

THE REIGN OF THE MESSIAH.

It Will Be an Exclusive and
Aristocratic Monarchy.

NATURE OF THE KINGDOM.

Pastor Russell, in the Philippines, Describes the Fifth Universal Empire of Earth—Sin and Death Shall Be Overthrown and Humanity Uplifted From Ignorance and Superstition—General Hall and Comrades, Also of the Foreign Missions Investigating Committee, Visit the Islands.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Manila, Jan. 14th.—Gen. W. P. Hall, second in command of the U. S. Army and at one time Military Governor of the Philippines, is here in company with Pastor C. T. Russell, Prof. F. H. Robinson, Dr. L. W. Jones, Mr. J. T. D. Pyles, Mr. E. W. V. Kuehn and Mr. R. B. Maxwell, the special committee of foreign missions investigation appointed by the International Bible Students Association. They were heartily welcomed and given every facility for noting civil and missionary activities among the Filipinos. Pastor Russell gave two addresses today to large audiences, chiefly Americans. He had a very earnest hearing. We report his address in the Manila Grand Opera House from the text, "Thy Kingdom Come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven." (Matthew 6:10.) He said:—

Many of us have learned to appreciate a republican form of government as the very highest type of civil administration. I trust that I am not one whit behind the most patriotic of you in my appreciation of the great government of the United States which many of us believe is the noblest that has yet risen amongst men. Nevertheless, the Bible teaches that Messiah's reign will be that of a Monarchy; not only so, it will be a very exclusive and aristocratic Monarchy. Additionally, it will be most autocratic—theocratic; the will of its subjects will not be consulted in the slightest particular.

The Fifth Universal Empire.
At first, in alarm, we are ready to say, would not that be a most dangerous condition of things? Could any royal family, however noble and generous, be entrusted with such autocratic power without fear of its being misused for the enslavement of the people, for the aggrandizement of the rulers? Have we not learned this in the history of the past six thousand years? Do we not see the necessity for curtailing and controlling the powers of kings and governors? Are we not more and more brought to realize the necessity that the people shall rule, whether in Congress or in Parliament, in Douglas or in Chambers of Deputies?

Yes, yes, my dear friends, I heartily accede to all this; but when I shall describe to you the nature of the Kingdom that is to be established, and its personnel, all your fears will assuredly flee, and you will rejoice exceedingly that the Divine arrangement is what it is in respect to the theocratic Kingdom shortly to be established and to take over the government of the world.

Scripturally, it is described as the Fifth Universal Empire of earth. I remind you of the divinely inspired dream of King Nebuchadnezzar, as interpreted by the Prophet Daniel. It was of an image majestic, grand. The head of the image was Nebuchadnezzar's own kingdom at Babylon, the first to rule over the earth. Next, represented in the breast and arms of silver, came Medo-Persia, the second Universal Empire of earth, the conqueror of Babylon. Next, represented in the belly and thighs of the image, came Greece, the third Universal Empire of earth, which conquered Medo-Persia. Next, represented in the legs of iron, came Rome, the fourth Universal Empire, conqueror of Greece. There are to be no more until Messiah's Kingdom; it will be the Fifth. Meanwhile, we have had two attempts at a fifth monarchy, both unsuccessful. One of these attempts was by Napoleon I. the other was that of the Papacy. During this time the present divisions, which resulted from the breaking up of the Roman Empire, are represented by the feet of the image, with their ten toes.

Smiting the Image's Feet.
The prophecy declares (Daniel 2: 44) that in the days of these kings, represented by the toes of the image, the God of heaven will set up a Kingdom, which shall subdue all kingdoms, and which shall never be overthrown. It shall be given to the people, saints, of the Most High God, and they shall take the Kingdom and possess it forever, even forever and ever." (Daniel 7: 18, 27.) In the picture God's Kingdom is symbolically represented as a great stone, hewn from the mountain without hands—supernaturally. It shall smite the image in its feet, and forthwith "the iron, the brass, the silver and the gold shall become like the chaff of a summer threshing floor, and the wind shall carry it away," but the mountain shall increase until "it shall fill the whole earth."

