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Daily Biblical Quotation

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 1920.

Truly my soul waiteth upon God, from him
cometh my salvation.—Psa. 62:1.

Quiet Lord, my reward dear,
Make me teethsome and mild,
Upright, simple, free from art,
Like a little winged child.
From distrust and envy free.

Pleased with all that pleases thee,
I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.—
Gen. 49:18.

The Moslem brethren also object to socialism.
Probably on the ground that it doesn't kill 'em off fast enough.

Suicide is increasing in Japan at such an
alarming rate as to make it a national problem.
The logical comment is so apparent that we re-
frain from making it.

The first effort to signal Mars was a com-
plete failure. But that might have been be-
cause the Martians were asleep. Try once more,
gentlemen, then devote yourselves to produc-
tive efforts here on earth.

"Bob sisters stalked the country, finding an
easy prey upon a simple method," writes Clinton
Rogers Woodruff in an article in the National
Municipal Review entitled, "Making the World
Safe for Generosity." We find two objections to
the sentence. First, it is written in the past
tense; second, it should be amended by inserting
the words "and bob brothers" after the first
word:

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successful operation on the wife of a wealthy
Chicago hotel owner rendered a bill based on a
dollar-a-minute wage scale. It required 14
minutes to perform the operation and the sur-
geon charged \$14. Whereupon the husband
wrote his check for \$14,000, probably to insure
a few seconds overtime in the usual rate.
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the moderation of the surgeon and the liberality
of the patient.

A DISARRANGED INDUSTRIAL FABRIC.

The complaint is made, based on what ap-
pears to be careful investigation, that America
is short 1,000,000 workers. Instantly the notice-
able increase in emigration and the shrinkage
in immigration is fixed on as the cause. The
immediate cause, yes. But we think there is
another phase that should command serious
attention.

To assert that immigration or emigration is
the vital factor in our industrial life is to admit
that we are dependents on Europe. And that
we are unwilling to do. Besides, it would be
contrary to the known facts. For if that con-
tent was at all acceptable then it would fol-
low that we are deficient in population—an
hypothesis that the official figures of the na-
tional census utterly refutes.

The importance of labor stimulation through
a constantly flowing stream of European immi-
gration is not to be gainsaid, but the tremen-
dous factor in the present situation is to be
discovered in an absurdly disarranged social
and industrial system almost alienating domes-
tic in its every aspect. In other words, there is
no shortage of hands; the trouble lies in their
allocation. Too large number of these hands
are drones in the hive, so far as production
goes, not only doing nothing towards producing
the essential things of life, but making an
enormous draft on the accumulation of others.

The most casual survey of any community
in America proves this true. It would be pecu-
liar, if not foolish, to single out any one of the
many non-productive vocations and say the
fault is there. And it would be unjust. For
the fault is not in any one but in all of them,
to a greater or less degree.

It is becoming more and more apparent to
thinkers and students of economics that the
word "service" as used in connection with
sociological and uplift movements has not only
been worn threadbare by excessive repetition,
but has been very slightly commercialized in
practice and to the distinct disadvantage of
society, that in practice it has been made in
violence to the immutable laws of economics
and contribute to the defeat of its own aims.

That is a very startling and daring state-
ment. But before challenging its accuracy the
reader should impartially consider the present
posture of affairs. No one will be guilty of
asserting that social service is a useless and
unnecessary employment among civilized peo-
ples; or that attention to the spiritual appeals
and longings of humanity is to be avoided. Not
a bit of that. But will any one dispute the bold,
practical fact that when such activities are
carried to an extent where an altogether im-
practical faction of the citizenship is employed
in such work, imposing a burden on the pro-
ductive faction and at the same time adding

to economic embarrassment by attracting capi-
talistic units from the ranks of producers, that
an inevitable law of economics is not violated?

