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A Lesson Worth Remembering

By JUDGE WARREN W. FOSTER. "Lives of great men are not like the lives of the common man. They are like the lives of the common man, but they are not like the lives of the common man."

I shall not forestall either the pleasure or profit of its reading by telling more about it. However, I do want to emphasize one feature of it, Franklin was a printer, and one of the first American publishers.

Poor Richard's (Franklin's) Proverbs are as true today as when he wrote them and possibly, in these extravagant times, when all are bent and struggling along under the "High Cost of Living" they are even more useful than ever.

Thus and easily, a quotable collection of the world's greatest wisdom may be acquired. Here, then, is one of them: "A little neglect may breed great mischief."

Judge Foster's comments on Benjamin Franklin's Thrift and Industry wisdom suggests that no one since Franklin's death, 131 years ago, ever attempted to fill his place in teaching, by printed word, the fundamentals of Thrift and Industry until Henry L. Doherty & Company came along with this campaign, which was started with the commission of rendering a great public service.

Sincerely yours, WILLIAM C. FREEMAN, 117 W. 46th St., New York City.

The Plebiscite To-day in Silesia; A Political Not an Economic Issue

Colonized by 100,000 German 'floaters'—French Say 300,000—to Vote on Self-Determination

Armed Bands Ready To Storm Polls

Berlin Government's Plea Is It Cannot Pay Any Indemnity if Deprived of Rich Coal Region

By William L. McPherson

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Plebiscite an Afterthought Of Gathering at Paris

The Silesian plebiscite was one of the unhappy afterthoughts of the peace conference. It would better have been decided at the end of the war.

There was just as much reason for giving Poland Upper Silesia as there was for giving her Posen and the Polish provinces of Poznan, Lodz, and Katowice.

When your President is asked if I would contribute something to "The Eagle News," I suggested that he ask Benjamin Franklin to do so, and that he request the Editor to "run" in each issue one of "Poor Richard's Proverbs," and to urge upon his readers the wisdom of committing each proverb to memory.

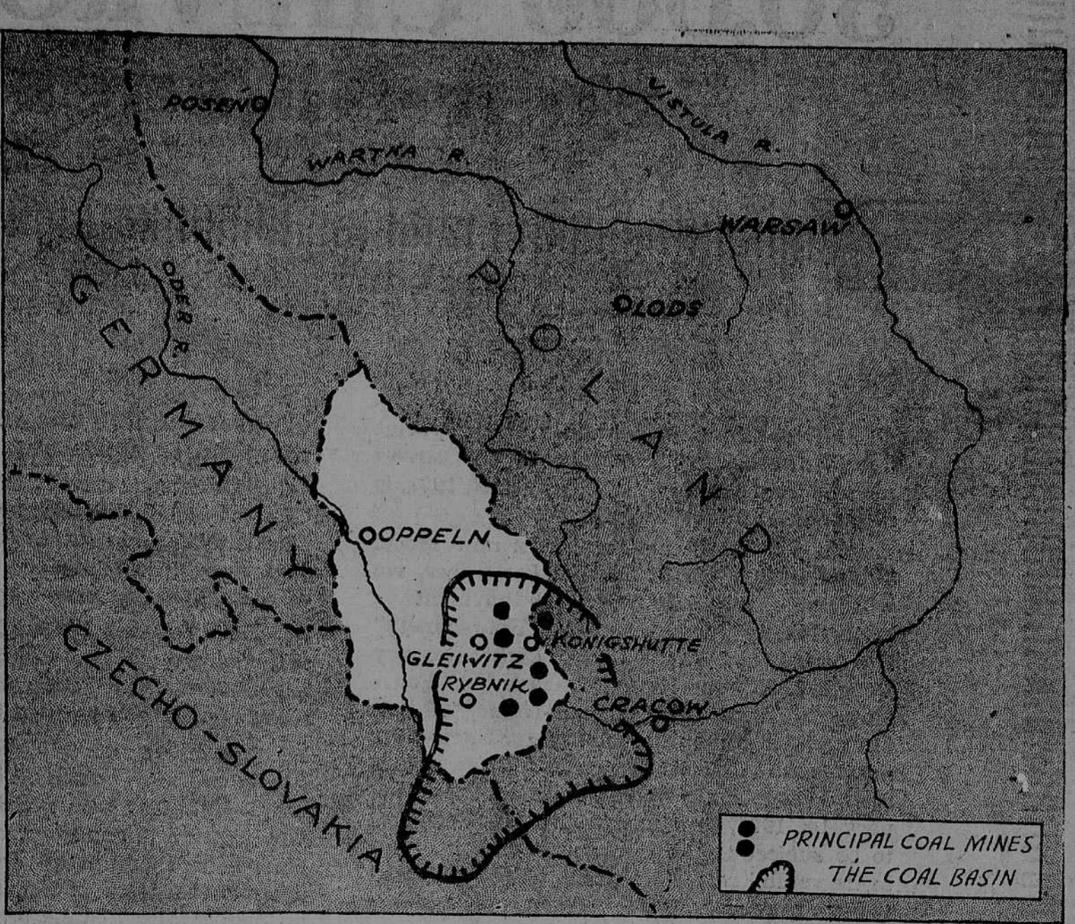
Lloyd George Balked Plan To Give Poland District

The peace conference had planned up to the last minute to give Upper Silesia to Poland. But Lloyd George, who had shown marked indifference to the new Polish state, and had already successfully kept the Poles from annexing Danzig, insisted on a change of program which would keep Germany's title alive and give her a fighting chance to retain her important eastern war materials and coal supply base.

