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A Daily Bible Thought

TURN YE NOW.—Thus saith the Lord of hosts; turn ye now from your evil ways and from your evil doings.—Zech. 1:4.

THE REPARATIONS COMMISSION.

THE World's Work has recently been publishing extracts from the diary and letters of the late Walter H. Page, formerly ambassador of the United States to London, and edited by Burton J. Hendricks. We learn from these sources many interesting facts regarding the pre-war diplomacy of the United States, and among other things that President Woodrow Wilson sent Col. House to Berlin about six months before the outbreak of the war to try and arrange a disarmament agreement between Germany, Great Britain and the United States which would compel France and Russia also to come into the disarmament program and avoid war. Great Britain at that time did not believe that Germany had any idea of starting a war in Europe, France was suspicious and hostile to any such agreement and so was Russia. Mr. Hendricks gives us this letter from Ambassador Page at London to Col. House, showing how he regarded the proposal:

"My Dear House," replied Ambassador Page. "You have set my imagination going. Suppose there were—let us say for argument's sake—the tightest sort of an alliance, offensive and defensive, between all British colonies and all, and the United States—what would happen? Anything we'd say would go, whether we should say 'Come in out of the wet,' or 'Disarm.' Isn't it time that we tackled such a job frankly, fighting out the Irish problem once for all, and have done with it?"

How German opposition and French suspicion that left the British apathetic toward the proposal brought forward by their own cabinet rendered Col. House's mission to Berlin a failure, is brought out by Burton J. Hendrick, editor of the Page letters. Mr. Hendrick described Col. House's conversation with the kaiser on June 1, 1914, at Potsdam, the scene of the Schripfenfest, the day set aside by imperial Germany for the glorification of the Hohenzollerns and the German army.

"When the luncheon was finished," Mr. Hendrick writes, "the kaiser took Col. House aside, and the two men withdrew to the terrace. For nearly half an hour the kaiser and the American walked up and down, the German generals, at a respectful distance, watching the proceedings—resentful, puzzled, curious as to what it was all about. Two or three of the generals and admirals present were in the secret, but the mass of officers watching the meeting little guessed that the purpose of House's visit was to persuade the kaiser to abandon everything for which the Schripfenfest stood—to enter an international compact with the United States and Great Britain for reducing armaments, to reach an agreement about trade and the treatment of backward peoples, and to form something of a permanent association for the preservation of peace. The kaiser was clearly absorbed in the subject under discussion. His entourage several times attempted to break up the interview. Each time the kaiser, with an angry gesture, waved the interrupter away. The subject that had mainly aroused the imperial wrath was the 'yellow peril.' It was with difficulty that Col. House could get his majesty away from this subject." Another of the kaiser's anathemas was the Bryan arbitration treaties. The kaiser's parting words were not reassuring to Col. House. "Every nation in Europe," he said, "has its bayonets pointed to Germany. But—" and with a proud glance at the glistening uniforms of his officers—"we are ready!"

And less than 90 days after that conversation the kaiser had declared war against Russia and France and invaded Belgium. It is interesting to know however that a disarmament conference between the principal powers of Europe and ourselves was a Woodrow Wilson policy before the storm burst on the world, and that he did his best to avert the great world war before it started. That he failed was not his fault, but was due to the short-sightedness and

stubbornness of European statesmen. And it is characteristic of Woodrow Wilson, the silent statesman, that while he was doing this no hint of his activity leaked out in the United States. He never referred to it even in defense when the Republicans accused him of being ignorant of pre-war conditions and of neglect to prepare for war until it was too late. Mr. Wilson has several times said that he was content to leave his vindication to the historians of the future. It may well be that it will come before he dies. The silent statesman in Washington who refuses to even comment on the administration of his successor and who has consistently refused to defend himself against inveterate calumny, will yet be one of the shining names in history, and his detractors will be ashamed of themselves.

WILSON'S DISARMAMENT PROPOSAL.