Thus, in a figure, or symbol, God pictures things now shortly to come to

pass. I know not how much to expect from the war between Italy and Turkey, but Rome and Constantinople stand for, represent, the two legs of the image, for he remembered that each in turn was the Roman Capital, and representative of the image. We are certainly justified in watching with considerable interest the present war and what it may be leading to in the way of involving all the ten kingdoms represented in this prophecy.

But that is not the special point of interest in my subject; rather, I am discussing the character of Messiah's Kingdom, which is to rule the world, overthrow sin and death and uplift humanity from ignorance, superstition, sin, weakness and death. The declaration is that Messiah shall reign until He shall have put down all in subordination, and that the last enemy to be destroyed will be death. I Corinthians xv. 25, 26.

This is the Kingdom for which the Master Himself taught His followers to pray. Nothing slight or insignificant will be the outcome of that glorious, Messianic reign of a thousand years. At its very beginning Satan will be bound, with all that this signifies—the repression of evil and darkness. For a thousand years the Sin of Righteousness shall pour forth the light of truth and grace upon our poor, fallen race until the knowledge of God's glory shall fill the whole earth as the waters cover the great deep. (Habakkuk 2: 14.) Eventually all wifful opponents of that Kingdom will die the Second Death, from which there will be no redemption, no recovery. But meantime, all the willing and obedient will be rising, not only from the tomb, but also out of all the weaknesses and frailties of the present time, up, up, up to the fulness of perfection of life, although they will not live again in this perfect sense until the thousand years shall be finished. With the close of that reign of righteousness, after it shall have accomplished its work of delivering the groaning creation from the bondage of corruption, sin and death, Messiah will abdicate the Throne, as it is written, "He will deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, that He may be all in all."—I Corinthians xv. 24.

No More Sighing, Crying, Dying.
What a glorious triumph that will be when every creature in heaven and earth and under the earth shall be heard saying, "Praise, glory, honor, dominion and might be unto Him that sitteth upon the Throne, and unto the Lamb, forever." (Revelation v. 13.) What a glorious condition will then obtain when there shall be no more crying, no more sighing, no more dying, for all the former things of sin and death, shall have passed away! Ah! He that sitteth upon the Throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." Glad we are that our great Messiah is about to overthrow sin and evil, about to establish righteousness on a permanent and everlasting foundation, which will insure that to all eternity God's will shall be done as perfectly in this earth as it is now done in heaven.

I ask you to consider candidly—your need no reply—is there a kingdom in the world today that in your judgment really represents a Divine government amongst men? Is there a perfect government, is there a single spot in all the earth where God's will is done as it is done in heaven? You are conversant with history. You know the bloody record which marks its pages. You know that so-called Christian Europe has been drenched with blood more than any other part of the world. You know that the cause of wrong has triumphed as often or oftener than the cause of right. You know that today these kingdoms of Europe, styled kingdoms of God, are threatening one another as they have done in the past. You know that great guns, great battleships and monster torpedoes, such as the world has never known before, are being prepared by these various nations for use, either aggressively or defensively, against one another, while they all claim to be Christ's kingdoms. Is this logical? Is this rational? Most assuredly not!

We must go to the Bible for true information on this subject. It tells us that these kingdoms are not the kingdoms of God, but "kingdoms of this world." It tells us that Satan is the Prince of this world (John 14: 30; Ephesians 2: 2); that he is "the god of this world," "that now worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience"—so much more numerous than the children of obedience that he through them holds the world's control. But with equal clearness the Bible declares the Divine Power and mastery over Satan and that he and his reign of sin and death are permitted of God for a limited time and for a special purpose. The testimony tells us that when the due time shall come Messiah shall take His great power and reign—then Satan shall be bound and all the forces of sin and darkness be restrained. Then the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in its beams to flood the earth with the light of the knowledge of the glory of God.

