

TRY TO SNEAK SICK CATTLE IN

State Veterinarian Uncovers Plan Worked Along the Border.

SOUGHT TO PASS NEW LAW.

Legislature Did not See Proposition Same Way and Department Must Now Be More Vigilant Than Ever. Interesting Disclosures Promised.

Lincoln, April 28.—Dr. Bostrom, state veterinarian, is at Fairbury, where he is examining about fifty head of cattle which have been placed under quarantine. These cattle were shipped from Elgin, Ill., and are of the Holstein breed. They were first shipped to Concordia, Kan., via St. Louis, and from Concordia shipped to Fairbury. This aroused the suspicions of the state board of veterinarians, with the result that Dr. Bostrom and an assistant tested the cattle and found them afflicted with tuberculosis. The herd was ordered under quarantine.

It was to prevent such conditions as this that the state board of veterinarians tried to have passed a bill which would prevent shipments of this kind. This bunch of cattle was shipped in under the health certificate of a veterinarian, whom it is claimed was either ignorant or negligent. In shipping from one state to another, the railroad companies are compelled to take the certificate of a veterinarian as to the health of the cattle and under a law such as it was sought to pass at the late session of the legislature, any veterinarian guilty of an act of this kind would be deprived of his right to practice in the state.

When the examinations and tests have been completed at Fairbury, there will be some interesting disclosures for the public, according to information given out at the office of the state veterinarian.

Harman Besieged by Bakers.

As a result of the announcement of Food Commissioner Harman that all bread must be wrapped before leaving the place of manufacture, and that all bread wagons must be kept in sanitary places over night, the pure food commissioner was kept busy answering phone calls of protest and personal calls from bakers in Lincoln protesting against the order.

Commissioner Harman was, however, firm in his declaration to compel the manufacturers of bread to live up to the sanitary laws of the state, and will enforce the provision of the pure food act covering sanitary conditions. The law also states that all drivers of bakery wagons shall wear clean clothes. This will also be enforced.

Board of Health Gets Added Power.

The Tolcott bill, which provides for additional powers of the state board of health, will enable local boards to cities and villages to enforce sanitary conditions in their own municipalities exactly the same as covers quarantine powers. Under the new law all boards of health will have full power to investigate, regulate and enforce sanitary conditions whenever in their judgment it may seem necessary, and in case they fail to enforce the carrying out of the provisions of the law the state board will have the power to call them to account and employ means to enforce the law.

MRS. KERR IS DEAD

Son Who is in Sanitarium is Left Million-Dollar Estate.

Hastings, Neb., April 28.—Mrs. Elizabeth Kerr, widow of William Kerr, died in Waukesha, Wis., where she underwent an operation for a carbuncle ten days ago.

Death resulted from blood poisoning. Mrs. Kerr and her son, Thomas, were the sole owners of the William Kerr estate, valued at about \$1,000,000. Broken in health by grief over the illness of her son, who is under treatment at a sanitarium at Kansas City, Mrs. Kerr was taken to the Waukesha institution several weeks ago.

The doctors held out hope for her recovery until she developed the carbuncle, which was removed only as the last possible means of saving her life. The son may be unable to be brought here for the funeral, which will probably be held tomorrow.

The bulk of Mrs. Kerr's fortune probably will go to the son, who may never regain his health, it is believed.

Effort at Suicide Fails.

Columbus, Neb., April 28.—A. D. White, formerly of St. Edward, attempted to commit suicide in a toilet room at the Union Pacific depot by severing his jugular vein. He did not succeed, as the knife he used was a small affair and he was locked up in the county jail. He had been in the city for several days.

Deshler Family in Europe.

Deshler, Neb., April 28.—Mr. and Mrs. August Poppe and son, Lester; Miss Johanna Schiermeyer, Christ Eitzmann and Conrad Schreck left for New York city. They expect to sail tomorrow for Germany for a six months' visit among relatives and friends.

Prayers for China in Washington.

Washington, April 28.—Prayers for the new born republic of China were offered in practically all churches of the national capital.

WOOLWORTH BUILDING.

