

HOW, WHEN, WHY A SECOND ADVENT

Denver Divines on Right Track, Says Pastor Russell.

No World-Burning—Satan to Be Bound
Sin, Sickness and Death to Be Con-
quered—Man to Be Delivered—The
Power Vested in Messiah—His King-
dom Near—How It Will Appear.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Denver, Dec. 1.—This city is stirred. Seventeen pastors of all denominations have been discussing The Second Advent for a month. Now comes Pastor Russell telling us all that "The earth abideth forever"—that it will never be destroyed by literal fire. According to him the great event of Christ's Coming will bring blessing such as we all desire. He seems to have the Bible and logic on his side too!

Pastor Russell declared that false concepts of the Second Coming of Christ have done great injury. They set forth in all orthodox creeds is that Christ will come again in the flesh. The resurrection will take place within twenty-four hours. The saints will rise in the air to meet the Lord. Then fire will come down from heaven and consume the whole earth. A few Premillennialists claim that Christ will reign in fleshly glory for a thousand years to bless the living of mankind. The majority of Christians disown all this as ridiculous nonsense because they believe little or nothing, either of the creeds or of the Bible. A minority disown it because they perceive its inconsistency with the Bible. "Count me in with this minority!" said Pastor Russell.

More than three hundred Bible texts refer to Messiah's glorious Second Advent. Our inquiry shall be first, Why does the Master come again? Did He not properly establish His Church? Has this Gospel Age been a failure? Will He come to rectify matters and to start His Church afresh in the work of world-conversion and blessing?

Not at all. His work has carried out exactly as intended. Not a suggestion of Scripture implies that the Church is to convert the world during this Age. On the contrary, her mission has been to act as God's mouthpiece in calling out a class to be joint-heirs with the Redeemer. Properly enough Jesus said, "I pray not for the world, but for those whom Thou hast given Me." He loved the world. He died for the world. In due time, by His Messianic Kingdom, He will bless "all the families of the earth." But the time for blessing the world is not yet. First, a special class is invited to become separate from the world, to become sanctified or set apart to God and His service, following in the footsteps of Jesus. These, like their Master, must demonstrate their love for God, their loyalty to Him and to the brethren, even unto death. Their reward is to be sharers with their Master in His Heavenly Throne of Glory, which for a thousand years will rule, bless and uplift humanity.

The followers of Jesus have another work, in addition to witnessing to the world and calling out faithful saints to walk the narrow way. That other work is to "build one another up in the most holy faith." Each individual of the sanctified Little Flock is not only to "do good unto all men, and especially to the household of faith," but particularly to make his own "calling and election sure" by personal love, zeal and loyalty.

The Kingdom Now in Embryo.
Our Lord's many parables refer to His Church as a Kingdom class, a Royal Priesthood. This does not signify that He intended them to occupy places of honor and distinction now. The Master Himself was neither a King nor a Priest on earth. His is the Melchisedec Priesthood of the Messianic Age. Then He will also be the Great King over all the earth, as well as the Great Prophet or Teacher and the Great Judge or Ruler. Well did He declare to Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this Age." (John xviii, 36). As His saintly followers are to share in His Kingdom, they also must wait for its establishment. While waiting they are to pray, "Thy Kingdom come: Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in Heaven."

Of this Royal Priesthood the Apostle declares, "The world knoweth us not." We are priests and kings only from the Divine standpoint, which none are able to recognize except the "brethren." Only in embryo are God's saints spoken of as the Kingdom class. They are on probation. Jesus says that the overcomers will be granted to sit with Him in His Throne as actual members of the Royal Priesthood, to reign with Him a thousand years.—Revelation iii, 21; xx, 6.

