GUTIERREZ IS NOW PRISONER

Fails to Live Up to Dictation of Villa and Is Setzed.

REPUDIATION DOES NOT COUNT

Carranza Telegraphs Mexican Press Bureau That Provisional President Is Now Behind Bars—Says Convention Was Controled by Reactionaries.

New York, Nov. 9.—General Eulalio Gutierrez, who was elected president of Mexico at the recent Aguas Calientes convention, has been imprisoned by General Francisco Villa, according to a telegram, said to come from General Venustiano Carranza, and made public here by the Mexican bureau of information, the same agency that announced Gutierrez had repudiated the acts of the convention electing him.

The telegram accredited to General Carranza did not say where the new president had been captured or where he was believed to be incarcerated.

The reason of the seizure and confinement of Gutierrez, the message said, was that he had refused to be dominated by the demands of the Villa faction. The telegram follows:

"I wish to inform you that General Gutierrez, who repudiated the Aguas Calientes convention and the Villa clique, has been captured by General Villa and imprisoned. The reason for the action was because he failed to live up to the dictations and demands of the Villa people. I wish further to inform you that I consider the actions of the convention a farce and for that reason alone I am forced not to recognize its actions. The convention, which was dominated by Villa reactionaries, failed to accomplish the task it set out to do. Instead of working out a set of regulations and rules by which Mexico might attain its normal conditions of peace and progress, they went and appointed another provisional president, hoping to be able to dominate him. When they realized that Gutierrez would not follow the dictations of Villa, they imprisoned him."

THREE KILLED IN AUTO UPSET

Two Men and a Woman Meet Death In Speed Crash at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Nov. 9.—Lloyd T. Boyd, one of the owners of the Milwaukee Journal, and Charles Forsythe, head of a local leather company, were probably instantly killed; Mrs. Alice Murray died from a fractured skull and Miss Elysian A. Thomas, superintendent of an east side hospital, was slightly injured, the result of an automobile accident on the Kilbourn road several miles south of the city limits of Milwaukee.

Forsythe was driving the car, a big high powered machine, at the time of the accident. The car became unmanageable at the end of a newly made section of the road and turned over, throwing out its occupants.

Prohibition Hit Blow.

Philadelphia, Nov. 9.—The brewery workers affiliated with the American Federation of Labor won a victory when the convention of the union label trades department of the federation went on record as being opposed to prohibition. It is said the resolution probably will be carried to the convention of the federation, which opens here this week.

Slight Quake Felt at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—An almost imperceptible earthquake was felt here. Open doors in downtown buildings swung slightly. The disturbance was felt in the transbay region, including Oakland, Alamera and Berkeley and at San Jose, fifty miles down the peninsula. No damage was reported.

Two Cowboys Killed.

El Paso, Tex., Nov. 9.—Two American cowboys, named Bishop and Rekies, and an unidentified negro, were murdered near Chihuahua City, according to advices received here. It is stated that the Americans were killed by federal filibusters.

Germans Drop Bombs In Warsaw.

Petrograd, Nov. 9.—The Bourse Gazette's Warsaw correspondent says that twenty-one persons have died in hospitals there during the last few days from wounds received from German bombs dropped from aeroplanes.

British Steamer Afire.

Sydney, N. W. S., Nov. 9.—The following wireless has been received from the British steamer Norfolk, bound from New York for Melbourne: "Am afire. Steamers Ceram, Koonda and Alabama are standing by."

Wisconsin Boy Bandit Dies.

Wausau, Wis., Nov. 9.—Elmer S. Dale, one of the boy bandits who was shot by an officer at Elderon while resisting arrest for robbing a barroom in Wausau, died at the county hospital.

Warfare Resumed.

Naco, Ariz., Nov. 9.—Three bodies of Governor Maytorena's Villa troops appeared in their former position, seemingly in fulfillment of the promised renewal of the Naco (Sonora) siege.

ROADS TO HELP FIGHT DISEASE

Join In Movement to Stamp Out Cattle Scourge.

