

THE Mississippi legislature has a bribery investigation on its hands. Grafting is entirely non-partisan.

WE are sorry to lose alderman Bump from the city council. He has stood courageously for what he considered right and his efficient services should have been better rewarded.

OUR New York legislator got \$51,000 for his vote on a certain measure and another \$22,000. That is where grafting amounts to something.

PRESIDENT TAFT is pressing congress to pass a resolution declaring for opening negotiations for a reciprocity treaty with Canada at once. That best ever tariff seems to be fatally defective.

MINNEAPOLIS with its usual enterprise is now figuring upon an immense auditorium which will accommodate the largest conventions. The metropolis is capable of accomplishing what ever it starts out to.

THE railroads that have been compelled to raise the wages of their employees are now looking for the additional money to pay them. Evidently this must come from increased rates on carrying passengers and freight if the present income will not provide it.

FRANK B. KELLOGG is credited with saying that the republican situation is such in Minnesota that he does not wish to endanger republican success at the next state and national elections by beginning a senatorial fight and so will not be a candidate for Senator Clapp's place. Good for Kellogg.

AN item of \$2,500 for Speaker Cannon's automobile was sneaked into the appropriation bill by congress after all. It was cut out at one place and then sneaked in elsewhere in a lump appropriation. We may have some great financiers at Washington, but evidently no watchdog of the treasury.

WE believed in a protective tariff, measured by the difference between the cost of production here and abroad. Less than this is unjust to American laborers; more is unjust to American consumers. That difference should be ascertained with the utmost speed, and the present law modified accordingly. Indiana Republican platform.

THE government made its contract for 54,000 pounds of gilt-creamery butter with a Minnesota creamery, that at Hutchinson. As this must score 95 it is evident that this state was about the only place where they could find what was wanted. Another honor for the North Star State.

THE new city council as a whole is an improvement on the old. Now let every department be put strictly on a business basis. For example, appoint a competent foreman for the street work and allow him to select his own help without any interference from aldermen who would like to have some of their pals on the force. Organize for efficiency and economy.

THE death of Hon. Joel P. Heatwole, editor of the Northfield News, last week removes one of the ablest country journalists of this state. He was a hard fighter and grew independent in his opinions in his later life. As a member of congress he brought honor to his state. Our relations, personally with him were very pleasant. Only a few weeks ago he made a friendly call at this office.

THE death rate per 10,000 from tuberculosis in Victoria, Australia, has fallen from 15.58 in 1890 to 9.58 in 1907, and in Melbourne and suburbs from 20 in 1890 to 11.6 in 1907. This is attributed to the aggressive campaign against this disease, including the registration of tuberculosis cases, the erection of institutions for treatment and the general improvement of sanitary and working conditions. Minnesota can make as good a showing by using the same measures.

THE figures in the St. Paul budgets show that in two years the fund for salaries for city officers has increased to within a fraction of 50 per cent, 49.57 to be exact. There is a tendency all along the line to increase salaries of public officials and multiply offices without any regard to the rights and interests of the tax payers. We believe that there are plenty of new men who would be glad to take positions at the lower previous salaries. Why not let them?

THE House of Representatives by a decisive vote of 182 to 110 on Friday authorized the construction of two

battleships to cost \$6,000,000. Poor Tawney introduced a substitute favoring the construction of only one but was promptly turned down by a vote of 138 to 104. The country needs protection from foreign attacks and the best way is to keep up our navy to a high standard. Better cut out speaker Cannon's automobile and spend our public money judiciously.

OTHER EDITORS OPINIONS.

Mason City Globe-Gazette: No sport has ever been invented which is so clean and so perennially attractive and so good for both participant and observer as base ball.

Minneapolis Journal: An Ohio joke about putting Secretary Ballinger on the supreme bench will not be well received generally. A large part of the country longs to see him on the supreme shelf.

