

WASHINGTON

LETTER

From our regular Correspondent

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President Roosevelt's Labor Day speech at Syracuse has been the occasion of much gratification among conservative Americans everywhere and particularly among the conservatives of his own party. Among many truths ably expressed, pertinent to the problems of the present day, and well worth remembering by every American citizen, none stands out more prominently than the following: "It is an infamous thing in our American life, and fundamentally treacherous to our institutions to apply to any man any test save that of his personal worth, or to draw any distinction save the distinction conduct the distinction that marks off those who do well and wisely from those who do ill and foolishly."

In making the above statement President Roosevelt doubtless had in mind the distinction sought to be drawn by certain labor organizations which have attempted from time to time to prevent their fellow laborers from working by their side because they were not members of the same or of any organization. Nevertheless, the truth is susceptible of far broader application. It applies with equal verity to the laborer, be he clerk or officer, who serves the government, and it would be difficult to explain why it did not apply to the case of Miss Huld Todd, the Delaware postmistress, whom Postmaster General Payne has just removed from office to please the Addicks Senator, Allee, Miss Todd, from all accounts, belonged to the class with those "who do well and wisely." In fact, so thoroughly does the President's Syracuse utterance voice those sentiments which have long been associated with him, and so completely at variance with those sentiments was the recent action of the Postmaster General that it is freely predicted in Washington that there will be no escape from a reversal of Payne's action, accompanied by an annunciation of policy which will compel the immediate resignation of the Postmaster General.

A still further evidence of the President's determination is eliminate the spoils principle from the administration of the affairs of the government is furnished by his recent announcement that hereafter United States consuls are to be appointed to important positions only after they have demonstrated their fitness for such appointments by serving with credit at posts of less importance and modest remuneration. This announcement will be received with pleasure by the businessmen of thy country who have frequently experienced the greatest difficulty in cultivating the trade of foreign nations as a result of the incapacity, inexperience, and sometimes worse, of American consuls. But to make the proposed steps really effective, the President should go further and insure to those consuls who begin at the bottom, work their way up that tenure of office which alone can serve as an incentive to the right type of man adopt the consular service as a profession. In the opinion of Representative Adams, Senator Lodge, and others who have made a study of the consular situation, effective improvement will be attainable only when its members are insured against dismissal at the conscienceless politician who desires to remunerate some henchman with a federal salary. During the administration of President Roosevelt the efficient consul might have nothing to fear, but unless Mr. Roosevelt takes some step to insure the permanency of his policy there is no certainty as to what may be the fate of the best consul under Mr. Roosevelt's successor.

The Postoffice investigation appears to be approaching a climax. Seven indictments against six persons have been returned by the District of Columbia

grand jury and it is confidently predicted that a number of others are to follow. The identity of the persons already indicted is guarded with the utmost secrecy as the Department has determined to profit by the experience with George W. Beavers, who learned of his indictment before his arrest and immediately fled from the Brooklyn jurisdiction, and with Leopold J. Stern of Baltimore, who fled to Canada before he could be arrested. That the most important and sensational indictments of the week have not yet been returned is known, however, and it is stated at the district attorney's office that before the jury adjourns an indictment will have been returned against a person, not connected with the Postoffice Department, but equally as well known as the Postmaster General. Postmaster General Payne predicts that when the jury has acted on all the cases now before it the criminal prosecution of the investigation will be all under way and that only a number of dismissals and a general reorganization will remain to complete the present investigation.

George W. Beavers, the indicted superintendent of salaries and allowances, has finally surrendered to a United States Commissioner in New York and has given bail to the amount of \$5,000. There is some anxiety at the smallness of his bond and also at the small bond thus far required of August W. Machen who is out on bail of \$20,000. It is felt by the postal officials that if these off should get away, blame would be cast on the Postoffice Department although the entire responsibility rests with the Department of Justice.

News from Bogota is to the effect that the Colombian Congress is considering a bill authorizing President Marroquin to negotiate a new Panama canal treaty providing that the United States shall pay to Colombia \$20,000,000 purchase price and \$400,000 premium and \$400 yearly rental; and that at the end of each 100 years the United States shall pay a premium increased by 25 per cent over the previous one and a yearly rental increased by the same percentage over for the previous period, that the Panama Canal Company shall pay to Colombia \$10,000,000 as transfer fee, that the Panama railroad shall sever to Columbia at the end of sixty-four years but may then be purchased by this country at a valuation, etc. Such a treaty would have no chance of ratification here.

Secretary Hitchcock has announced the selection of Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte as the special investigator who will prove the Indian land scandals. Mr. Bonaparte, it will be remembered, is the grandson of Jerome Bonaparte, youngest brother of the first Napoleon, and the famous "Betsy Patterson," once a leading belle of Baltimore. He is a "liberal republican" and a man of ability and unquestioned integrity. He, it is, who has been retained by the President to assist in the prosecution of the legal cases growing out of the Postoffice investigation, along with Holmes Conrad. Just how Mr. Bonaparte is to conduct these prosecutions and at the same time investigate the affairs of the Indian Territory is difficult to understand but that he will manage to do justice to both, or will give up the the former, is the confident expectation of all who know him.