WHEN Senator Lodge declared in the senate that he did not know whether President Harding intended to name an American representative on the allied reparations commission or not, he touched a very sore spot with the administration. If he does he practically recognizes the Versailles treaty which is constructed around the League of Nations, and in fact is the heart of that treaty. If he does not he will have to make some outside arrangement with Germany to get pay for our soldiers now in Germany presumably at the expense of the German people. The reparations commission decided that if the payments made by Germany should be applied first to satisfy the Belgian claims, and after that should go to France in the proportion of 55 against 2 per cent to Great Britain. But at the London conference it was agreed that payment for the cost of the military occupation of Germany by allied troops should be a prior claim on all indemnities paid after the Belgian share had been deducted. The United States was left out of the division altogether because it had not ratified the treaty under which the division was made. Just now the French are very much agitated and shocked to discover that nearly all the cash gold payments made by Germany are going to Great Britain under this arrangement. This is so because France has received great amounts of coal from Germany and other goods, and the reparations commission reckons this as cash and covers the per cent due France under this ruling for her garrison troops. The French are protesting vigorously because they expected to get 55 per cent of the cash to pay their troops with, and they say the coal and goods should not be counted as payment at this time. Meantime Uncle Sam who holds the sack and has been paying his soldiers good American gold dollars, has been getting nothing. It is true that he has a claim against Germany for the return of this money, but it is a claim against a debtor who is already mortgaged to the eyes. No wonder Mr. Lodge and some of the Republican senators who are responsible for the unfavorable position in which we now stand with respect to getting paid for our troops in Germany are now saying that it is important that Uncle Sam should have representation on the reparations commission, even if it is a part of the Versailles treaty which we would have nothing to do with.

There seems to be some prospect of a big row in that commission in the near future. France is particularly sore about the way it has worked out and feels that she has got decidedly the worst of it. In fact the entente between France and Great Britain is badly strained and worn as several places. But if France feels that it has not got its fair share of the indemnity payments from Germany the United States is still worse off. Due to our own action in declining to come into the deal at all we are out in the cold with a big bill against Germany that may ultimately have to be charged to profit and loss account on the wrong side of that account.

Oregon-Montana Is Gaining Depth Special to The Tribune. Winnett, Oct. 3.—Now that the broken piece of underreamer lug in the hole of the Oregon-Montana has been either pounded to pieces or pushed aside, increased depth is being rapidly drilled by the drillers. It is not thought probable that the black shale overlying the first quadrant sand will be drilled through within the next 48 hours, and that quickly thereafter the drill will determine if this sand is oil bearing.

GIVES BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Robert Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Watson, of 1326 Third avenue north, celebrated his seventh birthday Saturday afternoon by inviting about 14 of his little playmates to spend the afternoon with him and to partake of a tempting lunch in a tent on the lawn.

ERROR IN NAME NOT LABEL IF IT CARRIES ITS OWN CORRECTION

Supreme Court Upholds Cascade District Bench in Sustaining Demurrer.

Special to The Tribune. Helena, Oct. 3.—Holding that it is well settled that the word used in the alleged libelous article must be susceptible of but one meaning to constitute libel per se and that the libelous matter may not be segregated from other parts and construed alone, the supreme court commission, in a decision handed down Monday affirmed the judgment of the district court of Cascade county in sustaining the demurrer of the defendant to the amended complaint in the damage suit of Fred Shaffroth against The Tribune. This was an action instituted several years ago in which Fred Shaffroth alleged libel in an article appearing in The Great Falls Tribune which related the fact that one George Shaffroth had entered a plea of guilty to grand larceny and was awaiting trial. By an error, the heading to the article was made to read "Fred Shaffroth," instead of Georg Shaffroth. Fred Shaffroth, a resident of Great Falls and father of the George Shaffroth referred to in the news item, thereupon filed an action for damages and to this the defendant demurred. An amended complaint was subsequently filed by the plaintiff and to this a demurrer was also sustained and the plaintiff then took an appeal to the supreme court.

