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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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ONCE MORE By I. C. SULTZ

Several times in the Remnant the position of a Wednesday crucifixion has been answered, and in the issue for January, 1927, the question again arises. The position is stated in an article in answer to a tract gotten out by G. E. Faucher of Los Angeles, Cal.

The first four paragraphs of the article give a very clear and concise answer to the tract in question.

With all due respect to the writer of the above mentioned article, I take this opportunity to inform the readers of the Remnant that this publication does not and never has endorsed the ideas put forth in the fifth paragraph of that article.

It reads as follows: "The theory that Christ was crucified on the day before the weekly Sabbath is not borne out by Scripture. First we have the declaration of Jesus himself that the Son of Man should be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. That was to be the sign of the Messiahship. The heart of the earth can only mean the grave and we can not get three days and three nights into the time given from Sundown Friday to sunrise Sunday."

We will here mention the fact that there is no scripture in the Bible which shows or even intimates that the grave is the heart of the earth. And if we are going to be so technical as to confine the word as used in Matt. 12:40 to the world on which we live, then we are confronted with the task of finding the heart, center or core.

Now, there is just one way to get out of this mix, viz: let the Bible be its own interpreter. Let us read: "O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord." Jer. 22:29. Are we going to insist that the word earth in this scripture means the ball on which we live? Certainly no one will, for it can-

not hear. It appears so simple that nearly any twelve year old child would say that the Lord is there speaking to the people of the earth; and if we wish to avoid the difficulties in which a wrong position on the scriptures places us, we are forced to conclude that the phrase "heart of the earth" as used in Matt. 12:40 has direct reference to the people of the earth and not to the planet on which we live. This places us in full harmony with the scriptures bearing on the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

We must not be too precise regarding the three days and three nights. As before, we will let the scripture explain: "Now when Jesus was risen early the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene." Luke 16:9. The punctuation there shows that the translators understood this scripture to teach that Christ arose on the first day of the week, which is in perfect accord with the other writers on this subject. Luke 23:5 and Mark 15:42 state plainly that He was crucified on the preparation day. Yet the reader note that there is only one preparation day, and that is plainly stated to be the day before the Sabbath. In Luke 24:13,21 it is stated that this first day of the week upon which Christ arose was the third day since all these things happened. Thus the three days and three nights were fulfilled. He being delivered up just after the passover supper (Matt. 26) on which we now call Thursday night, but which is the beginning or dark part of the sixth day (Preparation Day), rested in the tomb over the Sabbath, and raised the first day of the week, thus constituting the three days and three nights in the heart of the earth, but not necessarily 72 hours.

Further on in the article it reads: "Then we have a plain statement in Matt. 28:1 that Christ arose in the end of the Sabbath." The writer contending that this teaches that Christ arose on the Sabbath.

We have above shown that the first day of the week was the third day of the crucifixion. Mark, Luke and John all agree. We must allow Matthew this expression to state the same fact.

Then the writer states that we can count back from the Sabbath and learn that He was crucified on Wednesday. This is done in order to make the Sabbath the *third day*. But Luke says as mentioned above that the *first day* of the week was the *third day*. Now the reader can easily see that such a position will get us into trouble. Why count back when Luke 23:55 states plainly that the crucifixion was on the *Preparation Day*? L

We should not try to deface plain statements with scriptures that may not seem so clear to us.

The position that Christ arose on the Sabbath seems to have originated to defeat the orthodox creed that we should keep the first day of the week as the Sabbath in honor of Christ's resurrection. Such teaching only detracts from the sanctity of the Sabbath.

I understand that there is a tract written by Eld. Rupert on this subject that is a very complete digest of the question. It may be had by writing the editor.

Maybell, Colo.

I am heartily in favor of the article by Bro. Sultz. As I have said before, all these things are written and printed in a Christian spirit. Next month I hope to start the tract he mentions in his article. If you would like it, I have it at 10c each or 10 for 75c. It is entitled, "Another Error Refuted About the True Resurrection Day of Christ and Christ and the Passover."—Editor.