Secretary Hitchcock has offered to Bonaparte the assistance of Indian inspectors Frank Churchill and S. F. O'Fallon and any further assistance he may desire, but it is by no means certain the Mr. Bonaparte will accept the services of men themselves closely associated with the affairs he is called to investigate. In the case of Inspector Churchill, for instance, there are on record charges against him alleging that he invested in town lots in the town of Sulphur Indian Territory, at a time when he was

charged with selling the lots for the best interests of the community. While charges are regarded as baseless at the Department of the Interior, they will, presumably, require the investigation of Mr. Bonaparte before they can be ultimately disposed of. It has been suggested that Bonaparte would do well to ask Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow for the use of two or three of the Postoffice inspectors. These inspectors, it is pointed out, have had long training in ferreting out frauds of the character charged against Indian Territory officials and; entering on the work without any connection with those officials, would be in a position to do thorough and effective work, without fear of favor, whereas those subordinates of the Department of the Interior whom Bonaparte selected might be hampered to some extent by the knowledge that when the investigation was concluded they would become essentially the subordinates of the very men, in some instances at least, of whose official conduct they had passed.

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Ed. Cresset,
 Dear Sir and Bro.
Fowler Mo
Continued From last week.
 By C. A. Simons.

Here is the strong cable the vital principal that the modern one sleeved coat has tried to cover up. Yes the cable that Rahab let the two spys down from the walls of Jerico, thus saving their lives. We have seduced the same cable to a mere thread, and the dead body of Bands hangs suspended by it over the place that has been prepared for his remains. Prepared by whom? By the weavers of the one sleeved coat. Do you think that they will complete the burial? No they never will! God is now reaching down his hand and as soon as he grasps the thread Bands will stand upon his feet. Listen; what for you say for the shout at midnight that will be heard from the East unto the West.

Yes from extreme of one frozen Zone to the other. Oh what a joyful sound to the true Mason. How sad, how sorrowful to those mock masons, those wearing the one sleeved coat. Then is when the last purging shall come, and Brothers it is on us even at the door, read the parable of the ten virgins.

How would that one sleeved coat do for a wedding garment when the shout is given and God has reached the thread then we will beg of the cliffs to hide us, Oh rocks fall on us. Oh craftsmen what does this all mean? Why this confusion? Get out of our way, we are in a hurry, Bands is after us, how far is it to the sea coast.

Yes we could not quite bury him, God has exposed our theorizing; Oh those that cling to the coat that ancient of days gave them are all right. Yes, thank God, Glory to His Holy Name.

Now Brothers see what God has said in regard to this matter. Read 2 Kings 13-21.

"And it came to pass as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha, and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood upon his feet."

Brothers, how will we feel when Bands so suddenly revives, Wont it be enough to start us in flight. And that company of men who are they? My Brothers they are the eyes of God. Destroying that dark theorizing of man.

As we have spoken of Beauty and Bands and by God's Word we have partly shown who Bands is; now we will by the same great fountain of knowledge try to show who Beauty is. "And I took my stave EVEN Beauty and cut it a-sunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all people. And it was broken in that day, and so the poor of the flock that waited upon me knew that it was the Word of the Lord.

And I said unto them if ye think good give me my price, and if not forbear, so they weighed for my price thirty pieces of silver." (Zech. 11-10-11-12.)

Now you see who Beauty is, yet I will give you a little more of God's Word to identify him so that there can be no more room for doubt. Beauty, the lion of the tribe of Juda-Or "Jesus Christ whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his Holy Prophets since the world began;" (Acts 3-21.)

Now Bro. you see that God has made this matter very plain so that there is not the least shadow of doubt in regard to his identity.

Now if the heaven must receive Jesus Christ all this time, by whom and when will this restitution be brought about? Not until that spiritual building that building not made with hands eternal in the heavens shall descend with

a great noise from God out of heaven, that building will be built by Zerubbabel. Go! with me to Zech:

"Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of hosts

Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the head stone thereof, with shoutings, crying Grace, grace unto it.

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me saying.

The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you.

For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hands of Zerubbabel with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which run to and fro through the whole earth." (Zech. 4-6-10.)

Yes Jesus Christ shall remain in heaven until God shall set his hand a second time;

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time, to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth." (Isa 11-11-12.)

Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour.

For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up.

Again, if two lie together, then they have heat; but how can one be warm alone?

And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.

For out of prison he cometh to reign, whereas also he that is born in his kingdom cometh poor.

I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead." (Ecc. 4-9-10.)

Now my Dear Brothers, you see by the above scripture what God says about one man; and you also see what he says about two, the one is not of God, but the two is, why does he say that two are better than one, simply because one is no evidence while two is a valued testimony.

You see that God never works in the singular number, but in the plural. Always using two or more. For example Beauty and Bands, Masons and Freemasons, Jew and Gentile, the Highway and the Way, St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, the gospel of Circumcision and the gospel of Uncircumcision. If God is in favor of two and does not consider one as evidence, but must have two to complete a valued testimony, we had better try and get back the one that we have cast off, (Bands) before it is too late, as Freemasons, it places us not only in an awkward position before God, but a very dangerous one. We have read from God's Word enough to know that He will not except one alone.

But here is another example, at the building of King Solomon's Temple, the first thing that was made was two pillars 5 and 40 cubits high with two globes upon the top, one upon each.

What do those two pillars represent? They merely are two of God's Great witnesses, representing Beauty and Bands, the King and the King's Son. Read: Give the king thy judgments, O God, and thy righteousness unto the king's son." (Psalms 72-1)

Read the whole Psalm very carefully. Also the Lion of the Tribe of Juda, and the Lion's Paw of the tribe of Juda also,

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