Then such a one is either ignorant of the sub-
ject or completely blinded by an idealistic bias
that is dangerous rather than helpful.
Self-preservation is the first law of nature.
And that law applies to material and physical
existence—a necessity that exists far in advance
of and prior to the birth of the sociological impulse.
What counts it, then, to organize and
mount gratuitous service organizations and
institutions that in the very nature of things
are appealing to a non-essential as far as the
first law of nature is concerned, if these result in
an improper balance in the economic situation,
breeding a parasitic population that is burden-

some?

The war gave lucrative and easy position to
an army of non-essential workers. Again we
refrain from a too specific statement. The
more suggestion should turn the reader's mind
in the right direction. Our present need is to
throw off this parasitic class down to that point
which squares with practical economic consider-
ations. It will be a difficult matter, too,
for those engaged in such profane and easy
vacations look with horror on the prospect of
relying on their individual efforts for sus-
tenance, on contributing substantially to society
by a productive service. They are organized,
experienced and able, and their appeal for their
jobs is to that sentiment in humanity which is
less the handmaid of the brain than we could
wish.

But there is the absolutely essential reform—
or at least one very substantial phase of it—if
the disarrangement in the social and industrial
system is to be reformed, and if the enormous
shortage of productive labor is to be met. Our
population is sufficient for our every need. The
pressing problem is to balance it in accord
with the sound laws of economics.

THE DIGEST PRESIDENTIAL POLL.

With 149,601 votes tabulated in the Literary
Digest's presidential poll of the nation General
Wood continues to lead the field by a large
plurality. Senator Johnson comes next. A feature
of the presentation made this week by the
Digest which will go far toward indicating the
whole undertaking is the bodily lifting of the
name of Herbert Hoover from the "no party"
classification and putting him in the republican
column, claiming second place for his can-
didacy.

It has been intimated very strongly that this
poll was in the interest of Hoover, and that alto-
gether unjustifiable action goes far towards
proving the charge. Running as a no-party
candidate he received votes from democrats who
favored him as a democratic candidate and from
republicans who favored him as a republican
candidate, neither of whom would have voted
for him under an opposite classification. This
is readily understood. To run him thus on the
ballot and count for him as a republican candi-
date is rather too strong for the public to tol-
erate.

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sentation the editor of the Digest comments on
all candidates but that of the leader, General
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The total votes cast and tabulated—149,601
—only \$8,815 are democratic, scattered between
more than a dozen candidates. Of this number
McAdoo leads by a very slight margin over Gov-
ernor Edwards of New Jersey, the almost un-
known. President Wilson comes third with
6,421, while Hoover in his total receives the sup-
port of 9,369 democratic voters—a greater num-
ber than given any democratic candidate. Senator
Owen, Oklahoma's candidate, whose name
was omitted from the ticket, notwithstanding he
was an avowed candidate with 29 instructed
voters at the time the poll was started, is credited
with 54 votes.

The Digest poll is interesting, but we fear that
enough has transpired to make it a failure so
far as influence is concerned. At any rate it will
be closely watched in the future.

Any lingering doubt as to who is boss of the
democratic party was shattered by the action
of the democratic national committee at the
Chicago meeting Tuesday. The selection of Mr.
Homer Cummings for the keynote means that
Colonel Bryan has about as much chance to be
elected as Teddy had at Chicago in 1912. Wood-
row Wilson may not have designs on the third
term, but there is no longer any question but he
is in complete control of the machinery of the
democratic party, can have the nomination if
he desires it, and will be in a position to name
the candidate and write the platform he is to
have on. Which proves further that the old
democratic party is some hog for punishment.

REWARD.
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Let me tell you, I'll be glad to tell
you again. I'll ask for gold, I'll
tell you again. I'll gladly till my patch of soil
and rest when I am old.
If they who know me best shall smile,
I'll count my drudgery worth while.

I'll hold the plow or break the gale,
Orumble post I'll keep.
I'll work hard, I'll work well,
Though often I may reap.

If those who love me are content,
I'll count my time and strength well spent.

Let them be glad to kiss my cheek
And proud to walk with me,
I will not let them say seek
A bigger, a larger fee.

If they rejoice in what I bring
I shall not envy prince or king.