An opinion prepared by Commissioner Joseph Jackson and afterwards adopted by the supreme court, says: "Reading the article alleged to be libelous, and viewing it in the light most favorable to plaintiffs contention, produce but mental confusion as to the name of the accused. Taking the entire statement as a stranger might look at it without aid of the knowledge possessed by the parties concerned" can leave no doubt but that the accused who admitted the theft is George Shaffroth and not Fred. "The complaint does not state facts sufficient to constitute a cause of action. For the reasons herein contained, we recommend that the judgment appealed be affirmed."

M'QUHAE PLEASURES GRAND AUDIENCE

Irish Tenor Scores in Appearance at Grand; Called Second McCormack.

Many who heard Allen McQuhae Monday night left the Grand theater confident that they had heard a brilliant young Irish tenor who will in time become a second John McCormack and will share the affections and plaudits of the American people with that great Celtic singer. McQuhae, who is only a "youngster" on the concert stage, came to Great Falls with but little prestige because of the short period since his debut, but those who heard him here were pleased with the sweetness and charm of his lyric tenor voice as well as his program which, if measured by applause, scored a tremendous hit.

The program was divided into four groups of four compositions each and two single numbers. With the exception of Martin's "Plaisirs d'Armour," which McQuhae sang in French, and Giordano's "Caro Mio Ben," which he sang in Italian, the program was given in English, old Irish songs predominating. Macnure's "Macushla" was sung feelingly as only a true Irishman can sing it.

When he sang the audience not only visualized the scenes which his songs called up, but saw in him a man feeling the emotions appropriate to those songs. Whether it was an Irish lover singing to his sweetheart or the keeping of an appointment with her in the morning fog or dew, or the ghost of a poor girl crying shellfish about the streets of Dublin, or a poet listening to the crying of the water, or an Irish bard or fiddler, blarneying about the effects of his music, the singer's heart was in everything he sang.

Three Men Pinned Beneath Automobile

Failure to make a turn from the Sand Coulee road onto the Red road, while coming into Great Falls, was responsible for the overturning of a Hudson touring car late Sunday night, the machine pinning the three passengers underneath. William Houston, mechanic at the Western Motor Co., is in the Deaconess hospital suffering from severe lacerations of the head and face.

Will Sell Highway Bonds November 4

Bids for the purchase of \$200,000 worth of Cascade county highway bonds, the last of the \$500,000 issue voted by the people two years ago, will be received by the board of county commissioners on November 4, at 2:30 o'clock. Advertising for bids starts today (Tuesday) and will continue for a period of 30 days. The board of commissioners does not expect to consider a bid offering less than par value.

LEAGUE WOMEN WILL ADDRESS CLUBS OF CITY

Officials of National League of Women Voters to Speak at Hotel Rainbow.

All club organizations in Great Falls will be associated with the Business Women's club in entertaining Mrs. Sumner T. McKnight and Mrs. James Paige, treasurer and regional director of the National League of Women Voters, at Hotel Rainbow, October 10. Mrs. McKnight and Mrs. Paige are now on lecture tour for the purpose of emphasizing the importance of the forthcoming international conference on reduction of armament and will speak in Great Falls at a dinner arranged by the Business and Professional Women's club. The membership of the Commercial club, Advertising club, Kiwanis club and Women's club will attend the dinner. Plans under way for the dinner were announced Monday by Miss Hazel Davis of the Business and Professional Women's club.

Mrs. McKnight recently returned from France, where she spent three months meeting many prominent people who are interested in the question of world disarmament. She stated addresses at Minneapolis and the Minnesota state federal of women's clubs since returning. Mrs. Paige was in Great Falls in 1920, at the time a local branch of the league was organized.

