky and by others as dark moons, suggests unknown laws to sustain solids above the earth. The moon is so sustained. The rings of Saturn are so sustained, near him. As indicated by what has come before, ball electricity seems to leisurely "float" in the air. Possibly levitation is a natural manifestation of a force that is not yet understood.

But, you might ask, how could the light of the sun pierce these solids? It might so shine around the islands of the sky and the arches that yet connect the cups that surround the poles as to make then normally invisible. Perhaps the poles are frigid because so capped that the sun can't shine on them. You know, in summer, it appears to go 'round and 'round, in the south, and in winter is not seen at all. Perhaps borealis is a reflection of the broken edge of the old expanse. The outer surface may be warm.

What It All Means

All this is predicated on much data but is not yet fully proved. Yet it clears many things that accepted theories do not; it connects up with world-wide tradition; it agrees with the bible, taken literally; it suggests possibilities of tremendously

big new discoveries which are excluded by following the limited vision of the old concepts. Further, it suggests a possibility that a vast change may be near, with a means of determining whether or not it is

imminent. Anything that enlarges human vision is good; for theories exist only to do that, and when they limit investigation deserve to be set aside for larger theories. But theories are not good till acted upon.

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The Comradeship Circle

JOIN US in the Quiet Hour or Comradeship Circle every Sunday evening from 7 to 8 and for ten minutes in the early morning. Come in your own way. The Circle is becoming a battery that comforts, strengthens and solves problems. Let us remember it and increase its force for good and for communion with each other, with spirits loved and great, and with God.

New World Books

DRAMAS OF KANSAS, by Lincoln Phifer, tells of more than twenty big social ideas that have been worked out in daring and original manner by Kansas, while the world looked on and gasped. Kansas was visited by white people from two directions before either Massachusetts or Virginia were settled, and has more history than any other state, hence the book has a nation-wide appeal. Reviewed by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, praised by Eugene V. Debs, used by club women of Kansas, taught in the schools. Develops a new literary form that is being copied by many authors. 200 pages, illustrated, cloth bound; a regular dollar book, 75 cents.

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Things That Are Seen and Not Told

GARRETT P. SERVISS, the astronomer, as if in reply to the feeling of future cataclysms such as *The New World* has been forecasting, (I know *The New World* has been sent him by a friend), recently printed a syndicated article, in which he stated that science knew nothing about anything but small aerolites falling from the heavens. Almost simultaneous with this publication, Boni & Liverworth, of New York, bring out a book by Charles Fort, devoted to proof that science does know of these things, in abundance.

This volume is called *The Book of the Damned* (\$1.50), because "by damned I mean the excluded," the excluded of science. All the data in this book, which covers literally thousands of cases, is taken from scientific works, the date, the place, the publication that told of it, all being printed. The comment consists in argument as to why the explanation of science is not plausible.

The Red Sun Sets

The author begins by referring to something that half the elderly people of the world can remember, that is, the red sunsets of 1883 and for seven years thereafter. He shows that the scientists, admitting the phenomena, which is perhaps the best attested thing in the book, attribute it to dust from the volcano Karatoo, which on August 28, 1883, blew up, killing some 36,000 people. But he shows that the red sunsets were visible in Natal, South Africa, and in Australia, six months before the eruption. His theory of the red sunsets and of the blue moons that came near the same time is that a nebula came into earth's atmosphere, exploded and

descended as dust, the volcano being a reflex of that.

Analogous to this are the falls of red rains in Europe during several years. They were said to be caused by red sand blown from the Sahara desert. Millions of tons of it must have fallen and the author quotes extensively to show that much of the dust consisted of organic matter and some decomposed with offensive smell. Beside, the sand of Sahara is white rather than red.

Black Rains as Well

But black rains fell—particularly in Switzerland and as far down as the Cape of Good Hope—in January, 1911. There were no manufacturing centers near to cloud the air with smoke.

Red snows and black snows have fallen in various parts of the world on numerous occasions, as the author cites, with dates and authorities; and, on analysis, these were found to be colored chiefly by organic matter, which must have fallen to the weight of many tons.

Stones of pyramidal shape have fallen from the sky more than once.

Fall of Animal Matter

There have been authenticated reports of falls of animal matter, including fish, frogs, edible gelatine, water flavored like oranges, red meats, salt, sugar, in tons upon tons, covering wide territories, sometimes repeated day after day in one locality. There have been falls of sulphur, blocks of limestone, coke, coal and cinders, bitumen, resin and blocks of ice having stratas and bearing icicles. Manufactured articles have fallen in quantities, such as fragments of cloth resembling silks and cottons, yet neith-

er, to the amount of tons; stuff like butter; stone wedges, arrows, bronze axes and iron instruments. Snails of kinds unknown on earth, living snakes of new species, living frogs, lizards and black insects of kinds unknown to science, all have fallen from the sky in quantities. The implements have come as "thunderstones," things that are believed in almost every land, accompanied by lightning, yet meteoric in nature.