The Election Hath Obtained It.
Come with me and take a cursory view of God's great work thus far accomplished. For more than two thousand years God gave no clear intimation of what He intended to do for the fallen race. Then He made a statement to Abraham, so clear, so explicit, that St. Paul declares it was a statement of the Gospel in advance. God said to Abraham, I intend to bless the world, which could only mean, I intend to relieve them of the curse of death which came upon them through Adam's sin. God added to Abraham, This blessing which I will bring to all the families of the earth will come through your posterity—"In thee and in thy Seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed."

God's due time for bringing this blessing was still future; the blessing intended could not come until Messiah should come; but meantime God gave to the natural seed of Abraham, through Moses, the Law Covenant, which offered them eternal life and an inheritance in the Kingdom if they could keep the Law. Of course, they could not keep the Law because it was the measure of a perfect man's ability, and alas! like the remainder of the world, the Israelites were imperfect. Nevertheless the offer and their attempt to keep the Law brought them great uplift of heart, so that when Jesus came to them a considerable number were ready to receive Him, did receive Him, and He received them. They became sons of God, through the begetting of the Holy Spirit, at Pentecost and afterward. There were the spiritual Seed of Abraham, begotten of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Himself being the Head, or First; the others were counted in as members of His Body.

Israel had been hoping for a share in Messiah's Kingdom, and St. Paul explains, "Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for." The election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded." The blinded Israelites are still cast aside, but not forever. The Divine blessing shall come to natural Israel just as soon as spiritual Israel shall be completed. (See Rom. xi. 25-34.)

The Kingdom Suffereth Violence.
What did the "election" obtain? Of what did the faithful "Israelites indeed" become heirs by accepting Jesus and by the Pentecostal blessing? We answer that they became identified with Messiah's Kingdom and heirs or inheritors of the glorious promise made to Abraham, that in "his Kingdom all the families of the earth should be blessed." But now note that there were not a sufficient number of Jews found worthy to complete the Kingdom class. The Kingdom therefore could not be inaugurated then. God had foreseen this and through the Prophet had promised that some would be gathered from the Gentiles to complete this Kingdom class. The entire work of this Gospel Age has been the calling of this "elect" class for the Kingdom. If we have rightly viewed the matter, the foreordained number will soon have been found, the election will be at an end, the accepted will be glorified as the Kingdom, and Messiah's reign of righteousness will begin.

But notice now the course of all belonging to the Kingdom class, "throughout this age. They are not reigning with Christ, but suffering with Christ. And Jesus explained this; they are included in the Royal Family, because begotten of the Holy Spirit; they are indeed the Kingdom class, because they are affiliated with the great King; but they have not yet entered into their glory. They will do so only by the power of the First Resurrection. Thus it is written, "We must all be changed," because "flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God."

Our Lord Himself was the Pattern, the Forerunner of all these. After His resurrection and His begetting of the Holy Spirit, He was tested even unto death, even the death of the cross, before He experienced His glorious resurrection, change and ascended up and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High. Similarly all of His followers, after consecration, must be tested, their loyalty must be proven, before they can share with Him in "His Resurrection."

Partly for the testing of these, their development takes place in a time when Satan is the Prince of this world, and when his power is permitted to be exercised against them as it was exercised against their Lord. The message to these is, "The Kingdom suffereth violence and the violent take it by force." As our Lord suffered violence from the Prince of this world, so will His followers, for "the disciple is not above His Lord." His promise to His followers is, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"—Revelation 2: 10.

"The World Knoweth Us Not."
So then we perceive that God's Kingdom class, the followers of Jesus, as did their Leader, for righteousness' sake. That the persecutors had not known and done their evil work intentionally, St. Peter intimates when he says to the Jews, "I wot that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers, for if they had known they would not have crucified the Prince of Life." Hence, in due time their blindness shall be turned away and they will look upon Him whom they pierced and mourn (Zechariah 12: 10), and God will pour upon them the spirit of prayer and supplication, and forgive them and make the experience profitable to as many as shall prove willing.