Fairmont Independent: Senator Clapp has stepped to the front. His name mentioned with that of Senator Cummings of Iowa and with that of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin. He is a leader in the United States Senate, and has faithfully represented the interests of all the people, and is not the tool of the corporations and the moneyed interests.

Hokah Chief: The Republican state convention will be held at St. Paul on June 21st. Will the party lay out the plans for another defeat at this convention? It can easily be done.

Louisville Courier-Journal: After the House solemnly investigates the charge that there is a ship subsidy lobby in Washington it should appoint an investigating committee to ascertain whether sunrise customarily occurs, and order the finding to be that there hasn't been a sunrise within the memory of anyone now living.

Blue Earth Post: E. W. Morgan, who will be remembered as having been injured at Easton last May by being thrown all over a Milwaukee caboose by the carelessness of an engineer, effected a settlement with the company yesterday. Mr. Morgan was forced to give up the job as traveling salesman for Griggs, Cooper & Co., St. Paul, per account thereof for several months. While Mr. Morgan believes the injury will give him more or less trouble through life, his settlement with the company was at almost his terms rather than to go to the expense or a long and costly law suit.

Anoka Union: The American people today or a large majority of them favor low tariff and all the Tafts, the Payne's, the Aldrich's cannot change them. They know that promises have been made and have not been fulfilled. They have become suspicious and want to know the reason. If it is not forth coming, they will demand why? Public opinion is aroused and those opposed had best look out for breakers. Already the slashing can be heard.

Hallock News: A man who is low enough to entice one to drink again, should surely suffer some penalty for such an act. A case of this kind came to our notice the other day, when a young man, who has not touched liquor for almost a year, was "bullied" into taking a drink, which was all that was necessary to bring back the old appetite stronger than ever. We did not think that we had men in this community that were guilty of such an abominable act.

Pioneer Press: An Ohio minister is offering prayers for the conversion of a political boss. The best way to bring a political boss to repentance is for the minister and his flock to go out and vote the other ticket.

LeSueur News: After the election of a democratic congressman in a Massachusetts never-before-heard-of such-a-thing district, President Taft sent a message to congress recommending an appropriation of \$250,000 for the use of a tariff commission who will examine his "best ever" tariff law. The writing on the wall explains it.

Minneapolis Tribune: The best hope of the Republican party is the moderation and self-restraint of the insurgent element in it. They who know just where to stop destruction can be trusted with the work of reconstruction.

Northfield News: The Ballinger probe, it is intimated, may come to an end two months hence. Two months or two years, it will make little difference. The people have already made up their minds that Ballinger should go and nothing is likely to change them. He has lost their confidence and ought to have the good sense to see it and resign. He never would have been in the position if it had been an elective one.

Mankato Free Press: The Minneapolis Journal says: "The plan of using the average vote for state officers penalizes those counties that cast a large vote for Johnson. Hennepin is therefore punished for having voted for Johnson." Well, Hennepin, it serves you right. You ought to have voted for Jacobson.

Jackson Republic: A great many people who go west late in the winter to avoid the disagreeable spring weather have a chance this year to stay at home and enjoy some of the best spring weather that can be found in any section of the country.

Winnebago City Enterprise: Short-sighted indeed is the man who fails to see a brilliant future for Southern Minnesota. Just stop to consider that we have here one of the richest agricultural sections in the country. When the land is properly tilled, the wet seasons, such as we have experienced the past few years, will not amount to much. This country is admirably adapted to withstand a protracted drought. You simply can't beat it for an all around farming country.

Cannon Falls Beacon: Among the new men in the senate who are fighting the battles of the people LaFollette and Cummings are two who can give the stand pat crowd, including "Boss" Aldrich, all they want in debate. Senator Cummings speech on the Interstate Commerce bill was a very able argument and he was at all times prepared to meet all comers.