Inscribed Articles

A stone nine feet long fell in Mexico in 1910, bearing circles, 6s, and dots and dashes. A cross of silver, all arms the same length, fell in Georgia in 1881, bearing the letters IYNKICIDU, except that the Ds are turned the wrong way and the K is upside down. In no less than half a dozen spots on earth there are cup like markings on rocks, arranged in straight lines and in groups as though to convey a message; and these were discovered in familiar places where they had not been seen before.

There are also findings that seem to upset geological theories. An iron instrument was found embedded in a lump of coal in Scotland, seven feet under the surface, "considered to be modern." At Dorchester, Mass., out of a bed of solid rock, a bell shaped instrument of unknown metal was recovered, with floral design, inlaid with silver, "the art of a skilled workman."

A nail was found at Springfield, Mass., in 1901, in auriferous quartz. In Nevada there are innumerable footprints of human form, but twenty inches long, in solid rock. In Virginia there are little crosses, exquisitely worked, about an inch in length, together

with tools that look like the smallest of toys.

Author's Explanation

The author explains all these phenomena with the theory that "Somewhere aloft there is a place of origin of life relative to earth—the planet Genesistine, an island in a Super Sargasso Sea." He further thinks it possible that nebula or tramp planets have often come near the earth, and their intelligences have visited this planet and left tracings of it—some the "giants of those days," as well as pygmies,—memory of which has been preserved to us in the legends of fairies. "Perhaps, far up, the whole sky is geytaneous; that meteors tear through and detach fragments—that the twinkling of stars is penetration of light through something that trembles." He bases his idea of there being many solid patches in the sky, near the earth's atmosphere, on numerous observations of scientists, often of seeing these passing over the discs of the sun, moon, or stars. He estimates their size as varying from that of Brooklyn to the size of England. They are the "many mansions" in the Father's House.

Millions of Angels Seen

The author goes further, and tells of astronomers who observed, passing over the moon's disc, millions of living organisms, looking like flying angels, having wings. Sometimes it required several nights for them to pass, indicating the movement of billions, and many looked, all seeing the same things. These have been seen many times, from different parts of the world.

During the past month a French astronomer claims to have discovered that earth's atmosphere extends 250 miles high, instead of the eight miles hitherto assigned to it. Astronomers seem to be reaching out after the excluded, the "damned," in order to account for "static electricity" and other facts that at present do not fit in with their theories.

My Own Observations

For many months I have been studying fossils. For the most part I find them, including shells of water animals, imbedded in rocks that have clearly been melted. They also appear most generally on hills. The general explanation is that they were deposits of water when all the earth was covered by it, and that up-

heavals have melted the rocks and piled them on high. To me it seems more plausible to think that they never did live on the earth—that they were from old, wrecked worlds, and were fused into the rock from traveling in nebula, being cast on the earth in piles of mountains and hills. The fact that a few of these species are still found on the earth—though for the most part they are not—can be explained by the theory that some fell from above, into the water and lived. What a romance is here! The author of the Book of the Damned agrees with this supposition, that much of earth life has been placed on it from outside sources. This may account for the fact that every geological system, each marked by great nebular falls, finds new species of life. Man is the chief form of earth life at this age. The new age to be may bring a better form, and the age of man may pass, as the ages of reptiles and birds passed before him. He may remain, but not to dominate the world that he so mismanaged.

There is a surprising awakening of the negro in the south.

The White Man's World Is Slipping from His Grasp

ONLY a month ago The New World printed an article purporting to be by Spirit Napoleon, in which he said that his next work was to humble England, his last unpunished enemy. At the same time I printed an article presumably by the Apostle Paul, saying in effect that the white man had failed, and the yellow, the red and the black were now to be given their chance. In view of these two declarations, the following from the Outlook will be of much interest:

"Evidently the 'South Africa for the Dutch' cause is gaining strength. Its leaders demand virtual independence of the British empire. They are encouraged by the knowledge that the Dutch population of South Africa is numerically running away from the British. Sixteen years ago more than half of the white population was British. Today only some 40 per cent of the 1,400,000 whites are British. And the Dutch block every attempt of

the British to make up for their inferior birth rate by getting special legislation to encourage British immigration. The future of South Africa is not a cheerful subject for a British imperialist to contemplate.

"Yet to the man of long vision the struggle of white against white in South Africa is a mere side show. The real conflict is the struggle of white against black. The negro problem of the United States of America is child's play beside the negro problem of the Union of South Africa. Ten years ago the negro walked only in the streets of South African cities. Today he walks on the sidewalks. Ten years ago the black skilled labor was a negligible quantity. Today it is beginning to drive out white skilled labor. The blacks are alive to their opportunities, they have learned from the whites, they have formed their own labor unions. The slumber of your white man in Johannesburg who has dined not wisely

but too well can be broken by no more disturbing dream than the nightmare of black bolshevism.

