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The Word of God

TRUSTING GOD: O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust; save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me.—Psalm 7: 1.



JAMES ASWELL

New York, Jan. 4.—The town is fragments: Burlesk shows hereabout on every corner, the borderline of the utterly unrepresentable, would seem much tamer, almost respectable from a couple glimpsed briefly of a recent afternoon. In a dusty downtown stationer's window, a pamphlet entitled "What's New About Sex", with this addition in small type under the title "copyright 1910". Well, maybe nothing much new has been discovered of the topic.

Hint to Balkan generals weary of frumpiness in the costuming of their militia, the uniforms of the Radio City. Roxy ushers. Heard from the lips of a nice old lady in Sixth Avenue. "I Roxy the English pronunciation of Rothafel-like these long names the roll up short, like?"

The elevated station a few yards away from the new Roxy has been spruced up more nicely than Marl Dressler in a next year's Paris mode. The effect is odd, almost unimpressive. The ancient structure suddenly goes modernistic in a gleam of silver, doll ed-up stairs and platform. But at most immediately it lapses into its rusty tatteredness, dream of the nineties. For the long haul uptown and down.

"BEGGAR'S OPERA"

Mendicants in the deepest turmoil of the congested area could grow rich if they devoted as much ingenuity to legitimate business as to new schemes for mooching.

A ragged young man took my arm the other night in Broadway, murmuring, "Say, feller, look it this, I letter to my wife, who's had up sick. Loan me three cents to post it." I watched him work the same speed of half a dozen others in the crowd, collecting from most.

LITTLE LIVES

Helen had been in the Vanities chorus for a month, "when politics ruined things." Isabel lived in The Bronx, was downtown window shopping one Saturday afternoon and dropped in to land a model's job. Rebecca's father was a friend of the store proprietor.

Jane went to New York university night school and was paying tuition from her earnings, \$3 a day. Eunice thought it was none of my business how she happened to be a model, and she was just as good as society girl who gabbled about and looked down on her. Technically, Eunice was wrong, because she parades in a second-story show window and everybody passing, even Primo Carnaria, must look up to her all day long.

The girls work in shifts of a few minutes stalling, turning smiling, opening of wraps. Then a few minutes' rest. Salaries vary, but \$15 weekly—running as high as \$30 in exceptional cases—is the norm.

MADHATTAN DRAMA

Once in so often tragedy swishes strictly personal wings across the path even of those who tell reporting it—along with comedy—of others in the swirl.

Last night I phoned a friend to ride up to Harlem in his car. He was going, I knew. He said call back promptly at midnight. I was 15 minutes late—and he went without me. On the way he smashed into a truck, was seriously injured and his companion killed.

Thus the wings brush—and I knock on wood.

TODAY

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES

1716—Aaron Burr, Presbyterian clergyman, college president, father of ill-fated Vice President, born at Fairfield, Conn. Died at Princeton, N. J. Sept. 1797.

1780—Horace Binney, Philadelphia lawyer, one of the country's greatest of his day, born in Philadelphia. Died there, Aug. 12, 1875.

1785—Jacob Grimm, famous German philologist, co-author, with his brother, of immortal fairy tales, born Died Sept. 20, 1863.

1813—Isaac Pitman, English inventor of the shorthand system bearing his name, born. Died Jan. 22, 1897.

1838—Charles S. Stratton, the famous dwarf known as "Tom Thumb", born at Bridgeport, Conn. Died at Middleboro, Mass., July 15, 1883.

1856—William Goebel, the Kentucky governor whose death almost brought the State to civil war, born at Carbondale, Pa. Shot by an assassin, Feb. 3, 1900.

1874—George K. Burgess, noted physicist, director of the U. S. Bureau of Standards, born in Newton, Mass. Died in Washington, D. C., July 2, 1932.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1784—Treaty ending the Revolutionary War ratified by Congress.

1883—The Pendleton Act, or Civil Service Reform Act, passed by Congress.

1896—Utah admitted to the Union.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Admiral Frank H. Schofield, U. S. N., who today reaches the statutory age of retirement, born at Jerusalem, N. Y., 64 years ago.