FUMIGATING ALL STOCK CARS.

Board of Agriculture Estimates Value of Corn Crop—Daniel Morris of Kearney Appointed Member of State Normal Board.

Lincoln, Nov. 9.—The live stock sanitary board has made up its mind that something must be done to prevent the mouth and foot disease among cattle in other states from coming into Nebraska. Funds are low on the appropriation made for the commission, but the members are strong in the idea that the work must be carried on in some way.

Railways have been notified that all stock cars coming into the state must be thoroughly cleaned, disinfected and the material in them burned. An order was promulgated very early and sent to headquarters of the different roads and the roads have joined in the movement.

Iowa and Wyoming states have been quarantined, but as the disease has not shown itself in this state no such measures have been taken by the board, although they will be prepared to take steps at the first sign of the disease.

Board Estimates Crop Value.

According to reports received by the state board of agriculture, the price of new corn in Nebraska averaged between 52 and 53 cents last week. This was the price offered the farmer. The price quotations ranged from 45 to 60 cents in the various counties of Nebraska. Only about a half dozen quotations at 45 cents were received and these were from counties where the prices quoted seemed to be from farmers interested in buying corn. More than 2,000 price quotations from all parts of the state ranged from 50 to 55 cents. From these quotations the average prices in the various counties will be used to get the value of the corn crop. These tabulations will be published by the state board of agriculture, as provided by the Scott act.

Morris Named on State Normal Board.

Daniel Morris, cashier of the City National bank of Kearney, was appointed a member of the state normal board by Governor Morehead. The appointment is made to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. J. Tooley of Anselmo about a month ago.

AVERY HIGH FOR PRESIDENT

Gets Largest Number of Votes, but Withdraws From Race.

Omaha, Nov. 9.—Superintendent E. U. Graff of the Omaha schools was nominated for every office in the Nebraska State Teachers' association, according to the canvass of the nominating ballots by the executive committee.

As many as 200 candidates were voted on for president, Chancellor Avery of the state university receiving the highest number of votes, 450. Next in line for this office came Superintendent Fred Hunter of Lincoln, Superintendent Earl Cline of Geneva, State Superintendent elect A. O. Thomas and Mr. Graff.

Five candidates were nominated for each of the following offices: President, vice president, treasurer and members of the executive committee from the Second, Fourth and Sixth districts.

Superintendent Graff announced that he would be a candidate for only one office—member of the executive committee.

Many nominees were chosen by lot by the executive committee, having received the same number of votes.

Chancellor Avery has announced that he will not be a candidate for president. Neither will Mr. Hunter nor Mr. Graff.

Cambridge Bridge Accepted by State.

Cambridge, Neb., Nov. 9.—The state aid bridge across the Republican river south of this city was formally turned over to D. D. Price, state engineer, by the contractors. The bridge was accepted by the state engineer and in turn given over to the county commissioners. The bridge is a large five-span cement structure. The state engineer said that the bridge was one of the finest and best, as well as one of the most beautiful, bridges in the state. The banisters are decorated with ornamental spindles and rails. In addition to the cost of $22,500, the citizens of Cambridge raised $1,150 to buy a new right of way in order to open up a road directly south of Main street to the bridge.

Big Run of Cattle For South Omaha.

Omaha, Nov. 9.—With nearly 400 cars of cattle reported, South Omaha live stock market began the week with a rush. It is calculated today's run will go better than 400 cars of cattle, which in the face of the foot and mouth scare means much. The cars reported amount to about the usual Monday run, but in view of the scare the usual run means the promise of a big week. Among the trains reported in is one with twenty-four carloads of fancy stuff from Calgary. This stuff is usually billed to Chicago. More of the Chicago shipments will be heard from within the next few days.

GRAIN RATES PUT UP

Roads Anounnce Advance to East and South of Omaha After Dec. 1.

Omaha, Nov. 9.—All of the railroads of the Western Trunk Line association have quietly laid their plans for a material advance in rates on grain to Chicago, the Atlantic seaboard and gulf ports. Unless protests are filed the rates to Chicago will be advanced 1 cent and to Atlantic and gulf ports 2 cents per 100 pounds.