Meantime, for eighteen centuries, the Scriptures declare, "The world knoweth us not even as it knew Him not." God's saintly ones have not been generally the great, the influential, either in church or state, just as Jesus and the Apostles were not in their day. Nevertheless, the Lord knoweth those that are His. Scattered here and there, during the past eighteen centuries, He has been dealing with them, preparing them, polishing them, fitting them as jewels. And He tells us that at our Lord's second coming He will make up His jewels—they will constitute the Kingdom class, for if we suffer with Him, we shall also reign with Him. I am sure you will agree with me that those whom the Lord has been so carefully selecting, instructing and polishing in the school of Christ, who have been so effectively polished with the trials and disciplines of evil, will be the very class above all others to whom the glorious dominion of earth may well be entrusted without fear. Only those thoroughly loyal to God and to principle will be in that Kingdom class.

PACKERS' BOOKS TAKEN TO COURT

General Ledgers of Morris &
Co. Placed in Evidence.

ITEMS ARE READ TO THE JURY

Prosecution is Trying to Show That Allowances for By-Products Are Too Low—Other Books Missing—Government Wins Important Point.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—An important point was won by the government in the prosecution of the ten Chicago packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law when United States Judge George A. Carpenter granted District Attorney Wilkerson and an expert accountant permission to examine the books of Morris & Co. outside the sessions of the court.

The books in question are the general journals and ledgers for the period between 1905 and 1910 and were produced in court by the chief accountant of the company. The government wants to read into the record of the case numerous entries in support of its contention that the allowances made for by-products are inadequate and part of the general operating plan of the alleged combination.

By Products Underpriced.

The general ledgers of Morris & Co. from 1907 to 1910 were taken before Judge Carpenter and items showing the allowances credited for by-products were read to the jury by the district attorney in an effort to prove the government's contention that those allowances are inadequate. The government attempts to show by the intricate method of accounting employed that the systems of the different packers were practically uniform.

Several witnesses who have been examined stated they were unable to recollect the details of the allowances for by-products to which they had previously testified before a federal grand jury. They declared that many of the books and records which the government desires to use in the present case and which were produced before the federal grand jury in a relating investigation against the packers in 1909 had disappeared.

ATTACK ON COMMERCE COURT

Supreme Court Piles Attorneys With Questions and Problems.

Washington, Jan. 13.—After twenty four hours of combined assault by attorneys for the railroads, the interstate commerce commission and the department of justice on the jurisdiction of the new commerce court to review cases where the commission enters no affirmative orders, the leaders in the fight expressed confidence of victory.

The attack was renewed unexpectedly through guiding questions asked by the court. The rule in the "uniform demurrage code," by which railroads charge demurrage on private cars, was the main question of issue. Every member of the court piled the attorneys with questions and problems.

JUDGE HOOK MAKES DENIAL

His Son Not Attorney for Railroads in Two-Cent Fare Case.

Washington, Jan. 13.—United States Circuit Judge William C. Hook of Kansas one of the most prominent candidates for the supreme court vacancy, made a personal reply to President Taft to charges recently made against him with the idea of preventing his nomination.

Through Senator Curtis of Kansas, Judge Hook laid before the president a letter denying the charge that his son had been an attorney for the railroads in the Oklahoma 2-cent fare case in which Judge Hook issued an injunction in favor of the railroads.

HARMON LONGS FOR JACKSON

Ohio Governor Thinks Old Hickory Might Straighten Matters.

East St. Louis, Ill., Jan. 13.—"Oh, for an hour of Andrew Jackson!" This wish for the resurrection of the tariff and economy policies of President Jackson summarized the views of Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio in a speech before the Democratic club here. The occasion was a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the battle of New Orleans in the war of 1812.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS GAIN

Cast Four Million Votes in Elections to Reichstag.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—An unprecedented Socialist vote, which probably reached 4,000,000, and heavy Socialist gains proved the feature of the 1912 elections to the reichstag, held throughout the empire. The election was marked also by the disastrous rout of the Radicals and far smaller inroads into the Clerical and Conservative majority of the last reichstag than was anticipated.

