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Great Events That Are Changing the World's Destiny Told in Paragraphs.

ITEMS TO INTEREST ALL

Short Chronicle of Past Occurrences Throughout the Union and Our Colonies—News From Europe That Will Interest.

WASHINGTON

Opposition among Republican senators to the appointment of Charles E. Hughes as secretary of state has assumed such proportions that it is now described as a "revolt."

William M. Coleman, New York, general counsel for the Hudson and Manhattan railroad, committed suicide by leaping from the tenth story of the Powhatan Hotel, not far from the White House, Washington.

Profiteering in anthracite coal in New York City and elsewhere was given an airing before the Senate Committee in hearings on the Calder bill.

The Borah resolution for a tripartite agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan for the limitation of armaments was favorably reported.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee accepted the offer of J. P. Morgan to allow his home in London to be used as a permanent American Embassy building.

Nominations of approximately 2,000 postmasters were sent to the senate by President Wilson. This swells the already enormous list of nominations made at this session and on which Republican leaders have determined not to accept where an emergency exists.

NATION'S BUSINESS

Henry Ford is attempting to arrange some sort of financing in Wall street, and the gossip placed the amount the automobile manufacturer is seeking at \$75,000,000.

Tobacco growers urged increased tariff duties on cigars and tobacco before the House Ways and Means Committee.

Membership on the Chicago Stock Exchange was sold for \$5,000, the lowest price in years. The low price last year was \$7,800, and the high \$8,250.

Decision of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to cut its already decreased force another 10 per cent will add a considerable number to the growing group of unemployed.

The Jobbers' Association of Notion Buyers, in convention at New York in connection with the dry goods trade, demanded guaranteed prices from sellers of nationally advertised and controlled lines.

Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board said he had been offered the presidency of the new \$100,000,000 Foreign Export Financing Corporation, to be organized in New York under the Edge act.

An average of 8 per cent in retail prices of twenty-two food articles in December as compared with November was noted in statistics compiled by the labor department. Compared to December, 1919, the decrease was 10 per cent.

GENERAL

Even pessimists are now convinced that danger of "an old fashioned panic" has passed. W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, declared at Winston-Salem, speaking to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Rev. Joseph J. Muir of Temple Baptist Church, Washington, was selected to be chaplain of the senate at a conference of Republican Senators.

He will succeed the Rev. J. Forrest Prettymann, who has resigned to take a pastorate at Knoxville, Tenn. The Rev. Mr. Muir is a personal friend of Senator Harding.

The net gain of Henry Ford over Senator Newberry in the Senatorial elections contest climbed to 1,850, with 1,281 of the 2,232 Michigan precincts recounted.

Charles D. Newton, Attorney General of New York, declared before the United States Supreme Court that Greater New York would have a population of 16,000,000 by 1930.

"The latest form of police graft is centered in the private detective agency system and reaches its zenith during the 'Enlightenment,'" according to former Governor Charles S. Whitman.

Five months of daylight saving instead of seven is proposed in a bill introduced in the New York Legislature by Assemblyman Booth.

Deportation of Gregory Weinstein, chancellor of the Russian Soviet Bureau in this country, was ordered by Secretary Wilson.

Local authorities will be held responsible for strict enforcement of prohibition, Governor Miller of New York indicated in a conference with newspaper men. Failure to blot out public selling of liquor may be used as provocation for removal of a local head of police department.

Assurance was given the United States government by the Japanese legation at Peking that American travelers over the South Manchurian railway are exempt from passport examinations.

Lieut. Walter A. Hinton stuck to his story before the naval court inquiry at Rockaway Beach, N. Y., that Lieut. Stephen A. Farrell weakened first when the three were lost in the Hudson Bay country.

Reports that the Pennsylvania railroad was contemplating reductions in wages were denied at the Philadelphia general offices.

Postal inspectors announced that Guy Kyle, until recently pastor of the Free Methodist Church at Mount Vernon, Ill., has confessed to the robbery of four mail pouches in which \$107,000 was stolen. The confession implicates others. One hundred and seventy thousand dollars was recovered.

Joseph Jeletz bought the Wausaukee (Wis.) jail for \$30 and will use it for a woodshed. City officers, explaining the sale, said that since the advent of prohibition the jail, which has been in service for thirty years, has been idle.

Edwin R. Bergdoll, serving a four-year term at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for evading the selective draft, filed application for a writ of habeas corpus in the Federal Court at Topeka, Kan.