Several days ago all roads of the Western Trunk Line association petitioned the interstate commerce commission, asking authority to make the advance, filed their tariffs, proposing to make the new rates effective Dec. 1.

However, before taking action looking to an advance in rates, the railroads sounded the Omaha Grain exchange and all similar organizations in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Minneapolis and other grain shipping centers. They were given assurances that if all grain markets were put on a parity there would be no protests from the members of the grain dealers comprising the associations. The railroads gave their pledges and then acted.

While the advance in the rates will have some bearing on the cost of breadstuffs to the ultimate consumer who lives in the east and the south, it will not be felt by the Nebraska farmer nor the farmer of Iowa, Minnesota and elsewhere who resides in Omaha grain trade territory, for there is no intention of advancing the local rate into Omaha. It will remain the same and the advance will be absorbed by a raise in prices abroad. In other words, the roads bringing the grain into Omaha will get their share of the advance by taking their share of the proportional of the entire haul.

STATE ELECTION IS STILL IN DOUBT

Four Republican Candidates Below Governor Are Leading.

Lincoln, Nov. 9.—Republican candidates for state offices below governor, for the most part, are leading their Democratic opponents in tabulations of election returns to date. An exception, however, exists in the case of candidates whose residence is in Omaha.

Republican candidates whose election is indicated by the returns to date are: Hall, for railway commissioner; Beckmann, for land commissioner, and Thomas, for state superintendent. Brown (Rep.) and Miller (Dem.) won the contest for university regents.

Pearson (Dem.) leads Hoagland (Rep.) for lieutenant governor by a slight margin. Walt (Rep.) has a good lead over Pool, Democratic candidate for secretary of state.

PREDICTS PROHIBITION

Ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee Expects to See Country Go Dry.

Omaha, Nov. 9.—National prohibition in five years was the promise made by former Governor Malcom R. Patterson of Tennessee and Dr. A. C. Bane of California, National Anti-Saloon league speakers, to 2,000 Omahans at the Auditorium. This was the first skirmish in a prolonged campaign to be carried on in Nebraska and other states against the manufacture, sale or consumption of alcoholic drinks in any state in the union.

Mr. Patterson, introduced by Chairman John C. Wharton, for an hour held the attention of the audience.

Degeneracy, accidents, increased death rates, economic waste and general wreck and ruin were advanced as results of the widespread use of strong drinks and as arguments for national prohibition.

FARMERS TO MEET IN OMAHA

Agriculturists From Four States Will Gather There Soon.

Omaha, Nov. 9.—Farmers from Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Colorado will gather in Omaha the second week in December for the big farmers' meetings, which will last during the week. The Nebraska Farmers' congress, with representatives from 700 associations, will hold their sessions at Hotel Rome, while the annual meeting of the Farmers' Society of Equity and the American Farmers' federation will be held at Hotel Millard. More than one thousand farmers will be in the city during the week. Men of national reputation will speak before the meetings.

State's Evidence Involves Stockman.

Pierre, S. D., Nov. 9.—At the preliminary hearing at Fort Pierre of Herman Sonnenschein, a prominent stockman, charged with cattle rustling, Ed Carr, arrested on the same charge, turned state's evidence and testified that Sonnenschein, Jack Borden, another prominent rancher, and himself were the parties who made the shipment of sixty head of stolen cattle which were stopped at Mobridge a few days ago, shipping them from Lantry.

Will Try to Resume Mining Operations

Prairie Creek, Ark., Nov. 9.—Under protection of the United States troops, an effort will be made at once to resume operations at the Bache-Denman company's mine No. 4. This mine was the scene of the battle of July 17 between union miners and guards and nonunion men employed by the company.

KAISER HOLDS COUNCIL OF WAR

German and Austrian Armies Both on Defensive.

ALLIES HOLD FIRM IN WEST.

Only on One Point In Two Battle Fronts Do Teutons Make Claim of Success—Succeed In Taking Strong Position Near Vienne-La-Chateau.