"He Must Reign Until—"
St. Paul, after telling about the resurrection of the dead, explains that the resurrection of the Church to glory, honor and immortality will be first on the program. Subsequently all will be resurrected, "every man in his own order," and Christ will reign until He shall have put down all in subordination. Other Scriptures clear-

ly inform us that the length of His reign will be a thousand years. It will constitute the great Seventh Day of earth's history—six thousand years under the Curse, and the seventh thousand in recovery from the Curse. St. Paul adds that after Jesus shall have accomplished the work assigned to Him in connection with rebellious man, He will deliver up the Kingdom to God, and Himself be subject to the Father.—I Corinthians xv, 22-28.

To some it may appear that a thousand years is too short a time to fully uplift humanity—those living at the time of the Second Coming and all that are in their graves. Some think that it will be even too short to bring the whole earth to the promised Edenic perfection. We are to remember, however, that while Messiah will probably use human instrumentality in connection with His work, nevertheless the inventions and developments of the past century give us a glimpse of the wonderful intelligence which may be granted to humanity in proportion as the Curse is rolled away and Divine blessing fills the earth. The majority of our race have never had fifty years of life experiences, good or bad. But the promise is that each shall have twice that length of time to learn the Truth under the blaring light of that New Dispensation—a hundred years, in which to fully decide his eternity, either for life everlasting or death everlasting.—Isaiah, lxx, 20.

From the Bible viewpoint the Day of Christ is ample for the great work to which it has been consecrated by the All-Wise Creator from before the foundation of the world. Nor should we forget that all power in Heaven and in earth is vested in the One who then shall take the Throne. Neither should we forget that the Church has for eight-hundred centuries been under special preparation and instruction in the School of Christ, preparing them for their work as a Royal Priesthood. They will be able to sympathize with the groaning creation and be merciful, even in the administration of stripes necessary to many for their assistance along the Highway of Holiness, then opened up.

Messiah's Kingdom Invisible.

Some of the noblest minds have been repelled from faith in the Second Advent by the thought that an earthly Kingdom with Christ and the saints in regal state is unreasonable. They were quite right in thinking that earthly court and state would be beneath the dignity of Messiah and His Bride. The Scriptures declare that Jesus left His glory, humbled Himself to become a man, in order that He might be the great Sin-Offender for our race. But the Redeemer prayed to be glorified with the glory that He had with the Father before the world was. Yes; and He promised His Church, His Bride, a share in His Heavenly glory. Did He lead us to expect a Heavenly glory, Heavenly inheritance and glorious change from earthly to Heavenly condition, and will He then, instead, give us earthly glory and merely perfection in the flesh?

Oh, no, no! We have all sadly overlooked certain features of God's Word. Jesus did not remain poor, did not remain flesh, did not remain human. In His resurrection not only was He received by the Father up where He was before; but He was glorified "far above angels, principalities and powers," made a "partaker of the Divine nature." The promise to His Church is to share His glory. The Apostle distinctly tells that in the resurrection the faithful will be "changed" (I Corinthians xv, 51, 52) and made like the glorified Redeemer, and also of the Divine nature. (II Peter i, 4.) The Apostle explains the necessity for this change, saying, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."—I Cor. xv, 50.

How slow we have been to see that God never purposed that either Jesus or His faithful Elect should remain in the flesh! A few Bible statements misunderstood got us into difficulty. We read, "Every eye shall see Him," and forgot that there are eyes of understanding, as well as natural eyes. We forgot that Jesus declares that very few now see or hear—only the saintly, whose eyes of understanding have been opened by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We forgot that Jesus said also, "Yet a little while and the world seeth Me no more." When once we discern that He has been glorified—that He has been given a spirit nature again, that He no longer has the human nature, which He surrendered as a Sin-Sacrifice, then we can see why the world will see Him no more, and why the Church must be changed by resurrection power before she can see Him.

We misunderstood our Lord's manifestations after resurrection. Unless He could establish the faith of His disciples in His resurrection, they could not receive the Pentecostal blessing. Therefore He spent with them forty days, watching over them, appearing in various forms, as a gardener, as a traveler, etc., all to convince them, first, that He was no longer dead, but risen; and second, that He was no longer a man, but a Spirit Being. He demonstrated this by doing exactly what the angels did. As they appeared in the flesh, ate, talked and vanished, so did He. Then He ascended up on high; not as a human being, "a little lower than the angels," but as a Divine Spirit far above angels. He received the homage of all the Heavenly host.