"A black man's country was South Africa in the beginning; will it be a black man's country in the end? None but a blind man can fail to see that present tendencies in radical development there cannot be very long continued without a crisis being reached."

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Their Name for It

While no response has come from Mars, they who have listened in big electric ears report grinding and pounding noises, from what they call static or earth electricity. If spirits are not trying to communicate, then surely the earth machine is squeaking badly since the oil has been taken from its bearings.

Feudalism Does It

ONE of the surest evidences of the return of feudalism at this time is the renewed influence the Catholic church is gaining in the world. It is feudalistic in organization, yet has managed to maintain itself through the period when new lands to exploit gave freedom for a time from feudalism. Now, when the reins are tightening because the resources and wealth are again in the hands of the few, the old feudalistic organization fits in with the new order. Says Current Opinion:

"Only the Vatican has emerged from the war stronger than it was when the war began. Even Rumania and Japan are effecting their compromises with the new world power. At a time when every government on the continent of Europe is revealing signs of internal weakness, when republics totter and kings live in exile, the sovereign pontiff reigns gloriously.

"The court of Benedict XV is now the most important in Europe. Its diplomatic receptions throw the house of Savoy into the shade. The journalists repair to the Vatican and not to the Quirinal for the great news of the day. Sometimes it has to do with special missions from Bohemia, where the intervention of the pope seems alone competent to handle the domestic crisis. Again it will be an envoy from Hungary, where the Vatican is supreme. Again it may be a rescript concerning the Ukraine. Wherever one turns, the evidences of the vitality and triumph of Vatican diplomacy greet the eye and Benedict XV reigns with undisputed sway from Bolivia, which has recently sent him an envoy, to Japan, "the latest government to make application for the recognition that has so graciously been accorded to the French republic."

They say there was once an explanation that did not need explaining, but the rumor has not been confirmed.

Lines from Letters

Everyone here is talking panic. It seems to be in the air.

It is the duty of all radicals to give Russia a chance. Quite enough oppo-

sition is coming from those who would extinguish the lamp of what Gene calls "that land of living light."

I agree that the time is near when conscription of labor will be attempted here in order to more strongly entrench the exploiters.

"A Son of Abraham"

A Kenoyer, California

HE had bidden good bye to the emigrant train,

Which was bound for the land of gold,
And near the Black Hills he staked his claim
Where the winters were bleak and cold.

With a grasshopper plow he turned the sod,
And cut it to fit with a spade,
Where on Sundays he'd preach the word of God,

As soon as his church was made.

The church had a floor of buffalo grass,
With a dandelion here and there
Which seemed to bow their heads in mass
When the worshippers knelt in prayer.

To kneel was the easiest way to rest,
For the temple had not a seat;
They had their choice, the damned and the blest—

They could kneel, or stand on their feet.

When the walls were up and the roof was thatched,

He would sit and meditate,
While his boots he greased and his pants he patched.

Getting ready to dedicate.

Through the holes in the wall, for windows meant,

And a door of like design,
The incense of spring by the wind was sent.
The fragrance of blossom and vine.

His hearers consisted of odds and ends
Of eastern discontent,
Some of them trying to make new friends,
And others on mischief bent.

The crowd that responded to hear him preach
Had caused the parson to doubt
Whether they came to hear him teach
Or to bodily throw him out.

But none could resist the smile on his face,
Nor the grip of his calloused band,
As he stood near the door of his homely place
To welcome his doubtful band.

He preached of a Heaven beyond the skies,
With a hell so close you could smell it;
You could almost hear the sobs and sighs,
So plainly this preacher could tell it.

The cowman would dig his spurs in the sod,
And the drunkard would turn his head,
To think what they'd get if this preacher's God

Ever found either one dead.

He tied the knot at the wedding feast,
And laughed and roared and joked,
And most of the knots stayed tied at least
Till one of the parties croaked.

With "ashes to ashes and dust to dust,"
He laid the dead to rest,
Bidding their mourning friends to trust
They had reached the land of the blest.

Near the buffalo licks stands a crumbling wall,

Some graves and a sunken well,
Whose silence proclaim his rise and fall
Better than words can tell.

Opinions of Others

W. A. Redding, Colorado: You see the desperate thing coming on the world in a more correct light than anyone with whom I am in touch. Periodicity is the key. And we are in a variety of cycle-endings, big and little. It is going to smash things all to rags, but a new order of things is to come through them. I do so wish the new thoughter and Christian Science people would add to their valuable wisdom a little more on this age-ending knowledge. But they hypnotize themselves around the situation, instead of meeting it face to face.