THE TWO SONS OF ZEBEDEE AND THEIR RELIGION

By G. G. RUPERT

(Continued from February Issue)

I conclude, from this testimony of these two boys, they had been well trained by their father, Zebedee, to honor God and obey Him. I also conclude that Christ knew where to look for men who would be true and loyal to God by obedience. Paul knew where to look for a young man to take his place. The boy Timothy was chosen. He had been taught the scriptures from his youth by his mother and grandmother. This further teaches me that God, when he wants a man to work for Him, he does not go to the wild, rough element to find someone who can tell how bad they had been and boast of the wonderful change which had been wrought in them. Paul was a persecutor, but he did it ignorantly through denominational prejudice, which he had imbibed, but he had been taught much scripture and was an honest man at heart, who desired to do right. Let these lessons of obedience be impressed on parents who are raising men and women in the world. Teach them how they must obey. It is the first principle to teach children who will make useful people in the world. This obedience is taught in love and duty to both

God and man. God pity those who will in any way discourage obedience to all of God's laws just as they are written. It breaks down all respect to God and for His word. Shame and disgrace to the man or people who will say it was a yoke of bondage, not good authority to us, etc.

A person can be, and millions are, deceived, which we must admit, by those who come and find the door shut and say, "Lord, Lord, we have prophesied in thy name," and so on, but the Lord says, "I never knew you." They are deceived by various ways by impressions received, by certain feelings coming over them in meeting, by professing to be followers of God and associations with those who profess, by supposed visions, in brief by every device of Satan. But those who have the witness within them that reveals their overcoming of evil in their own nature, such as covetousness, soon angry, lust of the eye, pride, foolishness, falsehood, stealing, Sabbath breaking, and every other disobedience when they were of the world, we say all such never need have any fears of being lost, for they have the witness within themselves. Let others say what they will they know the tree by the fruit it bears.

CHRIST IN THE FLESH.

"In the beginning was the word and word was with God and the word was God. The same was in the beginning." "The word became flesh and dwelt among us." The prophet says, "I did take thy word and did eat it." The priests ate unleavened bread which was a symbol of the pure word of God. They also ate the flesh of the burnt sacrifice without the blood or fat. Both a symbol of Christ's flesh and body. Thus as we eat the word of God we eat His flesh, and just as literal food sustains the natural body, so does the word sustain the spiritual life and body; and just in that manner Christ dwells in our flesh and makes his abode in us. John says, "If we abide in him and his word abides in us we ask what we will." There are many who are dwarfed followers of Christ who are starved and perished for lack of knowledge of his word. There are equally many poor shepherds who starve the flock of God. They know nothing themselves and how can they feed the flock of God? They cannot, hence, turn to fables and things to entertain. This is the true condition of our day. It is also true that a large number exist who have no appetite for good food, but ask and want only that which will give them no spiritual life. Sad, sad is the present condition, when preachers preach for hire and the people love to have it so.

(The End.)

ON BELIEVING GOD

By JOHN S. STANFORD

October 14, 1926.

Now, dear Brother, the Lord wants somebody (me or someone else), to get right after you for not believing God. Why, sure! This Bro.—— (you speak of) was right, when he told you that you

should stop saying, "If it is Thy will" (when seeking healing of the Lord). Talk about my not believing God (in this "Sun made on the 1st day" discussion we have been having), when it comes right down to a real experience Br. M. is giving evidence that he, himself, doesn't *believe* God.

Those Scriptures of Creation week are susceptible of being compared, (Scripture with Scripture), and by so doing give a reasoning (and a reasonable) conclusion to the real facts in the case. All of which is of God. And which God has given us a right and a duty to do.

But this matter of God's promises to "heal" and to "take away sickness," is an entirely different matter.

There are no qualifying Scriptures that go with or change that a bit. Of course He gives a condition (namely to keep His commandments, His statutes and his laws)—all of which you are doing, or I suppose you are—but aside from that there are no Scriptures that will belittle, lessen nor change (a bit) His Precious and Sure Promises. "I will take away from thee all sickness" (Deut. 7:15 and many others). Why! you might as well pray, "Oh, Lord, if it is Thy will forgive me my sins."