Carter Glass, U. S. Senator from Virginia, secretary of the Treasury under Wilson, born at Lynchburg, Va. 75 years ago.

John Thomas, U. S. Senator from Idaho, defeated at the last election, born at Phillips Co., Kans., 59 years ago.

George H. Houston of Philadelphia, president of the Baldwin locomotive, born at Covington, Ky., 50 years ago.

Charles Gibbs Adams, noted Los Angeles landscape architect, born there 19 years ago.

Prof. Niels E. Hansen, South Dakota Agriculture College horticulturist, originator of many new fruits, born in Denmark, 67 years ago.

Max Eastman, New York author-editor, born at Cannanadigua, N. Y., 50 years ago.

A. E. Coppard, a noted English poet and novelist, born 55 years ago.

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE

The keynote of this day is Aspiration. There is a disposition to adventure. Artistic in taste, these natures guard against this they are sure sometimes become easily corrupted. There is a great tendency toward Oriental customs and travel.

SCORE OF PLANES

START FOR SOUTH

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Upwards of a score of planes, their whirling propellers headed southward, were based into position today for the continuation of their second annual air cruise to Florida.

Lunch awaited the fliers in Charleston, S. C. after refueling stops at Raleigh, N. C., and Florence, S. C. and from Charleston they will push on to Florida.

WILL ROGERS says:

Beverly Hills, Calif., Jan. 4.—Hello, Mister, was you ever asked to make a New Year's prediction? "Say, I never been asked to eat on New Year's."

Have you ever been appointed on a commission? "No, nor in jail either."

Do you read prominent men's predictions? "No, I never read fiction."

Have you a job? "No, I am on a diet."

What does the New Year hold in store for you? "What New Year? Have they got another one?"

Do you think the world leaders can get us out of this? "They might. Ignorance got us in."

What do you think of technocracy? "Nothing you can't spell with ever work."

What about the debts? "Well, I hear England paid 29 millions, but it's only hearsay as far as the unemployment is concerned."

Do you think we will get out of this depression just because we got out of all the others? "Lots of folks down that's been in the water before."

What will give the unemployed employment? "If somebody will throw a monkey wrench into the machinery."

Won't light wages and beer be a big aid to the poor? "They will if they give 'em away."

Won't '33 see a change for the better? "I don't think so. We haven't suffered enough. The Lord is repaying us for our foolishness during these ready to let us out of the dog-house yet."

I will haul you down the road if you like. "What's down the road? I been to both ends. One place is as good as another."

Well, good luck to you. "Yes, that's what my Congressman said."

Yours, WILL.

Farm Problem Grips Nation; Billions Lost

Backbone of Buying Power Broken by Agrarians' Plight

(This is the third of a series of sketches on the problems facing President-elect Roosevelt.)

By LESLIE EICHEL
To understand the problems facing President-elect Roosevelt, we must approach them one by one.

The one causing the deepest concern to the incoming chief executive of the United States is believed to be the farm problem.

Farmers outnumber a yother class of people on the North American continent. The farm population of the United States is estimated at 31,200,000. They, not city folk, are the chief buyers. And they are the chief ship-

Backbone of Business

In countries like the United States and Canada, in spite of all the industries and towns and cities, farmers

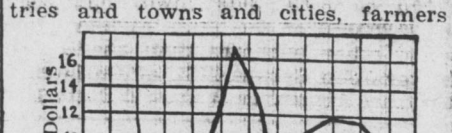


Chart I. Farm income in U. S. shown in billions of dollars by years in upper curve. Total farm income is now less than the pre-war level of 1910-1914. Lower dotted curve shows trend of farm exports.

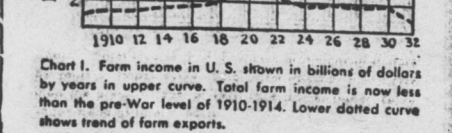


Chart II. Total value of farm products in U. S. shown in billions of dollars by years. The jump in farm output started in 1920. The national average of farm output now stands at 80 per cent of the average of 1910-1914.

constitute the backbone of business for virtually every industry.

Farming has suffered a calamity such as has been unknown in modern times. Many prices are the lowest ever recorded.