Guy Bogart, California: Each month brings us nearer the crisis in world events. I welcome whatever may come, knowing that good will evolve after the depths are reached. I am glad I introduced Jacques Bounin to The New World. He is an enthusiastic comrade and thinks a great deal of your work.

Miss J. P. Hascall, Florida: It is good to remember the early morning hour, when the earth is fresh and beautiful, good to remember with gratitude the time when all things will be made new and will stay fresh and beautiful, good to believe that the blessed time is near, so near that we may come into it.

A Good Beginning

Big things often begin in a small way. I suggest a pooling of libraries and current publications, so as to enable all of us what all have and get. No one will lose but all gain from such arrangement. This may prove a beginning of local self help.

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Little Observations

Seems strange the lowest wage is the hardest to raise.

We will have three "castes" as long as we have wages, salaries and incomes.

Nature will prove to be the world's weigh master.—P. W. Meredith, Oregon.

Humanity and the Mysterious Knight, by Max Stauffer, San Antonio, Tex., \$1.50, is a mighty clever and interesting story, and foreshadowed many events and inventions that have appeared since it was published.

The New World is not yet fully adjusted to new conditions and is a little smaller than intended. Yet you will find it boiled down and crowded full, even more so than common

Governor Frazier, of North Dakota, says the worst ism in the world is journalism.

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FOR PRESIDENT

EUGENE V. DEBS OF INDIANA

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

SEYMOUR STEADMAN OF ILLINOIS

PERIODICTY is a prime law of nature. The shortest natural period is the solar day; then comes the lunar month; then the year. Beyond the year is the Great Year of the Egyptians, the Ring of the Hindus, the Historical Year of experience, lasting approximately 500 years. As the day has aspects of light and darkness, the month light and dark of the moon, the year summer and winter, so has the Historical Year its period of growth and its period of decay. The commercial age began with the crusades, five centuries ago. It has now reached the age of disintegration. Therefore all human institutions are going to pieces. Nothing can prevent it. The next normal condition is the stagnation of feudalism. But there is still greater natural period, the Hindu Round, the Geological Age, which the writer believes to be ending now, which would, if closing, arrest stagnation by natural cataclysms. Such is the only time when it would be possible for Jesus to accomplish the work he laid out for himself; therefore, the writer believes him to be present, as a spirit, in his second advent, "with thousands of the holy angels with him," directing the world in its supreme crisis. The final outcome will be a new day, a new Great Year, an actual new earth, favorable for righteous and happy living. There will be new institutions, but not of man, new religion, not Christianity, and real opportunity for all, with material and spiritual life in daily intercourse.

Now free Debs.

Trust God. He is your Father, feels for you and will protect you.

Lies and conspiracies are the real circulating mediums of plutocracy.

Save! Food especially. Thousands of Americans will starve and freeze to death next winter.

It appears that after all the war was only a game, for England actually holds the jack pot.

Even Jesus could not escape the reaping of the world harvest in his age. And you can't now.

Liars and hypocrites have set aside the constitution long enough. It is time to free political prisoners.

There will be starvation in America next winter. Yet America was never so "prosperous" as now.

Profiteering plunderers of the people go utterly unpunished, but the true patriots are in prison.

Your little schemes for escaping the result of five centuries of exploitation are barricades of soap bubbles.

Not one problem of the crisis has been solved. The problems are being merely beaten down and so intensified.

If Wannamaker can sell twenty per cent lower than formerly and

still make money, he ought to be hung as a profiteer.

I am studying ball lightning in its relation to cyclones. If you hear of any recent strange manifestations send me reports at once.

Mexico, nearest a socialistic country of any on earth, Russia excepted, has been brought back into the exploiters' fold. Russia next!

Contraction has begun. Some would slow down gradually, others with a rush. But, one way or another, the slowing down has started.

It is time to lift America's disgrace. Send a post card to the President and another to your congressman, demanding the immediate release of all political prisoners.

Millions of sympathetic and powerful spirits are working together to effect this great change with the least possible danger and discomfort to such as keep out of the way.

People are amusement crazy because changed atmospheric conditions have set them literally insane. And dancing can readily be changed to homicidal frenzy.

The supreme court has ruled that corporations do not have to pay taxes on stock dividends. It means over two billion additional profits to them. Of course. What are appointed judges for?

If The New World were suspended you would think of it with the same open mind that you do the dead: you would study past forecasts, and where they were fulfilled would freely admit and tell others of it. Be as generous as it is. Keep every paper and study them for fulfillments. I leave the finding of them in your hands.

Guard your temper. Changing heavens are making all nervous and family quarrels come easy now. Return of Elijah (probably as a spirit) was promised for just such an occasion, in order that he might "turn the hearts of the fathers unto the children and of the children unto the fathers." The alternative is "a curse"—a terrible calamity. But the great spirits are near, now, to "bear you up in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone."

How Did the Prophets Know?