We know it is His will to forgive us our sins. He is so desirous to do so that He gave His Son to die. The very idea that He might not have a will to forgive us our sins! Wow!—Well what is the difference between sins and sickness? Not a thing. Jesus didn't make any (in his dealings with men). "Take up thy bed," and "thy sins be forgiven thee" were all one with Him. And it is with you, isn't it?

God plainly says "I will take away all sickness." Well, to say "I will" is equivalent to saying "I am willing." The only trouble Brother John sees in this matter is that Brother M. doesn't believe it. So pitch right in, dear Brother, and "be not faithless, but believing."

When Jesus prayed "Not my will but Thine" He knew very well what He was here for, but He simply was expressing His agony. And also His yielding. But that doesn't show that you or I should doubt God's actual carrying out what He says He "will" do.

Is it not written, "If we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask we know that we have"? (1 John 5:15). Well, you may suggest, "If we ask according to His will." Yes but *it is His will*. For He plainly says, "I will take away sicknesses."

When the leper said, "if Thou wilt", doesn't set any standard for you nor me to go by. He simply was another Brother M. Sort of half, didn't know how bountifully willing God is. When James wrote, "ye ought to say, 'if the Lord will'" etc. (James 4:15), he was not talking about God's promises. He was talking of ourselves doing something. Not about God doing something He has promised to do. Oh, yes, dear Brother, get out of this faltering faith-slump. God means what He says. And all we got to do is to stick Him to it. He's honored by

that. But He isn't a bit honored by His children a-hemming and a-hawing and hesitating over something He has given His word to do. "To a thousand generations" at that! Then another thing—this keeping on teasing God over a thing is not the way to do. Brother M., why, that's the way the widow had to do with the "unjust judge." God is no unjust judge. (Luke 18.)

The way to do, dear Brother, is to go to God and tell Him that you are sorry that you have doubted Him so long, and that you have kept on teasing Him so much over this one matter, and then (having confessed) know that you are forgiven of it all. Then you can tell Him (once for all) that you are sick and what it is and ask to be healed of it in the Name of Jesus, and then believe that He will do it.

Because it is according to His word and promises. Then get up and drop the matter. And let God take His time. And every time you think of it, don't rush off and begin to pray it all over again, and say to Him "if it is Thy will."

Why, that sort of thing is offensive. A quite high grade insult to our Great and Kind God. (We got to treat Him honorably, you know, dear Brother). To put that "if" in is as much as to say, "Well, Lord, I did ask Thee, but to tell the truth, I am in a kind of doubt about Thy willingness. I wish I could get Thee to give me some sort of assurance about the matter so I'd know." Well, the Lord sits there and thinks—well, now, that child wants Me to give him a "sign"—a proof. Why, if he will "not hear Moses and the prophets, he wouldn't hear if I should give him a sign. "Even if one rose from the dead."

Now, Brother M., we will, kindly, look over our experiences—yours—and then I have had one too. Now your four-years-ago experience was not one concerning the Lord's willingness (like it is now. What we are talking about). No. Your experience then was concerning whether or not you were willing to let the Lord have His way (die or live). That over (you yielding), God went ahead and showed His power and willingness. And it produced the blessed results you tell of (got better).

But now this old-time, life-long, devilish mistrust is up. And God wants that out. This unnecessary and God-dishonoring thing we have always heard and have learned so deeply by heart that *maybe* God is willing and *maybe* He isn't. That thing that we have heard spoken in meeting and written in books, and presented in church papers by so many professing but led astray and whining children of God. This talk and talk and talk that God sends sickness to try us, for our good, and so on and so on.

Sickness cannot, of course, be kept away any more than sin can (for it is here and is manipulated by the devil). Unless, we see Jesus "as He is" The Healer (1 John 3:2). Unless we have Him dwelling in our heart, by a daily "opening the door"

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(Rev. 3:20). Unless we read and know of and believe God's promises.