Judge Hand, in the United States District Court, granted temporary restraining order asked by the government to prevent Western Union Telegraph Company from landing cable at Miami, Fla.

President-Elect Harding left Marion, O., for the south. He will remain there until inauguration day.

An ad valorem tax of 4 cents a ton on bituminous coal produced at the mines and 8 cents a ton for anthracite was recommended by Governor Sprout of Pennsylvania to raise revenues to meet increasing needs of the state government.

Waterway traffic between Pittsburgh and New Orleans will be inaugurated with the arrival at the latter city of the river steamer ship Queen City.

February 5, B regular schedules between the two cities will be maintained in the future.

SPORTING

K. O. Bill Brennan, the St. Paul heavyweight, scored a technical knockout over Bill Bailey of Atlanta at Savannah.

Harvard has sent a cablegram to Manager Ise Abe of the Waseda University baseball team of Tokyo, Japan, accepting a baseball date in Cambridge on May 29.

In the second series of tennis matches at Sydney, N. S. W., the American Davis Cup team beat the Australian three matches to one.

A state tax of 12 cents on gross gate receipts of all racing associations in the state is proposed in a bill introduced in the New York legislature by Assemblyman Charles H. Betts.

Johnny Wilson is the latest scrapper to carry his own referee. He brought Jimmy Gardner to Pittsburgh to referee a bout with Chip, who would not fight unless the old-time lightweight was the referee.

The English cricket team which is touring Australia suffered a reverse in a series of five championship games there, the Australian team winning three consecutive victories.

William Crozier of Hartford, Conn., has bought Peter L., the champion four-year-old trotting stallion of 1920, at Memphis, Tenn. The price is understood to have been about \$15,000.

Down in New Orleans they are touting Pal Moore as the "coming light" weight champion of the world.

Ludy Langer, of San Francisco won the quarter-mile swimming championship of New South Wales at Sydney, Australia.

Jim Bradshaw, the star catcher of last season's champion Lafayette College baseball team, announced at Easton, Pa., that he had made a verbal agreement to join the New York American League Club.

Columbia's baseball team will clash with a nine representing Japan next spring, according to an announcement to that effect made in New York by Bob Watt, general manager of athletics. Waseda University of Tokio has written for a game.

FOREIGN

Reports received from Barcelona, Spain, indicate a continuance of sanguinary encounters between the police and the syndicalists.

The Paris Martin learns that the French government may seek a loan of \$200,000,000 in America instead of the \$100,000,000 mentioned.

Among the six constabulary officers who were killed in an ambush at Glenwood, near Dublin, was Inspector Clarke, a native of Lurgan, near Belfast, who formerly lived in the Winnipeg district of Canada and was a member of the Canadian Mounted Rifles.

The Montreal City Hall was stormed by a mob composed of unemployed men.

King Alfonso is the moving spirit in a new film corporation started in Madrid.

The automobile of King Albert of Belgium, while returning to Brussels from Louvain, knocked down two children in the village of Kesselo. A girl of five years of age was killed outright and a boy of eight was seriously hurt.

Six British policemen were killed and two wounded in an ambush at Glenwood, near Dublin, it was officially announced.

A co-operative syndicate was formed to hold 2,000,000 cantars of cotton in the hope of raising the price for the commodity in Cairo, Egypt.

Final estimate of the Canadian wheat crop of 1920 is 233,180,000 bushels, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics announced. This is 171,000 bushels less than the estimate made October 23.

Petroleum concessions granted by former Mexican governments are being investigated, and in future such grants will be made only to individuals and companies in a position to develop the properties involved, President Obregon declared.

A bill authorizing negotiation of a \$25,000,000 loan on behalf of the state railways, recently passed by the Chilean Congress, was approved by the Council of State.

There were no newspapers published in Lisbon because of the strike by printers for an increase in wages. Some journalists had joined the striking printers, who decided to publish their own evening and daily newspapers.

Weakened by overwork, Premier Lenin of Russia has become insane, according to Stockholm correspondent of the Echo de Paris.

STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

The Latest Gleanings From All Over the State

THINGS SEEN AND HEARD

Hagerstown.—While the night watchman was asleep thieves entered the garage of E. M. Connor and stole two automobiles, valued at more than \$6,000. The cars were stolen by A. Martin Lamp and C. V. Wilkes, both of Hagerstown.