Breckenridge Gazette: Thousands of people are passing thru Minnesota every day on their way to Western

Canada, Montana and other points. These people have all been attracted by the glittering advertisements of real estate companies and are going to buy lands and start homes in a country that just now will hardly support a flock of jackrabbits. A short residence will cure many of them of their folly and another year will see them trailing back into Minnesota.

St. Paul Review: Taft cancels an Indianapolis visit of a few hours because Beveridge republicans refuse to agree that he speaks advisedly upon recent tariff legislation. Only Taft stands in with him in this state and Jim should get him here before the convention because there is no telling what it will do.

Braintree Dispatch: Has anyone noticed the decrease in the use of the deadly cigarette since the law passed by the legislature last winter forbidding the sale of them or the "makings"? Those addicted to the use of the prohibited article seem to be enjoying it just the same, although it is supposed to be impossible to buy "cotton" or the paper to wrap them in from any dealer in the state. The law looks to have been a joke.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets assist nature in driving all impurities out of the system, insuring a free and regular condition and restoring the organs of the body to health and strength. Sold by all druggists.

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LET ALL HELP IN THE CENSUS.

The work of counting the population of the United States will commence on April 15. However faithfully enumerators may strive they will need the assistance of all citizens to secure a full and complete count. When the enumerator calls at your home be prepared to give answers to all the questions he asks and be assured that he is only asking the questions prescribed by the government, and that refusal to answer these is a misdemeanor, punishable by fine. He is the agent of the government and he is not permitted to divulge any information he receives from you to any person in this city or state. When his enumeration is forwarded to the census bureau the facts are tabulated and the papers are then destroyed.

As the enumerators have only 14 days in which to complete their work, they will of necessity have to call at the houses during the hours of the day, when the duty of answering the questions will fall on the lady of the household. It would help if this matter is fully talked over with the family, so that the wife will be able to give the information quickly and accurately, not only as to the members of her own family, but also as to the boarders or roomers in the house, including servants.

If no members of the family is at home when the census taker calls, he will leave a notice stating the time when he will make his second call. Be sure and be at home at that time as the compensation he receives is small and it is unfair to expect him to make several calls at any one house.

If for some reason the enumerator does not call, or you are not enumerated, please notify the Transcript and we will so advise the enumerator.

In giving the list of your family include those who are temporarily absent.

All should take an interest in assisting the enumerator so that Austin will be credited with the accurate and complete number of its people. We believe this city has over 8,000 population and they should all be counted.

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WESTERN CANADA

What Governor Densen, of Illinois, Says About It:

Governor Densen, of Illinois, owns a section of land in Saskatchewan, Canada. He has said in an interview:

"As an American I am delighted to see the rapid progress of Western Canada. The people are flocking across the boundary in thousands, and I have not yet met one who admitted he had made a mistake. They are all doing well. There is scarcely a community in the Middle or West that is not prospering."

125 Million Bushels of Wheat in 1909

Western Canada sold more than 125 million bushels of wheat in 1909. The average yield to the farmer is \$170,000,000 in cash. Five hundred thousand acres of Western Canada are now being developed. The land is fertile and the climate is good. The people are flocking across the boundary in thousands, and I have not yet met one who admitted he had made a mistake. They are all doing well. There is scarcely a community in the Middle or West that is not prospering. The land is fertile and the climate is good. The people are flocking across the boundary in thousands, and I have not yet met one who admitted he had made a mistake. They are all doing well. There is scarcely a community in the Middle or West that is not prospering.

PEOPLE'S PULPIT.. MOUNTAINS SWEPT INTO THE SEA



Sermon by CHARLES T. RUSSELL, Pastor Brooklyn Tabernacle.

"We Will Not Fear Though the Mountains Be Carried Into the Midst of the Sea" (Psalm xvi, 2).