But as for God putting sickness on His children—it is all a lie. A lie of the devil. A lie of The Liar. Why, we might as well say God puts sin upon us. But He simply doesn't. Sin is in us. And sickness is (naturally) in us, and if Satan brings it out by his leadings and attacks, God at the time brings to us Himself and His word and His love, to see if we will "see Him as He is"—The Healer (1John 3:2) and accept Him, so He can (consistently) rebuke the enemy who is attacking us. But this idea that God willingly and initiatingly puts sickness upon us is all wrong. And let us drop it (I am doing so). I know it says, "I will put" (in Deut. 7:15). But He puts in the sense that He doesn't stop it (can't stop it, consistently) only as He sees faith on the part of His children. God can, and will "put" (directly, too) diseases on the haters (same verse). But even then it is done by withholding His presence (which is life, not sickness).

So this is the matter that is up now in your experience. Not that you are not willing (willing to live or die, which you now are), but whether or not you have dropped that old-time (but sad) thought that *maybe God is willing and maybe He is not*.

Now, speaking of an experience I, myself, had along this very line. Ten years ago I had a brother die with "a stroke," and (at the age I then was) I too was having unusual experiences and feelings. After a hard day's labor I would have cramps, and tinglings, and lack of circulation in my feet and legs. Well, put the two things together, Satan of course tried to get me with the thought that I, too, would go that way. But I was then in the years of growing experience of the knowledge and believing of God. And I had been writing to this brother about giving his heart to God, and how Jesus is still in the healing work to and for them who love and obey and believe and trust Him. So, (consist-

ently) I just had to put away all idea that that sort of thing would get me. What was the use of talking to him if I didn't live it, myself? And God gave me grace to lay hold on what God promises to do. Well, now, all this week (Oct. 10, 1926), I have been working hard every day building an addition to a neighbor's house, carrying and raising heavy lumber, climbing up and down the ladder, running all over the frame work of the building. And at night not a cramp, nor a chill, nor a tingle, but lie down and sleep warm and sweet, and get a good night's rest. And I am ten years older. And it is all because God in His mercy deals with me as one of His children, according to His promises, in response to my believing what He says in the matter.

Why, Brother, what sort of a successful go at it would you or I or anyone make being driven out into the wilderness (like God's people are going to be) if we hesitate about believing God is Willing? perfectly willing?

Kindly,
BROTHER JOHN.

THE BOLSHEVIC AND THE YELLOW PERIL

This month I am beginning "The Bolshevic and the Yellow Peril" by G. G. Rupert. It gives an insight into the origin of our present Russia. We all know the later developments. We have this tract reading of current events. We have this tract on hand at 15c each or 10 for \$1.25.—Editor.

A Chapter taken from the new edition of the book, "The Yellow Peril and the Bolsheviki," by G. G. Rupert.

Forty to fifty years ago I read of the cruelties which befell the banished opposers of the Russian government to the far off land of snow and cold in Siberia. I read of the long drives made with the snow sleds which were loaded with prisoners who were torn from their homes and families never to see them again. The impression given of those prisoners was that they were very bad people, who stirred up strife and waged war on the government, thus making it a necessity to banish them where they could no more be heard of.

Later years began to reveal in the reading matter, that the Government was a cruel despot over its subjects, which denied every privilege of speech and freedom in thought as to how things should be. It was also revealed that those who had been banished were a class who had given vent to their minds and tried to help the poor down-trodden people out of their unhappy condition. Thus it was shown that the ones banished were the more intellectual and humane class and so the education has been going on, until today, the old regime of Government is overthrown, and a Soviet form of Government is now in operation. Thus the point in these statements is designed to show that Russia, the "land of Magog," the Grandson of Noah, was marked to be the place where the movement of the Socialist, the Communist, and all similar organizations were to have their rise, according to the story of the prophet. Today that same spirit that characterized the long ago social-