Greensboro.—James Massey, aged 77 years, died at his home in Greensboro of heart trouble after a long illness. He was a Republican in politics and a member of the legislature of 1876. Subsequently he was an inspector of immigration under Collector Marine at Baltimore.

Cumberland.—Judges Henderson and Waggoner, who say they are innocent of the murder of his common-law wife, Clara Osterander, rendered a verdict of not guilty. The verdict was prompted by the belief that Logue was insane at the time of his act and is insane now.

Cambridge.—Miss Lavina Engle, chairman of the League of Women Voters for Maryland, addressed an open meeting of the Woman's Club of Cambridge and established a Dorchester county branch of the league. Miss Nettie V. Mace was made chairman; Mrs. James C. Leonard, vice-chairman; Mrs. James B. Noble, treasurer; Miss Margaret Small, secretary, and Miss Nellie Shackelford, chairman of the membership committee.

Washington.—In an additional list of recess appointments of postmasters sent to the Senate for confirmation President Wilson includes a number to fill stations in Maryland. They are: Leo F. McClellan, Camp Meade; H. E. Walls, Church Hill; L. D. Thrasher, Deer Park; John C. Downs, Clear Springs; Margaret Harrington, Woodstock; John E. Cramer, Walkersville; C. E. Walton, Queenstown; A. Susie S. Thompson, Hillsboro.

Crisfield.—The refusal of the taxpayers of Crisfield to pay taxes for the year 1920 on the new assessment basis is creating some embarrassment to the Mayor and Council, as there are a great many bills overdue and creditors are reported to be pressing the city authorities rather vigorously for payment. The city officials, therefore, are experiencing difficulty in getting sufficient funds from taxes to pay current expenses.

Rockville.—The Montgomery County Holstein Breeders' Association, the membership of which includes the leading Holstein breeders of the county, was organized at the home of John B. Diamond, Jr., near Gaithersburg, with the following officers: President, E. G. Fulton, Takoma Park; vice-president, Douglas B. Diamond, Gaithersburg; secretary-treasurer, John B. Diamond, Jr.; directors, James D. King, Germantown, and W. D. Blich, Silver Spring.

Cumberland.—People are becoming aroused over reports that the sale of illicit liquor said to have been distilled in the Shantytown section, is responsible for two deaths within the past 10 days. One of the victims was a business man and the other a colored woman. It is said that concentrated lye is used in making the stuff, mainly to give the burning taste. Heroin is also turned into the making, it is said. The drink, it is said, is colored to resemble bonded whiskey. The stuff is sold in bottles that had contained bonded whiskey, it is said.

Crisfield.—The case against Reese Betts, a teacher in the Crisfield High School, who was summoned to appear before a jury before Magistrate Fred N. Holland for spanking Miss Cathleen Evans, a 15-year-old daughter of Goodsell Evans and a pupil in the high school, did not come up for trial. Mr. Betts appeared and pleaded guilty to assault and was fined by Magistrate Holland \$1 and costs. Betts is said to have admitted that because of alleged disobedience on the part of Miss Evans he pulled her out of her seat, took her to the door and gave her a slap or a shake in the hall. State's Attorney L. Creston Beauchamp agreed not to prosecute the case further.

PREPARES OWN FUNERAL.

Chicago Man Lays Out Clothes And Turns On Gas.

Chicago.—Charles Kaister carefully pressed his clothes. Beside them he laid immaculately fresh linen and a black bow tie. Then he turned on the gas. A note was discovered giving instructions to the undertaker how his funeral was to be conducted and a wad of bill was left to defray expenses. Attendants at the hospital said his wish to die would come true.

NEGRO RIOTERS SHOT BY MOB.

Alfred Williams And Plummer Bullock Killed In Warrenton, N. C.

Norlina, N. C.—Armed mobs crashed their way into the Warrenton county jail, at Warrenton, captured two negro prisoners, marched them to a nearby woods and riddled their bodies with bullets. The prisoners were Alfred Williams and Plummer Bullock, alleged race riot instigators, who were arrested for participation in bloody race rioting here.

STATE CAPITAL

State Will Respect Law.

Annapolis.—

The Eighteenth Amendment, in the opinion of Governor Ritchie, must be given the same respect accorded any other part of the Constitution, without any questioning of the amendment's necessity or expediency. The Governor thus expressed himself to Geo. W. Crabbe, superintendent of the Anti-Slavery League. This, his first public declaration favoring enforcement of the amendment, is sure to cause consternation among his "wet" supporters. The Governor's expression was contained in a letter declining, because of a previous engagement to attend the recent league rally of the Lyric.