We are near the time when radical publications will be unable to buy paper at any price. But this is only the beginning of the planned enslavement of the people. You will probably yet see all radical or suspected people listed, and a general refusal to buy anything of them or

sell anything to them. Think over what this would mean. ¶ It is precisely what the bible forecasts. The Man of Sin or Sin of Man (rule) is in the last to "forbid to buy or sell." ¶ How did the writers know of this two thousand years ago? Surely they were told (inspired) by spirits who had been through other age-endings and knew. ¶ And why is it, if we are not at the supreme crisis of the ages, this thing, predicted for that crisis, is coming to pass?

The Conditions Are Fulfilled

Conditions of the Judgment "Day" are being fulfilled. The white people, loudly pleading their good intentions, have been given control of the world. Ignoring the past, they have in the present been tried by test. ¶ Their own testimony of themselves has revealed hypocrisy, conquest, oppression, suppression, robbery, mismanagement, waste. ¶ They have almost exhausted oil, the last remaining resource, in three brief years. In no sense have they proven adequate. ¶ After this showing there can be no just complaint if the sins of the centuries are visited on this generation.

We Might Save Ourselves

Alcohol has become the curse of the world. It may become its salvation. ¶ While we are exhausting physical earth by robbing her of oil, enough alcohol might be made from purely waste vegetation, through almost the same simple processes employed in preparing silage, to run all our autos and heat all our houses. ¶ Thousands know this, but the big machine wants to keep the world in ignorance of it, for only in that way can it maintain its feudalism and exploitation.

Nature's Most Plentiful Product

The scarcity of sugar is artificial. In process of growth nature turns everything into sugar, so that sweets are the easiest made and quickest made of all products. ¶ Did we shake off the hypnotism of the big machine, every family might make its own sugar, out of almost anything, at almost no cost. They are making sugar even out of sawdust. ¶ But we shall have to suffer enforced starvation and consequent enslavement until we shake off our hypnotism and practice community self help.

False Truth

New World
Essayette.

TRUTH at one time is not true at another. In the spring it is true that the ground is covered with grass. But in winter it is covered with snow instead. That which is true at the beginning of an age is not going to be true at its close. Demonism was probably true at one time; and just as probably not true at another. It may be true again. So may fairies. Science is not absolute. It is merely an effort to tell things as they are. After awhile changes in nature may make it wrong, just as the old science is wrong now. It is doubtful if any man ever told a willful lie; but we see only what we have been taught to see, and so reject more than half the truth and tell much that is false. In playing the game of life the successes are such as are most enthusiastic and see the board as it is for the next move—not as it ought to be or will be, but as it is. The positive man—the affirmer—wins when the cards are stacked on his side; when they are not he loses. Truth may not be right; as, it is true there is war, but it is not right that there is. Or, truth may be relatively right, yet wrong in itself; as—disease is right, considered as to causes, all that could come, yet there ought not to be disease.

Answers to Objections

Your paper is intensely interesting, but what if you are wrong? Will not the laugh be on you—and us?

If I am right, a file of The New World may sell for a fabulous sum. If I am wrong, it will still be at a premium, as a curiosity. The laugh will be on those who don't take it and keep it.

You are too serious. Instead of seeing a crisis ahead, to me the situation is simply laughable.

I think all are beginning to see the crisis and that it is increasing rather than decreasing. At the same time, it may keep one from going insane from sorrow to recognize that it is a big show and that there are actually humorous features in it. See it all!

I cannot accept your argument as to periodicity. To me it seems that ages do not end but go right on.

Things do go right on. Yet day, night, month, summer, winter, year, are natural periods and do end. The fact that I speak of The New World indicates that I look for a continuation after this age ends. You may not be able to tell the "day or the

hour" when an age ends, just as you cannot lay a straight edge to a shadow, or give the instant at which night falls, but they all come. And, as with the year, the new comes as the old goes, and not before.

You are too much like all the prophets, Hebrew included, in expecting too much to happen in your time. This geological age will doubtless end as others have ended before, but I think it will be several centuries before it does.

Study prophetic chronology and you will find the prophets all came at age-endings, and things did happen in their time. Things are happening now, faster than ever known. The geological age may possibly not end now, but things look more like it than ever before.

Where? New World Parable

"**THIS** is ice," said the Mother to her child. Soon the warm air of the room melted the ice and the Child asked where it had gone. "It is water," said the Mother; "it was water all along." A little later the warmth caused the water to disappear. "Where is the water?" asked the Child. "I cannot see it." "No," said the Mother; "yet it is as real as when part of it was seen in the water, and when the water was so solid it might be carried in the hands."

"Where does the Life go when it leaves the body?" asked the Larger Child.

What Ye Sow New World Fable

A CERTAIN Western Farmer sowed some thistledown on the plains. "It amuses me," he said, "and can do no harm." But the thistle became a pest that involved him as well as his neighbors in much hard work.

"They that sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind."