ist of Russia, has grown in the world, till every nation under the sun is honey-combed with the same spirit. These are absolute facts. The U. S. has deported back to Russia many of that class who were sowing the seed in this country hoping to avert the spread of the contagious conditions that has troubled Russia. To say the least, it is time everyone should be well acquainted with the coming storm that threatens the world's overthrow. It can't be laughed off, nor sneered away, but like a pestilence of the Almighty, it will accomplish its work. To the man of the world it means everything, to the Child of God it means His redemption is nigh at hand. To the wise it is said "he seeth the evil and hideth himself." To the foolish "he passeth on and is punished. Read this chapter and treasure it up in thine heart.

A chapter printed in advance, taken from the new edition of the book, "The Yellow Peril and the Bolshevich," by G. G. Rupert.

THE BOLSHEVIC AND THE YELLOW PERIL

It is the privilege of the student of prophecy, as of no other class, to see and know what movements in the world are such as are pointed out in the inspired word. It is their privilege as the movement shapes up, to discern the marks upon it as pointed out by the prophets. Thus seeing the distinguishing marks given, which are to characterize the work pointed out that Russia will do. This book teaches that Russia, the "Land of Magog," is to be leader of the greatest army against the west that was ever raised in past history. That army is to overthrow the whole west, as pointed out in this book. It is therefore well to know and study all the marks given, that we may know when and what are the underlying principles of the movement. Here are the marks. Says the prophet:

"Thus saith the Lord God: 'It shall also come to pass at the same time, shall things come into thy mind, and thou shalt think an evil thought, and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages, I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without bars or gates, to take a spoil, to take a prey.'" Eze. 38.

(Continued next month)

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Reader: I wish that I might talk a few minutes to each one personally, but as that is impossible, I will speak through the paper. I am thankful for pledges which makes it possible to get the paper out monthly. I trust every one will be prompt with what they have pledged.

I have had some literature, and manuscripts, sent to me on the question of "Social Purity." So far, I haven't felt that I had the space for this particular line. One eight-page paper cannot publish all the articles it may deem truth, which comes to it. So I must, with the Lord's help, choose what to use.

However, if you are especially interested in this subject, write to Chas. Burton Warren, Springfield,

Mass., 93 Melrose, for his tracts on this line. And also Bro. F. L. VanSloten, 106 Sunnyside, Battle Creek, Mich.

And then there's the question of Divine Healing. A wonderful and important subject. I wish, when I can to give more space to that.

I just received a good little tract on this subject put out by the "People's Christian Bulletin, 573 W. 181st St., New York City." Notice Brother Stanford's article in last month's issue and this one on "Believing God."—Editor.

CLIPPINGS FROM THE PRESS

I am quite overwhelmed this month with clippings. So many have been sent to me. Brother VanSloten never fails to send me everything of interest he sees. I can't possibly use it all, but I will endeavor to cull the most important.

I would like to outline the troubles in China, but space will not permit, and our daily papers keep us so thoroughly posted. We all are able to see what it means in relation to the "Yellow Peril" as a whole. Bro. VanSloten sent me a wonderful cartoon of the Chinese dragon. On his side is printed "Yellow Peril." Kunning from the monster is a man labeled "Alarmist" who is saying, "Help, the monster is awakening!" It is exceptionally good and I wish I could put it in the paper. We *know* it is awakening. This cartoon was in the Chicago Daily Tribune of Feb. 1, 1927.—Editor.

Daily Oklahoman, Jan. 31, '27.—Russian Communists Proclaim Necessity of War Against "Imperialism in the United States.—Red Organization Hits United States for Present Policy in Latin America.

Moscow, Jan. 30—Declaring that since its foundation the Third International has "proclaimed the necessity of war against the insolent and mightiest capitalist regime and imperialism of the United States," the red communist organization which was founded by Lenin in the Kremlin, March 5, 1919, bitterly arraigns the United States for its Latin-American policy.

In a manifesto issued Sunday it "invites all anti-imperialistic forces to support the people of Nicaragua in their struggle against the base designs of American imperialism."