"Good citizens cannot fail," said the Governor, "to view with concern any evidence of unrest and disorder, as well as any evidence of the amendment's necessity or expediency. The Governor thus expressed himself to Geo. W. Crabbe, superintendent of the Anti-Slavery League. This, his first public declaration favoring enforcement of the amendment, is sure to cause consternation among his "wet" supporters. The Governor's expression was contained in a letter declining, because of a previous engagement to attend the recent league rally of the Lyric.

"I note the statement in your letter of the league's support of the policy of the government as provided in the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution," he adds, "The Eighteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States has become part of the organic law of the land. Its enforcement cannot now rest upon the question of its necessity or expediency, and it is the duty of every citizen to respect any other part of the Constitution."

Shell Needed In Oyster Beds.

Establishment of large areas of shell bottoms through buying oyster shells and dumping them in localities where the local conditions will aid in assuring increase in natural production is a recommendation which the Conservation Commission makes in its annual report, just issued.

The report estimates that \$100,000 be expended.

The commission will ask an appropriation of \$100,000 a year for a period of two years for purchase and planting oyster shells. To provide this sum the report recommends that the State of Maryland be asked to purchase oyster shells from local fish laws and the enactment of a state-wide fish law and federal migratory fish law. The protection of crabs also forms a part of the recommendations. Protection in its spawning season and prevention of winter dredging in Virginia, to be accomplished by co-operation between the State of Virginia and the federal regulations, is also recommended.

The report states that the commission has selected areas opposite Crisfield, off Deal Island, Piney Point, St. Mary's county, and off Chesapeake Beach, which are to be planted with shells, in order to give the oyster spot something to catch on.

It is also proposed that license on hook-and-line fishermen will be asked of the next legislature.

Opposition To Breeding Bureau.

Strong opposition to the proposed breeding bureau, to be established by the Racing Commission, has developed in the State Board of Agriculture.

Hostility to the proposed bureau is said to have been reflected in a meeting at the Governor's office between Governor Ritchie, State Treasurer John M. Dennis, who is a member of the Board of Agriculture, and Joseph P. Kennedy of the Racing Commission.

Mr. Kennedy had announced that he was going to present to the Governor and Mr. Dennis his plans for a breeding bureau commission of five members, one to be a member of the Racing Commission, one from the Maryland State College and the others to be named by the Racing Commission.

Governor Ritchie, after the meeting, made it plain that he was "hands off" in the matter. Mr. Kennedy, it is understood, has tried to get the Governor to foster the plan and originally proposed that he name three members of the commission. The Governor, however, has refused.

Just how far opposition to the breeding bureau will make itself felt is not yet certain, but it appears that, lacking active support of the Governor, the Racing Commission will have a difficult time of it in the State Board of Agriculture, decide to continue their fight.

Memorial Commissions Agree To Work Together.

An agreement to actively co-operate in the building of the proposed \$10,000,000 war memorial to be erected on the City Hall Plaza was reached at a meeting in the City Hall subcommittee of the city and State war memorial commissions.

The meeting was at the invitation of Harry C. Jones, chairman of the city commission, and was attended by about six of the city and State members.

Mr. Jones said that nothing was attempted by the agreement to work together and arrange for an organization which will take in both the city and State commissions.

The girl who keeps her nose well powdered may be a winner, but she hasn't a chance against the one who sympathizes with the youth when he tells her all about the way he isn't treated just right by the other fellows in the office.

Many Seek State Jobs.

There is no shortage of Maryland private citizens who are willing to become Maryland officials, judging from the response which the Employment Commission of Maryland received to its first advertisement of Civil Service examinations. There has of course never been such a shortage. But heretofore the applicants for place on the State payroll went about seeking the job in another way. They saw a man with political "pull"; now they apply for examination blanks.

Magazine Department

Interesting Features for Home Reading



BOLD BROWN SPIDER

WHEN Brown Spider first began to look after himself he was so convinced that everyone said in Spider Town that he would come to grief at an early age.

He spun webs in the most dangerous places, and no matter what happened to the web Brown Spider was sure to escape unharmed and begin another home in a more dangerous place.

"You will be killed some day," warned all the neighborhood spiders, for there were many spiders living in the attic where Brown Spider lived, but he only laughed at their warning and kept on with his reckless doings.