"I Will Come Again."

One of Jesus' parables truthfully represents Heaven as a far country, to which Jesus as the young Nobleman went to be invested with kingly authority over the world. It tells how on His return the faithful ones will be rewarded with a share in His Kingdom. Some of them will be given to rule over two cities, some over five cities, etc., and will enter into the joys of their Lord. But we are to be un-

derstand this necessarily to mean that Heaven itself is so distant as to be beyond communication. Rather the parable shows that the time between the going and the returning would be long. The parable also shows no communication as between the Nobleman and his servants in the interim. As a matter of fact, only ten days elapsed between our Lord's ascension and His shedding forth of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus left the world and His disciples in the world, not so much in the sense of going so far away that He could not see them and communicate with them, but more particularly in the sense that He could not see them or communicate with them. He would compel them to "walk by faith and not by sight," to "search the Scriptures," and to "receive their spiritual blessing through the fellowship of the Spirit of the Truth." By His Holy Spirit He would be with them, and not by personal contact or further manifestations.

His Second Coming would be at the conclusion of this Age, to awaken His sleeping saints and change them to the heavenly state. Thus He would come again and receive them into Himself—first the sleeping ones, and subsequently those alive and remaining, who would experience the resurrection change in the moment of death. Additionally, in the Harvest with which this Age ends, He promised to take special supervision of the gathering of His Elect.

This stage of the Redeemer's coming is, in the Greek, His *Parousia*—His presence. The world is not to know of the time of His *Parousia*. On the contrary, it is described as secret, hidden from the world—"as a thief in the night." Jesus described His *Parousia*, saying that at that time the world would be eating, drinking, planting, building, and know not of His coming in the Harvest of the Age, even as the world was eating, drinking, planting, building and marrying in the days of Noah, "and knew not." The intimation is, however, that some of God's people would be made aware of His *Parousia*—the Wise Virgins, while others of God's people, the "foolish virgins," would be "overcharged with the cares of this life," and know not.

Revealed in Flaming Fire.

If, then, only the Church may know of the *Parousia* of Jesus in its time, until they shall be changed to the heavenly, Divine nature, how will the world ever know of Jesus and His Kingdom? If He really meant it when He said, "A little while and the world seeth Me no more," how can humanity know about the new, invisible Kingdom?

The Bible answers most distinctly. It tells us of the shining forth or *epiphany* of the Lord's Kingdom. It tells of His *apokalypsis* manifestation or revelation. "He shall be revealed in flaming fire." This flaming fire signifies severe judgments, as elsewhere. These are to be so severe that the elements of earth's society will melt with the fervency of the heat in a terrible time of trouble. Additionally, "the heavens," the ecclesiastical systems, will be involved, and pass away with a great noise or commotion. It is from this revealing in flaming fire, Divine censure upon the world, that the great, the high, the mighty, the poor, all shall seek to "hide themselves in the dens and caves of the earth"—in the social Orders and in affiliation with strong governments, etc.

Gradually mankind will come to understand. Gradually their eyes will open and they will see that it is "the wrath of the Lamb" that causes the "time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation." The plowshare of trouble will go so deep that the world will effectually learn the intended lesson. Their eyes opening to the truth of the situation, they will learn war no more. They will "beat their spears into pruning hooks, and their swords into plowshares." As their eyes of understanding open still more widely, they will discern the beauties and blessings of Messiah's Kingdom, "the desire of all nations."

Under Messiah's Kingdom, Israel will return from the east-of condition in which she has been during the selection of "the very Elect." The titulus of Israel will be the resurrected Ancient Worthies, mentioned by St. Paul in Hebrews xi, 38-40. They will be perfected in the flesh, as the Church will be perfected in the Divine nature.