WAR SUMMARY

Beyond the fact that the allied French, British and Belgian forces are taking the offensive, little has been made public regarding the operations in Belgium and northern France.

In the eastern field of the war, according to all official reports, the Russians have made decided progress against the Germans and Austrians, and Russian cavalry have penetrated German territory.

A newspaper dispatch estimates that about 3,000,000 Austrians and German troops are on the line from Cracow, in Galicia, to Thorn, in East Prussia.

Earl Kitchener, the British secretary of state for war, has telegraphed congratulations to Grand Duke Nicholas on the success of the Russian arms against the Germans and Austrians. Earl Kitchener predicted that the joint efforts of the allies would result in the final crushing defeat of the enemy.

A cruiser of the Breslau class, formerly owned by Germany and now attached to the Turkish navy, has bombarded the seaport of Poti, on the Black sea. Little damage was done and the fire of the Russians drove off the cruiser.

London, Nov. 9.—A dispatch from Rome says:

"German advices received here say that Emperor William, much affected by the Russian victories, has held a council of war, which was attended by General von Hindenburg, the Duke of Wurtemburg and the Austrian chief of staff, Field Marshal Baron Conrad von Hoetzendorf, to decide on a further plan of campaign."

The German and Austrian armies are now on the defensive, both in the east and west. They have, at least for the present, given up their efforts to break through the allied lines around Ypres in Belgium, where the British and French have taken the offensive, and, according to the reports from French headquarters, have commenced to advance, and in the east they have fallen back to and over their own frontiers in East Prussia, and in Poland have crossed the border, while the Russian cavalry has penetrated Silesia, to the north of Kalisz, and cut the German railway.

The Russians also are following up their advantage in Galicia and, it is said, have succeeded in cutting the retreating Austrians off from Cracow, and the German army is retiring through Poland. In fact, at only one point on the two battle fronts do the Germans claim success. That is to the west of the Argonne region, where the German emperor's forces have succeeded in taking from the French an important position near Vienne-la-Chateau.

Elsewhere the French troops have made progress and retaken the positions which they had lost during the course of the week. This is notably so in the Aisne valley around Soissons, where they have regained the ground which the Germans, by fierce assaults, had taken from them.

The Belgians, who are holding the line reaching to the coast, have also made progress and it would thus seem that the Germans are still waiting for additional reinforcements before renewing their attempt to smash through to the French seaports.

57,800 Casualties In Week.

Berlin, Nov. 9.—The latest German casualty list brought the total number of names contained in last week's reports up to about 57,800. Hospital records show that a very large proportion of the wounded have returned to duty. The last casualty list records the killing of three German aviators and the wounding of six others by hostile airmen.

Saxon Crown Prince Is Wounded.

London, Nov. 9.—Owing to a serious wound in the leg, received inspection on the battlefield in France, Crown Prince George of Saxony has arrived at the royal castle at Dresden and will take no further part in the campaign, says a dispatch from The Hague.

Masters of Black Sea.

Rome, Nov. 9.—According to a telegram from Odessa, the Russians consider themselves absolute masters of the Black sea. The Turkish fleet, it is declared, has retired behind the Bosphorus and does not seem disposed to come out.

Mount Vesuvius Becoming Active.

Naples, Nov. 9.—After seven years of calm since its eruption in 1906, which was one of the longest pauses in its activity in three centuries, Mt. Vesuvius began an eruption in May, 1913, which has been constantly growing until it has now reached an acute stage.

THE GREAT WHITE THRONE: ITS JUDGMENT NOW DUE

Financial, Ecclesiastical and Social Shakings.

"Men's Hearts Failing Them For Fear." Apprehending Troubles Impending. Selfishness Blighting Humanity. Messiah's Throne of Purity and Justice and Love Earth's Only Hope.