Gross farm incomes in the United States dropped from \$11,950,000,000 in 1929, to \$5,240,000,000 in 1932, a decrease of 56.2 per cent.

Expenditures, however, dropped only from \$6,621,000,000 to \$3,920,000,000 a decrease of only 40.8 per cent.

Net balance, therefore, showed a decrease of 75.2 per cent in four years. Only \$211 a Year

The average net income available for each farmer in 1932 amounted to approximately \$211. Try to live on that!

And over the farmer hangs between nine and ten billion dollars of mortgages—mortgages that were made when land values were inflated. Short term indebtedness aggregate probably four billion additional.

When, on top of all that, if, say, a mortgage of \$1,000 was made 10 years ago, it would require perhaps the equivalent of \$1,400 to pay it off today, due to the fluctuation of currency values.

Is it any wonder that the president-elect of the United States is devoting intense study to the agricultural crisis? Farmers, as well as city folk, virtually are starving in the midst of plenty.

Next: What Can Be Done?

Cooperation Is Already Keynote of Legislature

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nances. But that is not the case this year. Both new and old members seem already well informed about the condition of the State's treasury.

They know the approximate amount of the State's expected deficit, what the operating deficit will be this year and the discrepancy between revenue and expenditures under the present revenue law. Many of them have either already read the report and recommendations of the State Tax Commission or the resume of it carried in the newspapers. Most of them also have pretty well defined ideas concerning what the State is going to have to do about it and where it is going to get the money.

There is some very strong sentiment in favor of a general sales tax on gross sales, similar to the Mississippi sales tax law. The sentiment for this general sales tax also seems to be growing, since more and more are publicly expressing the opinion that while they are personally opposed to the principle of any kind of sales tax, that they see no other way out of the present dilemma.

There also seems to be strong sentiment in opposition to the first and second recommendations of the State Tax Commission. The first of these was for a reduction of \$3,000,000 a year in the expenditures from the general fund, which would hence call for an additional reduction in salaries of all State employees, including school teachers, of about 20 per cent below present levels. The second recommendation called for the diversion of \$2,000,000 a year from the State highway fund to the general fund. But many of those who have already studied the facts and figures seem convinced that no money can or should be diverted from the highway fund for other than highway purposes.

As a result, a great many think that

these two methods for getting \$5,000,000 a year in additional revenue are pretty much the bunk and that the State must hence find at least \$5,000,000 a year in new revenue. Quite a number also think the proposed "replacement taxes" with which it is proposed to recapture the \$3,800,000 that will be lost through the repeal of the 15 cents property tax, will not yield the amounts estimated. Some also doubt the wisdom of increasing any of the license or franchise tax schedule any higher and are convinced that the State will have to turn to other tax sources in order to replace the \$3,800,000 that will be lost through the repeal of the 15 cents property tax.

Because of these opinions and convictions, more and more thought is turning to consideration of the general sales tax as just about the only remaining source of revenue that can supply the amount needed. It is estimated that a two per cent gross sales tax on manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers will yield from \$3,000,000 to \$10,000,000 a year, which is the approximate amount of new revenue needed to meet even a moderate operating budget.

It is evident that most of the members of this Assembly have already done more than the usual amount of independent thinking and that they are not going to waste much time.

Roosevelt Invited To Deliver Speech To Session Jan. 18

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Fox, of Forsyth, which invited Roosevelt to address the legislature on or about January 18, when he passes through North Carolina en route to Warm Springs, Ga.

The House got three measures intended to bring about a cut in the cost of State government. One resolution by Makepeace, of Lee, and Newman, of New Hanover, would ask legislators to take a 20 per cent pay cut in their constitutional salary of \$600.

Elective officers were the object of the other two measures, and the authors explained the bills must be passed today if the cuts are to be effected this year, as salaries of elective officers cannot be cut after they have assumed office, and they will be sworn in tomorrow.