Tallest Structure in The World at Last Is Formally Opened.

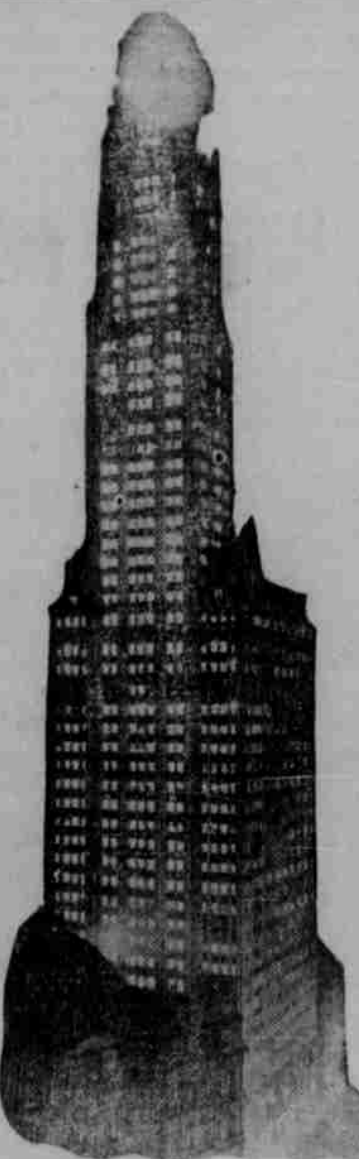


Photo by American Press Association.

President Wilson in Washington pressed an electric button which threw on the current and lighted 30,000 incandescent bulbs, marking the formal opening of the tallest building on earth. After the ceremony, which was elaborate, the invited guests were dined in a restaurant 100 feet above the street level.

MOB AGAIN ATTACKS SUFFRAGETTES

Crowds Prevented by Police from Ducking Women Speakers.

London, April 28.—Hyde park again was turned into a bedlam by the suffragettes and their opponents. The women, declining to recognize the police order that no suffragette meetings were to be held in the park, appeared with warrants and addressed a small crowd. Immediately youths commenced to gather and an attempt was made to drag the wagonette to the Serpentine, for the purpose of ducking the women. Mounted and foot police intervened in time to save them. The Perthshire cricket pavilion at Perth, together with a collection of valuable photographs, records and relics, was destroyed by fire. Suffragettes are suspected.

MIS BORDEN FOUND

Missing Heiress Happy to Be Back With Her Father.

Boston, April 28.—Ramona Borden tumbled into the arms of her father, Gail Borden, the millionaire milk dealer of New York, at the Hotel Touraine and so brought to an end what the family has decided to regard as a school girl's escapade.

Half an hour later father and daughter drove away in an automobile for a destination not made public.

Miss Borden will not return to New York in the immediate future. Her father plans to place her under medical care in a quiet retreat to recover from the physical and nervous strain that attended her flight from the sanitarium at Pompton, N. J., last Wednesday. There will be no legal proceedings against anyone.

Miss Borden was located at a hotel where she was stopping with two girl friends and asked to return to her father. She promptly consented. Mr. Borden was waiting for the girl when she arrived. Later it was said that the reconciliation was complete.

A person authorized to speak for Mr. Borden said: "Mr. Borden's daughter has been restored to him by the ill-advised and foolish persons who assisted her to evade his authority. The case is simply that of an undisciplined girl who found the study in discipline her father had laid out for her distasteful, and what has been made so notorious is actually nothing more than a reckless escapade of some school girls."

Flies Across Isthmus.

Colon, April 28.—Robert G. Fowler, the American aviator, made a flight across the isthmus in a hydro-aeroplane with a passenger.

CONDENSED NEWS

King Albert of the Belgians opened the international exposition at Ghent.

Women suffragists addressed the senate woman suffrage committee for a constitutional amendment giving women the right to vote.

C. S. Lawrence of Nashville, Tenn., has been selected for assistant attorney in the department of justice, to specialize largely in land title questions.

PAINS OF HELL EXPLAINED TO US

Pastor Russell on Misconceptions of Bible's Teaching.