PASTOR RUSSELL

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 8.—Pastor Russel preached today at the Colonial Theatre from the text, "I saw a Great White Throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them." (Revelation 20:11.) The Pastor had a request for further light on a previous discourse which he answered before treating today's text. As it is of peculiar interest we give it in full. He had applied Hebrews 12:27 to our day, declaring now in progress the removing of all things shakable, that only things harmonious with Divine standards, which cannot be shaken, may remain. He held that the shaking heavens represented Churchianity—Ecclesiasticism—and the shaking earth represented social, financial and political affairs. His questioner wanted to know what financial shakings are to be expected. The response follows:—

Stocks and Bonds to Be Shaken.

Everything false, bogus, inequitable, will be shaken. In financial parlance this is equivalent to saying that the "water" will be squeezed out of all the stocks and bonds. By methods once sanctioned, but now everywhere reprehended, stocks and bonds have been issued for sums far beyond the actual value of the properties. These stocks and bonds have cost their present owners varying sums from nothing up to par; but their actual value is what the properties would cost, plus a reasonable percentage of allowance for right of way and business "good will." In ordinary times these had a market value built upon hope of their future prosperity. Now, however, the general public has become aware of the real situation and is fearful to touch at any price these shares and bonds of over-capitalized companies, and the most sound and solvent of them share the public distrust. Now, in the opening of the New Dispensation, when everything is being "shaken," we are to expect that all such stocks and bonds will be shaken in value until everything like dishonesty and inequity shall have been shaken out.

Forty years ago the world's great bankers and financiers concluded that it would be to their interest to demonetize silver and have only a gold standard. This finally accomplished what they foresaw and intended: it curtailed the world's monetary supply and enabled the bankers the better to control the entire situation throughout the world. By an elaborate banking system (valuable in some respects), it made each gold dollar chase itself and do the work of five dollars or ten dollars, assisted by bank checks and drafts. Thus the profits of the larger banks increased amazingly by reason of higher discount and interest charges, making them rich at the public expense.

The public, of course, acquiesced in the law demonetizing silver and making gold the single standard. But they did it under misapprehension, because they believed the bankers' tale—that this was really the best thing for the people, and not merely a measure in the interest of the banker and at the expense of the people. It is perhaps but fair to say that less than one-half of the bankers understood the philosophy of the matter; the others were guided by the wealthier and more astute who did fully understand.

The result has been great profits to the bankers, and great power; for without them, railroad stocks and bonds could not be handled successfully. The bankers took over large issues of railroad stocks and bonds, by what is known as the underwriting process. They were capable sales agents for the bonds at a good round percentage of profit, advancing money on the bonds and holding them for sale to the public.

The Day of Reckoning.

Now we see fulfilled the Scripture declaration, "He taketh the wise in their own craftiness." (Job 5:13.) How so, do you ask? I reply that the great banks have their vaults well filled with these bonds and stocks on which they had hoped to make large profits; but which, on the contrary, they are now unable to sell at any price. These stocks and bonds reckoned in as part of the banks' assets, show them to be wealthy, with immense surpluses; but now the "water" is to be taken out of these stocks and bonds. It will show an immense shrinkage in the resources of these banks. They will become suddenly poor without actually losing a cent, by reason of the market value of their securities falling.

This fact is realized by all banks. They realize that if the Day of Reckoning has come, and their holdings—their securities—are to be reckoned at their actual value, it will mean that instead of large resources and surpluses, some of the richest banks will become insolvent and be called upon by the government, either to close their doors or to make good their shortage. And right there will be their difficulty; for the rich men of the world have their capital invested similarly, and the reaction will be bound to unfavorably affect all the great commercial enterprises of the world. As all went well, amazingly well for the bankers and the wealthy by reason of the demonetization of silver, so when the Day of Reckoning shall have fully dawned, things will go especially hard with these same people. And, although the stoppage and the reconstruction will involve the whole world, poor and rich alike, nevertheless in many respects the rich will feel the pressure most.