The first measure, which the House took up at once under suspension of the rules on an 89 to 23 vote, would cut the pay 15 per cent. It would give the governor \$5,500 annually, instead of \$10,000, and other cuts would be in proportion. It was introduced by Representative Johnson, of Chatham, Flannagan, of Pitt, and Lumpkin, of Franklin. The other sent up by Scarborough, of Richmond, and Williams, of Duplin, would reduce the governor's pay from \$10,050 to \$7,000 annually and would place the other elective officers, who form the Council of State, on a \$3,000 basis. These officials—secretary of state, attorney general, auditor, treasurer and superintendent of public instruction—now get \$4,500 to \$7,500 annually.

Organization of the two divisions was a formality.

The House named Reginald Lee Harris, of Person, as its speaker, and Senator William Grimes Clark, of Edgecombe, was named president pro tem of the Senate.

All other nominees of the caucuses last night were elected.

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was principal clerk of that body in 1931, presided until after the election of the president pro tem, Senator W. G. Clark, of Tarboro. Senator Clark was selected as the choice of the Democrats for this office at their caucus last night. In the absence of Lieutenant Governor Richard T. Pountain, still prevented by illness from being present, Senator Clark took over the gavel as president pro tem as soon as he had been sworn in and proceeded to preside over the Senate for the remainder of the session. He will remain its only presiding officer until after the official inauguration of Governor J. C. E. Ehringhaus and Lieutenant Governor A. H. Graham at noon tomorrow.

The House was called to order by Thad Eure, principal clerk of the House during the 1931 session. Following the calling of the roll, the election of the speaker was in order and Reg. L. Harris, of Roxboro, Person county, was elected speaker. He had previously been designated as the candidate of his party at the Democratic caucus last night. As soon as Harris had been officially sworn in as speaker, he took over the gavel from the principal clerk and the House proceeded to the election of its other officers.

Thad Eure was again elected principal clerk and he will proceed at once with the organization of his office.

In the Senate, LeRoy Martin was again elected principal clerk.

Coincident with the convening of the Senate today, Lieutenant Governor Graham announced the Senate Committee on rules. The chairman of this committee is Senator W. G. Clark, of Edgecombe, who is also president pro tem, while the members are Senators T. W. M. Long, of Roanoke Rapids; E. F. Griffin, of Louisville; D. P. McDuffee, of Henderson; D. J. Walker, of Burlington; A. H. Gwyn, of Reidsville; W. C. Burgin, of Lexington; Haden Clement, of Salisbury; R. M. Hanes, of Winston-Salem; E. M. Land, of Statesville; and R. Grady Rankin, of Gastonia.

Lieutenant Governor Graham will announce additional committees following the joint session tomorrow, he said today.

Speaker Harris also announced the chairman and members of the House committee on rules following the close of the House session.

Always important, because they make the rules under which the Senate and House operate, the committees on rules are expected to be more

"Bored To Death"



important than ever this year. For these committees determine to a very large extent the amount of patronage to be handed out in the form of jobs for pages, clerks and assistant clerks of various sorts. Indications are that these committees are going to cooperate with both Lieutenant Governor Graham and Speaker Harris and hold the number of employees in both houses down to a minimum. The number of pages and clerks employed by both houses is expected to be smaller than ever before, in order to effect as much economy as possible. Two years ago there were some 90 employees of the Senate, put on with the approval of the lieutenant governor and the rules committee, although there were only about 37 employees in the House.

Following the completion of the routine business, both the Senate and House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon tomorrow at which time Governor-elect Ehringhaus, Lieutenant Governor Graham and all the recently elected State officials will be formally inaugurated.

