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WILL NOT COLLECT.

President Wilson and his advisers are playing the Mexican game consistently according to the rules announced in the beginning—absolutely non-interference and a withdrawal from all intercourse. It was a new policy for nations, who have always considered a breaking off of diplomatic relations as a dropping of the hat to fight. We are now beginning to see some of the results of his policy. The first result is that we have no war, and that in itself is the greatest desideratum of all our foreign relations. No matter how insignificant the opponent, or the shortness of the struggle, a war means a terrible sorrow for many homes and an expenditure of money and resources that takes years to recuperate. Another result is the financial loss that is apparently inevitable to those who have supported the Huerta government by loaning it money and buying its bonds. New York bankers who recently asked the state department's advice as to the best means of protecting the Mexican bonds, amounting to about \$150,000,000 which they held, have been informed by Secretary Folk that the department has no suggestions to offer at present. At the same time the solicitor called attention to the fact that President Wilson already has stated that he would not recognize any act done or authorized to be done by General Huerta since he became dictator of Mexico, or by the congress which he had installed. He warned the financial world that the administration would not be responsible for any act of the Huerta government, financial or otherwise. Those who took the gambler's chance must expect to lose when Huerta's house of cards falls about his head.

At a recent conference for race betterment at Battle Creek, Mich., a high brow rose to remark that the use of tobacco sets the user back about 1.9 per cent in efficiency. Another made the startling statement that a glass of beer a day is sufficient to produce a continuous jag, although not violent. And another expressed this still more shocking statement: "Notwithstanding the many assertions at this conference, there is no scientific evidence that alcohol and tobacco weaken the human race. In fact, they have weeded out the weaklings who could not stand the additional handicap." And there you are, or in that immediate vicinity. Indicating, if anything, that these scientific truths are important if they can be recognized. But if the able experts disagree, it is not strange that the plain plug finds himself groping in darkness, or hanging to the ropes and wondering why and what's what.

Of course the question of the removal of the state university is a matter in which every taxpayer is directly interested. They are the ones that should howl the loudest. They should take into consideration the fact that it will cost several millions of money to remove it, while it will hardly exceed a million if the improvements are made right where it has been located for so many years. Don't vote for removal because a few real estate men want to make money by so doing. Look at the matter in the proper light, because you, as a taxpayer, will be out of pocket.

So far Nebraska has enjoyed a most elegant winter. Only three or four days that could be voted as cold, and these widely scattered. It has been the custom for Nebraska people to hike for California to spend the winter because of the high temperature. It is interesting to note that some California localities are cutting ice, while Nebraska folks are praying for a bit of ice weather.

The Journal is informed that a protest has been filed with the county commissioners against the expert employed for the purpose of investigating the books and accounts of all the county officials. It is possible that such protest comes from taxpayers of Cass county? Have not all the taxpayers a right to know how these office have been run? We hope the county commissioners will pay no attention to the protest, and that the expert will go right on with his work.

There is a steady and ever increasing kick being made by the taxpayers of the state over the increase in taxes, that is going to be heard from in no uncertain way in future elections. The taxpayer does not understand why his tax burden should be practically doubled, when he gets no benefit from it. Just wait till the removal of the state university occurs, and then you will have another increase, because a few real estate speculators want it done. Vote against the removal.

To look after the work of improvement of the roads through Nebraska, and particularly that stretch across the state designated as the Lincoln highway, the governor has appointed an advisory highway commission. It consists of H. E. Fredrickson of Omaha, state consul of the Lincoln Highway association; J. G. Beeler of North Platte, and C. H. Gustafson of Mead. The commission will work without salary and will advise county boards of the proper methods of construction and encourage the building of permanent roads and bridges.

According to the year-book of Swift & Co., there were slaughtered during 1913 eight million pounds of veal, says the Missouri Ruralist. This, it is estimated, would be sufficient to furnish a city of 350,000 people with its total meat supply for 50 years. Reducing this to a one-year basis, it would do the same thing for a country of 13,500,000 inhabitants for one year. In other words, the young calves slaughtered in 1913 to satisfy the call for veal would have furnished had they been allowed to live one year, sufficient beef for over one-fifth of our population for a whole year.

If there are any democrats who think they are going to have an easy time carrying the state next fall, they had just as well get such a notion out of their heads. The republicans are quietly organizing all over the state, and there will be but one republican party and one republican ticket at the next election, while the democrats, unless they perceive some plan by which the party can be harmonized and factions united, they can't possibly have the slightest hope of carrying the state. It is just as well to "take time by the forelock" and think of the matter before it is too late.