In that Day N. W. Scriptural Reading

General casting down, Isa. 20: 21. People hide in caves, Isa. 3: 18, Humiliation of fashionable women, Isa. 4: 1. Women solicit motherhood, 10: 20-21. Return to Israel. Isa. 18: 27-28. Natural catastrophes, Isa. 13: 9-13. Deliverance and rejoicing, chap. 20.

Fear of Black Supremacy

England has passed a law in South Africa forbidding a black man to buy land from a white man.

New World Philosophy

The impulse is the soul's pulse. A man is what he has tried to be. When everybody quotes nobody proves.

Many men with good aim do not hit the mark.

Friends tell me what I can do, foes what I should do.

The ship of state is lordship and often hardship.

Flowers are a frolic, a sort of visible Divine laughter.

Whatever gift you may have, it is not a gift till you give it.

Right thoughts are good; but the exploiters won't consider them.

I care little for states and churches, but much for life and religion.

There is no appeal from the supreme court when the girl says no.

Overeating is unconstitutional, but it is common, just the same.

Things are never quite so bad or quite so good as they are thought to be.

Self government is bad enough, but selfish government by the few is infinitely worse.

If you have the courage to speak out, you must also have the patience to be kicked out.

If you would live forever, live to make the world of life better, for life will live forever.

Biffens is a distinguished man from the fact that he is not related to any distinguished men.

I would that everybody were good, so that I would never have to hear people talk about being good.

Look in your hand! The palm is the ocean. Each finger is a mountain chain. The hand not only makes all things, but it also is all things.

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darkness cannot put out a light.

the devil is a self made fellow.

folly in the heart flies out of the mouth-

no man is eloquent to one who does't like him.

you can go up hill or down hill on the same road.

he only fails who allows failure to make him fail.

the mustard plaster has a pull, but what is it worth after using it?

sin tries to look so little that she is developing prodigious corns.

as not many men attend prayer meeting, the male population of heaven is probably made up largely of those who have been hanged.

How to Get Results

JOIN US in the Quiet Hour or Comradeship Circle every Sunday evening from 7 to 8 and for ten minutes in the early morning. Come in your own way. The Circle is becoming a battery that comforts, strengthens and solves problems. Let us remember it and increase its force for good and for communion with each other, with spirits loved and great, and with God.

You can be healed through the Comradeship Circle. But the Circle is not the healing force. The power that heals is God; natural virtue; the Divine that is within. I have neither time or inclination to quarrel over terms or understandings. Use the path that opens to your feet. The agency of healing is faith; not beliefs but faith. Believe and you shall receive.

And you may have communion with choice souls here and beyond, in the Comradeship Circle. With God also. And you may so prepare your spirit that you shall be saved in the trying hour that awaits.

Only, none of these things is the important matter. The really big thing is that nature herself shall be healed and the world made over for good at this time, and this even in spite of the fact that it may entail suffering and danger. He who would avoid it shrinks from the best thing that could happen. It is better to go right on, taking what may come, so that you have the Divine comfort and joy, that you may help and instruct and encourage others when all seems black to them. "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

These Holy Patriots

Paris.—Socialization of men and the elevation of girl mothers to national heroines is the proposal of Professor Carnot of the Academy of Medicine of Paris, who sees in that proposed innovation in the French social system the only hope of saving the republic from race suicide.

His project includes the creation of a "voluntary maternity corps" to be composed of girls willing to become mothers in order to present children to the state.

"It Will Never Be Over"

It is quite conceivable that ours is the last generation for many generations that will go freely about the world; that will have abundance of leisure and

science and free speech and abundant art and much beauty and many varied occupations. We talk about when the war will be "over" and when we shall be able to go back to everything just as it was before the war. The war and its consequences will never be "over," and we have not even begun to realize what it has cost us.—H. G. Wells.

Will Be Written Later

THE STORY of Business cannot be written now. Those who attempt it write either with passion to condemn it, and cannot get a hearing, or with convention, to help it. Not until profits are ended and big cities have ceased to be, not until lust of gain and fear of failure have passed away, can the real story be written. When it is written, it will be the biggest field for poetry, romance and humor that was ever opened. Chivary and buccaneering will not compare to it. The modern love story, which is colored from the system, will be only a small part of the new story to come. Take notes, man, take notes.

The New Earth

Behold the new earth,
Ironclads run,
The trenches are covered with grass.
Vines clamber over arsenals.
Flowers bloom on deserted forts.
Women love and children play
"The ransomed of the Lord return
And come to Zion
With everlasting joy upon their heads,"
And all over and about
The air is full of the scent of flowers
And the trickling fall of fountains;
And free souls have started on the
Great Adventure to find God.

—Dr. Geo. W. Carey, Los Angeles.