TRUTH AND BEAUTY HIDDEN

The Dangers of Ignorance and Superstition—The Worship of Hypocrisy and Fear Great Spurs—God Seeks Worship Only From the Reverential and True-Hearted—Popular Misconceptions of Hell—The Injury It Has Done and Is Doing—True Christians Should Awake to True Bible Study.



PASTOR RUSSELL

Paterson, N. J., April 27.—Pastor Russell preached this afternoon in the Opera House. His topic was "Beyond the Grave." We report his discourse to Bible Students on the text: "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me."—Ps. 116:3.

Opening his address, the Pastor apologized for the selection of such a text. He would much prefer to talk along the lines of Christian character-building and the necessity of growing in grace, knowledge and love, and thus becoming more and more copies of God's dear Son. His apology was that his text, a sample of many other Bible statements, is so grievously misunderstood as to stand in the way of Christian progress. In conjunction with other Scriptures, it was woven into terrible theories during the Dark Ages. Those theories became imbedded in the various creeds of the time, and so obstructed the channels of thought that the grace, truth and beauty of the Bible were hidden. Many noble hearts, he claimed, are famishing for lack of the refreshment of God's Truth, by reason of the fossilized errors which block the way.

"Perish For Lack of Knowledge."

The Scriptures foretell conditions exactly as they are today. They declare that there shall be "a famine in the land—not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Word of the Lord." (Amos 8:11.) Again the Scriptures declare, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hosea 4:6.) It is certainly true that there are as many honest-hearted, conscientious, well-meaning people in the world today as have ever lived—perhaps more. Yet these well-meaning people are perishing, famishing, for lack of spiritual nourishment. True, there are some who claim to be well-nourished and to find in the popular pulpits of the land all the spiritual refreshment and strength they need.

But these are as nothing compared with the millions who give a different testimony. I am glad that those who attend worship regularly, and are well-nourished and well satisfied, have what they desire, at the mouth of a hundred thousand preachers. I am reaching out after "the lost sheep of the house of Israel," through the secular press. They tell me that I am reaching millions of the unchurched every week. My readers are the discontented, the unsatisfied, perishing for lack of knowledge, hungering and thirsting after the right ways of God—the real teachings of the Bible.

My heart goes out to those as the heart of Jesus went out to the same class, nearly nineteen centuries ago. We read, "He had compassion on the multitude, for He beheld that they were like sheep having no shepherd." I am seeking, as an under-shepherd, to bring these hungering, thirsting, perishing sheep to the true "Shepherd and Bishop of souls"—the Lord Jesus.

I am seeking to remove from their minds the prejudice and various obstructions which have hindered the flow of God's grace and truth to their hearts. I am seeking in the Master's name to present to them the Bread of Life, the Water of Life. I am not seeking to build up another denomination.

Results show a certain measure of success already attained. I am receiving more than five thousand letters a week from hungry sheep and others, who, so far as denominational Christian systems are concerned, are homeless. Everywhere—all over the world—these instead of forming a new denomination, are associating themselves with Bible classes for the study of God's Word. I am simply doing all in my power to help them out of darkness into God's marvelous light—out of misunderstandings of the Bible into a right appreciation of it; out of ignorance into a knowledge of God; out of ignorance of the Savior and His work to a true knowledge of Him and His glorious Kingdom, which is yet to bless all the families of the earth.

It may be interesting to know that while I am advertised by the newspaper syndicate as the Pastor of the Brooklyn Tabernacle congregation of independent Christians, and of a similar congregation of London Tabernacle and of the congregation of Washington Temple, I have additionally, been chosen Pastor of more than one hundred and fifty of those classes of Bible Students, to which I have already referred. They elected me Pastor without any suggestion or solicitation on my part. In so doing, I under-

stand them to signify that they recognize the Lord Jesus as the great Divinely appointed Shepherd of the true sheep, and that they desire me to serve them in any way that I can as an under-shepherd.