WILSON ON TRUST CONTROL.

President Wilson, having secured the passage of the tariff bill and of the currency bill, appeared in person before a joint meeting of the senate and house, and elaborated on the methods by which he proposes to attack the trust problem, which has vexed the three or four preceding administrations. Our readers may be interested in a brief summary giving merely the points of attack:

First—Prohibition of interlocking directorates of great corporations, whether they be banks, railroad, insurance, commercial, or public service bodies. That is, a man must not be a director in a number of different corporations through which he may deal with himself.

Second—A law giving the Interstate Commerce Commission power to determine how much capital railroads need for the proper conduct of their business; in other words, what amount of bonds and stocks they may be allowed to issue. In other words, he proposes to give the Interstate Commerce Commission power to say to what extent they may inflate either their stock or bond issues, the idea being that these issues, whether of stock or bonds, shall tell the truth; that for every dollar of capitalization issued there must be a dollar in the business.

Third—A definition of "unlawful restraints of trade" by explicit legislation supplementing the Sherman law.

Fourth—The creation of a commission to aid the courts and to act as a clearing house of information in helping business to conform to the laws.

Fifth—Provision of penalties and punishment of individuals responsible for unlawful business practices. In other words, he would not fine the corporation that does wrong, but the man or men in the corporation who have ordered the wrong to be done; a jail or penitentiary sentence instead of a fine.

Sixth—He proposes to prohibit holding companies; that is, one corporation holding the stock of another corporation; and suggests that men must elect as to which corporation they will represent as director, and one only.

Seventh—He proposes to give the private individual the right to institute suits for redress of wrongs suffered where the government has already tried the case and decided against the corporation. In other words, if a man has been injured by a corporation, and one man has proved the injury growing out of the actions of that corporation, then another man who has suffered the same injury from it is entitled to redress without going into a lawsuit.

This, it will be seen, is an entire reversal of the methods of dealing with trusts adopted by either McKinley, Taft or Roosevelt. Let us hope it will succeed; but before giving an opinion on it, let us wait to see it tried out.

As long as the price of beef remains where it is, home will remain the dearest place on earth.

Look out for \$10 and \$20 counterfeit bills. Be sure you don't try to pass any of them on us.

Nebraska beats Kansas on the production of the most alfalfa. They can beat us perhaps on broom corn, and we know she does on sunflowers, but we take the cake on alfalfa.

Sulzer, the deposed governor of New York, avers that Colonel Roosevelt will return from South Africa in time to run for governor of New York, and that he will be elected. Sulzer is hankering after revenge, but he is taking the wrong step to meet with success.

Billy Sunday has added \$300,000 to his private coffers during the last four years, indicating that farming in the vineyard of the Lord is a prosperous business.

Both armies can now have all the goods and ammunition they want shipped to them from the United States, so long as they have the money to pay for them. Now they can play "hide-and-seek" to their hearts' content. Villa is pleased, and if he doesn't get Huerta's scalp before many days it will be because of his leaving between two days for a refuge in foreign lands.

Butter that has traveled 12,000 miles from New Zealand will soon be placed on sale in Chicago and other sections of the United States. A Chicago produce firm announced that it has signed a contract for 300,000 pounds of butter shipment this year. Reduction from 5 to 2 1/2 cents a pound is said to have enabled merchants to profit on importations. Part of the shipments will be received by way of the Pacific coast and others by way of London.

The old-time custom of writing to newspapers to express opinions on matters of public interest fell away many years ago, but it would be well to revive the practice generally. The man who conceives an idea that may be valuable to the community, either as protest against public wrongs or a suggestion where something can be remedied, has oftentimes offered a suggestion that has done much good. Rather than complain that certain ideas are not exploited, it would be well for the person in whose mind an idea that might do public good is born, should set it down, briefly, giving the facts, and submit it to the newspaper. It would help, perhaps, and might at least start a discussion that would develop some truth. The Journal holds itself in readiness to give full consideration to communications which may be sent, provided there is nothing of an offensive character that might be of a slanderous or libellous nature. Be plain; be frank.