The Germans don't say much about their Upper Silesian war materials. But The Tribune's correspondent in Berlin mentioned some time ago a trip he had made through the plebiscite district with a high German official. At one point the latter called attention to a huge collection of bulletins and unguardedly remarked: "There is the biggest electrical generating plant in the world, except that without the water, which is obtained from the greatest nitrogen recovery plant in Germany. It was built during the war."

The German plea for continued possession of this non-German region is that without it Germany cannot recover her former economic efficiency. Germany, it is explained, cannot pay

The Upper Silesian Plebiscite District



The space in white is the area in which the vote is to be taken to-day. It has an area of approximately 5,000 square miles, with a population of about 2,200,000. The coal mines, in the southeastern section, are its greatest economic asset.

her reparation obligations unless she controls the Upper Silesian coal supply. This has been echoed in Allied countries, and especially by writers who are inclined to look on Poland as an intruder into the old economic order of Central and Eastern Europe.

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God is Light (Spirit, spiritual radium), and in Him is no darkness at all. CHRIST JESUS. (1. John, i. 9) The rays of infinite Truth, when gathered into the focus of ideas, bring light instantaneously, whereas a thousand years of human doctrines, hypotheses, and vague conjectures emit no such effulgence. MARY BAKER EDDY. (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 504.) The radium of spiritual thought-force destroys sin, disease, and death. AUGUSTA E. STETSON, C. S. D.

I HAVE just been reading a number of interesting articles in the press, about Mme. Marie Curie, soon to visit America. One of the articles, which was written by Dr. F. C. Wood, Chairman of the Mme. Marie Curie Radium Fund, appeared on Sunday last in a metropolitan newspaper. As I read Dr. Wood's admirable appreciation of Mme. Curie, the thought of America's great woman Scientist, came to me, and as a feminist, and an American, I earnestly wished that while expressing deep gratitude to the great of other lands, we should not be unmindful of the supreme Scientist of this age, Mary Baker Eddy, who discovered, founded, and established in every part of the world, divine metaphysics, or the healing power of spiritual thought-force, the Science of being, viz., that "man is not material; he is spiritual." (Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, p. 468.)

Dr. Wood tells us how Mme. Curie has analyzed, with infinite patience, tons of ore of pitchblende, in order to obtain a few crystals of the "purified substance," radium; of how her laboratory was little more than a cellar, and how high and day, with selfless devotion, she worked to obtain facts which she hoped might prove useful to the race. The analogy is interesting, as we consider that lonely pioneer in the realm of divine metaphysics, Mary Baker Eddy, sitting through the ponderous and limitless residues of traditional dogmas, creeds, philosophies, theories on art, economics, politics, and medicine, to gain the "purified substance."—Truth.

It is no small thing that in 1896, a woman, Mary Baker Eddy, standing absolutely alone, should have had enough courage, love, and understanding, or the light of Truth, which Christ Jesus declared when he said, "I am the light of the world; he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." referring to his divine ego, or spiritual individuality—I repeat, it is no small thing that she reflected sufficient light or intelligence, which emanates from the source of all intelligence—Spirit, God,—to penetrate these masses of materialistic hypotheses, and uncover the startling reality, that "all causation was Mind, and every effect a mental phenomenon." (Retrospection and Introspection, p. 24.)

What could the theologians say when Mrs. Eddy insisted that the healing and all the miracles (so-called) performed by Christ Jesus, were wrought according to a Principle as accurate and as practical as the principle of mathematics? Theologians preached the letter of Christianity, but she demanded that the spirit of Christ's message be fulfilled. Christ Jesus declared, (John xiv, 12) "Greater works than these shall be [yet] do; because I go unto my Father,—make my oneness with Spirit, God, the Principle of being. It was the same with the medical profession. While Mrs. Eddy had great respect and admiration for the unselfish lives of its members, nevertheless she challenged the use of the word "science" as applied to the practice of medicine. Can Science, Truth, be tentative? Can two plus two equal four to-day, and seven to-morrow? No. Then neither can that scientific, which brings about contrary results under the same conditions.