But the Christ, Head and Body, Bridegroom and Bride, must first enter into the glory of the Kingdom. Then will be established the earthly Kingdom in the hands of the Ancient Worthies. The world will see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets; but they will not see the King in His glory, nor the Bride, nor "the virgins, her companions," on the spirit plane. They will all be as invisible to humanity as the Prince of Darkness and his demon hosts at the present time. The first work of Messiah's Kingdom will be the binding of Satan, the spoiling of whose power indicates the deliverance of humanity from the bondage of sin, ignorance, superstition and death.

One of our great obstacles in the past has been that we failed to discern that God has been prosecuting two distinct salvations: first, that of the Church, to the spiritual, heavenly, Divine nature; and later, through the Elect Church, salvation must be extended to humanity, the non-Elect. Then will come the privilege and opportunity of earthly Restitution to human perfection in the image and likeness of God, as was Adam, in a world-wide Paradise, God's glorious footstool. The First Advent of the Savior was necessary for the redemption of our race. His Second Advent is equally necessary; that He may by His glorious Kingdom bind Satan, overthrow Sin and release sinners.

CHARLES G. BENNETT.
Secretary of Senate,
Who May Be Elected
President Pro Tem.



AERONAUT KILLED IN FALL OF 2,000 FEET Richard Frayne Thrown From Seat in Parachute.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 2.—Richard Frayne, an aeronaut, fell 2,000 feet here and was instantly killed. Three thousand persons witnessed the accident.

The aeronaut was thrown from his seat in the parachute immediately after he cut loose from the balloon. His body landed in the driveway of the Evergreen cemetery, near here. Physicians say every bone in his body was broken.

With Jack Crosby, his companion, Frayne ascended at the Tri-County fair here. Both men had individual parachutes attached to the balloon. Crosby severed his parachute from the balloon first. A moment later he saw Frayne's body dash past him. Witnesses of the tragedy say that Frayne's parachute opened successfully and it is believed his fall was due to his failure to place his hands in the safety wristlet, the momentary halting of descent upon the opening of the parachute hurling him from his seat.

SAVES LIFE OF BURNING MAN

Woman Dashes Contents of Flour Bin Over Human Torch.
St. Louis, S. D., Dec. 2.—The quick wit of a woman and the use by her of the contents of a seventy-five-pound flour bin as a fire extinguisher, saved the life of Joseph Yellow, a resident of McCook county, when his clothing was set on fire by an explosion resulting when he poured kerosene on a fire in the kitchen stove to make it burn more quickly. With his clothing ablaze, Yellow rushed into the yard of his home, calling for assistance. Mrs. William Armstrong, living nearby, saw the human torch. Dragging and carrying the flour bin from her home and to the spot where Yellow was rolling on the ground in an unsuccessful effort to put out the fire, she dashed the contents of the flour bin over Yellow's burning clothing, extinguishing the flames.

Gives Roommate Present of \$50,000.

Williston, N. D., Dec. 2.—To be presented with \$50,000 by a roommate is something that rarely befalls the average man, but W. C. Smead, who makes this territory for a Sioux City concern, was the recipient of a present of that size. For years he has roomed with a man named Morgan. Recently Morgan fell heir to a large amount and handed Smead \$50,000 as a slight testimony of his regard.

CONDENSED NEWS

The Kansas board of canvassers issued the certificate of election as governor to George H. Hodges (Dem.).

Announcement was made by the American Peace society of the designation of Dec. 5 as "Peace Sunday."

Miss Annette Kellerman, the swimmer, was married to her manager, James R. Sullivan, at Danbury, Conn.

Rev. Dr. Robert Collyer, a widely known Unitarian divine, died at his home in New York, aged eighty-nine.

Manuel Garza Aldano was arrested in San Antonio by deputy United States marshal on a charge of violating the neutrality laws.

Secretary of War Stimson and party, en route from Panama to Washington, were the guests at Key West, Fla., of the army and navy officials.

Mrs. Lulu Dogenberg of Iowa was sentenced to one year at hard labor in the Kansas penitentiary for violation of the state prohibitory law.