The liquidating process had already begun before the present European war started. The Hartford and New Haven Railroad, The Chicago and Rock Island, and others, have been called to account. With these the "water squeezing" processes of the law have been threatening, and will undoubtedly accomplish their thorough "shaking." But meantime, the war, waiting not for the more gradual processes of the law and the ordinary business, has brought the financial world to a crisis. The nations of Europe are being shaken. The casualties of the war already amount to a million and a half of human beings, and hundreds of millions of dollars. And it is only begun. Financial values there are greatly impaired, as are also national credits. The thing wanted is gold, and as in every war, this precious metal has practically disappeared in the nations at war. Their home securities will not be salable for cash, and a general attempt will be made to sell American securities—American stocks, bonds, etc. But who will buy these? America will be practically the only market for them, and as we have already seen, American banks and bankers are loaded down heavily.

When we learn the immense amount of these American shares and bonds held in European hands, we need not wonder that American bankers pale at the thought of their being dumped upon the American market. Reliable financial authorities declare that Europe has about five thousand millions of dollars invested in American securities. If but one fifth of these be sacrificed to realize gold, it will mean an avalanche—a financial deluge. American banks, already overloaded with these "securities," cannot purchase all; hence prices will tumble and wrecks follow.

In view of these matters, is it any wonder that American bankers fear to see the stock Exchanges open for business? Had the Exchanges not closed promptly when they did, we would have had the most terrible panic ever known. By the closing of the Exchanges that awful panic was *temporarily averted*. By their closing, the owners of the stocks and bonds have been hindered from realizing upon them; thus the face value of these stocks and bonds has been preserved, and thereby the banks and bankers have been permitted to continue to count these shares and bonds at fictitious prices which nobody would pay for them today.

Effect of Silver Demonetization.

Had silver not been demonetized, bankers would not have had as easy a time as they have enjoyed in cornering the financial market, and getting large rates of interest and premiums; but neither would they be in the same distress at the present time, for the world would have had twice as much money with which to do its business. When we consider that the gold coin of the world is not sufficient for even the paying of the interest of the debts, we perceive how the banking institutions have had the people figuratively, by the throat, and now are being choked themselves by their own device.

The interest upon the debts cannot be paid in gold because there is not enough of it to pay the interest. Hence the only thing remaining to be done is to issue more bonds, payable in gold also, and the interest payable in gold. Now that nobody will buy the bonds, what is to be done? Interest on foreign holdings of American "securities," estimated at only four per cent per annum, means a drainage of two hundred millions of dollars every year in gold, needed to pay that interest. Now we seem to be coming to a dead stop through this war; and the wheels of finance which worked so favorably for the bankers in the past, are turning in the opposite direction and lacerating them financially.

Apparently our financial "house of cards" is trembling, and about to fall. Various expedients are being tried by the governments and the ablest financiers of the world. We might hope that their skill would accomplish the end they desire, and save the present institutions—financial—from being "shaken" to pieces. But, if we are right in our understanding of the Scriptures—if the great Day of Settlement has come, in which all the shakable things are to be shaken and nothing remain except that which cannot be shaken, then we may be sure that all human effort will fail, and that the greatest of all crashes of a financial kind that have ever happened will take place.

It will be noticed that I am saying nothing new—that what I have just said has been said in part, at least, by many, and published in the newspapers. I am merely bringing together these things, and showing their relationship to the testimony of the Bible, that we are now in the great day of "shaking." To some this will be considered a fanatical pessimism, because the vast majority of people have absolutely no confidence in the Bible. Nevertheless, when these things shall come to pass in the very near future, some may be helped to an understanding of the true situation—to a recognition of the fact that the "shaking" upon the nations—financial, social, political and religious—is of the Lord, and not accidental.

Under normal conditions American business should be prospering as never before, because her commercial competitors are at war, and unable to properly attend to their commercial interests. Likewise, American securities should be in demand, because all securities of foreign countries have depreciated by the war. But with the gold standard and an insufficiency of gold, the business of the entire world is stagnated. The world's needs and wants are as great as ever, but it has not the gold wherewith to purchase. The demonetization of silver seems to be referred to by the Prophet Ezekiel (7:19) saying, "They shall cast their silver into the street"—treat it as a commodity and not as money. The Prophet then tells how gold will become scarce and eventually be completely withdrawn by the people hiding it as though it were an unclean thing, as the Hebrew text implies—"Their gold shall be removed." Thus neither silver nor gold will be available.