Through the columns of THE WATCH TOWER, I visit these classes regularly twice a month, doing a pastoral work to the best of my ability—leading them to the Fountain of Grace and Truth and breaking for them the Living Bread, the Word of God. Additionally, they have my weekly sermon and a weekly treatise on the International Sunday School Lessons.

The True-Hearted Should Rejoice.

One would suppose that all of the one hundred thousand ministers and all their flocks would rejoice to know that the unchurched, straying sheep are being reached with a Message of God's Love and Mercy which is appealing to their hearts and working a transformation in their lives. Many do rejoice, but alas! a few are jealous, as were some of the scribes and Pharisees of Jesus' day. Of these we read, "They were grieved that He taught the people"—the people whom they could not reach, the sheep that were straying and famishing.

As those jealous scribes and Pharisees antagonized Jesus and the Apostles, because their hearts were out of harmony with the Good Tidings, so it is today with some. Unable to uphold the doctrines which have driven away so many of the intelligent of their flocks, famished for Truth, a few ministers are angry with us. True to the Master's prophecy, these seek to say all manner of evil falsely against us, for His sake, for the Truth's sake. Yet, in spite of their unchristian course, the poor straying sheep are hearing and recognizing the Voice Divine, are coming back to the Word of God, are being sanctified by the Word of Truth.

I Proceed With My Text.

If this were the only text mistranslated and misunderstood, the ordinary reader would doubtless pass it by, saying, "I do not understand it. Probably it is a figure of speech." But this text is merely a combination of mistranslations, all of which are connected with an eternal torment system of doctrines invented during the Dark Ages. It is this combined system which has such power over men's minds. This power of error, this power of fear, is turning intelligent minds away from the Bible. Hence it is our duty to break down the false doctrines, and to clear away the obstacles which hinder the flow of Truth to the minds and hearts of the people of God—the straying sheep. Nor are these straying sheep all, or chiefly the ignorant. They include many of the ablest minds and truest hearts in the world—minds and hearts too true and too logical to believe palpable falsehoods, or to profess what they do not believe.

The Psalmist is merely telling of his severe illness, from which by the grace of God he recovered. He would have us understand that it was not merely a slight ailment. He described his emotions in the language of our text, saying, "the sorrows of death compassed me about"; that is to say, the sadness associated with the thought that he was about to die, about to leave his friends. In the poetic form of the Hebrew language, he repeated this thought; namely, "The pains of hell gat hold upon me." In our modern language this would mean the pains of death, or the pains of the tomb. They were pains that indicated the approach of dissolution. Nothing in this text has the slightest reference to anything in the future life.

Our Baptist friends, in their revised translation of the Bible, have chosen for such passages as this the expression, "the underworld," instead of the word "hell." Yet even here there is danger of the average reader not catching the true thought. Far simpler and far less liable to be misunderstood, would it have been, had the translators said, "The pains of the tomb." The Revised Version of the English Bible reads, "The pains of Sheol."

Why Not the Whole Truth?

Every learned minister knows that the Hebrew word Sheol really means the grave, the pit, the state of death. Why do they hesitate to tell the people the whole truth on this subject? Why do they translate it part of the time "the grave" and at other times "the underworld"? Why do they use the translation, "the grave" in one place, and "the pit" in another, and then refuse to translate the word at all in the third instance, but give the word Sheol? Was it their intention to confuse the people? What is the motive? We wish that some of these great men would explain.

The Reason For All This.

We would like to have our ministerial brethren state their reasons for pursuing a course of hiding the truth on the subject of hell. Only because they neglect to give the reasons do we feel at liberty to suggest them. It seems to me that these ministers are of two classes, and that their reasons are therefore slightly different. All of them seem to agree that it would be dangerous to tell the people that God is really a God of Love, and that the doctrine of an eternity of torture is entirely unscriptural, finding no foundation whatever in the writings of the Apostles.