To help beautify Plattsmouth it is almost time for individuals to begin doing their part. It is about the time of year when seed catalogues and nurserymen should be consulted. Shade trees for young, sidewalk, parks, gardens, for your back and front yards. Individual effort will achieve much in the way of city beautification. Wherever a shade tree is needed, one may be planted this spring with good effect. Some prefer fall planting, but last fall is passed and next fall is too far off, so begin to consider where you will plant trees and how many. Six weeks from now the trees should be put in the ground. Nothing makes a city seem more desirable as a residence place than to have trees lining the streets. Sanitary measures are necessary, too, but the tree planting appeals to the eye, and especially does it appeal on a hot day in midsummer.

Yes, the ice crop is safe now; if the dealers will hustle in putting it up.

A large number of tires are generally punctured on the road to wealth.

Before trying to love your neighbor as yourself, be sure her husband isn't looking.

Senator Banning is receiving considerable free advertising since the announcement has been made that he is a candidate for governor, and the beauty of it is they are all complimentary to that gentleman, too.

PASTOR RUSSELL'S PHOTO-DRAMA

Formally Opened in Boston Theatre Sunday.

SUCCESSES EVERYWHERE.

In Sermon Pastor Russell's Subject Was, "Satan's Great Lie—What Harm It Did"—The First Lie—Where It Was Told—Why It Was Told—To Whom It Was Told—Its Results—Its Repetition. The Disastrous Results to Humanity. All Manner of Crimes Are Its Fruitage—The Only Remedy—Why? When?—How?



Boston, Mass., February 8th.—Pastor Russell is here, and in the Boston Theatre today conducted the opening exhibition of his Photo-Drama, which will be exhibited at this theatre every Sunday at 10 A. M. and 3 and 8 P. M.

Since the Photo-Drama of Creation was first shown to the public at the Temple in New York City on January 13, which was the beginning of a series of world-wide productions, it has been introduced in several cities to crowded houses, in all of which it continues to enjoy a wide patronage.

Profound Bible scholars say that there is nothing of the kind in the world today comparable to Pastor Russell's Photo-Drama of Creation and its ninety-six remarkable photographic tableaux, and that its several parts are superior to a seminary course in theological preparation.

In his sermon in the forenoon Pastor Russell discussed that feature of the Photo-Drama which relates to "Satan's Great Lie, and What Harm It Did." His text and discourse follow: "When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it."—John 8:44.

Nonsensical traditions handed to us from the Dark Ages have greatly confused the people of God on every Bible subject. For instance, Satan has been pictured grotesquely, and described as presiding in a far-off torture chamber. He has been represented as "superintending the tortures of the non-elect of humanity." The Bible account has been wholly ignored. Instead of the Bible's representing Satan as a repulsive being with hoofs, horns, and forked tail, it tells us that he was an angel of a very high order—beautiful in person and highly endowed. Instead of residing afar off, he is the "prince of the power of the air." Instead of stoking fires, he "worketh in the hearts of the children of disobedience"—seeking to blind them and to bind them with ignorance, superstition, falsehood.

Satan's First Great Lie. According to the Bible, Satan's primary sin was an ambitious pride. He imagined he could direct the affairs of the universe, in which he might set up a separate dominion, and try out his schemes. When Divine Power created Adam and Eve, and bade them multiply and fill the earth, Satan saw his opportunity to put his ambitious schemes into operation. The holy angels would not think of rebelling against Divine authority to cooperate with him in his schemes; but here was an inexperienced man, who might be deceived into disobedience to God, and thus be won over to Satan and his schemes. Through him he saw his way to an earthly empire, in which his will would be done as Jehovah's will is done in Heaven.

Thus it came that when God instructed Adam and Eve in respect to the fruits of the Garden of Eden and forbade their eating of one certain kind of fruitage, and put a penalty upon disobedience, then Satan, through the serpent, lied to them. He told them that their Creator wished to keep them in a measure of slavery, that the fruit forbidden them was the very fruit necessary to their highest development, that so far from doing them injury it would be a boon, and unite them as wise as God Himself. Satan intimated to them that God did not wish them to be as wise as Himself, but desired to hold them in the slavery of ignorance.

The thirst for knowledge and the doubt of God's Wisdom and Love came before our first parents as a temptation; and they yielded. They disobeyed. This was sin. And it brought upon them the penalty God had foretold—"Dying thou shalt die." The dying process began immediately, but so strong was the perfect man that even in the imperfect surroundings of the accursed earth outside of Eden he was able to prolong his dying 930 years.