Fire that threatened for a time to destroy the entire factory section of Hoboken, N. J., burned out the big piano case factory of John Courtaud and damaged several smaller buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000.

GREEK DELEGATE CAUSES DELAY

Lacks Authority to Sign Protocol for Armistice.

MAY EXTEND FOR FORTNIGHT.

Bulgaria Shows Spirit of Conciliation and Turkey Has Nothing to Gain by Continuing Struggle—Situation More Peaceful.

London, Dec. 2.—The signing of the protocol of the armistice between the Balkan allies and Turkey has been postponed until tomorrow, as the Greek delegate has not received the necessary authority from his government.

It is rumored that in addition to the Bulgarian troops just landed at Bledaghat, another large force of Greek troops from Saloniki is at sea, and it is suggested that Greece may delay signing the armistice in order to allow these troops to arrive at their destination, which is supposed to be the Gulf of Saros, in Gallipoli.

It is understood the armistice will extend for about a fortnight, if necessary, and cover the whole field of operations. The difficulty with respect to the beleaguered garrisons of Adrianople and Scutari is being surmounted by permitting them to receive daily rations during the armistice. The plenipotentiaries appear to have been concerned so far solely in arranging the armistice, but a peace conference is expected to commence immediately, probably at Sofia, and as Bulgaria has already shown greater forbearance than has been looked for in waiving her demand for the surrender of Adrianople, while at the same time Turkey cannot hope to obtain better conditions by continuing the struggle, a strong feeling is entertained that the last shot in the war will have been fired when the armistice is signed.

There is little doubt, however, that the peace negotiations will be difficult and protracted.

The question of holding an European ambassadorial conference is still undecided, but the international situation is much more peaceful. The Serbian government denies the reported preparations for a conflict with Austria, while the Austrian press is much less bellicose.

BLACK CAT'S EAR NO GOOD

Conjuror Arrested Because \$25 Invisibility Charm Doesn't Work.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—George A. Pupa, a Polish banker-conjuror, recently released from the house of correction, where he was sent by Judge Landis to serve a six months' sentence for selling invisibility ointments and love charms, was arrested again. Pupa, who sold Anton Lokoritz, a fellow countryman, a black cat's ear to make him invisible. Lokoritz paid \$25 for the charm.

Confident in his invisibility, Lokoritz then entered a saloon with the proprietor of which he was not on friendly terms. Making sure the charm was in place, he stepped behind the bar and began to help himself to bottled goods. The bartender immediately fell on Lokoritz and hustled him into the street.

Another purchaser of a black cat's ear is sought by the police to testify against the conjuror. The man bought a black cat's ear and was run over soon after by an automobile. The man did not make a complaint, his friends said, because he was invisible and could not blame the chauffeur for not seeing him.

AMNESTY FOR INSURGENTS

New Mexican Minister Adopts Conciliatory Policy.

Mexico City, Dec. 2.—Convinced that numerous bands of rebels in the states of Durango, Coahuila and southern Chihuahua are continuing their operations merely because they believe surrender would mean summary execution, Rafael Hernandez, the new minister of the Interior, announced that he would attempt to gain for them a promise of amnesty. Cheche Campos and Benjamin Arguado, officers in Orozco's organization, are the chief rebel leaders in those districts and several engagements have been fought during the latter part of the week, the government as usual announcing victories.

Twelfth Death From Explosion.

Waukegan, Ill., Dec. 2.—Tony Wotowsky, one of the victims of the dust explosion in the Corn Products Refining company's Waukegan plant, died in a hospital here, making the twelfth death from the blast. J. Kalowsky, another victim, is believed to be near death.

Railroad Station Robbed by Holdups.

Salt Lake, Dec. 2.—Two masked highwaymen, armed with revolvers, entered the Bamberger route station here, connelled the ticket agent to open the safe and robbed it of about \$300. The robbers then hid their victim "good night" and escaped.

