

Today

Onward Christian Soldiers. Shop Now. Two Kinds of Freedom. Leviathan Rests. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The Reverend Baring-Gould, 90 years old, is dying, ill at his Devonshire home in England. That means something to millions of Americans, who will not know it, until told that Baring-Gould wrote "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

How many recall the country school house prayer meeting, after a long walk on muddy roads, on Sunday evenings, or the Sunday school in the old church, of millions that see this announcement.

It is too late to shop early, but at least, do your shopping now. It's inexpensive philanthropy to show consideration for employes and employers, by mere display of little energy. Get it at and get it done. You will be glad to have it over.

And remember the army of post-office employes. Do not pile all the extra work on their shoulders at the last moment. Mail your packages as soon as you can get them ready, beginning now. For your own sake and theirs, wrap bundles well, address them plainly.

There are two kinds of freedom, one based on poverty, one on wealth. The Son of Man had nowhere to lay his head, and He rules the world, morally, today. His humble followers had nothing to lose, but their lives and liberty. They could do as they pleased.

The rector of Saint Mark in the Bowers, New York, is told by his earnest bishop, "You must not have young ladies with bare feet, and—er—ankles, and—er—possibly even bare knees, dancing in your church. Your intentions are good, but the feet, ankles and knees won't do."

The rector, obedient, bows his head but his vestrymen say, "One minute, those young ladies dancing, to interpret the holy thoughts of our rector, may shock the bishop but they fill the church. Perhaps we'll go it alone, separate from the main church that seeks to boss us. We can do as we please for Saint Mark is a very rich church."

Epictetus could say, "Nobody can hurt me, for I have nothing that can be hurt, my only important possession being my mind." Vanderbilt could say, "Nobody can hurt me. I have money to hire lawyers that can put anybody in jail."

Meanwhile, Mr. Guthrie of Saint Mark will start a Leonardo Da Vinci art school, for poor art students. That's an excellent idea, and no bishop will interfere unless they have lady models posing with bare feet, and possibly more. The church was never more powerful than when establishing the first great universities, all over Europe.

The great Leviathan goes into dry dock, and to be idle until next spring. It does not pay to run in winter. If government boats were run for the people, rather than for money, the Leviathan would "pay" all year round. This winter it could take tens of thousands across the Mediterranean by the southern routes, the Azores, Gibraltar, Algiers, Corsica, Naples, Milan, Genoa, Greece, Constantinople, the Bosphorus, Egypt, Cairo, the Suez Canal. What would it be worth to this country if tens of thousands could make such a trip, at bare cost, or below cost, no Ritz Carlton restaurant, or other nonsense, just as simply, economically managed American ships, enabling average American citizens, public school graduates and their parents to see the world, and know more.

Such talk is called anarchistic communism, or at least rabid socialism in high financial circles. Nevertheless the day will come when "ships owned by the people" will mean ships used by the people. The rich man says, "Of course my children must see the world." The richest of all, Uncle Sam, will say one day, "Of course all my children must see the world if they want to."

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\$8,322,695,000 Value Is Placed on Farm Crops

Increase Over Last Year More Than \$8,000,000—Corn Most Valuable, Cotton Is Second.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Larger acre yield and better prices generally of most of the important farm crops of the country, combined with an increase of about 600,000 acres in the aggregate planted area, lifted the total value of this year's crops \$8,322,695,000 above last year.

Value of this year's crops is placed at \$8,322,695,000 by the Department of Agriculture in its final crop report of the year. The values were based on the farm price of the crops December 1.

Corn is the nation's most valuable crop, with a total value of \$2,222,033,000. Cotton ranks second with an aggregate value of \$1,768,835,000, the value of the lint being \$1,563,347,000 and of cotton seed, \$205,488,000. Hay was the only other crop whose value exceeded a billion dollars, its total being \$1,390,875,000.

Acre yields were larger this year than last for corn, winter wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, tobacco, sugar beets and peanuts. Smaller acre yields than last year were reported for spring wheat, rye, buckwheat flaxseed, rice, hay and cotton.

The acre yield of corn averaged one bushel per acre more than last year and the price was almost 7 cents a bushel more, while the total production was 3,054,395,000 bushels, or 148,000,000 bushels larger than last year. The area planted was 1,312,000 acres more than last year, and the value about \$311,000,000 more.

Winter wheat yields averaged seven-tenths of a bushel per acre more than last year and the total production was only about 14,000,000 bushels less than last year on an area 2,836,000 acres less than last year. The price was 9.7 cents less per bushel.

Yields of spring wheat were 2.7 bushels less than last year, the area was about 1,200,000 acres less and the total production about 77,000,000 bushels less.

The area of cotton picked was about 4,400,000 acres more than last year, but the yield per acre was 12.8 pounds less. Total production is 219,183 bales more and with the price per pound 7.2 cents more than last year, the total value of the lint is about \$400,000,000 above last year's crop.

Hay production is about 6,800,000 tons less than last year, but the value of the crop is about \$50,000,000 above last year's on account of higher prices.

Omaha Real Estate Dealer Loses Suit for \$17,500. Devils Lake, N. D., Dec. 17.—Claude H. Reed of Omaha in his suit for \$17,500 against two North Dakota men has been dismissed. It was filed against Alex Curry and A. H. Riggs of Cando, N. D., with the sale of Colorado property as the basis for the claim.