SCOUTS STORY THAT HAWKINS ONLY MISSING

Brother-in-Law of Harry Hawkins Says No Ground for Relief He Did Not Drown. Reports current in Great Falls that Harry Hawkins, Great Falls man, who has not been seen since he started to cross Lake McClellan, near Cut Bank, in a leaky boat, September 20, disappeared voluntarily, are declared by Merrill LeMay, brother-in-law of Hawkins, to be without foundation. Mr. LeMay returned to Great Falls Monday after conducting a fruitless search for Hawkins' body since the day after his disappearance. He stated that there is no room for doubt that Hawkins was drowned.

"We would be glad enough to believe that Harry is alive, but there is no slight reason for thinking so," said Mr. LeMay. "In the first place, there was no reason why he should disappear, and there is proof enough on the lake shore to make us think that he never landed after starting to cross the lake. His tracks show where he went down to the water, but there are no tracks going away from the lake at any point."

Waves Running High. "It has been reported that the waves were running 2 1/2 feet high when Harry started across, but the truth is that the terrific wind that day was keeping the water into waves at least 3 1/2 feet in height. Harry had crossed the lake once and set out again in defiance of the advice of the friends who were with him and the last seen of him was when he was a short distance from shore. Had the water been smooth and had he gone straight across he could have waded the entire distance with the water coming to his neck, but the course taken by the boat was over water up to 30 feet deep. He was an expert oarsman and swimmer, but if he had waded he would have had little chance to survive the waves long enough to get into water of wading depth."

Lake is Draggd. Mr. LeMay stated that the entire lake has been dragged without finding a trace of the body and it has now been decided to wait a few days in the hope that it will come to the surface. A patrol is kept at the lake and a brother, James Hawkins of Havre, will remain on the ground until late in the week. Search for the body was made doubly difficult by the fact that it was impossible to learn the point where Hawkins quit the boat. It is thought that he took to the water when a comparatively short distance from shore, but of this the searchers could not be certain. The water dried at shore on the opposite side after dark.

Two Convicted: Three Charges Dismissed

Special to The Tribune. Conrad, Oct. 3.—After the charge against Julius Hays had been dismissed, Albert Maggers and Peter Durenski, jointly accused of first degree assault upon C. C. Heth, were tried and a verdict of guilty of second degree assault returned in district court, Friday.

On motion of the county attorney the case against George Cyrille, charged with burglary, was dismissed. The case against Edward C. Theis, charged with grand larceny, was continued to October 8.

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The trial of Melvin Johnson, charged with grand larceny, was set for trial October 4. The trial of Thomas Hall, charged with killing a beef without exhibiting the hide, was set for October 3. The case of James M. Church, gambling chart, was set for trial October 3.

FAIR PRIZE CHECKS GO OUT.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 3.—Secretary H. L. Fitton, of the county fair association has completed the big job of writing out checks for all the prize winners and others having money coming to them from the association.

RIFLE ENDS LIFE GROWN WEARY AT 24, IN FARM BUNKHOUSE

Suicide Left Note Declaring Existence Held Nothing Further for Him.

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 3.—Downing Lake, 24 years of age and unmarried, Sudday committed suicide at the farm of Stan Rohrbacker, eight miles east of Lewistown, shooting himself through the head with a rifle. He left a note stating that life held nothing for him and that he had decided to end it all. Lake had lunch with the others at the ranch house and following that went to the bunkhouse, a short distance away, while Mr. Rohrbacker and the rest separated for the afternoon. At 5:30 Lake failed to come in to supper and thinking he was asleep, Rohrbacker went to the bunkhouse, finding the door locked. As no response came, he secured the door was forced and the body was found lying on the bed, the rifle still clutched in the hands. Lake was a native of New London, Mo., and came here with his mother, Mr. Emma Lake of Hobson, in 1910. Besides the mother, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. A. H. Watson of Lewistown, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koch of Lewistown, and two brothers, Braydon Lake of Lewistown and William Lake of Stanford.

ACCIDENT VICTIM BROUGHT TO CITY

Cy Hurd Killed in Automobile Crash at Kevin Sunday Afternoon.