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Part Truths

ALL THINGS that men believe are partly true;

No faith embraces all. Men truly live After the change called death. Some may go on

To higher spheres; others be so wearied They hibernate till resurrection day, Or lie like seed germs, dormant. Some may so Neglect the spirit that it also dies, Ending all life for them; and some so yearn For earth-life that they come through gates of birth

Into the world anew. Some are so gross They haunt men and obsess them. Some there are

Created spirits, higher than the human. And never of it. There are elementals, Shades that advanced not in world evolution But retrograded. Permeating all Is God, the general Life, knowing all things Because he is all things; for every atom Is living and intelligent.

It Is a Message

Several times I have said that The New World is a message rather than a newspaper. If it were a mere paper, it would be good policy to print what the readers would probably like best. Instead of doing that, I have told socialists that political socialism was on the rocks, and spiritists that their old conceptions were too narrow to meet the conditions of the present. As a message, I feel my responsibility to tell what is given rather than what would please. The message has been pressing on me for almost forty years. The warnings that have been given are working out in fact.

DRAMAS OF KANSAS, by Lincoln Phifer, tells of more than twenty big social ideas that have been worked out in daring and original manner by Kansas, while the world looked on and gasped. Kansas was visited by white people from two directions before either Massachusetts or Virginia were settled, and has more history than any other state, hence the book has a nation-wide appeal. Reviewed by Ella Wheeler-Wilcox, praised by Eugene V. Debs, used by club women of Kansas, taught in the schools. Develops a new literary form that is being copied by many authors. 200 pages, illustrated, cloth bound; a regular dollar book, 75 cents.

Making One Unnecessary

The purpose of the teacher is not to build a permanent business, but to prepare the pupils so they will no longer need instruction. The message of The New World has not been so much to build up a permanent business as to get its readers where they can apply the instruction for themselves—in other words to make The New World unnecessary for them.

How to Escape

A western farmer has figured that wheat he sold for \$2.50 a bushel he bought back as puffed wheat at \$36 per bushel. The big machine did it. Community self help might prevent such extortion.

HAMLET IN HEAVEN is a five-act, twenty-scene drama, taking up the characters of the original Hamlet, and showing the tangle was unsnarled in the spirit world. It was supposedly written by Spirit William Shakespeare, and is the only composition published in which every character is a spirit and every scene is laid on the other side. It has been favorably mentioned by Theodore Roosevelt, Conan Doyle and many others who know or knew good literature.

The Spirit Press

Contributions in this department are presumably by the spirits whose names are attached to them. Believe what you please about them.

From the Last Fall

RECENT EVENTS seem to confirm Wapoolego, the indian spirit who claims to have died in the catastrophe that cast the Rocky and Andes mountains on the western continent, to the effect that these came long after the continent itself was formed.

There were severe earthquakes in Mexico and Central America, repeated through more than two months. Chili, in South America, also was visited by upheavals.

Wapoolego insists that these phenomena are due, not to accepted causes, but rather to the fact that the lower part of the bulk of rock, which fell from Heaven when the mountain chain was formed, is still hot, while the top is covered with snow. He denies that the center of the earth is hot or even warm, but attributes the increase of heat, as man penetrates earth, to so much foreign matter falling in half melted state so long ago and yet retaining some of the old heat.

The difference in temperature between the upper and lower parts of the deposit is sufficient, he declares, to now and then produce earthquakes and volcanoes merely through the cooling of the lower part, and particularly when water percolates to the hot bottom and produces steam. When the pressure of oil or gas is removed from hollow places in the earth, through modern operations, there is a tendency to settle, and this brings the quake. If this theory is right—and it is given by spirits, not as a theory, but as positive knowledge,—then the tremors are sure to become more violent and frequent, due to man's disturbances of natural balances.

There are ruins of many cities in Yucatan and Peru. These, Wapoolego asserts, were destroyed and buried by "tailings" from the Heavenly deposit, and are further proof of the new, revolutionary thoughts that he is advancing.

"GATH."

Washington's New Vision

I SEEMED to see a cloud shaped like the United States, and many

little clouds were added to it. And the great cloud grew tumultuous and separated into five parts. Afterward these were broken up and all was blown away. Beware, my countrymen, lest this vision be fulfilled.

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THE FIRST FEW chapters of the bible tell of the "firmament" above the earth, and explain that it was identical with what was afterward called "heaven." At the time of the flood "the fountains of the great deep were broken up," and "the waters which were above the firmament" were poured on earth. Previous to the flood there was an invasion of earth by many spirits, as though they sensed a vision that might destroy their line of existence and sought refuge on the plane below. Noah alone knew that, while the firmament might be "heaven," the fall would likely consist largely of water. He proved to be right. The oceans that are on earth at this time probably fell to it when the firmament was "heaven" broken up.