Accusing the American policy of seeking domination in Panama and Peru and in arbitrating the Tacna-Arica controversy, the manifesto proceeds: "The league of nations, by its silence, again has betrayed the people of the smaller countries to please the imperialists."

Appealing to the proletariat of the world to rally in support of the people of Latin-America in order to save them from enslavement, the manifesto declares: "From the Rio Grande to Tierra del Fuego, the populations must organize a powerful movement against the exploitation and spoliation of the United States."

By M. E. Tracy in Oklahoma News, Oklahoma City, Feb. 24.—It looks as though President Diaz were making a virtue of necessity when he asks this government to take control of Nicaragua. Or was the idea put in his head? Certainly, this government is in control of Nicaragua and can remain in control as long as it wishes.

If this government takes control of Nicaragua for a long term of years it will have changed its policy toward Latin-America, especially as that policy was established by the Monroe doctrine.

We have always told Latin-American that the Monroe doctrine was designed to uphold national sovereignty in this hemisphere. That barred us as well as Europe from interfering with national sovereignty. If we take control of Nicaragua we eat our own words, and the request of a political leader can't make it otherwise.

By the presence of 2,500 marines, it is literally scaring the people of Nicaragua into reluctant submission.

We are winning an easy triumph, if not a virtuous one, in Nicaragua. Sacasa has about made up his mind that it is useless to fight the Treasury of the United States.

Adolfo Diaz, in whose behalf we have been exerting ourselves, shows good sense as well as appreciation in suggesting closer relations. He needs them as ever a man did.

For ourselves, we believe in majority rule. For Nicaragua, we are not so sure. Small wonder that other people find it so hard to distinguish between what we preach and practice, especially those of Latin-America.

Having established the Monroe doctrine to keep Europe out, we make things doubly sure by moving in ourselves. What can a Latin-American republic possibly care whether it loses its sovereignty to some European nation or to us.

Latin-America is beginning to suspect that we stand for national sovereignty only so long as it does not interfere with business.

During the war we could think of all kinds of reasons why Poland should be free and why Turkey should grant Armenia the right of self-determination.

Now we can think of as many reasons why Nicaragua should not be free or enjoy the right of self-determination.

Oklahoma News: Chile Invokes Exile System.—"Reds" Arrested, to Be Deported, Ibanez Rules.—Santiago, Chile, Feb. 25.—The recently installed Ibanez regime in Chile acted today throughout the country to crush communism by exiling its leaders.

Nine political leaders, including several deputies and senators, have been arrested.

Former Premier Rivas Vicuna was ordered to leave the country within 24 hours. Most of those arrested will be deported, it was understood.

The wholesale arrests were "necessary to maintain public order," it was explained.

From today "anarchism and communism do not exist in Chile," Ibanez declared.

Oklahoma City Times: Contempt of U. S. Shown by Argentina in Cold Reception to Aviators.—By John W. White. Buenos Aires, Feb. 28.—The public attitude of the people of Argentina prior to Sunday demonstrated vividly the contempt in which the United States is held here largely as the result of anti-American propaganda following intervention in Nicaragua.

No other official mission arriving in Argentina in the last fifteen years was so disparagingly received at first as that of the Pan-American fliers. For weeks the newspapers had belittled them, calling them spies of American imperialism and agents of the Wall street octopus. On the day of their arrival the newspapers said that no one was interested in the coming of these representatives of the proud imperialistic northern republic.

For several days Buenos Aires had been a bedlam of bombs, sirens and bells every few hours of the day and night announcing the departure and arrivals of three other flights but no bomb exploded nor siren blew and no bells rang as the four American planes soared majestically over Buenos Aires in closed rhomboid formation. They arrived amid the silence of disparagement. The public ignored them and did not even go to the port to watch their arrival. No plane flew out to meet them and escort them to Argentina's capital and the official party was the smallest possible.