If I can wrest from stubborn clay
Or dull the tedious task
Their laughter and their love each day.

No greater joy I'll ask,
If I can keep their needs supplied,
With life I shall be satisfied.

I'll not begrudge the dreary hours
Nor mind the summer's heat
If I can strew their path with flowers
And make their journey sweet.

If what they ask my hands can give,
I'll gladly work and gladly live.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Chaplin have
left New York for Europe.

Now let's quit it all and dig in and pay for

the debt we owe our country and not squander

over who shall get something for nothing.

(Signed) T.S.

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Oklahoma Outbursts

By OTIS LORTON

Oscar Apathy has very properly selected Mus-
kingum as his residence.

The public on the stock market was prudish
not due to the investigations being made by
the federal grand jury in Tulsa.

An unnecessary encumbrance of the record
is the announcement that ex-Governor Ferguson
of Texas will be a candidate for president.

The girl on South Main says the reason she
failed to get into the never-parade was because
she did not know how to button the darn things.

Just to show how politicians do things, the
city manager of Muskogee has discovered that
the funds intended for charity have been used
for election expenses.

In looking over the year east to states having
presidential primaries we are more than ever
convinced that the representation allowed dem-
ocrats is entirely too high.

A Hinge club woman had for her subject,
"How Long Can We Wait?" Indiana from the
show made by Governor Edwards of New
Jersey. It will be a "Long, Long Time," etc.

If the shooting made by Attorney General
Palmer in the presidential campaign is a representa-
tion of the popularity of the president, we
suggest now that Mr. Wilson had better get a
new demonstrator.

Trespassing for a moment on the short de-
partment, we wish to say that if Oklahoma City
can't get in the storm we don't care what
Charlie Britt has his hope on that the Indians
will cop the pennant.

So long as a property owner is willing to pay
the price I'd get paying we see no recompense
lecture. But, on the other hand, the property
owner who does not feel that his property will
stand it ought to be given some consideration.

Having seen the dancing start put on by
Eugene Smith and Jack Clifford we are
inclined to believe that business persons and
domestic infidels has caused them to seek
separation by divorce. They both, we doubt,
find it necessary to get a dancing party who
can dance.

The Literary Digest, of course, is not controlled
by sectional interests or personal inclinations,
but just the same we notice that leftists
still have some of the general business men
in their fold. It is difficult not to get an expression of
the people's choice and Senator Owen is actu-
ally the only axewell and announced democratic
candidate for the presidency.

Barometer of Public Opinion

The Inert Element.

Of the total vote cast in Custer county, Mr.
Hoover received one-fifth of one per cent. The
voters added essence of Hoover to the ordinary
concoction as an open secret. He was
selected in some desuetude. As it is lively a contest
as this spring has seen in the way of demon-
strating the republican party's vigor. Mr. Hoover
was the only inert element.

The "Lunatic Fringe."

Wood and Johnson showed unexpected
strength in the Illinois poll. It is becoming
more and more evident daily that they are
dividing the old Roosevelt strength between
them with Wood getting the sinner-pure Roosevelt-
ers and Johnson getting that element which
was attracted to Roosevelt solely because they
counted him a radical—the lunatic fringe.

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tors in both party classifications.

Politics Behind It All.

Editor Wood, in defense of the stand you
have taken on the bonus plan of payment for
ex-service men in the (present) world war,
states the fact that many of them were
drafted men or forced into service against his
will, although he went willingly and bravely,
and as to pay in money, most of them would
not have gone at all if money could or would
have been left that was for the soldier. We
people should pay the costs before and not
wait until he returns.

You must hurry up and get well.

"You must hurry up and get well," he reminded me the first time
I was able to sit up and shake hands with him.
He was back for a day or two. Everett
was doing his work while I am away,
and it is a sort of an imposition for me
to stay a moment longer than is necessary.

Everett and Peggy had taken a
house down on Long Island. He
would never be strong again, and
went into business but still
had a burden of regret and
guilt.

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confidence, told me all
about his life, and I
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