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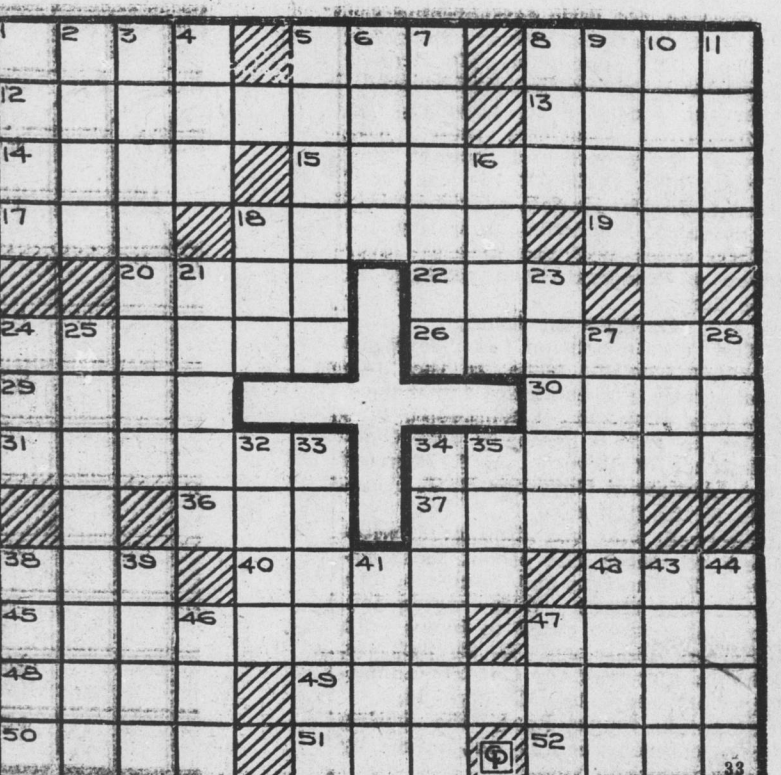
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CROSS WORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1—Sawmill gate
- 5—Rodent
- 8—Undecided
- 12—Cherish
- 13—Genus of trees
- 14—Tunes
- 15—Consisting of two terms
- 17—Feminine name
- 18—More capable
- 19—Devoiced
- 20—The back of the neck
- 22—Tangle
- 24—Thinner
- 26—Slants
- 29—Mountains in S. America
- 30—Part of the head
- 31—Incunations
- 34—Thinly scattered
- 36—Infant
- 37—Young horse
- 38—Wings
- 40—Sinned
- 42—Wrath
- 45—Apparition
- 47—Observe
- 48—Cervidae
- 49—Forbearance
- 50—Heaven
- 51—Type measures
- 52—Requests

DOWN

- 2—Lamb's pen name
- 10—Cleanliness
- 11—Valley
- 16—Spoken
- 18—Monkey
- 21—About
- 23—Pertaining to tone
- 24—Pillar
- 25—Entitled
- 27—Shares
- 28—Bishop's diocese
- 32—Accomplishes
- 33—Chevron
- 34—Perceives
- 35—Legitimate
- 36—Military assistant
- 39—Opposite of weather
- 41—Wander
- 43—Stone
- 44—Increases
- 46—Vase
- 47—Grassland

Answer to Previous Puzzle

BRAD ANTS REA
RAGE SORE ILL
AVON PREAMBLE
NEGOTIABLE
TIC LENTIL
GREEN FED CODE
AIDS HIDE ROOT
ICE EON BELLS
TENONS LEA
FLAGELLATE
DESTINED IRON
AWESNAQ ZERO
WEB TARE EANS

at most on a five-yearly basis, and with each renewal he must put up a fresh commission. His interest rate is 7 or 8 per cent, and it is most unlikely that there is any provision for amortization, which, if that also be reckoned, brings the total rate up to 8 1-2 and 9 1-2 per cent.

Yet even the federal farm loan system (to say nothing of the savings banks and insurance companies) is unable to make moderate terms, for the system itself must raise its money, to loan to the farmers, by the sale of its 4 1-2 per cent bonds, and its bonds do not sell at par, either. Naturally there must be a margin between the interest the system pays on its bonds and the interest it charges the farmer. Moreover, it has been found that a 1 per cent margin is not quite sufficient to meet losses and overhead.

Senator Frazier proposes to terminate the system's public sales of 4 1-2 per cent bonds.

Instead he would provide for the issuance by the farm loan board of 1 1-2 per cent bonds, on which the federal reserve system would be required to issue its notes (currency) to the bonds' par value—this money to be loaned to the farmers at 1 1-2 per cent, to refinance them.

That is to say, with the new legal tender so advanced to them, they would pay off their old obligations, principal and all thenceforward having only 1 1-2 per cent interest to pay, plus 1 1-2 per cent for amortization, or a 3 per cent total, as compared with 7 per cent, and upward, as heretofore.

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