Railroad magnates, and the bankers who hold their securities, perceive that if it is difficult to raise money for the meeting of the interest on the bonds, it will be more difficult to issue new bonds to replace maturing ones, no matter how sound and well managed the railway may be. Is it any wonder that the trepidation of the financial and political princes of the earth is great, as they look into the future? Their well-grounded fears were prophesied by our Saviour as one of the signs of the present time; "Men's hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things coming upon the earth"—the social order—and because of the shaking of the heavens, the ecclesiastical systems.—Luke 21:26.

Fear Humanity's Bane.

The speaker then passed to his text, outlined its meaning, and said:—

Sin made moral cowards of our race. From early infancy fear and apprehension, especially in respect to things future, have been impressed upon us. We realize that we are imperfect, that our God is perfect, that perfection is the only standard which He could approve, and that some kind of punishment for sin must be expected. The Adversary, taking advantage of our forefathers, misrepresented the Almighty, and has used our fears to alienate us from Him and to wrest and distort His Message to us in the Bible. St. Paul assures us that this is Satan's general procedure; that he puts light for darkness and darkness for light. Thus it comes that our text, which is really one of the most beautiful and comforting in the whole Bible when understood, has to many become a lash in the hands of their fears.—2 Corinthians 4:4.

Our text is one of the symbolisms of a Book filled with symbols. God's people, guided by His Holy Spirit, in due time will appreciate these symbols. For many of them, that due time is already here. The Throne is Messiah's; it represents His Mediatorial Dominion of earth for a thousand years. Its whiteness symbolizes the purity, the justice, of His Kingdom of Righteousness under the whole heavens.

The heavens and earth which will flee from the presence of the great Immanuel will not be the Heavens of God's Throne, nor the earth which He has given to the children of men. The heavens and earth which will flee away, and for which no place will be found, are, of course, the symbolical ones.

In Bible symbology the earth represents established civilization; the sea, the restless, dissatisfied masses of humanity; and the mountains, human governments, kingdoms, which constitute the backbone of present social institutions. The symbolic heavens represent spiritual influences—Ecclesiasticism, Churchianity. Thus interpreted, our text declares that when Messiah assumes control of the world, the result will be that the social system of today, as well as present day ecclesiasticism will pass out of existence—no place will be found for them.

Satan Now the Prince.

Some may ask, Whatever may be said of the four thousand years before the coming of Christ, may it not be claimed that He has been reigning ever since His ascension to the right hand of God? We answer, If the Redeemer of men has been reigning as the King of earth for the past nineteen centuries, there should be something in the Bible to so teach.

On the contrary the Master's own words tell us that Satan is the Prince of this Age; that Christ's Kingdom is not of this world (Age); that He will come again and receive His followers to Himself; that He went into a far country to receive title to His Kingdom and to return to take possession of it; and that at His Second Coming He will be the great King of Glory.—John 14:16, 30; 16:33; Matthew 21:33; 25:14, 31.

When we scan the pages of history during the past eighteen centuries, we are convinced that Messiah has not been King. To think of Him as such, with the omnipotent power we ascribe to Him, would be to charge Him with responsibility for bloody and atrocious persecutions, for wars, famines and pestilences. Surely, no right-minded person, after mature consideration, can rationally accept the theory that we have had the glorious Messianic Reign of Righteousness for the blessing of the whole world, the uplifting of humanity.

No one can think that the Reign of the great Mediator is in the past. We must agree with our text that it is in the future; and that, when established, its effect upon present institutions—political, social, financial, religious—will be such that they will flee away; no place will be found for them. From this standpoint alone there is hope for the world.