Texas Attacks President Taft.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Representative Smith of Texas attacked President Taft in the house for alleged failure to protect Americans on the border during the Mexican revolution last year.

USED MAILS TO DEFRAUD

Men of All Kinds Send Cash to Girl Who Wants to Wed.

Denver, Jan. 13.—Miss Fay Livingston, twenty-four years old, who is in jail here, following her arrest in Choyenne, on a charge of using the mails to defraud, confessed to robbing scores of men in various parts of the country out of small sums on her promise of immediate marriage.

She used newspapers freely in advertising for correspondents, and scores of youths, middle-aged men, ministers, doctors and particularly laborers, according to her own statements, became her victims. The post office inspectors found hundreds of letters from these men in her rooms at a local hotel.

The woman alleges that she came here from Amarillo, Tex., and says that at one time she was a clerk in a Chicago wholesale music house and was employed by the Chicago News.

When she began her operations here she did not get her mail in this city but had it forwarded to Rock Springs, Wyo., then to Cheyenne, Wyo., and subsequently to Columbus, Neb., Grand Island, Neb. and to various small towns in the vicinity of Denver.

OMAHA GETS TRIO OF FARMERS' MEETINGS

Chancellor Avery Gives Views on Agricultural Education.

Omaha, Jan. 13.—Following the lead of the Farmers' Cooperative Grain and Live Stock State association, the Nebraska Farmers' congress unanimously voted to hold its next convention in Omaha. As the Nebraska rural life commission holds its session with the other organizations, Omaha again draws the trio of conventions.

Addresses by Chancellor Avery of Nebraska university and Speaker Charles Adkins of the Illinois legislature closed the sessions of the three organizations.

Dr. Avery said the present problem of agricultural education is to reach the boy who has neither time nor inclination for college study. He spoke against scattered agricultural schools.

BEET GROWERS TESTIFY

Tell House Investigating Committee of Industry's Value.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The magnitude of the beet sugar industry and the development of agricultural lands through its activities had not been fully realized by the house investigating committee until the criticism of three Colorado farmers of their treatment by the Great Western Sugar company permitted the introduction of testimony in rebuttal. The committee heard from Michigan, Colorado and Nebraska sugar beet growers. Invariably they told of successful and profitable beet farming.

Shipping Combine Not Completed.

Cleveland, Jan. 13.—A gigantic trust with holdings aggregating \$500,000,000 and controlling 300 great lake vessels was partly organized in the autumn of 1911, says the News. That it was not completed, the story runs, was due to the government's investigation of the United States Steel corporation, during which information regarding the alleged trust was gleaned by the government agents.

Knabe Piano Plant Burns.

Cincinnati, Jan. 13.—The piano manufacturing plant of Knabe Bros., in Norwood, was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$200,000.

Fire Destroys Fairbury Flour Mills.

Fairbury, Neb., Jan. 13.—Fire destroyed the Fairbury Roller mills, causing a loss of \$35,000.

CONDENSED NEWS

Leon Bourgeois declined the task of forming a French cabinet, tendered by President Fallieres.

American Federation of Labor officials urged the house labor committee to create a department of labor.

The house steel inquiry committee subpoenaed J. H. Reed, Carnegie's counsel and Secretary Knox's former law partner.

A band of Bulgarians threw three bombs into an open air mass meeting at Zikowa, near Uskub, European Turkey, killing three persons and injuring twenty-two.

Bert H. Franklin, a detective arrested on a charge of bribery in the murder trial of James B. McNamara at Los Angeles, has agreed to enter a plea of guilty.

Pennsylvania's Gettysburg anniversary commission urged \$500,000 appropriation before the Gettysburg congressional committee for the erection of a permanent memorial.

The continued cold in eastern Colorado has frozen many water holes and the consequent water shortage has increased the difficulties of caring for thousands of range cattle.