April 10.—Pastor Russell, accompanied by Dr. Jones, who will serve him as stenographer, and by a representative of this Journal, sailed from New York April 5th for Jerusalem—via Paris, Berne, Naples, Alexandria, Cairo and the Pyramids, Jaffa, to Jerusalem and vicinity. His return will be via Rome, Vienna, Warsaw, Berlin, Elberfeld and London. Meetings have been arranged for enroute. His longest stay will be in Great Britain, where about twenty appointments in the principal cities await him. He will be speaking practically every day. His Sunday discourses will be specially reported in these columns. Special interest will center in the discourses at Jerusalem and Rome. The many readers of his sermons will follow the Pastor in his journey with great interest. He is scheduled to be back in Brooklyn June 5th, when his topic will be "Jerusalem." In anticipation of a large audience on that occasion Brooklyn's largest Auditorium, the Academy of Music, has been secured. His sermons now reach six million families weekly, and assuredly many of these wish him God-speed.

On the Atlantic April Tenth.

I have chosen for my text a sea topic, a symbolical prophecy which, I believe, is rapidly nearing fulfillment. All Bible students recognize the fact that many of the Psalms are Messianic; that is to say, they apply to the time of the inauguration of Messiah's Millennial Kingdom. Some of them detail the peace and joy and blessings which will then prevail amongst men, when the great leveling processes of that time will raise all the worthy poor and degraded and will humble all the proud, establishing Society under such new conditions that the new order of things is symbolically styled in the Scriptures "a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (II Peter iii, 13). Others of the Psalms describe in highly figurative terms the work of the Millennial Age. For instance, we read:

"Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most Mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty. And in thy majesty ride prosperously, because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things. Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee" (Psalm xlv, 3-5). Here the great Redeemer is pictured as the glorious conquering King of the Millennial Age, and his victory over every opposing influence is emphasized—"Unto him every knee shall bow and every tongue confess" (Isaiah xiv, 23). His right hand that will teach terrible things is the symbol of the Divine power which will be exercised at the inauguration of the Kingdom. The sharp arrows which will pierce the enemies to the heart and cause them symbolically to fall before him slain represent his messages of Truth and Grace which then will conquer as they do not now, except in the hearts of the few. A sample of those now slain after this manner by the Word of Truth is furnished us in the account of St. Peter's sermon on the Day of Pentecost. He preached the Truth plainly, thrusting in the "Sword of the Spirit" up to the hilt. He told his hearers how they and their rulers had crucified the Prince of Life. They were "cut to the heart," and it was the greatest blessing that could have possibly come to them (Acts ii, 23). Similarly during the Millennium, the "arrows" of Truth will smite down all opposition; and mankind, cut to the heart with proper appreciation of their own sinfulness and God's mercy, will fall before the great King, accepting mercy upon his gracious terms—full surrender.

The Day of Trouble Pictured.

The Psalm of which our text is a part is one of the Messianic Psalms. Prophetically and symbolically it tells about the trouble incident to the passing away of the present order of sin and selfishness and the inauguration of the new order of righteousness and love under the great Mediatorial Kingdom of Christ. Whether the events which the Scriptures predict shall come in our day or not, we hold that they will come and be in full complement with these prophetic pictures. They were surely written for our instruction (I Timothy iii, 16). And as Bible students we do well to take heed to every item of the Divine revelation, that thus we may keep ourselves in touch with the Infinite One and in sympathy with all the features of his great and wonderful Program. Let us note the particulars of the Psalm in detail.

The Refuge of His Saints.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm xvi, 1). How beautiful! How comforting! How strengthening! Those who have entered into covenant relationship with God through Christ, through faith and consecration, and who are abiding in his love, may feel serene in any trouble—in every trouble—not merely in the final trouble, with which sin and sorrow will be brought to an end. Not merely when Satan

shall be bound will God be the refuge of his saints, but in all times and under all circumstances "the peace of God which passeth all understanding" will keep the hearts and minds of his faithful.

"Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea." Fear is the great torment of the majority of our race. It is the lash which the Adversary frequently uses to drive away from God those who need his sympathy and love and succor. To such the Lord speaks tenderly saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." And again, God declares his name to be Love and says, "Their fear toward me is taught by the precepts of men"—not by his Word (Isaiah xxxix, 13). He would have us trust him as a great, loving, generous Father, saying, "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord compassioneth those who reverence him" (Psalm ciii, 13). As love, more love, perfect love, comes into our hearts it more and more casts out the fear which the Adversary would inculcate and which has burned into men's minds and consciences the "doctrines of devils," to which the Apostle refers (I Timothy iv, 1).

"Fear not their fear, neither be afraid," says the Lord to those who are his people. "Let the peace of God which passeth all understanding rule in your hearts!" Be faithful! Be trustful! Accept the assurance that "All things shall work together for good to those who love God—to the called ones according to his purpose" (Romans viii, 28). This class will not fear when the earth shall be removed and when the mountains shall be carried into the midst of the sea. They might indeed be astonished and in trepidation if they were literal mountains; but they are symbolical. The people of the Lord, under his instruction, will not be in darkness that day shall overtake them as a thief, although it will come as a thief and as a snare upon the whole world (Luke xxi, 35). In the symbolism of the Bible the term earth is used to represent the social structure, as the mountains which constitute the backbone of the earth symbolize the kingdoms of the world supported by the social order. As the earth represents the fixity of the social order, the sea represents the restless, turbulent, dissatisfied classes which lash against the earth and continually seek to swallow it up. The removal of the earth symbolizes the disturbance of the social order. The swallowing up of the mountains in the seas represents the overwhelming of some of the great kingdoms of the earth by the uprising of the people in anarchistic rebellion against social order.

"The Powers That Be Ordained of God."

The fact that the Scriptures prophetically describe the overwhelming of the social order and the great governments of the earth must not be understood to signify that the Bible counsels revolution or anarchy. On the contrary, all of God's people throughout the Scriptures are counseled to live peaceably with all men, so far as possible. They are counseled not to use carnal weapons, not to take to the sword for the settlement of disputes, but rather to suffer injury. They are counseled that God is the great Over-Lord, and that although he is not now ruling directly amongst men he is fully the Master of the situation in that he could at any time overthrow all opponents. He does not acknowledge that his will is now done in the earth, but tells us that it will be done by and by and encourages us to pray and to hope and to wait for it. He tells us that Satan is now the "Prince of this world" by virtue of the fact that he deceives the minds and hearts of the majority. God would have his people understand something of his great Program, but he would keep this hidden from all others; hence the impossibility of explaining spiritual things to a carnal mind (I Corinthians ii, 14). "None of the wicked shall understand" (Daniel xii, 10).

The great Creator has contented himself with such a supervision of human affairs as leaves much responsibility in human hands. He merely interferes to raise up or to cast down on occasions when the interest of his Cause and Program may demand. For instance, the case of the Pharaoh, raised to the throne of Egypt, in Moses' day. God there raised to the throne a man of great determination, and hindered from reaching the throne other men not so favorable to the carrying out of the Divine Purposes. Thus, without interfering with the free moral agency of the king, God used the wrath of man to praise him and the remainder he restrained. Similarly, God previously raised Joseph to the Governorship of Egypt for his own purposes.

The Prophet describes the tumult of that day of overwhelming trouble, when God's Kingdom will be established, saying of the sea that will swallow up the mountains, "The waters roar and are troubled, the mountains shake with the swelling thereof" (Psalm xvi, 3). It is probably true that such socialistic and anarchistic roarings have many times in the past caused the kingdoms of earth and their rulers to tremble. But some day, according to the Scriptures, the final catastrophe will occur. How near that day may be who can tell? Quite a good many earnest Bible students concur in the thought that such a climax is indicated in the prophecies, for the year 1915. But be the date as it may, the fact remains. The prophecy we are examining is nearly three thousand years old, but it is as good, as sure, and as meaningful today as ever it was.