Weather at Beatrice Warmest in Years. Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 17.—The warmest year in years at this season of the year has prevailed in this section of the state the past few days, the temperature running between 50 and 60 degrees. No snow has fallen so far this winter, the coldest recorded being 15 degrees above zero.

Stills Removed to Omaha. Columbus, Neb., Dec. 17.—United States federal agents have taken charge of the stills captured by state agents in this vicinity during the last 10 days and removed them to Omaha where they will be used as evidence in filing charges of illegal manufacture against half a score of moonshiners. The only fines levied against the men here by one county court were on charges of illegal possession and sale leaving charges of manufacture unprosecuted.

Youth Pays Penalty for Secret "Drag on Fag". George H. Miller, 17, Technical high school, sophomore, will wear handbags during his Christmas vacation. He extinguished a fire yesterday in the attic of his home, 434 North Thirty-eighth avenue.

Miller admitted he started the fire by smoking a cigarette, and that he felt it was up to him to put it out. "I thought I had put out my cigarette stub, when I slipped it into my pocket hanging in the closet," he said. "The first thing I knew, the whole closet was on fire. I just grabbed the clothes and heaved 'em out a window." His hands were badly burned.

In Creighton College Play



Members of the Creighton University Dramatic club which will present "Turn to the Right," at Creighton auditorium Wednesday and Thursday nights. This is the first of a series of three plays to be given by the organization. The next offering will be "The Copperhead."

The beginnings of the club were made last with the formation of an amateur dramatic among students of the university and young women of St. John parish. This year Creighton is sponsoring the work of the club. Charles Costello, director of the club and its real originator last year, is a professor in the expression department. The play probably will appear in towns throughout the state.

W. J. Bryan Helps Republican Split. (Continued From Page One) hours compromised with the insurgents on terms which will give the latter a power far beyond their relative numbers to take control away from the regular republican leaders and influence the course of legislation.

Tough Sliding for Coolidge. This has put the La Follette insurgency on a stronger and more menacing basis than it had up to Saturday. It is certain to modify the republican program of legislation and it adds to the difficulties the republicans will have next fall in electing Coolidge over the democratic nominee, assuring that Coolidge is the republican choice.

Sees Niche for Himself. La Follette has strongly the dramatic instinct, the tendency to visualize his place in history. From a dominant position the republican candidate would readily pass to a dominant wish to get for himself the most conspicuous place in history now possible to him. That wish, under the limitation of his age and his present circumstances otherwise, would be served by leading a third party, even though certainly unsuccessful.

La Follette should lead a third party he would carry Wisconsin with hardly the shadow of a doubt as against the divided opposition of the republican and democratic candidates.

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Farm Bureau Head Speaks Here

Problem of Transportation Is Theme of Address by O. E. Bradfute.

(Continued From Page One) not hope to compete with prices here as they are. The speaker concluded with a plea for general co-ordination of all transportation facilities in order to attain the highest plane of efficiency. He said there would be no need of a ship subsidy if America would patronize its own shipping.

Stewart Urges Co-Operation. Malcolm M. Stewart, manager of the foreign trade department, Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, and vice chairman of the midwestern foreign trade committee stated in his address that co-ordination of railroads and steamship lines is essential for the development of the foreign trade of the midwestern and of other interior parts of the country.

"Without such co-ordination it is manifest that the agricultural producers and interior manufacturers of the country will be at a permanent disadvantage in competing with the seaboard agricultural producers of foreign countries and of seaboard manufacturers at our own ports and at foreign ports," he said. "It is the opinion of the middle west that the rail and ocean transportation mediums must be drawn together and made to function as one transportation system to all parts of the world."

"As the foundation for co-ordination of rail and ocean transportation, the middle west feels that its trade with foreign countries will be greatly expanded if the railroads and steamships are required to establish joint through rail and ocean rates for foreign ports from the interior of the United States subject to the approval or disapproval of a joint governmental board composed of members of the Interstate Commerce commission and the United States Shipping board.

Would-Be Highwayman Given Three-Year Term

York, Neb., Dec. 17.—Ben H. Regier of Henderson was sentenced by Judge Corcoran to serve three years in the state reformatory at Lincoln. Regier pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted holdup of the soft drink parlor of George Gray at Henderson, December 8. He wore a mask, but a bystander recognized him and he fled after firing a shot through the floor.

Price of Hootch Goes Skyward in Columbus

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 17.—With the continued raids of state agents on the illicit liquor manufacturers of this section of the Platte and Loup valleys, Christmas cheer in the shape of hootch has risen from \$2 a pint to \$5 and \$7 and bootleggers who happened to have small quantities left are said to be getting the full price.

Fear Is Felt by Farmers for Winter Wheat

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 17.—For the last seven weeks no rain or snow of any quantity has fallen in this section, with the result that farmers who have planted winter wheat are expressing great fear for the crops since much of the wheat in the ground has failed to even germinate.

Colfax County Pioneer Dies

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 17.—John William Yonke, 88, resident of Colfax county since 1873, is dead. He is survived by seven children, 38 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.



Half-Hour Sales 9 to 9:30 A. M. Tuesday. Gowns, Caps, Teddies, Bandeaux. White outing flannel gowns, satin and lace boudoir caps, colored teddies, hand-embroidered. Half hour Wed. Each 88c. Thompson-Belden & Company

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