Today we are living at the climax of civilization. Yet we behold more clearly than ever before that the deeply-ingrained selfishness of humanity is a blight upon all our blessings. Selfishness is to be found everywhere. Although a semblance of righteousness is insisted upon and violators of that standard are styled criminals, nevertheless it seems impossible to legislate equity, justice. Men's keen intellects find opportunities for circumventing the laws and committing theft, murder, etc., without danger of punishment.

The Great White Throne Judgment.

Neither Jehovah God nor His Representative, Messiah, can in any sense or degree be a party to injustice or inequity. The fact that injustice has been permitted, that inequity has been the rule for centuries, is to be accounted for by the fact that during all this period the world has been under the reign of Sin and Death, the reign of Satan, "the Prince of this world," and of the darkness of selfishness and evil—all of which his name represents; that the world has not been under the dominion of Messiah, the Representative of Jehovah and His righteousness, and love.

The New Dispensation which Messiah's Kingdom will usher in is pictured in our text. It will be the world-wide dominion of purity, holiness, righteousness, justice, truth—a Great White Throne. No wonder we read that the symbolical heavens and earth, representing the old order of things—social, ecclesiastical—will vanish away!

But let no one think for a moment that ecclesiastical princes, financial princes and political princes will voluntarily acknowledge that the hour has come for a full surrender to Messiah and to all the principles of His absolute righteousness. On the contrary, these privileged members of our race will be more and more drawn together for mutual protection—for the preservation of the special privileges which have come into their possession. Even now we see the prophecy of the Second Psalm fulfilling. We are in the very time when the Lord, through the Prophet David, calls the great ones of earth to recognize the true situation of our wonderful day—that the Day of Messiah has arrived, and that He should be recognized and His principles of righteousness obeyed.

But no! The prophecy declares that we are in the day when the people, the masses, will have foolish imaginations—when they will think that by their own strength they can inaugurate a reign of righteousness along the lines of Socialism, or by anarchy. The people must learn that their help is in the Lord and not in their own frail arm. They must see the force of the words, "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Messiah." On the other hand, the money kings, earthly rulers and ecclesiastical princes are taking counsel together for the preservation of present inequities of the world, by which they are profiting. The Lord declares that in this they are banding themselves against Him and His newly-appointed King—Messiah. For over a century human liberty has been making progress, despite every endeavor to restrain it. Earth's potentates perceive the rising tide of human intelligence and of demands for equal rights. They perceive that unless something be done to counteract this general movement, the special advantages of the privileged classes will disappear. Even now they are taking counsel together how to break the restraints which the people are putting upon them, and how to reinaugurate a reign of autocracy, such as prevailed a century ago, but upon a higher plane, controlled by brighter wits, holding under restraint more intelligent masses.

"Be Instructed, Ye Judges!"

Would that the cultured and influential princes of earth could take the proper view of the situation and realize the fallacy of their counsels, the impossibility of averting the great changes which are upon us by reason of the time having come for Messiah to take unto Himself His great power and reign! Could the wise of earth realize the situation and fully submit themselves to the Divine requirements of absolute justice and truth, what a blessing it would be to the world! If these princes would turn their attention from the grasping of power and money to the enlightenment and uplifting of the people, they would become ministers of the New Dispensation, which would be ushered in with rejoicing. But the Lord informs us that this will not be the case; and that as a result Messiah's Kingdom will be ushered in by "a Time of Trouble such as was not since there was a nation."—Daniel 12:1.

God is no respecter of persons. Hence, before His Judgment Throne punishments will be meted out to small and great, when found to be violators of the principles of justice. Would that I could impress this upon many of the lower classes who are crying out against injustice in high places, while practicing similar injustices themselves. Let it be remembered that the Great White Throne speaks blessings only to those who love righteousness and hate iniquity.

The Master said, "My Word shall judge you in the Last Day." The books then to be opened will be the words of Jesus, of His Apostles and of the Prophets of old. Then all shall see the oneness of the Divine Message of righteousness, and each who would have everlasting life must conform his living and his thinking to these standards therein contained. At the end of Messiah's Reign, those whose names will have been written upon the new Book of Life will be found worthy of everlasting life; those whose names are not therein written will be destroyed in the Second Death.