We are not of those who would harass the minds of our fellows with fear. Rather we would point them to the fact that behind this cloud of trouble there is a glorious silver lining of Millennial joy and blessing for all the families of the earth. Rather we would encourage all who have the hearing ear to zeal and faithfulness in their consecration, that they may "make their calling and their election sure" to a share in the Kingdom glories and "escape those things coming upon the earth" (Luke xxi, 36). In a word, the Gospel of Christ is not a message of damnation and fear and torture, but, as the angels declared, "Good tidings of great joy which shall be unto all people" (Luke ii, 10). Deliverance of the Church Pictured. In the fourth and fifth verses following our text the Church is symbolically pictured as the City or Kingdom of God, his dwelling-place. And the stream of Truth is represented as a river making the City clean and fresh and glad. The proclamation is made, "God is in the midst of her! She shall not be moved! God shall help her early in the morning"—early in the Millennial morning. The Church is to be "a first-fruits unto God." Her salvation as the Bride of Christ will be accomplished early in this Millennial morning. Oh, how glad will be all those accounted worthy of a place in that elect Church—"the Church of the First-born, whose names are written in heaven!" "She shall not be moved," is in agreement with the first verse in assuring us that God's people will be preserved from fear and doubt and misunderstanding of the events of that "time of trouble" and that their faith will enable them to triumph at a time when others will be in great distress and perplexity (Luke xxi, 26).

Beginning with the 6th verse the Prophet gives a brief synoptical picture of the time of trouble and its consummation and the inauguration of universal peace. "The heathen (Gentile peoples) raged!" These words describe the tumult which will prevail amongst humanity in the great time of trouble before the climax is reached. "Raging," angry voices arise from public meetings, and in the more private meetings of the lodges of Labor and Capital, and through the columns of the Press to the extent permitted. In Germany the "raging" Press for some time has been muzzled. The same is true in other nations. In Great Britain, in the United States and in France there is a fear of tumult through public Press "raging," and everything possible is done to restrain it. Whoever sees that anarchy is the most dreadful terror confronting Civilization must realize the wisdom of reasonable restraints upon his own tongue and upon the tongues of others. Nevertheless the Scriptures show us that all effort to suppress the tumult and the angry voices of men selfishly "raging" out against each other will fail.

The prophetic picture continues—"God uttered his voice; the earth melted." The unfaithfulness of humanity, the clamor of greed, both in rich and in poor, will be answered by the Almighty, "Giver of every good and perfect gift." He will "utter his voice," or, as another prophet declares, "He will speak to the people in his anger," for their correction, for their removal. The result will be that the symbolical earth (society) will melt—the social structure of civilization will disintegrate. Another Scripture declares that that disintegration will be so great that "every man's hand will be against his neighbor."

But the Prophet hastens to assure us that in the midst of all this tumult the Lord will be with his consecrated people. We read, "The Lord of hosts is with us. The God of Jacob is our refuge." This promise applies primarily to the consecrated Church of Christ—Spiritual Israel. But it also secondarily applies to fleshly Israel, the Jewish nation, which will participate in this time of trouble, but be saved out of it, as the Scriptures declare (Jeremiah xxx, 7). In this time of trouble the Lord's jewels, his saints, will be gathered to their heavenly home, after which Divine favor will begin to return to Israel (Romans xi, 25-30).

The Psalm closes with a picture of the devastation which will prevail throughout the world as a result of human selfishness and blindness. Capital and Labor will rise up to a terrible cataclysm of anarchy, awful for rich and poor alike. Only God's saints will then have peace, and that because of their knowledge of the grand outcome; because of their faith in God and their willingness to accept whatever his providence should send. Mark the grand symbolic apostrophe with which the Psalm closes: May its lessons draw us nearer to the Fountain of Grace and give us rest, peace and joy through obedience of heart to him. "He (Immanuel) maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; he breaketh the bow in sunder; he burneth the chariot in fire. Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen (Gentiles); I will be exalted in the earth."