Cabinet Crisis in Japan.

Tokyo, Dec. 2.—A cabinet crisis has arisen over the refusal of the minister of war, Lieutenant General Uyebara, to accept a cabinet decision rejecting the scheme for increasing the military forces in Korea.

RYAN WILL BE FIRST WITNESS

Will Take Stand After Government Closes.

HEAD OF IRON WORKERS' UNION

Charges Against President Based on Letters From Files—Expenditures Not Published—Prosecution Claims Move Was to Conceal Use of Money.

Indianapolis, Dec. 2.—As the first of the witnesses for the defense and himself, the most prominent defendant, Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, probably will testify at the dynamite conspiracy trial today after the close of the government's case.

The government announced it would close its case with one more witness. The defense is to follow with the customary motions for dismissal of certain of the defendants on the ground that the government has not sustained its charges against them.

The defense's attorneys, headed by Senator John W. Kern and William N. Harding, will then begin examining its witnesses. The plan is to have each defendant precede the witnesses called in that particular defendant's behalf. Altogether 130 new witnesses have been summoned.

President Ryan has been at the head of the union for seven years. He was president when John J. McNamara, the secretary-treasurer, was arrested at the headquarters in Indianapolis, in April, 1911. He, with other officials, is charged with appropriating the union's money to carry on a dynamiting campaign against nonunion work in connection with which the McNamara brothers are now in prison in California.

The charges of aiding in illegal transportation of dynamite against Ryan are based on letters taken from McNamara's files. These letters, the government asserts, show that Ryan and the executive board members stopped publishing the union's expenditures so that McNamara would not have to show in detail what he did with \$1,000 a month. John T. Butler of Buffalo, vice president; Michael J. Young of Boston, Philip A. Cooley of New Orleans, Henry W. Legleitner of Denver and Eugene A. Clancy of San Francisco, as present or past members of the executive board, are among other defendants scheduled soon to testify.

District Attorney Miller announced that within a few days he would insist on an enforcement of the court's ruling that fourteen defendants must furnish new bonds or remain in jail between sessions of court. Herbert S. Hockin, taken in custody eight days ago, and Edward Smythe and James E. Ray of Peoria, taken in custody about two weeks ago, are still imprisoned in default of new bonds.

STREET BATTLE IS FATAL

Fred Boyer Unable to "Shoot Up" Excelsior Springs.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., Dec. 2.—In a battle on the principal streets here between Fred Boyer, recently discharged from the United States army, and two special policemen, Boyer was shot and fatally injured.

The two policemen, Robert King and James Roberts, attempted to arrest Boyer when he appeared on the street with a shotgun across his shoulder and threatened to "shoot up" the town. Boyer, who is large and powerful, knocked Roberts down and had Roberts the other officer, when Roberts shot Boyer through the stomach.

Boyer had been arrested before for disturbing the peace, and a feud existed between him and the officers.

INDIANS ASK FOR MONEY

Choctaws and Chickasaw After \$17,000,000 Held in Trust.

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 2.—Steps were taken here by which the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians hope eventually to induce the government to distribute among members of these tribes \$17,000,000 derived from the sale of their lands in western Oklahoma and which fund the government holds.

Resolutions were adopted at a meeting of 200 leaders of both nations urging congress to enact such legislation as will no longer make the tribes wards of the government. The matter will be presented to congress as soon as practicable.

Steamer Founders; Entire Crew Safe.

Halifax, Dec. 2.—The steamer River Meander, New York for Naples, has been abandoned at sea and probably has foundered. Its captain and crew of thirty men were rescued by the steamer Ithal, which entered Halifax harbor. The River Meander left New York Nov. 26. It is a British steamer of 3,888 tons and was formerly named the Bardistan. Captain McGregor commanded the vessel.

Two Fatally Burned.

Anconada, Mont., Dec. 2.—James Haughey and George Strakal were badly burned that they will die when the contents of a ladle containing four tons of molten copper was accidentally spilled upon them at the Washoe smelter here.