The body of Cyrus Hurd, driller for the Gordon Campbell-Kevin Oil Co., at Kevin, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident near Shelby on Sunday afternoon, arrived in Great Falls Monday night. Hurd died of internal injuries several hours after the automobile in which he was riding turned over.

Mr. Hurd brought in the first producing well in Montana when he was employed by Gordon Campbell by the Deaconess hospital near Roundup. Later he was employed in other sections of the Roundup district and at Cat creek, moving to Kevin when the well there was started. He is survived by a wife and child, who have been living at Roundup.

Village Lawyer Play Had Real One in Role

Special to The Tribune. Belt, Oct. 3.—The first home talent play of the season was given in the high school auditorium Friday night under the auspices of the Epworth league of the local Methodist church. The play was "The Village Lawyer," and abounded in fun. It was the story of a young attorney who runs for office against the political boss of the district, who is the father of the lawyer's sweetheart. The parts were taken as follows: Seth Barrett, the lawyer..... Leo C. Graybill David Conant, a political boss..... James Ferguson, Conant's henchman..... Alan Walker Alan Spencer, a city dude..... Harry Browning Sam Dill, a country rube..... Frank Josephyn Dan, Seth's office boy..... Nell Jewell Helen Conant, David's daughter..... Eleanor Peters Angie Barrett, Seth's sister..... Stella Light Isabel, an actress..... Leona Banta Between acts solos were given by Miss Camille Polunak, Mrs. Ben Beach and Mrs. Alexander Aiton. The play was coached by the Rev. A. F. Aiton, the pastor of the Belt Methodist church.

Neighbors Give Party to Departing Family

Special to The Tribune. Collins, Oct. 3.—About fifty of the neighbors and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Thompson gathered at their home Friday evening, Sept. 30, and gave them a surprise party, as they soon will leave for Kansas to spend the winter.

Stewardship Rally Planned at Christian Church on Wednesday

A "stewardship rally" will be held at the Christian church here Wednesday afternoon and evening of this week, with a chicken pie dinner in the evening. This rally is one of many planned to be held throughout the United States in conformity with a policy adopted at the national convention of Christian churches, held recently at Winona Lake. The team which will come to Great Falls will be made up of several state workers and three national workers, A. H. Kuhn, Mrs. Eda T. Moore, and C. E. Beuter, a missionary for 23 years in India.

Jury Is Completed in Southard Case at Twin Falls, Idaho

Twin Falls, Idaho, Oct. 3.—The complete jury of 12 men which is to determine the guilt or innocence of Mrs. Lydia Southard on trial, charged with first degree murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, was accepted and sworn in soon after the noon recess in the seventh day of the trial in district court here Monday. An order was issued this morning by attorneys for the defense directing the sheriff to permit no further interviews between the defendant and local officers of the Salvation Army. A second order served upon the sheriff by the prosecution directed that in future interviews between Mrs. Southard and her husband be held in the jail corridor, in the presence of the jailor.

Chases Burglary Suspects by Auto

Special to The Tribune. Lewistown, Oct. 3.—The home of William Creel was entered by burglars and a quantity of clothing stolen. A few articles were found at a rooming house where the suspects had stopped, and it was learned that they had gone on to Billings. Mr. Creel left by auto for that city to run them down.

MAKING HOBSON HOMES LOOK MORE ATTRACTIVE.

Special to The Tribune. Hobson, Oct. 3.—Charles Haskke recently completed painting and building porches on the Mary Selby residence, purchased by him a short time ago. M. J. Keenan has just completed building an additional room on the residence bought by him not long ago from the W. D. Marvin estate. Mrs. A. S. Mitchell who recently rented her fine Judith hotel property for a dormitory for the high school, is enlarging and remodeling her garage and making it into a residence.

ENTERS STATE COLLEGE.

Special to The Tribune. Conrad, Oct. 3.—Merle Alquist, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Alquist, has gone to Roseman, where he enters the last year's work of the university.

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