She met incredulity with proofs, for she and her true followers have healed every known disease. She says of herself, "The author has healed hopeless organic disease, and raised the dying to life and health through the understanding of God as the only Life." (Science and Health, p. 428.) To return to Dr. Wood's article, where he, as a medical man, expresses his gratitude to Mme. Curie for the discovery of radium, which he considers is of benefit to those suffering from cancer; it is illuminating to note Mrs. Eddy's experience in healing this disease. I quote from Unity of God, page 7:

When I have most clearly seen and sensibly felt that the infinite recognizes no disease, this has not separated me from God, but has so bound me to Him as to enable me instantaneously to heal a cancer which had eaten its way to the jugular vein. As radium gives off its throbbing rays of material energy, which process is supposed to aid in the treatment of cancer, so, on a spiritual plane, it was Mary Baker Eddy's understanding of the life-giving power

of Light—her blazing reflection of this Light, intelligence, which dissolved the carnal thought that caused the material phenomenon, which the world calls a cancer. A quotation from Mrs. Eddy's student, Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D., seems appropriate: "The radium of Spirit penetrates, dissolves, and disperses the sub-material concepts of the counterfeits and the counterfeit universe, and discloses the divine reality,—a perfect Principle, perfect spiritual man, and perfect spiritual universe, only realities being. To know this, is life eternal. (Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, p. 976.) Numberless instances could be given of the healing effect of Truth, as practised by Mrs. Eddy and her students,—for example, the following letter to Mrs. Eddy from Mrs. Stetson, which also appears in Reminiscences, Sermons, and Correspondence, (p. 182.) My precious Leader and Teacher: I am indebted to you for perfect physical health and almost unlimited strength. I am indebted to you for the understanding of God's power to heal through man, which recently enabled me to destroy a cancer in the mouth and throat by one treatment—all evidence having disappeared after the second treatment. This was nine weeks ago. This gentleman, Mr. E. J. S., is a very respectable man, who has occupied a responsible position in one of our largest dry goods stores for thirty-one consecutive years. (This disease never reappeared.) Again, while happy at the generous gratitude that Dr. Wood and his associates wish to express to Mme. Curie, let us not be of those who are unable to honor a prophet because he is "in his own country." We have but the faintest comprehension as yet of the giant in our midst,—Christ, and then that are Christ's. To relegate Mary Baker Eddy to the limited sphere of a talented woman, who founded a material church, and instituted certain reforms, is absurd. As Mrs. Stetson says, "She [Mrs. Eddy] is the great iconoclast of this century." Thousands are to-day beginning to understand the power of spiritual "radium," the potency of scientific thought; but as yet the full magnitude of Mrs. Eddy's message is only faintly glimpsed. Dr. Wood says, with charming friendliness: We welcome to our shores Mme. Marie Curie—perhaps the greatest scientific mind the gentler sex has produced since the advent of the world, because she has not only discovered a new element and opened to our gaze a universe of infinitesimal things, but most of all, because she has brought comfort to the human soul. With what cordiality, then, should we welcome to our understanding this Scientist, Mary Baker Eddy, this supreme liberator, who declares that "Tenderness accompanies all the might imparted by Spirit!" (Science and Health, p. 514.) Let us hear what she felt her task to be: I was born in the sick, wearing out years of servitude to an unreal master in the belief that the body governed them, rather than Mind. The lame, the deaf, the dumb, the blind, the sick, the sensual, the sinner, I wished to save from the slavery of their own beliefs and from the educational systems of the Pharisees, who to-day, as of yore, hold the children of God in bondage. I saw before me the awful conflict, the Red Sea and the wilderness, but I pressed on through faith in God, trusting Truth, the strong deliverer, to guide me into the land of Christian Science, where fetters fall and the rights of man are fully known and acknowledged. The standard of liberty and righteousness is the standard of liberty and righteousness. "Follow me! Escape from the bondage of sin, and death!" (Science and Health, pp. 226-227.) As Mrs. Eddy says, "Human invention must have its day." Every one who is sincerely striving for Truth, whatever his field, has the gratitude and good wishes of us all. But let us not lose our sense of perspective. The Discoverer of Causation stands alone. Those who are dealing with material phenomena, produced by material sense, or the belief of life in matter, are still in darkness, and to them the radium of Spirit has not yet been revealed! Even Sir Isaac Newton, great as he was in the realm of physics, and who was continually searching for the true understanding of God, yet failed to take the final step, which reveals, that as God is omnipotent, He is the only creative Principle, Life, Truth, and Love, and therefore that matter is an illusion. In Newton's Principia he says: The most beautiful system of planets and comets could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being. He [God] is eternal and infinite, omnipotent and omniscient, that is, His duration reaches from eternity to eternity, His presence from infinity to infinity. If God is All, and He is, then there is nothing beyond this infinity. Here let me sum up in two final quotations from Mary Baker Eddy: Adhesion, cohesion, and attraction are properties of Mind. They belong to Divine Principle, and support the egoisms of that thought-form, which launch the earth in its orbit and send to the great ways. "Thus far and no farther." (Science and Health, p. 134.) Write, Mind, man's material universe would collapse; the world would weary, and the world stand still. (Miscellany, p. 104.)

A Student of Augusta E. Stetson, C. S. D.

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