One day Fuss came to the attic hunting for mice, and when she ran over a chair where Brown Spider sat in his web near the floor she took the web and Brown Spider, too, away on her back.

"I guess you were scared that time," said one spider from her safe home high in a corner.

"I guess I wasn't scared," boasted Brown Spider. "I just wanted a ride; that was all. I went part way downstairs on her back and then jumped off. It was great sport. Why don't you try it some day?"

It was no use; he would never own he was beaten or scared; but one day something happened that the old spiders felt sure he would have to own he did not plan and was really frightened.

Fuss came into the attic and after hunting around she fell asleep right under the shelf where Brown Spider had a web. He let himself down and touched the tip of her nose and he found she could open her eyes up he went to his web.

But after a while he grew careless. "Then she lifted her paw and struck."

THE END

How It Started

NUMBERS.

ARITHMETICAL numbers originated with the Hindus, passed from them to the Arabs, and were introduced into Europe by Leonardo of Pisa about 1200 A. D. The use of fractions is very old, nearly 3,000 years; but the decimal system did not come till the sixteenth or seventeenth century. Logarithms, the greatest advance in mathematical science of their time, were proposed by Napier in 1614.

Take Care of the Hair in Youth and It Will Stay Good All Your Life.

use a soap with the least bit of borax in its makeup. If for any reason I run short of coconut oil, I use olive oil instead. I use a free lather first, rinse, and use a very light lather. I can tell from the feel of the hair, though.

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

By C. N. Lurie

Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

"OFF OF."

THE use of the phrase which heads this article leads often to errors that are seen to be ludicrous, when analyzed. For example, one will hear the question: "Where did you buy that steak?" The answer comes: "I got it off of the butcher around the corner." To get a steak "off of" the butcher might suit a cannibal very well, but the very idea would shock anyone else. In proper usage, omit the "off"; say: "I got it of (or from) the butcher around the corner."

Warning to Wireless Fiends.

Radio amateurs should never fail to close the ground switch when leaving their apparatus. For an aerial attracts lightning and a thunderstorm may come up when the operator is absent. If it does, and the lightning is let into the house, the amateur will find all his apparatus out of business, wrecked beyond repair, to say nothing of the possibility of the house being set on fire.



Irene Marcellus

She touched her nose, and then instead of running home she swung back and forth in front of her face hanging to his thread.

Fuss is very quick with her paw. She seldom misses anything she wishes to strike. She opened her eyes and looked at Brown Spider a second and then she lifted her paw and struck.

The next thing Brown Spider remembered he was on the top of a high old bureau.

He tried all of his legs and found they were safe and then he said, for he knew every spider in the attic was looking at him, "That is the finest way to travel, when you are in a hurry. I wanted to get up here and so I just dangled in front of Fuss to get her to give me a lift."

No one said a word. They were too much surprised; but Brown Spider climbed over the edge of the bureau and made his web this time far above the floor by the window. He really had been frightened. "But I won't let those old fellows know it," he said. (Copyright.)

BEAUTY CHATS

by EDNA KENT FORBES

HAIR DRESSER'S TIPS

SOMETIMES my hair dresser grows talkative, and then she tells me all sorts of interesting and useful things about the hair, things based on her wide and personal experience, things too valuable to be lost in the tiny room where she wields a brush and a vibrator and where she juggles tall bottles of sweet smelling oil and soap. The average woman is too harsh with her hair," she said the other day. "Either she brushes it furiously, or she doesn't brush it at all; either she slicks over it when washing, or she washes the life from it."

"Not all scalp can stand tar soap, though it is a good soap. But it is harsh. I use coconut oil, because it is mild and cleansing and nourishing; it is a dandruff preventive, and it will not hurt all colors of hair, except cases where there is too much natural oil, and then I

whether one use of the soap is enough. I would massage the scalp dry if I could give the time to it, but as I cannot, I use a towel to wring out the superfluous moisture from the hair and then use the warm air fan. But I always massage the scalp after a shampoo and use the electric vibrator. This brings the fresh oils to the surface of the scalp."

If you are still staid and small, I think it an excellent idea to wear the hair down. There are so many years when it must be worn up, and hanging down is healthier for it. (Copyright.)

Peanut Pietro

ONE my friend he pretty smart guy alla right. Hees wife she rausa devil everytime he spony dees night from da house. He lika hees wife and he lika da deenck sometin, too. But da olda lady she no lika da deenck. Everytime dat guy taka leetle shot he gotta trouble den da family.