They fear to tell the people that these doctrines were built up during the Dark Ages by the very men who manifested so little of the Spirit of God and so little knowledge of God's will respecting His people that they burned one another at the stake. They fear to tell the people that during the Dark Ages our blinded forefathers took the parables and dark sayings of Jesus as literal statements, quite contrary to the Master's evident intention. These they supplemented with

certain crude misconceptions of the symbolism of The Revelation. From the combinations they made scenerious doctrines, blasphemous in the extreme, which never produced saluts, but which led men astray into thinking that they were copying God in the devilry which they accomplished one toward another.

The fear now seems to be lest the public should once perceive that the creeds of Christendom, while containing much good, are cankered, wormy and vitiated by those doctrines of demons. Why should they fear to tell the people the truth? Perhaps it is because the religion of our day is built so largely upon man-worship, system-worship, creed-worship and not upon the Bible. Perhaps they fear that if the creeds were thus discredited it would mean that the ministers of those creeds will be similarly discredited. Perhaps they fear that the people would never again have confidence in their teachings, and that thus all the various party walls of Christendom which for so long a time have divided the sheep would fall. We cannot definitely know of their reasons, because they do not tell us, we can only surmise.

Others, very worldly-wise, have become Higher Critics, and do not believe in the Bible at all. They are really agnostics. But they do not desire to advertise their lack of faith, lest it should detract from their esteem among men. They prefer to pose as believers, and to hope that the time will come when all the wealthy and intelligent will become unbelievers also. Then they will declare, "We have not been believers for many years, but we kept the matter secret, fearing to be misunderstood as opponents of the best interests of society."

All the while, this latter class constitutes the greatest menace in the world to law and order, and are the best agents Satan has in making void the Word of God and destroying faith therein. Robert Ingersoll's methods of antagonizing the Bible were far less successful than the methods of modern Higher Critics and Evolutionists.

Fear to Tell the Truth.

All who oppose the telling to the public of the plain truth respecting hell seem to have one common ground of objection. They say, "With all the fear of hell that has been preached for centuries, see how wicked the world is and how little human life is worth! See how every law of God and man for the protection of life and purity and property is endangered! Note that if it were not for our telegraphs, telephones and immense police forces of today, nobody would be safe, so much more wicked does the world appear to have become within the last fifty years! If the fear of eternal torment and of purgatory were lifted from the minds of mankind, would it not make the dangers tenfold greater than they are now? Would it not speedily be necessary to double our police force, if the masses lost their belief in a place of eternal torture?"

This is lame reasoning, it seems to us. It confesses in one breath, in spite of all the false teachings of centuries, wickedness has been growing. Would it not be wise to inquire to what extent the false doctrines, the misinterpretations and mistranslations of the Bible, have been responsible for the increase in wickedness? Are men wiser than God? Is it possible for man to invent some monstrous, unthinkable delusion which will have a greater power with men, than the plain, simple Message of God's Love?

But if we were sure that by blaspheming God's holy name and by playing upon the ignorance and superstition of the masses we could make the wicked preserve peace, would it be wise to do so? Could God's blessing be expected upon such a course? Would it not be wiser for us, as the people of God, to have faith in Him and to trust that, while we faithfully present the Truth, Divine Providence will oversee and overrule its effect, and will influence for good?

Experience proves that theirs is not the proper thought. When we go to the records of the various prisons, penitentiaries, etc., we find that nearly all the worst criminals have been taught the doctrine of eternal torment. Many of them confess full faith in it. On the other hand, many infidels—once violent opposers of God and of the Bible and Christianity—after hearing of the Love of God, have thoroughly melted, and with tears in their eyes have become loyal soldiers of the cross.

We heard of an interesting case recently. A colored man in prison for crime, somehow came in touch with my sermons, and then with my books on Bible study. He became a thorough Bible student, and a master at handling the Word of God. His fellow-prisoners came gladly to hear this colored man preach the Divine Plan of the Ages from God's Word, while they cared not at all to attend the chapel services addressed by the ordinary chaplain.

In the "wonderful words of life," started by the Master's lips, and handed down through His Apostles, there is a sweetness, beauty and power that cannot be associated with the doctrines of demons, which became attached to the Message during the Dark Ages. The Message of life everlasting, through the Redeemer and by obedience to Him, has its offset, or alternative, in death everlasting to those who refuse to obey after full enlightenment. Eternal life is the gift of God, tendered to all the willing and obedient, through the Messiah. All rebels will be destroyed in the Second Death. (Acts 3:23.) Their punishment will not be everlasting torment, but "everlasting destruction"—a destruction from which they will never be recovered, will never be resurrected.