Satan, obsessed, or took control of the serpent, and so guided it that it spoke the deceptions to our first parents. It is not even necessary to suppose that the serpent spoke with an audible voice. Quite likely, as our adage goes, its actions spoke louder than words. It put back especially of the fruit forbidden to our first parents. The fruit did not kill the serpent. On the contrary, Mother Eve perceived that it was wiser than any other of the beasts of the earth. By its actions it declared to her mind that God

had misstated the facts when He told them that the eating of that forbidden fruit would bring death to them.

Satan's Plot Thickens. When Satan beheld Adam and Eve outcasts from Eden, and perceived that gradually the penalty, "Dying, thou shalt die," would come upon mankind, weakening them in mind, body and in morals; he should have been convinced of the folly of his course. But no, an evil course of pride, once entered upon, leads further and further astray. Instead of surrendering to the God of all grace, Satan became more defiant. Instead of repenting of the lie by which he had injured a race, he added to it, still seeking to race God in the eyes of humanity.

Apparently, Satan sought so to alienate and demoralize mankind that a perpetual barrier would be raised in their hearts against the Almighty, and that thus humanity might be hindered from ever again coming into fellowship with God, no matter what provision God's mercy or grace might make for their return. For six thousand years Satan has been carrying on his wicked work of slander and misrepresentation of the Divine character and purposes.

Satan's Next Device. According to the Scriptures, Satan was disappointed that his subjects were dying, and was resolved to remedy this matter. Hence his next step was to inoculate the race with a fresh strain of life—vitality—value from the angels, who had never shown any symptoms of death. Those, possessed of the power to materialize—to assume human bodies—were encouraged by Satan to violate the law of their being and the law of their nature—to misuse their materializing powers. Satan's word to our first parents, "Ye shall not surely die," must be upheld. By hook or by crook he would strive to fulfil his word, and to make the Almighty the falsifier.

The allowance was successful. Many of the angels heeded God's advisory and indulged themselves in the pleasures of sin. Of this matter we read in Genesis 6:2. Those angelic sons of God, saw the daughters of men, that they were fair, beautiful, and took of them for wives such as they chose, and started human families—all contrary to the Divine arrangement of their being, wholly misusing their power of materialization. Satan's course seemed to prosper. God's time to interfere had not yet come. He would allow disobedience and a certain amount of liberty that it might eventually illustrate to all certain great principles and lessons respecting the Divine character, Plan and arrangements, designed for the good of all God's creatures.

The children of this combination of angelic vitality grafted upon the human stock was a race of giants—physically and intellectually superior to the condemned and dying race of Adam. Being begotten and born under purely ideal conditions, and in violent opposition to the Divine will, this new race of giants retained nothing of the image or likeness of God. They were brutish, sensual tyrants. Under them the human family would soon have been exterminated; for we read respecting conditions that God perceived that the earth was full of violence and that the thoughts of men's minds were only evil continually. God's Wisdom saw that it would be best to blot out entirely that order of things, and to start a new arrangement. The Deluge accomplished this.

Thenceforth those angels who for centuries had lived in sin were restrained from materialization and separated from the holy angels, being consigned to Tartarus—or earth's atmosphere. Meantime, instead of starting a new race of men, God carried over Noah and his family of seven. These constituted a new start for the Adamic family. And the statement that they were perfectly generated and that they had no angelic adulteration, assures us of the solidarity of our race, and that the Redemption-price paid for Adam includes every one of us; under the Lord's arrangement that "As all in Adam die, even so all in Christ shall be made alive."

Satan's Great Defeat. This was the first defeat that Satan had met with—the first great manifestation of Divine Power in opposition to him. But still it only partially stopped his program. The liberties of himself and his associate fallen angels were thenceforth restricted, limited, to earth. No longer had they privilege to roam the universe. Furthermore no longer were they permitted to assume a human form by materialization. They still, however, had their original perfection of organism and their general liberty. Satan thus had opportunity for assuming that God had done all that He was able to do in the way of restraining and opposing him.

Adapting himself to the new conditions, Satan and his fallen host attacked mankind in a new way after the Deluge. They would poison the minds of humanity against God. They would declare that Satan's original lie was the truth, and that God's statement was the lie. They would seek to prove to mankind that the dead are not dead—that they have merely changed their condition from a lower to a higher one and that they are more alive than ever. Whenever would come under the influence of this teaching would discredit God's statement—"believe the lie." would think of a dead man as really advanced to a higher station, instead of having fallen into death.