From the Daily Paper of Battle Creek, Mich.: Lent to Start on February 17.—Begins on Ash Wednesday, First of "Forty Days" Before Easter.—Is Period of Fasting.—Is So Observed by Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches of the World.—The Lenten season will soon be here, beginning with Ash Wednesday, which falls this year on February 17, and which is the beginning of the "forty days" before Easter, observed as a season of fasting by the Roman Catholic, the Eastern and the Anglican, or Episcopal churches. Easter itself is observed by all Christian churches.

In Battle Creek, as in the United States and other English speaking countries generally, as well as in countries where the Roman Catholic or the Eastern church predominates, there is a more or less general observance of the Lenten season in social custom, especially of the more formal kind.

And in recent years, in Battle Creek as in many other American cities, some of the "evangelical" churches—the general term applied to all non-liturgical communions give some observance to the Lenten season as a special time of meditation, especially the week immediately preceding Easter, called "passion week," when special meetings are often held.

Editor's Note.—This shows how the world is worshipping the beast.

By M. E. Tracy. Fort Worth, Tex., March 1.—for the sake of peace, that it not only has been good, but will continue to be good and that England's Soviet Russia says that while England was discourteous, it is willing to overlook that circumstance

charge of revolutionary propoganda fell flat because it failed to include specific instances.

Soviet Russia has a good alibi in the Third Internationale. The Third Internationale spreads all the literature and does all the proselyting.

When somebody complains, soviet Russia replies. "Why, that's just a political party, like the Democrats in America, or the conservatives in England."

It sounds all right until one digs into the facts. There are two parties in America, and three or four in England, but only one in Russia.

England's grievance against soviet Russia is rooted in Asia, where not only China, but many other sections have been seen by the ears through bolshevist influence.

England and other countries played a stupid game when they failed to recognize the Cantonese, but that is water gone by the mill.

Not so much because they wanted to, but because they were cast aside by the rest of the world and had no one else to look to, the Cantonese accepted advice from the bolshevist leaders.

They have always been the most stalwart and progressive people in China. It was strange oversight on the part of European and American diplomats that they left the Cantonese for bolshevist doctrines to pick up and ingratiate.

England is the worst sufferer from such a condition, because of the vast territories she holds in Asia. It remains to be seen whether she can find any relief in scolding soviet Russia, or whether she will have to start over again and pursue a different course, especially toward the Cantonese.

The Watchman Magazine. Pan-Europe: Pan-Asia.—The movements among the nations of the continent of Eurasia are intensely interesting to follow just now. Two great pacts are in the process of formation, one in Europe, the other in Asia. And almost every day discovers new developments.

The Italian statesman, Crispi, had said: "The greatest Italian statesman will be the one who will solve the Roman (Catholic) question." And that question is the union of church and state. If the one strong man in Europe today believes the one universal idea "radiates from the Vatican," it is not difficult to see the animus of the Pan-Europe movement. In the Pan-European Congress which met in Vienna, Oct. 3, with distinguished representatives from all involved nations present, the flag of the future United States of Europe was unfurled—"a flaming cross against a golden sun on a blue field; the cross of the Crusader, the sun of hope, and azure symbolizing poor humanity's almost hopeless aspirations."

But would not Pan-Europe make for universal peace? Perhaps, if there was not also a Pan-America, and especially a Pan-Asia. The news tells us that at Odessa in November, Turkish and Russian foreign ministers met to consummate an alliance between their two nations, and this is considered by

many statesmen as a prelude to a "League of Asiatic Peoples," with headquarters at Moscow. Persia, now ruled by a strong dictator, may join them. Russia, lately considered to be the "hyphen between Europe and Asia," is more and more definitely facing east. It, with Turkey, remains aloof from the League of Nations.

Can the prospective regional unions in America, Europe, and Asia agree on world rule and universal peace? The answer is doubtful from the standpoint of historical precedents, and certainly negative in view of Bible prophecy.

The Watchman Magazine. Romeward. — The Roman Catholic Church moves on to new and greater conquests. Politically, the hierarchy stays behind the scenes, only rarely coming forth to show its hand, as recently in the church and state affair in Mexico. As we write, the news comes of a strong effort on the part of certain of the Mexican people to unseat President Calles on the plea of poor judgment and inefficiency in government. But back of such movements is the Church of Rome.