BRYAN ARRIVES IN SACRAMENTO

What the Message He Brings May Be Puzzles Californians.

STATE LEADERS DETERMINED.

Bill Making Japanese Ineligible to Hold Land to Be Passed—Question of Effect Visit Will Have on State's Rights Is Raised.

Sacramento, Cal., April 28.—In deference to Secretary of State Bryan, who arrived in Sacramento this morning to confer with Governor Johnson and the legislature on the proposed anti-alien land laws, it has been decided to make no plans for the conferences until Mr. Bryan has signified the purpose of his visit.

Governor Johnson met with Attorney General Webb and a dozen of the administration leaders in the legislature for a general discussion of the situation with regard to Secretary Bryan's visit, but no course of action was proposed. Governor Johnson said afterward that everything hinged upon the desire of the state's visitor.

"I cannot tell when our conferences will be held with Secretary Bryan, or what their nature will be, whether public or private," said the governor. "In the matter of arrangements of that kind we are agreed that Mr. Bryan's wishes will be scrupulously and cheerfully observed, whatever they may be."

Joint Meeting May Be Called.

There is much speculation as to the form the official visit will take and the manner which Secretary Bryan will choose to impart his message from President Wilson.

It is generally agreed that if the secretary of state is possessed of information of a private diplomatic character he will disclose it only to the governor or to an executive meeting of the two houses of the legislature sitting together. That such a joint meeting would be called at his request, is indicated by the statements of Governor Johnson and others.

There are many, however, who believe the secretary comes only to protest openly in the name of the federal government, against a violation of any treaties of the United States, and that he will be content with the formal presentation of such protest. In either case, he would address the houses separately or in joint session.

Mr. Bryan arrived at 6 o'clock and was met at the train by Governor Johnson, whose invitation to be a guest at the executive mansion he had accepted.

Secretary Bryan's expressed desire to waste no time will be heeded, and if necessary he will be able to present his views this afternoon. If they concern the legislature, Governor Johnson will send immediate official messages.

Alien Land Bill to Be Passed.

It was stated by a number of administration leaders that the disposition to pass an alien land law restricting aliens who are "ineligible to citizenship remains unchanged. It will be necessary for Mr. Bryan to change the present views of the majority if the bill is to be killed. Senator Thompson has completed his final draft of his new bill, which is to be presented to Secretary Bryan as the concrete expression of the sentiment of the majority.

It is brief and makes no attempt to dodge the point at issue—the ineligibility of the Japanese. Under its terms no alien who is ineligible to become a citizen may hold land for a period longer than one year under penalty of having the property escheat to the state. Leases are limited to three years.

Another cause of much speculation, aside from the probable contents of Secretary Bryan's message, was the ultimate effect his visit might have upon the relationship of the individual states with the national government.

Attorneys in the legislature who make a study of international law declare the occasion is fraught with deep significance, and that it may give rise to an entirely new interpretation of the ancient theory of state's rights.

GARRISON ISSUES STATEMENT

Army Posts Too Many and Scattered, Says Secretary.

Washington, April 28.—In a statement Secretary Garrison, pointing to the American army scattered in small units throughout the country, impossible of coalescence for practical instruction in the larger tactical measures of battle, urged the importance of assembling brigades and divisions periodically and temporarily in times of peace for war training, pending the adoption of a governmental policy for the adequate distribution of the army.

Discussing the question of a future military policy for the United States, Secretary Garrison said it seemed to be agreed that there were entirely too many army posts at the present time and that many of them were not where they were useful or desirable under existing conditions.

Two Killed in Wreck.

Baldwin, Wis., April 28.—Two were killed, one perhaps mortally hurt and a dozen or more slightly injured when passenger train No. 2 on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha railroad collided head-on with an extra freight.