The final ballots of the English coal miners for or against a national strike, which will affect 900,000 men, were cast. It is known that the results will show a vote overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

George Parker, colored, of Omaha, the Creighton university medical student, charged with killing Mrs. C. Jackson, colored, with a razor at St. Paul, Dec. 26, was adjudged insane by Judge Bazille and was committed to the St. Peter insane hospital.

CARNEGIE ENDS HIS TESTIMONY

Ironmaster Given Some Unexpected Political Jumps.

WALL STREET DRAWS ATTACK

Stock Jobbers Branded as Parasites by Former Steel King—Admits Loaning \$15,000 to Oppose Imperialism—With Roosevelt on Trusts.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Andrew Carnegie concluded his testimony before the house steel trust investigating committee. He admitted that in 1909 he had contributed \$15,000 to oppose the policy of imperialism and the annexation of the Philippines; assailed Wall street and branded "stock jobbers as parasites," urged the Roosevelt trust policy in preference to that of President Taft for dealing with the trusts, and asked congress to consider carefully that problem.

After a day of examination on many subjects, Mr. Carnegie was subjected to a fire of questions which put him on his mettle. Chairman Stanley elicited from him an attack on stock jobbing that probably will influence legislation to be proposed by the committee and Representative McGillivray of Maine took the ironmaster over some political jumps that were altogether unexpected.

"Mr. Carnegie," asked Chairman Stanley, "in the organization of the Carnegie Steel company of New Jersey, why did you divide your stock into \$1,000 shares?"

"To keep them off the stock exchange," was Mr. Carnegie's quick reply.

Never Traded on 'Change.

"Because I did not believe in stock jobbing. But I did not wish to have my partners in business tempted to speculation. I never in my life bought or sold a share of stock on the speculative market. I was reared differently. I had a grandfather ruined in Scotland by stock speculation. I resolved that it was ruinous when a young man, and throughout my business career I never bought long nor sold short."

Representative McGillivray somewhat confused Mr. Carnegie with a fire of questions seeking to show that a plan was formulated to organize the United States Steel corporation before Mr. McKinley was elected president in 1900 and that the deal was consummated soon after his election. He brought out the fact that Mr. Carnegie had told McKinley to have nothing to do with imperialism or the acquisition of the Philippines.

Enjoys Proceedings.

At the conclusion of his testimony, Mr. Carnegie made a little speech. Rising from the witness chair, he said: "Gentlemen, I came down here with an aversion to publicity, but I want to tell you truthfully I have enjoyed it. Let me say to you, get the court organized and proceed one step at a time, gentlemen, I shall miss your happy faces. When shall we meet again?"

"That latch string is always hanging out, Mr. Carnegie," said Chairman Stanley.

"Well, if I ever get another of those signatures of yours to an official summons," said the ironmaster, "I will be at your disposal—unless, of course, my counsel objects."

MILLIONAIRE FOR A DAY

Nominee Hired to Withdraw, Travels in Regal Style.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 13.—Throwing \$25 in coin to the newsboys as he left, John J. McDevitt, a local politician and son of a day laborer, left Wilkesbarre in his own special train over the Lehigh Valley railroad for New York to enjoy the experience of being a millionaire for one day.

The train consisted of a baggage car, parlor car and several day coaches. He paid \$29 for the special train and \$24 extra for a parlor car of thirty-two seats.

A large crowd was at the station to see him off. Prior to his departure, he held a reception at a hotel.

Accompanying McDevitt is a physician, Dr. E. A. Sweeney, a few personal friends and half a score of newspaper men. The train is scheduled to make no stops until it reaches New York.

McDevitt got his spending money by withdrawing as a candidate for county treasurer. He put himself up as a candidate in the primaries and so many people voted for him just as a joke that he was nominated. The county committee became alarmed and tried to get him to withdraw. The negotiations for withdrawal were conducted through the public press. McDevitt naming a higher price each day. At last the committee paid him something like \$2,500 to get off the ticket.

Morse Taken to Hot Springs.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, was ordered transferred from Fort McPherson to the army general hospital, Hot Springs, Ark. President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham decided on the transfer, believing special medical treatment was necessary.