When he treats hees wife alla right he lika dat, too. Day after tomorrow weel be tree day sence he been raisenell leetle bit.

Lusa week when he come home hees wife she run up wanta kees heem. But she smella sometin on da deenck and right queeck she decide no kees.

You know my friend he feela bad for dat. He tink ees pretty tough when da olda lady taka da kees back. He tella her wot's matter she no wanta kees heem? She say, "I never kees you some more so longa you taka da deenck."

My friend say he no can do dat any way. He say he no can taka da deenck and kees hees wife sama time. So he tella her ees alla right eef he use da kees for da chaser.

Dat make hees wife pretty mad. She tella heem every time he taka da deenck she no kees heem for one week. But my friend ees pretty smarta guy and he no can ver moech for dat. He wanta da kees and he wanta da deenck, so he feegure out way for getta to both.

Before he go out one night he aska me how many week een da year. I say feefaty-two and he tink dat ees grenta stuff. But he sure no feela cool when he gotta home dat night. He putta hees clothes een bed ad throw heemself on da chair. And when hees wife show up he aska her for da kees. She say every deenck he taka ees no kees for one week. But he say hees wife she tella heem after he taka da first deenck. He say he wanta da kees so he take feefaty-two deenck for every week een da year and dat putta heem righta back where he start. I tink he pretty smarta guy.

Wot you tink?

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

TO FEBRUARY.

Folks don't like you, February. For your ways extraordinary. Of pendulous "first joy and sorrow," ice today, and thaw tomorrow. But despite your manners wayward since your days all lead us Mayward.

I shall still your praises sing As the Highway unto Spring. (Copyright.)

THE Ten Commandments are not mentioned here. Neither are the good deeds men do given here. A thousand dead apple trees are not worth as much for fruit raising as one live tree. So a thousand commandments would not count for so much as the "living Jesus," and a thousand good deeds (dead at best) could not equal the living Jesus. Place all commandments and all good deeds in one side of your scales and weigh them against Jesus, they will kick the beam. He was born under the law. He fulfilled the law. He was put to death under the law; His deeds are not only many, they are without an exception good even to perfection. We must deal with Him. Refusal to accept what He has done, that is the sin. That sin holds in its grasp all others. It is this Cross that stands at the forks in the road where we must make the eternal choice. Slitting against that includes all the rest.

With one, it is Jesus or work. Have you done all these good things, or am I not willing to do these right acts? What I did and what I am about to do, that is the consideration. But over against it all is Jesus. There is what He did and what He offers to do. What could a wicked man do to make himself right? He can't. He can't make himself right until he has the righteousness to practice with; and that is in Jesus.

With another it is Jesus or harmlessness. "Why, what harm have I done?" Well, if there had been no other harm done than that done by neglect, then that is starting. Like a neglected, like bridges neglected, like debts neglected so is the son's neglect; it always carries with it disaster. But here is something to which you may have been blinded; you have neglected Him. All other neglects are instead of only for a few years cannot weigh as much as this. What He represents to us is duty so great that if we neglect Him we are lost for all time.

With another it is Jesus or how much can I pay? But we cannot pay for the rejection of Him. He is not to be marketed. How could one pay for such when the very substance or money he might bring would be, not the smallest fraction of it, originally produced by man? "Who hath made all these things?" "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" If it were a matter of barter then we are utterly defeated. Our price would be so devalued by the rate of exchange that it would equal simply nothing.

But "believe on ME," that is the condition. The paying, He has done. "Ye are bought with a price." "Redeemed not with silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ."

Believe on Him, that is to put the whole weight of all the past, all the future and all of now upon Him. He saves. He is the elevator that takes us up. It is dangerous even to put forth the hand as if to increase its power to lift us.

Not believing on Him, sin follows. Believing on Him, sin is defeated. Search the whole field from end to end, and through every part, and it is defiled unless we believe on Him. Likewise, search it most thoroughly, and the defilement is gone if we believe on Him. It is a wonderful word of life this, "the gift of God is eternal life." When the little girl was asked to explain how sweet the honey was in the jar she carried, she tried several times to find an answer, and then reached the climax by lifting the jar up in her hands and saying, "Here, put your finger in, taste and see." The proof was in the tasting.

And drunkards and moral men, scholars and uneducated men, prosperous and poor men, stand forth to declare that to believe on Jesus Christ is to be saved. Why not be one among them?

The Sin That Includes All Other Sins

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