Men, persuaded that the dead are alive, could easily, on the basis of that error, be led to believe that the dead were suffering torments, and the thought that God would authorize and permit such torments would tend to brutalize mankind, and tend also to stop them from thinking of God as "merciful, merciful and sympathetic."

Thus, alienated from God in their minds, they would be more susceptible than ever to Satan and his associates in evil. Then, too, upon the basis of this falsehood, this deception, this error could be introduced. Some could be taught respecting a purgatory and respecting the possibility of escape from purgatory under certain terms and conditions. All this would tend to bring about the slavery of the human mind, and make possible further inroads by the evil spirits.

St. Paul refers to these doctrines of demons, and styles them also "vain notions," because they should believe a lie, because they had less pleasure in the truth. These strong delusions have been operating in the world for now more than four thousand years. Can we wonder that they have gained a strong hold upon humanity? Can we wonder that they are to be found in every corner of the earth—among the savage Indians of America, among the blacks of Africa, among the millions of India, China, Japan? We cannot wonder at this, especially when we remember the Apostle's statement, "We were not with flesh and blood, but with wicked spirits in high [industrial] places."

Witches, Necromancers. Of course, there must be some channel, some theory, some attempted proof given in support of Satan's lie. Of old it was accomplished by witches, and necromancers. These pretended to communicate with the dead and to get from them answers to the questions from the living. Thus by continued deceptions in accordance with Satan's original lie, mankind was kept from knowing the source of these instructions and the demons, the fallen angels, were permitted to inveigle mankind, thus leading them more closely than ever with fetters of ignorance and superstition.

So far as the world in general was concerned, God permitted this, intending eventually to deliver mankind; but in the case of Israel, God's favored nation, He especially intervened to shelter them from the attacks of the Adversary, by special laws and regulations prohibiting mediums, occultic operations of the evil spirits. He did this by warning Israel against having anything whatever to do with those who had familiar spirits—witches, necromancers, wizards, etc. Under penalty of death none of these were to reside in Palestine.

Some of them, however, risked the penalty and did reside there, as evidenced by King Saul's visit to the Witch of Endor, when he desired to communicate with Samuel, the Prophet, who was dead. Of course, Samuel was dead, and neither Saul nor the witch could revive him. But the evil spirits could impersonate Samuel, and that they did so, is the record. They caused the witch to see certain things, which she described to the king and which he interpreted to himself. Thus was the error propagated even in God's special nation—separated from all the others of the world to be His people.

Jesus Cast Out Demons. In the days of our Lord we find that many of the people had been dabbling in Spiritism, and had come under the influence of the fallen angels to the extent of obsession, and some of them to the extent of being possessed by evil spirits, which did their thinking and talking for them, merely using their human organs as their servants. This would seem to have been the alternative to materialization. If the fallen angels could no longer materialize, they would do the thing next to their preference—they would get control of the mind of some individual and thus have control of his body.

In all such cases, it would appear that the victim, becoming a tool of the evil spirits, is frequently caused by them to say and to do things indicating depravity greater than he or she had before the obsession began. The tendency of all such things seems to be toward licentiousness. In the days of Jesus and His Apostles, according to the Scriptural accounts, they cast out demons from many people, some of whom had more than one. One man had a legion. Many physicians know well that some who are apparently insane are not really so as respects any brain disease. They merely are obsessed, or possessed of evil spirits. When several of these gain control of one man, they make his life miserable by the conflicts which they establish, especially operating along the auditory nerves.

Throughout this Gospel Age Satan and his demons begin, operating through dreams, mental impressions, etc., have so thoroughly deluded the masses of mankind, that nearly all believe Satan's lie, and only an extremely small minority believe the Word of the Lord. The process of supporting the lie continues. Writing mediums, trance mediums, tipping mediums, black art, theosophy and occultism in general—all support the theory that a dead man is more alive than a living one. In the symbolic language of the Book of Revelation, all nations have been made drunk with the wine of false doctrine.

Those who discern the falsehood have learned a great lesson to get confidence in the Word of the Lord and not in human imaginations. This great lesson, ere long, will be taught to all, and we may assume with safety that the Lord's course in permitting Satan's lie to flourish so thoroughly and for so long. We know not certainly what further terrible experiences may come to man as a result of believing the lie of Satan instead of the Word of God, but certain Scriptures seem clearly to imply that this Age is to end with some great catastrophe which will demonstrate the wisdom of those who hold fast the Truth and the folly of those who neglect it.