There is much in legend to support this conception. Hindu tradition is full of it. The North American Indians say that earth was first

He Was Not Alone

A PHARISEE said: "Thou art alone; how canst thou hope to prevail against the world?" And Jesus said: "Who told thee I am alone? Surely thou art blind or thou wouldst know that he who is right hath both God with him and every force in the universe is on his side.—Spirit Matthew in Recollections of the Lord.

Spirit News Service

This department is supposed to come from the spirit, from service managed by Spirit Horace Greeley. The New World does not vouch for the truth of any statement made.

ASTRONOMERS are seeing many things that they will not or dare not tell. They are in perplexity and utter consternation over what they see. The effort to communicate with Mars was not so much that as it was attain high altitudes, make observations and find out about the roof of the world. And great grinding and pounding were heard!

It will yet be found that American interests have created the "rebellion" in Mexico. It is a repetition of the Texas episode. States are being inveigled into secession, looking toward annexation. But, even if this were known it would not create great opposition in the United States.

The offensive of Poland against Russia has the physical backing of the Allies, the United States participating. It is world war on the "reds" without the nations involved being told about it.

Turkish hatred of Armenians arises from the same cause as Russian hatred of the Jews. They are absorbing Moslem trade and taking the jobs. Much that is reported about it is trade propaganda.

Workers are being lured from Milwaukee and other radical cities under promise of better jobs. They are hired for a few days, let out; blacklisted and sometimes deported. It is a new way of breaking up radical centers.

H. G.

The New Campaign of Lies

THE CAMPAIGN of lies has started again. Perplexed peoples are nervously dancing and seeking amusements.

Why the propaganda? Interests seeking trade through bloodshed.

Why the conflicting interests? Profits, rent, interest.

Why the fear, the hysterical seeking after pleasure? It means war, disaster, ruin; and the people vaguely sense it.

Yet the campaign of lies will go on, and it will win. The masters know neither justice or mercy, but they do know human nature.

J. A. WAYLAND.

The Blind Saw

Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen.—Milton.

Shall the New World Suspend?

YOU are doubtless familiar with the unusual newspaper situation. Within the last two months, no less than 2,000 newspapers in America, big and little, have gone under. There is now a movement to take print paper out of the hands of paper houses and give completely in control of big dailies and state press associations. These will sell it only to such papers as they consider "worthy" of preservation. It means the death of half the papers in America, including practically ALL radical papers.

Eight months ago, before this situation had developed, my guide told me that the first work of The New World was almost over. I represented the idea. I suppose I felt as you did when I told you that socialism and Christianity were due to disintegrate. Never before in my life did I have so well defined a double urge, so long maintained. My own insistence was to continue the paper. The argument of my guides coming over and over, ran something like this: It is a case of losing your (paper's) life to save it. You can suspend now, until such time as community organizations which events will soon force in an imperfect way, shall have eased the coming stress, and then resume. In the meantime you will have leisure to prepare for the second work, a much bigger phase, that is before. If you try to fight it out, you will exhaust yourself, physically and financially, and be largely unfitted for the new work ahead. You have not failed. The warning of the collapse of civilization has been given, and nothing you can say or do from now on can prevent the collapse. Rest for a time, for we have much for you and your good friends yet to do.

Since these warnings began to come, rent has increased, type setting doubled, paper prices tripled, work has held me 14 hours a day until I am worn out, and now I doubt if paper can be bought at all after thirty days. I am personally ready to yield to the importunities of my guides, but first have their consent to lay the matter squarely before you, the third person in the work.

Shall I quit until the threatened panic begins to ease, and then re-

sume, with your cooperation, for the bigger work before? On your response will depend my action. If I try to go on, I must have \$500 pledged.

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Some Readers Say

well address. But to me it seemed very timely and touching. I enclose a new subscription and would appreciate some leaflets to enclose in my correspondence.

Mrs. Pearl Perman, Alabama: I was reading the capitalist papers, and socialist papers, and the combination made me feel panicky sure enough. But my mother sent me your little paper, and it is a great comfort and brings light out of darkness. It is teeming with good things.

Mrs. Lillian K. Bullard, Kas.: It is not right that you should have to spend all your time in getting out The New World, leaving you no time for inspiration. I wish it was so you could get out more books. I recently followed New World advice about leaving the subconscious mind to work out our problems, and feel that a matter that had puzzled me was cleared.

Elmer E. Miller, Wash.: I enjoy reading The New World, and wish it came twice a month instead of only once. I am anxiously awaiting a device that will enable all to communicate with their friends and loved ones who have gone before. I see that Prof. Currie told Edwin Lucian Larkin that radium was the force that produces the phenomena of spiritualism. I have always been of the opinion that it was electricity. With power sufficient to lift heavy objects like pianos, and to twist the rungs out of oak chairs, I should think spirits ought to be able to operate a telegraph instrument.

as mine. I have told you my preference. I have told you the advice of my guides. We have agreed to lay the matter before you, the third parties interested. What do YOU say? Write quick.

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