Meanwhile, the United States is becoming seriously embroiled with Mexico over oil and mining interests and in the matter of Mexican interference in Nicaragua. So serious is the situation just now that there are threats of the withdrawal of envoys. Whether or not Rome has anything to do with this, it is playing in the hands of the Church; for a brush with the United States on the part of the present government of Mexico would no doubt weaken the Calles regime, which would in turn open the way for the Church to regain its former power in the country.

The denomination which The Watchman Magazine represents is not surprised at this Romeward trend. Long since we have been predicting it, on Bible authority. Revelation 13.

The Watchman Magazine, November, 1926. The Nearer(?) East.—The Near East is coming a little nearer the West to credit reports from the far end of the Mediterranean. Turkey has instituted a series of reforms within the past three years that have astounded Westerners who have known the Turk of old. An authority on Turkish affairs gives the following as the chief of the radical reforms:

"The abolition of the Caliphate, which has removed for all time the menace of Pan-Islam.

"The separation of the State from the domination of religion.

"The closing of the old Mosque schools, which were centers of fanatical teaching, and the reorganization and secularization of education.

"The adoption of a new code of laws patterned on the Swiss, repudiating the authority of Islam.

"The branding of polygamy as illegal and the reorganization of the social life of Turkey on a basis of equality of the sexes.

"The translation of the Koran into Turkish.

The adoption of the Western calendar, from the

birth of Christ, instead of the Hegira of Mohammed, a stepping forward six centuries from December 31,

"The emancipation of women, indorsed by the government and recognized as an essential to progress.

"The attempt to come abreast of Western civilization as shown in drastic reforms in the fields of science agriculture and economics."

And this writer goes on to say: "In all history there has perhaps never been a movement that offered greater opportunity for Christian effort than the Church has today in the Near East. The field is swept clean of traditions that bound it. A Moslem government has thrown aside the rule of Islam, has emancipated its women, and by its persistent desire for Western civilization has opened the way for the entrance of Christian ideals.

"Of deep significance is the fact that workers in Turkey, whether in educational, missionary, philanthropic, financial, or commercial work, are strongly in favor of the ratification by the United States Senate of the treaty with Turkey. These are the people who have seen the mos. and understand most deeply and sympathetically what Turkey is trying to do."

The Federal Council of Churches in America is bending every effort to induce the United States Government to ratify the Lausanne Treaty with Turkey, urging that, in spite of Turkish activities, and betrayal of faith in the past, a new era is dawning, and that missionary, relief, educational, and diplomatic efforts will be infinitely bettered by the ratification; and that that is the only way now that they can be bettered. One hundred prominent church and educational leaders from all over America have signed a petition to Congress advocating the consummation of this pact.

The question is a broad one and two sides to it are very marked. Cablegrams from Turkey report the recent hanging of fifteen prominent statesmen who, the present government alleges, plotted to murder President Kemal and start a revolution. Among these were the leaders of the Young Turk Party who broke from the sultanate. It seems evident that these men were political opposers to Kemal and were condemned by only a farcical trial, or none at all, and put out of the way of opposition to the Kemal regime. At best the whole affair is not conducive to making Americans believe that Turkey is worthy of the respect of civilized nations, in justice at least.

Reports may be prejudicial, but we are sure that the Turk remains the Turk, in spite of a veneer of Westernism. And the Turk belongs, and always will belong, to the East, not the West. This is not to belittle the East nor Turkey, but to point a significant fact for future development. Turkey, like Japan and other Oriental peoples, is taking over enough of Western materialism to bring her on an equality with Occidentals in industrial, trade, and political power; but in spirit Turkey remains unchanged. She is destined to take her part with Asiatics in the great Armageddon between East and West. The very arts of peace are shaping the mold for the great conflict to be staged in Western Asia. Watch events in the light of divine prophecy.

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